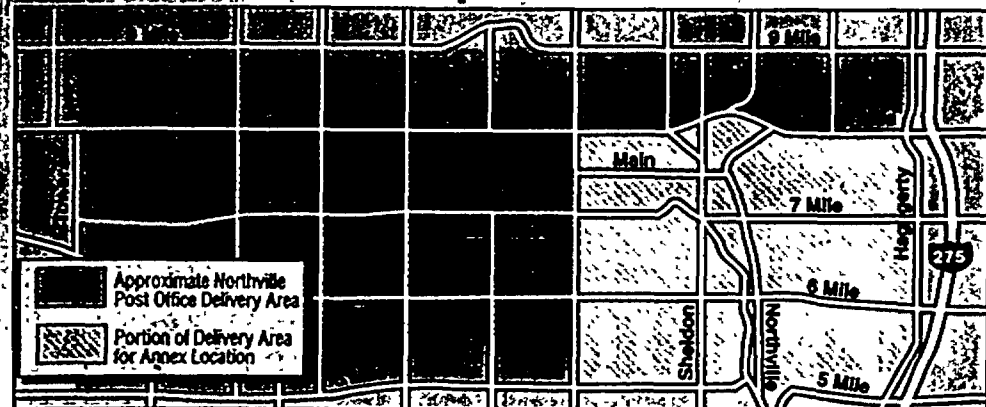




Northville Post Office Expansion



SOURCE: United States Postal Service

POST OFFICE: seeking new address for planned annex

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Timmons, and postal real estate representatives would have to reach an agreement about the post office vacating half of the Wing Street building.

Over-the-counter sales operations require only 6,000 of the building's 12,000 square feet, Hubbard said.

The expansion plan also included renovation of the existing facility to increase pedestrian appeal, Hubbard said.

"We may even open it up for 24-hour access to some of the automated services," Hubbard said. Regardless of the hour, people could check their rented boxes and use the equipment that weighs and provides stamps for parcels.

"There shouldn't be any disruption of service here," Hubbard said. "We anticipate a more efficient service."

Money to pay for the proposed project comes from the national level U.S. Postal Service revenue from retail outlets, the postmaster said. Groundbreaking for the annex at the earliest would be February 2006, he said.

More and more mail

Hubbard, Northville's postmaster for about a year, said the 48167 community's growth is projected to continue. In a business that measures its workload in number of deliveries, the local facility's is way up.

"We do anticipate another 4,000-5,000 deliveries in the next five to six years based on developments planned," Hubbard said. "We have to be in the position to handle it."

"We just can't get everything done efficiently in the space we have now."

With an industry motto promising delivery regardless of conditions, the carriers would look forward to a more streamlined operation, the postmaster said.

"I think it's going to be a good thing for the township

Potential annex site requirements:

- The minimum size site is about 110,880 net usable square feet.

- It must be zoned for postal use or have the potential to be rezoned for that use.

- Officials expected solicitation packages to be available starting yesterday at the Northville location.

- Offers are due by Feb. 28.

- For more information, contact: Bryant J. Schroeder, Great Lakes FSO-USPS, 62 Stratford Drive, Bloomington, IL 60117-7000. Telephone (630) 295-6278.

residents and the people in the city as well," Hubbard said. "And the well-deserving employees that have been toiling in this environment for a long time."

"It will be a real good morale booster."

Northville City Manager Gary Word, who met with postal officials last week, said the proposed post office expansion is good news for the city.

"We think this is a great plan," Word said. Traffic surrounding the post office would decrease, but people still will be able to visit their post office downtown.

"We would pretty much eliminate the big trucks coming into town through here on Wing," Hubbard said. "Some transportation would be here. More or less, we would decrease the amount of heavy duty trucks through the city."

At this point, there are not plans for a retail aspect for the annex location, Hubbard said.

"If anything, it might be another automated postal center like we have here."

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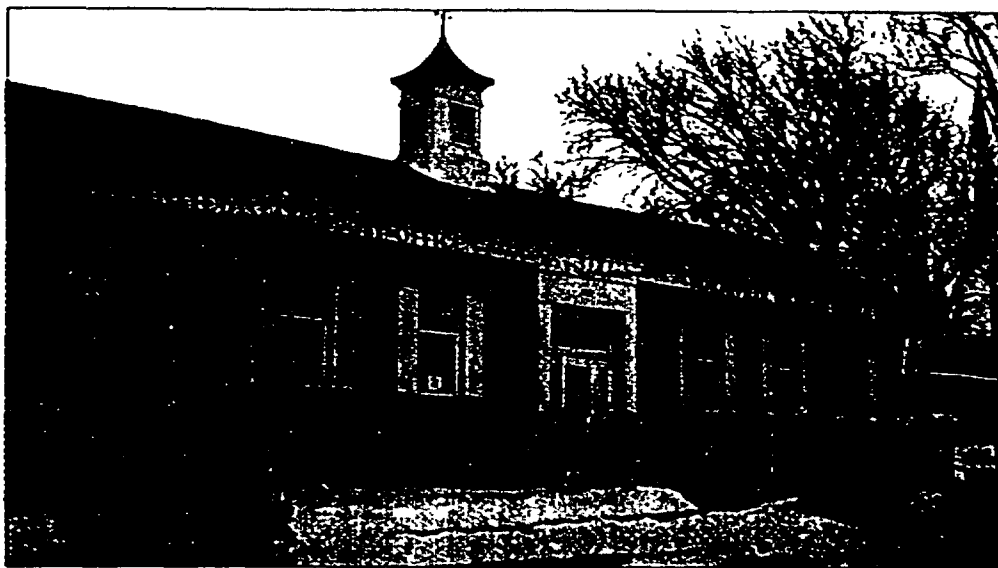


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WORD GAMES

Scrabble game is Northville resident's 14-year obsession

By Kim Kovel
RECORD STAFF WRITER

What do Colorado, Texas, Alaska and Japan have in common?

Carol Ravichandran knows in an instant: all four are words permitted on a Scrabble board by The Official Scrabble Players Dictionary.

"It's just combinations of letters," she said last week, in the midst of a game against a Battle Creek minister. "We don't really study meanings."

For the 43-year-old Northville Township resident, the game is a 14-year passion. This August, she'll direct her 100th local tournament.

She's played in just as many, and Thursday nights find her in the cafeteria at Northville's Meijer, where National Scrabble Association Club No. 458 meets.

"I love playing the game itself," Ravichandran said. "It's a challenge. It's a puzzle to solved. I've built up a huge clientele."

Scrabble beginnings

In a timed match, Ravichandran's sharp brown eyes expertly scan the board. Letters are plunked swiftly. Scores are scribbled with precision.

But that wasn't the case in 1991, when she went to her first club meeting in Southfield.

"I was afraid of everybody," she said. "I thought they'd be so much better than me. You learn rather quickly."

A native Bostonian, Ravichandran grew up playing different word games, while jigsaw puzzles and TV's Jeopardy caught her fancy later on.

But when she married husband Ravi 13 years ago, she found herself playing Scrabble.

Scrabble your day

For more information on local Scrabble tournaments, or to use Carol and Ravi Ravichandran's "Lexpert" skill-testing software, visit www.carolravi.com

often.

"We had this book that we read, 'How to Play Better Scrabble,'" she said. For Ravi, who grew up in India, it helped him anagram, or rearrange letters.

"Over time, I have developed that skill," he said. "It was a challenge and I liked it. You never see the world in the same way."

Sometimes family games would go on for hours. "It was impolite to tell the other person to speed up," Ravi laughed.

Finding the hot spots

An administrative director with Medtronic Inc. in Troy, Carol said she's used to performing under high pressure. She's transferred the ability to Scrabble.

For one thing, in the 25 minutes allotted, she targets the board's "hot spots" — those colored squares that increase the scores on the 100 lettered tiles.

"There's always chance, but it's a game of probabilities," Ravichandran said. "It's a math game."

She tries to keep consonants and vowels balanced on her rack and practice good "board management" — keeping tabs on letters used.

"When you get down to the end, knowing what's on your opponent's rack is very important," Ravichandran added.

She and Ravi invented an Internet Scrabble study program called Lexpert, which quizzes



Photo by KIM KOVELLE/NORTHVILLE RECORD

In the thick of a Scrabble game, Carol Ravichandran jots down her word and letter scores.

players in slide show form.

It's helped her to snag novice top prizes and esteem as a top-rated Michigan player — and efficiently run her once-monthly tournaments.

"You could write a book on that. It takes a lot of patience," Ravichandran said, recalling one eight-hour competition held next door to a loud, DJ'ed party.

But with the challenge of the game has come many new friends — and plenty of fun.

A new spin

Back at her Thursday night game with the minister, Ravichandran snapped the letters M-O-O-N in sequence.

"I mooned him," she said with a grin. It's a tight-knit group: "They get worried when I don't show up on time."

Immediately apparent in club meetings, Scrabble has evolved from its wood-tiled roots.

Ravichandran's board, cus-

tom-made in Indiana, is circular and adorned with a colorful, garden-themed fabric, hinting at her degree in horticulture.

"This caught my eye," she said. The board, which folds into a special case, swivels on a rotating base. Green and white tiles snap into place.

And with the terrain comes its superstitions.

"Some people don't want to wish the other good luck," Ravichandran said. But her approach is more friendly: she wears Mary Kay fresia hand lotion — good for memory, she said — and a scarf made from flannel, Scrabble-themed sheets.

"It's been my lucky scarf," she said. "I wear it to every tournament — not when I direct one, but when I play."

Besides work, golfing, gardening and catching the Moody Blues in concert are on Ravichandran's calendar. But Scrabble's letter tiles are on her mind.

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Carol Ravichandran
Resident, Northville Township

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City officials still fighting water rate hike

Detroit backs off 43 percent increase; residents still face 29.5 percent rate hike

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The Detroit Water Board agreed to reduce a planned hike in Northville's water rates, but city officials said a proposed 29.5 percent increase is still too much.

"That high rate stays with us for four years — factored in again and again," said Northville City Manager Gary Word. "So it's critical for us to mitigate this."

"They took a step in our direction. They just didn't go far

enough." Word asked by letter that the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department again reconsider the increase, which would take effect July 1.

In a meeting last month, the water system representatives reduced the 43 percent rate increase; they had planned for Northville. The city is awaiting a response before deciding what to do next.

"It's not for me to deal with it from a legal or political perspective," Word said. "We're still trying to deal with it administratively."

The 29.5 percent hike would translate into an average of \$70-75 more per year per City of Northville household, said public works director Jim Gallogly.

"They know by the letter we're not happy with them," Gallogly said. "We did hear (the Detroit Water Department) is

still open for dialogue."

He repeated the city manager's concern that the rate increase — \$175,000 city-wide at 29.5 percent — would become part of the Detroit department's Northville calculations for another three years. Even if Northville's water use was less, the cumulative cost impact of that increase would be dramatic over four years.

Northville is dependent on Detroit for its water supply. The municipality's water costs already are high due to two key factors among 11 used to calculate rates — distance of the community from the water source and elevation relative to the water source, Gallogly said.

It was the factor "peak water flow" — measured one hour, one day — that exaggerated the boost this year, the director said. The July 2 morning used for that

baseline measured Northville's peak water usage at the same time its underground reservoir was being completely re-filled, due to a disruption in Detroit's system, Gallogly said.

That reading is flawed and does not represent Northville's true peak water usage, the director said.

"The bottom line was that they could not deliver water at the (proper) water pressure and when we did get the pressure, then they tested it," Word said. "That's not our fault."

"I would ask a fundamental question — in their formula for determining rates — when a community has a 43 percent increase, it tells me there's a flaw in that system," Word said. "There's got to be a flaw here to have that kind of spike in one community, in one year."

Northville topped the pro-

posed rate increases among the 126 communities served by the Detroit water system.

"What we're recommending is that they throw out that number entirely and use the system average which, in my understanding, is their policy to do anyway," he said. "That would bring it down to near the rate we've always been — at least in single digits."

Last year's water rate increase was 3 percent, an added expense the city opted to absorb into the budget rather than directly billing it through to property owners.

The city would have to spread among water customers the approximate \$175,000 to cover the 29.5 percent increase represents, Gallogly said.

A rate hike first would show up in August.

The city's 2,300 households

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City addresses annual goals

Monday meeting will address issues, include city resident input

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Amid this past year's debates on public safety dispatch, parking availability and property rights, some residents demanded to know what Northville City Council members priorities were.

Monday night, city leaders will discuss which 2005-06 projects to tackle in what order during their annual goal-setting meeting. The public is invited at 6 p.m., Feb. 7, in the city hall council chambers, 215 W. Main St.

The city manager, city clerk, finance director and department heads submitted written plans for the coming year; all will be present to field council questions.

They encompass city services: finances, tax and assessing, police, fire, public works, parks and recreation, building department, downtown development authority, housing commission, youth assistance and arts com-

City Goals Meeting

• 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 7
• Northville City Hall council chambers, 215 W. Main St. (preceding regular council meeting at 7:30 p.m.)

• April 6, 11, 12 — Council will host budget review sessions.
• May 5 — Notice of budget's availability and budget hearing.
• May 16 — Council to host second budget hearing and adopt the budget.

High-priority projects the city targeted for 2004-5 are: water and sewer system improvements; long-term financial stability; city, township and schools facilities development plan for future recreation and senior citizen needs in the Northville community; parking management/coordination plan, and collective bargaining agreements.

"I think we did fairly well," City Manager Gary Word said. "Financially, given the circumstances we had and the cuts we were given by the state, I think we held our own."

The Allen Terrace Northville Senior Community Center renovation projects were completed on time and under budget, Word said. The city manager in December reported to the council the specific status of all projects they had identified as a priority.

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City news

• Stop in Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St., for 2005 dog licenses. Fees are \$11 and \$8.

• Rabies vaccination must be current. At the time of registering, owners can enter their pet into the city's Eighth Annual Lucky Dog contest.

• City ordinances require that all sidewalks be cleared of snow and/or ice within 24 hours of a snow or ice event.

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Share your vision

The City's Downtown Development Authority will host a second meeting tonight to review the downtown retail study conducted by the Gibbs Planning Group. The public is invited at 7 p.m., Feb. 3, to the Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main St.

Steering committee members will be collecting resident input regarding the future of Northville's downtown. For more information, contact DDA Director Lori Ward at (248) 349-0345.

Special guest to speak

The next meeting of the Northville Camera Club will feature guest speaker Howard Bond. The public is welcome at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, to attend at The Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

Bond, a world-renown photographer from Ann Arbor, is best known for his black and white images of landscapes. His work is reminiscent of great landscape photographers Ansel Adams and Paul Caponigro, said Ken Naigus, club co-founder and chair of the Northville Arts Commission.

Bond is also known for his workshops on printmaking and is the author of two books of his photographs, "Leitmotifs," featuring images of English churches, and "White Motifs," with architectural studies from Greece. He will be speaking to the camera club on print quality.

Schoolcraft election May 3

Residents seeking a Schoolcraft College Board of Trustees seat have until March 7 to file a petition for one of three seats.

The three incumbents are seeking re-election May 3. Dr. Patricia Watson and Gregory Stempien are running for re-election to six-year terms; Dr. Philip Cascade is running to fill the remaining four years of a six-year term.

Candidates must be registered voters and residents of the college's district, which includes Northville city and township among 15 other municipalities.

The seven-member governing board holds regularly scheduled monthly meetings as well as special meetings as necessary. There is no compensation for these elected positions.

Schoolcraft is a public community college that serves about 32,000 learners through college transfer offerings, career programs, continuing education and community service courses and customized employee training for business and industry. The college has a main campus in Livonia and a center on Radcliff Street in Garden City. Schoolcraft also offers courses via the Internet.

Petitions are available at municipal offices and the president's office on the Livonia campus. The petitions bearing the required number of qualified signatures must be returned to the Livonia City Clerk, 33000 Civic Center Drive, Livonia, MI 48154, by 4 p.m. Monday, March 7.

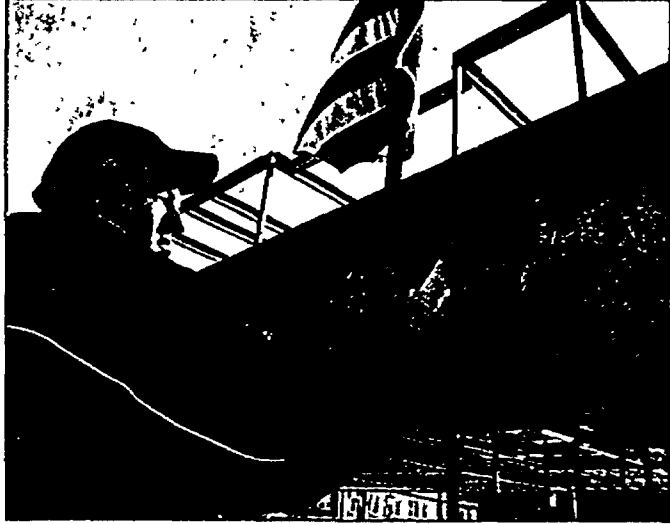
Schoolcraft College is a public two-year college, offering classes at the Livonia campus on Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads, at the Radcliff Center in Garden City and online.

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Sessions for the park training are 7 p.m. in Northville City Hall Meeting Room A on the following dates:

- Wednesday, Feb. 9
- Tuesday, Feb. 15.

Getting to know you

The Northville Newcomers and Neighbors is a social group welcoming new and established residents from Northville and surrounding communities. A variety of interest groups, membership teas and ladies' and couple's events are scheduled each year. For membership information, call Andrea Sellers at (248) 446-1246.

Reservations still are available for the club's Mardi Gras Carnival Dinner Dance at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5, in the Judea Ballroom of St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth. The \$65 tickets can be purchased by calling Jackie Sharp at (734) 416-6489.

Dorise Boggs will host a membership tea Tuesday, Feb. 15. For more information, call (248) 924-2164.

Cards for calling

Center Stage Dance Company is continuing efforts to cheer U.S. military personnel overseas recovering from injuries.

The Northville dance studio, 43334 W. Seven Mile Road, Suite 250, is preparing another 30 packages of DVDs, popcorn and phone calling cards to send to the military post that will forward them to the designated hospital. Calling

cards or donations to purchase them are needed most, the staff said. For more information, call (248) 380-1666 or e-mail csdc5678@aol.com.

Dinner dance Feb. 12

Celebrate love and romance when you and that special someone enjoy a gourmet dinner and dance check-to-check at Schoolcraft College's Valentine Dinner Dance Saturday, Feb. 12.

The evening begins at 7 p.m. with dinner in the VisTaTech Center's DiPonio Room. The menu includes mussel soup, sliced roast sirloin with potato parsnip puree, late winter vegetables, a green salad and chocolate cake.

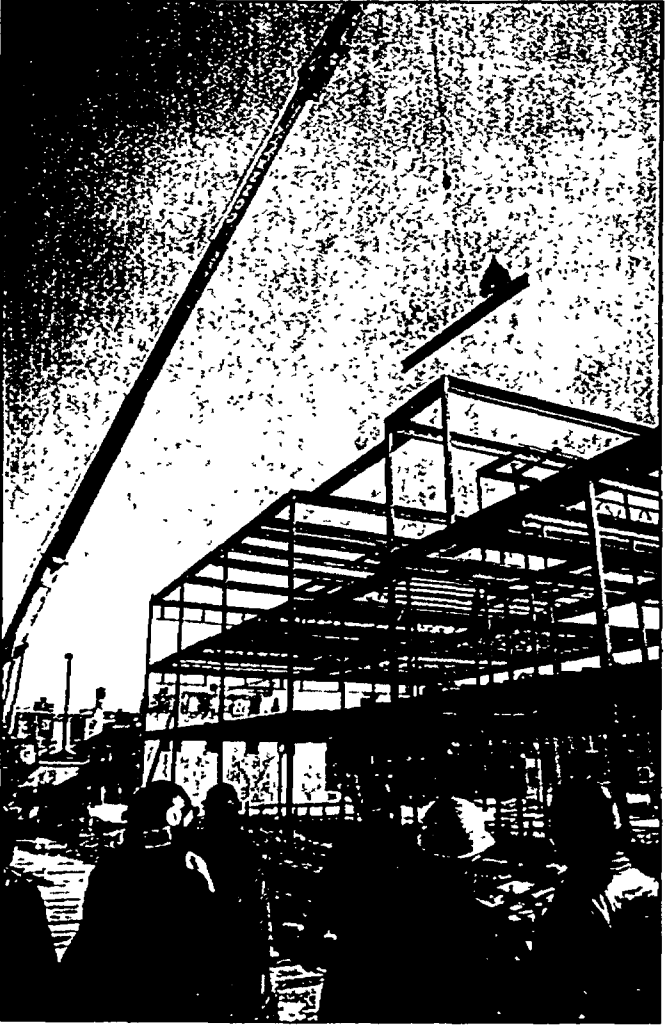
The music of Johnny Trudell and his orchestra will follow. Tickets are \$50 per person with proceeds benefiting Schoolcraft College students through foundation scholarships and grants. For information or to order tickets, call (734) 462-4400, ext. 5008.

Maybury donations

There are still ways to contribute as efforts to continue rebuilding the working farm at Maybury State Park continue.

The Northville Community Foundation, which is coordinating funding for the project, recently unveiled an "I helped rebuild Maybury Farm" mug featuring a barnyard and animals. The mugs are available 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for a \$20 donation at the foundation office, 18600 Northville Rd., Suite 275.

People interested in contributing to the attraction's return also still can "Buy a Board," another fundraising campaign. A \$250 check will place the donor or designee's name on Maybury's Farm Builders Board to be displayed at the farm. For more information, call (248) 374-0200.



ABOVE: Steel workers and local residents watch as the final I-beam is set into place, including a traditional evergreen tree, during a "topping" ceremony last Friday afternoon at the 120 West Main building. Construction is expected to be completed by fall.

LEFT: Jim Long signs the ceremonial last I-beam put atop his three-story development.

Quartet to perform

The Degas String Quartet will perform the Quartet in C Major by Franz Joseph Haydn and the Quartet in F Major by Maurice Ravel at noon Wednesday, Feb. 23, at Schoolcraft College.

The concert, in the VisTaTech Center Presentation Room, is free and open to the public.

The Degas String Quartet, characterized as a "highly spirited, dynamic foursome," was founded in 1999. The four musicians have brought energetic performances to audiences across the country.

As the quartet-in-residence with the Western Piedmont Symphony in Hickory, North Carolina, they perform a series of concerts and engage in an extensive outreach program to area schools. Their repertoire ranges from the contemporary to the classical quartet literature.

For more information, contact the Schoolcraft College Music Department at (734) 462-4403.

SKRUFF V candidates

Band demos are currently being accepted. Five local and regional teenage bands will be chosen to perform. Please forward CD demos and promotional materials only to: SKRUFF Committee, c/o Northville Parks and Recreation, 700 W. Baseline Rd., Northville, MI 48167.

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

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MEADS: 'hate club' embroils Northville middle school in another student controversy

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Cliques, Gossip, Boyfriends and Other Realities of Adolescence" lectured to district parents.

"The book was adapted for the motion picture screenplay "Mean Girls" in 2004.

Rezmierski said bringing in Wiseman to speak on the subject along with maintaining ongoing dialogue between the PTA, parents and students are steps taken to prevent the negative behavior.

As a parent who experienced the effects of the club first hand, Craig said he views hate clubs as a way girls higher on the school "social ladder" can target those "underneath them."

"I think what it does is empower girls to get away with something normally not acceptable," he said.

Accountability

The Catallos said they want district accountability.

"Our daughter is the victim," GERALYN Catallo said.

Craig Catallo said if Meads Mill principal Sue Meyer had acted proactively and supported their daughter, the matter would not have escalated and resulted in the couple pulling her out of the school.

Meyer deferred comment to Rezmierski, who said the situation was handled appropriately.

Craig Catallo said after speaking with Meyer and Rezmierski not enough action was taken to provide a safe environment for his daughter, so they decided to bring the issue to the board of education on Tuesday, Jan. 25.

"We felt it was the board's right to know," GERALYN Catallo said.

Her husband said the only precaution taken at the school was to move his daughter's locker, which made things worse.

"We received very little support and we felt very out in the open and exposed because of the principal," he said.

"Our daughter is the victim of the fact that administration doesn't do the job of enforcing its code of conduct."

Rezmierski said a review of the situation revealed district administrators acted in conformity with the district's code, especially considering the threat happened outside of school.

"Our involvement is obviously quite limited," he said. "We can't intrude in a family's environment."

"To say we can punish a student because of what they did at home would be a huge stretch. We are concerned with the health and well being of our students."

Leonard Rezmierski
Superintendent of Northville Public Schools.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?
Is the Northville Public Schools District doing enough to foster a safe environment? Should its code of conduct be revised? Are parents involved enough in their children's daily activities? Does Meads Mill Middle School protocol need reviewing?

Let us know. Write a letter to the Editor, 400 words or less. Mail to 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167. Or e-mail to: dagular@htl.homecomm.net. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification.

The superintendent stated parents have responsibility for their children's actions. He cited the district's lack of control over spring break choices regardless of its stance on students' activities as an example.

"To say we can punish a student because of what they did at home would be a huge stretch," Rezmierski said. "We are concerned with the health and well being of our students."

The Catallos pulled their son out of the same school about five years ago.

Resolve

Craig Catallo credits the Northville Township Police Department, including DARE

The following are violations of the Northville Public Schools' code of conduct.

What it says

The prohibited acts and penalties listed in this Student Code of Conduct are applicable when a student:

- engages in a prohibited act on any premises owned, leased or used by the District;
- engages in a prohibited act in a motor vehicle owned or leased by the District or being used for a school business-related purpose;
- engages in a prohibited act at a school-related activity, function or event;
- engages in a prohibited act en route to or from school;

officer Larry Demeter, with remedying the situation among the students and their families.

Although at one point the couple considered bringing criminal charges against the girls for the threatening phone calls, the Meads Mill dad said Demeter's suggestion to hold a mediation meeting with all involved students and parents proved beneficial.

"That was a huge help," Craig Catallo said. "It went very well and the parents and the children understood what they did was wrong."

He said the children and parents are all on good terms and pulling his daughter out of school would not have been necessary if any support from administration was offered.

Taking action

Rezmierski said at Meads Mill specifically, administrators are addressing issues of bullying, peer mediation and students feeling out of place.

He said an influx of new students on a regular basis adds challenge to student dynamics at the township middle school, but administrators are working on assimilation including an open house the school will hold Sunday specifically for new students.

"There is always room to pause and meet and greet," Rezmierski said.

A Civil Rights lawsuit exists against the district for racial discrimination of an African-American student at Meads Mill

• engages in a prohibited act involving another student who is en route to or from school;

• engages in a prohibited act that has a sufficient nexus to or with the District, District personnel or students or District property, such as a prohibited act that: which has its inception in school; is school connected or adversely affects, interferes with, or endangers the good order of the school system, or impacts the proper functioning of the educational process or the health or safety of students.

What it means

District officials say the code is subjective and does not include incidents occurring away from school.

Middle School. The district denies any wrongdoing.

Last year, Garret's Law passed after state legislatures backed Paul and Cheryl Drogosch's belief their eighth grade son was hazed during a Meads Mill Middle School football practice in 2003.

Help for teens is a call away

Common Ground Sanctuary is a non-profit crisis intervention agency based in Oakland County providing anonymous assistance to youths, adults and families in crisis. The organization offers a free, confidential teen hotline for students looking for help, advice, direction or relief.

The Teen 2 Teen Talkline is available from 4-10 p.m. Monday through Friday. Talkline phones are staffed by trained teens and service teens and parents of teens. Hotline representatives said cliques, teasing, bullying and threats are all topics phone representatives are prepared to discuss.

The teen hotline may be reached at (248) 292-0194.

Another resource for students suspecting or witnessing school violence is the School

Violence Hotline manned by the Michigan State Police Operations Center and administered through the Michigan Department of Education. The hotline provides a way students may report threats of imminent school violence or other suspicious criminal activity anonymously.

Center representatives ask callers be prepared with specific details of an incident before calling. The toll-free hotline is operational 24-hours per day, 365 days a year.

The phone number is (800) 815-TIPS.

If a student is in immediate danger, center representatives said call 911 or immediately tell an adult, teacher, administrator, counselor or parent. Calls made to the hotline are referred to the appropriate local police agency.

The Drogosch's son suffered multiple leg fractures in his right leg, resulting in surgery and ongoing rehabilitation. He no longer attends the school.

Rezmierski said he is "not aware" of any problems specific to the school.

"There are not issues there that

we don't have in any other school in the district," he said.

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

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- Best Sunday brunch _____
- Best fast food restaurant _____
- Best family restaurant _____
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- Best salad bar _____
- Best place for burgers _____
- Best place for hot dogs/cones _____
- Best place for subs _____
- Best place for ice cream _____
- Best place for chicken _____
- Best quality dining restaurant _____
- Best place for desserts _____
- Best Italian restaurant _____
- Best place for seafood _____
- Best oriental restaurant _____
- Best Tex-Mex restaurant _____
- Best place for pizza _____
- Best place for steak _____
- Best chicken dish _____
- Best place for barbeque ribs _____
- Best wine selection (restaurant) _____
- Best beer selection (restaurant) _____
- Best place for romantic dinner _____
- Best after work meeting place _____
- Best sports bar _____
- Best place for dancing _____

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- Best place to bank _____
- Best place to get nails done _____
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- Best real estate agent _____
- Best mortgage company _____
- Best auto dealer _____
- Best auto service _____
- Best oil change shop _____
- Best collision shop _____
- Best insurance agent (agency) _____
- Best veterinary service _____
- Best travel agency _____
- Best childcare service _____
- Best house painter _____
- Best landscaping company _____
- Best health/fitness company _____
- Best waitress/waiter (include restaurant) _____
- Best car wash _____
- Best tanning salon _____
- Best accountant _____
- Best chiropractor _____

BEST RETAIL STORES

- Best appliance store _____
- Best pharmacy _____
- Best eyecare store _____
- Best bakery/baked goods _____
- Best floral shop _____
- Best grocery store _____
- Best party store _____
- Best jewelry store _____
- Best lumber yard _____
- Best children's wear _____
- Best wine selection (store) _____
- Best beer selection (store) _____
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Kindergarten registration

The Northville Public School District is now accepting kindergarten registration forms for fall 2005. Children 5 on or before Dec. 1 may contact the appropriate elementary school for kindergarten registration information. Phone numbers are: Amerman, (248) 344-8405; Moraine, (248) 344-8473; Ridge Wood, (248) 349-7602; Silver Springs, (248) 344-8410; Winchester, (248) 344-8415; and Thornton Creek, (248) 344-8475.

House appointment

On Jan. 25, State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth) was appointed to the House Appropriations Committee and will chair the subcommittee on Higher Education and vice chair the subcommittee on Judiciary. "I am so pleased to serve on the House Appropriations Committee again, and I am grateful for Speaker DeRoche's (State Rep. Craig DeRoche (R-Now)) faith in my ability to lead the Higher Education and Judiciary subcommittees," Stewart said. "There will be a lot of effort put forth to work with the 15 major university presidents to determine their budgets and capping tuition so that college can be affordable."

Board nominations

The deadline to nominate residents for one open seat on the Northville Public Schools board of education is 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8. The seat of Judy Handley is set to expire and the board trustee said she will seek re-election. Petition forms may be retrieved at city and township clerks' offices. The 2005 school board election will take place Tuesday, May 3. The last day to register to vote in the school election is Monday, April 4.

Cabaret 2005

The Music Department at Northville High School presents "Cabaret 2005 - One Short Night in the Emerald City" 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 in the school cafeteria, 45700 Six Mile Road. The event will feature students from the high school choirs performing selections they chose as

Class NOTES

soloists or in small ensembles. Tickets are available for \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Call Mary Morrow at (734) 420-3118 to purchase tickets now. Proceeds from the evening will support the NHS choir trip to Chicago later this spring.

New scholarship

Oak Pointe Church will award a \$500 dollar scholarship each year to a Northville High School student demonstrating character, love for students and other similar qualities. The student will be selected by Oak Pointe Church pastor Bob Shirock in close cooperation with Northville High School principal Dennis Colligan. The scholarship serves as a thank you to the district from the church for eight years of use of the school facilities.

