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Northville Civic Concern hosted its annual party Monday, helping local families who value the community support offered by the non-profit organization.  
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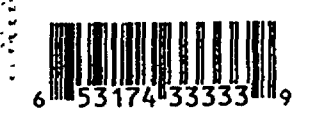
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# Cold relief?

**Bitter cold, snow sets up busy holiday weekend**

By Kim Kovellev  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

'Twas two days before Christmas and so we've been told, the weekend will be snowy — and also quite cold!  
Bearer of the wintry news this week was the National Weather Service, predicting a 12-degree high with a chance of snow on Santa's big day.  
A Wednesday night snowstorm

The City of Northville's fire department responded to 23 calls last weekend. See what fire prevention tips people are being asked to remember. Page 5A.

was expected to blanket town with as many as six inches of snow — or as little as one.  
"Either way we're going to have a white Christmas," said Danny Costello, meteorologist at White Lake's National Weather Service post. "That's going to be followed by another arctic blast. It's going to be pretty cold Friday and Saturday."  
That follows frigid weather earlier this week. Sunday's wind-

chill dipped as low as 30 degrees in areas.  
Costello said Metro Detroit's normal high temp this time of year is 34 degrees, while the low is 22 degrees.  
In other words, it'll be chilly, so bundle up.  
"Dress in layers," said Regina Simone, general family physician in Northville. "If it is bitterly cold

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Thursday HIGH: 20 LOW: 9	Friday HIGH: 12 LOW: 0
Saturday HIGH: 12 LOW: 7	Sunday HIGH: 21 LOW: 21

Source: National Weather Service



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SANTA CLAUS made one final stop before heading back to the North Pole for last-minute Christmas Eve preparations. The Great Elf stopped by the Northville Record office and designed his ideal front-page. "Merry Christmas, Northville!" he exclaimed. "See you in 24 hours!"

# 'Merry Christmas!'

**With 48 hours to go, the final shopping rush is on — so keep your patience, experts say**

By Kim Kovellev  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Along with her mother-in-law and three young daughters, Chrissy Curvin made final holiday shopping stops in Northville last weekend.

"I still do have a few more things to go," said Curvin, who'd just picked up gift supplies from Great Harvest Bread Co. "My husband notoriously is out Christmas shopping on Christmas Eve."  
With about 48 hours to go, odds are high many procrastinators will join him. If you're one, go with patience — and a plan.

Make a list of possibilities ahead of time, as well as back-ups.  
"Retailers are keeping leaner inventories. If there's a very popular item, there is a chance it could be gone," Scott said. "You might want to check first or think of a couple places."  
Keep in mind that stores may be jammed, too, so be patient with customer service, cashiers and fellow shoppers.

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We custom make them too," owner Dave Tuer said. "It's kind of personalized. We have pistachios, we have different glasses, things of that nature."  
For stocking-stuffers or seasonal fare, various downtown Northville shops feature smaller items, from ornaments to toothbrushes.  
The Northville Chamber of Commerce, open until 4:30 p.m. tomorrow, has "Certifichecks," good at nearly 75 town shops. In city and township, many stores



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Jackie Schoendorf and Northville's Good Time Party Store on Seven Mile Road have plenty of ready-to-go gifts for the last minute shopper, including wine and cheese gift baskets.

## Handling the onslaught

If you're headed into the fray, accept one fact: It's a jungle out there.  
"Keep your sense of humor, that's probably No. 1," said Tom Scott, spokesman for the Michigan Retailers Association. It does get frantic, especially this year with Christmas being on a Saturday. Lunch hours and after work and in between, people will be really jammed for time.

## Last minute ideas

If you're still at square one for gift ideas, try local suggestions.  
Practical and multi-purpose, a gift basket might do the trick. At Northville Township's Good Time Party Store, liquor and wine baskets with other goodies are pre-made from \$19.95. They're open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Christmas Eve.  
"We have a bunch of them —

most pre-Christmas sales.  
"There's been more and more discounting up front," Scott said. "Gone are the days when you had to wait until after Christmas to get good sales."  
Preferences, open tomorrow, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., has a store-wide, 20 percent off discounts.  
"One of the best last minute (gifts) of course are potpourri and candles," employee Linda

Burnia said. For food, there may be something extra at Cassel's Catering on Seven Mile Road, open Friday, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.  
"I usually get deliveries two days a week," Dennis Tringovski, manager, said. "Last minute, I can come up with some veggie trays (or) some kind of sandwiches."  
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and you're elderly, you should just stay inside."

Remember these cold-weather tips from the American Red Cross and other sources:

- Exposure to low temperatures and high wind speeds can cause frostbite, hypothermia and other injuries. For extra warmth, wear mittens rather than gloves, waterproof insulated boots and a hat — preferably one with ear coverage.

- Pain and numbness can start after just a few minutes of exposure, Simone said. Seek medical attention immediately at the first signs of frostbite which may include gray, white or yellow skin discoloration; numbness; and waxy-feeling skin.

- Once inside, quickly swap wet clothes for dry attire and increase your body temperature with a blanket or warm fluids, such as hot cider or soup.

- Watch food intake in general. Simone suggests eating healthier and not skipping meals. Also, drinking alcohol can lower the body temperature, so moderate if you're headed outdoors.

## SNOW? OR NO?

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- Remember kids. Instead of leaving them at the bus stop, Simone said you might want to consider driving them to school.

- Take care of pets, too. Wipe salt and snow from paws after walks. Michigan Humane Society Spokeswoman Nancy Gunnigle said, "Always error on the side of bringing your dog inside."

- When traveling during the holidays, give yourself extra time and pay attention to weather advisories and weather conditions.

- Stock vehicles with an emergency winter kit including blankets, food, flares, chains, gloves and first aid supplies. Keep up with regular maintenance, too.

- Stay safe and warm this Christmas weekend.

"Saturday morning might be pretty cold," Costello said. "It's that time of year."

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## Township makes hospital property plans

### Board agrees to bring on extra professionals

By Kim Kovelie  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Township officials will be asking for a little help when it comes to developing the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property on Seven Mile Road.

By a 6-1 margin, the board of trustees approved Supervisor Mark Abbo's motion to seek extra professional services to help the township with prospective developer Real Estate Interests.

Clerk Sue Hillebrand dissented. "It's a complex development with difficult issues, and I want to be assured that any action or reaction that may be taken does not result in undue hardship," Abbo said. "What we're doing is making sure we just have additional counsel."

Services could include attorneys,

appraisers, land planners or other consultants, Abbo said.

No bidding process is required for these services. However, as part of the proposal, Abbo will join planning commission chair George McCarthy and member Bob Nix to help select services.

"We will be meeting and speaking with whatever professionals need to be brought onboard," Abbo said. "But that group will not be meeting with representatives from REI."

"I expect there to be more activity at this point and time than there was previously. We're waiting for a formal site plan submittal."

Abbo said that will likely happen after Jan. 1.

In October, the State of Michigan Department of Budget and Management, current owner of the 415 acres, extended REI's purchase deadline to Apr. 30.

The developer also has the option of pushing the closing to June at a maximum cost of \$500,000.

"Our recent discussions with the subcommittees and REI have led us

to believe that REI is approaching that point where their due diligence is bearing out a plan," Township Manager Chip Snider said. "It does make good sense to have another set of eyes."

The township's current general counsel attorney is Jim Tamn of Bloomfield Hills-based O'Connor, DeGrazia, Tamm & O'Connor, P.C.

Brad Strader of Royal Oak's LSL Planning is the consultant for land use. Township Director of Community Development Jennifer Frey, formerly with LSL, also aids in-house, Snider said.

Hillebrand was concerned about costs. Abbo said counsel would be covered by the township's general fund.

"It isn't a blank check," Abbo said. "I view it as an investment. I want more power on this one."

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## POLICE REPORT

### Larcenies hit high school

In the span of two days, five Northville High School students told police their personal items were stolen.

Three cell phones reportedly went missing Dec. 8. Two allegedly were connected to a trio of females at the school: a Northville 16-year-old, a Northville 14-year-old and a Novi 14-year-old, according to police reports.

A \$350 Sony Ericsson was traced to the 16-year-old when the owner checked Internet records and saw calls were made on the cell phone after it went missing, police said. The other Northville female reportedly was traced to a \$200 Samsung cell phone.

A third phone was reported stolen Dec. 6, but was not attributed to the trio.

The Novi female also was a suspect in the case of a backpack that went missing Dec. 8. According to police, the assistant principal saw her hand in the bag.

Another pack was reported missing that same day. It was later found in the girls' bathroom, sans keys. There are no suspects.

### Jewelry, lost and found

A Northville female discovered \$87,000 in jewelry missing Dec. 5 before it was returned the same day.

The woman recently had a diamond necklace, rings and earrings cleaned, police said, and placed the items in the master bedroom before leaving her home at 9:30 p.m. Dec. 4. When she returned at 12:30 a.m., the jewelry reportedly was gone, and 13 of her 16-year-old son's

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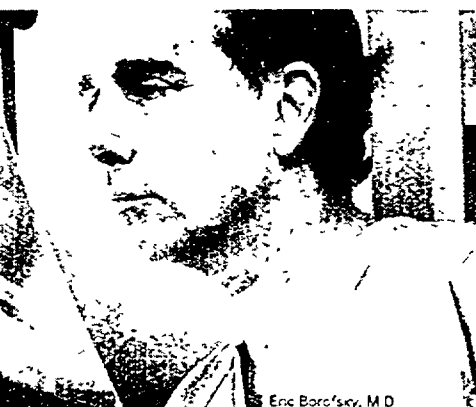
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friends were over. The son reportedly had given a "tour" of the home to the friends, whom police documented as suspects. Police said the items were returned in the woman's mailbox at 10 a.m. the next day. She reportedly wants to prosecute.

**Wedding punch-up**

Fists flew at a Dec. 11 wedding reception at the Meadowbrook Country Club in Northville Township. When two men starting fighting, a 26-year-old Detroit male standing near the bar attempted to break up the fight, according to police. A 25-year-old Commerce Township in the tiff reportedly bit the Detroit male's right pinkie finger and also thrust his fingers into the intercessor's left eye.

**Bike found by tennis courts**

A black and silver boy's bicycle was found Dec. 12 behind tennis courts in the 20000 block of Silver Springs. The 20-inch bike is being held at the police station. Call (248) 349-9400 for information.

**Intoxicated man earns fourth citation**

A 49-year-old Commerce Township male earned his fourth "operating while intoxicated" citation when he reportedly was found in drunken slumber. Police said they discovered the male sleeping in his 2005 Ford Escape Dec. 12 in Northville Place apartments' parking lot. Upon being woken by police at 7:43 a.m., the male reportedly said he had been giving baseball lessons at Northville High School "on Eight Mile Road," and was planning to meet his ex-wife, who lives in the apartments. The male, who allegedly had a blood alcohol content of .28. The legal limit is .08. Police said they found two vodka bottles, one empty and the other half-empty, and binoculars in the SUV.

**City fire fighters respond to 23 weekend calls**

By Maureen Johnston  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A steady stream of emergency calls kept local fire fighters in the chill of last weekend's pre-winter blast.

Northville residents crashed into each other's cars, knocked traffic signals and dug into electrical wires. The city's paid-on-call rescue team responded to 23 calls over 48 hours.

"You've got to watch your driving," Fire Chief Jim Allen said Monday. "These light snows are worse than the real heavy ones — you get the black ice."

"Just slow down, allow stopping distance. And keep your eyes on the road."

Five cars were involved in an accident about 2 p.m., Dec. 18, near Seven Mile Road and Center Street. No serious injuries were reported, although one of the occupants — a woman eight months pregnant —

was taken to the hospital for a checkup, Allen said.

"There was no controlling your car coming down that icy hill," he said. "I think they ended up towing four cars out of there."

The first rescue call dispatched Friday night was to the Our Lady of Victory property where heavy equipment ran into electrical wires, Allen said. Two days of emergency responses around town took off from there.

"It's been a wild weekend, a little bit of everything," he said. "But no fires."

One driver hit a guide wire to a traffic signal pole at the Eight Mile and Taft roads around midnight Saturday, Allen said. That collision tilted the pole enough that the signals interfered with traffic at the intersection so the road had to be closed, he said.

City fire fighters were on the scene in an assortment of vehicles for four hours, he said. They used personal cars to block the

intersection and re-route westbound vehicles to Nine Mile or Seven Mile roads.

After county road workers re-hung the lights around 4 a.m., Eight Mile Road reopened to traffic, Allen said. "It was very cold," he said. The 13 city rescue workers wrapped up at the station around 4:30 a.m., he said.

Allen said common sense is also well-spent around the home. He offered the following tips:

- Keep live indoor trees watered.
  - When branches feel dry, remove live trees from your home.
  - Turn off the decorative lights before leaving.
  - Don't burn candles close to anything flammable and don't leave them burning.
  - When preparing food over a hot stove, don't wear robes with long, floppy sleeves.
- "Some people still have a tendency to try to burn their gift wrap or tree in their fire-

**"These light snows are worse than the real heavy ones — you get the black ice."**

Jim Allen  
Fire Chief, City of Northville

place," Allen said. "Just set it out with the trash."  
"It just takes a lot of good common sense."

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# 133 W. Main: What's the future?

By Maureen Johnston  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

All Bob and Margene Buckhave want for Christmas is a junior retail anchor, a restaurant, a covered walkway, a redesigned facade, office and retail tenants, a parking deck — and a three-story building in which to house them.

But first Santa and his reindeer need a place to park.

Tuesday morning the Buckhaves descended to Northville's downtown development authority an ambitious list of projects they hope to accomplish next year at the 133 W. Main Street building they plan to purchase.

The couple, along with partners Barbara and Erwin Tonch, hope to finalize the purchase in February.

The foursome plans to augment the downtown retail mix and boost office space by adding a third floor to the 91,000-square-foot building.

Pending closing, that part of the project would come first, Margene Buckhave said. Rejuvenating the wholesale mall with a collection of retailers and restaurants accessible from Main, Wing and Cady streets would follow.

Originally a public indoor mall, the 1973 building currently is home to the Michigan Gift Mart wholesale showrooms.

"We're hopeful for a junior anchor," Bob Buckhave said. "We've been approached by three different people already."

Margene said visitors to her Stampeder stores have supported nameplates like Crate and Barrel and Trader Joe's. She said one interested party is considering using 10,000-square feet at the Main Street level for a restaurant.

"I've had a lot of comment from a lot of people from all over," Margene said. "We keep asking people to give us recommendations

of what they'd like to see downtown."

Other possible concepts include: exterior historic downtown; maintaining the current wholesale tenants; and creating a covered walkway from the building's upper floor to a Cady Street parking deck located behind the building.

"I've got it in my mind's eye," Bob said. "It would create the most beautiful walkway."

## Changing landscapes

The brown brick 133 W. Main St. building, coupled with Jim Long's 120 West Main building under construction directly across the street, will pull downtown one block west — and drag up questions as they go.

Long's concrete cavern will see steel beams in two weeks on its way to becoming 22,000-square feet of office and retail space by summer's end. Across the street, the Buckhaves and Tonchs are pursuing tenants and considering how to accommodate them.

How will they affect downtown's identity? Who will occupy the buildings? Where will they park?

Board members said local business owners' development goals cast a new light on the commercial planning study of downtown business conducted during the past three months. Part of the Birmingham-based Gibbs Planning Group's projections were causes and impacts for a range of growth scenarios.

In addition to the two Main Street projects west of Center, the combined residential/commercial development proposed on Cady Street east of Center remains on the drawing board.

"A lot is going to happen differently even than we envisioned a year ago," Mayor Christopher

Johnson said.

The current use of the Buckhave/Tonch building, known as "MAGS," draws merchants only two to three days per month; it is not open to the public.

Reconfiguration and expansion of the mall will increase traffic and parking demand in that section of downtown. At the same time, Long's main-floor retail tenants and second- and third-floor office occupants will likewise require more parking spaces.

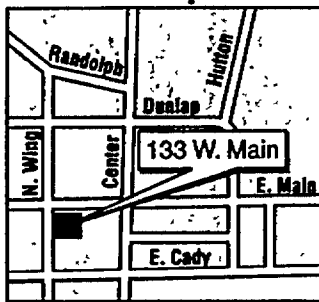
## Now what?

The commercial planning study's steering committee agreed last week to follow up the Gibbs Report findings at an expedient pace. The dozen volunteers said soliciting community input on the different downtown growth scenarios was the best first tack.

The development authority members agreed Tuesday a steering committee subgroup should simultaneously study parking specifics.

City leaders in recent months have revised the downtown parking management program — shifting

## Proposed Retail Development



employees out and tightening enforcement. Some believe those are short-term fixes.

Building a parking deck behind the 133 W. Main Street building, as proposed by the Buckhaves, is not the only option being considered. The group also discussed possible expansion of the Cady Street deck.

"Now again, we're only limited by our imagination," Johnson said.

Bob Buckhave said he hopes the community can work together to decide what is the collective best interest.

"We've never been the kind of people to try to ram anything down anyone's throat," he said. "Plan B would be to just turn it into office and let people fight for the parking. We don't have to go there."

# Shuttle scuttled by downtown development authority

By Maureen Johnston  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Tomorrow the city will permanently park the downtown shuttle.

Members of Northville's downtown development authority Tuesday morning voted unanimously to pull the plug on the service they initiated on a trial basis Dec. 1. They cited too few riders to justify the \$1,050 per week bill.

"It just hasn't been the success we had hoped," said Lori Ward, development authority director. The Monday-Saturday downtown workers who had expressed dismay at parking program changes shifting them away from the most convenient spaces.

Six riders at most took advantage of the door-to-door treatment; most days four or fewer climbed on at the Northville Downs parking lot starting

point, Ward said.

The day the shuttle started, downtown lost electricity for four early morning hours and there were no riders. "It was kind of an omen," Ward said.

During the holidays, people are used to running errands so they wanted their vehicle more accessible, she said. "I think a lot of people have realized Cady Street isn't that far," she said. "I think people are getting used to parking there."

In an effort to keep parking spaces close to stores available to patrons, the city has suggested downtown retailers and office workers use free all-day parking lots on the south side of Cady Street. The police department has stepped up issuing violations for vehicles parked more than three hours in the city's Main Street surface lots.

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# Going back in time

## Rotary Club restores vintage clock, plans public return

By Maureen Johnston  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The vintage-looking clock that once graced Main Street soon will measure time in Northville's historic playground.

The Northville City Council Monday night accepted the Rotary Club's offer to repair the 1890 street clock that previously stood in the center of downtown.

The club plans to place it on city property, east of Ford Field, north of the Fort Griswold play area and southwest of the Mill Race Historic Village on Griswold Road.

After a 1999 car crash toppled the original timepiece, an insurance settlement helped erect an identical replacement in the Main Street median.

The damaged clock languished at the city's department of public works yard until local Rotarians picked up the \$3,000 repair project as a way of celebrating their 100th anniversary.

Jim Gallogly, public works director and Rotary Club member, told the council all

clubs have been asked to take on a special Rotary Centennial Project.

"If at all possible and the weather cooperates, we hope to do this in February," Gallogly said. That timing would coincide with the club's February 1905 origin.

"We ordered parts from California," he said. "It depends on how quickly they get here."

Part of the repair plan is to replace the cast iron base damaged in the accident with masonry. The timepiece also will require new crystals to cover the faces, Gallogly said, but the actual working parts of the clock seem to be undamaged.

Advance planning by the Northville Parks and Recreation Department staff ran electrical power to the proposed location when Ford Field was improved a few years ago. Gallogly said there will be limited excavation and disruption to the park.

Unlike the Main Street location, the foundation for the proposed clock will be grade-level so it will not be as tall, he said.

The Rotary Club will cover all costs related to the restoration and placement of the clock, Gallogly said.

Mayor Christopher Johnson and council members Jerry Mittman and Tom Swigart voted for the project. Mayor Pro-tem CarolAnn Ayers and councilman Kevin Hartshorne were absent.

**"If at all possible and the weather cooperates, we hope to do this in February."**

Jim Gallogly  
Northville Rotary Club

The mayor asked about the clock potentially being hit by a long-ball hitter from the Ford Field diamond. Gallogly said he would look into it. The "crystals" actually will be Plexiglas, he added.

Also, the Rotary Club's clock will be silent, Gallogly said. It does not have chimes.

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Jim Gallogly tinkers with the damaged clock the Northville Rotary Club plans to restore and re-install.



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# Around Town

## City Hall notes

City hall offices will be closed for the holidays:  
 • Thursday and Friday, Dec. 23-24 and  
 • Thursday and Friday, Dec. 30-31.

## Curtside pickup

Because Christmas and New Year's holidays fall on Saturday this year, regular trash collection will not be affected.  
 Christmas trees will be picked up at the curb throughout the city for three Tuesdays following Christmas Day for disposal in a compost facility.  
 Pickup dates are Dec. 28, Jan. 4 and 11. After Jan. 11, trees will be disposed of in a landfill. Trees must be free of ornaments, tinsel and plastic snow.

## As snow falls

The city's solid waste contractor, Painter and Ruthenburg, will send trucks out on schedule except in extreme conditions.  
 Crews ask residents to place rubbish on top of the snow. Bags and cans must be accessible from the road. Dark bags are easiest to see.  
 Due to safety considerations, crews cannot "dig out" frozen recycling bins — they will take what they can.  
 Northville City Council members at their meeting Monday night reminded residents not to blow snow into the street. Violators of the ordinance will be ticketed.

## Planning your write-off

Property tax payments to be posted in 2004 are to be postmarked no later than Dec. 31.  
 As Northville City Hall offices will be closed Thursday and Friday, Dec. 30 and 31, any envelope found in the drop box on Monday, Jan. 3, will be entered as having been received in 2004. The drop box is located on the east wall of the outer entrance to city hall.

## Still time to give

Novi Bowl, 21700 Novi Rd., is selling snowflakes to raise cash for Northville Civic Center. They also are collecting gift cards, toys and clothing through Dec. 31 for the local agency. For more information, call (248) 348-9120.

## Call for artists

The Northville Arts Commission requests submissions from all Northville area artists, age 18 and older for inclusion in "Celebrating Northville Arts and Community" at the Art House grand opening March 4.  
 Artists may submit one or two photos of recent work in any medium (JPEG file format preferable) to artcommission@ci.northville.mi.us by Jan. 15. Several pieces will be selected for exhibition and all pieces will be shown via computer-generated slide show during the grand opening reception and through the month of March.  
 Artists are asked to include their name, address, phone number, e-mail address, artwork medium, size, title, a brief biography and a two-sentence artist statement. Questions should be directed to the above e-mail address or (248) 449-9950. Watch the Northville Arts Commission Web site: www.northvillearts.org for upcoming exhibition, consignment and teaching opportunities at the Art House.

## Blankets needed

Edward Jones investment representatives David Boyd, Todd Knickerbocker and Chris Willerer are supporting the American Red Cross Blanket Days program by using their offices as a drop-off location for this year's blanket drive. Local residents can help the homeless in the area by bringing in a new blanket to their Northville offices at 117 E. Dunlap, 128 N. Center St. and 1039 Novi Rd. Hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. through Jan. 31.

To contribute an item for consideration in this column, e-mail mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net.

# Northville Nite

## Tickets still available for annual family celebration

By Maureen Johnston  
 RECORD STAFF WRITER

A Spiderman moonwalk, a mural project, massages and Max & Erma's chocolate cookies are among the new temptations at the Northville Parks and Recreation's New Year's Eve celebration. Area residents already have purchased more than 500 tickets for the seventh annual Northville Nite. The 5-9 p.m. event is Friday, Dec. 31, at the Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline Rd.  
 "We've sold substantially more than last year at this time," said Emily Sherman, special events and arts programming supervisor. "We're about half way there."  
 "I do expect us to sell out (1,000 tickets) again this year."  
 Tickets are available at the center through Wednesday, Dec. 29, at \$15 for adults, \$10 for children ages 2-12, and \$5 for children ages 12-23 months. If tickets remain, they will be sold at the door, she said.  
 "If people definitely want to get tickets, they should come in Monday or Tuesday if that's at all possible."  
 Sherman said the recreation department staff kept favorites and added a new line-up of activities for regular attendees.  
 Back are a variety of inflatable games, The Home Depot wood craft kits, open pool, slot racing, temporary tattoos and face painting.  
 Margo's of Northville will provide massages for the first time. Oak Pointe Church, which also hosts a variety of carnival games, invited a new band this year for the coffee house setting.  
 "It's supposed to be more teen friendly, but just as appealing to adults," Sherman said.  
 The event requires about 80 volunteers to staff different stations throughout the recreation center, she said. For more information, call (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411.