Generous donation

The Conrad Charitable Foundation donated \$3,000 to the Northville High School Pillar Program. The summer program helps assimilate incoming freshman to the challenging world of high school. Participation in the program is free and topics ranging from self-esteem to managing high-school course work are covered. The program debuting last year, received a tremendous response from participating teens and their families.

Field trips

Destinations for two Northville High School field trips were approved during the board of education Jan. 25 meeting. In the summer of 2006, educators and students will travel to England, France, Italy and Costa Rica. About 30 art and French students will travel to England, France and Italy for academic enrichment. The trip will cost each student nearly \$3,700. An undetermined amount

of Spanish students will travel to Costa Rica, touring four cities. The cost is \$2,400 per student.

Early Childhood Center

Re-enrollment for Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center programs runs March 1-10. Forms for next year classes will be distributed through head teachers at each child's site. Paperwork and registration fees must be received by the deadline to secure a spot. New family enrollment will begin March 19. Registration forms are processed in the order they are returned with priority given to currently enrolled children. Summer program registration will take place during the re-enrollment period March 1-10. The planning of field trips will begin this month.

Seeking students

The Michigan Department of Education seeks high school seniors for a National Youth Science Foundation Camp scholarship. Two seniors from Michigan will receive the honor to exchange ideas with scientists and other professionals from the academic and corporate worlds. The four-week experience will include lectures and hands-on research projects presented by scientists across the nation; three overnight expeditions into a national forest; and a visit to Washington, D.C. Students selected must demonstrate academic achievement in science and show potential for thoughtful scientific leadership. To receive an application packet, visit www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-28753_28760--,00.html. Applications must be received by Feb. 18.

School board meeting

The next Northville Board of Education meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8 at Old Village School, 405 W. Main Street. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

Compiled by Record education reporter Victoria Sadlocha.

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Fellow Northville High juniors Meghan Griffin and Lisa Vitale, right, donned their best pajamas (and in Griffin's case brought along a Teddy Bear) for the beginning of the school's winter spirit week on Monday. Classes got points for having the most number of students wearing PJs.

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Big Mother is watching

District computer program allows parents to monitor students

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

So you say you don't have any homework tonight?

With a few keystrokes and one click of the mouse, Northville parents can see if that is true along with other pertinent student information.

The task is achievable through a computer program adopted by the district, empowering parents access to their children's academic records.

School officials tout the advancement, stating the interface gives parents an unprecedented opportunity to communicate with the district.

Using a password, parents may enter the Zangle ParentConnection secured site and look up information including school news, classroom news, student schedule, course assignments with scores, course requests, student marks, teacher comments and attendance including tardies.

"And it is in real time too, so if I'm tardy parents can know before I get home," said Casey Reason, Northville Public Schools assistant superintendent for instructional services.

Program instructions along with a list of frequently asked questions are being distributed to parents with student report cards.

"The thought is somewhere down the line we won't have to send out report cards or progress reports," said Anne Proulx, Northville Public Schools education technology coordinator.

The parent connection aspect of the software corresponds to Zangle GradeBook, the program

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Anne Proulx
Education technology coordinator
Northville Public Schools

used by teachers to record students' scores.

"It fits into what we are doing," Proulx said. "Not a lot of training is needed."

Students may also access their accounts, checking on missed assignments if absent from school.

Northville school board vice president, Joan Wadsworth, voices some concern the program won't be used responsibly by parents.

Although she supports the technology, Wadsworth said she hopes it will not lure parents into jumping in and managing their students' academic careers.

"The down side is we are trying to raise responsible adults," she said.

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

Quality time together



Meredith Seidelman and son Joshua, 2, enjoy a story at the Northville District Library last Thursday morning during Tot Storytime. The children's storytime for two and three year olds is held throughout the month. Contact the library at (248) 349-3020 for specific times.

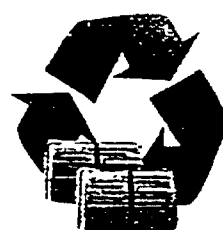
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Students

On Friday, Jan. 14 faculty, students and their families at Northville public elementary schools raised \$31,660 to help with tsunami relief efforts. Teachers and administrators at Ridge Wood Elementary School encouraged the fund raising drive titled Hats for Humanity. The plan was simple, make a donation to the Tsunami Relief Fund and wear a hat all day at school. The funds will be used to provide shelter, food, clean water and medical care to the children and families of Banda Aceh.

Hillside Middle School student Colin Riley won the school-level competition of the National Geographic Geography Bee last month and is now eligible to win a \$25,000 college scholarship. The school-level bee was the first round in the contest sponsored by the National Geographic Society. If Riley continues advancing through subsequent rounds, he will compete in the national finals held May 25 in Washington D.C. hosted by "Jeopardy!" host Alex Trebek.



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On Thursday, February 17, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. a Public Hearing will be held on the 2005-2006 Community Development Block Grant Funds at the Township Civic Center located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48167. The 2005-2006 CDBG allocation for Northville Township will be approximately \$122,000.00. Reallocation of 2004-2005 funds will also be discussed. The primary objective of the CDBG program is to fund eligible activities and projects which benefit low and moderate income persons; aid in the prevention or elimination of blight and slums; and/or address an urgent community development need.

All interested citizens are invited to attend and provide views and proposals concerning the 2005-2006 Community Development Block Grant Program. For additional information on the program or the proposed 2005-2006 allocations, please contact Ms. Delores Bowden, CDBG Coordinator, at 248-348-5800.

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ON CAMPUS

Furman University

Julie Meisner, of Northville, has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2004 term at Furman University. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Meisner of Northville.

Northwood University

Eric Pfeifferle, from Northville, has been granted the Northwood University Aftermarket Industry Scholarship for the 2004-2005 academic year. He is the son of Philip and Lois Pfeifferle.

Ohio State University

Adam Konst, a 2003 Northville High School graduate, was named to the Dean's List for the Fall quarter of 2004 at The Ohio State University.

Montreat College

Megan Preston of Northville was named to the Dean's List for fall 2004 semester at Montreat College, (Montreat, N.C.). She is the daughter of Lloyd and Joyce Preston.

Hope College

Northville residents, Ashley Williams, Emily Shebak, Elizabeth Cohen, and Lara Wagner were named to the Dean's List for fall semester 2004 at Hope College.

Albion College

Nicholas Moroz of Northville has been named to the Dean's List for fall 2004 semester at Albion College. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. George Moroz.

Open wide and say, 'Ahh!'



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Dental hygienist Amy Klug uses a blue laser beam to complete the tooth enamel sealant she's just applied to the teeth of Silver Spring Elementary School student Nolan Schied's teeth. The 8-year-old Schied and other students were given the opportunity to take advantage of Klug's mobile dentistry, set up in the school's art room last Friday, to get their teeth cleaned, X-rayed and sealed. Students at Silver Springs Elementary School received a good brushing last week when representatives from Mobile Dentist visited the school armed with fluoride, tooth brushes and dental floss. The in-school dental program providing preventive dental care, checked participating students Friday, Jan. 28. The outreach service included an oral examination, X-rays if necessary, teeth cleaning, an application of fluoride and back teeth sealants for \$35. Sealants are a thin plastic coating painted on the tooth surface to fill-in the grooves and pits as a preventative measure against cavities. Mobile Dentist offers funding for families unable to pay the one-time fee through a grant application process.

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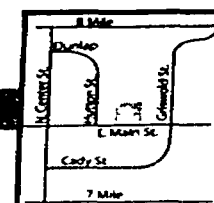
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"This is our family business. This isn't going to keep us from being here."

— Leza Gjonaj, co-owner, Goldsmith Galleries



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Lesh Gjonaj, center-top, owner of Northville's Goldsmith Galleries, watches as a Michigan State Police Officer investigates one of the many smashed display cases in his MainCentre shop last Thursday morning.

ROBBERY: local store owners regroup, vow to remain in Northville

continued from 1A

Wrecking crew

By 2 p.m., 10 hours after the alarm sounded, the MainCentre suite was clear of debris. But the owners' retail routine was in complete disarray.

Whoever entered the store escaped with only a fraction of the store's retail stock.

But the sight of a shattered eastern window and the large rock police believe was used to break into the store cut deep into the otherwise sedate consciousness of a well-known family-owned downtown store.

"They smashed every showcase," Leza said. "Rings, necklaces, whatever was in the showcase that they could grab. Some things were on the floor."

The couple declined to estimate how much was stolen.

Greater than the material loss, Leza Gjonaj said, was the feeling of safety they had taken for granted — as merchants and long-time local residents — was stolen.

"You get a false sense of security," Leza said. "The police station is a block away... you can't blame them. (The robbers) had nerve."

Some pieces the intruders took were one-of-a-kind, the store owners said. They hold little hope the items will be recovered.

"You're not going to find the merchandise locally," Leza said. "These guys knew what they were doing. It wasn't a bunch of kids."

Open for business

By late Thursday morning, custom glass display cases usually teeming with precious metals and glistening gemstones had been reduced to a crime scene, showcases were wide-open shells, thoroughly vacuumed and bare.

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Co owner, Goldsmith Galleries

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Tip Line

Anyone with information regarding the break-in can call the Northville police administration line at (248) 349-5100.

Instead of ordering inventory, re-designing showcases and custom-fitting engagement rings, the family spent Thursday performing a meticulous inventory, conferring with insurance agents and answering questions posed by police investigators.

"Some of this stuff is sentimental," Lesh Gjonaj said. "They got a lot of smaller stuff, but not everything. We put quite a bit of stuff away."

She said the financial loss is not her main concern. "I'm not worried about the insurance," Leza said. "We're covered. It's just the whole point of this happening."

The couple said one bad incident is not nearly enough to uproot them from Northville.

"If we had glass in the showcases, we'd put out what we have left," Leza said Thursday, whose store never officially closed. Later that same day, amid the rubble, one customer came in and ordered a necklace setting.

As news of the break-in spread around town, neighboring merchants dropped in to offer support, Leza said.

"I'm not worried about getting back up on our feet," she said. "This is our family business. This isn't going to keep us from being here."

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Seconds often count when burglars target jewelry store heist

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Minutes after being awakened by an early morning security company call, Lesh Gjonaj arrived at his family's Goldsmith Galleries, jewelry store, located in the middle of downtown Northville. His store alarm had been tripped, he was told.

The Caller ID on his home telephone read 4:10 a.m.

Gjonaj hurried to the store. Police officers were there. Suspects were not.

According to police records, Northville community dispatchers took Southfield-based Guardian Alarm's 9-1-1 call at 4:10:36; it took police staff 42 seconds to input the information.

By 4:12, within 35 seconds of being dispatched, two on-duty City of Northville midnight patrol police officers arrived at the scene, dispatch officials said.

One officer sped to the scene from the city's Main Street police station; the other from an unspecified location on the north end of town.

What they found upon their arrival was a large shattered window pane, providing an easy access

point into the showroom over a brick ledge. Amid the rubble lay the rock police believe was used to gain entry.

"Some people upstairs said they heard a big boom," Gjonaj said.

Northville Police Chief, Jim Petres said crime is not new downtown. "I know there have been burglaries downtown before," he said. "Off the top of my head, I can't think of one quite that bold."

Professional touch

An experienced smash-and-grab team can move in and out in a hurry, Petres said. Videotapes of similar robberies show one person smashing and another scooping up goods and throwing them into a bag, he said.

The Northville store did not have video cameras. But it soon will, said the owners, who began collecting cost estimates the next day.

In the meantime, police officials are using other means of tracking the thieves.

Northville Police Sgt. Mike Carlson, who is heading up the local investigation, said yesterday there currently are no suspects, but there are leads local police are following.

lowing.

Last Thursday morning, motorists stared with curiosity as they passed yellow crime scene tape at the corner of Main and Center streets.

But amid offered words of comfort, Lesh and Leza Gjonaj heard plenty of Monday-morning quarterbacking, regarding security measures for the MainCentre space they rent from Singh Development.

Among the questions: Did you have shatter-proof window glass? Was the store equipped with video surveillance cameras and impenetrable showcases?

The answer to each: No. The couple has since invested in additional security measures, but they realize a motivated criminal will still try to break in.

"If they're going to want to get in, they're going to get in," Leza Gjonaj said. "People are saying, 'Why don't you get Plexiglas, like a bank? Now you're starting to get really extreme.'"

"You really don't want to live in fear."

Leza said the store's windows were installed by their landlord when they signed the lease 14 years ago. Previously, their primary safe-

ty precautions were stowing valuables each night and installing a motion-sensor alarm system monitored 24 hours by a contracted security company.

Hindsight's 20/20

"Cameras would help in the investigation — if we had pictures of the suspects," Petres said. "Stronger glass or a different type of material would make it harder for people to break in."

"If you've got people that are good at that — or a group of people — they can be out in two or three

minutes. It's just a matter of how many people."

"It's at least possible they were gone before dispatch even got the call."

Petres said alarm company protocol is also key. He said police agencies prefer to have the original call routed through their department. Otherwise, precious time can be lost.

After an initial call to the store, Guardian Alarm personnel contacted community dispatch, according to telephone logs obtained by Northville police.

Guardian Alarm officials

declined comment.

Petres said each store owner strikes a balance between after-hours security and store window appeal. Retailers with high-value merchandise ultimately decide what and how much to display in order to attract window shoppers.

"I realize you don't want to have empty showcases," he said. "That's a balance between business operations and security."

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Main Street's lingering concern: Is downtown Northville still safe?

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A bold break-in last week in the heart of the city was surprising, but not a jolt to Northville's sense of security.

"Northville still is safe," Northville Police Chief Jim Petres said. "You get some crime wherever you go. There is a possibility that whoever did this is part of a group that that is their target — jewelry stores. This time they picked Northville."

"That's unfortunate, but generally speaking, Northville's still safe."

Annual crime statistics indicate two robberies in 2004, up from zero in 2003.

Christina Karcher of Novi, a regular Goldsmith Galleries customer, stopped in for a watch battery Friday. She thought the showcases were empty because the store was being remodeled. She was incredulous at news of the break-in.

"You feel this area is safe," Karcher said. "I just don't hear much about places getting robbed around here. 'You hear more about that down toward Detroit.'"

Store owner Leza Gjonaj said people visiting the store since Thursday keep repeating a similar

mantra: they can't believe the robbery happened in Northville.

"I think a lot of people look at Northville and say it's a quiet little community. I might be able to get away with something here. I can't somewhere else," said City Manager Gary Word. "I don't think it's a trend or anything."

Last Thursday morning's break-in brought back unpleasant memories for Orin Jewelers manager David Beyer. His location on the northeast corner of Main and Center streets has been targeted in the past.

"We had the same type of robbery about 18 years ago, a smash and grab," Beyer said. "Since then, we've had windows broken and they've taken the items in the window."

"That's probably happened two to three times."

The Orin store has good security measures in place, Beyer said, including cameras, an alarm system, a routine of storing most items in the safe and shatter-proof security glass windows.

When robbers hit the store twice within six weeks in the mid-1980s, police were able to catch them, Beyer said.

"It took about a year," he said. "They were able to through their fingerprints."

The store owners replaced each window with each break-in incident; now all are shatterproof.

"But that doesn't mean they can't get in," Beyer said. "It probably would take them longer."

Like the Goldsmith Galleries robbery, the Orin break-ins were in the early morning hours, Beyer said. He said he empathizes with the Gjonaj's feelings and the work ahead.

"I don't like to see that happen to anybody," he said. "I'm sure these people have looked at both stores."

"They could have camped out on a bench a month ago, a week ago and looked at peoples' habits."

"My guess is these people have been downtown at 3 or 4 in the morning and know what's happening."

People living in and around Northville like to think its completely safe, Beyer said.

"In our minds, we like to think that it is," he said. "But we are living in a community that is basically like a lot of other towns."

"We're not living in a bubble."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Michigan State Police officers investigate the lone broken pane of window glass in Goldsmith Galleries last Thursday morning. Police believe the thieves used this window to gain access to the store and rob it earlier that morning.

SIGNAL CALLING

Renovated township police station focuses on safety, speed

By Kim Kovel
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The days of the tiny, cavernous dispatch room at the Northville Township Police Station are numbered.

On Monday, the 12 dispatchers who answer 9-1-1 calls for city and township will move into a new, four-console center, officials said.

Coupled with three new radio transmission towers, the new center should help streamline communications.

"It's being able to give the service... that the community deserves," Police Chief John Werth said. "It's more professionalism. It's not the old days."

Safety measures will expand by June 30, Werth said, when \$2.7 million in police station renovations should be done.

Bettering dispatch

In the old set-up, dispatch supervisor Kelly Pigeon was tucked away from the console area in a cube.

"I had a prep radio," Pigeon said. "I couldn't talk, but I could hear (incoming calls). I couldn't even see the phones."

Now, she'll be adjacent to the three other consoles and able to give back-up support.

Also, each console will have Motorola radios equipped with speakers, microphones, touch screens and foot pedals for quick response.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/
NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville Township Police Chief John Werth discusses the department's new evidence storage lockers in their newly expanded and renovated building on Six Mile Road near Winchester.

"Before, two positions worked as call takers," Pigeon said. "It will make things flow more smoothly. Each of the four positions now is completely capable of being a dispatcher."

Four existing computer-aided dispatch programs will be transferred to the center.

Werth said response times, still averaging 3.7-3.8 minutes, will be helped by a hardwired



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Kelly Pigeon, dispatch supervisor for Northville Township, checks out the department's new ergonomically designed Watson Full-lift dispatch stations at the police department's station on Six Mile Road.

radio system.

"Being hardwired, there is no dead space," Werth said. "With any wireless system, you're going to have the opportunity that the signal is not going to reach back. I don't want to take that chance."

Advances to come

Besides providing more space for lockers and training, the renovated wing will house other safety features, Werth said.

Among them is a more accessible roll call room, the hub where officers are briefed before heading to the department's 11 patrol cars.

"It's directly behind where the cars are," Werth said. "I would say it's going to be quicker

because the door is right there. It's much closer to the back parking lot that they'd be exiting."

Instead of five or six officers cramped in a closet-sized room, the new roll call fits 20.

New "total area coverage" communication receivers also will help dispatchers and officers better transmit information.

"That's critical for our communication needs," Werth said. One receiver, currently at Meijer, will be moved.

By the mid- to late-February, towers will cover the township's eastern and western borders, and the city's north side.

That will help alleviate reception snags near Northville Downs, a problem for several months.

Dispatch numbers

Since contracting city services in September, Northville Community Dispatch in the township responded to increased calls:

• September: city, 433; township, 1,265
Increase: 25.5 percent

Even details like the dispatch room's layout lend to better efficiency, Werth said.

"They can still reach the front counter or other areas of the room that are critical for their needs," including reference materials, he said.

Once the 10,000 square-foot addition is complete, it'll serve township and city needs for

• October: city, 446; township, 1,302
Increase: 25.5 percent

• November: city, 410; township, 1,170
Increase: 25.9 percent

* Represents increase over township-only runs

Source: Northville Township Police

another 20 years, Werth said.

The renovations are part of a total \$15.2 million dollar project that included the new township hall and fire station.

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Recent robberies have local retailers thinking safety

By Tom Filipczak
SPECIAL WRITER

Two recent Northville robberies have left local business owners weighing the safety of their workplace against the cost of shoring up their showroom security.

Last Thursday, Goldsmith Galleries, located at the southwest corner of Main and Center streets, was broken into during a brazen 4 a.m. downtown smash-and-grab jewelry heist. Two weeks ago, TCF Bank in Northville Township was robbed for the second time in three months.

Both incidents raise local concerns about workplace security, employee safety and public awareness.

One way local businesses protect themselves against after-hours thefts is by improving their front window glass, Northville police officials said.

Investigators believe a lack of security glass may be one of the reasons the TCF bank was targeted by James Moncrief, 49, the Ferndale man apprehended last week following a high-speed police chase. Police believe Moncrief twice robbed the Northville Township bank, including another robbery Oct. 1.

But not every business owner can afford double-paned insulated glass, even though such protection may long-term better protect them against break-ins.

"People are just too cheap. They don't think about getting robbed," said Gina Jordan of Glass Doctor in Farmington Hills.

Jordan said Lexan, or laminated glass, is best when it comes to protecting in-store merchandise from late-night burglars. She said most business owners opt for less expensive plain

glass.

Jordan said though bullet-proof is not available to commercial businesses, bullet-resistant glass can be purchased for those who are afraid a gun-wielding robber poses a potential threat.

Any glass can be penetrated by a bullet, Jordan said.

At Goldsmith Galleries, laminated glass had not been installed, police said.

Police officials said sometimes a few extra required hits upon the exterior glass, coupled with an alarm system, is all it takes to prevent a robbery or apprehend a suspect.

"I've seen it take two or three hits to break burglary glass (laminated glass)," said Paul Wilke, Senior Administrative Underwriter at Jeweler's Mutual, Goldsmith's insurance company. "In a three-minute burglary the main idea is to slow them down."

Eye in the sky?

Some business owners go high-tech, preferring security cameras capable of recording all in-store activities.

Videotape cameras also make simpler the task of identifying a suspect, or at least discerning physical characteristics such as approximate height and weight.

Some stores have used doorway measurements to help clerks and employees approximate such things as height.

Underwriter's Laboratory annually inspects and rates a series of security products, including roll-down gates and window bars. For those who opt for a security alarm system, insurance companies might ask: Who gets called first? Is it connected to a phone line that can be snipped, or does the signal go directly to the police?

Is it worth it?

Either way, security doesn't come without a hefty cost — financially and aesthetically — especially in quaint, sleepy downtown district such as Northville where neighborhood appeal and personalized customer service are at a premium.

Complete systems can easily reach into the five figures; the cost of doing nothing is personal risk.

Some business owners don't feel the area's crime rate warrants a security upgrade. Others simply can't afford it.

Police said awareness costs nothing.

Officials recommend victims remember how a crime suspect sounded and acted, along with the words they used. Tattoos, scars, jewelry and other unique identifying features are also important to remember, they

said. And when it comes to handling a tense robbery situation, experts agree: give them what they want.

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Northville Township Crime Statistics

DESCRIPTION	2003	2004
Forcible Sexual Offenses	6	9
Robbery	0	5
Assault Offenses	111	97
Burglary/Home Invasion	92	87
Larceny Violations	450	434
Motor Vehicle Theft	47	33
Arson	2	0
Kidnapping/Abduction	4	2
Forgery/Counterfeiting	21	33
Fraud	87	102
Embezzlement/Bribery/Extortion	8	8
Stolen Property	4	9
Damage to Property	99	104
Weapon Offenses	4	18
Non-Forcible Sexual Offenses	0	0
Porography/Obscene Material	0	0
Drug/Narcotic Violations	55	55
Felony Fleeing/Evading	1	2
Fraud/Part B	13	6
Other Sexual Offenses	4	5
Non-Violent Family Offenses	7	0
Operating under the Influence of Liquor or Drugs	160	165
Liquor Law Violations	35	20
Obstruct/Escape	150	201
Disorderly Conduct/Vagrancy	187	218
State/Local Offenses	32	44
State/Federal Offenses	1	5
Local Ordinances-Generic	5	9
Juvenile Vagrancy	9	4
Traffic Offenses	1	2
Juvenile Offenses and Complaints	99	116
Traffic Offenses (Arrestable)	216	252
Warrants	174	190
Traffic Crashes	841	825
Sick/Injury Complaints	160	202
Miscellaneous Complaints	6,803	7,023
Non-Criminal Complaints	44	85
Miscellaneous Traffic Complaints	1,174	1,220
Animal Complaints	237	316
Alarms	1,506	1,429

SOURCE: Northville Township Police Department

City of Northville Crime Statistics

DESCRIPTION	2003	2004
Forcible Sexual Offenses	4	2
Robbery	0	2
Assault Offenses	45	33
Burglary/Home Invasion	9	12
Larceny Violations	52	63
Motor Vehicle Theft	2	0
Arson	0	4
Kidnapping/Abduction	2	3
Forgery/Counterfeiting	2	3
Fraud	15	28
Embezzlement/Bribery/Extortion	2	4
Stolen Property	0	1
Damage to Property	49	29
Weapon Offenses	3	1
Non-Forcible Sexual Offenses	0	1
Drug/Narcotic Violations	22	20
State/Local Offenses	5	1
Fraud-Part B	3	6
Other Sex Offenses	4	4
Non-Violent Family Offenses	4	1
Operating Under the Influence of Liquor or Drugs	77	86
Liquor Law Violations	25	38
Obstruct/Escape	11	7
Disorderly Conduct/Vagrancy	113	124
State/Local Offenses	26	38
Other Group B Offenses	417	541
Runaways	3	1
Juvenile Vagrancy	5	6
Traffic Offenses	0	1
Recovered Runaways	1	0
Juvenile Offenses and Complaints	55	33
Traffic Offenses (Arrestable)	142	112
Warrants	51	40
Traffic Crashes	1	0
Traffic Accidents/Property Damage	259	271
Traffic Accidents/Pursuing	42	35
All Other Vehicle Complaints	330	394
Sick/Injury Complaints	52	39
Miscellaneous Complaints	3430	3474
Animal Complaints	80	45
Alarms	265	264
Hazardous Traffic Citations	1293	1559
Non-Hazardous Citations	153	161
Parking Citations	1609	1839
License/Title/Registration Citations	417	331

SOURCE: Northville City Police Department

Security glass options

- Tempered: hardened but breakable with a hard blow; similar to car door windows.
- Laminated: hardened but will not shatter; held together after breaking, like a car windshield.
- Lexan: very hard to break but three times as expensive as laminated; scratches become very visible after time.
- Bullet resistant: very expensive; thick, and very heavy; usually seen in banks.

Home alone

Residential home security options include sensors and a home alarm system, according to Erica Moore of Alarm One Inc. in Northville Township. Keypads are installed and used to activate and deactivate the alarm systems using a code. Users can also activate a silent alarm.

TOWNSHIP BRIEFS

Fire fighters' challenge

Now and for the rest of the year, Northville Township's fire fighters will be drilled in a new training program.

Until Dec. 1, 2005, each of the department's three shifts will compete in basic skills mandated by the state. For instance, fire fighters must be able to dress in their full turn-out gear in one minute flat.

On Friday, Feb. 11, they'll head to Swan Harbor Lake at noon to perform ice rescues in protective ice water suits. When the weather warms, ladder raises and other search and rescue routines will be held. Assistant Fire Chief David Carignan said training will be ongoing, with three competitions held per month. Teams will earn points, and the winners will be named "Shift of the Year" and get a trophy to boot.

C.E.R.T. program volunteers

To better handle emergencies and disasters, the Northville Township Police Department is developing a Community Emergency Response Team program.

During catastrophes, fire response and medical teams can get overwhelmed. The program will train resident volunteers in decision-making, organizational and practical skills to help others without putting themselves in danger. Officer Samantha Bowin said the program should be in place by year's end.

Volunteers attend a 10-week training session one night a week. They also will help distribute disaster education material and serve at local events like parades or sports.

To volunteer or for more information, call Bowin or Sgt. Matthew Mayes at (248) 349-9400.

Tackling construction theft

In response to increased construction site thefts in town, Northville Township officials will participate Feb. 11 in a prevention seminar.

Hosted at the Canton Police Department, "We Nail Thieves" is aimed at construction managers. Representatives from Canton, Northville Township and Plymouth Township will attend.

The meeting isn't open to the public, but residents can call Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK-UP to report suspicious activities.

The number must be dialed before 9-1-1 to receive a possible award. Crime Stoppers immediately contacts police.

Homeowners flock to meet

Turn-out was the highest ever at Northville Township's third annual homeowners' association meeting, officer Samantha Bowin said.

Sixty-three residents came to township hall Jan. 18 hear officials' presentations and ask questions.

Four associations also were presented with plaques commending their work in newly-started neighborhood watch programs, Bowin said.

Ficano to talk to township

Attention all township residents

with questions for Wayne County: mark your calendars for Thursday, March 24.

Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano will answer resident queries from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the community room of township hall, 44405 West Six Mile Road.

Township manager Chip Snider said any county service is game for discussion — and input.

"My goal was to provide our residents with a convenient format in which to get their questions answered about the county," he said.

Primary township roads, which are maintained by Wayne County, are one key issue, from potholes and snowplowing to a possible traffic light by Northville High School.

Another might be the county's bumping from 2005 to 2007 a planned widening of Six Mile Road between Northville and Haggerty roads.

"I'd like to see us collaborate about recreation issues," said Snider, citing possible future soccer or ball parks in Hines Park. "I'd like to see a dialogue."

Residents will arrive, sign in and write down their questions on a form. Ficano, along with cabinet members, will answer them.

Snider said the format worked at a previous try in Taylor. "We'll bring the bureaucracy to the township," Snider said. "We want them prepared to answer difficult questions in a civil format."

To submit an item for consideration in Township Briefs, contact (238) 349-1700, ext. 107, or kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net.

Northville Twp. Building Statistics

	Through December 2004	Through December 2003
Number of Single/Multi Family Building Permits Issued	543	554
Number of Building Sites Available	725	1,182
Total Number of Inspections Performed	21,543	21,334
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Northville Township Building Department

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NOMINATOR: _____ IF GROUP, CONTACT PERSON: _____

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NOMINATING CATEGORY: (Only one person nominated per category allowed)

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NAME OF NOMINEE: _____ AGE: _____
(Must volunteer for an Oakland County non-profit organization)

SCHOOL ATTENDING (if appropriate): _____

ADDRESS, CITY, ZIP: _____

DAYTIME PHONE: _____ FAX: _____ E-MAIL: _____

PLACE OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE: _____

YEARS OF SERVICE: _____ AVERAGE NUMBER OF HOURS WORKS PER MONTH: _____

TYPE OF WORK PERFORMED _____

A type written essay on a separate sheet, up to one page (no less than 10 point font size). In the essay state the qualities that make this volunteer stand out from other volunteers and list any major accomplishments of the person's volunteer activities. Please give specific examples of how the nominee currently has helped someone, has made a difference for the non-profit organization and/or has had an impact on the community. Include a photo (no larger than 5" x 7") of the nominated person or group, or for Business nominees, include a photo of persons participating in the volunteer activity.

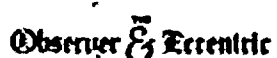
Entries must be received by Thursday, March 24, 2005.

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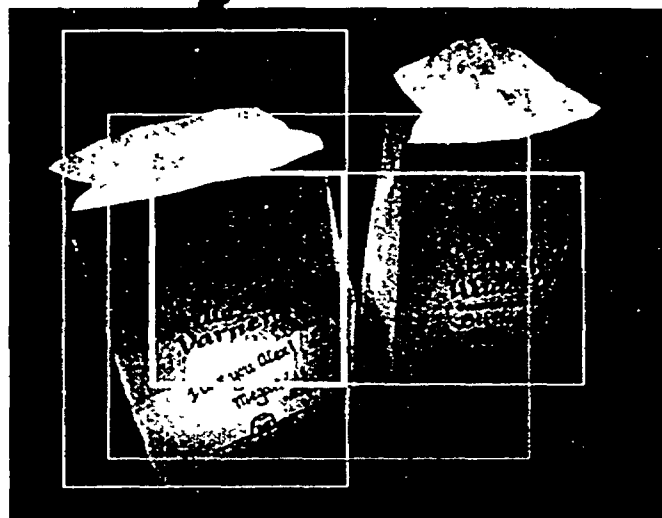
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EMS: changes on the horizon?

National changes may occur by September

By Kim Kovel
RECORD STAFF WRITER

In 22 years with Northville Township's fire department, Lt. Guy Balok has helped save lives with basic life support.

It's the first of four levels of emergency medical services in Michigan — one that may be subject to national standards by September.

"The tiered response is real critical for somebody in a situation... where they're possibly going to die," said Balok. "We need to get there between four to six minutes."

In the initial draft of the National EMS Scope of Practice model, that first response will still tend to breathing, airway and circulation.

But some changes are proposed, and state and local agencies are weighing in.

Setting the standard

Unlike other health care providers, EMS license criteria is determined by states.

A standard, legal definition of what EMS personnel can do would still allow states an option to join in fully or conditionally.

Dan Manz, principal investigator of the project, said 14 groups started the current draft a year ago with the goal of reforming the approach to emergency training and education.

"Once you establish that universe, that core content, then you slice it into levels," Manz said. "This is one step of a many, many step process. We are getting a large amount of input from the EMS community."

Although there would still be four levels, the current draft shifts various skill requirements.

Notably, the third-level emergency medical technician specialist level would be eliminated, and a top-level advanced practice paramedic added.

Medical first responders would change in name to emergency medical responders, while EMT and paramedic levels would stay.

"Maybe the content's going to be a little bit different," Manz said, "but the same mechanisms that are paying for EMS training today are probably going to be paying for (it) tomorrow."

Some question nixing the EMT specialist, which covers skills like intravenous or airway tube insertion.

"The standard of practice document would eliminate that level, and it's not adding those skills to the EMT level," said Thomas Knapp, executive director of the Society of Michigan EMS Instructor Coordinator.

For instance, he said, nitroglycerine, which treats heart attacks, is administered by paramedics. In the draft, the skill is bumped to EMTs, but IV insertion isn't.

Other skills that might need extra training include splinting, epiPens and automated defibrillators.

EMS at home

That could eventually affect needed training in Northville.

Western Wayne County has 50 EMS agencies working with 16 hospitals, said Bob Miljan, executive director of the county's medical authority.

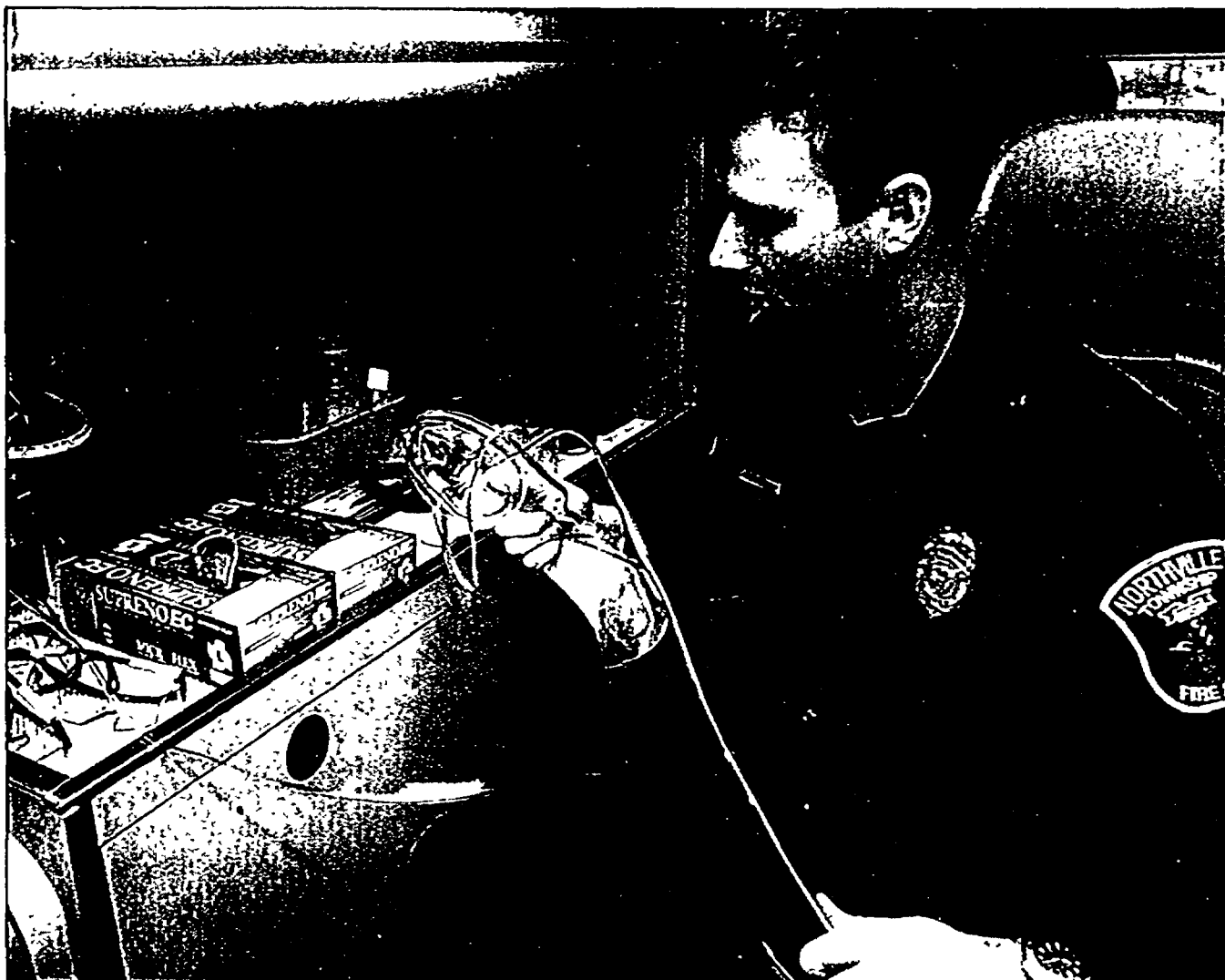
Twenty-seven of the 50, including Northville, are first responders.

"A medical first responder can give oxygen and basically stabilize a person and stop bleeding," said Miljan. "In Southeast Michigan we have very fluid boundaries. They're following the same standardized procedures. (It) gives the physician one set of treatment protocols, no matter where the ambulance is."

In both city and township, firefighters are certified to provide at least basic life support.

The township's 19 firefighters are all medical first responders only, so Huron Valley Ambulance is critical.

"Everyday they're utilized within the township, every emergency call that we get," Fire Chief Bill Zhmendak said.



Northville Township firefighter Gregory Ryan inspects a non-rebreather oxygen mask inside a township rescue vehicle. The township's firefighters and rescue personnel may soon face standardization of EMS services.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

"We have the ability to transport if need be. We are in the process now of updating our level of care."

Zhmendak said at least 485 hours of training are needed to join the department. Expanding on in-house certification training, firefighters will soon be able to use epiPens and glucometers.

In the city, five of 30 firefighters are certified paramedics, Chief James Allen said, with another five in paramedic school and seven trained as EMTs.

Still, a community ambulance is provided out of Boisfort Hospital, Allen said, the system's good, but could benefit

from changes.

"Everything has room for improvement," Allen said. "It should be standardized. Your license should be good either here or if you move to Indiana."

How soon?

After feedback, there's still a ways to go, Manz said.

"We're building an engine a piece at a time," Manz said. "Our goal is to get the pistons done by September of 2005. That's when we're supposed to have this scope document."

"Everyone wants to know, 'When's the engine going to run?' We've got to kind of figure out the transitional. I think

the reality is, we are several years away."

In the meantime, before national educational standards or accreditation, the focus will be first on health.

"It's been ever-changing," Balok said. "We try to provide

the professional environment where we're all just a sea of blue providing care."

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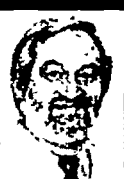
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Presented by
Michael S. Rowe, M.D., F.A.C.P., C.C.R.I.

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SPOTLIGHT ON: ORTHODONTIC NEWS

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

POTENTIAL FOR EXPANSION

One of the factors that commonly contributes to overcrowding of the top teeth is a dental arch that is too small to accommodate all the teeth. This often happens when a child inherits a small upper jaw from one parent and large teeth from another. In such cases, to make more space for permanent teeth to erupt, the orthodontist may utilize a non-removable orthodontic appliance known as a "palatal expander." The upper jawbone (maxilla) is made up of two bones that are connected by a suture in the middle, which does not close until the early teenage years. Therefore, the palatal expander can be used to widen the upper jawbones

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MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi at 8 1/2 Mile Morning Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery 10 a.m. 248-348-7757 Minister: Rev. Dr. E. Neil Hunt Minister of Music: Patrick Kuhl	GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Worship in Lutheran Synod Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 8:45am Worship 10:00am Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor - 349-0565
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NORTHVILLE RECORD

Paul Najjar of Nova Massage gives a neck and shoulder massage to Betty-Ray Brown during last week's Senior Health Fair at the Northville Senior Community Center. Najjar provides massages at the center each Thursday morning.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

'Awakening' turns 1 year old

Downtown Northville's Awakening... The Artist Inside is celebrating its one-year mark as a fine art supply and education class retailer.

To mark the event, owner Sherri Mewha and staff are hosting a party from 1-3 p.m. this Saturday, Feb. 5, including cake, punch, a clown, special discounts and a contest to win an Elmwood Marin Easel. The 18-or-older winner will be drawn at 4 p.m. on Feb. 26.

Other events include: an ice sculpture and Valentine-making, 2-4 p.m., Feb. 12; a display of young artists' work Feb. 19 and 20; and a "Painting on Clayboard" demonstration, 2-4 p.m., Feb. 26.

Saturday and month-long sales will take place. Awakening... The Artist Inside is located at 111 N. Center St. For more information, call (248) 347-0807.

BWA Gallery showcases locals

From now until March, Northville Township's BWA Gallery will showcase and sell the work of four local artists.

Hailing from the township are Charlie Almone and Barbara Eko Murphy. A former instructor at Detroit's Center for Creative Studies, Almone's acrylic, prismatic-layered paintings feature colorful dancers and figures. Murphy, a retired Livonia Public School teacher, uses watercolors with a focus on flowers and people.

The others are Billie Thompson of Milford and Mary Schmidt of Livonia. Both use watercolors.

BWA, opened by husband-wife team Andrea Zastawny-Moreno and Alfredo Moreno, also will have a grand opening party Saturday, Feb. 26 from 1-9 p.m. Refreshments will be served, and an artists' reception will take place from 7-10 p.m.

The BWA Gallery is located at 43133 Seven Mile Road in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center. For more information, call (248) 449-6833.

Hospice earns award

Business communications at Hospice of Michigan, which has a Northville locale, recently earned a District 7 Silver Quill Communications Skills award.

Selected by the International Association of Business Communicators, Hospice's HONeBase publication won an award of excellence for a newspaper publication.

The award focused on technical expertise and the creative process in writing, editing, design and photography. Donna Raphael, Cary Gersh and Barbara Palazzolo received credit.

Northville's Hospice of Michigan is located at 42845 Northville Place Drive.

Flagstar announces earnings

Flagstar Bank, which has a loan center in downtown Northville, recently reported earning \$28.2 million over the past three months.

That amount, equal to \$0.44 per stock share, is down from \$0.67 million this time last year. Lower-than-expected profits on loan sales and a decreased interest margin were reasons for a slight dip from earlier projections for the quarter.

Total 2004 earnings were \$146.4 million, compared to \$254.4 million in 2003. Deposits were up to \$7.4 billion, compared to \$5.7 billion the year before.

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Compiled by Record Staff
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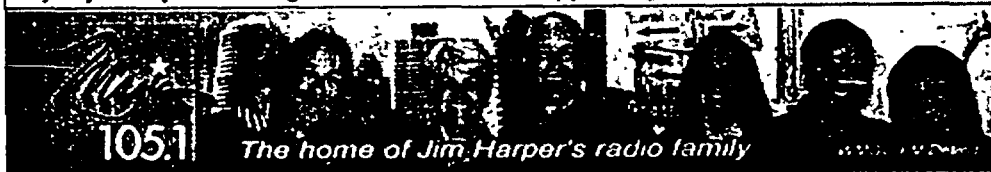
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Merchant Mix

Landlords talk about creating the perfect downtown recipe, but legally how far can they really go?

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

When Bob and Margene Buckhave were seeking tenants for Old Church Square in 2001, they considered the smell of permanent hair color solution and cooking odors.

The couple converted the former Methodist church at Dunlap and Center streets into retail, residential and banquet space. They wanted long-term tenants for their eight storefronts who could compatibly co-exist.

"Bob and I, as landlords, try to get a mix," Margene Buckhave said. "We had at least four hair salons approach us."

"In the one building, we just couldn't — we had a banquet room above."

"To me, that's something you really have to look at."

Just be fair

And it is up to the real estate owners to establish their own criteria for potential lessees, said Mark Mandell of Northville-based law firm Fausone, Taylor and Bohn. He said landlords can select tenants of their choice as long as they conform with municipal ordinance guidelines.

"The bottom line is there are no parallel provisions that correspond to any of those fair housing acts," he said. But generally, commercial landlords must comply with those same guidelines with regard to discriminating against race, gender and religion, he said.

"They just have to be cautious and conscientious with regard to those issues," Mandell said. "The moral of the story is there is no specific statute that exists with regard to those issues."

"However, common sense and following the black letter law will go a long way in landlord/tenant issues."

Downtown Northville's commercial district continually evolves as business owners retire, relocate or just close up shop. Small businesses last month opted out of final lease months, relocated for lower rent and investigated alternatives to a space soon to be demolished.

With new construction and reconconditioning of whole buildings

"I talk to the prospective tenants at great length to make sure they have financial staying power for the long haul."

Jim Long
Long's Plumbing and Downtown
Landlord

planned on West Main Street in the coming months, owners Jim Long and the Buckhaves, with their partners Erwin and Barbara Tonch, will decide on a considerable number of the next downtown inhabitants.

Tenant criteria

Long, current landlord to several Main Street tenants, will add six more retail spaces ranging from 1,100-1,700-square-foot by summer's end. He will lease the second and third floors at 120 W. Main Street as office space.

The business owner said he has his preferences for the retail type he would like to see in his buildings — apparel stores and designers, for example — but in the end, economics will prevail.

"The landlord can have a big bearing on it," Long said. "What it comes down to is you need tenants. You can only be choosy for so long."

"I talk to the prospective tenants at great length to make sure they have financial staying power for the long haul."

Margene Buckhave said she does not have set criteria for selecting tenants, but consideration for neighboring stores is key.

"For us, it's a personal thing," she said. "Our tenants are like our family — we look out for one another."

"In those kinds of things, we're still kind of a small town."

The effort to recruit and retain

street-level occupants should be a cooperative effort among Northville landlords, Buckhave said. Meanwhile, the Northville Chamber of Commerce and Northville

Downtown Development Authority have an important role in sharing information about businesses expressing an interest in locating in Northville, she said.

"It would be ideal if we had the whole group," Buckhave said. "Every landlord has their idea of what a good tenant is."

"How many of any one thing can you have in a two-block downtown?"

Making a mix

The store types the Buckhaves and Tonchs are seeking for their future retail setting at 133 W. Main St. have name recognition, are not mall stores and have a proven track record in a similar size town, Margene said.

"We won't attract certain businesses just because we won't meet their profile," she said. "There are a lot of them we will."

Discussion of the commercial core's future identity continues amid rumblings of the recent announcement that a "lifestyle center" could possibly locate within 10 minutes of downtown.

Local merchants are meeting again this week to discuss a strategy to co-exist alongside the attractive, faux downtown featuring the latest combined trend in dining, entertainment, retail and residential development.

During the past four years, the Buckhaves leased spaces at Dunlap and Center streets for photography, music instruction, scrapbooking supplies, stamps and stationary, specialty beads, interior design services, an art gallery, clothing, and most recently, a day spa.

"Building owners need to create a group to work together to bring in the right tenants," Bob Buckhave said. "We need to focus on bringing good, solid tenants that will bring people into town."

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'Let's talk Northville': public forum draws vibrant crowd; last meeting set for tonight

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The standing-room-only crowd at the Let's Talk Northville "vision" session Tuesday night agreed: downtown needs to change and stay the same.

About 120 residents, officials, business owners and planners gathered at the Northville Senior Community Center and dissected the conundrum with practical suggestions and specific desires.

The Round Two vision session is 7 p.m. tonight, in the 303 W. Main St. facility.

Tuesday there was consensus that the city and its community partners should step up and approach retail competition by adding more goods and services. At the same time, a common refrain among the 50-plus people who spoke: the city needs to add leisure-time amenities to attract residents from the burgeoning subdivisions surrounding the city.

The special steering committee appointed to help guide downtown's future growth planning strategy is hosting the sessions as a follow-up to the November Gibbs Planning Group retail market study. Ann Willis, long-time Northville resident and marketing executive, is acting as facilitator at both meetings.

The 12-member steering committee, a mix of representatives from city and township interests, will combine input from public meetings this week with the Gibbs report and information they glean from future visits to cities facing growth challenges similar to Northville.

Emphasizing the committee's intent to solicit residents' description of what they would like to see, Willis briefly outlined Gibbs' growth scenarios, then opened the forum for comment. The same two-hour format is planned for tonight.

One repeated suggestion was contacting former retailers — stores that sold furniture, hardware and children's apparel — to see why they left Northville. Other recurring themes were:

- maintaining Northville's unique character
- extending merchant hours
- moving the farmer's market downtown to a permanent, perhaps sheltered, location
- creating a central park, like Plymouth's Kellogg Park
- providing more entertainment, such as movies and a comfortable concert setting
- increasing parking
- adding more restaurants with indoor and outdoor dining, but not so many to overpower the merchant mix.

Lifelong and newly arrived area residents chimed in with suggestions and questions. Some said there is a communication gap about what's available downtown and even how to get there.

Willis described the 50 percent increase in retail space already planned for downtown: new construction at 120 W. Main St., redevelopment at 133 W. Main St., and reconstruction at 170 E. Main St. Residents' subsequent comments about potential tenants and the need for more parking acknowledged change already is in the works.

Visit www.downtownnorthville.org to view the Gibbs report. Bob Gibbs' Dec. 9 presentation is available to borrow on DVD at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St., with a complimentary bag of popcorn.



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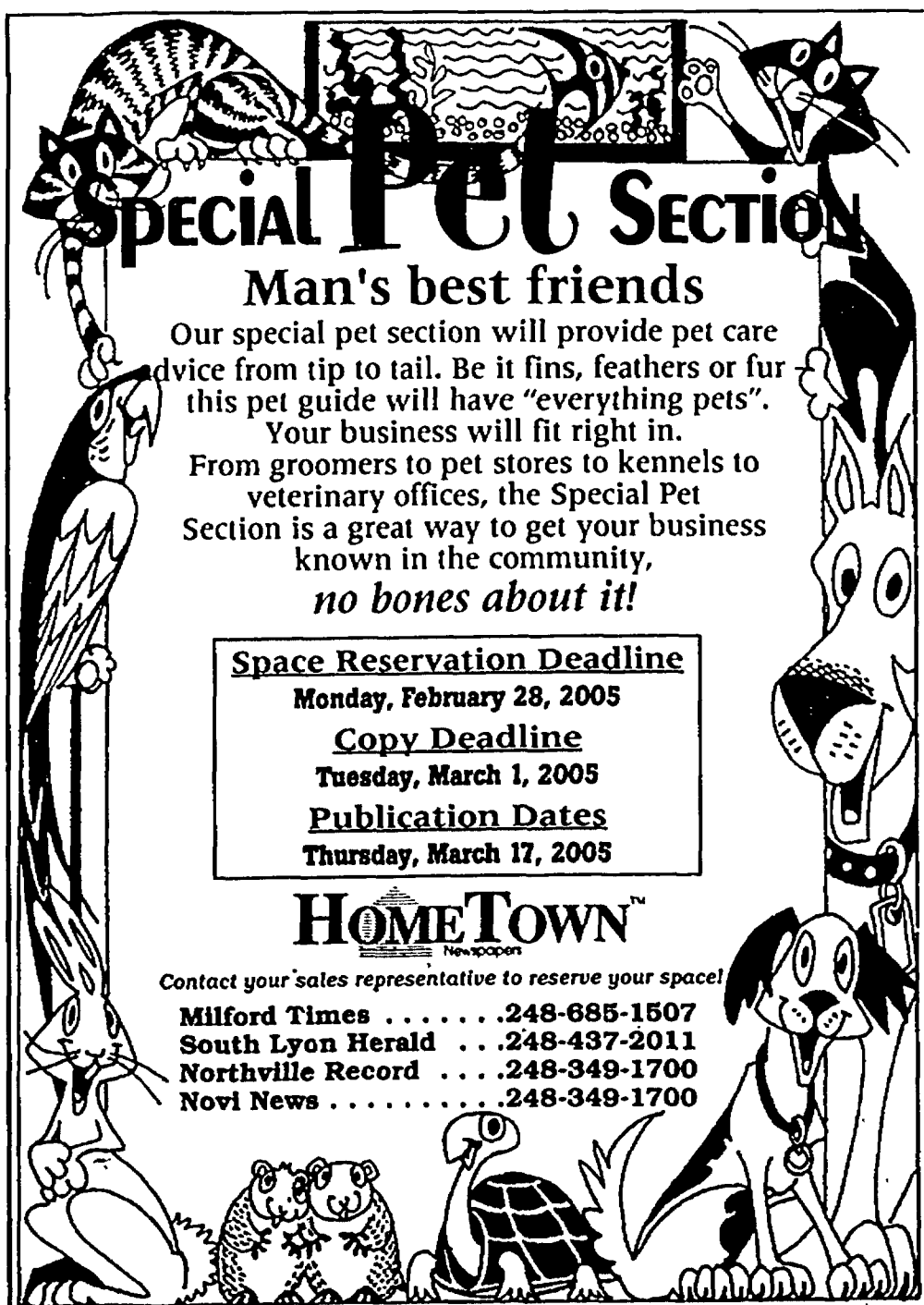
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Hate Club: And now this

Parents and Northville Public School officials should take seriously allegations made by the parents of a former Meads Mill Middle School student claiming at least four of her former classmates formed a "hate club" using her as its primary focus.

The student's allegations, spelled out within official police reports and substantiated by admissions given to police by the female students accused of the action, denote many troubling trends.

Certainly the action itself is despicable. According to police reports, the 13-year-old classmates not only formed the club, but also used movie sound bytes to harass the girl.

"This voice threatened her saying that it was going to shoot her and that it was watching her with a telescope," the report said.

The students told police it was all a joke. Some joke. No one should be laughing.

Instead, district officials should be doing more than imply that since the incident did not occur at school, it is not bound, legally or otherwise, to remedy the matter.

"This type of interaction is quite common in middle schools around the country," said Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of Northville Public Schools.

Rezmierski said groups, including hate clubs, are a social reality among teenage girls.

Maybe so. But doesn't Northville profess itself at every available opportunity to be demographically and educationally more evolved than many of its Michigan neighbors? Do not those who staunchly support the local public school district take every opportunity to sing the praises of a community-centric school system where children are exposed to myriad learning experiences?

Why then within such an education-focused community are

lessons of tolerance and ignorance so difficult to teach? Why then with \$8,050 in state per student funding is a school district so continually hamstrung by such social puppet strings?

Certainly, no amount of money will cure the social ills faced by our country. And in many ways, Northville stands as a leader.

But marginal progress is not enough. With privilege comes responsibility, not dominion.

At Meads Mill Middle School in particular, this is at the third serious incident local officials have needed to address.

A well-publicized football practice incident two years ago resulted in state legislation outlawing hazing. A recently filed federal civil lawsuit remains pending against the school. And now this.

Taxpayers deserve more than happy talk, hand-wringing and lengthy "due diligence" reports. They deserve answers from those whose job it is to come up with them — administrators and parents alike.

Or the state should get some of its state funding back.

Northville is supposed to be a community where highly-educated residents send their children to school to learn how to better the world. It should not be a place where children form hate clubs to dishonor their classmates, harass them then watch as adults around them — including parents — shirk opportunities to demonstrate leadership.

Sadly, many Meads Mill students and parents will suffer because of the poor decisions made by a few. They deserve better.

It may take a village to raise a child. Mostly, it requires parents unwilling to make excuses for their children's poor decisions and administrators willing to stand up when their community needs them most.

And be a leader.

Now is the time to be bold

Perhaps the very hardest thing for anyone holding public office is deciding whether — and when — to be bold or to be cautious.

An example. Faced with a then-unprecedented budget crisis in 1983, newly elected Gov. James Blanchard chose to fight to temporarily hike the state income tax to cover the deficit. Net result? Economically, the measure worked, and within a couple of years the tax increase expired and the state had returned to prosperity.

Yet politically, there was a big downside for the Democrats. Two of their state senators who voted for the measure were recalled, and the Republicans took control and have dominated the senate ever since.

Personally, I thought Blanchard did the responsible and right thing. And maybe the crushing reality of the situation left him with no real choice. But the conventional political wisdom flowing from the event is that being bold — when it comes to raising taxes — is always a mistake.

Now, we are facing a new and timely test of this proposition, in the form of the revisions to the Single Business Tax proposed last week by State Treasurer Jay Rising and Gov. Jennifer Granholm.

Certainly, something has had to be done about the antiquated 40-year-old SBT. At heart, it's a tax on payroll: for a state leading the nation in job loss, this seems a perverse way to structure our main business tax. In national surveys comparing state tax climates, Michigan has always stood out like a sore thumb because of the onerous way the SBT operates. Moreover, administering and computing the tax is a royal pain; some businesses spend more in figuring out how

much tax they owe than the actual tax they pay.

The proposed changes get a lot of things right:

- The rate drops from 1.9 percent to 1.2 percent, a reduction of more than one-third.
- The tax base reduces the use of payroll as a factor, which also penalizes firms less for hiring new workers.
- A credit for research and development expenses should help high-tech companies.

Manufacturers using lots of expensive equipment get a credit for personal property taxes.

All told, according to Rising, some 72,000 state businesses (including many small firms, which tend to be the main sources of job growth) will see a tax reduction. Another 67,000 businesses will see no tax change; and 22,000 (including, notably, insurance companies) will get higher tax bills. Overall, the changes in the SBT are supposed to be "revenue neutral," which means they are designed to not affect the total amount of money coming to the state.

The obvious question now is whether the changes being proposed are far reaching ("bold") enough to really make a substantial difference to our economy. Some business types have proposed doing away with the SBT altogether and replacing it with a tax on business profit.

Personally, I have argued for eliminating the SBT and replacing it by broadening the sales tax to include services, but at a reduced rate. On the other hand, the SBT represents a big component of state revenue (now around \$2.2 billion annually), and it is a relatively stable tax in a state with a very volatile economy.

The Granholm Administration has typically followed the path of moderate caution as it has

made its choices along the bold-cautious continuum. So the recent SBT proposals are consistent with its overall philosophy. And from this perspective, they certainly represent a good first step.

In such matters, however, it's useful to consider what the economists call the "opportunity cost." The opportunity cost of choosing to buy fixed interest bonds, for example, is that while such a choice may limit the likelihood of major loss, it also forgoes the possibility of big gains that could come if the money were invested in the stock market.

In choosing to make cautious changes in the SBT, the Granholm Administration has foregone an opportunity to address the basic problem in Michigan's financial picture — the chronic structural deficit in the state budget. Deciding to junk the SBT and spread the sales tax to services is probably the easiest way to eliminate repetitive \$1 billion holes in the budget, but it's a risky move. A revenue-neutral tweak at the tax will likely, over time, result in some employment gains, but it almost certainly will not result in any fundamental improvement in the state's financial situation.

Choosing one route over another is all a matter of basic instinct between risk and reward, between boldness and caution. As the old saying goes, "you pay your money and you take your choice."

But I still remember that when incoming Gov. John Engler was inaugurated, former Gov. George Romney leaned over and gave him only two words of advice: "Be bold!" That was advice he took, and whatever your politics, no man can say that John Engler didn't make a difference.

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Phil Power

Strong leadership is needed

The one thing on which virtually everyone in Michigan agrees is that the state's largest and most famous city is in an appalling mess.

But what they disagree violently on is who is to blame. They argue over who can fix it, how to fix it or even whether the city can be saved at all.

For many, the state of Detroit was symbolized perfectly by what happened last weekend when Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, a very large 34-year-old man with a large diamond in his left ear, appeared before the cameras to confirm what he had been denying for days. Yes, the luxury Lincoln Navigator the city had leased for \$24,995 a year had been meant for his wife and children.

However, he claimed he decided it was too extravagant and had intended to send it back. He had never lied about it, he said, even though he had spent several days lying about it, as had other city officials. When one TV reporter followed the mayor to Washington to ask about it, a security guard acted like a thug and smashed his face into the wall, live on television.

Washington police then said they would no longer protect the mayor on his visits because of his incessant non-stop nightclub hopping into the wee hours, something the mayor denied, saying he never went "clubbing" at all.

All that would have been embarrassing had it happened to the mayor of Palm Beach during an economic boom. But Detroit is in dreadful shape, with unemployment rising past 14 percent and a budget deficit spiraling out of control. Earlier this month, the mayor had announced that nearly a thousand jobs were being eliminat-

ed, and the already inadequate bus service was being cut back.

Now, those who need to a bus to get to work in the wee hours are out of luck. That's no minor inconvenience in the once-mighty Motor City, where, ironically, something like a third of the residents have no access to cars.

And that's just the tip of the rusting ruin.

Fifty years ago, Detroit was a bustling industrial metropolis with two million people. Now, it has barely 910,000, and is shrinking fast.

The public schools are in even more appalling shape — the mayor himself refuses to put his kids in them — and they are likely to get worse now that further reform efforts have been rejected by the voters.

Legally, the city has to balance its budget. But with this year's deficit running anywhere from \$230 million to \$380 million, even the draconian cuts he announced may not be enough.

Legislators and others are beginning to whisper the dreaded word receivership. Some think the state could end up having to take over the city within the next few years, and send in a special master to run it. Highland Park, a desperately impoverished enclave city surrounded by Detroit, lost control of its own affairs years ago.

Even more startling, many — perhaps millions — of Michiganders don't care. That includes many who live in Hillsdale or Traverse City, but also well-off suburbanites who live a short hop from the city's famous border, Eight Mile Road.

Many say the city brought its problems on itself (by which they usually mean, the blacks

destroyed it after the whites moved out) and actually believe that what happens in Detroit is totally irrelevant to them and their lives.

For many, Detroit's problems are easy to ignore. Fewer people live in the city than at any time since World War I. Detroit is now home to only 9 percent of the state's population. Most of those who live there are black; most who don't are white. The state and the city exist in almost separate worlds.

But those who say the city doesn't matter, or who think they can get by ignoring it, are dead wrong, said Fremantle Hendrix, who is attempting to unseat Mayor Kilpatrick in this fall's election. "How can the rest of the state feel secure if their major city isn't functioning?" said Hendrix, a financial expert and a former deputy mayor under the business-oriented Dennis Archer.

It is hard to see anyone can think Michigan can continue to be economically competitive if its main city, its sports and entertainment capital, looks like something out of the third world, with desperate poverty and services and gated communities only for the rich.

Sooner or later, Michigan — and Detroiters themselves — will have to face some tough decisions about what kind of state, city and society they want to be. Urban experts like David Rusk think the solution for Detroit is obvious: some form of metropolitan government with the surrounding suburbs it gave birth to.

So far, neither the city nor the suburbs have been willing to consider that, preferring to hash each other instead. It would be nice if a statesman with a vision emerged sometime soon. There may not be that much time left.

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Jack Lessenberry

Record Letters

Capture Bigfoot soon

I applaud the comments by my neighbors Jim Allen and Greg Swanson for their concerns regarding the bigfoot trend in Cabbagetown.

Frankly, I am extremely disappointed with the apparent lack of conscience by architects and builders who recommend, design and build structures with little concern to the overall impact of their project on homes and lives of families around their site.

Granted, builders do need to work toward meeting the wishes of clients, but that does not excuse them, as professionals, from considering a perspective outside the bounds of their projects. What I am sure was once a delightful design on paper often transforms to a neighborhood eyesore that cannot be erased.

During my 22 year in Cabbagetown, I have seen many examples of tastefully designed additions, improvements, and new houses that complement our streets.

I would like to personally thank those architects, builders and homeowners that did care about other residents to perhaps scale back their plans in an effort to blend into our neighborhood. However, recently there has been a trend toward monstrosities that rise too far from their foundations, spread too far toward neighboring houses, and loom too far over streets as to snatch up families as they stroll by.

I believe it is time for the planning commission to develop more solid guidelines to curb the bigfoot trend in the City of Northville. If you have similar thoughts (or opposing ones), be sure to make your voice heard. Remember, our local government and commissions are elected and appointed to represent the citizens of our community.