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

# OBITUARIES

## Nola M. LeSage, 68

Nola LeSage of Northville died Dec. 14, 2004 at Providence Park Medical Center, Novi. She was 68. Mrs. LeSage was born Oct. 21, 1936 in Detroit to the late Elmer DeKay and Bessie Pardee.  
 She had lived in Northville all her life and graduated from Northville High School. She was employed in Customer Service for Kroger.  
 Survivors include two children, William (Beverly) Earehart of Hesperia and Cheryl Dresselhouse of Northville; four grandchildren, Tracy (Donald) McCullough, Kelly

(Shannon) McGovern, Graham Dresselhouse and Casey Dresselhouse and one great-grandchild, Maverick.  
 Her husband, Robert W. LeSage preceded her in death in 1997. A funeral service was held Dec. 17, 2004 at Casterline Funeral Home, Northville with Dr. James N. McGuire of Ward Presbyterian Church, Northville, officiating.  
 Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Memorial and Tributes Program, Dept. 77-3968, Chicago, Ill. 60678. Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., Northville.

## Donald W. Naar, 85

Donald Naar, longtime resident of Northville, died Dec. 17, 2004 at

Garden City Hospital. He was 85. Mr. Naar was born in Detroit to the late John and Catherine (Harrington) Naar on April 16, 1919. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II receiving the Bronze Star for action during the Battle of the Bulge in 1944. He worked in the scrap metal business.  
 Survivors include six children, Erick (Marie) of Lompas, Calif., Clayton (Pamala) of Pawleys Island, S.C., Lee Ann Smith of Westland, Lisa Naar of Strovel, Okla., John (Kristian) of Fair Oaks, Calif. and David (Kristin) of Dearborn; 12 grandchild-

ren and three great-grandchildren.  
 A funeral service was held Dec. 20, 2004 at the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, Northville with Pastor Bobby Blevins of the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church of Taylor officiating. The VFW Post of Northville also officiated with an Honor Guard from the Army participating at a graveside service at Rural Hill Cemetery. A wake will be held Tuesday, Dec. 28, at the VFW Hall, Northville from 6-9 p.m.  
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The City of Northville Board of Zoning Appeals will consider a request for appeal of an approval of final site plan granted by the City of Northville Planning Commission for the Our Lady of Victory Catholic Elementary School. The final site plan was approved on November 2, 2004.

The school proposes to relocate from the current site to property located at 116, 224, and 132 Orchard and property located on Main Street (for lots 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, and 53 Orchard Heights Subdivision - Tax Parcel ID numbers 48-003-02-0053-001, 48-003-02-0053-002, 48-003-02-0052-002 and 48-003-02-0048-000) Northville, Michigan 48167.

The Board of Zoning Appeals shall meet and consider the request for appeal on January 5, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St., Northville, Michigan 48167.

The complete appeal application can be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments will also be received at the address listed below.

This notice is sent as required by Article 25, Section 25.03 of the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance to all persons to whom real property is assessed within three hundred (300) feet of the boundary of the property in questions, and to the occupants of all structures within three hundred (300) feet.

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# Student authors write for a purpose

## Local students will write books for hospitalized children

By Maureen Johnston  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Three local teachers made a multi-purpose room full of youngsters laugh with an impromptu tale of a beautiful lady named Crystal who played scary video games and tripped over a plant in the land of Bugabuga.

Familiar fast-food restaurant character Ronald McDonald prompted the creative storytelling exercise by alternately tapping the teachers' shoulder when it was their turn to insert a word in his blank-filled tale. His point: reading with excitement makes stories come alive.

The red-and-yellow clad clown visited Moraine Elementary first-fifth graders to kick off a first-of-its type project to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in

Detroit. Students who attend Cooke School and Northville High School will assist the youngsters in creating books for the families who seek temporary lodging in the home next to Children's Hospital.

Anne Hoyt, Ronald McDonald House board member, described the 25-bedroom house and the circumstances that bring parents to stay there. She opened the series of assemblies by asking the pupils if they had ever been in the hospital and who they wanted to be near during a hospital stay.

### Close comfort

Parents can get meals and the sleep they need in a house near their children who are undergoing treatment from getting their tonsils out to something more serious, she said.

"It's just a really special, special place," Hoyt said. "It's for the families — the moms and dads — while their little boys and girls are being treated at Children's Hospital."

"Many times it's a very serious illness, like open-heart surgery."

Hoyt's description of the

Ronald McDonald House helped the children understand how their efforts will help. The books the Moraine youngsters provide will be read by the young patients themselves when parents take them along to the hospital and by siblings who visit — most often on weekends.

Sometimes families stay at the Ronald McDonald House for two-three weeks, Hoyt said. "Sometimes families are in the home up to a year."

### Ready to write

A roomful of young voices urged Lennox, Moraine teacher assistant Julie Dalton and second-grade teacher Holly Piantadosi to join Ronald McDonald for his demonstration at the front of the room. The first and second graders in the initial assembly responded to the clown's antics with laughter and applause.

After the adults' amusing turn at story telling, the children enthusiastically volunteered for the writing project with raised hands.

Moraine teacher Verna Birk, high school teacher Art Lennox,

Cooke teacher Elizabeth Alotta and Moraine principal Mary Kay Gallagher are coordinating the community service project.

On Friday, study skills students Rammel Tinsley and Jemal Allen read to their younger peers. They will participate as partner-authors from Lennox's high school class to help Moraine "publish" at least 200 hard-cover books starting in January.

"We've never done anything like this before," Hoyt said. "It's by a child, for a child."

"It's a special gift for the families of the children at the hospital."

Gallagher was supportive of the school-wide project. "They're high school and elementary students coming together for the benefit of other people."

"When people have an opportunity to write for a real audience, it makes a difference in their writing. Real children are actually going to be reading their books."

Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103, or [mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net).



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville High School student Rommel Tinsley read his book, "My Dog Never Says Please," to a group of Moraine Elementary School pupils last Friday. Moraine students will be writing books for families who stay in local Ronald McDonald homes.

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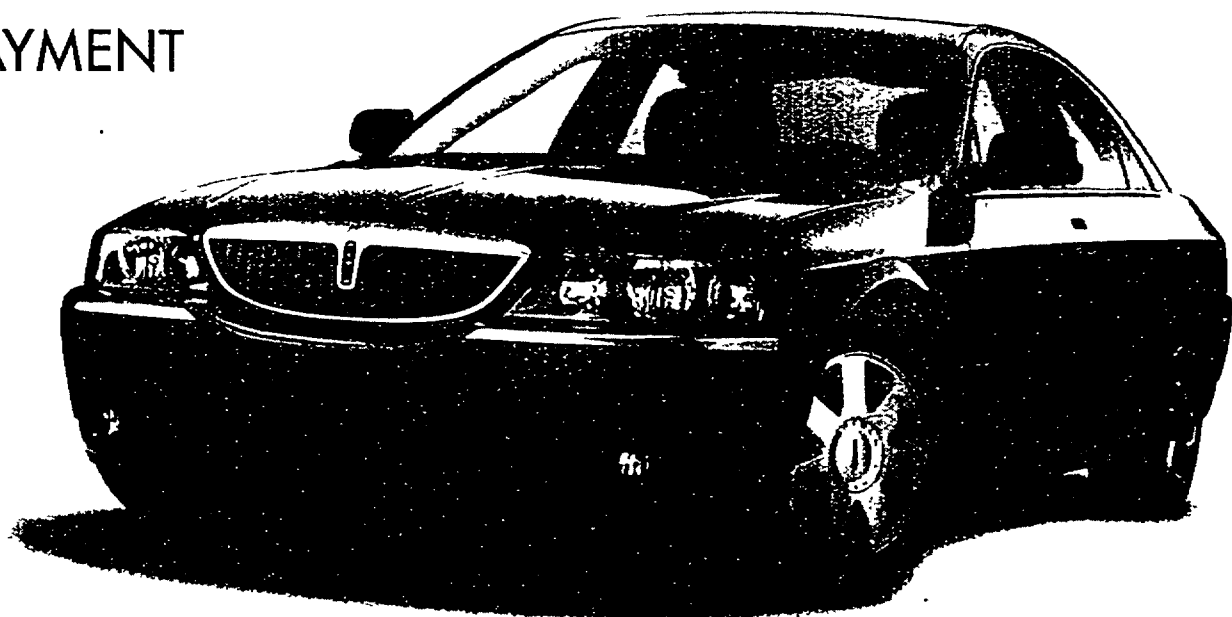
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NORTHVILLE RECORD

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# If you couldn't spend any money, what would you give your parents for Christmas?

## AMERMAN ELEMENTARY

**Mrs. Frayne**  
2nd Grade

If I couldn't spend any money what would I give them? I would give them love! Like a kiss and a hug.

**Peter**

If I didn't want to spend any money but want to give a gift to my parents I will give them a card. Yes, a card, a beautiful, shiny, colorful card. And I know my parents will love it.

**Ziyang**

A present for my parents. I will give my parents a hug and a I love you. I will also give my parents a picture.

**John**

I would give my Mom and Dad and dog a hug and a card.

**Joey**

If I couldn't spend any money and I wanted to give a present to my parents, I would draw a picture for my Mom and for my Dad a hug and a kiss.

**Madeline**

If I couldn't spend any money and I wanted to give a present to my parents, I would build a chair out of wood and I will stain it too. On Christmas morning I will tell my parents to shut their eyes then open their eyes and then they will see the chair I made. They will be so happy.

**Jake**

If I cannot spend any money I would make a present but what should I make? A Christmas pop-out card and a collage and a pretty picture.

**Nick**

I would give my parent a picture of them or our house or a collage of a cat or love and kisses and hugs. I'd also make a card and it would have lots of the colors.

**Chris**

I would do all my chores, I would give you a poem. I love breakfast, dinner and lunch when ever I eat there is a big crunch.

**Maguire**

Christmas Time-I make snowflakes for them, I turn on the piano. I hug them.

**Anna**

I would give a snowflake made by me at home for Christmas. I would give a big, big hug for Valentine's Day. I would give for my Mom and Dad at their birthdays a picture.

**Justus**

A present for my parents. I would give a kiss to my Mom and Dad. I would give a hug too. I would say...Merry Christmas!! I love you so much Mom and Dad!

**Kelci**

If I could not spend any money on Christmas presents, I would give my parent a hug and a kiss.

**Emilia**

I would draw them a picture. I would make them a book. I would give them a hug.

**Joseph**

I would give them a hug, a snowflake that I made and a necklace. The End! Merry Christmas!

**Kristen**

If I could not spend any money for my parent's Christmas present, I would make a reindeer out of popsicle sticks. I would make that for my parents because it does not cost any money.

**Andrew**

I would make a craft for my parents because it would be fun to make and my parents would be happy.

**Gabrielle**

Make a collage. Make a craft. Help Mom and Dad by doing chores.

**Nick**

The present I will give my parents is a hug. I will make my par-

ents breakfast up stairs too. I will make a craft too.

**John**

I am making a present for my Mom and Dad. Can you help me? I made two things, a gingerbread man for Mom and a stocking for Dad, yianni and athena is next. What should I make for them? Write the answer below.

**Christopher**

If I could not spend any money for my Mom and Dad I would...make a collage for my parents and make my Mom a bracelet. I love my Mom and Dad.

**Sofia**

**Mrs. Ramey**  
2nd Grade

I think a good present for my Mom and Dad is me playing Christmas songs on my piano. This is a good present because I'm the only one who knows how to play in my family. My music makes their hearts glow.

**Zach**

If I couldn't spend any money to buy a Christmas present for my parents this is what I would make. I would bind all the stories I ever wrote in elementary school together and make a big book of stories. I think my parents would like that because they always like my stories.

**Rachel**

I will make a paper doll for my Mom for Christmas and I will make a picture frame for my Dad for Christmas. The paper doll will be Miss. Closs and the picture frame will be blue with white stars on it. So my parents will have a good Christmas.

**Renee**

I would make a Christmas present for my parents. I would make a paper angel. It would be a paper ornament angel.

**Rebecca**

If I could not buy them anything I would make them a book about them. And draw a picture of them. I also will make a card for them too.

**Austin**

I would make a picture of me and my Dad or my Mom. Or I would get something from my attic for them. Or I would make some bread for them.

**Emily**

I would give them a picture of my Mom and Dad. I would make a model of my parents. I would give them a huge hug.

**Freddie**

If I was broke and I had to give my parents a gift I would make them a book. It's title name will be "If I Was Broke on Christmas". It would be about a little boy that was broke on Christmas.

**Matt**

I would give them something that I made at school. I would make a craft for them. I would make breakfast for them.

**Ben**

I would make them both a map of candy land. I would also make them both a Christmas tree bulb.

**Shayla**

I would make my parents a book for Christmas. I bet my parents would like that because I like to write stories.

**Natalie**

I would make a jewelry case for my Mom out of a walnut shell with glue. For my Dad I would make a fishing rod out of a stick with a string and an ornament hanger.

**Sophie**

I would give my Mom and Dad a real good Christmas tree. I would wrap with a note.

**Robert**

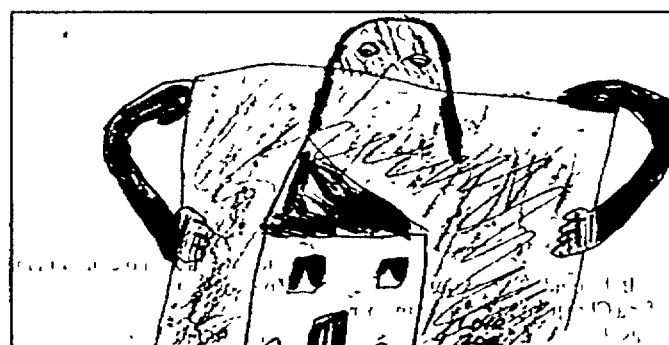
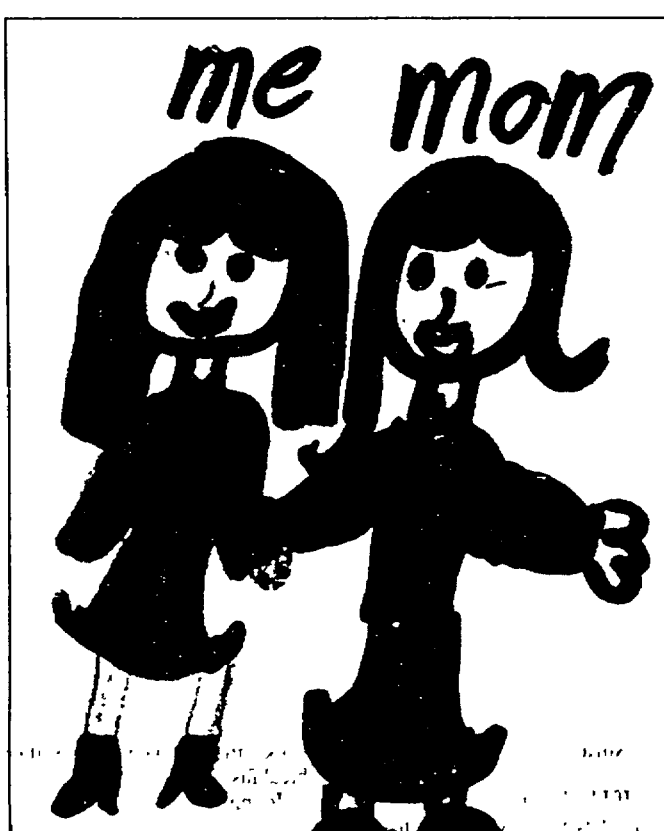
I would make them a book for Christmas. I would make them a picture of us. I would make them a bird house.

**Owen**



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Amerman Elementary School student John Rogers ponders what he'd get his parents for Christmas if he had no money to purchase a gift.



I would make cookies for them. I make cookies with my cousins. I would make chocolate chip.

**Alec**

I would make a sled out of popsicle sticks. The fronts will be red and green. The color of the sled will be curving up.

**David**

If I couldn't spend any money on my parents Christmas I would make my Dad brunch. I would make my Mom the same thing so they can eat together.

**Lee**

I would give my parents breakfast. I would also give my Mom a star that would say "Best Mom" and my Dad the same thing except it will say "Best Dad." I also will give my parents love.

**Jacob**

**Mrs. Wells**  
2nd Grade

Love! Meaning hugs and kisses, being nice and being happy for what I have.

**Madalyn**

I would give them a hug. They love hugs. They will be happy.

**Ian**

I would give Mom and Dad a book about how I love them. A big hug and a lot of love and no talking back.

**Grace**

I will give my Mom a present for her. I will give my Mom a kiss. I can give my Dad a hug. Maybe I should help around the house.

**Alex**

I would give my parents love by a big hug and a kiss. Maybe I would tell them how much I love them and maybe do a thing or two for them, like, help wash the dishes, or wash the car, or clean my room or make my bed.

**Heather**

Love all day because it is nice and fun.

**Eddie**

No talking back for a whole year. I would make my Mom a beautiful picture and give her lots of hugs and kisses to make her happy.

**Dillon**

I would give my parents a picture of how much I love them.

**Rory**

Help them and be a good kid and keep my promise forever. I would keep them from smoking.

**Joey**

I would give them love. I love my parents and my toys.

**Maddy**

I would make my parents a jingle bracelet. It would have jingle bells on it and red and green lights. I would give it to them because they like Christmas lights, and jingle bells.

**Molly**

I would do the dishes So my Mom won't need to do it. I would do it because they would be happy.

**Christopher**

I would give them a tree. I would decorate the tree with pinecones. I would give them a tree because it would be pretty.

**Jake**

I would give love, because I love them. I will give hugs too.

**Sean**

I would give (make) my Mom a bracelet and a card. I would give my Dad a card and make him a book. I would make my bed because I haven't been.

**Rachel**

I would give my Mom a shiny rock that I painted pink because it would be pretty for her.

**Matt**

I would make a picture of me on it. I would read every night for them because I just want to make them happy.

**Alec**

Help Mom and Dad cook.

**De'Mari**

**Mrs. Bartlett**  
1st Grade

If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas present for my parents, I would put the Christmas lights on the window.

**Annika**

If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas present for my parents, I would draw them a picture.

**Angelina**

If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas present for my

parents, would fill the Advent calendar with treats.

**Madeline**

If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas present for my parents I would make their bed.

**Kaitlin**

If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas present for my parents, I would give them a kiss.

**Adrienne**

If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas present for my parents, I would clean the house.

**Samantha**

If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas present for my parents, I would decorate the tree.

**Joe**

If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas present for my parents, I would clean my room.

**Molly**

If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas presents for my parents, I would shovel the driveway.

**Melissa**

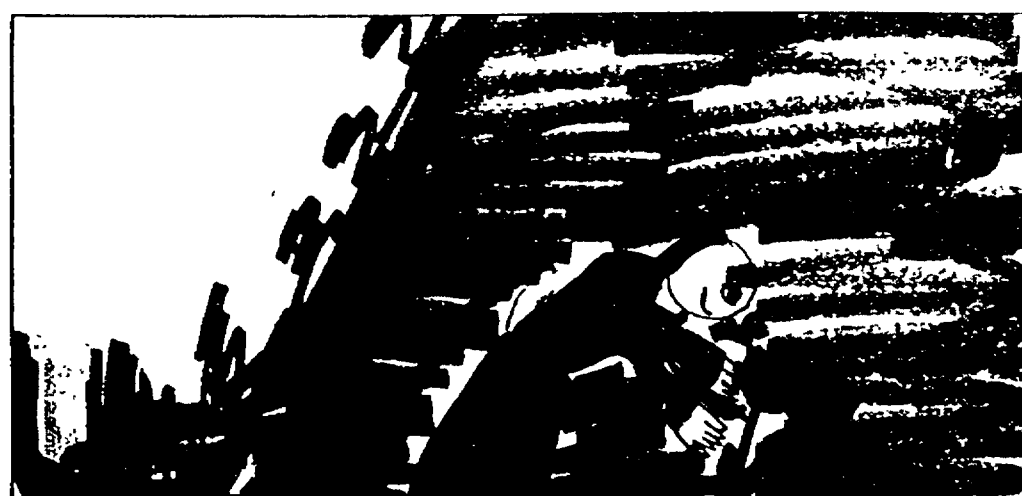
If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas present for my parents, I would give them a hug.

**David**

If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas present for my parents, I would give my bracelet to them.

**Noah**

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# Recipes from the heart!



A group of Winchester Elementary School kindergartners watch as their classmates compose a few holiday recipe suggestions. From left are Jacob Delis, Evan Treiber, Veronica Johnston, Maggie O'Meara, and Emma Cemalovic.

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If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas present for my parents, I would do all my chores.  
Neha

If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas present for my parents, I would clean the basement.  
Paul

If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas present for my parents, I would give them my ring.  
Nick

If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas present for my parents, I would give them my necklace.  
Elizabeth

If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas present for my parents, I would give them my crystals.  
Joy

If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas present for my parents, I would make a card.  
Nick

If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas Present for my parents I would clean the carpet.  
Luke

If I couldn't spend any money for a Christmas present for my parents, I would draw ten pictures for them.  
Ryan

Mrs. Comben  
1st Grade

If I couldn't spend any money on presents for my parents I would give them Jesus' love.  
Jack

If I couldn't spend any money on presents for my parents, I would give them paper snowflakes.  
Marie

If I couldn't spend any money on presents for my parents, I would do anything they ask.  
Rohan

If I couldn't spend any money on presents for my parents, I would clean the chimney.  
Gavin

If I couldn't spend any money for presents for my parents, I would give them a beaded necklace I made.  
Alexander

If I couldn't spend any money on presents for my parents, I would give them presents I made.  
Emily

If I couldn't spend any money on presents for my parents, I would give them a picture I made.  
Cooper

If I couldn't spend any money on presents, I would give them presents.  
Samantha

If I couldn't spend any money on presents for my parents, I would give them flowers I picked.  
Alissa

If I couldn't spend any money on presents for my parents, I would do the laundry.  
Garret

If I couldn't spend any money on presents for my parents, I would give them a clay cat.  
Leah

If I couldn't spend any money on presents for my parents, I would give them a picture I made.  
Zoe

If I couldn't spend any money on presents for my parents, I would give them a cat.  
Emma

If I couldn't spend any money on presents, I would give them my own things.  
Jake

If I couldn't spend any money on presents for my parents, I would give them paper snowflakes.  
Marie

If I couldn't spend any money on presents for my parents, I would give them something I made out of clay.  
Kristina

If I couldn't spend any money, I would do the chores.  
Christian

Miss Sagona  
1st Grade

If I had no money I would give my Mom a big hug, because I love her.  
Deanna

If I had no money I would give my parents, a picture of a duck.  
Olivia

If I had no money I would put up the Christmas tree, and I would decorate it.  
Dylan

If I had no money I would make them a house and mow the lawn and clean the house and make clothes out of tree, and all of the love.  
Brendan

If I had no money I would clean the house and mow the lawn for my Mom and for my Dad.  
Alec

If I had no money I would mow the lawn and love and fun to play games with Mom and Dad for Christmas.  
Timmy

If I had no money I would give my love and attention and fun to my parents for Christmas presents.  
Nora

If I had no money I would mow the lawn for my parents for Christmas.  
Patrick

If I had no money I would give them love. I love them a lot.  
Sam

If I had no money I would give my parents clothes made out of leaves and food for good health for a Christmas present.  
Trevor

All of the love in the world and I would make a wood house for both of them and I would clean the whole house for both of them I love my parents a ton.  
Sophia

If I had no money I would give my parents a card or all the love in the world.  
Maria

If I had no money I would clean the house. Get food from trees. Feed my cat.  
Andrew

If I had no money I would give my Dad a wooden book and my Mom a wooden chair.  
Dana

If I had no money I would get my family a new billboard and a new plants.  
Jenna

If I had no money I would give my parents all the love in the whole world because I love her.  
Shae

I would give them love and happiness and fun and I will build them a house to and I would make them clothes.  
Mattison

If I had no money, I would make my Mom a necklace and give my Dad love.  
Bridget

If I had no money I would give my Mom a pair of clothes out of leaves.  
Eveline

Mrs. Oliverio  
1st Grade

It is fun to give gifts. If I had no money I would give them a flower. Then I would give them breakfast in bed.  
Natalie

It is fun to give gifts. If I had no money, I would make them jewelry. Then I would give them breakfast in bed.  
Darby

It is fun to give gifts. If I had no money, I would give them a kiss, then I would them a hug.  
Emma

It is fun to give gifts. If I had no money, I would take them for a walk, then I would give them breakfast in bed.  
Jenna

It is fun to give gifts. I had no money I would draw a picture, then I would give them breakfast in bed.  
Cecylia

It is fun to give gifts. If I had no money, I would make them a card. Then I would give them breakfast in bed.  
Elizabeth

Holidays are special. If I had no money, I would decorate a Christmas tree. Then I would give them breakfast in bed.  
Paige

It is fun to give gifts. If I had no money, I would give her a book I made. Then I would give them breakfast in bed.  
Emily

It is fun to give gifts. If I had no money, I would play a game with them, then I would read to them.  
Eric

It is fun to give gifts. If I had no money, I would make her an ornament, then I would give them a kiss.  
Natalia

It is fun to give gifts. If I had no money, I would make them a puppet. Then I would give them breakfast in bed.  
Johnny

It is fun to give gifts. If I had no money, I would read to them. Then I would play with them.  
Spencer

# How do you prepare the perfect Christmas dinner?

## WINCHESTER ELEMENTARY

Mrs. Roney  
Kindergarten Class

We have a beautiful table with fruit. We have turkey, but we only eat after midnight.  
Yara

My sister and I play with our new gifts and listen to Christmas music while my Mommy cooks. I will help make a Christmas cake (I will lick the bowl and my sister will lick the spoon).  
Alana

Make turkey, Christmas cookies and have everyone wear a Santa Claus hat and take a big picture.  
Brandon

My perfect Christmas dinner will have gingerbread cookies, Santa Claus muffins, and candy cake.  
Maya

I would cook cookies. I would make noodles with butter and some broccoli. I would have regular bread with butter.  
Maggie

Set the table with candles and music. Have cookies and milk.  
Emma

I would make fried shrimp because I like it and because it's a Chinese food and I like Chinese food. I would make cupcakes with Christmas trees and white frosting on top for dessert. I would share my dinner with my family.  
Brian

Making mashed potatoes, making rolls, and having cookies and cake for dessert. You have jello or hors d'oeuvres for waiting. There's more you have for dinner.  
Veronica

You can always buy a turkey and make it for Christmas. And buy mashed potatoes and sweet potatoes. But, I really want pizza with it.  
Noah

Cut up meat to look like candies. Put on top the stems of broccoli. Cook in oven till 1 p.m. and brown. Add pears on top = Pear Pie.  
Jacob

Put out fancy, fancy decorations and fancy forks. Have a big red tablecloth. I would cook special cakes for my family.  
Gillian

Put red flowers on the table and have lots of good food. Invite Nana and Papa, Grandma and Grandpa and have Christmas cookies.  
Nate

Make turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, sugar cookies, and stuffing. Set the table. Bake pies. Then we eat it all.  
Jacob

Bulgogi (roast beef), Carve beef thinly. Make flavor (soy sauce, sugar, sesame oil, garlic, pepper, asta pears), Mix flavor

It is fun to give gifts. If I had no money, I would make a wreath and make them something to eat.  
Mason

Holidays are special. If I had no money, I would make them something to eat, then I would give them a kiss.  
Jack

It is fun to give gifts. If I had no money, I would read to them. Then I would play with them.  
Samantha

and beef. Bake.  
Minyoung

Just have lots of mashed potatoes.  
Elena

Cook a turkey with stuffing along with mashed potatoes, green beans, ice cream and pie for dessert.  
Ian

"I don't know, you're the chef." (Gavin said this to his Mom after having the question asked of him).  
Gavin

We go to a Chinese Restaurant.  
Christine

You need frosting. Put in on cookies. Put them out for Santa.  
Nicholas

Well, you make cookies and gingerbread men and rice krispies for dessert. You prepare ham, broccoli, green beans, steak, roast beef, and carrots and chicken with ketchup. That's how you prepare the perfect Christmas dinner.  
Clark

Invite lots of friends and family over. Have fun games to play. Order out for food and have it delivered.  
Stephen

"I prepare it with Christmas Tree cookies and family. And don't forget milk. That's all I guess."  
Kyra

I set the table for my family to enjoy good food and cookies.  
Michael

I set the table and Mom makes the food. Then we have a party and everyone comes over after church to eat.  
Daria

I would make chicken, turkey, noodles, macaroni and cheese, and apple juice. I would hang Christmas lights and put up Christmas trees. I would light candles in the middle of the table.  
Max

First, buy all the food. Then, my Mom makes the food like turkey and mashed potatoes. And then we buy lots of cakes for me to eat.  
Nikolai

I cook the meatballs. I make broccoli. I bake peanut butter and gingerbread cookies.  
Dominic

The perfect Christmas dinner would have our favorite foods. The best part of our dinner would be homemade Christmas cookies. Lastly, we would need our loving family to share in our perfect Christmas.  
Isabella

You get corn and mashed potatoes. You put the food on a plate and eat it.  
Nick

Cookies, cake, ribs, broccoli.  
Melissa

It is fun to give gifts. If I had no money, I would play with them.  
Tyler

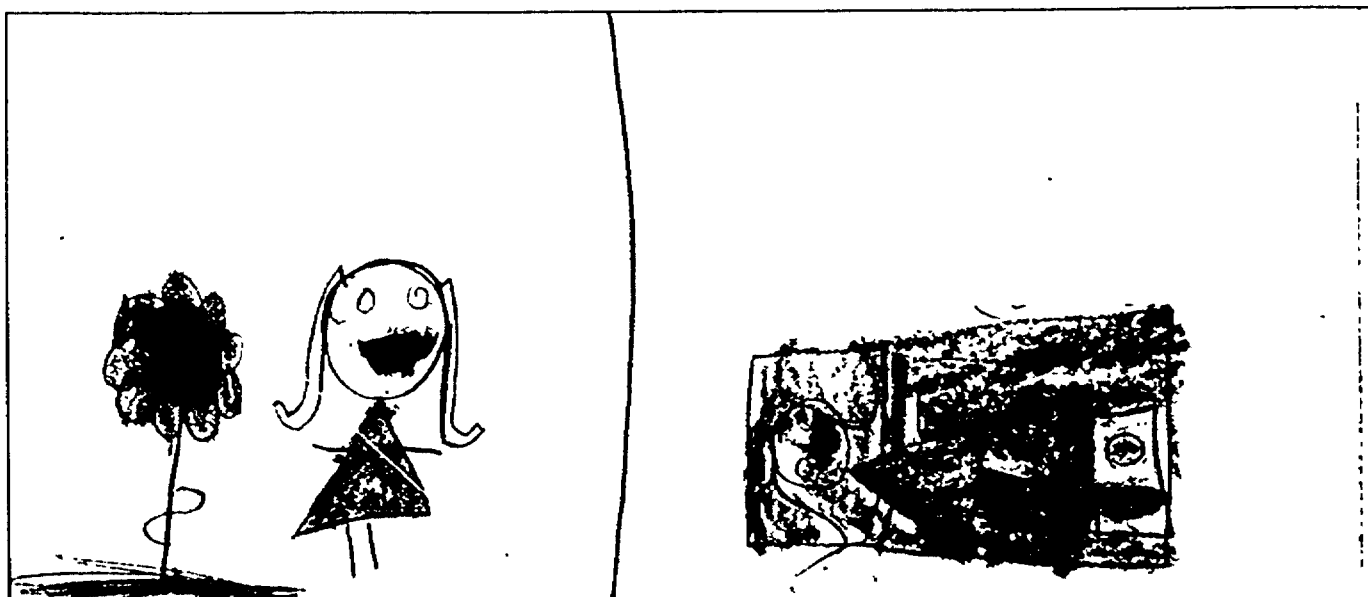
Holidays are special. If I had no money, I would make them a blanket. Then I would give an ornament.  
Mikawa

Holidays are special. If I had no money, I would make a clay sculpture. Then I would give them a kiss.  
Leo



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Amerman Elementary School second grader Kristen Shoup put a lot of thought into what she'd get her parents for Christmas if she didn't have any money for a gift.



# SPORTS

Northville Record

## Just one more minute

Last Friday, the Milford Mavericks basketball team defeated the Mustangs, 45-44.

Milford's Sean Bednarsh scored the game-winning lay-up that put the Mavericks ahead by one with 30.2 seconds left in the game. The Mustangs were not able to convert in the time remaining and Milford came out victorious. Bednarsh had 10 points that night along with Dana Pitcock with 13 points and Nathan Kunst with 10 points. Northville's Alvin Storrs led the team with 16 points and J.D. Gerblick had 14 points.

"This first half we really didn't play with passion," said Northville coach Darrel Schumacher of his Mustangs, which fell to 2-1. "We kind of dug ourselves in a hole but to the credit of our players, they decided to come back and play with some heart. Our defensive intensity picked up and we got things done."

The game started in favor of the Mavericks as Kunst scored the game's first basket with a three-pointer in the corner. But Northville answered right back with Gerblick getting a three-pointer of his own. Midway through the quarter, Gerblick struck again with another shot from behind the arc putting his team ahead 8-5. The Mavericks came charging back with Kunst knocking in a fade-away shot with a minute and half left in the first quarter. Although the Mavericks had the ball for the remainder of the quarter the Northville defense prevented further scoring and the quarter ended with an 11-8 Milford lead.

In the beginning of the second, John Crowley furthered the Milford lead by scoring a three-pointer. Northville tried to keep within reaching distance of the lead but the outside perimeter shooting of Milford was too much. Bednarsh added the final three-pointer of the half, increasing the score to 24-16 when the buzzer sounded.

The Mustangs upped the ante with a full court press in the second half. Alan Shanoski and Storrs provided Northville with a steady supply of points while Gerblick kept the ball out of Maverick hands grabbing any and all defensive rebounds. But, the Mavericks held strong. Kunst rolled his ankle but kept Milford together with help from Pitcock who scored inside the paint to keep a small but comfortable lead. At the end of the third the scoreboard glowed 30-25 Milford lead.

The fourth quarter proved to be a nail biting shootout between

these two teams. Scoring went back and forth throughout the quarter but the Mustangs would not give up as final minutes loomed. Northville's Storrs had control of the ball and dribbled around the perimeter. He shot with 45 seconds remaining swooshing the three-pointer and giving the Mustangs a one point lead, 44-43.

Then Milford calmly took the floor, dribbling and looking for the right moment to strike. After 15 seconds passed, Bednarsh scored with half a minute remaining in the fourth quarter. Northville, knowing they needed to score, charged down the court. With 3.9 seconds remaining, Lorente again started out with the ball. He passed it over to Mike Jameson, who launched the ball from behind the arc. The ball hit the backboard and bounced off the front of the rim out of the basket to end the game.

"When you win by one, you think of the 20 or 30 plays that you did make and when you lose, you think of the 20 or 30 plays that you didn't make," said Milford coach Don Palmer. "This one went in our favor but it could have easily been lost." Milford climbed to 3-1 with the victory.

## Successes and failure

There are plenty of bumps and bruises on the way to learning the ins and outs of wrestling.

The Mustangs grappling team earned two wins and five losses in their last two competitions Dec. 11 and Dec. 15, but found several individuals climbing through the ranks.

Against Breckenridge, the Mustangs earned a win, 63-30. Brian Dulzo earned a void at 103 pounds while Joe Gholami notched three points for his squad at 112.

Joe Marotta notched a pin at 1:31 in the second period at 130 for six points and Jared Arter showed speed kills with a pin in just 51 seconds in the 135-pound weight class. Northville voided at 140 pounds but earned the points back when Justin Swanson collected a pin in the second period at 152. Dave Cain (171) and Tim Resnick (215) notched pins in just 59 seconds of the first period to help Northville to victory while Todd Schoenheide (189) and Dave Stewart (heavyweight) were awarded six points each with voids.

Against John Glenn, the Mustangs earned a 48-33

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Northville's Brian Basian seems to be in a tough position as Novi's Nick Lichorobiec, wrestling at the 112 pound category, has the upper hand.

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victory. Earning pins were Gholami, Schoenheide, Cain, Resnick, Sean Hughes (145) and Stewart. Wins went to Matt Ladhoff (119) and Brian Bagian (125) through voids.

The Mustangs took losses to Davidson, Davidson's "B" squad and Eisenhower through the remainder of Dec. 11 tournament.

Earning pins against Davidson's "B" team were Gholami, Ladhoff, Joe Marotta (130) and Resnick while Dulzo earned a win via void and Justin Swanson (152) earned an 8-4 decision. Northville lost the match 41-39.

Though the squad took a 54-21 loss against Eisenhower, Northville found several bright spots. Cain earned a pin in the third period for six points while Dulzo and Gholami notched victories via voids in their weight classes. Resnick had his work cut out for him but earned an 8-6 win over his foe in the loss.

Northville was on the wrong end of a 75-3 beating from one of the top teams in the state as they fell to Davidson. The only win came through a 7-2 victory from Gholami over Chris Hildreth.

Northville lost both of their

matches Dec. 15 when they fell to Allen Park, 42-36, and Divine Child, 47-18.

Against Allen Park, the Mustangs collected void victories from Dulzo and Jon Junca (130) while Swanson earned a 10-9 win and Resnick scrapped out a 7-4 victory. Notching pins were Jared Arter (135), Nick Didia (140) and Cain.

The Mustangs had a similar showing against Divine Child, where pins were earned by Schoenheide and Cain. Swanson earned a 9-6 victory and Arter collected a 9-3 win.

**Baseline game goes to Novi Wildcats**

The Northville Mustangs couldn't engineer enough offense to keep the Novi Wildcats at bay at Novi Ice Arena last Friday.

The skaters fell to their Baseline rivals, 3-2, after Novi's Mark Eberline notched a tally with just 10 seconds remaining in the game to seal the victory.

Northville found themselves in the lead on a power play goal with three minutes remaining in the first period but the Wildcats were quick to knot things up as Tom Ciaverilla put one past Jimmy Gates for the 1-1 game.

The second period was all Novi as the 'Cats added their second tally off the stick of Chris Zarem for the 2-1 lead. With time expiring in the third period, the Mustang were able to tie the game with one minute left on the clock. Unfortunately, they weren't able to hold off the Wildcats' final score of the game.

**Tankers shell Knights**

The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team started their vacation early as they casually kicked their way by Walled Lake Northern, 132-54.

The team, coached by Rich Bennetts, dominated their league foes before heading into their Christmas break that finds them off until early January.

"A very good effort on the part of boys," said Bennetts. "We were short a couple of

swimmers due to some school activities that were going on that night and the rest of the guys stepped up huge for us. It's very nice to get all three of our relay state cut out of the way this early in the season, as well as some of the individual cuts. We have a long way to go, with a lot of improvement that must take place."

State cuts abounded in the early meet as the 200-meter medley relay team of Chris Keady, Weston Laabs, Ryan Smith and Brad Farris swam a 1:44.55 for first place and a trip to the state meet. Also going will be the team of Farris, Brody Blickle, Chris Culkin and Will Blickle in the 400 free relay. They swam a 3:22.78.

Going to the state meet as individuals will be Keady in the 200 individual medley along with Brody Blickle in the same event. Keady swam a 2:00.96

for his cut and a pool record while Blickle took second with his qualifying time of 2:04.70.

Farris earned his state cut in the 500 free with an impressive swim of 22.63 seconds before notching a 48.70-second swim in the 100 free to earn a state cut and the pool record.

Despite having so many state cuts in just their second meet of the season, the Mustangs are well aware the conference can't be claimed as their own yet.

"Stevenson and Salem swam very fast in their opening week as well, so we will have our work cut out for us from here on out," Bennetts said. "We now have three weeks just to train our butts off and see how we stack up from that point."

The Mustangs had fine showings throughout the remainder of the meet as Will Blickle earned a first in the 200 freestyle event with a 1:50.36 and Greg Sheppard took second in 2:03.28.

In diving, Brad Lempke took second place with a total score of 205.40 to help his team to victory.

Also taking a first was Brody Blickle in the 500 free with a grueling time of 4:04.03, while Sheppard was second in 5:20.43. Will Blickle captured the 100 butterfly with a time of

56.28 seconds and Culkin notched a second-place showing in the 100 free with a 53.25-second race.

The 200 free relay found the team of Keady, Mark Stubbart, Laabs and Will Blickle winning in 1:35.82 while Culkin took first in the 100 backstroke with Jonathan Bardsley taking second in 1:03.89. Keady was second in the 100 breaststroke in 1:07.06.

The Mustangs will have their schedules full this Christmas break as they look to come into January in full stride.

"We will only take Christmas Day and New Years Day off," said Bennetts. "Every other day we will be practicing, so we should come out of the holiday break in great shape and hope to be fully ready for the rest of the season."

The Mustangs will have to be if they hope to reach some of their season goals — which include lofty expectations in the state meet as well as a hope to capture a long-awaited Western Lakes Activities Association title.

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# Township officials make their cases to Santa

By Kim Kovel  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Santa's been mighty good to Northville Township this year. The stocking's been stuffed with a new township hall and fire headquarters, a major park underway and a budget in the black.

So, how "nice" do township officials think they've been the past 12 months? And what's on their wish list for 2005?

"I think the township has been very good, but I know that the residents are watching us closely and making a list and checking it twice," Manager Chip Snider said.

For the township, he wants a professional culture to match new buildings and to work with the current staff as financial times get tougher. For himself?

"I guess I want my personal pace to slow down somewhat," Snider said. "I want to spend more time... talking with people and less time putting out brush fires."

Supervisor Mark Abbo's hoping the board of trustees will work together.

"How about a lot of 7-0 votes?" he said. "I would say a good site plan for the (former) Northville Psychiatric (Hospital) property. And in his stocking? "Another motorcycle would do good."

Visions of new a booster water station and elevated water tower are dancing through Director of Public Services Don Weaver's head.

"We've had a record number of inspections that we performed this year," Weaver said. "Of course, we had a lot of attention given to our fiscal building project."

He's hoping for the best for his

son, who's getting married in July.

"We worked under a lot of stress," Clerk Sue Hillebrand said. When it came to imitating municipal buildings delays, she admitted. "Of course, (we were) a little naughty with the builder."

On her dream list: "That the state hospital (land) would be donated to the township. We'll make really good use of it. I'd wish the state would live within the budget."

Director of Northville Parks and Recreation Tracy Sincock was pleased the opening of the Senior Community Center and Community Park progress in 2004.

"We just want our residents to be happy with services and facilities we provide," Sincock said. And, "My first nephew is expected to be born in January, and I just want him to be happy and healthy."

Jennifer Frey, director of community development, thinks the planning department's been proactive and consistent. On her wish list?

"One would be the continued implementation of our township pathway system," Frey said. "(I'm) also looking forward to utilizing the new video capabilities in the community room for planning commission meetings."

Pedestrian signs and informational hand-outs for residents covering frequent questions about deck locations and sizes are other hopes.

As work wraps up on police station renovations and with another police hire on the way, Police Chief John Werth has a few things on his gift list, too.

"We've been very good girls and boys here," he said. "We've lived through a dispatch merger. We are putting up with the dust and the



Northville Township administration staff, including Sue Hillebrand, Maureen Osiecki, Maria Gardner, Nancy Malloy, Debbie Wilhelm and Chip Snider gaze at their office's Christmas tree, wondering what will be under their tree on the morning following Santa's visit.

grime and the dirt from all the construction. We are joyfully waiting for our new house."

And one more little thing: "A Michigan victory on New Year's Day in a new motor home. I want a 40-foot Diesel Pusher Coachman."

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# Lines await: return to sender

## Remedy white elephants with holiday returns

By Kim Kovellev  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

After the bow's plucked and the wrapping paper ripped, there it is: the unexpected, unwanted Christmas gift.

What do you do? Force a grin? Blurt a candid, honest response?

Chris Van Dam, owner of Van Dam's in Northville, recalled her peculiar present: "My husband bought me one year some really frilly lingerie," she said. "We had, at the time, a small child. It just was not my lifestyle. But, I didn't want to discourage him from the attempt. He was very proud."

The possibility's two days away, but there's a chance you'll also grapple with an outlandish surprise.

It may depend on who's doing the giving. Close family members or friends could be more approachable.

"That's probably more on a case-by-case basis," said Dan Jones, general manager, Twelve Oaks Mall. "I don't think there's

anybody who gives me gifts that I couldn't go to."

### Happy returns

If you're one of the lucky ones with a gift receipt, the main trick is figuring out return policies.

Rules on time frame and even tags vary widely. Kohl's, which has a Northville locale, leans toward flexibility.

"In most cases, if we sell the item, we take it back," District Manager Chris Wilkenson said. "We don't have any time frame. If you don't have a receipt, then we give our merchandise credits."

Although return lines are typically longer one to two weeks post-Christmas, the lack of a deadline leaves the luxury of waiting.

With boutiques or smaller shops, though, options might be limited.

Van Dam's, for instance, offers cash-back for 10 days. In malls, the spectrum ranges from returns and exchanges to store credit or final sales. Chain stores might also have longer lines to battle.

"We generally say make sure you ask and understanding the individual store policy," Jones said. "I would say the sooner the better."

### Grin and bear it

If a tacky turtleneck's here to stay, the reaction boils down to etiquette.

"In the present, it's important to act graciously," said Gail Majcher, clinical psychologist in Northville. "We're talking about the people's feelings. At the moment, they're excited they've given you something."

What if it's a big ticket item, and the giver wants to know if you'll truly use it?

"Then they need to be honest in a very grateful way," Majcher said. "It's OK to address that a day or two later. Again, graciously."

If it's from a boss, though, she recommends letting it go, regardless of cost.

Consider donating the item to a charity, or, if possible, passing along the Christmas turkey.

"Someone else's junk is another man's treasure," Northville writer Robin Franks said. She said she's passed items along for gag gifts and parties.

"I'll let them know," Franks said. "I'll say, 'Someone gave me this and I can't use it. Can you use it?'"

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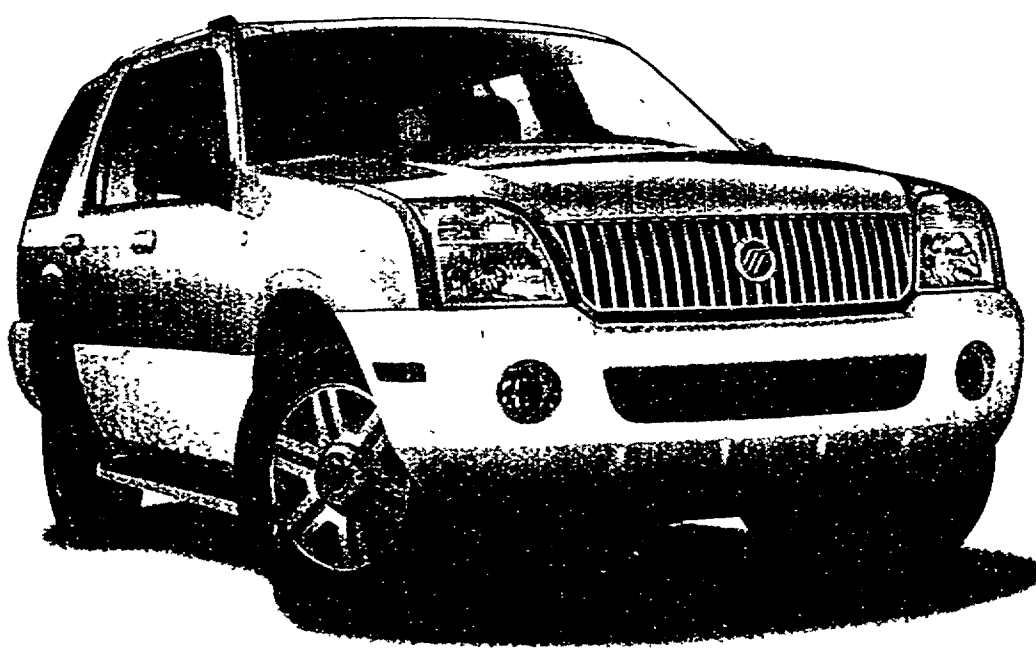
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# Community delivers the gifts for Civic Concern Christmas

By Maureen Johnston  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Winter magic swirled through Northville Township's former finance building last weekend and transformed it into Santa's workshop.

Even Frosty was dancing a jig. The scene was just what you might imagine — a crew of elves hustling packages, stacking toys and tying ribbons — under the watchful eye of the chief elf.

At the Six Mile Road location, it was Marlene Kunz, Northville Civic Concern's director, who was smiling, beaming.

Busy, busy, busy behind the long countertop, local mom Cheryl Hinds was happy to help. She and her fellow volunteers arranged in meticulous order the packages Santa presented to families Monday.

Inside might be a size 5 sweater for Megan, medium gloves for Mom or the gas card Sean needs to get him to work.

It was Christmas six years ago when Hinds, her husband and two children received a much needed bundle of holiday donations.

"My husband was very sick — word got around — Civic Concern stepped in," she said. "It was a difficult time, for the teenagers, too."

"Marlene has changed our life. Civic Concern has changed our life. We wanted to give back what was given to us."

### Giving back

This year, the local non-profit agency made Christmas merrier for 145 local families, including senior citizens, individuals and families of two to families of nine.

Volunteers stopped at Amerman, Ridge Wood and Winchester elementary schools and Our Lady of Victory church last Friday to pick up donations. Families who adopted families stopped in the township building 1-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Karen Tryciecky dropped her gifts off Saturday. "My family just felt Christmas has gotten too commercial," she said. "We have way too much. We wanted to do something for someone else."

Northville resident Roxanne Barrick in August took over for Kunz the task of supervising the Adopt-A-Family project. She matched donors with Civic Concern clients and others identified by local agencies as people who might be without a Christmas this year.

"It's just so unbelievable, the help," Barrick said. "It's an unbelievable community. I'm humbled."

### Inside the workshop

Pointing out the bags and bags of gifts lining every nook and cranny of the cubicles, offices and vault of the former bank, Barrick shed tears of awe and gratitude.