Let's do so quickly before the trend becomes an epidemic.

Joseph Hoffman
Northville

Think before speaking

I do hope, Mr. Amett, (Cold Stone Ice Cream) that your statements, "We plan to hire Northville students" and "We are going to be recruiting from Northville schools" was not intended to project the image of snobbery or exclusiveness. It would be shameful if a qualified student or adult applied for a job and was rejected because his/her zip code was not 48167.

I am amazed that you find it distasteful to admit your establishment is in Livonia and you want to be identified as the Northville store.

Will you ask your customers their place of residence? Will you refuse service if they don't comply?

Northville, though growing, will not be able to sustain you.

I think you need to reconsider or perhaps clarify your statements.

Mary Elizabeth Braddock
Northville

Just walk a little

This letter pertains to the issue of parking, safety, sidewalks, and basic needs in the city of

Northville. I am curious and concerned when I read articles about parking problems in Northville. Curious, because there seems to be plenty of parking just a few steps from downtown.

The lot south of the parking structure on Cady street seems to be empty most of the time. The endless acres of parking space at the Northville Downs also seem to be a logical and close place to park. I started writing this before the shuttle service was tried.

Although I found the idea of a shuttle service to go a couple of blocks up a small hill quite amusing, I have to give credit to someone for trying to help. I am an advocate for walking over driving when there are safe and appropriate circumstances.

Perhaps a completed sidewalk system in the city is not the answer to all of the "parking" problems but it may help. Safe sidewalks and paths are basic needs of all cities — small and large. A safe and complete sidewalk system may also encourage more residents to visit downtown more often.

Broader thinking might include connecting the township to the city, which would make Northville and the township even more desirable places to live. I believe I saw some type of master plan a while back that indicated such ideas. The plan, however, needs to be put into action. A simple guideline to follow in such a congested area such as ours is: wherever there is a paved street there needs to be a sidewalk or paved path on both sides. Or, at the very least, designated space on a sufficient sized shoulder.

Having sidewalks is the first step. Maintaining them appropriately is the next. Residents and

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Looking back...

The following story has been excerpted from the 1905 Northville Record by Northville Historical Society board member Mark Chester. With minor exceptions, the stories comprising this year-long weekly series will appear as published 100 years ago this week.

February 3, 1905

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As advertised, the receivers sale of the property of the old Globe Furniture factory took place on Saturday. Mr. Hall of Detroit, for the newly organized Hall-Carr

Century ago

Manufacturing Co. paid \$7,000 for the factory. The company has \$60,000 capitalization and expects to produce novelty wood work of various kinds, which one branch will be baseball clubs. Two cars of stock have already arrived and active preparations are in progress, with the intention of starting up the wheels by the end of February.

It will certainly seem like old times to see all the factory buildings "alive" once more.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

As a customer shops in her Main St. shop Belle Rose, owner Peggy Allgeier talks about what it was like to be a Northville merchant for years and what she'll miss as she closes her store and moves operations to Royal Oak.

Departing Belle Rose bids downtown fond farewell

Former business owner says Northville's future will depend on business savvy, collective effort

Peggy Allgeier laughed as she described the spring-through-fall scene of vehicles jamming the farmer's market on the corner of Seven Mile Road and Center Street.

Then she watched in retail horror as traffic control personnel waved exiting cars south on Center away from downtown.

That, the merchant said with a wry smile, epitomizes downtown Northville's lack of commercial savvy. As much as the merchants bank on the collective charming identity, they don't invest the effort into cohesively promoting it.

The Belle Rose Antiques store owner, during the final days her store was open downtown, had no disparaging words for her 4 1/2-year stay in Northville. Her observations and recounted experiences were solicited in the context of this week's round of public discussions about people's vision for the downtown's future.

A couple of people at Tuesday night's "Let's Talk Downtown" meeting suggested steering committee members contact past merchants to inquire why they left Northville. Long-time residents remember when Main and Center stores

stocked the everyday items — hardware, apparel, children's toys and clothing, books and furniture — they now bemoan as unavailable, other than at the mall or national retailers.

I would like the downtown to remain the way it is, but to start selling the goods and services that my family needs and desires.

That's what Northville wants from it's downtown.

It's the riddle retailers — a.k.a. neighbors, parents, business owners, merchants, spouses, friends, community volunteers — confront every day.

They want to be the person heartily greeting the first-time and returning customer, selecting the unique merchandise that is Northville's trademark, compensating employees to keep them, earning the cash to afford this area, oh, and having a life.

Discussions about the downtown's fate often returning to one familiar idea: merchants need to stay open longer hours and weekends for the commercial core to remain viable in light of increased competition.

There are accompanying refrains: collective promotion, stringent standards in future tenant selection and attractions to bring people to town in the first place. Kind of a "west-side Birmingham."

Allgeier is moving her Belle Rose to Royal Oak, taking on a partner and paying lower rent.



Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

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business owners have to follow through with keeping them clear and the city needs to enforce such requirements.

In some areas the sidewalk system is fine. When they started putting in needed sidewalks along Rogers last year, that was encouraging. But there is a lot more work to be done. Cady street, from Center to Griswold, has become a fast detour for cars avoiding Main street and the lack of sidewalks force pedestrians into the road. Sidewalks also stop and start in Cabbagetown as well.

The curve where East Main street turns into South Main/Northville Road is intriguingly dangerous as it passes over the river. There is space between the sidewalk and fence that is large enough for a small child or pet to fall through to the river below. This has been the case for a few years.

Also, in this same area, is the viaduct that helps connect the Highland Lakes subtownship to the city. According to the date in the cement it was constructed in 1910. Hardly engineered for the hundreds of speeding SUV's and cars that pass through each day. It is extremely dangerous for a pedestrian or cyclist to navigate. Ironically it was probably designed for walkers, horse and buggy and an occasional Model T. For someone in the Highland Lakes area wanting to visit downtown they would have to drive. When riding a bike or walking would be a pleasurable experience on a nice day.

There are no sidewalks or paths at the Seven Mile/Northville Road intersection either. As well as the Hines/Seven Mile area of the Sheldon/Seven Mile area (south of seven mile). For that matter Seven Mile in general is devoid of sufficient sidewalks in most places. It almost appears that it is that way intentionally to keep

the township and the city separate.

Main thoroughfares like Seven Mile, should also be given priority. When Beck Road was improved from Five Mile to Six Mile it was done almost to perfection with the exception of the path stopping dead at the Scott Correctional facility.

I think that most people would tend to agree that a safe, complete sidewalk system would elevate the quality of life here. Cost, of course, is always an issue. In this case, however, it should not be an excuse. There has to be a fair and appropriate way to fund it and get it done. If consideration, time and money can be put toward a shuttle bus experiment, then this should at least be explored.

Kurt Bartel
Northville

Thanks, Civic Concern

We moved here three years ago. We knew the schools were exceptional, our primary reason for choosing this area. Soon we discovered many of the wonderful family oriented activities, programs and organizations. The truth is, it is the people of Northville that makes this town an exceptional place to live, not just the school.

Tragically, months after purchasing our dream home, we encountered something so serious it threatened the very health of our lives. It has rocked our financial security, into near bankruptcy. Our home was saturated with "the" black mold; toxic Stachybotrys.

The former owners did not disclose that the basement leaked or the problems with their roof that had leaked previously. Nor did they mention

"I can't really say I was pushed out," she said. "I think there's a limit to what smaller retailers can pay for rent and I've reached that limit. It's time for a change."

"Some of the people in the downtown have been above and beyond good customers. I have nothing but good things to say."

Like her 147 E. Main setting, the store she will open in March at 116 E. Seventh St. will be in a historic building. That is part of what attracted the Plymouth resident to locate in Northville in the first place.

"I hope small businesses can afford the rents so the town mix stays," Allgeier said. She complimented new additions Girly Girl, La Corsetiere and Veronica's Closet.

"Most retail has suffered because of the economy," she said. "When that starts to happen, you just start to try to keep your head above water."

Allgeier packed up the vintage and shabby chic items that remained after her Monday auction, excited for her new downtown setting, with a complementary architectural artifacts store next door.

Northville gave her loyal patrons, insight into buying habits and experience overcoming the challenges of running a small business to take with her.

Allgeier said it always irked her when people made a point of saying they didn't shop downtown.

"If you don't shop your cute little downtown, you're not going to have your cute little downtown."

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Lansing notes

One of the most important jobs I have as your Senator is to introduce legislation to help make Michigan an even better place to live, raise a family and do business. This year, the state will face many challenges, including writing a budget that is balanced and that reflects the priorities of Michigan residents and businesses.

I am currently working on, or have introduced, several bills that will positively affect many people in our community and state. Following are some of the issues and ideas you will read about in the coming months.



State Sen.
Nancy Cassis
R-NOVI

Amber Alert Changes

Several years ago, I introduced legislation to create an Amber Alert program in Michigan. Since then, it has been instrumental in helping find missing children.

Unfortunately, some individuals have abused the program and issued Amber Alerts for false causes.

It is vital to our law enforcement personnel that the system is properly utilized so that their important time and resources can be invested in protecting the health and welfare of Michigan residents instead of wasted on wild goose chases. For this reason, I have introduced legislation to make it a felony to issue a false Amber Alert report. This change will help prevent further false reports and continue to help protect children in years to come.

Tsunami

The tsunami that hit India, Indonesia, southeast Asia and east Africa had a devastating effect in the region. People across the world have opened their hearts in response to the tragedy and given of their time and money to help. Americans have helped tremen-

dously in this regard, and their generosity should be rewarded.

The federal government already has provided a tax credit for the 2004 tax year for individuals making a contribution to tsunami relief in the month of January. Similarly, this week, I introduced legislation providing a Michigan tax credit for the 2004 tax year for contributions that have been given in January 2005 to organizations providing assistance to victims of the tsunami. If signed into law, the credit would be for contributions up to \$50 for an individual and \$100 for a couple.

Education

I am also working on a package of legislation that would provide assistance to K-12 education programming to prevent learning problems before they become serious. Early intervention is a key to assuring children have the ability to grow throughout their education process. Statistics have proven that recognition and programming at an early age in not only a benefit to the child but the welfare of educational system as well.

Taxing Issues

Governor Granholm recently unveiled his plan for Michigan Tax Code changes. Currently, there are no bills available to review. When legislation is introduced, the bills will be referred to the Senate Finance Committee. As chairman of the Committee, I will hold timely, thorough hearings to review and take input on the plan.

State Senator Nancy Cassis, a Novi Republican, represents the 15th Senate District, which includes the townships of Commerce, Highland, Holly, Lyon, Milford, Novi, Rose, West Bloomfield and White Lake; as well as the Villages of Holly, Milford and Wolverine Lake; and the cities of Novi, Northville (the portion in Oakland County), Orchard Lake, South Lyon, Walled Lake and Wixom. You can reach her by e-mail at: senncassis@senate.michigan.gov, or toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

GUEST COLUMN

Take care of your feet, you only get one pair

By tracking all over Michigan in the WalkingWorks fitness walks, I've realized that foot care is part of a satisfying life which includes independence and mobility.

Problems with our feet can be the first sign of more serious medical conditions such as arthritis, diabetes, and nerve and circulatory disorders. Foot ailments can make it difficult if not impossible to work or participate in daily activities that help keep us active and healthy. But we often forget to take care of our feet.

To keep your feet healthy, here are just a few of the many things you can do:

- Stay mobile by planning your physical activity program with

your doctor

- Wash your feet every day
- Wear shoes and socks at all times
- Protect your feet from hot and cold by wearing shoes while at the beach or walking on hot pavement
- Wear comfortable shoes that fit well

Take care of your feet — unlike shoes, you only get one pair. And take care of yourself before your health is lnnnnnnng gone.

Ernie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 87, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan and Blue Care Network, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns titled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling 1-800-245-5082.

Ernie Harwell
GUEST COLUMNIST



Name withheld upon request

WHAT'S GOING ON?

Northville's Official Events Calendar • nrevents@ht.homecomm.net

Local Events

Northville Township Fire Fighters Benefit

The third annual benefit, Red Hot, Romantic Evening, will be held from 6 p.m.-midnight on Saturday, Feb. 12, at the Italian American Club Banquet Hall, Five Mile Road at I-275. This is a benefit for Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) and tickets are \$60 per person or \$100 for two. The evening includes dinner, dancing, silent auction, and gift raffle. For tickets or more information, contact MDA at (248) 354-0950, Northville Township Fire Fighters, Dan Dipple or Steve Leach at (248) 348-5807 or check the Web site at www.IAFF3961.org.

Northville Garden Club meeting

The Northville Garden Club's next meeting will be at noon on Monday, Feb. 14 at the Cady Inn, Mill Race Village. The speaker will be Colleen Traylor. She will be speaking on The Gardens of England and Wales — Michigan style. For more information, call Evelyn Harper at (248) 349-5871.

Daughters of the American Revolution meeting

The next meeting of the Sarah Ann Cochrane Chapter of Plymouth-Northville will be at 10:30 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 21 at the Plymouth Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth. This will be a good citizen reception and the speaker will be Irene Foster. For more information, call (734) 420-2775.

Michael Farrell Lecture Series

This lecture is about Art and Architecture — Hinduism and the Temples in India. It will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22 at the Art House, 215 W. Cady St. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information, call (248) 449-9950.

Remerica United Realty Tsunami Relief Fundraiser

This fundraiser will be at 7 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 25 at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. There will be musical entertainment, dancing, food and cocktails, and silent auction. Tickets are \$50 per person. The funds raised are for the American Red Cross Asia direct relief efforts for the victims of the tsunami disaster. For more information, call Remerica United Realty at (248) 344-1800.

First Presbyterian Church Fine Arts Series

The Northville Concert Chorale will perform Vivaldi's "Gloria" and American and African-American Choral Music at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27 at the First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St. The cost is \$14 per adult and \$12 per seniors, students and children. For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

Art House Grand Opening

The grand opening will be from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, March 4 at the Art House, 215 W. Cady St. The featured artist will be Rob Maniscalco, nationally renowned portrait painter, owner of Maniscalco Gallery of Fine Art in Grosse Pointe, and Art Beat narrator. Entertainment will be provided by jazz harpist, Christa Grix. Appetizers and drinks will be served. For more information, call (248) 449-9950.

Northville Youth Assistance mentor training

Northville Youth Assistance is an organization that matches youths from our community with volunteer mentors. The volunteer mentor meets with his or her assigned youth for one-two hours per week. Volunteers receive 15 hours of training. The next training will be from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursday starting March 10-April 7 at the Northville Youth Assistance office. The office is located at 215 W. Cady St. For more information, call Mary Ellen King or Sue Campbell at (248) 344-1618 or e-mail the office at youthassistance@twp.northville.mi.us.

"In Motion" Class

Northville Parks and Recreation and the Water Wheel Health Club are offering a new class for ages 9-12 years old. "In Motion" has activities that promote health, teamwork, strength, balance, and coordination. This class will be from 4-5 p.m.,

Thursdays today-March 3 at the Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School. Hillside Middle School is located at 700 W. Baseline Road. Call the Parks and Recreation office for more information, (248) 349-0203.

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors membership drive

The Northville Newcomers and Neighbors will sponsor a mid-year membership drive from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the Northville Library. This event is to meet club members and to become informed of the group's activities. The dues are half price at \$10. The library is located at 212 W. Cady St. Contact Andrea Sellers, membership chairperson at (248) 446-1246.

Local Artist Exhibition

There will be an art exhibition of a local Novi artist, Darcel Deneau, Jan. 4-Feb. 28. Seventeen original art paintings will be on display at Picasso Cafe, located at 39915 Grand River Ave., Novi, in the Grand Oaks Plaza. Darcel Deneau is a commissioner for the Northville Arts Commission.

Line Dancing at Novi Ice Arena

Line dancing lessons are held 6:30-7:30 p.m. on Mondays and Fridays for beginners and 7:30-9 p.m. for intermediate levels. The cost is \$6 for non-Novi residents and \$5 for Novi residents or those 55 years and older. Both programs are ongoing, pay-as-you-go. The Novi Ice Arena is located at 42400 Arena Drive. For more information, call Jean at (248) 348-9116.

Ward Presbyterian grief workshop

This free workshop is open to the community and will be presented by Cathy Clough, director of New Hope Center for Grief Support. The workshop will meet for eight Mondays, from 7-8:45 p.m., now through March 21, at Ward Presbyterian Church, Six Mile and Haggerty roads in Northville. For registration information call Dorothy at Ward Church at (248) 374-5966. For information about other age and loss specific grief support groups offered by New Hope Center for Grief Support, call (248) 348-0115.

Country Garden Club

The Country Garden Club meets the first Tuesday of the month at the Cady Inn, Mill Race Village. Refreshments are served and the public is invited. The Country Garden Club of Northville will be hosting the Winter Council Meeting of the Woman's National Farm and Garden Association. It will be from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at the Tanglewood Golf Community Center, 53503 Ten Mile Road, Lyon Township. The fee is \$20.00. For information or questions, contact Kathryn Novak at (248) 348-3263.

Community Wide Healing Service

This service will be held at 4 p.m. on the first Monday of each month at the First United Methodist Church of Northville, Eight Mile and Taft roads. The service is open to all faiths.

Northville Yoga Class

The American Legion Hall is sponsoring Yoga Classes: 7-8:30 p.m., Mondays; or 9:30-11 a.m. and 7-8:30 p.m. Thursdays through March 28. Start anytime, no charge for first visit, scholarships and senior discounts available. Contact Diane Siegel-DiVita at (248) 344-0928 or triangle-six@msn.com.

Master Gardener Association

These monthly meetings are at 7 p.m., the second Thursday of each month through June. The theme for Feb. 10 is cooking. The gardeners meet at the Environmental Interpretive Center at the northwest corner of the University of Michigan Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen Road, between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue.

Divorce Recovery Workshop

A Divorce Recovery Workshop will run Jan. 13-Feb. 24 at the Forum Room, of First Presbyterian Church, 200 East

The chop shop



Hill's Butcher Shop was once located on West Main Street before being torn down in 1959 to make room for a municipal parking lot. The building was constructed in 1870 by Charles Waterman.

Submitted Photo Northville Historical Archives

Main St., Northville. The cost is \$35 and includes the book *Growing Through Divorce*. Scholarships are available — see Pastor Russell. To register, contact the church office at (248) 349-0911 or fill out the registration form and mail. There will be various speakers.

Genitti's Dinner Theater, Winter Concert Series, Children's Lunch Theater

Come see "Michigan Hold Em" at this Northville interactive dinner theater. Fridays and Saturdays through June. The cost is \$45. Call (248) 967-3422 for times and reservations. Attend a series of three concerts highlighting outstanding Michigan performers in an intimate setting with audience interaction. See Michael King, 7-8 p.m., Feb. 13; and Robert Jones, 7-8 p.m., Feb. 27.

Children will enjoy "The Dragon of Elderberry Castle" at the children's lunch theater. Saturdays and Sundays through June. The cost is \$14.95 for kids and \$16.95 for adults. Call (248) 967-3422 for times and reservations. Genitti's is located in downtown Northville at 108 E. Main St.

14th Annual Hearts of Remembrance Program

Arbor Hospice and Home Care offers the community an opportunity to honor or remember a loved one through its annual Hearts of Remembrance Program. More than 30 Arbor Hospice and Home Care volunteers work throughout the year to design and handcraft thousands of heart-shaped ornaments that are sold as part of an annual fund-raiser for the agency.

Individuals wishing to purchase an ornament may contact Arbor Hospice and Home Care at (888) 992-2273, ext. 152. Minimum suggested donation is \$20. Arbor Hospice has two Northville locations: Arbor Hospice and Home Care, 331 N. Center St., (248) 348-4980; and Braveheart, 126 Main Centre, (248) 449-8232.

Johnson Creek Protection Group Volunteer Rally

The 5th Annual Volunteer Rally and informational meeting will include a summary of successes in 2004, a look toward the activities and events of 2005, and a call for new members and more volunteers.

There will be several speakers and booths by other area environmental organizations and agencies that attendees can visit. The rally will be held at 7 p.m. on Feb. 5 at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road at the corner of Six and Sheldon roads.

For more information about meetings or events, visit the Johnson Creek Web site, e-mail Michelle West at mwest@alnm.com or call (734) 761-1010.

Daddy-Daughter Princess Ball

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! The royal court of Prince Charming announces its 21st Annual Ball

and cordially invites all of the princesses of the land to attend. Ask that special gentleman in your life (your kingly father, princely brother, duke uncle, etc.) to an evening of enchanting music, wonderful food and elegant dancing. Prince Charming will be there, too, so don't be surprised if he asks you to dance.

Make sure you RSVP. Call Northville Parks and Recreation to register at (248) 349-0203. Event occurs 4-6 p.m. and 7-9 p.m., Feb. 26, at the Recreation Center at Hillside.

Library Lines

The library will be closed for a staff in-service day on Friday, Feb. 4.

The Northville District Library is open 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday; and 1-5 p.m., Sunday. The library is located at 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall, with parking off Cady Street. For information about programs, services or to request or renew library materials, call (248) 349-3020.

Internet 101

This is a free, hands-on class on the basics of searching the Internet. It will be from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2 at the Northville Library, 212 W. Cady St. For more information and to register, call (248) 349-3020.

Investment database

Select stocks and mutual funds or track your investments, using Morningstar.com, a database which offers detailed information and independent analysts' reports funds and equities. Find out more information at the reference desk at the Northville Library.

Northville Genealogical Society

The next meeting will be at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 13 at the Northville Library, 212 W. Cady St. Dick Doherty, a professional genealogist will speak on Scottish records and repositories. The public is invited, free of charge. Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members in the local history room from 1-3 p.m. on Monday afternoons at the library. For more information, call Grace Wilfong at (248) 349-9079 or check the Web site at www.rootsweb.com/~mings.

Winter Tot Storytime with Caregiver

Specially designed for 2- and 3-year-olds with a parent or caregiver, this six-week series of half-hour sessions is structured to help this age group gain the most from this library experience. Please bring only age appropriate children who are

registered for the weekly program. There are four sessions to choose from, and each session includes 13 children accompanied by a caregiver. Register for one of the following: 10:15-10:45 a.m., Mondays, until Feb. 28; 10:15-10:45 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.-noon, Wednesdays, until March 2; 10:15-10:45 a.m., Thursdays, Jan. 27-March 3. Register by phone at (248) 349-3020 or in person.

Kids Club for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Graders

The new Kids Club is an after-school program for first, second and third graders featuring stories, games and crafts. It is now offered 4:30-5:15 p.m., Thursday, once a month, in the library's meeting room. Each session includes 20 children. Please register for individual sessions by phone at (248) 349-3020. Winter Kids Club programs are: today, Adventures in Art; Feb. 10, Friendship; and March 3, Stories from China.

Winter Storytime for Children

Children who are ages 4, 5 or in kindergarten and comfortable attending without a caregiver are invited to join this six-week series of 45-minute storytimes. Sorry, younger or older children or non-registered siblings may not attend. Each program features stories and creative activities, so children should also be able to use scissors, glue, etc. Each session includes 20 children. Please register for one of the following sessions: 4-4:45 p.m., Mondays, Feb. 7-March 14; 10:15-11 a.m. or 2-2:45 p.m., Tuesdays, Feb. 8-March 15. Register by phone at (248) 349-3020 or in person.

Valentine Crafts for Kids

Children of all ages are invited to make a Valentine for someone special in the library's meeting room from 4-5 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8. No registration is required, just drop in.

Books, Chat and Chow

This discussion designed for sixth graders and older will begin at 4:15 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 28. This month's title is "The Princess and the Pauper" by Kate Brian.

Between the Lines

Between the Lines is an adult monthly reading group that alternates between fiction and non-fiction books. The next discussion will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 14 at the library. The group will discuss "Big Russ & Me" by Tim Russert. Contact the library for more information at (248) 349-3020.

Fun in the Sun Crafts

Come in from the cold and warm up with crafts at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8 and Wednesday,

March 16. All ages welcome. Children ages 4 and under please attend with a caregiver. No registration required, just drop in.

Little Me Storytime

This storytime is for children from 10 months to 2 years old, along with their parents or caregivers, from 10:30-11:15 a.m. on Friday, Feb. 21 and March 18. No registration is required. Infants and older children are also welcome to attend.

Family Fun Evening Storytimes

Wear your pajamas for these monthly programs for families at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16 and March 9 at the library. No registration is required, drop-ins welcome.

Junior Books, Chat and Chow

Fourth and fifth graders can make friends, have treats and enjoy a book discussion at 4:15 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 23; Incredible Journey by Sheila Bunford and March 30; Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman.

Celtic Music Concert

Jesse Lee Mason and Tyler Duncan of the Irish Band Millish will perform Celtic music on guitar, uilleann pipes, bodhran, and a variety of whistles at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at the Northville Library. Please register in advance, as seating is limited, call (248) 349-3020.

Library Board Meetings

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

Visit the Friends Store for Unique Gifts

Stop in at the Friends Store for great gift ideas. All proceeds from this volunteer-run store benefit the library.

Seniors

Tax counseling services

Volunteer tax counselors will prepare taxes from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. on Thursdays, from Feb. 3-April 14. There is no charge for this service, but you need to make an appointment. Contact Senior Center, 303 W. Main St., at (248) 349-4140.

Paczki Day

Seniors are invited to celebrate Paczki Day from 9-11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 8 at the Senior Center, 303 W. Main St. Donations are accepted.

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Dream Your Dream Discussions

This is a four part discussion series which encourages people to enjoy life. It is from 1:30-3 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2-Wednesday, March 16 at the Senior Center, 303 W. Main St. JoAnn Bogus from Catholic Social Services of Oakland County will be leading the sessions. There is no fee. To register, call (248) 349-4140.

Senior Center Calendar

Thursday Feb. 3:
9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly
9 a.m.: Massage
10 a.m.: Oxyrise
1 p.m.: Computers I
Friday Feb. 4:
9 a.m.: Grocery shop
10 a.m.: Strength training
11 a.m.: Computers II
noon: Euchre
1 p.m.: Movie
Monday Feb. 7:
10 a.m.: Blood pressure
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Line dancing
1-2:30 p.m.: Tai Chi
Tuesday, Feb. 8:
9 a.m.: Paczi Day
9:30 a.m.: Meijer
10 a.m.: Oxyrise
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Computers I
Wednesday, Feb. 9:
noon: Bridge
1 p.m.: Computers II
6:30 p.m.: Dream your Dream presented by JoAnn Bogus

Mill Race**Mill Race Historical Village**

Created in 1972 by the Northville Historical Society, the Mill Race Historical Society preserves architectural styles common to the area prior to 1900. It was built on land donated to the city of Northville by the Ford Motor Company. Once the site of a grist mill, the village has a church, gazebo, school, rustic wooden bridge, blacksmith shop, interurban station and several homes reminiscent of an era gone by. It also services various community groups: scouts, students, infantry volunteers, and service organizations. The Northville Historical Society is a non-profit organization relying on membership to help preserve this living museum. Contact the office for more information, at (248) 348-1845.

Scheduled events are as follows:
Thursday, Feb. 3: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Service Unit B Scouts, 9:15

a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 3:30 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 4: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 6: Mill Creek, 10 a.m.; Venture Scouts, 4 p.m.
Monday, Feb. 7: Service Unit C Scouts, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 3:45 p.m.; Cub Scouts, 6:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 8: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 4 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 9: Brownie Scouts, 3:45 p.m.; Mill Creek, 7 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 10: Archive open, 9 a.m.; Service Unit A Scouts, 9:45 a.m.; Eclipse Hot Stove, 6 p.m.

Maybury Farm Hayrides and Sleigh Rides

Weather cooperating, hayrides and sleigh rides will be offered on Saturdays and Sundays. For additional information, call (248) 374-0200. Please enter off of Eight Mile Road.

Looking for You**Schoolcraft College Choral Union Auditions**

To schedule your audition for the Schoolcraft College Choral Union, contact choir president, Shari Clason at (248) 349-8175 or e-mail dpcsc@aol.com., subject: Auditions. They will be held in Room 310 of the Forum Building, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. All voice parts are welcome.

Volunteers Wanted

There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available for all age groups. Assignments include: Senior Community Center front desk, special assistance and special park projects. High school volunteer hours and scout badge projects are welcome. Contact recreation@ci.northville.mi.us for more information.

Camera Club Meeting

Join the Northville Arts Commission and Northville Camera the second Tuesday of each month. All are welcome. For more information or the cost of yearly dues, contact Tom James of Northville Camera at northville-camera@sbcglobal.net; Ken Naigus of the arts commission at kdn@comcast.net or the Northville Arts Commission at (248) 449-9950.

Arts Commission

Meets at 7:30 p.m., second Wednesday of the month, Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

Beautification Commission

Meets at 7 p.m., second Tuesday of the month, city hall, 215 W. Main St., Meeting Room B.

Housing Commission

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

Youth Assistance

Meets at 8 a.m., second Tuesday of the month, Northville Youth Assistance Offices, 775 N. Center St.

Parks and Recreation Commission

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

Parks and Recreation**Welcome New Residents of Northville**

If you are a new resident of the Northville community, Northville Parks and Recreation invites you to visit its parks and community centers to learn about activities and facilities. If you have any questions about programs or suggestions for a program you'd like to have offered, contact www.northvilleparksandrec.org or call (248) 349-0203.

Winter/Spring 2005 Northville Parks & Recreation

The brochure is now available on-line. Visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org for a peek at the Unlimited. The 40-page activities guide is mailed directly to all Northville residents. Contact the Northville Post Office or check with your mail carrier if you do not receive your copy in the mail.

Art a la Carte Workshop

Each week kids will explore a new "make and take" project and discover their creativity and artistic ability through activities including print making, drawing, watercolor, mosaics and found object collage shadow boxes. The instructor will be Karen Ritterhouse. This workshop is for children from 6-13 years old. Classes will be held from 4:15-5:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Feb. 22-March 22 at the Art House in the Mosaic Room. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady St. The fee is \$71 per resident, additional non-resident fees apply. A \$25 supply fee is due to the instructor at class.

Paper Book Making

Children will make five or six different types of books using card stock, paper, and items. Books will include various types of origami books, accordion books, Japanese bound books and stick books. Directions will also be given for five-six mini-books that can be made at home. This class is being offered as a fundraiser to benefit the Art House. The instructor is Cheri Pelic. The class will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Art House, 215 W. Cady St. in the Mosaic Room. It is for children 7 years and older. The fee is \$14 per Northville resident, additional non-resident fees apply. A \$2 supply fee is due to the instructor at class.

Mid-Winter Break Drama Camp

Kids will work with directors to produce a play to be performed for family and friends on the last day of camp. Campers need to bring a lunch, including beverage, every day. The camp will be from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday, Feb. 14-18. This is for youths 7-14 years old. It will be located at the Art House, 215 W. Cady St. in the Mosaic Room. The fee is \$130 per Northville resident, additional non-resident fees apply.

Infant Massage Course

This four-week class covers the theory and practice of the massage routine, information and guidance on how to read and respond to your baby's cues as well. The class is for babies from 4 weeks through crawling. Parents should dress comfortably. Bring a towel or blanket and extra diapers. The class will be from 1-2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 31-Feb. 21 at the Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School. The fee is \$65 per Northville resident; additional non-resident fees apply.

American Red Cross Babysitter Training

The American Red Cross Babysitter Training course offers youth the opportunity to learn basic babysitting skills. This course provides youth with safety, basic child care, safe play, first aid and critical emergency action skills and also includes interviewing for a babysitting job, diapering and feeding techniques. Youth must be 11 years old to receive a certificate. The fee includes course training manual

and babysitter first aid kit. Students must bring a sack lunch (no refrigeration available). The class will be from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 12 at the Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School. The fee is \$66 per Northville resident additional non-resident fees apply.

Disney on Ice: Finding Nemo

This ice skating production will take you down under into an underwater world to join Nemo, Marlin and Dory in a journey of friendship and fun. A luxury motor coach will drive guests to the Palace of Auburn Hills on Feb. 5 for the event. Youth under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Show time is 3:30 p.m., bus departs at 2 p.m. The fees are \$22 for youth and \$25 for adults, and non-resident fees apply. Registration deadline is Jan. 29.

Hockey Trip

Parks and Recreation is offering a family trip to Joe Louis Arena to see the University of Michigan and Michigan State University play hockey on Feb. 5. The cost is \$25 for residents and includes motor-coach transportation and game ticket. For further information, contact Nichole Passmore at the Parks and Recreation Department (248) 349-0203 ext. 1408.

SKRUFF V

Band demos are currently being accepted. Five local and regional teenage bands will be chosen to perform. Forward CD demos and promotional materials only to: SKRUFF Committee, c/o Northville Parks and Recreation, 700 W. Baseline Road, Northville, Mich., 48167.

Aquatics Employment Opportunities

There are immediate openings for a water fitness instructor and certified lifeguards for spring/summer 2005. Day and evening teaching times are available. Call Lindsey Butzin at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1418.

Toddler Time

Bring your toddler to this drop-in open gym time. Children must be accompanied by an adult the entire time. Bring a toy your toddler can ride or push. There is a fee of \$5 per child for two hours of gym time. It is held from 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Tuesdays, Jan. 4-March 22, at the Senior Community Center Gym.

Open Lap Swimming

Visit the Recreation Center at

Hillside Aquatic Center during open lap swimming hours and workout rain or shine. Hours may vary. Call (248) 349-0203 for dates and times.

Junior Ski & Snowboard Club

Skiers and snowboarders in the fourth and fifth grade are invited to join this club. Parents are welcome to attend as chaperones. Weather permitting, there will be two afternoon trips to Mt. Brighton on Feb. 15 and 17. Registration fee is \$45 for one trip and \$80 for two trips.

Northville Ski and Snowboard Club

A revised trip schedule has been posted at www.northvilleparksandrec.org. All students in Middle School and High School are encouraged to participate. Club membership includes luxury motor coach transportation to local ski areas on Friday evenings and some Saturday evenings, group lift tickets, rental equipment discounts and lessons at Mt. Brighton Ski Area. Two trips have been added this year. Registration fee is \$155 for city and township residents, \$160 for school district residents in the city of Novi, and \$165 for non residents. Bring a current school photo and last year's club ID card. Adults are needed to chaperone trips and receive complimentary skiing. Contact the Parks and Recreation office for more information at (248) 349-0203.

Open Badminton

Competitive style badminton is available. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$7 per night, includes bird fee. Event is held 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays at the Parks and Recreation Center, 775 N. Center St. at the back entrance of Hillside Middle School.

Open Table Tennis

Eight tables are available. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$4 per day. Times are 6-10 p.m., Mondays, and 12-4 p.m., Saturdays at Parks and Recreation Center, 775 N. Center St. at the back entrance of Hillside Middle School.

Open Basketball

This event is offered at the Senior Community Center on most Tuesdays from 7-9:30 p.m. The cost is \$3. Contact Parks and Recreation for more information at (248) 449-9947.

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Schoolcraft College Kids on Campus

Kids on Campus classes begin on Saturday, Feb. 5. These classes are for school-aged children, from the first-ninth grade. Most classes last eight weeks and cost \$111. To register for a Kids on Campus class, fax a registration form to (734) 462-4572 or place the form in the drop box in front of McDowell Center on the Livonia campus. You can view or download the Kids on Campus catalog and application form by going to the Schoolcraft Web site, www.schoolcraft.edu. For more information, contact the Continuing Education Services department at (734) 462-4448.

Roses-West Rose Society Meeting

There will be a Roses-West Rose Society meeting from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 3 at the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road. Nancy Lindley of Great Lakes Roses will present a slide program of old garden roses. The meeting will include handouts and a social hour. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

Transracial adoption fair

A transracial adoption fair will

be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12 at Cornerstone University's Gaiety Conference Center. Commemorating African-American culture, the event includes hands-on activities, ethnic food for a small fee, Christian hip-hop music and prize giveaways. Adult tickets are \$6 in advance or \$10 at the door and kids are free. Cornerstone University is located at 1001 E. Beltline Northeast, Grand Rapids. For more information or to RSVP, call Adoption Associates, Inc. at (800) 677-2367.

Schoolcraft Valentine Dinner/Dance

The evening begins at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 12 in the VisTaTech Center's DiPonio Room beginning with a dinner then dancing to the music of Johnny Trudell and his orchestra. Schoolcraft College is located at 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia. Tickets are \$50 per person with proceeds benefiting Schoolcraft College students through foundation scholarships and grants. For information or to order tickets, call (734) 462-4400, ext. 5008.

Home buyers seminar

There will be a free home buyers seminar from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16 at REMAX Alliance, 37569 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Reservations are requested as seating is limited. For reservations or for more information, contact Faye Rassey at (734) 462-3600.

Novi Theatres' My Fair Lady

Novi Theatres' is presenting My Fair Lady at 7:30 p.m. on March 4, 5, and 11; and at 2 p.m. on March 6, 12 and 13. Tickets are \$17. The theater is located at the Novi Civic Center Stage, 45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi. For more information, call (248) 347-0400.

The Fridge at Waterford Oaks Park

Ride "The Fridge," Michigan's refrigerated toboggan run. Toboggans provided and transported by parks staff. The hours are 4-9:30 p.m., Wednesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m., Saturday; and noon-6 p.m., Sunday. The park is located on Scott Lake Road between Dixie Highway and Watkins Lake Road. The all-day ticket cost is \$9 for adults, \$7 for

Oakland County residents; \$4 for youths (30-43 inches tall) or \$2.50 for a single-ride ticket. Call (248) 858-0906 or visit Web site at www.co.oakland.mi.us/parksrec/park/waterford.html

Kensington Metropark Cross-Country Skiing

Kensington Metropark offers cross-country ski trails including rental of ski equipment. Trail use is free, except for the required vehicle entry permit. A daily pass costs \$4 per car. An annual pass costs \$20 per car; \$12 for seniors. Kensington Metropark is located at I-96, exit 151, on Kensington Road. The office open 8 a.m.-6 p.m. daily. For information, call (800) 477-3178.

Metroparks and Oakland County Parks Pass

The two parks systems are now offering a Dual Park Pass which includes admission to Metroparks and Oakland County Parks. The cost is \$43 annually and passes can be purchased at any park office. For more information, call (800) 477-3178 or visit Web site, www.metroparks.com.

Detroit Historical Museum Exhibit

"American Icons: Detroit Designs" is an exhibit of designs originating in Detroit that have become embedded in cultural and popular memory, including the St. Louis Arch and the minivan. Museum hours are 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m. daily. The Detroit Historical Museum is located at 5401 Woodward Ave., Detroit. The cost is \$5 for adults (\$1 on Wednesdays); \$3 for Students and Seniors; and free for children and DHS Members. For information, call (313) 833-1980 or visit the Web site, www.detroithistorical.org.

Monster Trucks: An Xtreme Exhibit

The New Detroit Science Center presents "Monster Trucks: An Xtreme Exhibit" through May 29. This exhibit shows monster trucks and the science of building and driving them. It is designed for all ages and documents the thrills and spills of motor sports. The New Detroit Science Center is located at 5020 John R. St., Detroit. For ticket prices and times, call (313) 577-8400 or visit the Web site, www.sciencedetroit.org/events/Monstertrucks.htm

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2005 American Musicals Series at Michigan Theater

The series will be at 7 p.m. on Feb. 7, The Pirate and Feb. 14, An American in Paris. The Michigan Theater is located in Ann Arbor at 603 East Liberty St., across the street from Borders Books and Music. Regular film ticket prices are \$8.50 for adults, \$6.75 for students, seniors and veterans and \$5.50 for Michigan Theater members. The theater's 24-hour information line is (734) 668-8463 and the Web site is www.michtheater.org.

Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters Spring Arts and Craft Ensemble

The Plymouth-Canton Music Boosters are looking for artists and crafters. The Spring Arts and Craft Ensemble will be from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday, March 19 at Canton High School, 8415 Canton Center Road, Canton. There will be fun, food and entertainment. To apply to this juried show, call (734) 416-3354 or check Web site, pcmb.net/artcraft.

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Four burglary suspects in custody

Police suspect ring responsible for two model home robberies netting \$32K

By Kim Kovellev
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Four men suspected in two overnight model home robberies in Northville Township are in custody, police said Monday. In all, the burglary and fencing ring allegedly invaded 40 total homes in Northville Township, Novi, West Bloomfield, Farmington Hills and Franklin. More than \$50,000 has been recovered thus far, police said. "All the major players have been arrested," Northville Township Det. Bill Helke said. He said he expected arraignments

sometime this week. Officials said suspects took televisions, digital cameras, jewelry, construction supplies and more from model, under-construction and occupied homes. Northville's two cases occurred in September. A Superb Homes model in the 17900 block of Riverview Drive was targeted between 6 p.m. on Sept. 1 and 12 p.m. Sept. 2, police said. A \$7,000 flat screen television was reported missing. No fingerprints were found. Two suspects were linked to a theft from a Luma's Heritage Homes colonial model in the 18800 block of Stonewater Boulevard. Between 5 p.m. Sept. 25 and 11:45 a.m. Sept. 26, a \$25,000 entertainment system was stolen. Four fingerprints were lifted. The suspects were spotted by an employee before the Sept. 25 closing, police said. Arrests were made by Farmington Hills Police this week.

After the South Oakland Narcotics Intelligence Consortium reportedly saw them take plasma televisions from a home, three 18-year-old male suspects were arrested Jan. 30. A 42-year-old man was arrested Feb. 1 in his Roseville home by Farmington Hills Police for receiving and concealing stolen property. The young trio was arraigned in Farmington Hills Monday. "I'm sure there's going to be other charges," Farmington Hills Police Chief William Dwyer said. "It's hundreds of thousands of dollars in stolen merchandise. It's a major ring." Dwyer said there could be as many as 100 victims. Kim Kovellev can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or via e-mail at kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net.



POLICE REPORT

eBay coin sale turns sour

A township man's hunt for a rare coin on the eBay Internet auction Web site, ended in an alleged fraud scam, police said. The 64-year-old reportedly attempted to purchase a coin for \$1,830 on Dec. 29. Nearly a month later, he told police he'd been scammed by the eBay seller, whose identity was close to the legitimate seller's identity. The man reported the incident Jan. 26, and his teller check was cashed Jan. 5, police said.

Home damaged, man cries fraud

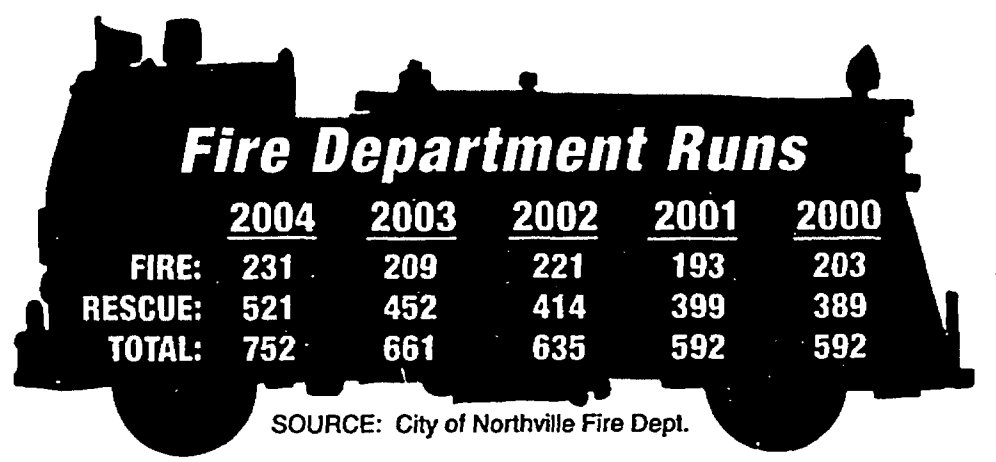
After paying a \$3,400 to a construction company to repair his home, a Northville Township man has been left with a unfinished job, police said. Cooke Building Company was signed on June 7, 2004 to do repairs to the 66-year-old man's house in the 17400 block of Summit Drive. The man told police the scheduled completion date was Aug. 20, 2004. Tear-down had been started but not construction; the resulting expo-

sure caused "severe water damage," police said. The man said Cooke never came out to complete or refund the job, and that a representative failed to attend a scheduled mediation meeting. The representative, a 44-year-old Pinckney man, reportedly has since shut off his phone service. Police said the company has civil violations on file from the Northville Township Building Department. The report was filed Jan. 19.

Good hands people!

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

All-State Insurance representative Paul Rogacki, left, tries on a pulse oximeter (a device measuring the amount of oxygen in the blood and a person's pulse) at the Northville Fire Department with fire fighter Richard Hamilton and Chief James Allen. The nearly \$600 device was purchased by the department with a grant from All-State.



"RED HOT" EVENING

Join the ball

The Northville Township Fire Department will be hosting its third annual "Red Hot Romantic Evening" benefit. When: 6 p.m.-12 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 12. Where: Italian American Club Banquet Hall in Livonia (Five Mile Road at I-275).

Cost: \$60 per person or \$100 for two; includes dinner, dancing, silent auction and raffle. Cause: Funds will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Contact: MDA at (248) 354-0950; Northville Township Fire Fighters Dan Dipple or Steve Leach at (248) 348-5807; Web site at www.IAFF3961.org

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Stewart named chair of Higher Education Subcommittee

By Julie Brown
SPECIAL WRITER

State Rep. John Stewart was looking forward to telling his 88-year-old mother, a Phi Beta Kappa, about his appointment as chair of the Higher Education Subcommittee of the House Appropriations Committee.

Stewart, a Plymouth Township Republican, noted his mother's family included seven educators. He's also pleased about the appointment, made by new House of Representatives Speaker Craig DeRoche (R-Now).

"I'm excited and I love this appointment," said Stewart, who will also be vice chair of the Judiciary Subcommittee of Appropriations. "I couldn't be happier."

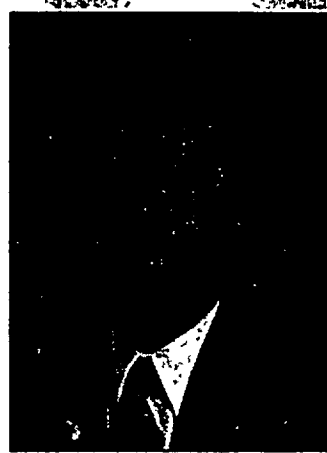
Stewart served four years on the subcommittee. He was elected to the Michigan House to represent the 20th District in 2000 and was re-elected in 2002 and 2004. His district includes Plymouth, Northville, Wayne and part of Canton Township east of I-275.

His subcommittee will have some six members of both parties "to do the brainwork, the heavy work. We're going to be a forum for re-establishing the value of higher education."

The legislators will determine appropriations for the state's 15 major public universities, as well as appropriations and scholarships for such smaller schools as Madonna University.

"It's been disheartening," Stewart said of the recent budget cuts in higher education. "We have taken a hit of 15 to 16 percent in the last two years," and are now cutting the substance of education.

"We're more aware than ever that uni-



State Rep. John Stewart
(R-PLYMOUTH)

versities can and should generate jobs," Stewart said, citing research and development for the auto industry and other fields.

Stewart and his wife have two daughters in Michigan schools. Laura is a senior at Western Michigan University studying education. She wanted to teach in China, but her dad said her education could be put to good use in Detroit or Benton Harbor schools.

Younger sister Sarah is a sophomore at Grand Valley State University. John Stewart earned a law degree from Detroit College of Law/Michigan State University, a master's in public administration from Wayne State University and a bachelor's degree from Eastern Michigan University.

Stewart recalled his four years at EMU, involved in music, IM sports and other activities. He believes EMU and other state

"We need to train and educate our students differently, to be leaner and more agile."

Rep. John Stewart
Chair of Higher Education Subcommittee

universities are the best place for a student age 18-22 to find himself or herself.

Retention and student graduation are key issues for Stewart, as is holding the line on tuition. "We go over each university budget with a fine-toothed comb. We're not empire building," he said, adding the emphasis should be on students and their instruction.

Tuition control will require cooperation among Gov. Jennifer Granholm, Stewart's Senate counterpart and himself, he said.

Stewart noted his district is close to four major universities, the Dearborn and Ann Arbor campuses of the University of Michigan, Wayne State University and EMU. His district has a high percentage of high school graduates going on to those schools.

He hopes to bring in Ford Motor Co. President James Padilla to testify as to what skills college graduates will need for the coming decades. "We need to train and educate our students differently, to be leaner and more agile," Stewart said.

Stewart also hopes to bring in Philip Power, chairman of HomeTown Communications Network, which owns the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Stewart also plans to ask his uncle, Jack

Shingleton, a former Michigan State University trustee and placement official, to testify, along with former Michigan Gov. William Milliken and others.

His major goal is to make people aware "about the wonderful experience one can have getting a well-rounded undergraduate education in Michigan. We have a little bit of everything here."

Stewart will also work with Lt. Gov. John Cherry, whose commission recently released its report on higher education and economic growth.

"I welcome it, I support it," Stewart said of the report. He wants to, in the words of an old Methodist minister, give feet to our prayers and make education "a budget priority so that students can find tuition affordable."

Stewart was elected as a Plymouth Township trustee in 1988 and served until 1992. He is a member of the Kiwanis Club and the First Presbyterian Church of Plymouth.

Stewart, 55, and his wife, Beth, live in Plymouth Township. Beth Stewart is director of the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Julie Brown can be reached at jbrown@oe.hometown.com or at (248) 901-2565.

Stewart appointment draws support

Those who have worked with John Stewart on education issues were pleased to hear of his recent Higher Education appointment.

"John has been not only a friend to education, but has always consulted with us when it comes down to educational issues and how pending legislation would affect children," said Greg Baracy, superintendent of Wayne-Westland Community Schools. "Further, he represents his constituency well."

Stewart considers education a priority and works diligently to support public policy that pertains to those issues, Baracy said, adding: "If we had more legislators in Lansing like John, the state's financial and educational problems may be solved."

Officials at Eastern Michigan University seemed equally pleased to have Stewart aboard.

"We are pleased he is in a leadership role," said Juanita Reid, vice president of university relations at EMU. "We wish him well."

Reid said EMU faces challenges in its budget, and that Stewart will help to reach EMU's goals.

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Fighting to stay fit

Eat to Live can help shed weight

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Dr. Michael Roth didn't start his Eat To Live program to make money. He started it to help people lose weight.

Though a gynecologist by trade, Roth found himself doling out advice to overweight patients who couldn't shed the weight without help.

"About 95 percent of my diet patients are women," he said. "About five percent of them are men, who are usually husbands or boyfriends that my patients bring in."

The key to losing weight, said Roth, is dieting and exercising.

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But, unlike some self-help book, Roth is more hands on. "I basically give them a diet that says go to the grocery store and here's what to buy and here's what not to buy," he said. "I don't make lots of money off of this. If I wanted to do that, I'd make a low-calorie diet salad dressing."

He wants to see his patients lose weight. Obesity, he said, is a disease. That's why after an initial visit he ideally would like to see his patients return to his office every two weeks — much like a diabetic would when being treated.

"It's like diabetes or high blood pressure," said Roth. "Everyone knows someone who is diabetic or hypertensive. They keep going back to their doctor to help them maintain their programs. Obesity requires the same thing."

Many of the clients Roth treats have tried their hand at other programs. He said they're usually frustrated with their results there.

"There's a statistic that's interesting that says 70 percent of people who lose weight on any program gain it back in three years," Roth said. "That's why maintenance is so important."

Roth said that he urges his clients who meet their weight loss goals to maintain their loss with continued healthy eating. If they experience a 10-15 percent weight gain he said he expects to see them again.

"They should get their tushes back in here and get back on the diet," he said.

One of the key factors in Roth's diet is to keep his clients off the scale. He said they'll be able to tell they've lost enough weight just by looking in the mirror.

"It's all about perceiving a look," he said. "I tell them they'll know they've reached their goal when they look good in their own eyes."

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ABOVE: Northville High School athletes Sean Hughes, left, and Meghan Monticciolo represent many students who are keeping in shape as they look to spring break. BELOW: Running is just one of many ways to stay in shape.

Students work at getting, staying fit in time for break

By Matt Simich
SPECIAL WRITER

Spring break sunshine and beaches are only eight weeks away.

And though that means bathing suit weather, don't panic. There's still time to lose weight, tone up and look great.

For starters, doing something as basic as cutting out soda or potato chips and replacing them with fruit or vegetables can make a dramatic difference.

Aaron Pintar, Fitness Director at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, says eight weeks is plenty of time for a three to four percent body fat loss. While everyone is different, he said it's a safe and healthy goal.

"Don't compare yourself to other people," said Pintar. "Weight loss occurs by increasing your activity level throughout the day. Working out 4-5 times a week and adding more cardiovascular activity will really help."

For Northville senior Sean Hughes, getting in shape is a big deal. Hughes is headed to California for spring break and wants to be at top form before leaving.

Most of the time Hughes works out during his gym class-



es and uses a variety of weight lifting exercises to get the job done.

"Usually I try and start out

before I work the smaller ones."

A typical workout for Hughes consists of the dumbbell bench press with 65-pound dumbbells. Then he moves to pull-ups or push-ups. When finished there, Hughes works on his abdominal muscles by doing sit-ups while hugging a 35-pound weight on his abdomen.

"I always feel better when I workout," said Hughes. "When I'm finished it feels like I have accomplished something."

Getting in shape may be the top priority for some, but for others it not as important as staying in shape. Traveling down to Cancun for break, Northville junior Megan Monticciolo thinks she is where she needs to be.

She gets her workout going to pom pon practice.

"Pom practice is my daily exercise," said Monticciolo. "It lasts usually around two hours so I'm pretty tired afterwards."

The team's basic practice consists of stretching and running. Practicing the pom pon routines gives Monticciolo a great aerobic workout and keeps her in shape.

Matt Simich is a Northville High School senior and a Northville Record intern.

Water Wheel has tools for success

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

It may look bigger and it may have a few more toys, but Northville's Water Wheel Health Club is still the home away from home members have come to enjoy.

"We may look different, but our goal is to continue to be available to our clients just as we have in the past," said Aaron Pintar, the club's director of fitness. "It's something that we've talked about and are committed to doing."

The Water Wheel recently announced the completion of a major renovation to the club. Locker rooms are more modern, and the club features more room for members to work out.

Despite a new look, few things have changed. The Water Wheel is still committed to serving its clients as it has been for the past decade, Pintar said.

The club offers group classes in everything from cycling to "tower" workouts that have become increasingly popular. Free weights and machine workouts are available, as well as all of the equipment for complete cardiovascular conditioning.

The Water Wheel even has a place to sit down and take a breather while enjoying a "City Blends" smoothie.

"They taste much better," Pintar said of the new smoothies the club offers. "We think people will enjoy them more."

He said the Water Wheel has a commitment to helping its clients have the most successful experience they can. Be it weight loss — which the club employs the Apex system for — or weight gain or even maintaining a healthy lifestyle, the Water Wheel is ready to help.

"We try to provide convenient exercise for the active population," said Pintar.

Pintar noted the Water Wheel has something for everyone. From the gym-rat who loves lifting weights to the elderly who loves lifting laundry.

"I have a client who is 74 years old with double knee replacements," said Pintar.

"Her workout is a lot different than a 23-year-old athlete's would be. She walks up and down the stairs. The other day she told me she lifted the laundry out of her washer. She hadn't done that in years."

Though plenty of exercises and workouts are discussed on a daily basis at the Water Wheel, Pintar said the goal is always the same.

"We want to help our clients progressively work to enhance their lives," he said. "People just

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More fitness tips from the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville

• Nutrition is important. Exercise will get results but when combined with good nutritional habits, you can really get lasting results. Something as simple as cutting one or two of your favorite junk foods and replacing them with healthy foods can help significantly. Often, low-carbohydrate diets can be good for the short-term, but it can be difficult to keep those pounds off and maintain the muscle tone for the long haul.

"Low carb diets do make you lose weight," said Aaron Pintar, fi-

ness director at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville. "But the weight that you are losing is muscle mass and water weight. When you do eat something, the weight comes right back."

• Another way to trim extra pounds is to stay active. Walking up the stairs, jumping rope or any kind recreational sport can work. Anything that increases your normal physical activity helps. To see muscle definition, use resistance training. If you want to increase strength, do more repetitions of an exercise. The more you do, the

better results you will get and the healthier you will feel.

• Make sure to talk to your doctor before starting any exercise program and contact a personal trainer for a personalized fitness program.

• It's not unusual to notice a big difference immediately. Even if you don't, stick with it. Everyone loses weight differently. Keep at it and by the time you are packing your bags, you will look great and be glad you did.

Gymnastics has week of close meets

It was a week of close meets for the Novi-Northville Wild 'Stangs gymnastics squad.

The team fell to Livonia last Thursday, 146.50-141.75, before taking second in the Salem Invitational behind Brighton with a total of 142.625 points.

The Wild 'Stangs didn't have enough points to edge Brighton in the invitational. The Bulldogs took first with 143.35 points.

Individuals were not recognized at the Salem Invitational, but Novi-Northville took second in the vault with 36.05 total points and third on the bars with 34.75 points. The squad was second on the beam and with their floor routine, taking 35.43 and 36.4 points, respectively.

The Wild 'Stangs had an impressive showing from their individual gymnasts despite them not being officially recognized. Off the vault, Julie Foucher took 9.25 points while Amanda Perelli took 9.15 points and Maggie Mills earned an 8.9.

The squad did well on the bars as well, with Janna Ramsey taking a 9.0 and Foucher and Sara Ilkhani-Pour earning 8.6. On the beam, Rachel Deneau led the way with a 9.1 while Mills and co-captain Marcie Fink earned an 8.85 each.

The floor routine found Foucher taking a 9.25 to help the Wild 'Stangs to second place overall while Ramsey and Deneau earned 9.1.

Overall, Foucher had the most points, scoring 35.15 points while Perelli scored 35.05 and Mills notching a 34.9.

Against Livonia, the Wild 'Stangs showed they're willing to compete against some of the toughest squads around. Livonia was ranked third in the state last year and didn't disappoint as they escaped with a close win.

Leading the way for Novi-Northville in the vault was Foucher's 9.25 while Perelli scored a 9.15 and Emma Platt notched a 9.0. On the bars, Mills scored a 9.05 while Ramsey collected an 8.75 from the judges and Ilkhani-Pour scored an 8.7. The Beam found Courtney Paul scoring an 8.8 while Deneau earned an 8.7 and Foucher scored an 8.4. The floor routine was controlled by Mills and Deneau, scoring a 9.2 each, while Ilkhani-Pour collected an 8.85.

Overall, Mills and Foucher led the way, scoring 34.95 apiece while Perelli had a 34.4 on the day.

Mustangs dominate foes

The Northville Mustangs swimming and diving team made short work of their last two foes, cutting through them like a hot knife through butter.

The squad, coached by Rich Bennetts, dominated Franklin, 134-48, after crushing Plymouth, 144-42.

"It was a great chance for our young guys to step in and swim for points," said Bennetts. "Jim Mammiano and Dan O'Brien were both double-event winners in the Franklin meet and they really showed improvement from earlier this season."

It was the story of the meet for Northville as young Mustangs tankers stepped up across the board. Kyle Adams, Paul Young, Joe Kargula, Chris Folas, Jake Lane and Erik Peterson all had standout days.

"They all swam well against Franklin and helped out the team with a nice victory," Bennetts said.

The Mustangs took first in the 200 medley relay with a team of Chris Keady, Weston Laabs, Ryan Smith and Brad Farris with a time of 1:43.47 — the new pool record at Livonia Franklin. In the 200 freestyle, Northville won with O'Brien taking the top spot in 2:07.32, while Adams was second in 2:09.63.

In the 200 individual medley, John Bardsley took first for Northville in 2:13.33 while Kargula was second in 2:37.10. The 50 freestyle was won by Mammiano with a swim of 24.91 seconds. In diving, Northville took first and second with Brad Lemple scoring 220.40 points and Scott Lee notching 1:48.45 points.

The 100 butterfly was won by Folas with a 1:03.39 while Kargula took second in 1:08.60. The 100 freestyle went to Mammiano, who swam a 56.08 to take first. O'Brien was the swimmer to beat in the 500

free, winning in 5:44.87, while Adams took second in 5:57.12.

The Mustangs had a nice showing in the 200 freestyle, swimming a 1:34.35 with the team of Joe Hogan, Chris Cullin, Will Bickler and Brody Bickler. The 100 back had Hunter Schwartz swimming a 58.91 for first while Bardsley was second in 1:02.09.

Taking first in the 100 breaststroke was Greg Sheppard with a 1:10.89 while the team of Mark Stuber, Ryan Smith, Adam Pulliam and Bardsley took first in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:41.02.

Northville returns to action today when they take on division rival Canton.

"We have lost four in a row to those guys and we will be looking to break that streak and get the division title back at Northville," Bennetts said.

Two for the win column

The Northville Mustangs volleyball team looked impressive last week when they rolled through their conference foes.

The Mustangs defeated Franklin, 25-22, 26-24 and 25-17, before beating Wayne Memorial convincingly, 25-19, 25-17 and 25-9.

Against Franklin the Mustangs had plenty of contributions flowing in from across the floor. Leading the way was freshman Krysta Cicala, who had 15 assists, seven kills and two aces in the win. Evonna Karchon notched seven kills, two blocks and four digs while Diana Deaibes collected 16 assists.

Against Wayne Memorial, Cicala and Karchon were once again bold enough to lead their team to victory. Cicala collected 17 assists, 12 kills and 11 aces while Karchon notched 11 kills and two blocks. Kristen Echehalt had a nice game as well, earning seven kills, six digs and two aces.

Northville is now 12-10-1 overall with a 2-1 Western Division record.

Mustangs can't stop skid

It was a bad week to be a Northville cager. The Mustangs basketball team just couldn't get anything rolling as they continued to stumble their way through the season. After falling to a speedy Wayne Memorial squad, 57-37, last week, the Mustangs went on to drop a 55-44 decision to the Canton Chiefs.

Last Tuesday the Northville varsity basketball team fell to the Wayne Memorial Zebras 57-37. Northville could not handle the constant speed and tenacity of the Zebras.

Wayne went up 13-9 in first quarter and didn't bother to look back despite strong shooting by a handful of Mustangs. The Zebras increased their lead, 34-16, by the end of two and the surge wasn't about to stop.

"They were a tough team to play," said Northville coach Darrel Schumacher. "We fell behind at the end because they were able to penetrate through our zone and get to the basket."

Northville continued to struggle throughout the remainder of the game while the Zebras added to their already impressive performance. At the end of three, Wayne dominated 43-28 and allowed only nine more points by Northville as they cruised easily to the victory.

Alan Shanowski and Mike Jameson each had six points and Nick Kaddis added five in the dismal showing.

Against Canton last Friday, Northville lost to the Canton Chiefs, 44-55. Throughout the game the Chiefs dominated the boards, which made it difficult for Northville to maintain possession of the ball and score.

Canton took a 10-9 lead in the first quarter but pulled away through the second period of play as they continued to control their destiny with strong rebounding and solid shooting. At the end of the second, Northville found themselves trailing 23-16 heading into the locker room.

Northville's woes weren't about the let up in the second half and the Mustangs proved they were no match for a decisive squad like Canton as the Chiefs went up 41-26 at the end of the third quarter.

In the fourth, Canton's march through Northville's defensive

stance continued as they pushed along to add 14 points to their lead. Northville managed 18, but their fate was sealed.

Leading scorers that night included Chris Lorente with 14 points and Alvin Stotts with 12 points in the losing effort.

Hockey on a roll

The Northville Mustangs hockey team had plenty of chances to be on the wrong end of a few games during a hectic, three-game stint last week.

But tenacious play by the skaters found them winning two games and earning a tie in the third to come away relatively happy.

"It was a good week for us," said Mustangs head coach Brad O'Neill. "It was a busy week for us, but I'm happy with how we did."

Against Churchill last Wednesday, Northville skated away with a 2-2 tie following goals by Joe Vitale and Rob Richel.

Jimmy Gates was in goal for the victory.