Third graders at Ridge Wood asked how they could help the Adopt-A-Family effort, she said. They colored and decorated the 145 tags the elves used to designate the parcels for each recipient.

"Those 60 little faces looking up at me... I was so proud of them," Barrick said.

It was the desire to share their Christmas spirit that prompted most of the elves to report to the Northville Pole.

Karla Ninivaggi, who recently relocated from New Jersey, called her parish to ask how she could volunteer this season. She and her daughter Kristina, a Northville High School junior, enjoyed their stint in the workshop.

"I am overwhelmed with the amount of gifts people are bringing in," Ninivaggi said. "I just cannot get over the generosity of people. This is definitely a giving year. I think people are back to the real meaning of Christmas."

Courtney Moore, a ninth grader at Mercy High School, just wanted to help. "I think my parents have taught me to give back — their actions have rubbed off on me."



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TOP: Marlene Kunz, director of Northville Civic Concern, gets a kiss from Tiffany Jordan, 10, during last Monday's party.

RIGHT: Rojean Massard sits with Santa Claus during a visit to Northville Civic Concern's holiday party last Monday. The party, held at the former township finance building on Six Mile Road, featured shopping bags full of food for the holidays and children's toys donated by Northville residents.

FAR RIGHT: Attendees of all ages stopped by the party hosted last Monday by Northville Civic Concern.

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### Closed for Christmas

For the Christmas holidays, Northville Township's municipal offices will be closed today, Dec. 23, and Friday, Dec. 24.  
On Friday, Dec. 31, offices will be closed to honor New Year's Eve.  
For more information, call township hall at (248) 348-5800.

### Holiday garbage pick-up

In Northville township, garbage pick-up will not be affected on either Christmas or New Year's. It will run Monday-Thursday, as regularly scheduled.

### Water pressure solutions

Township officials are looking to improve water pressure in an area flanked by Beck, Five Mile, Sheldon and Six Mile roads.  
Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. presented to the board of trustees Dec. 16 several main models for maximizing water flow from the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department.  
The options topping the list included a water booster station at Five Mile and Sheldon Roads and a million-gallon water storage tank at Community Park.  
Ayres gave a cost estimate of \$4.3 million, including the station, tank, valve and main installation along with fiscal, engineering and legal costs. The group noted that the area represents a quarter of the township's population and said Detroit's water costs increase 5-9 percent per year.  
The board voted 7-0 to table the issue until pending more information on the projected price, which some trustees considered high.

### Township buys excess state land

At a non-budgeted cost of \$62,000, the township Dec. 16 agreed to buy nearly one-half an

acre of excess state land at the southeast corner of Eight Mile and Haggerty roads.

The board approved the measure 7-0. Supervisor Mark Abbo and Manager Chip Snider said a cell phone tower might suit the area, which is a "dead zone" for reception. Snider was authorized to process a purchase agreement.

### Police improvements approved

New dispatch receivers and four patrol vehicles for the township's police department were unanimously approved Dec. 16 by the board of trustees.  
Police Chief John Werth reported that a "total area coverage" signal receiver system, purchased for the under-renovation station, wasn't compatible with fire station. Proper equipment for the station will cost \$32,092, but still keep the project \$22,492 under budget.

The department also will replace four patrol cars with three 2005 Ford Crown Vic Police Interceptors and one Ford Expedition, to be purchased from Signature Ford in Perry, Mich. for \$86,856. That's \$12,144 under budget.

### Year-end budget numbers

Expenditures in the township's 2004 budget increased by \$2.256 million from original expectations.  
Bringing the year's expenses to \$3.187 million, the higher-than-expected tally is due police, water and sewer, shared services and capital improvement costs.  
Expected revenue is up \$213,221 due to higher fees, interest and sundry. Township Finance Director Thelma Kubitskey said numbers will be tallied once more before the year's over.  
Township Treasurer Dick Henningsen reported that 10 percent of township taxes had been collected as of Dec. 16, totaling \$3.1 million. Kubitskey expects the number to reach about 35 percent by Dec. 31.

### Nature area plan gets OK'd

The master plan for the Coldwater Springs Nature Area received unanimous approval Dec.

16 from Northville's board of trustees.

Brought forth by the Northville Department of Parks and Recreation, the nature area, to be located on the west side of Ridge Road between Five and Six Mile roads, was approved by the planning commission Dec. 7. The plan includes a linear park to the east of Ridge Road.

The plan included pedestrian walkways and some elevated boardwalks, a shelter area and habitat enhancement near Johnson Creek.

The amount paid for developing the plan was \$15,834. The Round V Rouge Program Office Program provided 50 percent of the money and the township covered the other half.

### Roadwork irks some residents

Road improvements in the Quail Ridge subdivision are almost complete, but some residents are questioning the quality — and final cost — of the project.  
Repairs to failures in the roads' asphalt base increased the cost by

about \$5,818, according to an update by engineering company Ayres, Lewis, Norris & May, Inc. at the township's Dec. 16 board meeting.

The 12.7 percent hike means per homeowners now have to pay \$3,728 each, instead of an original \$3,308 estimate. The total project cost was about \$242,000.

In a public hearing, several residents alleged the new pavement is cracking and buckling in areas. One man said his car's undercarriage has been damaged because of roadwork.

The project began in August. The board tabled the issue 7-0.

### Project payment updates

The township board of trustees approved progress payments and changes on municipal buildings and Community Park at a Dec. 16 meeting.

Payments for the new township hall and fire headquarters and in-progress police station renovation were about \$610,217, plus another \$21,566 for hall touch-ups.

The park's monthly bill was about \$135,970. An eighth change

order called for nearly \$44,549, which largely includes clay liner for ponds and concrete work.

### Gas pipeline to expand

Consumers Energy Company is planning to expand a gas pipeline in along Five Mile Road in spring 2006, and the township's trustee board Dec. 16 granted them some wiggle room.

The company offered about \$33,400 for a 35-foot work easement, as well as \$24,150 to compensate for predominant Box Elder trees that will be cut along Community Park.

The board also voted 6-1 to recommend Consumers also help with costs to install bike path. Clerk Sue Hillebrand dissented.

### Infor gets 'grape' partner

Infor Global Solutions, which has a Northville office, announced Dec. 16 that it's forged a partnership with GrapeCity, Inc.

The goal is to strengthen Infor's position in the Asia Pacific market as a global provider of enterprise software solutions for select manu-

facturing and distribution industries.

As a partner, GrapeCity, an international software and services company, will help Infor establish a network of trained and certified consultants, re-sellers and implementers in China for Infor's products. The focus will be automotive and discrete manufacturing industries.

Infor's township address is 41780 Six Mile Rd.

### ZF names Benz VP, CFO

Matthias Benz recently was appointed vice president and chief financial officer of the ZF Group North American Operations, located in Northville, and ZF Sachs Automotive.

Benz will take over his positions Jan. 1, 2005, moving on from a current role in ZF's corporate development/mergers and acquisitions department. He'll be moving from Friedrichshafen, Germany to Northville.

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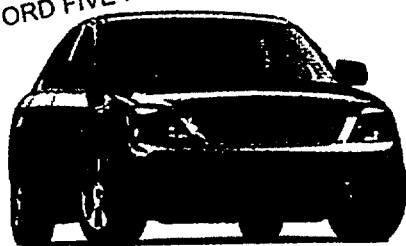
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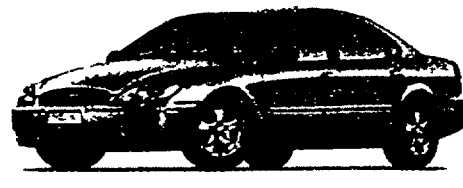
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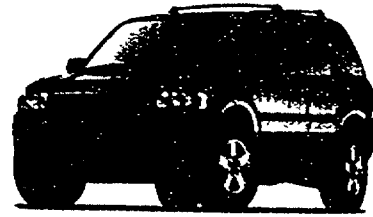
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## Who's been naughty?

With the Christmas season in full swing, holiday shoppers are in a mad rush to find just the right thing for that special someone on their gift list. For those who are ready to wrap the big gifts, how about a new armoire for the family television — originally priced at \$425, now available for only \$295. The natural oak cabinet has two doors and adjustable shelves to make room for the family DVD and VCR players.

Or if you're looking to give something more practical, why not a nice pair of black, "pucker moc" Oxford shoes with soft, full-grain leather upper and thick, cushioned wedge outsole, reduced half-price to just \$8.

### Jack Faris

Unless you're shopping on behalf of federal agencies such as the Department of Homeland Security or the Pentagon, don't expect to get your hands on these bargains. They are just some of the items available at a clearance sale going on now at Unicor, also known as Federal Prison Industries (FPI), a corporation that is wholly owned by the federal government.

Created 70 years ago to help rehabilitate inmates, FPI has taken full advantage of cheap prison labor and protected status to become a huge operation that enjoys an unfair advantage over our nation's small businesses. In 2002, this monopoly ran 111 factories that benefited from the work of more than 20,000 prisoners who were paid a sub-minimum wage (\$1.23 per hour or less). Over 300 products and services were produced by federal prisoners, totaling nearly \$680 million in sales to the federal government in 2002.

With cheap labor and exempt from many mandates small businesses must comply with every day, FPI provides clothing and textiles — including custom-made draperies and curtains — vehicle repair, industrial products, office furniture, recycling and a variety of services such as printing.

Surely, among the millions of small businesses in America, the government could find a few that meet its requirements to produce these goods and provide these services. Instead, denied the ability to fairly compete, small businesses have found the walls of government contracting too high to scale. Since FPI was given preferential status in the government procurement process, federal agencies have been locked into buying only from Unicor even if a small-business owner could provide the service or product cheaper, faster, and of better quality — a disservice to small business and to taxpayers forced to pay more money for goods and services.

Dayton, Ohio, businesswoman and NFIB member Bobbie Gentile, in testimony before Congress, confirmed that the bidding process for government contracts excluded small firms. Her firm, Q-Mark Inc., a manufacturer's representative company offering the services of 15 small businesses, was automatically shut out of the bidding process even though the price she offered was lower than FPI's. She told lawmakers, "In all cases, my price was lower than the price offered by FPI."

Congress, however, has been paying attention. They may not have wrapped it in pretty paper, but in early December, lawmakers passed and the president signed a bill that bans FPI from locking out small businesses from federal government contracts. For American small-business owners, it's one of the most sought after gifts on their wish lists: the ability to compete for business that for too long has automatically been awarded to those who have been naughty rather than nice.

Jack Faris is president of the National Federation of Independent Business, the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. More information is available on-line at [www.NFIB.com](http://www.NFIB.com).

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## Restaurant offers taste of Southwest

Advertorial

You don't have to travel to sunny Mexico or even to downtown Detroit for the genuine flavor of the Southwest. Just come to La Casa del Rio Grande located on Grand River Avenue in new Hudson for authentic Mexican cuisine. You won't find the traditional cookie cutter food served by the chains at this local restaurant.

"There's nowhere else in the area to get this type of food," explains owner Dawn Salvati, who's proud of their authentic cuisine. "It's downtown Mexican food, not Americanized."

The festive atmosphere at La Casa del Rio Grande sets the tone for fun and casual dining. Colorful blankets and sombreros are part of the cheerful décor. It's a friendly atmosphere, so go ahead and use your fingers, invites the menu.

"It's family dining that's fun and casual. You can dress up if you want, but you can come as you are and bring the whole family," Salvati said.

Everyone is invited to come home for the holidays to the "house on Grand River," that's La Casa del Rio Grande in Spanish. The restaurant is open on Christmas eve and New Year's eve but closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

Patrons don't need to brush up on their high school Spanish either as the menu explains everything in English. Salvati or her staff will be happy to guide folks through the menu and the first basket of tortilla chips with salsa is on the house.

### Come for delicious lunch or dinner

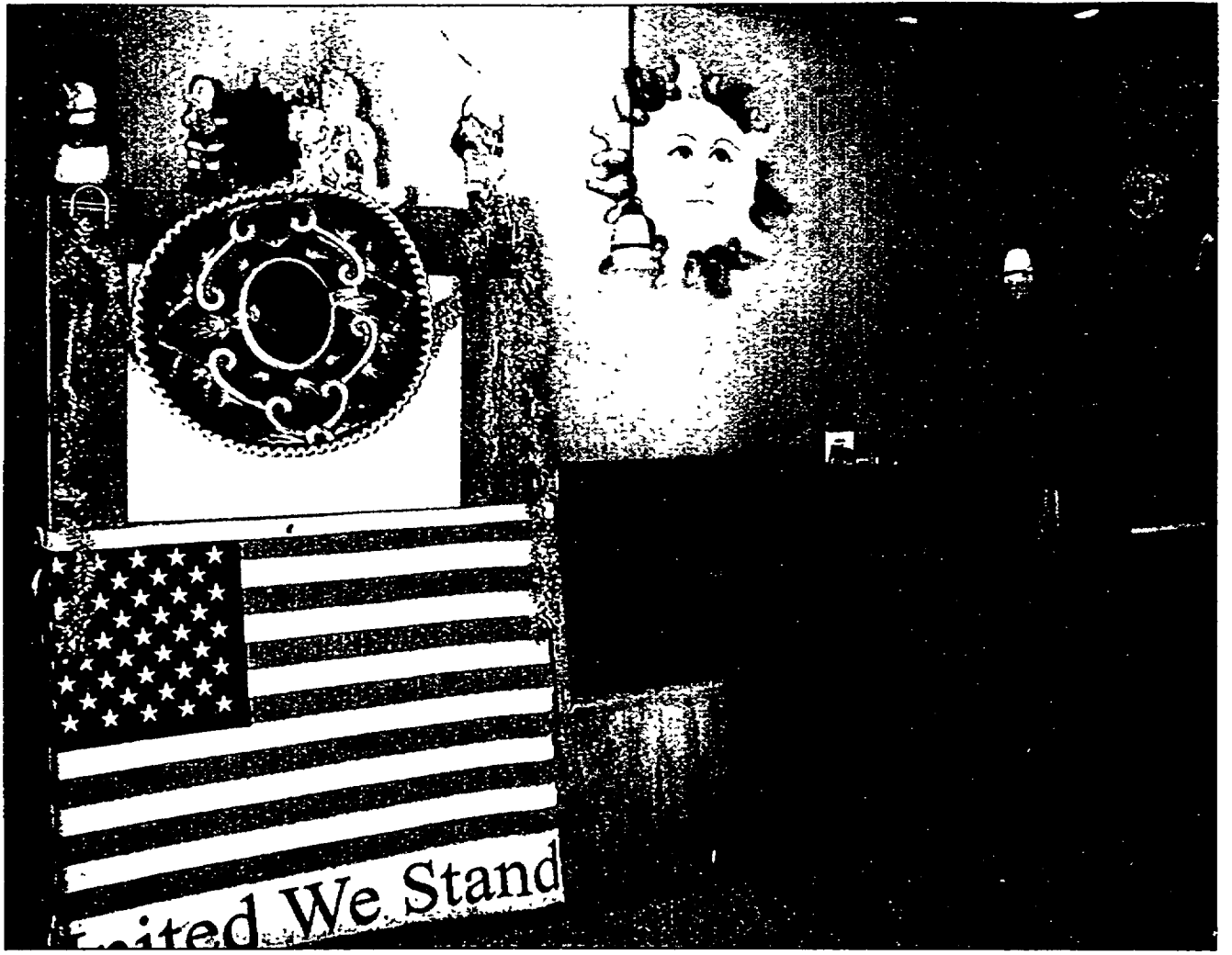
La Casa del Rio Grande offers something for everyone in the family serving lunch and dinner six days a week with a variety of Mexican appetizers, lunch and dinner specials, desserts and a full-service bar for their patrons.

Why not try one of its favorite lunch specials offered Monday through Friday, such as Mexican Pizza. It's made with two fried flour tortillas with your favorite meat inside and topped with cheese and vegetables.

"The food is not overly spicy or hot but we'll make it hotter upon your request," Salvati said. "For those who don't have much time for lunch, our service is extremely fast and you don't have to wait long."

Better yet, call ahead and your order will be waiting for you when you arrive, she added. Carry-out and pre-orders are encouraged for customers with little time for lunch.

Try starting with one of their many appetizers, such as the customer favorite, Mexican Flaming Cheese without the fire. They recently introduced the new Chicken Tortilla soup, a consume with black beans and vegetables.



Photos by DUANE RAMSEY

The sun always shines at La Casa del Rio Grande with the popular decoration hanging on the wall at the authentic Mexican restaurant.

The selection of entrees features chimichanga platters, fajitas, enchiladas and burritos with all dinners including beans and rice. "We have the best fajitas in town," said Salvati.

Pedro's stacked sandwich. It starts with three flour tortillas layered with rice, refried beans and your choice of tender diced pork, shredded beef or chicken, and topped with melted muenster cheese and jalapeños on requests.

Can't decide which to have? Why not try the Don Pedro sampler that comes with a ground beef taco, enchilada, shredded beef flauta, ground beef tostada, beans and rice. Or the Rio Grand sampler includes a chicken taco, ground beef enchilada, small pork chimichanga, beans and rice.

Another favorite is the seafood salad, a fresh garden salad topped with shrimp, crab meat, avocados, tomatoes, onions, olives and muenster cheese. On Mondays, they offer all tacos you can eat at \$7.25 for corn and \$8.25 for fried flour tacos.

The chef's take great pride in preparing unique dinner specials created Monday through Saturday with a different special each night. Early bird specials are available from 3 to 5 p.m. when patrons buy one dinner and

receive the second at half price.

Affordable prices make it a great place to bring the family. Adult dinners average about \$7.50 and kids' meals are \$3.50 including beverage. Tuesdays and Saturdays are kid's days when meals are just \$2.99 including the meal with a drink and ice cream for dessert.

La Casa del Rio Grande is happy to accommodate special needs and requests, she added. Most items are easily adaptable to a low carbohydrate diet, so just request it from your server.

"Mexican food is great for low carb diets. You just have to cut down on the beans, rice and tortillas," Salvati said.

The restaurant recently introduced "smoke free nights" in the dining room on Friday and Saturday. On those nights, patrons are allowed to smoke at the bar or on the patio when weather permits.

"Be sure to save room for dessert because our desserts are awesome," said Salvati. "We recently added three new desserts to the menu."

Turtle Ice Cream Cake includes vanilla ice cream rippled with caramel, praline pecans on a dark chocolate cookie crust.

Chocolate Peanut Butter Cake surrounds chocolate cake with peanut butter mousse icing, dripping with ganache and heaped with crushed Reese's peanut butter cups.

Xango features cheesecake inside flour tortillas, deep fried to golden brown and served with ice cream, cinnamon and sugar topping and whipped cream.

### Special events and promotions

Families pack the place on clown night held once a month when local clown, Jannie Annie entertains patrons from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturday nights. Mark your calendars for upcoming clown dates on Jan. 15, Feb. 19 and March 19 and Salvati suggests calling ahead for reservations.

"We have a regular crowd on clown night and Jannie Annie knows everyone," said Salvati.

For those looking for a night out, they have a full-service bar with a large selection of both American and Mexican beer. Happy hour prices are available on beer and alcoholic drinks from 3 to 7 p.m. daily.

Monthly beer specials offer special prices on domestic and imported beer, available only in bottles. In December, MGD, Miller and Miller Lite are on special for \$2 per bottle. The January special features Dos Equis Amber and Special Lager imported from Mexico for \$2.25 per bottle.

They also offer liquor promotions and drink specials. In January, the special will be Willaniese Coffee, a blend of vodka, hazelnut liqueur, kahlua, Irish cream and coffee.

Wednesdays and Sundays are "Margarita Days" when all house margaritas are available at happy hour prices. The house specialty, a margarita called the Spyder, is Dawn's special recipe made with citrus tequila.

"We have the best margaritas in town," she insists.

Check out La Casa del Rio Grande's web site at [www.riogrande-restaurant.com](http://www.riogrande-restaurant.com) for the dates of special promotions. Patrons are encouraged to sign up for the Email Club on the web site or at the restaurant to receive coupons and updates on promotions.

"The closing of Putters Restaurant (a nearby competitor at Grand River and Milford Road) actually hurt our business. Their traffic helped us when they were open," said Salvati.

They want to attract more people going to stores and restaurants at Lyon Town Center at Milford Road and I-96. Just follow Lyon Center Drive across Milford Road and around to La Casa del Rio Grande where the drive ends on Grand River.

"More people are coming from Detroit since Don Pedro's

### AT A GLANCE

■ La Casa del Rio Grande is located at 57721 Grand River Avenue in New Hudson. Just west of Milford Road on Grand River or follow the loop Lyon Center Drive from Wal-Mart across Milford Road and around to Grand River.  
Call (248) 446-7700 or Fax (248) 446-7701  
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■ Hours are Monday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
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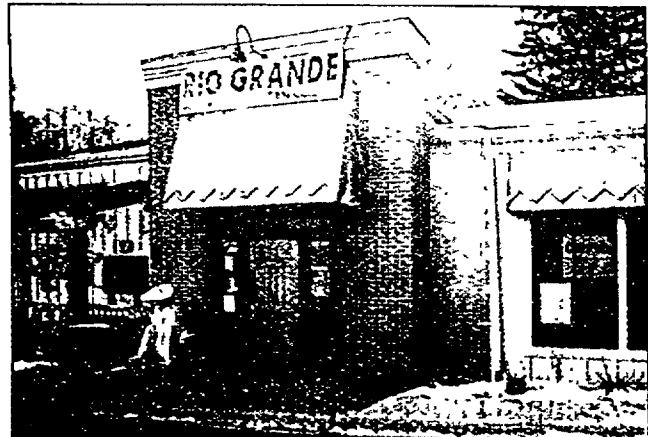
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New Year's Eve: 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.  
New Year's Day: Closed

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closed there," Salvati said of the former Mexican restaurant owned by her ex-husband Tom. "It's easy for people to find since we're right off I-96 at Milford Road and a quarter mile west on Grand River."

La Casa del Rio Grande is not just a restaurant to owner Dawn Salvati who grew up on the family's former home on that property. That's why the name of the restaurant, "the house of Grande River," is so appropriate.

"It's a small-town family atmosphere where my aunt, mother, and two children, Samantha and Carmen, all work," Salvati said



Come home for the holidays to La Casa del Rio Grande conveniently located on Grand River Avenue just west of Milford Road off I-96 in New Hudson.

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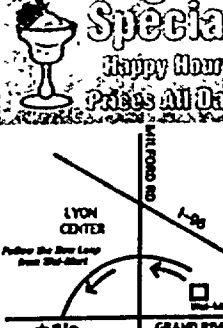
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## The hang-ups of placing pictures on the wall

By Gene Gary  
 COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

**Q.** What is the best method of hanging pictures on drywall? Should I use nails, screws or what, to cause the least damage. The pictures range from 3 to 20 pounds.

**A.** Whenever possible, attach an item that has any significant weight to a stud. You can locate studs with an electronic stud finder, or try tapping the wall lightly with your knuckles or a hammer wrapped in cloth and listen for a solid (dull thud) rather than a hollow sound.

### Here's How

Locate one stud, and you'll usually find the others 16 or 24 inches apart on center. This spacing can vary if a door or window partition is on the wall, and the studs are doubled. Lag bolts and hanger bolts are ideal when attaching to a stud, but nails or long screws will also work. Drill a pilot hole when using screws.

For metal studs, use sheet metal screws; drill up to the stud, dent it with a center punch and drill a small pilot hole that is half the width of your screw's diameter. Use a No. 4 screw for light loads and up to a No. 8 for heavier loads.

To do it all in one step, install self-drilling metal stud screws with an electric drill.

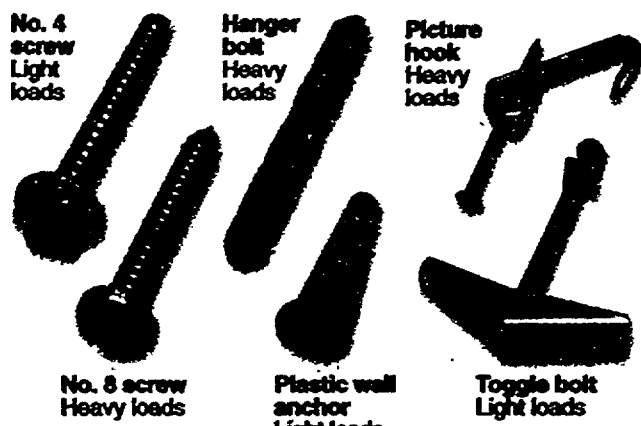
For heavy items such as a cabinet, heavy mirror or 20-pound picture, install a board horizontally between studs using lag bolts. Then screw the object to the board or use sturdy hooks screwed into the board for hanging the item. For each lag bolt, drill a hole in the board slightly larger than the bolt's diameter. Then use the hole as a guide to drill a hole into the stud that's slightly smaller than the bolt's diameter.