Two days later, the Mustangs were skating at full speed when they downed the Franklin Patriots, 6-3.

"We had a good game with some spread out scoring again," said O'Neill.

Vitale had a goal and an assist on the day while Derek Mohacs collected a goal and two assists. Dino Bernabei, Mike Presley, Mike Monticciolo and Donny McKinnon had a goal each in the victory.

"It was a well-balanced attack," O'Neill noted.

The game against Redford Unified was just as impressive. This time, Scott Ozog was in net for the victory as his squad skated off with a 6-1 victory.

Vitale, who had a big week, scored two goals and notched two assists while Mohacs added two goals in the victory. Monticciolo added a goal of his own in the win.

Cauzillo crushes Knights

The goal for any team taking on the Northville Mustangs girls hockey team is a simple one — stop senior captain Amy Cauzillo.

That, fortunately for Northville, is something no team has mastered. Cauzillo, an All-State defender,

notched five goals to help her squad to a 6-4 victory over the University of Liggett Knights last week.

The first goal of the game came off the stick of Cauzillo, with assists by Bridget Hughes and Sam Pope. When Meredith Ponder received a penalty at the eight-minute mark, the Knights took advantage of their opportunity and tied up the game, 1-1.

Just two minutes later, the Knights scored again to take their first, and only, lead of the game.

Cauzillo tied it up for Northville with a slap shot from center-ice with just a second left in the first period. The puck deflected off the cross-bar and into the net for the 2-2 game.

Ponder received another penalty at 10:13 in the second period, leaving the Mustangs short-handed. Instead of the Knights pulling ahead this time however, Cauzillo added two goals, both unassisted, to the scoreboard for the Mustangs at 8:44 and 8:26.

Annie Kirkpatrick, Marie McIntyre and Cate Spurr provided tenacious defense, keeping the Knights away from the goal and potential rebounds.

"The Knights struggled throughout the first two periods trying to keep the puck out of their end of the ice, proving once again a great offense is your best defense," said Northville coach Bill Holden.

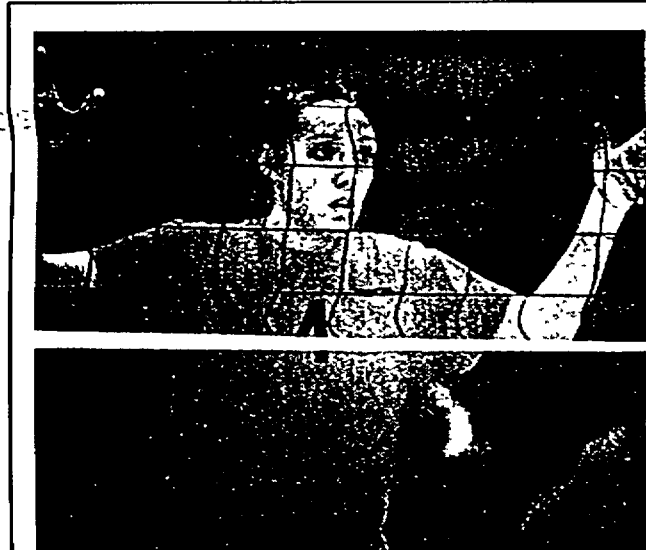
As the second period came to a close, Laura Zima flipped the puck from in front of the Northville goal, 50 feet down the ice, to Emily Doren. Doren dished the puck to Andrea Soloko, who fired the puck to the right of a sprawling goalie to give Northville a 5-2 advantage.

Cauzillo tacked on her final goal of the night, unassisted, at 12:56 in the third period.

The Knights made a comeback, scoring two goals in the third period, but the effort proved too little, too late as the Mustangs went on to win, 6-4.

Lee Cee Criswell stopped 33-of-37 shots in what was the first game this year the Mustangs were out shot.

— Compiled by Record sports writer Sam Eggleston and intern Matt Simich



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Knights looking for players

The Dearborn Heights Knights (12 & under) travel baseball team will be scheduling tryouts for the 2005 baseball season. The Knights are the PeeWee Reese (11 year old) champions for the NorthWest Suburban League. On their schedule will be the Cooperstown Dreams Park tournament located near the Baseball

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Coley finds success in weight loss

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Jamie Coley was fed up with being overweight.

She was 27 years old and stood at 5-foot-3-inches. But every time she stepped on the scale the number 175 glared up at her.

She had enough. It was time to do something about it.

"My weight was like a yo-yo," she said. "It kept going up and down but wasn't where I wanted it to be."

That was three years ago. On January 2, 2001, Coley decided she'd do something about it. Her New Year's resolution was to lose weight, no matter how much it cost her and no matter how much work she had to put in.

It wasn't the first time she'd made such a decision. Previously, Coley had gone from one health club to another, looking for the right fit.

She didn't like the iron-pumping muscle gyms or the massive corporate gyms where fitness fashion was as important as results.

It wasn't until she found the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville that she found herself comfortable.

"I was actually a member here for a little while before I went on the (Apex) program," she said of the club's weight loss program. "I just hadn't spent the time or the money to make a difference."

Then something clicked, something finally worked. Within six months of starting the program — which calculates caloric intake to help maintain a diet that keeps a person from feeling too hungry — Coley had

dropped 45 pounds and 15 percent of her body fat.

She's gained muscle since then. Now she weighs 137 pounds.

"I'm extremely happy with the outcome," she said. "It took a lot of work and I had to convince myself to spend that kind of money on myself, but it was worth it. It was the best money I ever spent that wasn't mine because I had to put it all on credit."

Fitness pays off

The debt is paid off, and now Coley is trying to help others find the right path to fitness. She's an instructor at the Water Wheel.

"It's a great place to work," she said. "It makes finding my own time to work out a little more difficult, but I love the people here and all of the clients."

Coley is the first to admit her results aren't typical, but they are possible.

"My results were because I was very aggressive," she said.

"The key is having something to drive you. Mine was the fact that my cousin was having her wedding just seventh months down the road. It was pretty amazing when everyone saw me there."

Another key, said Coley, is keeping foods she enjoyed eating on her diet.

"You can't deprive yourself of your favorite things," she said. "You can't feel as though you're already defeated when you start."

But, beyond diets and exercising, Coley said the key to her success is a change on a much larger scale.



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Apex Fitness success story Jamie Coley teaches an aerobics class at Northville's Water Wheel Health Club.

"It has to be a lifestyle change," she said. "It's not a sprint to the finish, but a marathon. It's what you do after six months to maintain the suc-

cess you've had that matters. You've got to change your lifestyle or you'll eventually just gain the weight back."

Three years and going strong.

So far, so good.

"I never want to go back," she said. "I went through a lot of personal trials to get here. It was all worth it though and it

worked out in the end."

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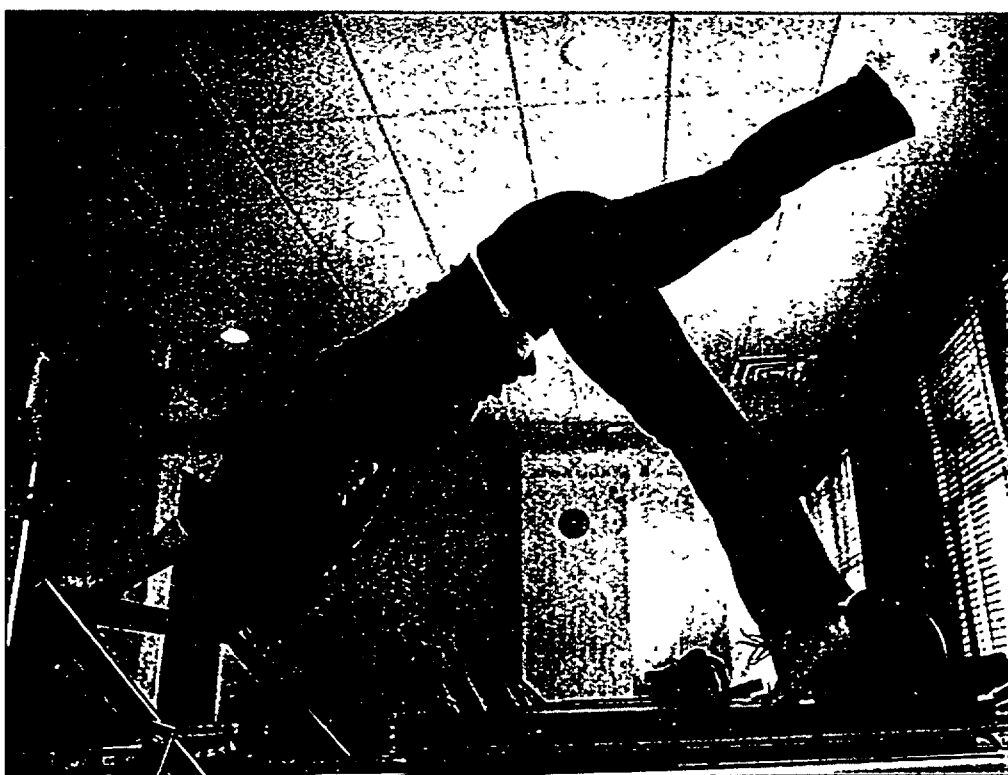


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Heidi Malzahn, co-owner of Northville's Poise Pilates, utilizes one of her studio's "reformers" to strengthen and stretch her body.

'Poised' to help clients reach fitness goals

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

In the world of trying to become or trying to stay physically fit, would it be ideal to have a place where even when you work on a biceps exercise you end up working your entire body?

Well, there is such a place. It's called Poise Pilates in Northville.

"Here we focus on quality movements of the deepest muscles," said co-owner Heidi Malzahn.

"That includes your abs, glutes and a full-body experience. Pilates works on the whole body and when you're done it feels like you went through some very vigorous exercise."

Poise isn't full of massive group classes or expects members to come in and know what they're doing without training. Instead, every session comes complete with a teacher and there is enough room for any experience level.

"There is everything for the super beginner to someone experienced in pilates," said Malzahn. "There's something for virtually everyone."

Though Poise does offer group

classes, they're small and very personal for the clients who attend. The reason? Malzahn and the other teachers at Poise are well aware that everyone's path to fitness is a different one.

Poise Pilates, (248) 349-3100

"Everyone is on their own, personal journey," said Malzahn. "You never want to compare one client to another. Each person has their own goals and they have to strive toward them. That helps make for a more positive, healthier person."

There are no more than six people in a mat class at Poise to help each person concentrate of form. Malzahn said they keep the classes small so they can keep an eye on each person attending and so everyone gets the "biggest bang for their buck."

Poise has been open for 3-and-half years and during that time has found plenty of interest in Northville and surrounding area. Clients, said Malzahn, come from Plymouth, Livonia and Novi as well

as their main concentration in Northville.

There are no membership fees or expected length of participation. Instead, Poise operates on packages instead of memberships, allowing individuals to pay per class or per appointment.

Poise offers an introductory session for those looking to get an assessment and to feel out the style of exercise. For a 90-minute private session, the cost is only \$60.

"While in the session we analyze strength and posture," said Malzahn. "It helps us know where the client is and what kind of personalized training they need."

Malzahn, who also practices pilates, said she was never interested in the various workouts employed by many. Instead, pilates was the answer for her.

"I never liked treadmills or stationary bikes," she said. "I just didn't enjoy it. Pilates was right for me. It's right for almost anyone. They just have to try it and see."

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Eat to Live takes off extra pounds

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For those who choose to diet themselves, Roth warned of a dreaded moment even those on his diet and any other program eventually encounter — a plateau.

"That's when you get on the scale and you don't lose anything even after doing everything right," he said.

What happens, he said, is through dieting and exercising fat is lost and muscle is built. Muscle weighs more than fat and eventually those on a diet will not see

any progress from their program. Don't panic.

"It may take a couple of weeks to get past it," he said. "But you will. Soon you'll be building more muscle, losing fat and losing inches. You know it's working when your clothes start fitting better."

It takes plenty of sacrifice to stay in shape for wrestling

When it comes to beating up a body for the joy of staying fit and competition, few sports match the intensity of wrestling.

Yet, kids line up to participate. They do what it takes, even if it means going hungry now and then.

"Wrestling is a very tough sport to participate in," said Dave Cain, a senior captain at Northville High School. "It is very demanding. It forces you to become very self-disciplined because you know that the harder you work and the more you learn, the better performance you'll have during competition."

Cain should know. A veteran wrestler charged with the task of leading a very inexperienced Mustangs squad this season, he's been through all of the stages of self-discipline.

He's never denied the fact that it's a difficult endeavor to stay physically fit while maintaining a particular weight. That's just part of the sport.

"The other half is dieting," said Cain. "After a long day at school followed by a grueling three-hour practice, you work up quite the appetite."

But unlike a sport like football, Cain isn't able to quell the rumbling in the pit of his stomach. A pizza might sound tasty, but a handful of baby carrots is often the answer.

"While other sports allow you to go home and eat all the food you want, wrestlers have to limit what

goes down our throats because if the scale says we're too heavy, we don't wrestle," he said.

"No, it's not easy. Then again, there few grapplers say they started in the sport because they thought it would be.

"It's a hard sport. A lot of people just don't realize how hard it is," said Novi senior captain Justin Cameron. "You're always trying to cut weight, and you work out for four hours every day. It's really hard, but that's all a part of it."

"We don't wrestle because it's easy; we do it because it's hard."

That doesn't mean these brawlers don't like seeing a day off roll around now and again. Though Novi and Northville athletes don't always see eye-to-eye on several subjects, both agreed a day of rest is just what the doctor ordered.

"When you beat your body up for a living, full-time, for six days a

week, every Sunday becomes a holiday except for the absence of food and gifts," Cain said.

And even though they're tired and they're bruised, wrestlers get up Monday morning and prepare to do it all again.

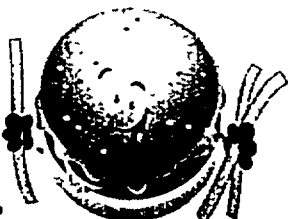
They love to wrestle and they love doing whatever it takes to stay in shape and maintain their weight class.

"It's not because of the diet, or the three-hour practices, or the sweating or the fact that we have to be at the school every Saturday at 6:45 in the morning," said Cain. "There's just some part of the sport that makes it so you can't leave."

"Wrestling draws you in and once you start, you never quit."

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WAIST WATCHER



They may not look big, but these fast food treats can pack quite a calorie punch.

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Regular hamburger with vegetables and condiments	279
Fish sandwich with cheese and tartar sauce	523
Large french fries	578
Plain hot dog	242
Tossed salad with turkey, ham & cheese (no dressing)	267
One taco with everything	568

Water Wheel knows fitness

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don't want to become stronger. They have a reason for doing it. We want to help you enhance every minute of every day or your life."

The Water Wheel knows buying into a club without testing it out isn't what people are interested in. The club offers a week-long trial membership at no cost to those who are interested in seeing if it's a good fit.

It's difficult to start on the long journey that is getting in shape and staying that way. Pintar said it's not about how quickly it gets done, it's about how long it lasts.

"It's a complete lifestyle change," he said. "The hardest decision to make is to change your lifestyle. It's a choice that can come with a lifetime of improvements."

And for those looking to shed weight while building muscle, the Water Wheel makes sure the "d" word is never brought up.

"You never go on a diet here," Pintar said. "Here you go on a program that you never go off of."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Water Wheel Health Club Instructor Aaron Pintar uses a cable machine to work on his abdominals.

It changes certain aspects of your life and you become aware of where you're at and what you need to do to maintain your lifestyle change.

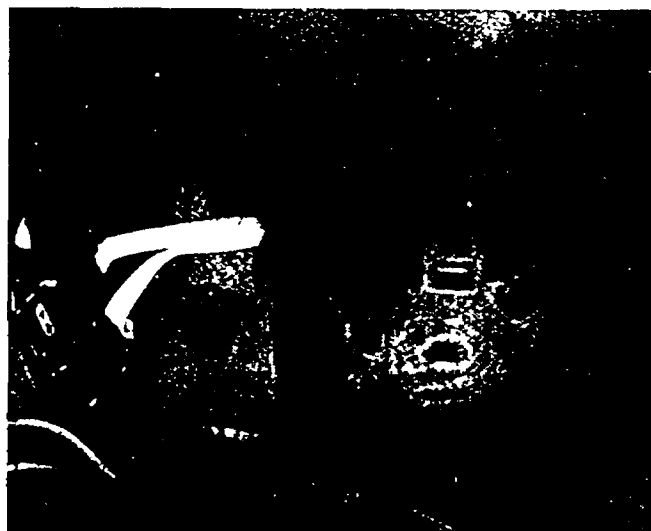
"It's not just about one thing,

but about the quality of life and how to make it better."

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Mustangs Rule



Photos by DAVID AGUILAR/Northville Record Editor



Tricia Eichholtz takes a moment to look over the statistics she has gathered on the Northville wrestling team so far this year.

Photo by DAVID AGUILAR/RECORD EDITOR

By the numbers

Tricia Eichholtz keeps tabs on Northville wrestling

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

At 15 years old, any girl would probably prefer to go shopping than sit and watch sweaty wrestlers grapple — especially wrestlers from another school.

Tricia Eichholtz is the exception to the rule. The Ladywood High School sophomore is content keeping statistics for the Northville Mustangs wrestling team.

"Last year I was going to the (junior varsity) matches and helping my mom," she said. "I noticed all the other teams had stat keepers but Northville didn't."

"I was interested in doing it because I liked the math and getting to add all the numbers up."

And the sum of her interest and Northville's lack of a statistician? A perfect combination.

Former junior varsity coach Mark Thomas was eager to have someone learn how to keep track of the team's points. This year Thomas was promoted to varsity coach and with him came his stat girl.

"Tricia attends every meet and records the statistics so that Coach Thomas can dedicate his time to the wrestlers," said Sherri D'Anna, the mother of grappler Jonny D'Anna.

"The statistics are a very important part of their entire season as a wrestler. Every take-down, reversal, near fall, escape, stall and fall makes a difference."

The statistics are submitted by the coaches at individual tournaments as well as for district, regional and state tournaments.

"Tricia, being our statistician and coach's assistant is what helps keep each grappler, accurately, up to date and keeps the team on track and ready for the next challenge."

said D'Anna.

But, like any 15-year-old, Eichholtz has her own hobbies and extracurricular activities. Though no one would be able to tell by looking at how accurately and consistently the stat book is done, Eichholtz is an active member in several activities.

"I play field hockey and lacrosse," she said. "I also am involved in taekwon do."

Eichholtz is nearing black-belt status in the martial art. She is also learning how to skate so she can try out for Ladywood's hockey team.

Beyond keeping stats and creating them as an athlete, Eichholtz also baby-sits, hangs out with her friends and helps at her church, Our Lady of Victory in Northville. She's also working on her gold award for the Girl Scouts of America.

Yet, she finds time to dedicate to the wrestling team.

"It's a lot of fun," she said. "All the guys are really nice, the parents all take care of me and it helps me get the service hours I need for school."

Eichholtz said she currently plans on sticking with the squad through her graduation from Ladywood.

Through it all, Eichholtz is gaining more than experiences and learning how to crunch numbers — she's making lots of friends. In fact, Eichholtz will be attending Northville's winter formal with one of the team's grapplers.

"He's really nice," she said. "They all are. It's like having 14 big brothers."

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Submitted Photo

Tricia Eichholtz is more than a stat girl — she's an athlete at Ladywood High School as well.

Mustangs get huge win over Walled Lake

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

It was a victory the Northville Mustangs needed as a team and one that proved all the hard work is worth it.

The wrestling squad put their best foot forward last Thursday and roped in the Walled Lake Western Warriors, beating them 53-24. Northville gave up 18 points through voids at 130, 135 and 145 pounds, which are worth six each.

"I don't think we could have asked for a better way to have our first home match go," said senior captain Justin Swanson. "So many guys had some of their best matches of the year. Almost all of the first-year varsity wrestlers pinned, which was so awesome to see happen and made me really proud of all the hard work everyone has put in."

The Mustangs weren't alone in their victory. Spectators packed the Northville High School gym.

"I was happy to see so many people show up," said Swanson. "It really helps having friends, family and fans there to cheer you on."

Northville dominated. Brian Dulzo earned a pin over Andrew Rudzki in the 103-pound division to help kick things off while Joe Gholami, at 112, decided to do it the hard way with a convincing 19-2 win over David Johnston.

Jon Junca made it short and sweet with a pin in just 36 seconds against Justin Neal at 125, while

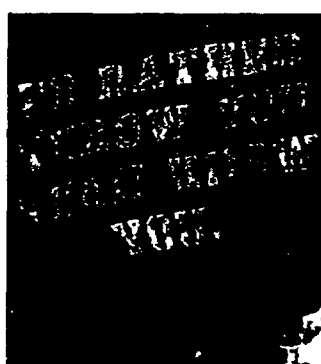


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A Northville mom's shirt says it all at the Mustangs' match against Walled Lake Western.

Nick DiDia went 1:35 into the second period before earning his pin in the 140-pound weight class.

Swanson collected a win of his own with a 13-10 decision for three points at 152 pounds while Grant Garber had to go into overtime to earn a hard-fought 4-3 decision over George Hajal at 160.

Northville was all about pins in the remainder of the weight classes. Dave Cain, a senior captain, notched a pin at 1:06 in the first period of the 171-pound match while Todd Schoenheide earned a third-period pin against Justin Hanna at 189. Tim Resnick showed speed rules the mat with a 37-second pin at 215 against Sean Beauregard and Dave Steward

earned a fall of his own at 1:12 in the second period over Joe Alverson at heavyweight.

Jonny D'Anna took the team's only loss, falling to tough 119-pound competitor, Nick Zilan.

Cain said the team win was an exciting moment for Northville's grapplers who have been focusing on individual results instead of team accomplishments.

"Northville hadn't won as a team for a while before Thursday and once we defeated our opponent it seemed as though all of those thoughts were left behind in the old Northville wrestling team," said Cain.

"It was like we had just busted out of our shell, gained confidence as a team and became a stronger team."

Senior Mustangs know this will be a rough year; they are also looking to the future they are helping build.

"It's been a long road for the young team and that match made us come together and feel the glory we've been fighting for," said Swanson.

"This team will come into it's own over the next couple of years and be a fury to be reckoned with by the base we've laid this year on the expectations of giving your all for the six minutes you're on the mat."

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Fans cheered on the Northville Mustangs as they pounded Walled Lake Western last week. The Mustangs controlled the match, giving up just 24 points total with 18 coming from weight-class voids.

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Small business and technology

Nowadays, it seems that anyone can develop a Web site. My 15-year-old daughter, your next door neighbor, and even the completely non-technology literate service man knows how to create a Web site. And then there are online companies that offer Web sites in 10 minutes!

Web site cost also varies from free to several thousand dollars. So how do you know who is really qualified and how much money you really should be spending on Web sites?

Let's start by looking at the e-commerce industry. For the purposes of simplification, the e-commerce industry is being divided here into five distinct categories.

Basement Developers

Web site developers who offer low-cost development services are usually students or technical people who create Web sites as a side business. Rarely do these developers have much knowledge of the operations or challenges facing businesses today. They have very little knowledge regarding e-business and what it takes for companies to be profitable on the Internet.

They may offer their services at an economical price but the technology that they deliver is in most cases quite weak. They mostly create "HTML" Web sites that do not use the latest developments in database technology. They may use a simple HTML editing program such as Microsoft FrontPage. The sites they produce will look like millions of others on the Internet as they are using standard FrontPage graphic templates.

Web sites created by basement operators are some of the lowest traffic sites on the Internet. What that means is that although your company has a Web site, few people will stumble upon your website due to the lack of internet marketing done by your developer.

Basement developers are also unable to produce advanced multi-media applications (audio, video, shock wave, flash, etc.) because they do not have access to the necessary hardware, software or the experience required in these areas.

As the Internet continues to evolve, these developers are limited in their ability to adapt to new technologies, as the learning curves relating to each new technology (e-Commerce, shock wave, database integration etc.) can be quite steep. It is impossible for such a small operation to have expertise in all new technologies.

In addition, most of these types of Web sites are very inflexible and difficult to maintain. Every time you need to make a change to say price or product, you may need to rely on the developer to update the Web site.

These Web sites generally take months to develop and sometimes even then continue to show several pages still under construction. That is because these developers are doing this on the side while working elsewhere or going to school.

Finally, most of the basement developers do not have the knowledge or resources necessary to develop e-business training materials for their clients. They are also unqualified to provide their clients with any form of true e-business consultation services.

Next time we will look at the second category in the e-commerce industry, "Small Boutique."

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Let the staff at Brenda W. Smith & Company, Certified Public Accountants, PC - Debbie Farneth (office manager), Brenda Smith, CPA, Mary Nolff, CPA, Amy Haselhuhn, CPA and Patty Spees (not pictured) - solve all your accounting and tax needs.

Brenda W. Smith & Company, PC

By Annette Jaworski
SPECIAL WRITER

Attention: Small Business Owners - IRS Audits Are Up

Knowing how to manage the financial aspects of your business can often ensure success. Messy bookkeeping can lead to mistakes that attract the attention of the Internal Revenue Service, increasing the chance of being audited. However, paying a visit to a certified public accountant is not always first on the list of things to do when starting a business.

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"Seeing an accountant is one of the biggest fears of a small business owner," says Brenda Smith, CPA. "Many never see an accountant in the beginning because they're afraid it will cost too much. However, mistakes made in the first year could cost them more than if they had set up an initial consulting arrangement."

Smith, owner of Brenda W. Smith & Company PC, offers a no-cost, no-obligation, hour-long

consultation with potential business clients. This is one way she put her customers at ease. "It's a good opportunity for the client to interview us to see if there's a good personality fit," she said. "It's very important that they can communicate comfortably with their accounting professionals."

If the client is a new business start-up, Smith and her staff can answer questions about what type of business entity will work best in their individual situation, how to keep records, and what taxes are required. If the business is already in operation, they will look over prior returns or financial statements and answer questions about management, computerized accounting systems and planning for the future.

We Specialize In Small Business

Smith points out, "In fact, we're a small business ourselves, so we appreciate and understand the struggles that business owners go through." Brenda W. Smith & Company offers complete services for accounting and taxes. This includes bookkeeping, quarterly payroll taxes, financial statement preparation, business and personal

tax return preparation, and IRS problem resolution.

The firm's goal is to keep clients in compliance with all government regulations and obligations for tax returns along with tax filings from the different entities - state, local, sales tax, and personal property tax among others.

"There are many different taxes that a small business needs to be aware of, keep up with and pay," Smith said. "That's one area where our experience shows - we excel at keeping people in compliance with taxes."

In Today's Business World You Must Have Quick Access to Decision Making Data

"If someone is still doing their books manually, they're spending time writing and adding, and they are not getting the benefit of instant information," said Smith. "Computer-based accounting software alleviates much of the manual work, and, once implemented can save time and increase accuracy tremendously."

Smith recommends that small businesses use some kind of computer software right from the start - while the business is small. "It's easier to learn when working on a smaller scale," she said.

The selection, set-up and training for computerized accounting systems is another area of expertise for Smith & Company. Mary Nolff, CPA, and Amy Haselhuhn, CPA, are both Certified Pro Advisors for QuickBooks.

"We deal primarily with QuickBooks and Peachtree accounting software products, but work with other software as well," Smith said. "We can help our clients convert from manual books to a computerized system or help them improve their existing computer system. This will provide the business owner with the right information and reports needed to better manage their business."

"Small business owners have

the greatest need, and it can often be cost prohibitive for them to work with a large accounting firm."

Smith points out that if every dollar is spent for compliance services just to meet government tax filing requirements, no funds are available for planning or management. A smaller professional firm, like Smith's, can be more cost effective for the small business client.

Smith began in the public accounting field in 1985 for a small firm in Southfield where she developed her fondness for working with small business. She branched out on her own in 1993, and her offices are currently located in New Hudson at 56711 Grand River Avenue. Being located near I-96 and Milford Road is convenient for most of Smith's clients, who are generally located within a 30-mile radius.

In addition to Smith, two full-time CPAs, a bookkeeper and an administrative assistant round out the staff for most of the year. Two additional tax accountants and an additional administrative assistant are brought on board to assist during tax season.

We Help People With All Sorts of Issues

The friendly personable staff can assist clients with numerous questions. There are many times when a client needs to resolve a problem, but doesn't know where to turn. "We can usually put them in touch with the right person, even if it's not us," Smith said. "We're a touchstone for all those other services such as legal, financial services or computer maintenance."

The firm has over 60 years of experience in bookkeeping, accounting and taxation. Brenda W. Smith & Company can handle a variety of accounting situations because of the depth of experienced staff. They provide the knowledge to keep businesses in compliance with all government regulations and obligations. Beyond that, they can help guide

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emerging businesses towards planning for future growth and the owner's retirement planning.

Although small businesses make up a large portion of their practice, Smith & Company also handles non-profits, estates and trusts, and all types of personal tax issues.

"People tend to match their accounting firm with the size of their business," Smith said. "Our fit is small to medium business. We do as much or as little for a client as they need. One of our goals is to educate business owners to help them better manage their business."

"I believe that our clients - whether they're signing a tax return or giving a financial statement to a bank - need to understand where the numbers came from and what they mean. We can help business owners improve their bottom line through education."



Brenda Smith (left) and bookkeeper Patty Spees review a client's file using the latest accounting software.

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Knit one, purl two, collect three

By Linda Rosenkrantz
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One of the classic, old-timey, pre-collectibles boom categories of collecting was — and for some still is — thimbles. I can remember a time when it wasn't unusual to enter a room and find a series of shelves displaying an army of those little finger protectors lined up.

These days, collectors of needlework tools are likely to look beyond the thimble to a greater range of objects, as reflected in a new book called "Needlework Tools and Accessories: A Dutch Tradition" by Kay Sullivan (Antique Collectors Club; \$59.50).

Although its specific focus is on needlework accessories made in Holland between 1400 and the 20th century, the book provides a template for looking at such objects globally. For example, the current rage for knitting — there is now a Web site on celebrity knitters, which includes names from Julia Roberts to Madeleine Albright to Russell Crowe — has produced a parallel interest in the vintage accoutrements of the craft.

One of these is the vintage wooden knitting needle sheath. This was a figural disk with a tube soldered onto the back to hold a single needle that was placed in the user's waistband to support the working needle, essentially creating a third hand. Used extensively in the British Isles and Europe as early as the 17th century, the early examples were straight and frequently exhibited fine, sometimes textual carving (a Dutch sheath dated 1588 bears the quotation "Samson was a strong man, but not as strong as he who could hold his tongue.")

Beginning in the 18th century, there were more representational forms, such as human and various animals, and novelty shapes, such as hearts, fish and urns. One interesting sub-category identified by the author is kerfnewerk, or chip carving, which was widely used in the late 18th and 19th centuries. In these sheaths, the surfaces were completely covered with intricate designs composed

of incised triangles formed in circles or straight lines with great skill and ingenuity.

In addition to different kinds of wood, other materials used include ivory, bone, horn, amber, leather, straw, brass, pewter and silver, and some were embellished with brass wire, nailheads or beads. At the end of the 18th century, one popular variation was the use of woven feather quills, making a colorful statement: These were always topped and tailed with silver, the silver cap containing a hole for the needle. The tricky thing about searching for these knitting needle sheaths is that they can be difficult to identify, as their purpose is not immediately apparent.

Another collectible knitting accessory is the point protector or guard. Where the ordinary knitter might use corks to prevent stabbing incidents and secure the unfinished piece, more upscale needle workers had the option of employing pairs of much more decorative ones. Most were made of gold or silver — there were others of mother-of-pearl and ivory — and joined by colorful and flexible bands of ribbon, or a chain or cord. During periods of mourning, it was the custom to use a black ribbon needle guard.

In the 19th century, these devices became more fanciful, with the metal guards taking the forms of shoes, keys, dogs, acorns and gargoyles, joined by silver chains. To contain the entire needle, and not just the points, there were also elongated needle storage cases, many of finely ribbed silver, some with a slit down the middle through which the piece in progress could be hung.

And, finally, there were knitters' chateaux. Before there were pockets, important personal items were held on chains — there could be anywhere from three to nine — emanating from an ornate medalion that clipped to the waistband. The knitters' chateaux held hooks for hanging a ball of wool, holes to use as needle sheaths and the capacity to store the knitting itself.

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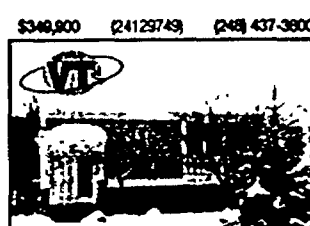


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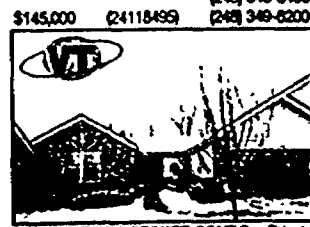
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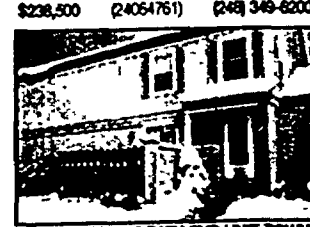
NOT JUST A DRIVE BY - A MUST SEE! - Home features fabulous master bedroom and bath with whirlpool. Kitchen has wonderful island, dining area has tons of counter space and cabinets. Don't wait!



DETACHED RANCH CONDO - Great 2 bedroom Carriage w/1 car direct access garage. New windows, neutral decor, ceiling fans. Open floor plan. 6 Months free association fees. Move right in!



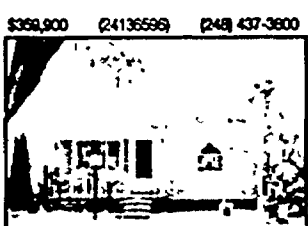
NICE CLEAN & PRIVATE CONDO - Private southern view from this great ranch condo. Living room w/cathedral ceiling, nice kitchen, formal dining room w/white sliding door to deck, 2 car attached garage and walk to common pool.



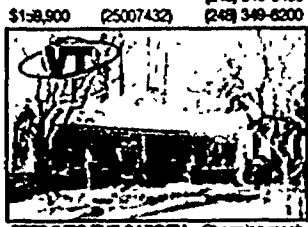
2 BEDROOM, 1.5 BATH END UNIT TOWNHOUSE - Open floor plan, finished basement w/ great location in popular Stonehenge! Updates include: furnace, A/C, and hot water heater. Great storage & direct access to garage. Pool, tennis & much more.



YOUR CHANCE TO OWN A TROTTERS POINT MODEL - With exceptional upgrades throughout! This spacious colonial has everything you are searching for: soaring ceilings, giant country kitchen, open floor plan.



COMPLETELY UPDATED HOME IN GARDEN CITY - A beautiful kitchen and private master suite are just two of the updates in this mint condition 3 bedroom, 3 bath bungalow. Come see all the other! Walk to elementary and high school.



STEP INTO THE GARDEN - Charming ranch has moved the garden indoors. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths w/whispering renovated kitchen & hardwood floors. Skylights to enlighten the spirit.



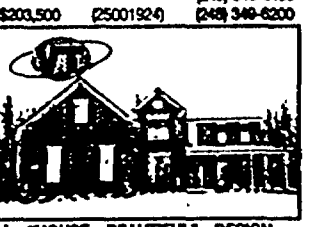
NEARING COMPLETION - Huge 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath brick colonial, 3 car side garage, 2 story foyer, basement with high ceilings, large island kitchen with nook, 9' 1st floor ceilings & vaulted family room, bay window in formal dining room.



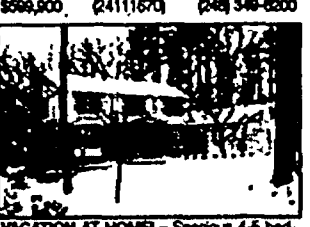
DESIRABLE TROTTERS POINTE COLONIAL - Hardwood floors, a spacious lot, tons of upgrades and much more! Kitchen is a cooks delight with acres of counter space and a giant center island!



GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE IN EAGLE GARDENS - Seller loves house, but wants to live on the lake! Take advantage of this mint condition home. Features include: 3 bedroom, 1.5 baths, downall off kitchen leads to deck w/ hot tub. Nicely finished basement.



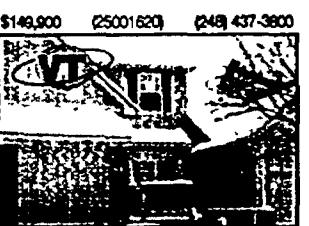
A "HOUSE BEAUTIFUL" DESIGN - Magnificent home, elegant living room & dining room, gorgeous kitchen & breakfast area w/lowest level walkout. 4 car heated garage. Family room, 4 large bedrooms, charming master suite. A remarkable palace!



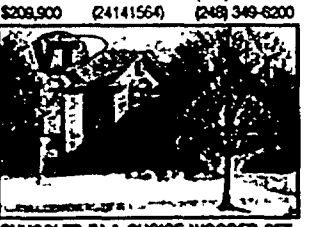
VACATION AT HOME! - Spacious 4-5 bedroom, 3.5 bath home on nearly 1 wooded acre w/Views & privs on 110 acre Durham Lake. Fin lowest level walkout. 4 car heated garage. Whirlpool, sauna, central air & more. Formal LR & DR, GR w/gas fireplace. Huge FR w/glass block bar & downall to patio. Backyard backs to woods. Lake across street.



BIG VALUE IN SOUTH LYON UNDER \$150K - This rare find offers a completely renovated kitchen with oak cabinets, wood floors, renovated, part oak & more. Newer furnace, water heater, siding & shed.



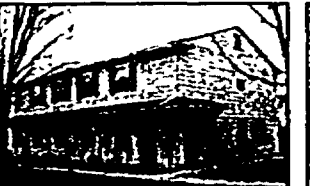
MAPLES OF NOVI CONDO - Two bedrooms, 3.5 baths. Great room w/fireplace, 1st floor master. Downall to large deck overlooking 5th green. Full finished basement w/ full bath. 1 car attached garage. Immediate occupancy.



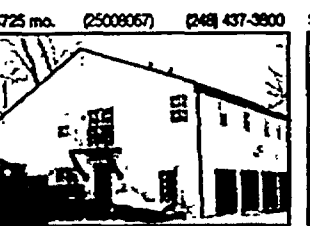
SNUGGLED IN A CHOICE WOODED SETTING - Gorgeous 4 bedroom, 2 bath w/so much to offer. Replace in family room and living room. Step up master suite. Hardwood floors, formal dining room. Many updates thru-out. Beautiful lot.



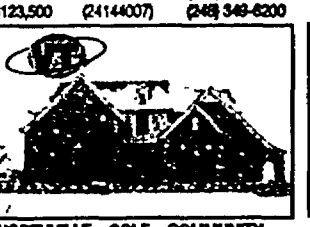
PRESTIGIOUS PRESTWICK VILLAGE - Like new home in golf community. 2 story entry, 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, family room/library, dining room, and 3 car garage. Enjoy pool and tennis courts.



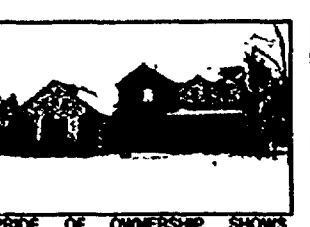
WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF TOWN - Two bedroom upper unit features new paint & new carpet - new appliances and furnace. Updated kitchen. Super clean - ready to move in!



POPULAR STONEHEDGE CONDO - Nice condo in Novi with many updates: bath, light fixtures, carpet, painted, storm door, downall. Open floor plan, attached garage, all appliances stay.



NORTHVILLE GOLF COMMUNITY - Sophisticated 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath home w/ an elegant floor plan and many custom upgrades throughout. A kitchen perfect for entertaining and so much more.



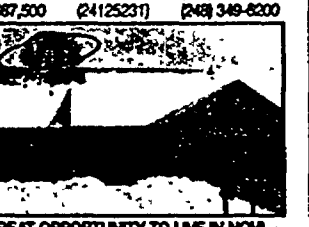
PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP SHOWS THROUGHOUT - 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial in sought after sub. Partially finished walkout basement. Large 13 car garage w/220A, insulated & plumbed for gas heat. 2-ter deck & patio, hardwood floor & remodeled laundry.



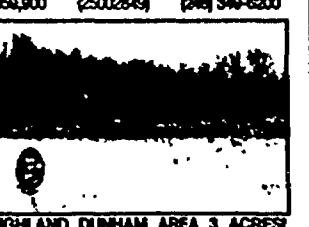
EXCEPTIONAL ROYAL CROWN COLONIAL 2 story features 4 bedrooms, including step-up master w/2 walk-in closets, 2 vanities & soaking tub. Island kitchen, great room, dining room, family room w/volume ceilings & professionally finished lower level.



WONDERFUL HOME IN POPULAR CHASE FARMS - Home w/ a great open floor plan, spacious kitchen & breakfast area, formal living room & dining room, comfortable den, family room w/cathedral ceiling, brick patio, deck & great finished basement.



GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE IN NOW - Cozy contemporary w/many updates! Newer 1st cabts, windows, cprt, fresh paint! Updated BA's, in bsmr, w/air, fin loft w/200 add'l sq. ft. of living space! Gorgeous views of pond/nature inside & deck. Close to x-ways, shopping.



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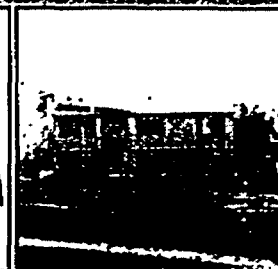
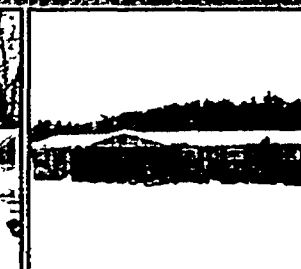
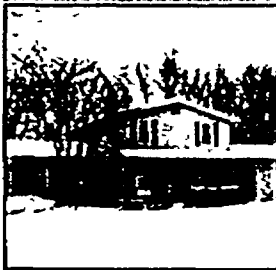
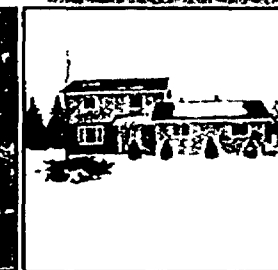
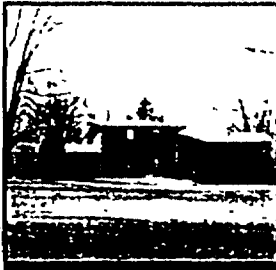
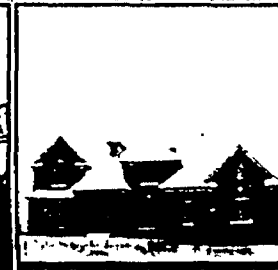
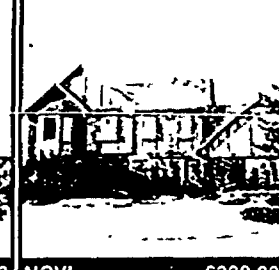
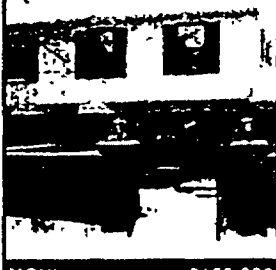
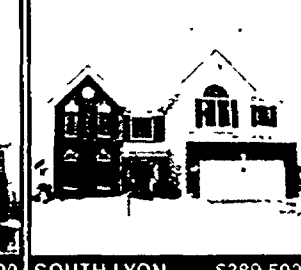
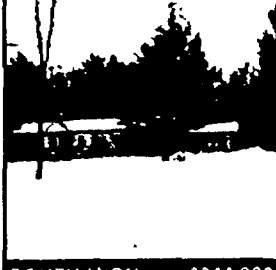
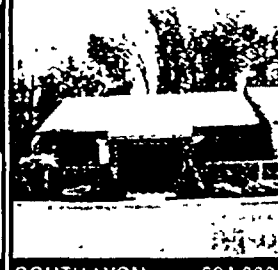
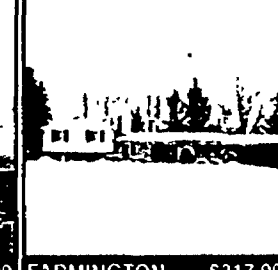
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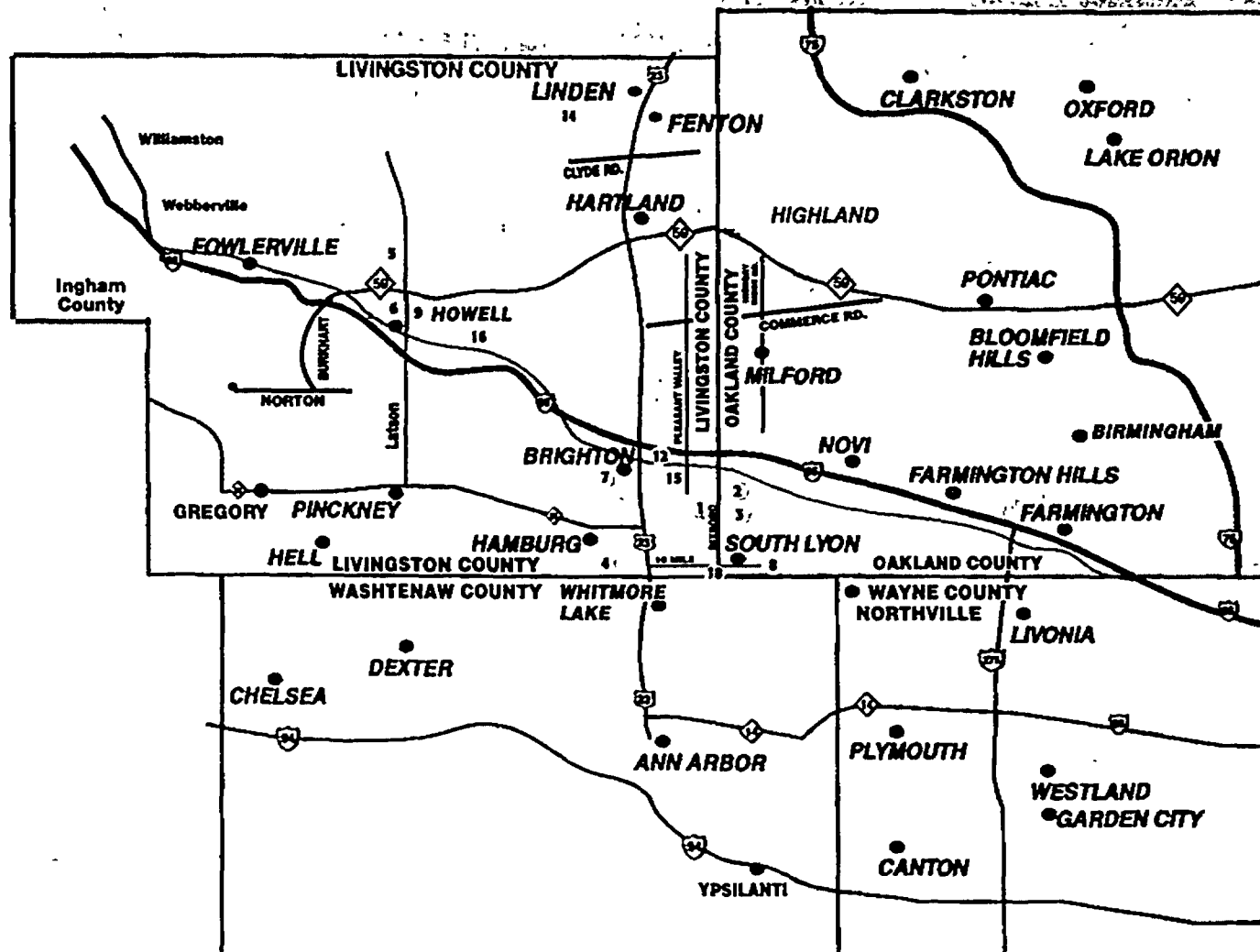
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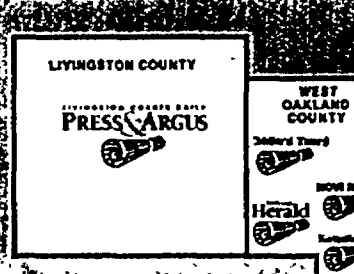
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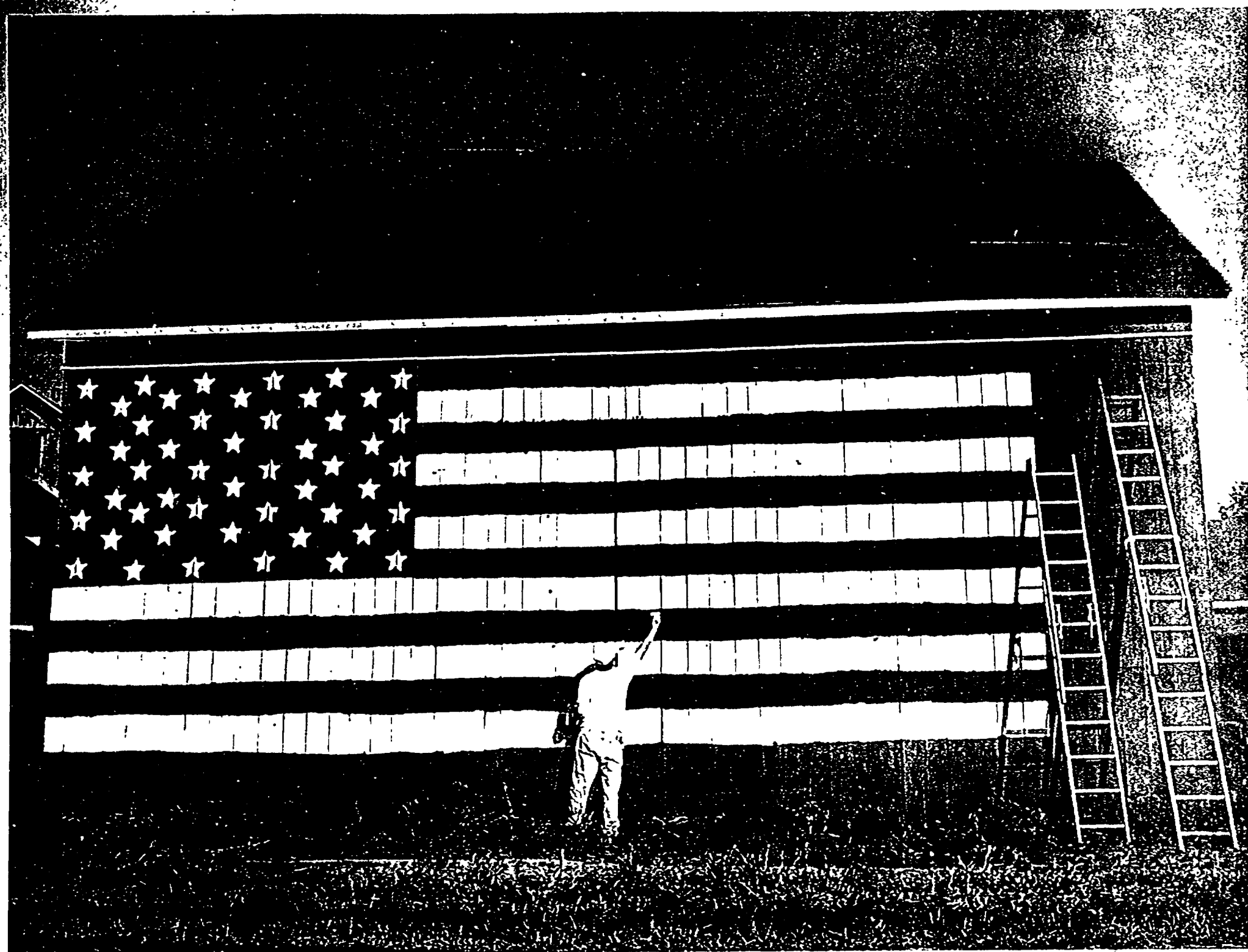
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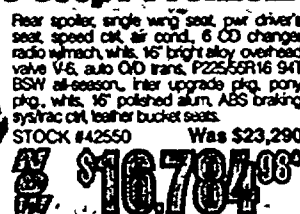
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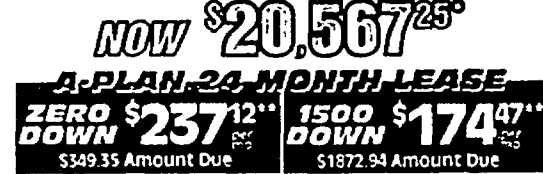
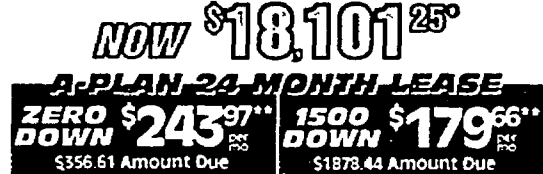
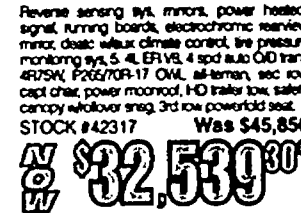
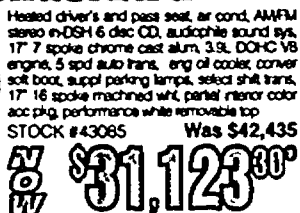
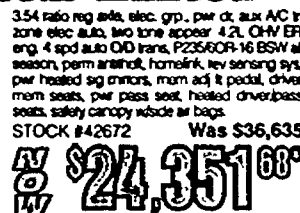
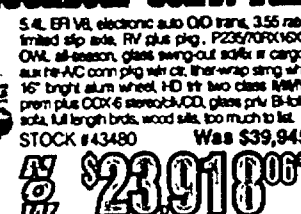
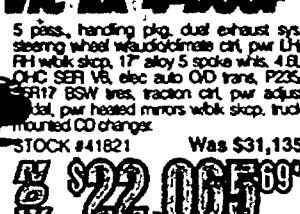
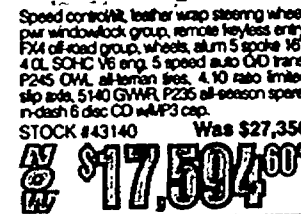
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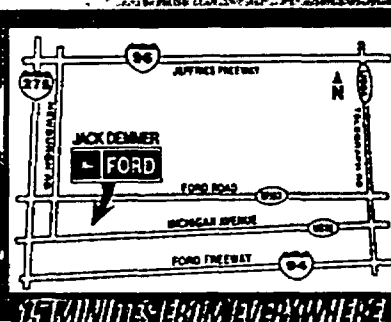


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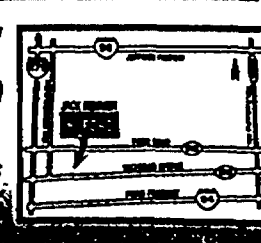
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A special supplement to the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus, Novi News, Northville Record, South Lyon Herald and Milford Times.

Selecting right name not easy

By Candy Spiegel
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet."
— From William Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet"

Selecting the name for a baby is not something expectant parents take lightly.

In truth, it can be one of the most exciting and challenging decisions a parent makes. A name is the first impression others get of the person and many names, like Bertha, have an expected persona of their own. Other names, like Candy, are guaranteed to create plenty of teasing at school. Perhaps because of those features, some experts say names play a role in developing the child's personality.

When naming a child, parents must also remember the child will grow up and the name has to serve them as an adult, too. Names like Johnny or Sammy are cute on a little child, but may not be appropriate for a man trying to make it on Wall Street.

Initials also must be examined. A family with the last name of Smith should probably refrain from naming their daughter Alexis Samantha.

Some parents also consider how many other children will share their child's name. They may choose to give their child an unusual name or to create a unique spelling for the name. While showing off the parents' creativity, a unique or unusual name may make it difficult because it has to be repeatedly spelled or explained. Some children may even become upset because they can't find pencils, calculators, stickers and other personalized items with their name on them.

Of course, that doesn't stop parents from giving children strange and unusual names. Each year BabyCenter, an online resource for parents and expectant parents, compiles a list of their members' baby names.

Some of the unusual names found on the 2004 list include Nutmeg, Tahini, Sushi,

Top 10 Names

FOR BOYS

1. Jacob — Supplanter
2. Michael — Like God
3. Joshua — Lord is salvation
4. Matthew — Gift of God
5. Andrew — Manly
6. Joseph — God adds
7. Ethan — Strong
8. Daniel — God is my judge
9. Christopher — Christ-bearer
10. Anthony — Priceless

FOR GIRLS

1. Emily — Industrious
2. Emma — Universal
3. Madison — Son of Matthew
4. Hannah — Grace of God
5. Olivia — Olive tree
6. Abigail — Father's joy
7. Alexis — Defender of mankind
8. Ashley — Meadow of ash trees
9. Elizabeth — God's oath
10. Samantha — Listener

Editor's Note: Based on names appearing on 2003 Social Security applications. Names that sound the same, but are spelled differently are not grouped together. For example, Jacob and Jakob are considered two different names and each have their own rank. Name meanings are from Parenthood.com.

Chardonnay, Commander, ChiChi, LooLoo, Disney, Ikea, Zenith, Blazer, Wrangler, Quena, Royale and Lyric.

"The Social Security Administration keeps track of the names parents give their children through their applications for a Social Security number. Each year, they publish a list of the most popular names and the number of babies given that name.

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Baby learns from day one

By Cynthia Grochowski
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Parents barely finished welcoming their contribution to the class of 2022 when they looked at each other and whispered, "Now what?"

Kindergarten is 1,900 days away. How can parents prepare their baby to be a keen, weaned learning machine? Is there such a preparation?

"Early learning experiences can affect a baby's IQ by as much as 40 points," Sue Cherry, Montessori directress of Maple Tree Montessori in Brighton, said.

Parents know babies develop physically at a rapid pace.

"The more profound development is going on cognitively," Cherry pointed out. "Pathways crucial to academic learning are established by stimulation those first 1,900 days."

Contrary to what Madison Avenue tells new parents, those experiences have nothing to do with expensive toys, television shows, software or flash cards.

"A child needs to have a nurturing, loving environment," Cherry said. "A consistent and stable environment. A child is very sensitive to order."

Talking to the baby all the time is important, whether it's reading the letters to the editor out loud over morning coffee or describing the contents of the stew being put together.

"They want that attention and stimulation," Cherry explained. "Babies look at your mouth when you talk or sing. They see the mouth formations and hear the sounds produced."

Infants benefit enormously with the sensory stimulation of sight, sound, touch, taste and smell. For example, a baby's native language is learned between birth and age 3 by hear-



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Wendy Lipke files the arms of her 4-week-old son, Brady William, in their Hartland home. Moving arms and legs for baby incorporates several sensory experiences, helps with digestion and strengthens the parent-child bond.

ing and seeing adults speak. "We know for a fact that if a child misses crawling he has a hard time reading later on," Cherry said. "The more refined the sensors are, the more they can talk to the child's brain and the better a child can learn."

Lee Ann Louis-Priscott, owner of Brighton's Yoga Center for Healthy Living and yoga instructor for babies, children and adults, notes the value of touch and physical stimulation to a baby's development.

"Little exercises, like pedaling

their legs, helps with gas but it's also fun for them," Louis-Priscott said.

Louis-Priscott advocates massaging baby's feet with thumbs along the soles of the feet.

"Holding baby on your belly face to face with your knees up and baby's back against thighs is a great posture to hold and talk to baby, massage baby's feet, cross and uncross his arms," Louis-Priscott said.

Cherry agrees that close physical contact calms and soothes a baby.

"You can't reach an agitated child," Cherry said. "Once calm you can hum and pat them, play different music for them or take them outside."

Cherry and Louis-Priscott both agree the opportunities to roll and stretch, then crawl and pull up, cruise and toddle can't happen in a walker, high chair or car seat.

"Babies are sensorial explorers at this age," Cherry explained. "Baby proofing your house does not mean a playpen. They need to pick up things and drop them. The main thing is to facilitate this need, not interfere with it."

TV, computers and the like should never be a major source of the child's educational experiences in that age range said Cherry.

Once walking on their own, Louis-Priscott encourages toddlers to pose and roar like a lion, wiggle like a snake and more with simple yoga postures.

"They are constantly active and they love it," Louis-Priscott said. "It teaches them balance, coordination, relaxation, and that they can enjoy doing something healthy."

Exercise helps children relax and have fun. Simple yoga and slow, deep-breathing techniques help when school stress and peer pressure come up later.

Cherry emphasized being observant of the baby's participation when engaging him.

"The child may not be interested in the music, but wants to play with the mud or help with dinner," she said. "Letting them help when they are very little is very stimulating."

Above all, never assume the baby knows he or she is loved.

"Let them know each day that they are the best thing that happened to you," Cherry implored. Keep that as your focus and it will change you as a parent."

Follow these suggested guidelines for feeding baby

Whether you are breastfeeding or formula feeding your baby, it takes some time to develop a proper feeding schedule.

Just when you thought you and your baby had a nice routine going, it will be disrupted a few months later by the need for solid foods.

Because a baby no longer feels satisfied on breast milk or formula alone, you'll need to introduce solid foods into his or her diet. Once your baby starts eating solids, less breast milk or formula will be consumed, but that doesn't mean you should replace breast milk or formula with solids. Either one should still be the main ingredient in her diet for the first year. And do not give your baby cow's milk until after his or her first birthday.

INTRODUCING SOLIDS

If you think your child is ready for solids, try introducing an iron-fortified

infant rice cereal. It's most recommended by doctors because it's the cereal least likely to cause an allergic reaction. Observe your baby for several days. If he or she is doing well and no reaction occurs, you can move onto barley or oat cereal.

Once things are going well with cereal, it's time to add strained vegetables and fruits, then meats and breads. Try single foods first, such as applesauce, sweet potatoes or carrots. They should be smooth in consistency and easy to swallow.

Then add strained meats like chicken, turkey or beef. It's a good idea to add just one new food at a time and wait a week or so before trying another. That way, if your little one does have an allergic reaction or food sensitivity, you will be able to pinpoint exactly what food has caused it.

When your baby is between 6 to 9 months of age, you can start offering

breast milk, formula or juice from a cup instead of a bottle (juice should not replace breast milk or formula). As your baby gets more teeth (between 9 to 12 months of age), you can give him or her finger foods like cooked vegetables or soft, ripe fruit without peels or seeds, and teething biscuits which may help ease the pain of teething.

TIMELINE

Here are some general guidelines, courtesy of The Enfamil Family of Formulas, to help you determine what kinds of foods to introduce to your baby and at what age. This is only a general timeline, making it best to consult with your pediatrician before introducing solid foods to your baby.

4 to 6 months: rice cereals, then oatmeal or other single-grain baby cereals with iron.

6 to 8 months: single-grain baby cere-

als with iron, cereal/fruit baby cereals, oven-dried toast or teething biscuits; infant 100 percent fruit juices; strained or mashed green, dark yellow or orange vegetables; strained or mashed fruits without the peels.

8 to 10 months: baby cereals with iron, toast, plain bagel, crackers, teething biscuits, bread; 100 percent fruit juices by cup; cooked mashed vegetables; soft fruit or canned fruits packed in water — peeled, seeded and finely chopped; ground or finely chopped lean meats; egg yolk; small amounts of plain yogurt, cottage cheese, cheese.

10 to 12 months: baby or toddler cereals with iron, unsweetened cereals, mashed potatoes, rice, noodles, spaghetti; 100 percent fruit juice by cup; cooked vegetables chopped; soft fruit or canned fruits packed in water — peeled, seeded and chopped; smaller tender pieces of lean meats; cooked beans.

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Even with the introduction of solids, breast milk or formula should still be the main ingredient of baby's diet during her first year.