You can also attach a heavy load using hanger bolts. You screw a hanger bolt into a stud. Then use a nut on the machine threaded end of the bolt to attach the load or a hook for it. To

### HOME HOW-TO

#### Picture-perfect fasteners

For the most bang out of each hang, use the appropriate strength hook, screw or bolt.



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install a hanger bolt, drill a pilot hole and screw it in with locking-grip pliers on its unthreaded mid-section.

To mount light loads between studs on a plaster or plasterboard wall, use hollow-wall anchors or toggle bolts. Reserve plastic anchors for very light loads. The more hollow-wall fasteners you use to hold an object, the lighter the load on each fastener. For all but the lightest loads, try to use at least two fasteners for each item you put up.

The length of the hollow-wall anchors or toggle bolts you need depends on the thickness of the wall.

To determine a wall's thickness, drill a small hole in it, then bend a thin, stiff wire into a hook and curve the hook through the hole. Pull the hook against the inside of the wall and mark the wire at the point it comes out of the wall. Remove the hook and measure between the end of the hook and your mark.

To install a hollow-wall anchor, drill a hole the same size as the anchor; then insert the anchor and tighten the screw to flatten the end of the anchor against the inside of the wall. After that, you can take but and

put in the screw as often as you like. A toggle bolt holds an object more securely than a hollow-wall anchor. But a toggle bolt is trickier to install. You must drill a hole large enough for its folded wings to pass through, and you must attach the object (the hook) to the toggle bolt before you put the bolt into the wall. Once the bolt is installed, you can't move it without losing the winged toggle inside the wall.

For anything weighing more than 5 pounds, be sure that the hanging wire is securely fastened to the object. For standard pictures, use a screw eye on each side of the frame, positioned one-third of the way down from the top of the frame. Cut the hanging wire 8 inches longer than the frame's width. Slip one end through a screw eye, pull it out 4 inches, slip it through again, then twist the short end tightly around the main wire. Repeat with the other screw eye.

If the frame is extra heavy, put two screw eyes on each side and use two picture hooks, either installed into the studs or nailed into a board which is secured to two studs, bridging the distance between them.

**Q.** I have a roll-top desk that is in good condition, except for the top which sticks. Is there anyway I can fix this, or do I need professional help?

**A.** The rolling part of your desk is actually a tambour — a flexible sliding shutter. The tambour is a series of closely set wooden ribs. They are glued to a backing of strong cloth, and move in guiding grooves. Tambours that are capable of moving in their tracks, but do not respond to fingertip pressure, can usually be fixed easily. What usually has happened is that the framework in which the track or groove is cut has moved out of alignment. It often only needs the slightest shift in position to hinder a smooth passage of the tambour.

To tackle a stubborn roll-top, first make sure that the desk stands firm and all joints are tight. Then remove the back-board. You can then unscrew, from the inside, the leader or bar that houses the lock, to which the handle and pull are attached. Once detached, the tambour can be passed through the back of the desk. By looking along the edges of the slats and inside the grooves, it should be easy to spot the areas of excess friction.

Try reducing any high spots, using a chisel for the grooves, a wood rasp for the slats and a low-angled block plane for trimming the end grain. Try another fitting of the tambour to see if it now moves comfortably. Paraffin applied along the edges will provide a smoother run, or you can use silicone spray lubricant, to facilitate the glide.

While the tambour is out, inspect its backing. See if the fabric is threadbare. Where necessary, the backing should be reinforced with patches of lightweight canvas prior to re-installing.

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## No vice here: Put your collections on proud display

**Q.** I have a secret "vice." I collect everything! I'm not kidding ... there are closets filled with shells, with Victorian paperweights, bird decoys, miniature chairs ... I can blame my grandmother, who left me enough stuff to launch my career as a collector. The problem now is that I'm getting re-married in six months and will be merging my household with my fiancée's.

### Decor Store

Should I just call in an appraiser and divest myself of my collections, or is there a way to bring them out in the open - tastefully?

**A.** It would be a tragedy to keep your "vice" a secret any longer. Collecting can be a compulsion, yes, but what we collect has a lot to say about who we are and what we cherish. Assuming you have kept your grandmother's legacy because you like the things she passed along, I'd urge you to come out of the closet, so to speak, and put your collections on proud display.

How you do that depends on what you are dealing with. In the rich and interesting room we show here, an avid collector puts every available space to work showing off his diverse collections.

The glass cabinet holds an old railroad lantern and seashells he's

been gathering since childhood. The shells look perfectly at-home, since he lives in Nantucket, Mass. (We borrowed the photo from a lovely new book called "At Home in Nantucket" by Lisa McGee, published by Chronicle Books).

In his charming little island cottage, the Victorian pieces also fit cozily. Paintings crowd the walls in pleasing profusion; art objects include a handmade checker set, ivory ball and stained glass at the windows. In all, it's a merry mix that reflects the personality of the person who lives here.

Of course, if your fiancée has collections of her own, you'll have to share display space. Use the approach museum curators must follow, and take turns rotating your treasures in — and out — of sight. That way you, too, will be able to look at even old favorites with a fresh eye.

**Q.** I just helped clean out a late friend's home and was appalled at how much used clothing, curtains, linens and other fabrics we had to throw away. It wasn't good enough to give to a charity so we just put it in the garbage, thence to the landfill. It's easy to see why we're running out of landfill space - my friend had a pile of old clothes as tall as I, and she was just one person. Isn't there a better way to deal with fabrics?

**A.** The original recyclers, rag pickers, are still with us, you know, sorting and reselling old fabrics to be made into quality rag paper or recycled into fabrics that are labeled "reclaimed."

Is there a better way? One home furnishings company thinks it has found it: Rowe Furniture recently introduced a group of upholstered pieces called "The Earth & Element Collection" because it's made, they say, of all eco-friendly materials. The upholstery fabrics themselves are borrowed from casual wearing apparel; the fibers that fill the cushions are a trademarked fiberfill material called Ingeo fiber that is made from corn through a process developed by Cargill Dow. The company claims that Ingeo is the first man-made fiber from a 100 percent annually renewable resource: fermented plant sugars that can be composted so they fully degrade into natural ingredients.

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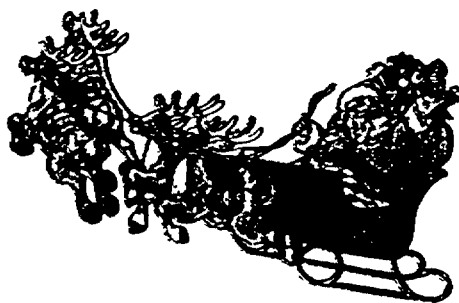


This living room leaves no doubt that an avid collector lives here.

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**MAJOR POSSIBILITIES** - Attention investors, don't miss out on the opportunity to own this one! 3 bedroom, one bath two story in a great area of Wayne. Home is being sold as is. Call for details. \$110,000 (832AS)



**COMPLETE PACKAGE** - This Livonia beauty has everything you need for peace of mind. New maple kitchen, new roof, carpet, cement work, doors, fixtures and updated baths. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. Come take a look. \$212,900 (905HA)



**PRIVATE RETREAT** - Custom built on a 2.82 acre lot with a beautiful view. Beautiful custom workmanship throughout, finished walkout w/ full bath, bar, and breezeway leading to the 1500 sq. ft. glass enclosed pool room. A rare beauty \$1,199,000 (141SA)



**THE PERFECT CONTEMPORARY** - Almost 4000 sq. ft. 2 story great room w/ floor to ceiling fireplace & arch sunburst 3 tier double windows overlooking awesome backyard with deck & sunken hot tub. \$547,770 (974CO)



**BUSY LOCATION** - Almost 11,000 sq. ft. this property has very diverse possibilities. Split into 3 addresses all w/separated utilities so you can use it all or rent out a portion. Paved parking. Land contract terms available. \$725,000 (073MI)



**EXCLUSIVE WOODS OF EDENDERRY** - This splendid 3800 sq. ft. Cape Cod has a luxurious 1st floor master, 3 more bedrooms upstairs, an uncompromising floor plan & design features you'll love. A must see! \$678,500 (199ST)



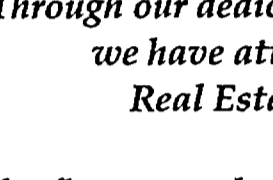
**NATURE'S CALLING!** Option to purchase this country colonial on 10 or 4.25 acres in a growing area w/excellent property appreciation. Horse barn, pastures, and plenty of room for horses or hobbies. Close to S. Lyon High School. \$449,500-659,000 (464DI)



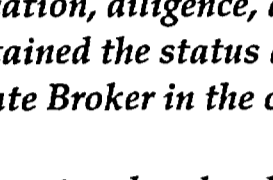
**CHIC CONTEMPORARY** - Exclusive Hillsborough sub. Superb 2-story w/ formal areas, volume ceilings, fireplace & custom window treatments. Luxury master w/glamour bath & island kit. w/bay window. \$315,000 (059CA)



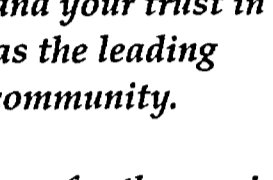
**NATURE IS YOUR NEIGHBOR** - Pleasant brick colonial on a large private lot. Formal dining, hardwood floors & Berber carpet. Bright kitchen and great location with Northville schools make this an outstanding value. \$274,900 (174EM)



**POTTERY BARN PERFECT** - This totally updated home near Divine Child is superb. De Guilio kitchen, full finished basement with a bath, Anderson windows, paver patio, oversized garage, and an enormous 480 square foot master! WOW! \$229,900 (641DR)



**UNPARALLELED APPEAL** - Novi colonial with wooded views on an x-large lot and premium elevation. Beautiful landscaping w/ deck & paver patio, formal living areas, bonus rm., and nice master. \$339,900 (951CR)



**PRESTIGIOUS NORTH POINTE** - Custom model home with over 3500 sq. ft., 4 beds, 3.5 baths and a 3 car garage. 18 ft. ceilings, many built ins and custom touches throughout. Study, finished basement & luxury master. \$439,000 (140NO)



**CHARMING CAPE COD** - Luxuriate in the comfort of a first floor master with a deluxe bath. Eat-in oak kitchen, great room with cozy fireplace, study with bay window, finished basement, sprinklers - they don't come much nicer than this! \$294,900 (141CO)



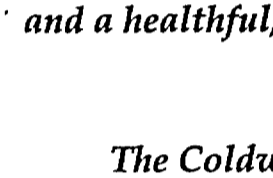
**BROOKFIELD VILLAGE** - Beautiful 2-story with 4BR/2.5BA and less than a year old! Upgrades include central vac, marble fireplace, sprinkler system, cathedralled master, add'l electrical outlets and more. Over 2000 square feet. \$269,900 (348ET)



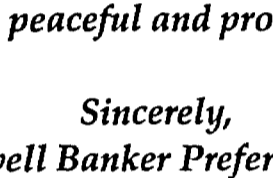
**NEED A LOT OF ROOM?** This gorgeous colonial offers 5 beds, 3 full baths and over 2100 square feet of living space. Lots of updates, cozy stone fireplace, basement, garage and close to the elementary school. \$192,900 (811TH)



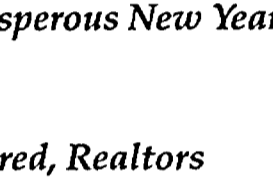
**NOVI'S OLDE ORCHARD** - Desirable condo with 3 bedrooms and 1.5 baths. New laminate hardwood floors, carpeting, appliances, white kitchen cabinets, large patio, clubhouse, pool and more. Close to freeways and malls. \$141,500 (604OL)



**GROUND FLOOR CONDO** - Ranch condo with an open floor plan, basement and garage in Plymouth now available for immediate occupancy. 2 beds and 2 baths, fireplace, common pool and tennis. \$179,000 (960PL)



**FABULOUS FERDALE** - Close to downtown with 4BR/2BA and an updated kitchen w/appliances. Formal living areas, 1st floor bedrm. w/doorwall to deck and hot tub. Finished basement, fenced yard and many updates. Awesome opportunity \$189,900 (250BR)



**DEARBORN HEIGHTS RANCH** - Neat and clean brick ranch that has been tastefully updated with an oak kitchen, remodeled bath, new windows, finished basement with a full kitchen and bath. Really nice, call for details \$142,000 (283FE)



**HORSE BARN & 4 ACRES** - Are offered with this 3 bedroom, 3 bath home in Insoo. Finished basement w/rec. room, heated garage, appliances stay, barn equipped with water and electric. Call for details. \$239,900 (651RI)



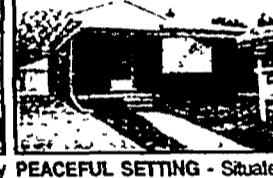
**COMFORT & CONVENIENCE** - Room to stretch in this 4BR/2.5BA home backing to trees in a private backyard. Lovingly and meticulously cared for. List of updates available. Priced with you in mind \$234,900 (414PR)



**MAINTENANCE FREE LIVING** - Cute updated ranch with 3 beds, 1.5 baths. Newer big ticket items like: furnace, AC, HWH, tear off roof and fresh paint inside & out! Finished basement too! Pack your bags and get ready to move in on this great value \$139,900 (820EU)



**INVESTOR SPECIAL** - Brick ranch with 2 beds and a 3rd in the lower level. Featuring a new HWH, 2 car garage & partially finished basement. This home needs a little TLC to make it special! Hardwood floors, new electrical & great area. \$87,500 (625AR)



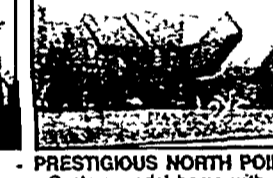
**SUPER SHARP & UNIQUE** - Multi level condo in Novi. Master w/WIC & balcony. Dining room w/mirrored wall overlooking the living room w/ fireplace. White kitchen w/ appliances, finished basement, deck & attached garage. \$174,900 (479CO)



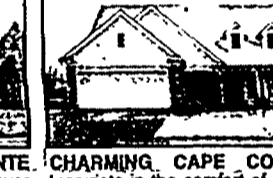
**ALL THE BELLS & WHISTLES** - Amenities galore in this wonderfully updated colonial. Gourmet kitchen, fireplace w/ marble surround, master w/jetted tub - features you would normally find in a home twice it's price. \$205,000 (856LY)



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**COBBLESTONE VILLAGE** - Desirable location, larger lot in the sub. Boasting 3BR/2.5BA, central air, natural fireplace, formal dining, attached garage and a partially finished basement. Many updates, call for more info. \$225,000 (366LA)



**FIRST TIME BUYERS!** Great opportunity for home ownership in this brick ranch on a quiet street in Redford. Situated on a large lot with 3 bedrooms, new windows, furnace, AC, electrical, doors & more. \$104,900 (422OR)



**BUILT IN 2003!** Lovely 3 bedroom Cape Cod Condo with an attached 2 car garage. Master on main floor, 2 additional bedrooms on the second level. Loft overlooks LR with fireplace. Full basement and deck overlooking the fountain. \$224,900 (250CA)



**EVERYTHING YOU NEED** - Is right here in this brick ranch with 3 bedrooms, a nice updated kitchen with oak cabinets, refinished hardwood floors, a partially finished basement, 2 car garage, deck and more. Nice family neighborhood. \$144,900 (784AR)



**OPEN CONCEPT** - Super sharp 2 bedroom condo with 1.5 baths, newer carpet, kitchen floor and paint. Master with balcony and whirlpool tub. Private patio, common pool and clubhouse. Great location. \$91,900 (124JA)



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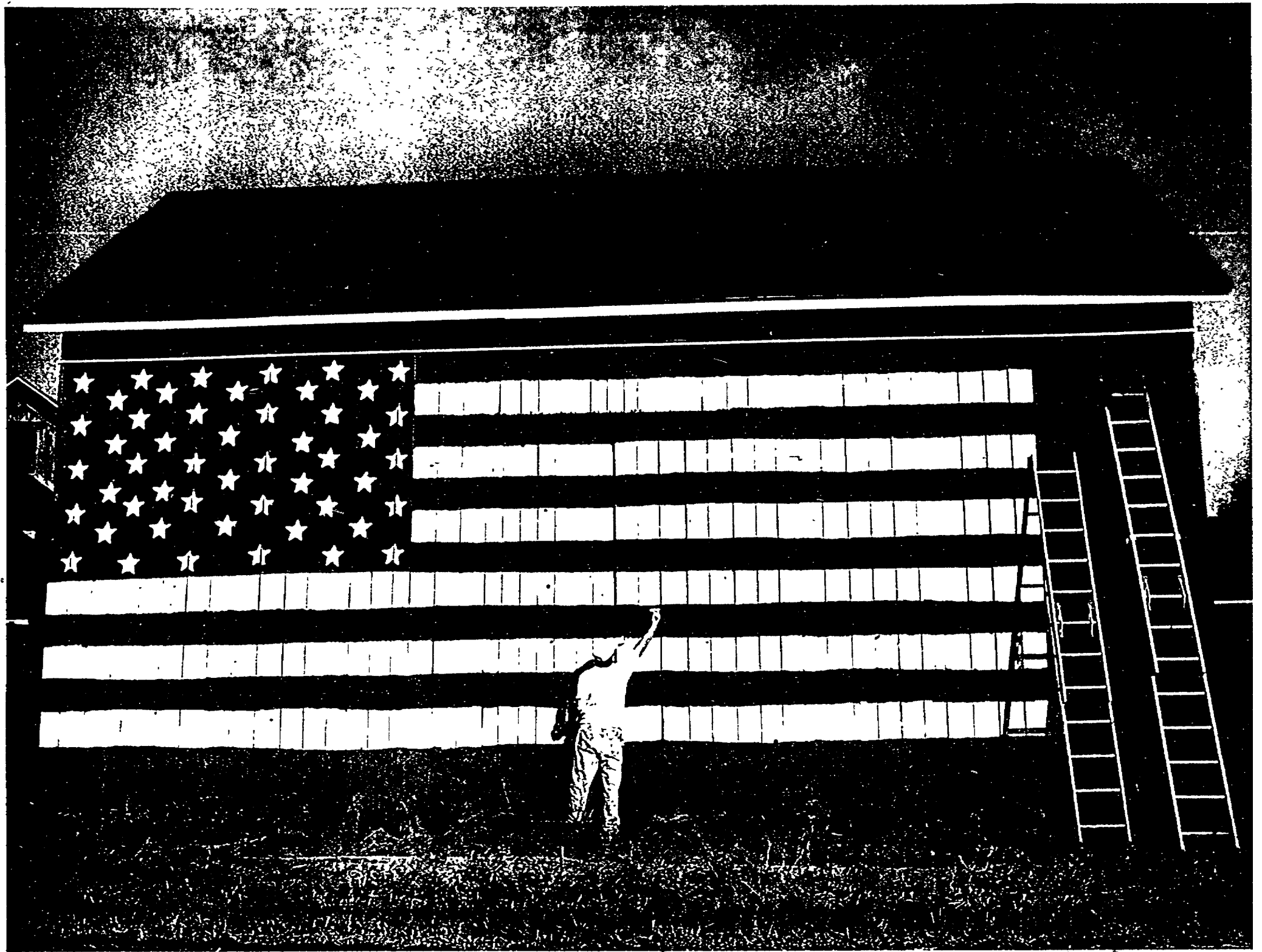
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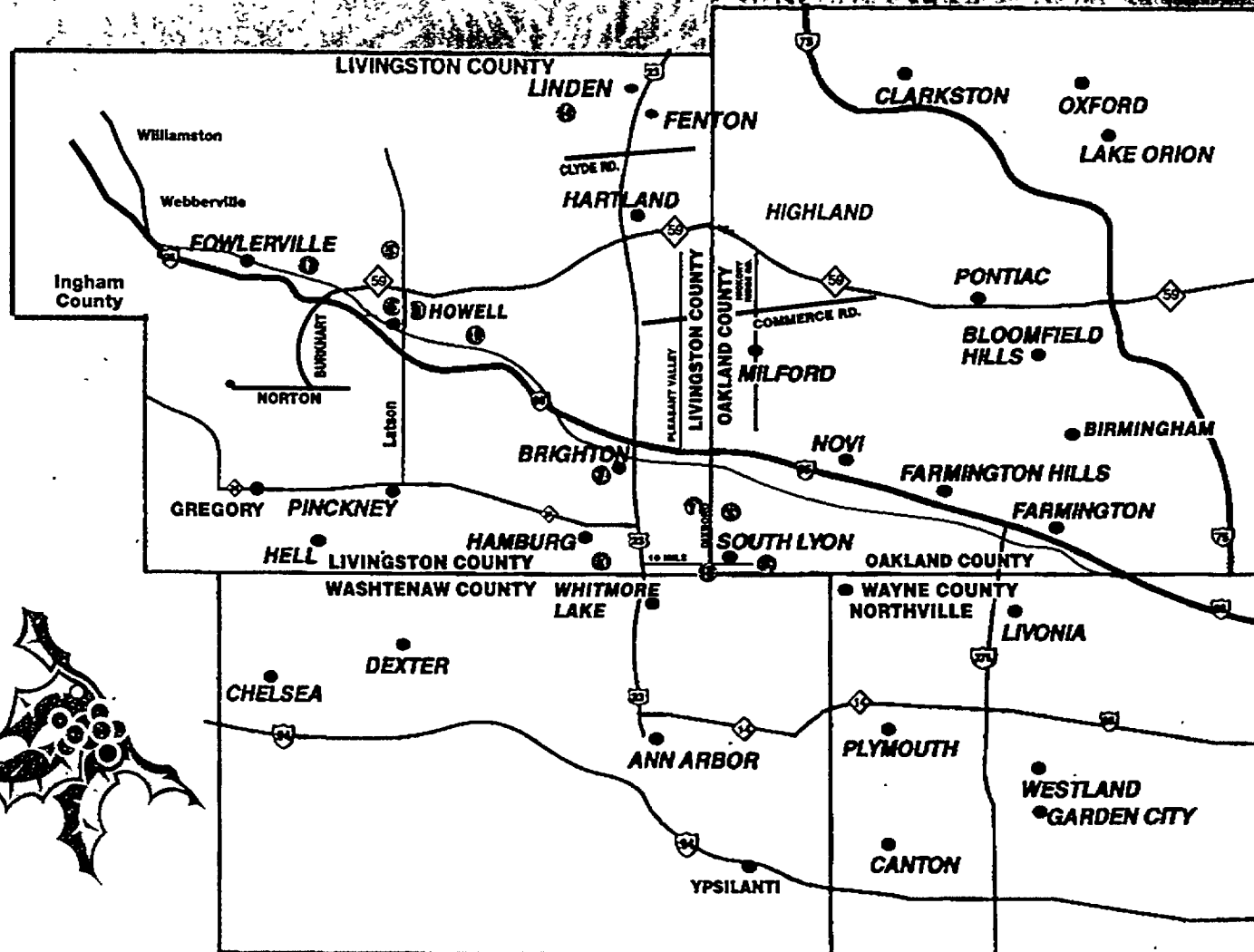
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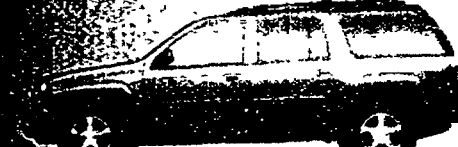
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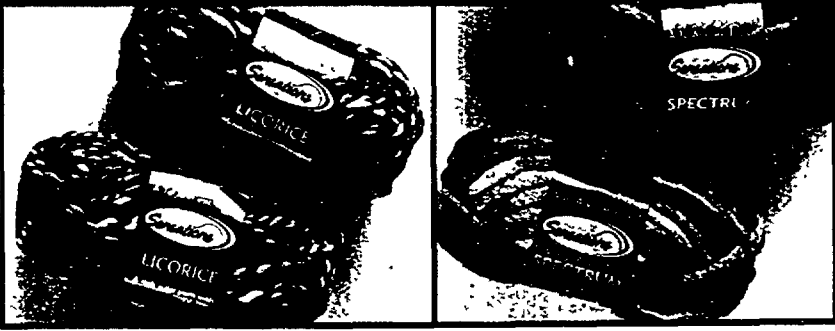


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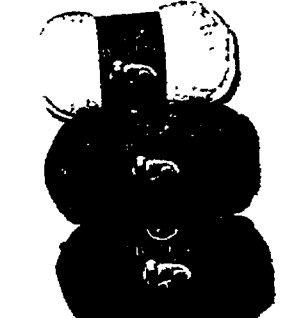
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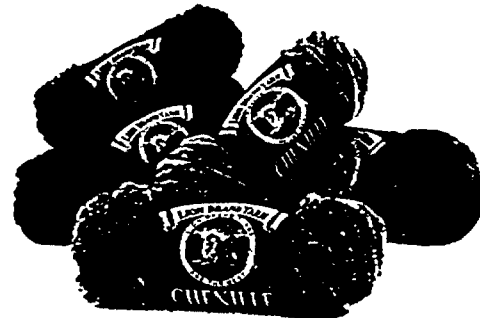
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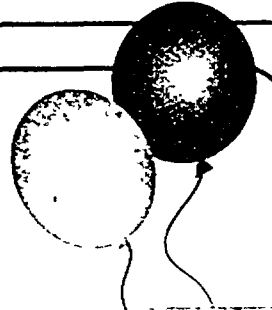


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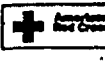
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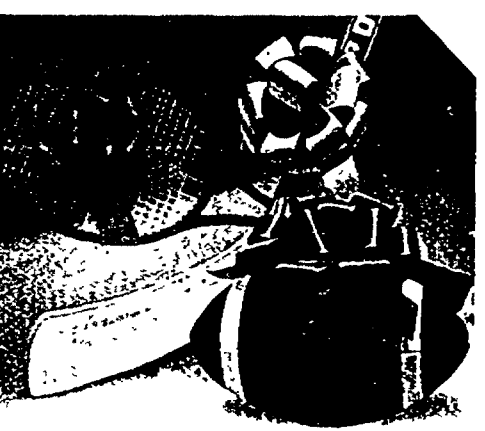
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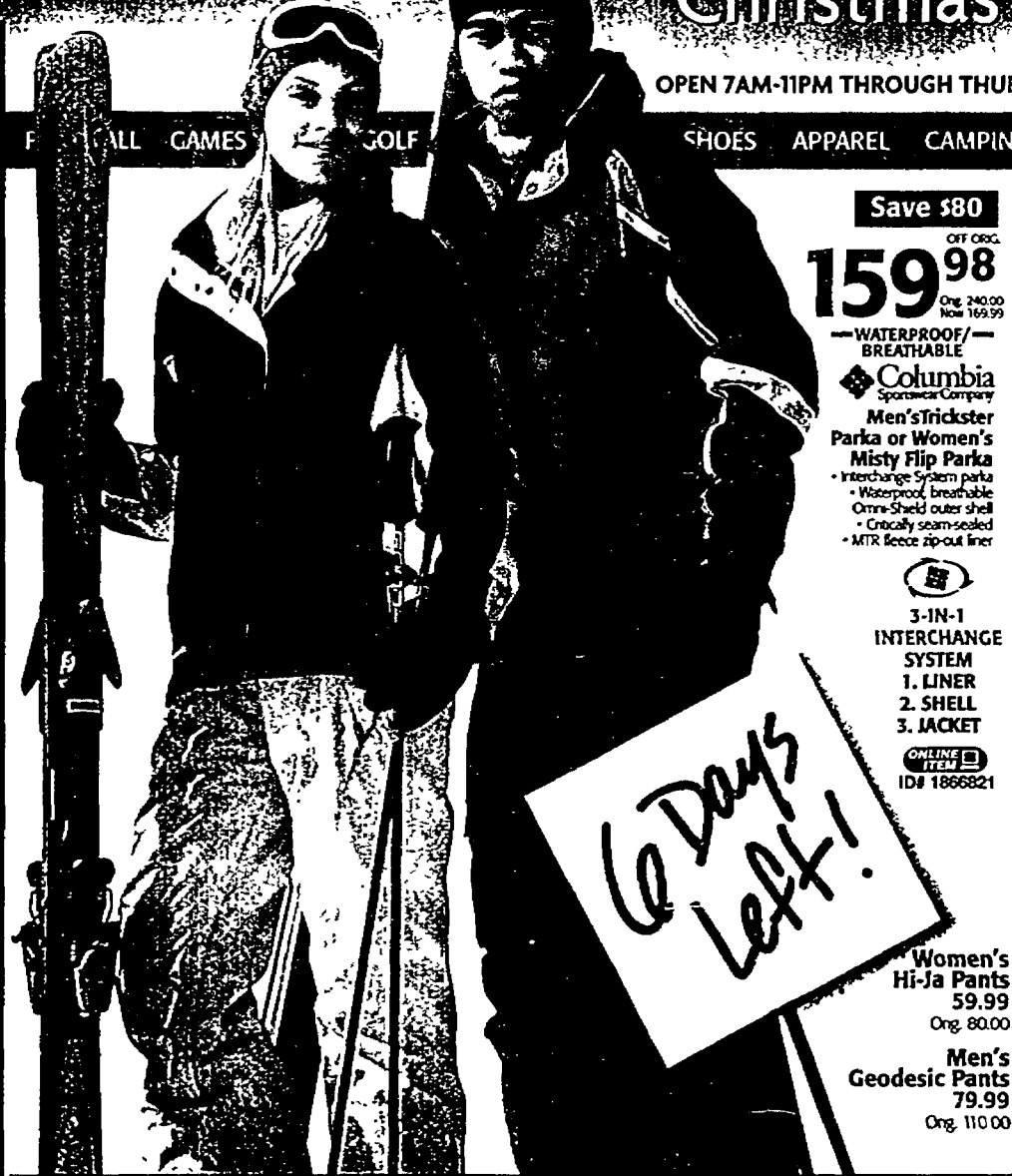
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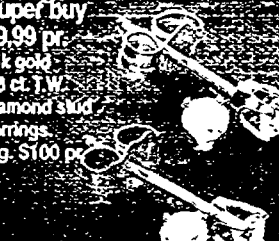
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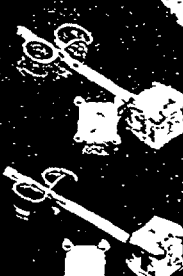


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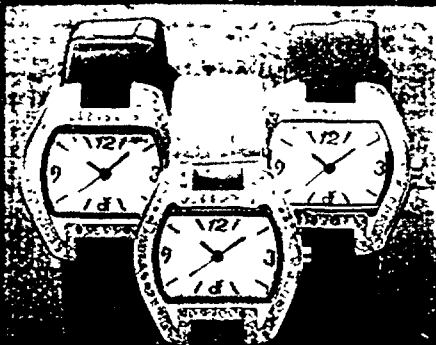
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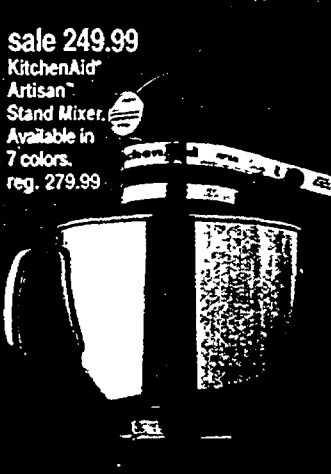
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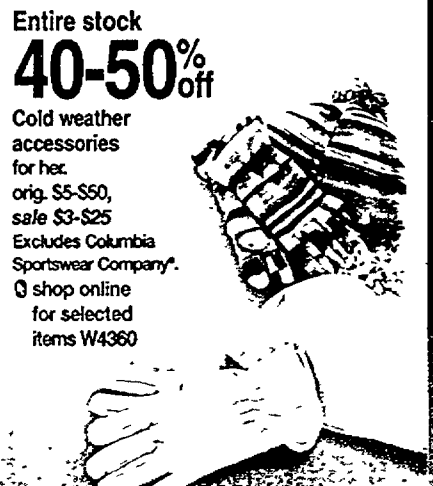
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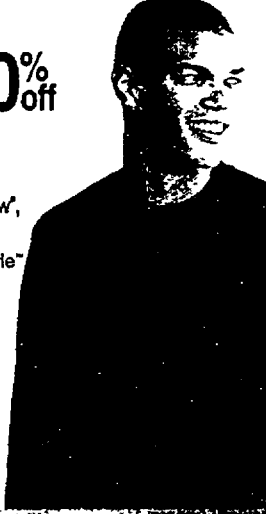
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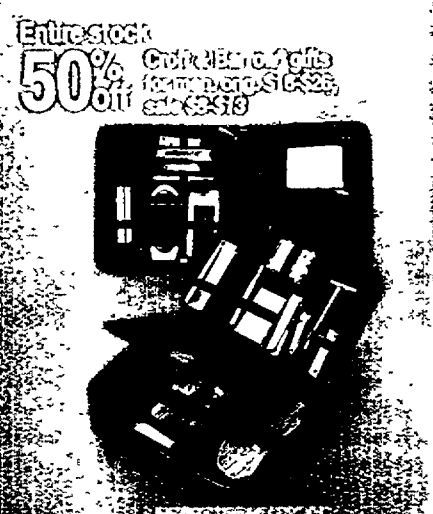
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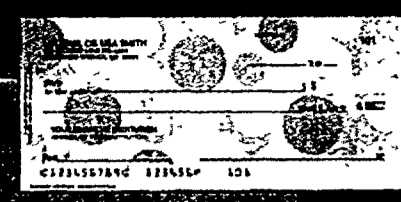
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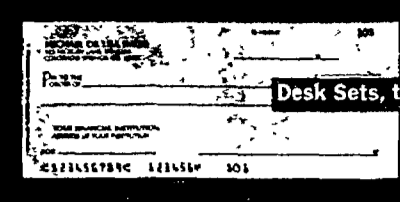
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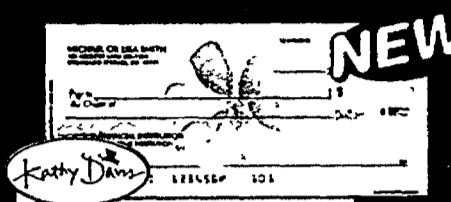
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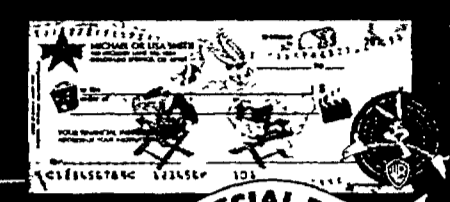
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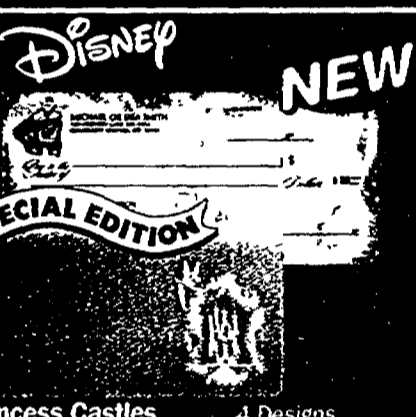
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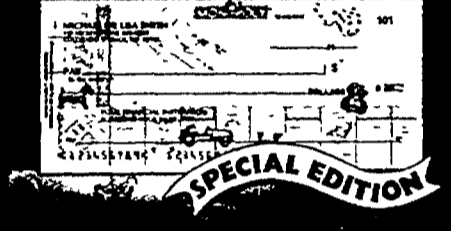
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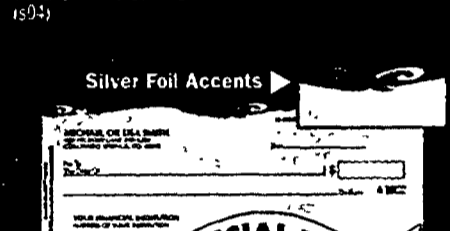
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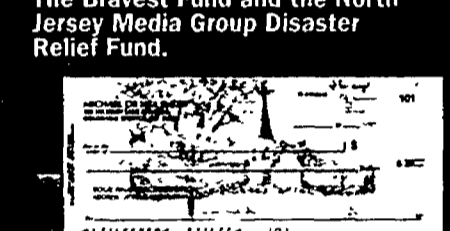
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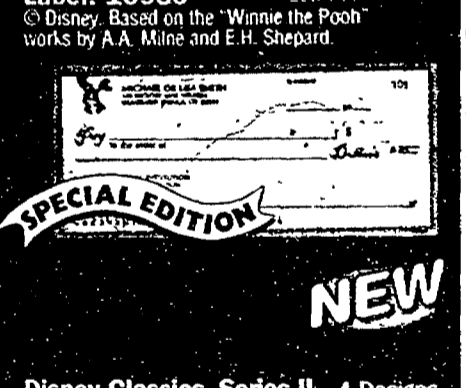
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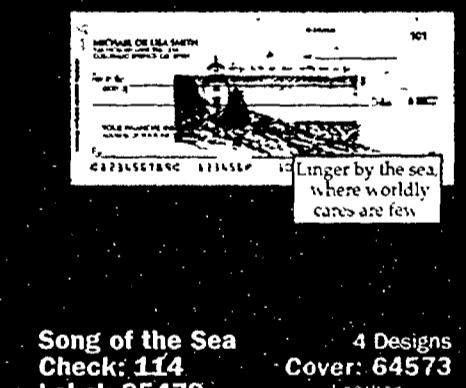
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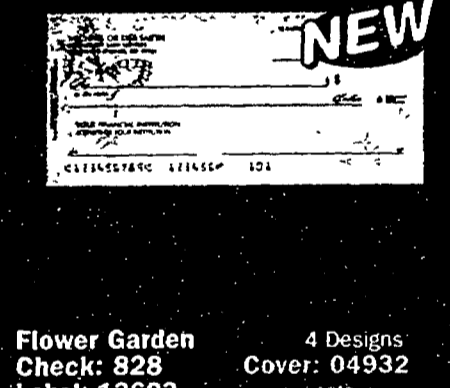
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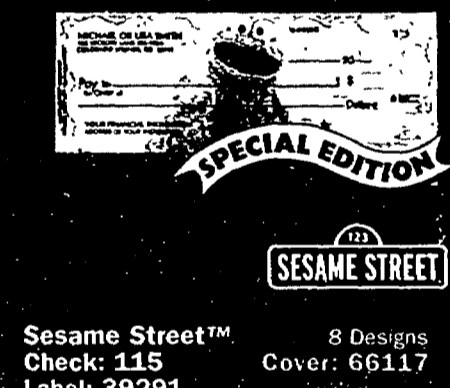
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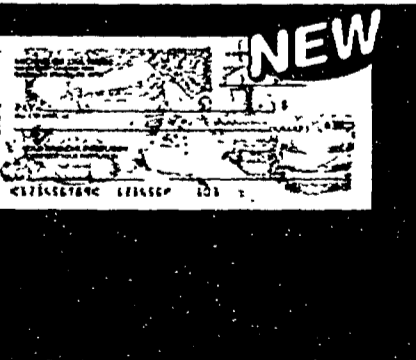
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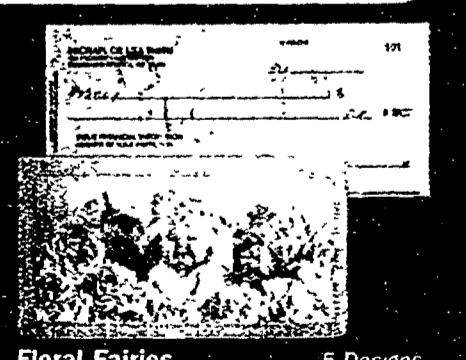
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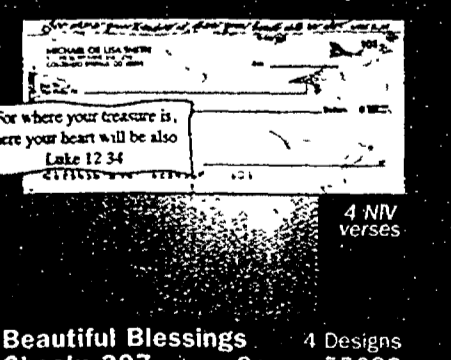
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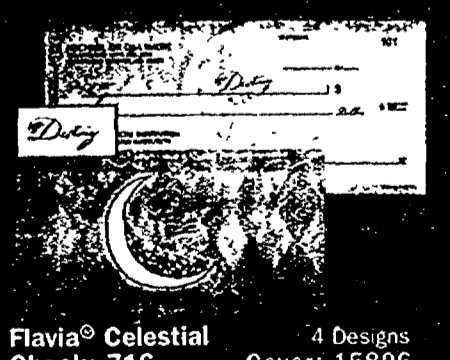
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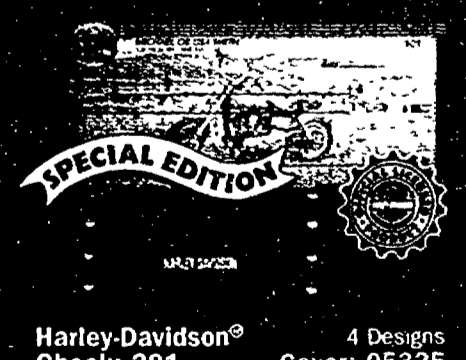
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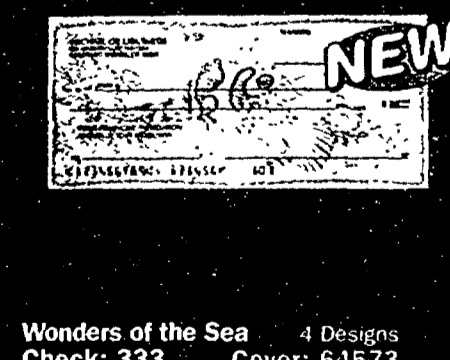
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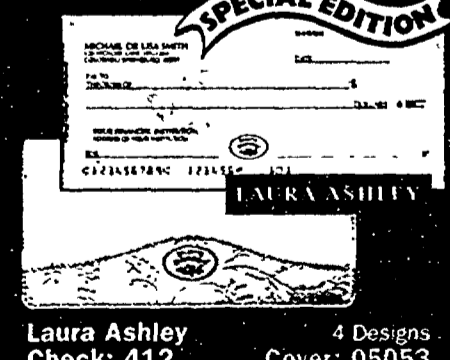
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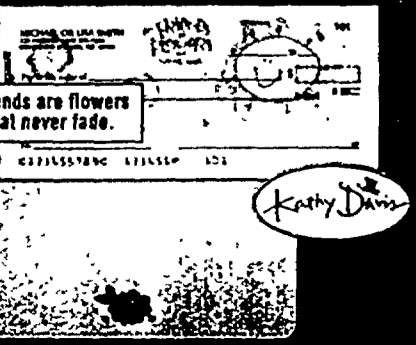
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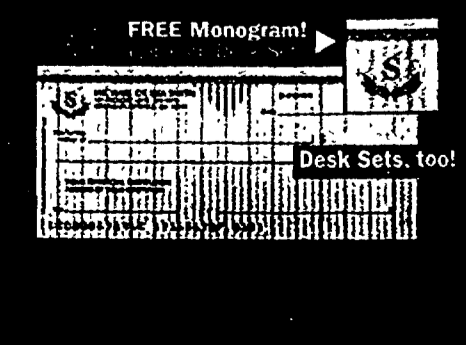
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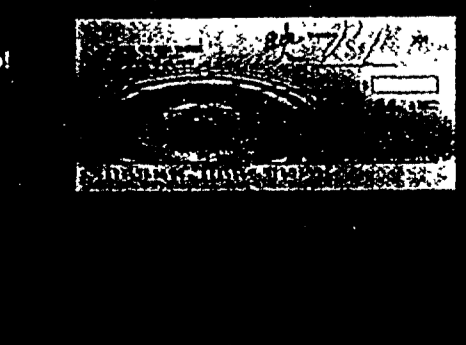
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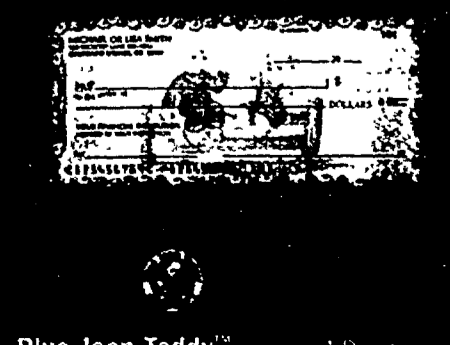
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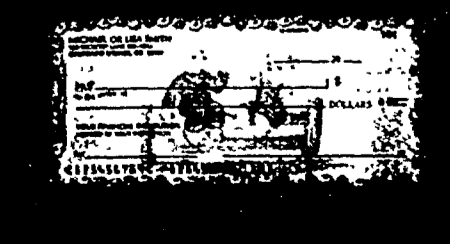
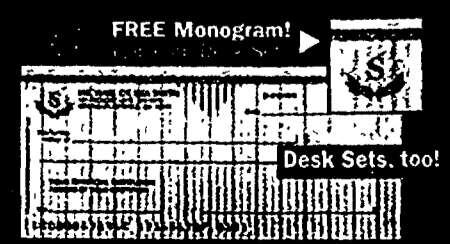
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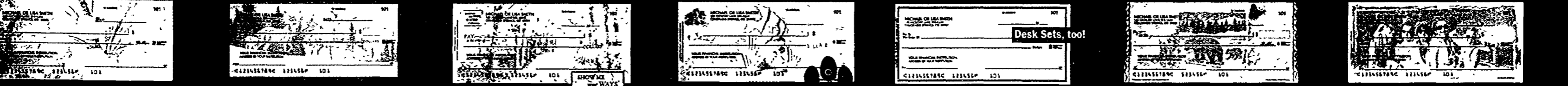


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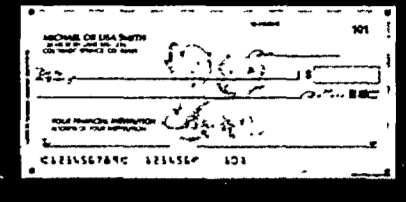
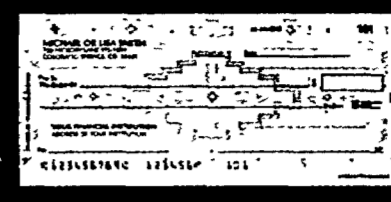
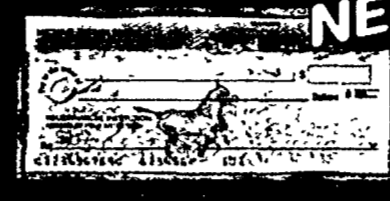
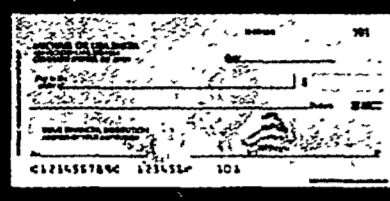
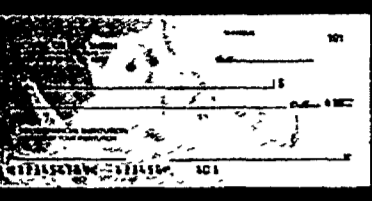
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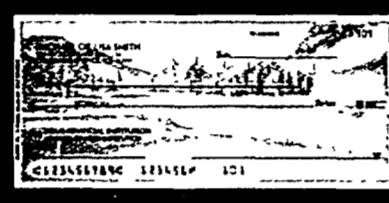
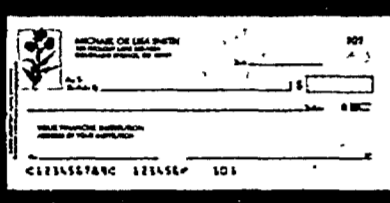
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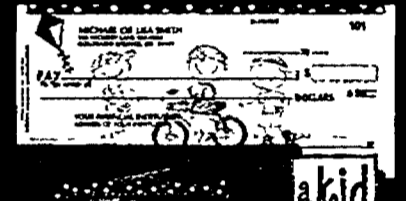
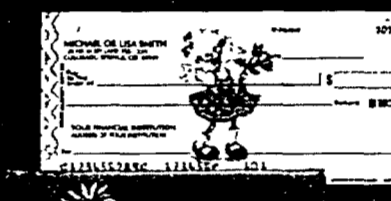
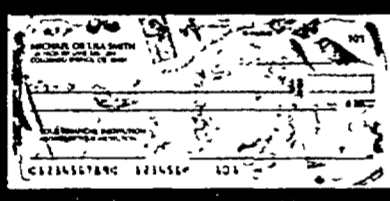
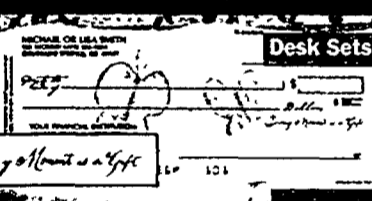
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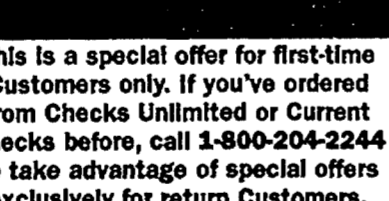
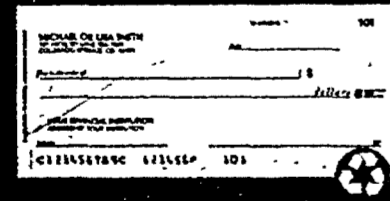
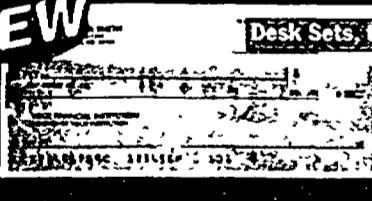
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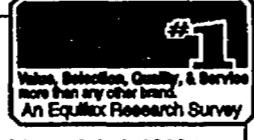
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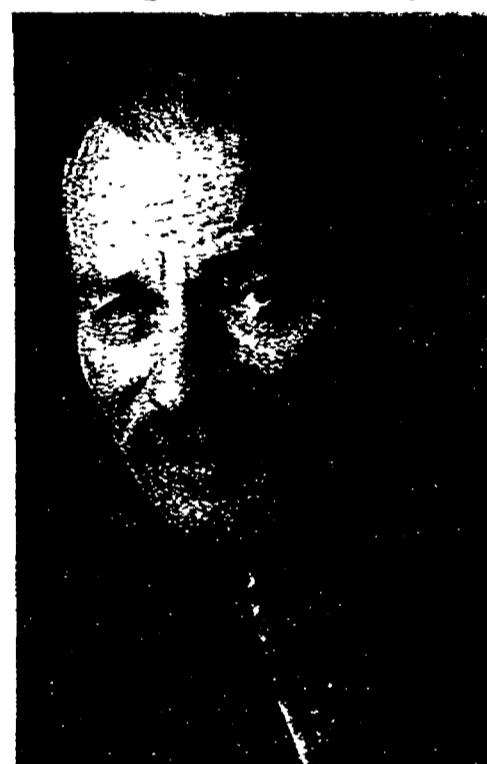
## Q Where is the late Oscar winner Katharine Hepburn buried?

—Chris W., Arizona

Hepburn, who died last year at age 96, specified in her will that she be cremated and her ashes interred in her family plot at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Hartford, Conn. She was interred during a private, invitation-only service in the "very plain, Yankee" family plot, says Irene McHugh, the cemetery's education and marketing associate. The cemetery, which contains the graves of tycoon J.P. Morgan, poet Wallace Stevens and other notables, provides regular tours. Known for playing smart, independent women, Hepburn bought the rights to a comedy about a spoiled heiress and took it to the New York stage. The 1940 film version of that play was *The Philadelphia Story*, co-starring James Stewart and Cary Grant. The four-time Oscar winner was married briefly to Ludlow Ogden Smith, but the love of her life was actor Spencer Tracy, with whom she made nine films, including *Guess Who's Coming to Dinner* and *Adam's Rib*. Her 1991 autobiography, *Me*, was a bestseller. She also cooperated with biographer A. Scott Berg on *Kate Remembered*, which was published 13 days after her death.



Screen legend Katharine Hepburn



Vern Gosdin is still making music.

always been a right hander, but sometimes I think I was intended to be a southpaw because there are some things I just do automatically with my left hand—like shooting a gun."

## Q What has happened to my favorite singer, Vern Gosdin?

—Marie H., Oklahoma

Vern Gosdin, nicknamed "The Voice," cut back on performing after suffering a second stroke in 1999. "I'm sort of taking it easy. If I think I'll have fun doing a show, I'll do it," says Gosdin, 70. The singer, whose hits include *Set 'em Up Joe* and *Chiseled in Stone*, recently performed with Merle Haggard at the Alabama Country Music Hall of Fame in Muscle Shoals, Ala. (pop. 11,924). Gosdin says he's writing, but doesn't pitch his songs to other artists. The native of Woodland, Ala. (pop. 192), recently released a self-titled three-CD box set that includes 10 new songs. It costs \$35 and can be ordered through The Vern Gosdin Fan Club, 7904 Stallion Dr., Nashville, Tenn., 37221, or via e-mail at [vgosdin@yahoo.com](mailto:vgosdin@yahoo.com). He's also re-released *The Voice* album as *Back in the Swing of Things*. Gosdin, who lives in Nashville, Tenn., says he has recovered completely from his stroke.

## Q I would like to know what happened to Anthony Newley, who was a singer and did some acting years ago.

—Ron B., Indiana

Sadly, the British actor, singer and composer died of cancer in 1999 at age 67. Newley became famous at age 17 for his role as the Artful Dodger in the 1948 film version of



The multi-talented Anthony Newley

*Oliver Twist*. He was best known for the stage hit *Stop the World: I Want to Get Off* and the 1967 film version of *Doctor Doolittle*. He had a series of hit records, including *What Kind of Fool Am I*, *Why* and *Do You Mind*. Newley co-wrote the score for the hit musicals *Stop the World: I Want to Get Off*, *Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* and *The Roar of the Greasepaint—The Smell of the Crowd*. He also wrote *The Candy Man* and *Goldfinger*. He was married three times (his second wife was actress Joan Collins) and had four children. ☆

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## Q I was wondering who among our recent presidents are left-handed.

—Marcia M., South Carolina  
Presidents Clinton, George H. W. Bush and Ford are left-handed. Presidents George W. Bush and Carter are right-handed. And while many left-handers claimed President Reagan as one of their own, an archivist at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library says that he used his right hand for most tasks. In his autobiography, *An American Life*, Reagan wrote, "I've



President Ford is left-handed.

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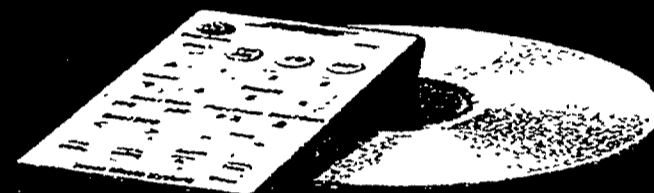
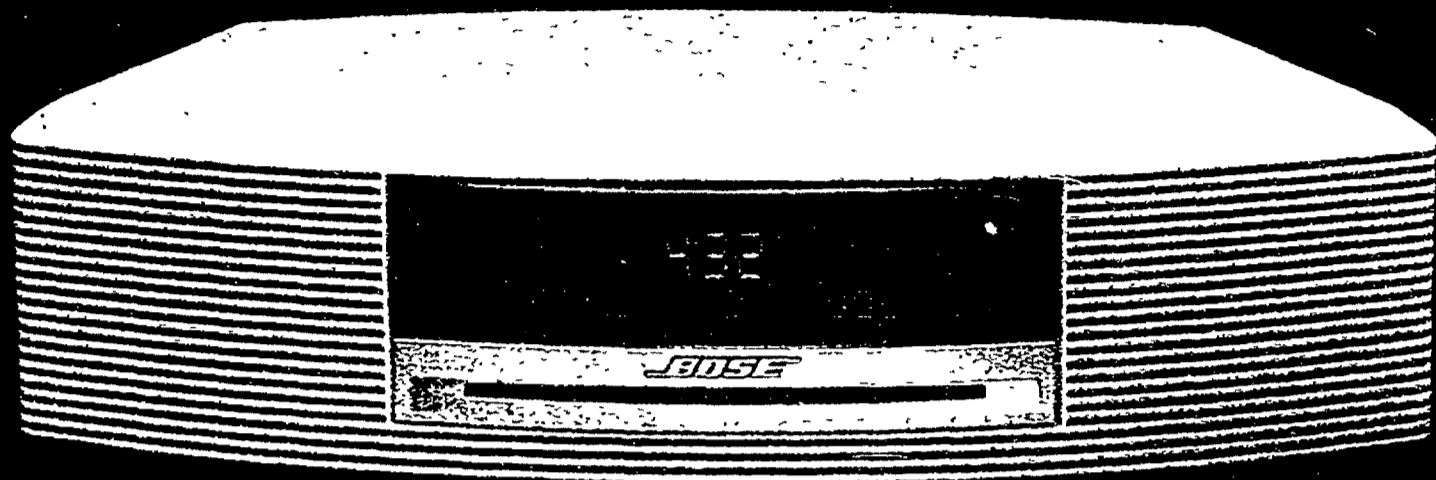
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Dr. Sara Loetscher (right) found a feline friend for patient Ernestine Flutter.

# Acts of Kindness

by VICKI BROWN

*American Profile* gets hundreds of letters from readers each year describing the generous acts of friends, neighbors and anonymous individuals. This year, readers once again nominated Good Samaritans whose selfless deeds renew one's faith in humanity.

## *Holiday spirit*

A kind stranger brightened a sad Christmas for Zona Shreves and her four children 11 years ago.

Shreves was struggling to get into the holiday spirit after her husband's death. She got home late from work on Christmas Eve to decorate their small tree but realized she had failed to buy tinsel—her daughter Meri's favorite part of trimming the tree.

The only store open in Akron, N.Y. (pop. 3,085), was out of tinsel, Shreves and her 15-year-old soon learned.

"Meri started to cry, and my shoulders sagged as we headed out of the store," Shreves recalls. Then, a woman behind them spoke up.

"I have an extra box if you'd like it," the stranger offered, writing down her address and handing it to them.

"We went to her house, and not only did she give us tinsel, but a small plate of gingerbread cookies, too," Shreves says. "Her little act of kindness gave us hope that everything would work out all right for us."

## *Need a lift?*

Sheri Woody, a hairdresser, often discussed her sister's struggles with multiple sclerosis with Sara Cody, her client in Fort Worth, Texas. Cody offered sympathy, as well as her own disabled sister's telephone number, suggesting that she could help Woody's sister, Cindy Alexander, learn what resources—such as transportation assistance—were available in Texas.

When doctors told Alexander it was time to stop working because her symptoms from the disease had worsened, Woody mentioned to Cody that her sister could keep her powered wheelchair (provided for work) but didn't have a lift on her car to carry it.

"She started asking questions about what kind of lift she needed and what did it cost, and then she said she was going to see what she could do," recalls Woody, who lives in Burleson, Texas (pop. 20,976). Within three months, Cody raised money for the lift from friends, colleagues and out of her own pocket, Woody says.

"I was overwhelmed that she would do this not knowing my sister, just knowing her need," Woody says.

## Good medicine

Ernestine "Tina" Hutter's world got a little brighter the Thanksgiving Day her doctor showed up with a kitten—and so did her son's.

Dr. Sara Loetscher brought a black kitten, along with a carrying case, food, litter and a scratching post to Hutter's home in Albuquerque, N.M.

"The cat was such a godsend for my son and now is a godsend for me," says Hutter, explaining that she had cancer and her son was battling depression and never spoke. That soon changed.

"I could hear him in the bedroom talking to the cat (named Neeko)," Hutter recalls, adding that her son has since recovered and moved to Orlando, Fla., for work.

The doctor did not forget Hutter the next year, either. "She came with Thanksgiving dinner, complete with two pieces of pie—cherry and pecan," Hutter says.

Hutter, who beat glandular cancer, recently learned she has lung cancer but remains upbeat—thanks to her cat and her doctor.

"I still can't believe how wonderful it is to be thought of."



## A flower angel

Inez "Sally" Diede Chalk was speechless when a woman with a little girl standing in a check-out line in Fort Collins, Colo., handed her a bouquet of flowers and said with a smile, "It's be-nice-to-some-one day."

"I'm not even sure if I thanked her. I hope I did," Chalk says. "However, I have her on my prayer list and have repeatedly asked the Lord to bless her. Since I did not know her name—I refer to her as 'My Flower Angel,'" Chalk says.

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Wrestler Brandon Teel is pinned by Trevor Howe, who was pinned by Robert McTygue in a match last year.



Clarence and Judi Brown got a much-needed assist from anonymous bikers on the New Jersey Turnpike.

### And, the winner is . . .

Brandon Teel's selflessness in allowing Trevor Howe, a Lincoln (Neb.) East High School wrestler with Down Syndrome, to pin him at a high school wrestling match last year attracted plenty of attention, including that of Robert McTygue of Overton, Neb. (pop. 646), who wrote to praise the youth even though he didn't know him.

Howe's coach said the 15-year-old with the genetic disorder loves wrestling but struggles with coordination difficulties and cannot safely compete in just any match. So Marty McCurdy asked fellow coaches at Kearney (Neb.) High School if someone could wrestle Howe.

Teel agreed to keep the match going for three periods, then pin Howe.

"All of a sudden instead of pinning Trevor, he let Trevor turn him over and pin him. He did that on his own," McCurdy says.

Teel says he knew it would mean a lot to Howe to pin him.

"I knew it was the right thing to do," Teel says, adding that he's been amazed at the media attention that the match has received.

McCurdy also praises another teenager, Casey Dahlke, captain of Lincoln Southwest's wrestling team. "I spoke with Trevor's mother, and we thought he needed to understand it wasn't all easy," McCurdy says. So a few weeks after Howe's match with Teel, Dahlke wrestled him and pinned him.

"I think that was even harder," McCurdy says.

### A helping hand

When Wayne Clem offered to take over her trash collection after her companion died, Marge Killmon thought it would be temporary.

More than two years later, he still takes her trash to the curb every Wednesday.

"It makes me feel respected and valuable and lucky that I have such a kind-hearted neighbor," says the 71-year-old Annandale, Va. (pop. 54,994), resident. "He comes home tired after a long, hard day as a diesel mechanic. He's not 20-years-old."

Clem, 60, is modest about his weekly good deed.

"She doesn't have a lot of trash," he says.

### Life-saving assist

Clarence W. Brown and his daughter, Judi, were riding their motorcycles on a sweltering summer day when traffic on the New Jersey Turnpike slowed to a crawl.

"Pop began shutting off his BMW's engine and restarting it when traffic inched forward a few feet. I could see my father's stamina declining as rapidly as the heat was rising. He needed shade and water quick," recalls Judi Brown, who mistakenly thought her father, then in his mid-80s, was behind her as she made her way to the turnpike shoulder.

"Pop's bike stalled and wouldn't restart. How was I going to help him get out of there?" she wondered with rising panic.

Suddenly, two brawny bikers came to her father's rescue.

"One begged for passage through the snarl of traffic, while the other pushed Pop on the heavy K-100 BMW toward the side of the road," Brown says. Once clear of traffic, they pushed the bike to jump-start it, then disappeared back onto the turnpike.

"Without the wonderful kindness of those two anonymous bikers, I dread to think what might have happened to Pop on that very hot and humid July afternoon," says Brown of Rising Sun, Md. (pop. 1,702).

### Neighborly chores

Finding time for yard work was tough for Nancy Ramsey of Morris, Ill. (pop. 11,928), as she juggled a full-time job with caring for two young children after her divorce.

Her neighbor, Frank Kulig and his wife, Georgine, came to her rescue.

"Many times over the last 25 years, this very kind and loving couple have trimmed my shrubs and trees, cut my grass, raked my leaves and shoveled snow from my sidewalks, never asking anything in return," Ramsey wrote of her neighbors, who are now in their 80s. "You've got to have a real heart to do something over and over." ☆

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## Hometown Hero

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# Instilling the Santa Spirit

**Tom Valent places his hands** over his red sweater and chuckles a deep, rich laugh, "Ho, ho, ho!" With a twinkle in his eyes, he urges his students to give it a try, but instructs, "Not too loud. You don't want to scare the little ones."

Along with guest speakers, Valent and his wife, Holly, try to impart Charles W. Howard's belief that "to be Santa is a privilege, not a job."

Howard was a Macy's department store Santa and consultant for the 1947 Christmas film *Miracle on 34th Street*. He began teaching Santa Claus School in his Albion, N.Y., barn in 1937. When Howard retired in 1966, his successor moved the school to Bay City, Mich.

Valent, who took up the Santa persona after the birth of his first child, began attending Santa classes in 1976. In 1987, he took over leadership of the school and moved it to Midland, where his construction company had been commissioned by the Midland Area Community Foundation to build a permanent Santa House for the community's holiday festivities.

"Walking into the school for the first time takes your breath away," says John "Jolly" Rhodes, a Flint, Mich., resident who attended the school in 2002 and 2003. "There's so much to take in; it's hard to experience it all."

More than 700 aspiring Santas have learned their craft from Valent over the last 17 years. They have fed Comet and Cupid, Valent's pet reindeer; learned how to properly place a child upon their lap, and soaked up the "Santa spirit" amidst the holiday trappings of the Santa House—complete with 7-foot-tall nutcrackers and animatronic elves playing a piano.

Jolly old Saint Nick welcomes children to the Santa House.

Soon the room echoes with the merry ho-ho-hos of dozens of Santas in the making—some sporting full white beards, others clean-shaven, many with tummies that won't require any additional padding come Christmas. These aspiring Saint Nicks have gathered in Midland, Mich. (pop. 41,685), where they are learning the tools of the trade from Valent, dean of the Charles W. Howard Santa Claus School, the oldest Santa school in the nation.

For three days each October, Valent teaches 50 Santas from across the United States and Canada everything they need to know about portraying the beloved Christmas icon. The curriculum includes the history of St. Nicholas and Santa Claus, proper dress and hygiene, how to handle media interviews, reindeer facts, and how to tell stories. He also educates on how to work with different groups of children, including babies, kids in the hospital, and children with physical and mental disabilities. The \$300 tuition includes classes, field trips to Toys 'R' Us and Bronner's Christmas Wonderland in Frankenmuth, Mich. (pop. 4,838), and a closing banquet during which students receive their official red Santa hat.

"People want to believe in Santa. Santa stands for all good things," says Valent, a 54-year-old engineer, whose job for most of the year is executive vice president of Gerace Construction, a Midland-area general contractor.

Valent brings 28 years of Santa experience to his role as head of the Santa Claus School.



Aspiring Santas from across the country take part in three days of Santa Claus curriculum.

Valent dons his own Santa suit each year as part of Midland's free Christmas celebration, where he and four other Santa school graduates welcome 20,000 children. The holiday season begins on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving when Valent leads a parade up Main Street to the Midland County Courthouse, where he receives the keys to the Santa House and oversees the lighting of the town's Christmas decorations. Then he takes his seat and greets children of all ages, eager to share their Christmas wishes.

"My time with that child may be the most important minute of the year for them," Valent says. "My goal is to get them to feel the Santa spirit."

Rick Hyman, a retired federal employee from Snellville, Ga. (pop. 15,351), says he learned more in three days at the school last fall than he did during 30 years of playing Santa.

"I learned that the suit doesn't make the Santa," Hyman says. "Santa Claus comes from your heart—you can't do it any other way. When Tom puts on his Santa suit, he is Santa Claus. He lives the Santa spirit every day." ✨

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**BRIEF SUMMARY** Before prescribing NEXIUM, please see full Prescribing Information. **INDICATIONS AND USAGE** NEXIUM is indicated for the short-term treatment (4 to 8 weeks) in the healing and symptomatic resolution of diagnostically confirmed erosive esophagitis. **CONTRAINDICATIONS** NEXIUM is contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity to any component of the formulation or to substituted benzimidazoles. **PRECAUTIONS** Symptomatic response to therapy with NEXIUM does not preclude the presence of gastric malignancy. Atrophic gastritis has been noted occasionally in gastric corpus biopsies from patients treated long-term with omeprazole, of which NEXIUM is an enantiomer. **Information for Physicians** NEXIUM Delayed-Release Capsules should be taken at least one hour before meals. For patients who have difficulty swallowing capsules, one tablespoon of applesauce can be added to an empty bowl and the NEXIUM Delayed-Release Capsule can be opened, and the pellets carefully emptied onto the applesauce. The pellets should be mixed with the applesauce and then swallowed immediately. The applesauce used should not be hot and should be soft enough to be swallowed without chewing. The pellets should not be chewed or crushed. The pellet/applesauce mixture should not be stored for future use. Antacids may be used while taking NEXIUM. **Drug Interactions** Esomeprazole is extensively metabolized in the liver by CYP2C19 and CYP3A4. *In vitro* and *in vivo* studies have shown that esomeprazole is not likely to inhibit CYPs 1A2, 2A6, 2C9, 2D6, 2E1 and 3A4. No clinically relevant interactions with drugs metabolized by these CYP enzymes would be expected. Drug interaction studies have shown that esomeprazole does not have any clinically significant interactions with phenytoin, warfarin, quinidine, clarithromycin or amoxicillin. Post-marketing reports of changes in prothrombin measures have been received among patients on concomitant warfarin and esomeprazole therapy. Increases in INR and prothrombin time may lead to abnormal bleeding and even death. Patients treated with proton pump inhibitors and warfarin concomitantly may need to be monitored for increases in INR and prothrombin time. Esomeprazole may potentially interfere with CYP2C19, the major esomeprazole metabolizing enzyme. Coadministration of esomeprazole 30 mg and diazepam, a CYP2C19 substrate, resulted in a 45% decrease in clearance of diazepam. Increased plasma levels of diazepam were observed 12 hours after dosing and onwards. However, at that time, the plasma levels of diazepam were below the therapeutic interval, and thus this interaction is unlikely to be of clinical relevance. Esomeprazole inhibits gastric acid secretion. Therefore, esomeprazole may interfere with the absorption of drugs where gastric pH is an important determinant of bioavailability (eg, ketoconazole, iron salts and digoxin). Coadministration of oral contraceptives, diazepam, phenytoin, or quinidine did not seem to change the pharmacokinetic profile of esomeprazole. **Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility** The carcinogenic potential of esomeprazole was assessed using omeprazole studies. In two 24-month oral carcinogenicity studies in rats, omeprazole at daily doses of 1.7, 3.4, 13.8, 44.0 and 140.8 mg/kg/day (about 0.7 to 57 times the human dose of 20 mg/day expressed on a body surface area basis) produced gastric ECL cell carcinoids in a dose-related manner in both male and female rats; the incidence of this effect was markedly higher in female rats, which had higher blood levels of esomeprazole. Gastric carcinoids seldom occur in the untreated rat. In addition, ECL cell hyperplasia was present in all treated groups of both sexes. In one of these studies, female rats were treated with 13.8 mg omeprazole/kg/day (about 5.6 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) for 1 year, then followed for an additional year without the drug. No carcinoids were seen in these rats. An increased incidence of treatment-related ECL cell hyperplasia was observed at the end of 1 year (94% treated vs 10% controls). By the second year the difference between treated and control rats was much smaller (46% vs 26%) but still showed more hyperplasia in the treated group. Gastric adenocarcinoma was seen in one rat (2%). No similar tumor was seen in male or female rats treated for 2 years. For this strain of rat no similar tumor has been noted historically, but a finding involving only one tumor is difficult to interpret. A 78-week mouse carcinogenicity study of omeprazole did not show increased tumor occurrence, but the study was not conclusive. Esomeprazole was negative in the Ames mutation test, in the *in vivo* rat bone marrow cell chromosome aberration test, and the *in vivo* mouse micronucleus test. Esomeprazole, however, was positive in the *in vitro* human lymphocyte chromosome aberration test. Omeprazole was positive in the *in vitro* human lymphocyte chromosome aberration test, the *in vivo* mouse bone marrow cell chromosome aberration test, and the *in vivo* mouse micronucleus test. The potential effects of esomeprazole on fertility and reproductive performance were assessed using omeprazole studies. Omeprazole at oral doses up to 138 mg/kg/day in rats (about 56 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) was found to have no effect on reproductive performance of parental animals. **Pregnancy Teratogenic Effects. Pregnancy Category B—Teratology studies** have been performed in rats at oral doses up to 280 mg/kg/day (about 57 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) and in rabbits at oral doses up to 86 mg/kg/day (about 35 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) and have revealed no evidence of impaired fertility or harm to the fetus due to esomeprazole. There are, however, no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, this drug should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed. Teratology studies conducted with omeprazole in rats at oral doses up to 138 mg/kg/day (about 56 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) and in rabbits at doses up to 69 mg/kg/day (about 56 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) did not disclose any evidence for a teratogenic potential of omeprazole. In rabbits, omeprazole in a dose range of 6.9 to 69.1 mg/kg/day (about 5.5 to 56 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) produced dose-related increases in embryo-letality, fetal resorptions, and pregnancy disruptions. In rats, dose-related embryofetal toxicity and postnatal developmental toxicity were observed in offspring resulting from parents treated with omeprazole at 13.8 to 138.0 mg/kg/day (about 5.6 to 56 times the human doses on a body surface area basis). There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Sporadic reports have been received of congenital abnormalities occurring in infants born to women who have received omeprazole during pregnancy. **Nursing Mothers** The excretion of esomeprazole in milk has not been studied. However, omeprazole concentrations have been measured in breast milk of a woman following oral administration of 20 mg. Because esomeprazole is likely to be excreted in human milk, because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants from esomeprazole, and because of the potential for tumorigenicity shown for omeprazole in rat carcinogenicity studies, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother. **Pediatric Use** Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established. **Geriatric Use** Of the total number of patients who received NEXIUM in clinical trials, 778 were 65 to 74 years of age and 124 patients were ≥ 75 years of age. No overall differences in safety and efficacy were observed between the elderly and younger individuals, and other reported clinical experience has not identified differences in responses between the elderly and younger patients, but greater sensitivity of some older individuals cannot be ruled out. **ADVERSE REACTIONS** The safety of NEXIUM was evaluated in over 10,000 patients (aged 18-84 years) in clinical trials worldwide including over 7,400 patients in the United States and over 2,600 patients in Europe and Canada. Over 2,900 patients were treated in long-term studies for up to 6-12 months. In general, NEXIUM was well tolerated in both short- and long-term clinical trials. The safety in the treatment of healing of erosive esophagitis was assessed in four randomized comparative clinical trials, which included 1,240 patients on NEXIUM 20 mg, 2,434 patients on NEXIUM 40 mg, and 3,008 patients on omeprazole 20 mg daily. The most frequently occurring adverse events (≥1%) in all three groups was headache (5.5, 5.0 and 3.8, respectively) and diarrhea (no difference among the three groups). Nausea, flatulence, abdominal pain, constipation, and dry mouth occurred at similar rates among patients taking NEXIUM or omeprazole. Additional adverse events that were reported as possibly or probably related to NEXIUM with an incidence < 1% are listed below by body system: **Body as a Whole:** abdomen enlarged, allergic reaction, asthenia, back pain, chest pain, chest pain substernal, facial edema, peripheral edema, hot flushes, fatigue, fever, flu-like disorder, generalized edema, leg edema, malaise, pain, rigors. **Cardiovascular:** flushing, hypertension, tachycardia. **Endocrine:** goiter. **Gastrointestinal:** bowel irregularity, constipation aggravated, dyspepsia, dysphagia, dysphasia GI, epigastric pain, eructation, esophageal disorder, frequent stools, gastroenteritis, GI hemorrhage, GI symptoms not otherwise specified, hiccup, melena, mouth disorder, pharynx disorder, rectal disorder, serum gastrin increased, tongue disorder, tongue edema, ulcerative stomatitis, vomiting. **Hearing:** earache, tinnitus. **Hematologic:** anemia, anemia hypochromic, cervical lymphadenopathy, epistaxis, leukocytosis, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia. **Hepatic:** bilirubinemia, hepatic function abnormal, SGOT increased, SGPT increased. **Metabolic/Nutritional:** glycosuria, hyperuricemia, hyponatremia, increased alkaline phosphatase, thirst, vitamin B12 deficiency, weight increase, weight decrease. **Musculoskeletal:** arthralgia, arthritis aggravated, arthropathy, cramps, fibromyalgia syndrome, hernia, polyarthralgia rheumatica. **Nervous System/Psychiatric:** anorexia, apathy, appetite increased, confusion, depression aggravated, dizziness, hyperkalemia, nervousness, hypoesthesia, impotence, insomnia, migraine, migraine aggravated, paresthesia, sleep disorder, somnolence, tremor, vertigo, visual field defect. **Reproductive:** dysmenorrhea, menstrual disorder, vaginitis. **Respiratory:** asthma aggravated, coughing, dyspnea, larynx edema, pharyngitis, rhinitis, sinusitis. **Skin and Appendages:** acne, angioedema, dermatitis, pruritus, pruritus ani, rash, rash erythematous, rash maculo-papular, skin inflammation, sweating increased, urticaria. **Special Senses:** otitis media, parosmia, taste loss, taste perversion. **Urogenital:** abnormal urine, albuminuria, cystitis, dysuria, fungal infection, hematuria, micturition frequency, moniliasis, genital moniliasis, polyuria. **Visual:** conjunctivitis, vision abnormal. Endoscopic findings that were reported as adverse events include: duodenitis, esophagitis, esophageal stricture, esophageal ulceration, esophageal varices, gastric ulcer, gastritis, hernia, benign polyps or nodules, Barrett's esophagus, and mucosal discoloration. Postmarketing Reports—There have been spontaneous reports of adverse events with postmarketing use of esomeprazole. These reports have included rare cases of anaphylactic reaction. Other adverse events not observed with NEXIUM, but occurring with omeprazole can be found in the omeprazole package insert. **ADVERSE REACTIONS section. OVERDOSAGE** A single oral dose of esomeprazole at 510 mg/kg (about 103 times the human dose on a body surface area basis), was lethal to rats. The major signs of acute toxicity were reduced motor activity, changes in respiratory frequency, tremor, ataxia, and intermittent clonic convulsions. There have been some reports of overdosage with esomeprazole. Reports have been received of overdosage with omeprazole in humans. Doses ranged up to 2,400 mg (120 times the usual recommended clinical dose). Manifestations were variable, but included confusion, drowsiness, blurred vision, tachycardia, nausea, diaphoresis, flushing, headache, dry mouth, and other adverse reactions similar to those seen in normal clinical experience (see omeprazole package insert-ADVERSE REACTIONS). No specific antidote for esomeprazole is known. Since esomeprazole is extensively protein bound, it is not expected to be removed by dialysis. In the event of overdosage, treatment should be symptomatic and supportive. As with the management of any overdose, the possibility of multiple drug ingestion should be considered. For current information on treatment of any drug overdose, a certified Regional Poison Control Center should be contacted. Telephone numbers are listed in the Physicians' Desk Reference (PDR) or local telephone book.

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# Jumpstart the New Year

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January is a great time to invigorate your mind, body, and spirit and set the tone for the coming months. Here are a few suggestions to jumpstart the New Year:

**Get moving.** Join a health club and take part in physical recreation. Water aerobics, swimming, volleyball, archery, Tai Chi, dance and yoga are invigorating. Exercise with a tennis or biking buddy. Camaraderie may make "winter blahs" disappear.

**Practice meditation.** Focus on your breathing or picture a favorite scene from nature to reduce stress and live in the moment.

**Uncover and explore your talents and skills.** Computer training, bread baking, painting, carpentry or interior design may light a fire. Sing with a choir or checkmate your opponent. Have fun growing.

**Reach out to others.** Volunteer to dish out soup at a homeless shelter and gratitude will greet you. Is there a youngster who needs extra help with homework or a homebound neighbor who would welcome a visit from you?

**Simplify your life.** Sort through magazines and collectibles. Donate clothes you haven't worn in the last year. A streamlined home and closets make house cleaning and wardrobe decisions easier. Say no to extra projects. You deserve time to read, be with loved ones or just loaf.

**Clear out high fat foods and leftover goodies from the holidays.** Munching on fresh celery, carrots, or fruit will give you a lift without the extra calories. Drink a tall glass of water, when you feel hungry, to satisfy a momentary craving without the calories.

**Dress for cooler weather and get outdoors.** Sunlight provides vitamin D, a necessary element for calcium absorption and strong bones. Walking is aerobic, so run errands on foot. Fresh air and sunlight put many things into perspective.

**Laugh at yourself and circumstances.** Find an opportunity in a challenging event. When a friend of mine didn't get a promotion at work, it motivated her to open her own business. When you step lightly through your days, it puts a spring in your step and joy in your heart. ☆

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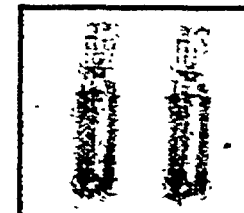
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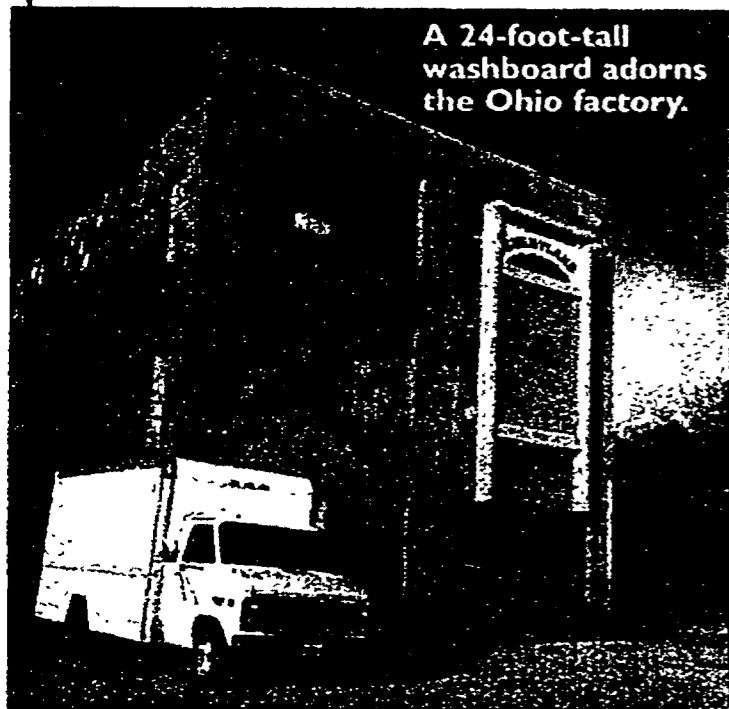
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In 1999, America's only remaining washboard manufacturer, the Columbus Washboard Co., was preparing to shut its doors after 104 years in business. That is, until a group of investors stepped in to save it.

"It was a nostalgia thing for us right away," says Jacqui Barnett of Logan, Ohio (pop. 6,704). Barnett, along with her husband, Bevan, and four other investors, decided that rather than see the company close, they would purchase it. "We all thought it was worth a try, especially since it's such a part of history," she says.

The company's history dates back to 1895, when Frederic Martin Sr. of Columbus, Ohio, started building washboards in his backyard to sell. It's estimated that fewer than 1,000 washboards were produced and sold in any of the first 30 years of operation. During World War II, sales skyrocketed, with the company selling more than 1 million washboards in 1941. However, with advances in automated washing machines in the late 1960s, demand began to dwindle. By the late 1990s, after remaining in the family

A 24-foot-tall washboard adorns the Ohio factory.



Jacqui Barnett owns America's only washboard manufacturer, the Columbus Washboard Co.

for three generations, interest in keeping the family business alive was gone.

For Barnett, the timing was perfect. Tired of her job as a seamstress, the New Zealand native was searching for a career change. The Barnetts, along with friend George K. Richards in Columbus and members of his family, purchased the company, naming Jacqui the managing partner. To make the company more financially viable and bring it closer to their home, the Barnetts moved the Columbus Washboard Co.'s antique machinery 65 miles south to the town of Logan.

Today, Barnett and four other employees make the washboards by hand in an 11,000-square-foot factory, where visitors are always welcome to tour.

"It makes you feel good when people come in and they are really interested in what you're doing," says Betty Ellinger, a floor supervisor who can assemble a washboard in 45 seconds.

The washboards, which sell for \$14 to \$24, are produced in varying sizes with rubbing surfaces that include galvanized steel, stainless steel, brass and glass. Galvanized metal is the original choice, with a wavy crimp designed to keep the soap on the board so it doesn't run down into the water. A coarse, spiral crimp surface is used for tougher pieces such as socks and pants, while a rounded, smoother area is best for washing delicates.

Barnett markets the washboards not only for washing clothes but also as a decorative piece in the home, and as a percussion instrument for a growing number of washboard musicians, who play the board using chimbles or wooden spoons. As a tool for

washing clothes, the washboards are popular in the Amish and Mennonite communities and more recently with troops stationed overseas.

Since March 2003, the company has sent 3,000 washboards—all at a break-even price—to American soldiers in Iraq, who often don't have access to washing machines.

"The idea began with a request for a washboard from a soldier from Marysville, Ohio," Barnett says. "His mother had used our washboards, and he was familiar with us. After that, it was word-of-mouth, and we put it on our website and got many other requests from wives of soldiers and support groups." Barnett even sends washing kits that include a tub,



Betty Ellinger assembles each washboard by hand.

clothesline, clothespins, soap, foot powder and washboard instructions.

Last year, the company sold 35,000 washboards nationwide, with about 40 percent of those being used to wash clothes. But for Barnett, it's not about getting rich selling washboards; instead it's the pride associated with keeping a piece of history alive.

"If there wasn't the pride, there wouldn't be the company," she says. "It's a working museum, and if we don't stay enthusiastic about it, it will die." ☆

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For more information, log on to [www.columbuswashboard.com](http://www.columbuswashboard.com) or call (740) 380-3828.

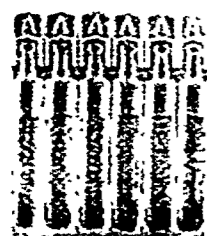
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**INDIANA**—An 1864 six-sided brick privy behind the Switzerland County Courthouse in Vevay (pop. 1,735) was deemed a landmark latrine and preserved during courthouse expansion in 2004.

**IOWA**—Advertising jingle writer William D. Fries introduced the public to CB slang with the creation of the trucker character C.W. McCall and his 1976 hit *Convoy*, which inspired a 1978 film of the same name starring Kris Kristofferson. Fries was born in 1928 in Audubon (pop. 2,382).

**KANSAS**—The nation's only museum in a working salt mine, the Kansas Underground Salt Museum is under construction in Hutchinson (pop. 40,787) and is scheduled to open in the fall of 2005.

**MICHIGAN**—In the Upper Peninsula, Baraga County is home to the state's highest peak, Mount Avron at 1,979 feet. The county was named for Father Frederic Baraga, the first bishop of Marquette, author of *A Short History of the North American Indians* (1837) and compiler of the first known Ojibwa Indian grammar in 1850.

**MINNESOTA**—The first Target store opened in 1962 in Roseville (pop. 33,690), a St. Paul suburb in Ramsey County.

**MISSOURI**—The Edward "Ted" and Pat Jones—Confluence Point State Park opened in May 2004 in West Ashton (pop. 573), where two great rivers, the Missouri and the Mississippi, meet. Pat Jones and her late husband, Ted, were long-time park supporters.

**NEBRASKA**—The state's tallest building is the 46-story Tower at First National Center in Omaha.

**NORTH DAKOTA**—In 1861, President Abraham Lincoln appointed William Jayne the first governor of the Dakota Territory. Jayne was Lincoln's doctor, mayor of Springfield, Ill., and an Illinois lawmaker before accepting the appointment. After his term, nine more men served as territorial governor until statehood in 1889.

**OHIO**—In 1956, Joseph McVicker of Kutol Products in Cincinnati added a pleasant scent to his company's clay wallpaper cleaner and rolled it out on the toy market as Play-Doh. Three new colors—red, yellow and blue—were added to the original grayish white the following year.

**SOUTH DAKOTA**—Yellowstone Trail, one of the nation's first transcontinental roads, crosses the state from Big Stone City (pop. 605) to Lemmon (pop. 1,398).

**WISCONSIN**—One thousand accordions are squeezed into A World of Accordions Museum at the Harrington Arts Center in Superior (pop. 27,368). ☆

Compiled by Marti Attoun of Joplin, Mo.

# Hydrogen Peroxide Can Heal What?

(SPECIAL) – Medical science has discovered that hydrogen peroxide is more than just a disinfectant, it's an amazing healer. Many doctors are using hydrogen peroxide to treat a wide variety of serious ailments such as: heart problems, clogged arteries, chest pain, allergies, asthma, migraine headaches, vascular headaches, cluster headaches, yeast infections, type II diabetes, emphysema, chronic pain syndromes, and more.

Average consumers are also discovering that hydrogen peroxide has tons of health, beauty and household uses. A new handbook called *"The Amazing Health and Household Uses of Hydrogen Peroxide"* is now available to the general public. It shows you home remedies using diluted hydrogen peroxide and how to mix it with ordinary household items like baking soda, lemon, vinegar and salt to help:

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- Help treat minor BURNS
- Treat BRUISES and RASHES
- Soothe ACHING MUSCLES, JOINTS & SORE

## FEET

Hydrogen peroxide is truly amazing. Scientists have found it is involved in virtually all of life's vital processes. It stimulates the immune system, helps your body fight off viruses, parasites and bacteria. It also regulates hormones and is involved in the production of energy in the body's cells. That's just a few of the amazing things it does.

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## Hometown Recipes

### Quick & Easy Holiday Fare

While great-tasting food always makes holiday gatherings more enjoyable, it's nice to have a few quick, easy-to-make recipes available that allow you more time to spend visiting with family and friends.

Therefore, *American Profile* selected two reader recipes that are perfect for holiday buffets as well as informal family dinners. The first is from Teresa Mourad of Ann Arbor, Mich., who sent in her recipe for pasta with garbanzo beans.

"This recipe is nutritious and easy to put together for a quick dinner or holiday buffet," Mourad says. "Because it pairs beans with pasta, it's a great complete protein dish for vegetarian diets."

The second recipe, for tomato cups, comes from Irene Tucker of Grenada, Miss. (pop. 14,879). "I won first place in a recipe contest with this dish," Tucker says. "That was my third try. My mother always said the third time's the charm. She was right." A fresh basil garnish will turn this into a great holiday appetizer.

As always, *American Profile* looks forward to receiving your favorite family recipes and sharing them with readers across the country. ★

### 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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#### RECIPE: Pasta with Garbanzo Beans



Teresa Mourad  
Ann Arbor, Mich.

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#### Pasta with Garbanzo Beans

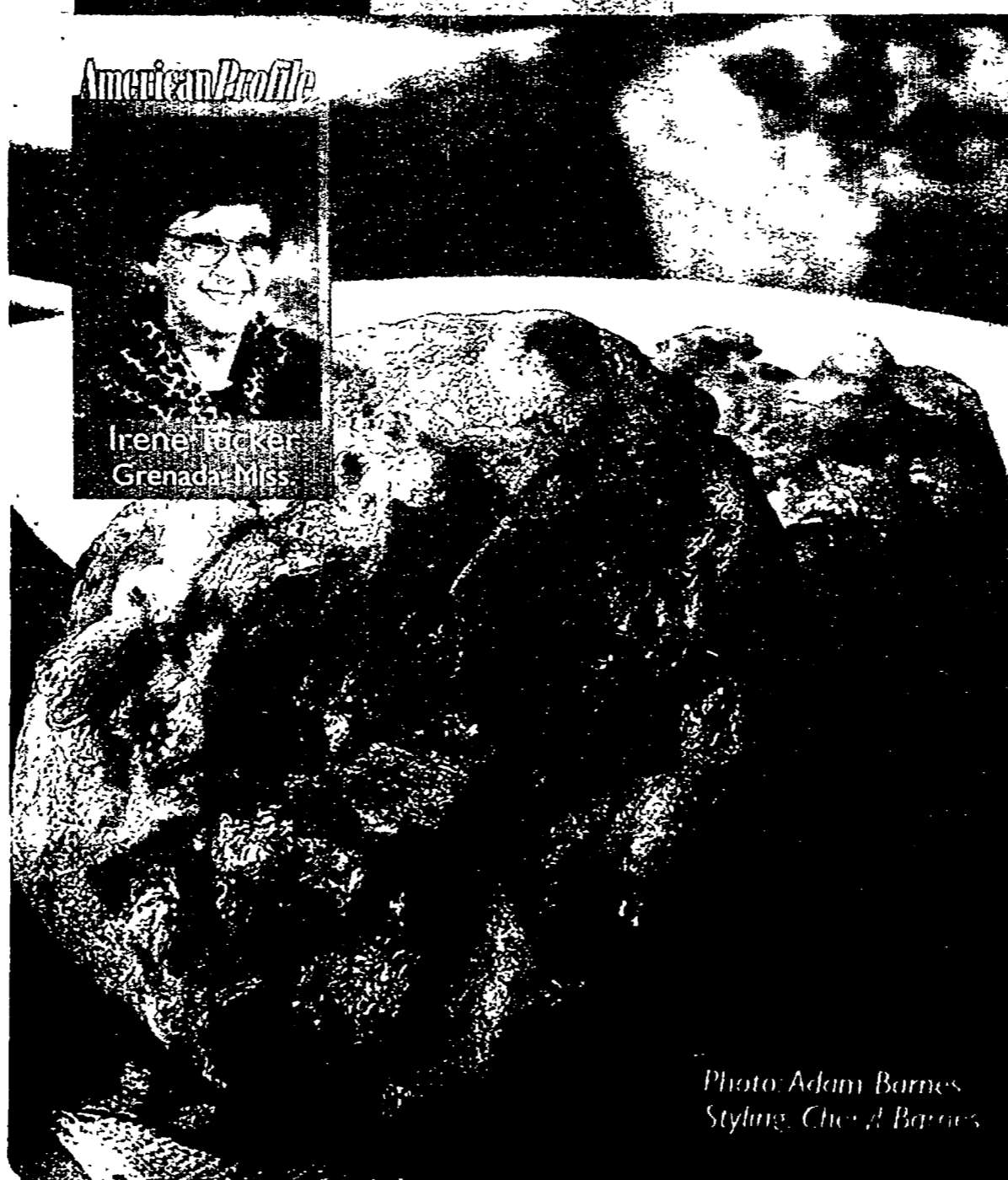
- 1 pound fusilli or gemelli pasta
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 16-ounce can garbanzo beans, drained
- 1 15-ounce can diced tomatoes
- 2-3 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated

Prepare pasta according to package instructions, making sure not to overcook. When pasta is almost done, sauté garlic in olive oil in a separate saucepan. Stir tomatoes and beans into the oil and heat through. The pasta should be done at the same time the other ingredients are hot. Toss them together with the cheese and basil. Season to taste. Serves 4 to 6.

#### Tips From Our Test Kitchen:

Great northern or black beans can be used in place of the garbanzos. Add sliced red and green peppers to the vegetable mixture for a colorful flair.

#### RECIPE: Tomato Cups



Irene Tucker  
Grenada, Miss.

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#### Tomato Cups

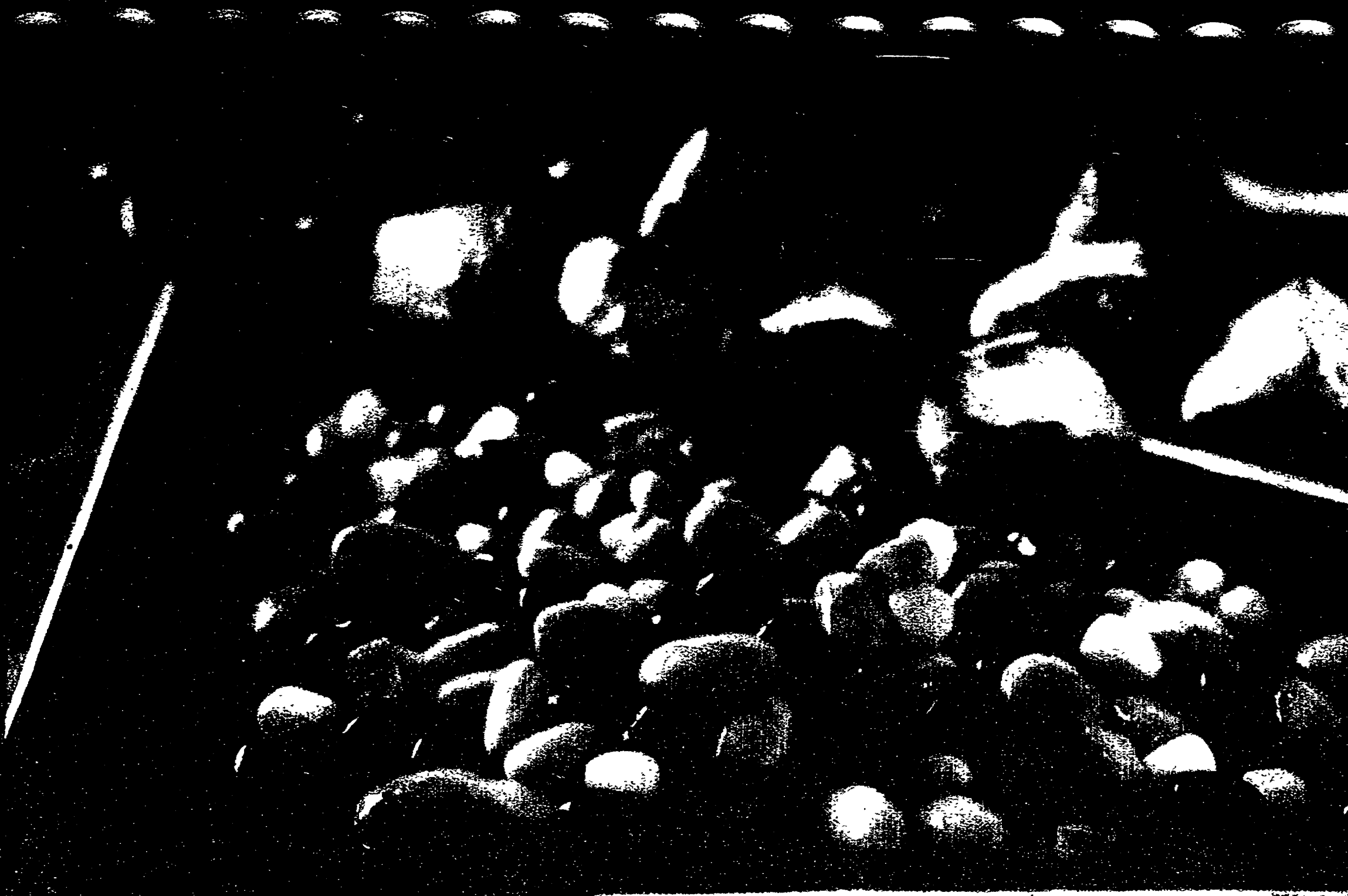
- 1 can large biscuits
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup shredded cheese (mozzarella and cheddar blend)
- 1 10-ounce can Rotel tomatoes, drained
- 1 teaspoon dried basil
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 10 pieces bacon, cooked and crumbled

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Separate each biscuit into two or three layers. Lightly grease the cups of a 12-muffin tin. Place and press a biscuit layer evenly into each cup. Mix remaining ingredients in a medium-size bowl. Spoon filling on top of the biscuit layers. Bake 20 to 25 minutes, until golden.

#### Tips From Our Test Kitchen:

Garnish with fresh basil for a holiday appetizer.

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