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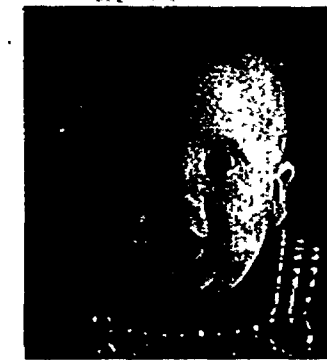
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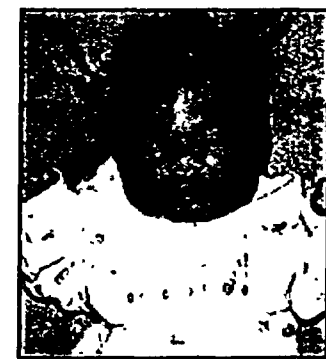
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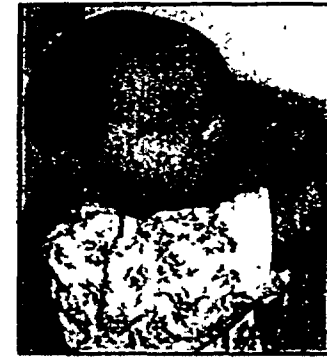
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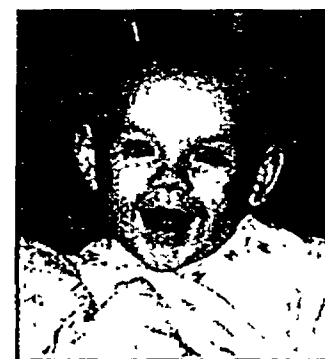
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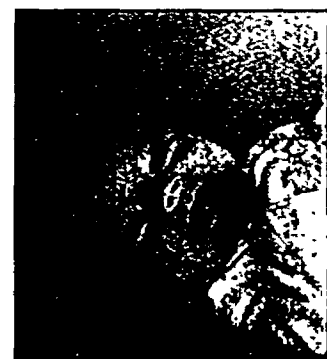
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Remembering the events of 2004

WAR & POLITICS

- George W. Bush is reelected president
- War in Iraq continues and 170 troops from the National Guard's 1462nd Transportation Company, based in Howell, are mobilized for active duty
- Livingston County gets its first new judges in over a decade, as L. Suzanne Geddis is elected to the district court and David Reader is elected to circuit court

NATURAL DISASTERS

- A 9.0 earthquake in the Indian Ocean creates tsunamis that kill at least 150,000 people in Asia and Africa
- Four major hurricanes hit Florida — Charley, Ivan, Frances and Jeanne — causing 99 deaths and \$26 billion in damages
- Spring floods cause damage to some 200 Hamburg Township and Green Oak Township residents' property

AROUND THE WORLD

- SpaceShipOne becomes the first privately-built spacecraft launched into outer-space
- George W. Bush is TIME's 2004 Person of the Year
- 2004 is the year of the monkey, according to the Chinese Zodiac

HERE AT HOME

- Major roadwork ties up streets, roads and highways in all parts of Livingston County and around Novi
- Northville's Hillside Middle School science teacher Heidi Capraro is named State Teacher of the Year
- Cosco, Circuit City, Marshall's and PETSMAART open in Livingston County; Village Commons East opens in Milford and Huron Valley Pools and Fitness opens two new pools in Lakeland and Milford

NOVI PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Novi Public Library receives \$1 million donation from Charles and Myrtle Walker to build a new facility
- Novi High School receives a new wing to accommodate up to 2,400 students
- The Milford Police Department purchases laser units
- Providence announces it will transfer 200 beds to Novi
- The famous Chicago-based comedy troupe, The Second City, moves its training center and theater to Novi
- The contractual service from the Milford Public Library for Commerce residents ends and patrons from Commerce Township must now pay \$150 for library service
- Northville middle school student Garrett Drogosch, a victim of hazing, speaks before the senate committee to consider a bill outlawing hazing; "Garret's Law" is signed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm in May

SAYING GOODBYE

- Ronald Reagan, 40th President of the United States, dies
- Yasser Arafat, Palestine Liberation Organization leader, dies
- The entertainment world loses musician Ray Charles; actors Marlon Brando, Christopher Reeve, Tony Randall, Isabel Sanford and Rodney Dangerfield; comedian Jack Parr; chef Julia Child; and "Captain Kangaroo," Bob Keeshan
- Pat Tillman gives up his multi-million dollar contract with the NFL, to serve as an Army Ranger in Afghanistan. He is killed in action
- The world's oldest man, Fred Hale Sr., dies at age 113
- The Boston Red Sox win the World Series
- The New England Patriots win the Super Bowl

SPORTS

- The Tampa Bay Lightning win the Stanley Cup
- The Detroit Pistons are NBA Champions
- The University of Michigan wins the Big Ten football title
- The Olympic Games are held in Athens, Greece and 202 countries compete
- An argument on salary limits leads to the NHL lockout, which continues through 2005
- The University of Connecticut takes both the men's and women's NCAA hoops titles
- Lakeland girls basketball team captures first championship of any kind since 1976
- A brawl between players and fans breaks out during a game between the Detroit Pistons and the Indiana Pacers, resulting in several suspensions and arrests
- The University of Michigan football team beats Michigan State University in the triple overtime



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November 10, 2004
University of Michigan Hospital
Michael & Teresa VanZetta, Brighton



Nicholas James Daniels
April 1, 2004
Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston
Jim & Jen Daniels, Pinckney



Matthew David Janik
July 5, 2004
Beaumont Hospital
David & Dana Janik, Novi



Vince Raymond Gambotto
March 2, 2004
Beaumont Hospital
Larry & Tricia Gambotto, Northville



Dominic Deven Demetriou
October 28, 2004
Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital
Toby & Kim Demetriou



Cheyenne Elaine Bickley
August 15, 2004
Saint Joseph Mercy Livingston
Jim & Virginia Bickley, Gregory

How much did it cost in 2004?

Average household income in readership area	\$67,000	Loaf of bread	\$1.29
Minimum Wage	\$5.15	Gallon of milk	\$3.23
House in Oakland and Livingston counties	\$200,000	Dozen eggs	\$1.17
New car	\$25,000	EDITOR'S NOTE: This information is obtained from a variety of sources, including AAA, Michigan Farm Bureau, Edmunds, SEMCOG, U.S. Census Bureau, Livingston Association of Realtors and	
Gallon of gas in Michigan	\$1.87	Realcomp. The numbers are average prices during the year. Large numbers have been rounded off. This information is only meant to provide an interesting, commemorative keepsake to help put things in perspective in 10, 20, or 50 years.	



Make busy, on-the-go days more manageable

(WMS) — As a busy mom or dad, you know firsthand how it seems there aren't enough hours in the day to get everything on your to-do list accomplished. Oftentimes you're tackling one project while knee-deep in another. Children shouldn't be expected to pay the price for a busy parent's schedule. They lack the attention span and stamina to tolerate too much of one activity — whether it be supermarket shopping, visiting relatives or traveling on long car trips. Rather than end up with a cranky baby or bored toddler who can put a damper on your day, it is the clever parent who can keep his or her child occupied, happy and well fed amid all this running around.

Looking for some ideas for keeping kids busy, while you're busy? Follow these tips from the founders of Homegrown Kids — innovative products that make life a little bit easier and a lot more fun.

- Involve your child in the activity. At the supermarket, have your little one help pick out items from the shelves. Allow him or her to choose one special item that can be enjoyed later on.

- Point out items of interest during car trips. Help your child recognize stores, cars and landmarks along the way. Or have him or her play favorite car games like "Punch Buggy" and "I Spy" in the process.



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- Keep your child's favorite music on hand. Encourage a sing along during long car trips. If your child is old enough, allow him or her some quiet time alone with a portable CD player — this way tunes can be enjoyed without disturbing you.

- Pack favorite finger foods, juice boxes and toys to keep your child occupied.

- Set aside breaks in your schedule, where possible, for fun. This is especially important during long car trips. A quick stop at a playground or park can break the monotony. It may also calm down hyper youngsters.

- Factor in fun destinations. A fast lunch at a restaurant may be just what everyone needs.

Keep kids occupied when traveling by having their favorite toys and foods in tow. The Eat-n-Play Activity Cooler provides toys and a place to keep food cold. It is available online at www.eat-n-play.com.

Find the perfect child-care provider

By Candy Spiegel
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Entrusting the care of a baby to a stranger is not a decision to be taken lightly.

No parent wants to leave their child in a situation where they do not receive the best possible care. Sue Cherry, director of Maple Tree Montessori in Brighton, said the environment should be nurturing and stimulating, but not overwhelming.

"Babies learn through their hands and eyes," she said. "Not in a playpen, or a walker."

The state monitors child-care providers to make sure they are providing a safe environment. However, Linda Herbert, executive director of the Livingston County 4C Council, said some people are not aware of the law that requires persons who provide care for unrelated children to be regulated by the Family Independence Agency.

"Unfortunately some unregulated care is being offered by providers who are also unaware of the law," she said.

The 4C Council assists parents in finding the appropriate child care. Although they do not endorse or license any businesses, they do maintain a listing of providers.

"As parents are looking for child care they can call our office to receive a free listing of regulated child care homes and centers that meet the family's specific needs in terms of children's ages, location, type of care, special services and

Choosing quality child care

The Michigan 4C Association and the State Family of Michigan Independence Agency recommend parents ask the following questions before choosing a child care provider.

Call first and ask ...

- How many children do you care for?
- How much child care experience and education do you have?
- How many adults care for the children?
- How many ages do you serve?
- Must a child be toilet trained?

In a home setting, ask ...

- Are there others living in the home? Who and what ages are they?
- Who, besides the provider, may be caring for my child?
- Will my child be taken out of the home while in your care?
- Are there pets or smoking in the home?

Visit and look for ...

- Positive reactions between caregivers and children
- Children getting lots of attention
- Clean, safe, and healthy spaces
- Safety features such as gates on stairs, caps on electrical outlets, and a locked cabinet for

medicine, poisons and cleaning products.

- A variety of toys and learning materials, such as books, puzzles, blocks, and climbing equipment, that your child will find interesting.

Ask the provider ...

- Can I visit at any time?
- How do you handle discipline?
- What do you do if my child is sick?
- How do you handle an emergency?
- Do you have a back-up caregiver?
- Where do children take naps?
- Do caregivers have up-to-date CPR and First Aid training?
- Do caregivers have training in childcare?
- May I see a copy of your license?
- May I have a list of parents (current and former) who have used your care?

Ask other parents ...

- Was the caregiver reliable?
- How did the caregiver discipline your child?
- Did your child enjoy child care?
- Was the caregiver respectful of your values and cultures?
- Would you recommend the caregiver?
- If your child is no longer with the caregiver, why did you leave?

hours and days of care," Herbert said.

In addition to finding a regulated provider, the parents should also interview the caregiver by phone

and in person and check their references before selecting a provider. Once one is selected, the council recommends parents find time to visit their children at the day care

on occasion and make sure they regularly talk to the provider.

For more information, call (517) 548-9112 or visit www.childcare4C.com.

Selecting the right name

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The 2003 list, the most recent available, is listed on page 1. All babies whose parents apply for a Social Security Number are included. It is important to note that every different spelling counts as a different name. For example, Jacob and Jakob are two different names on their list. And, names are tallied by sex, so boys named Taylor are tallied separately from girls named Taylor.

For historical reference, the administration went through a sample of applications and created the top 10 names of each decade, all the way back to the 1880s. A quick examination reveals some interesting facts.

For instance, for boys, names work in cycles. Jacob has been the No. 1 name for boys since 1999, but wasn't even in the top 10 for the decades previous.

Joseph, No. 6 on today's list, was one of the top 10 names from the 1880s through the 1910s. Then, it fell off the list and didn't return until the 1990s.

Michael has been near the top since the 1950s.

When it comes to girls, it seems the motto is to never repeat oneself — or at least not in the same century.

For the most part, today's top 10 girls' names have never been on the top 10 lists in previous decades.

Ashley and Samantha made the list of the 1990s, but not previously.

Emma, No. 2 on today's list, was on the list in the 1880s and 1890s, but not in between.

The exception is Elizabeth, which took a break from the 1930s through the 1970s, but has made every other list.

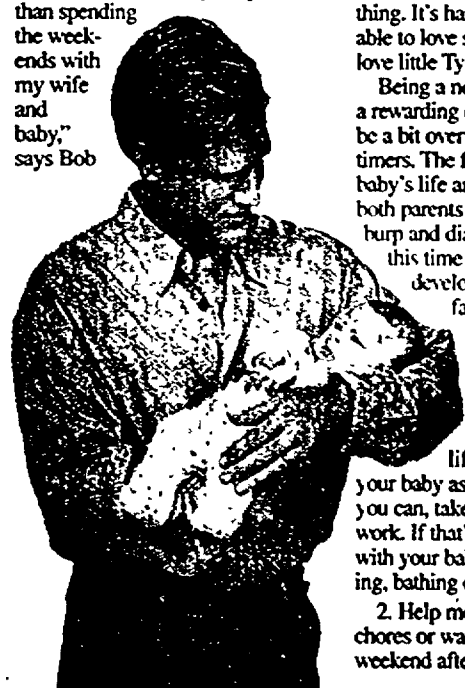
For more information on names, their popularity and their meanings, visit BabyCenter's Web site at www.babycenter.com; the Social Security Administration's at www.ssa.gov; or Parenthood.com's at www.parenthood.com



New dads: Learn the seven survival secrets

Throughout a child's life, a father protects and keeps his little ones out of harm's way. This father-child bond begins at birth and strengthens daily.

"I can't think of anything better than spending the weekends with my wife and baby," says Bob



Mahawold, of Atlanta, Ga. "He amazes me every day."

Bob says he doesn't mind going to bed at 8 p.m. because he wants to be there when his son wakes up at 6 a.m. "I don't want to miss a thing. It's hard to imagine being able to love someone as much as I love little Tyler."

Being a new dad is undoubtedly a rewarding experience, but it can be a bit overwhelming for first-timers. The first few weeks of a baby's life are the most stressful for both parents as they learn to feed, burp and diaper a newborn, yet this time is the most crucial for developing that long-lasting father-child bond. Here are a few tips to make your new life as a dad as smooth as possible.

1. Play an active role in your child's life. Spend time with your baby as soon as possible. If you can, take paternity leave from work. If that's not an option, bond with your baby after work by feeding, bathing or changing diapers.

2. Help mom by offering to do chores or watch your baby on a weekend afternoon to give mom

some quiet time alone.

3. Your wife may be a little moody after she's given birth. Be there to listen to her.

4. It's OK to be a little sad about your newly turned-upside-down life. Perhaps you feel left out or neglected because your wife spends most of her time caring for the baby. Or you miss it being just the two of you. Talk to your spouse or a counselor.

5. Sometimes the responsibilities of a newborn become a little too much to handle. Keep a list of numbers on hand for a baby-sitter, doctor or lactation consultant if you need help or advice.

6. It's okay to fend off Grandma Betty and Aunt Sue who want to come over for the umpteenth visit to see the baby. Feel free to set "baby visitation times." And if anyone does offer to help, don't hesitate to take them up on it. Ask Aunt Sue to wash and fold a load of baby clothing or your mother-in-law to whip up some of her famous meatloaf for dinner.

7. Enjoy every moment of your baby's first year. It will be gone before you know it.

— Metro News Service

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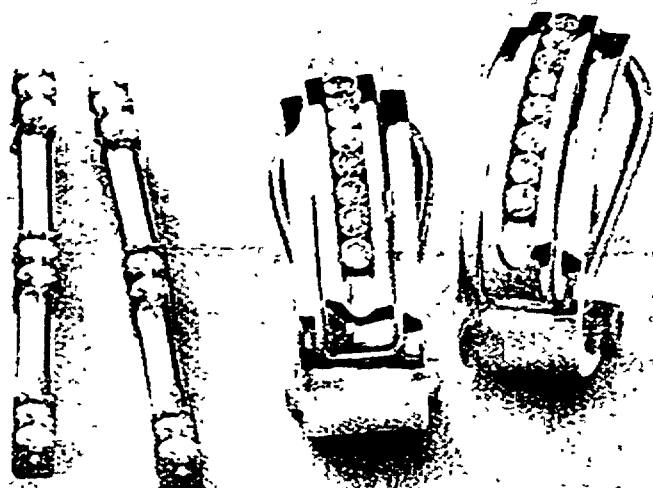
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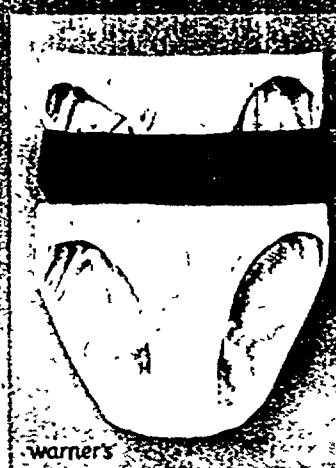
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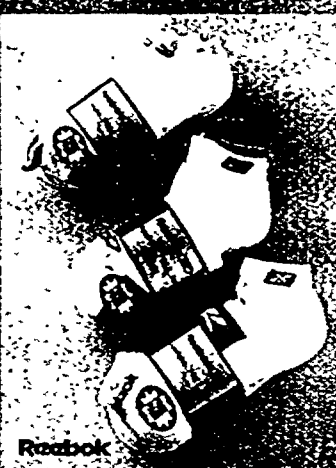
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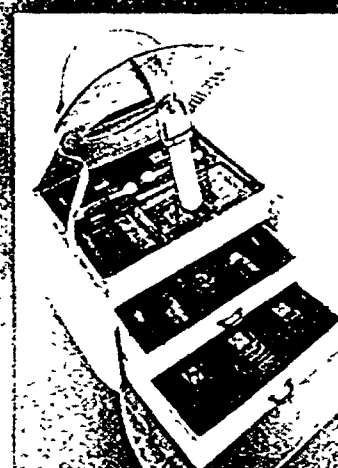
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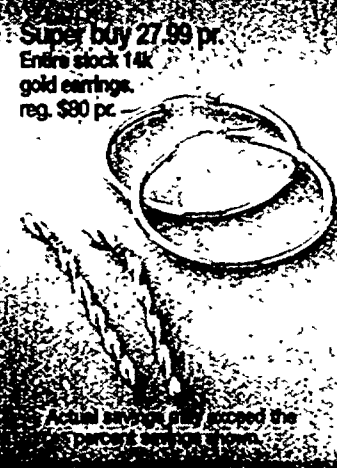
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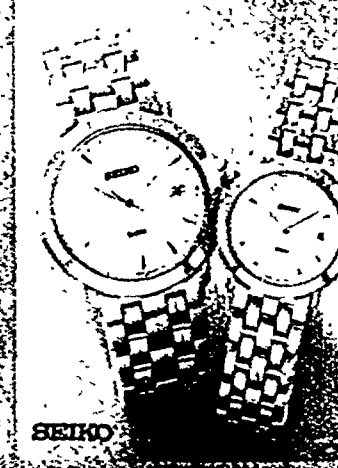
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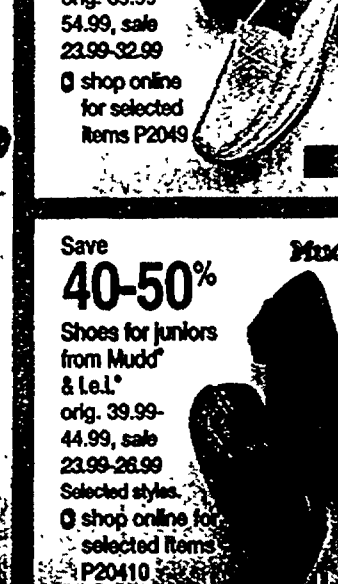
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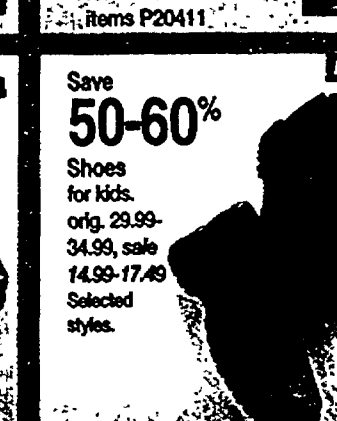


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for young men
orig. \$14-\$18, sale \$7-\$9

Entire stock
12.99
Sonoma
jeans
for men
Regular &
Relaxed Fits
orig. 24.99
Q shop online
P20415
SONOMA
lifestyle

Entire stock
19.99
Urban Pipeline®
fashion jeans
and pants
for young men
orig. 39.99
Q shop online
P20414

Entire stock
40-50% off
all long sleeved tops for young men
from U.S. Polo Assn.®, Machine
Golfing & Urban Pipeline
orig. \$22-\$32, sale \$11.00-19.20

Save
30-50%
Athletic apparel
for men
orig. \$15-\$30,
sale \$9.99-15.00
Selected styles

Entire stock
40% off
TekGear®
active
apparel
for boys
8-20,
orig. \$24,
sale \$14.40

Entire stock
50% off
Fashion jeans
and pants
for boys
8-20,
from JNCO® &
Urban Pipeline
orig. \$29-\$44,
sale \$14-\$22

Entire stock
50% off
Graphic tees
for boys
8-20,
orig. \$15-\$18,
sale \$7.50-
\$9.00

one day savings for home

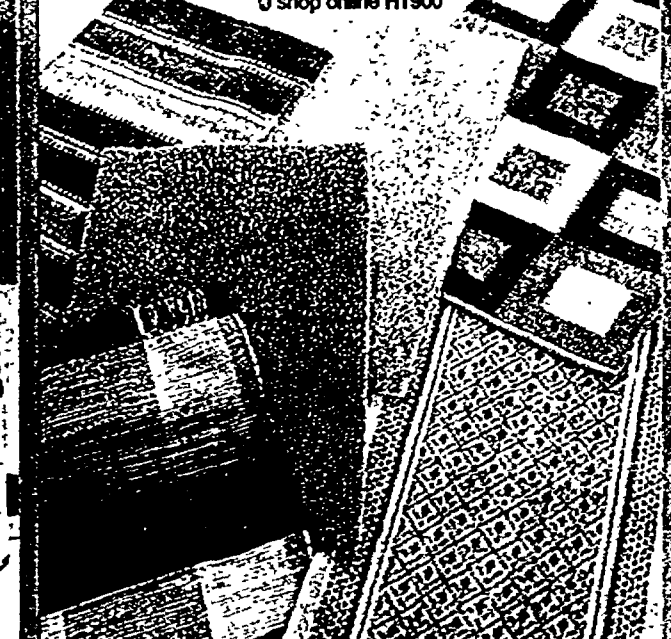
40-50% off all
frames, albums & scrapbooks



40% off all
candles and decorative lighting
Q shop online for selected items H1120



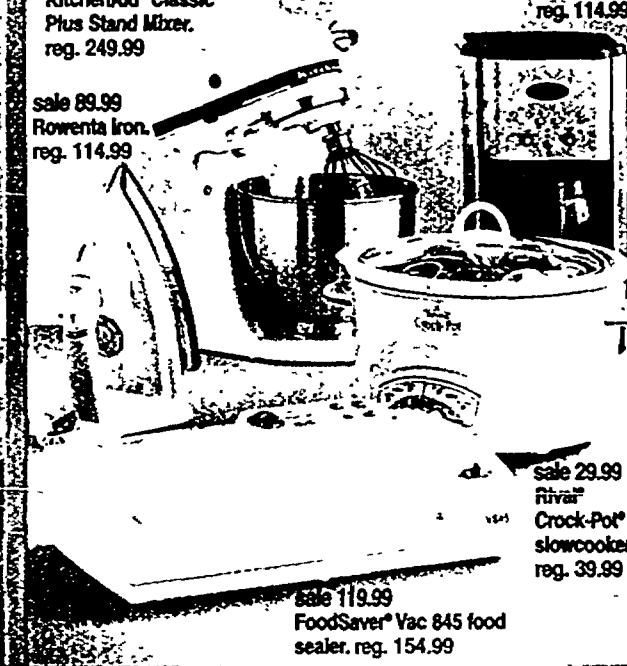
50% off all
area & accent rugs
Excludes Royal Velvet®.
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30-50% off all
bedding
Choose from sheet sets, comforter sets & coordinating accessories.
Q shop online H1220



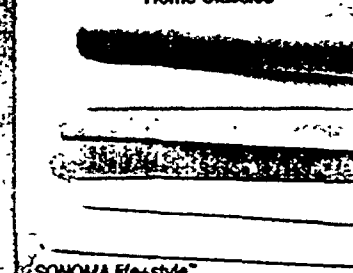
10-50% off all
kitchen electrics
Q shop online H1600



50-60% off all
luggage
reg. 49.99-319.99, sale 24.99-159.99 Q shop online H1740



Entire stock
50% off
Sheet sets
from Sonoma &
Home Classics®



Entire stock
50-60% off
Bed pillows &
mattress pads



40-50% off
all blankets & quilts
Excludes Dockers®

50-60% off
all down comforters
& featherbeds

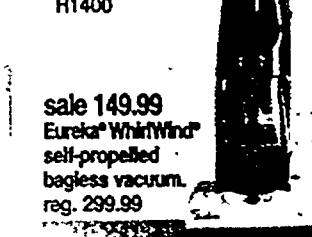
39.99
Home Classics® slipcovers
Choose from sofa or loveseat sizes
reg. 89.99

15-50% off
entire stock
personal care

25-50% off
all cutlery and kitchen gadgets

19.99
video games
orig. 24.99 All other video games on sale.

Entire stock
10-40% off
Floor care
Q shop online
H1400



Entire stock
30% off
Summer Living® Shop
includes planters, floral,
garden decor, outdoor
furniture and more. Parts
assembly may be required.



Entire stock
50% off
Valentine's Day gifts
and decor Excludes
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Entire stock
50% off
Decorative art



Entire stock
40-60% off
Tabletop
Q shop online
H2100



Entire stock
10-50% off
Cookware
Q shop online
CK100
sale 139.99



Final Winter Clearance

savings on apparel, shoes, accessories & home

all items originally \$8.00 to \$11.00

NOW **\$2.00**

all items originally \$12.00 to \$18.00

NOW **\$3.00**

all items originally \$19.00 to \$26.00

NOW **\$5.00**

all items originally \$27.00 to \$37.00

NOW **\$7.00**



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

50-60% off

sportswear for misses from Sag Harbor, Villager, Norton, McNaughton & Requirements

orig. \$29-\$49, sale 14.50-24.50 Selected styles. Selected merchandise available in petites & women's.



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

50% off

sleepwear, loungewear & robes for her

orig. \$16-\$40, sale \$8-\$20 Selected styles. Shop online for selected items P20400



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

60% off all

athletic fleece separates for men

orig. \$24-\$50, sale 9.99-20.00 Excludes team apparel



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

50-60% off all

knit & long sleeved woven tops for men from Croft & Barrow, Arrow, Haggard & SONOMA life+style

orig. \$18-\$46, sale 7.20-23.00 Shop online P20423

one day only February 5, 7am to Noon only

Selected Early Birds also available online.

EARLYBIRD SPECIALS



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Save **50-60%**

Knit tops & sweaters for misses, petites & women from Croft & Barrow and Sonoma

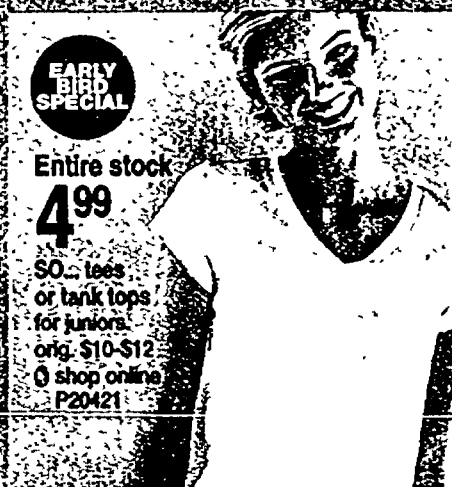
orig. \$16-\$30, sale \$8-\$15 Selected styles. Misses' shown.



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Entire stock **14⁹⁹**

Bras from Warner's, Playtex, Olga, Maidenform, Lily of France, Vanity Fair, Bali & Barelythere reg. \$22-\$32 Excludes specialty bras. Women's Lingerie Dept.



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Entire stock **4⁹⁹**

SO... tees or tank tops for juniors orig. \$10-\$12 Shop online P20421



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Entire stock **16⁹⁹**

SO... jeans, casual pants or crop pants for juniors. orig. \$28-\$34 Shop online for selected items P20425



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

60% off plus save an extra 10%

sterling silver jewelry reg. \$10-\$135, sale \$4-\$54

Final price 3.60-48.60

Shop online for selected items F999

14.99 Final price Sterling silver pink sapphire pendant & pair of earrings set. reg. \$45, sale 16.66



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Entire stock **50% off**

Related separates and dresses for girls 4-16.



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Entire stock **30-40% off**

Jeans for men & young men from Lee & Lee, Dungarees Shop online P20422



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Entire stock **50-60% off**

Casual pants for men from Croft & Barrow, Natural Issue & Sonoma orig. \$40-\$50 sale 17.99-24.99 Shop online P20420



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Entire stock **50-60% off**

Loungepants for men. orig. \$20 sale \$9-\$10



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

2/\$7

The Big One® bath towel 30x54", over 1.1 lbs. of cotton; 12 colors. reg. 7.99 ea., sale 3.79 ea. Shop online C080



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

sale 134.99

Hoover® SteamVac® Supreme deep cleaner. reg. 189.99.

sale 49.99

Eureka® Contour vacuum with HEPA filter. reg. 119.99.

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

Entire stock **20-50% off**

Floor care Shop online H1400



EARLY BIRD SPECIAL

60% off

Luggage from Samsonite® & Atlantic reg. 49.99-319.99, sale 19.99-127.99 Selected styles.

KOHL'S

Prices good Saturday, February 5, 2005.

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You can do it. We can help.

NO PAYMENTS NO INTEREST FOR 12 MONTHS*

On any Flooring, Kitchen, Bath, Window Treatment, Appliance, Water Heater, Storage and Organization, Window, Door or Moulding purchase of \$299 or more on The Home Depot or EXPO® Consumer Credit Card from February 3 through February 9, 2005.

Only at The Home Depot
Thomasville® Villa Maple
Square in Toasted Almond
with Black Accents
Thomasville Cabinetry® delivers
warmth, beauty and stylish con-
trast in this Villa Maple kitchen,
paired here with smart black
accents for a personalized look.
Special order.

Starting at **\$3073****
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Devonshire
Ceramic Tile
Glazed ceramic tile
that has the look
of real marble.
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accent tiles are available.
6 colors. Special order. (514691)
\$236 sq. ft.



JennAir 36" Gas Cooktop
Five sealed burners. Smooth seamless
design. Special order. JGC8536ADS (225709)

**Based on our 10'x10' sample kitchen. See store for details. Countertops, fixtures, appliances
and installation sold separately. Prices may vary by door styles, wood species and finish.
*When purchased with your Home Depot Consumer Credit Card. Additional terms apply.
See page 27 for details.



52" Easy Street™
with Remote Control
Bulbs included. Lifetime
warranty. AC378-1BZ (134674)

\$169

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FREE How-to Clinics

- **Sundays at 2pm**
You Can Have Fun
with Color and Faux
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Power Tools 101:
You Can Use a Miter Saw to
Cut Moulding and Trim
- **Thursdays at 7pm**
You Can Install Easy
Flooring Solutions
- **Fridays at 7pm**
You Can Install a Faucet
- **Saturdays at 10am**
You Can Update Your
Countertops and Cabinets
- **Saturdays at 2pm**
You Can Measure, Cut and
Install Moulding and Trim
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February 5,
9am-12pm**
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Shelf. Grandparents and
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Full replacement warranty

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Stays 40% cleaner

With the innovative Dupont™ Advanced Teflon® repel system, STAINMASTER carpet stays 40% cleaner than other carpets!



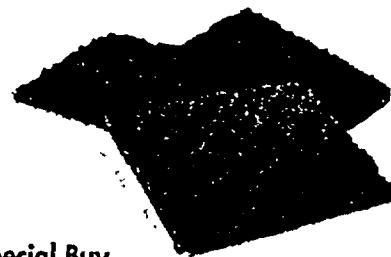
Special Buy
Pine Harbour Loop
Wears well and looks nice for
years. 15 colors. (574567)

\$355
sq. ft. installed



Special Buy
Platinum Plus
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Change your decor quickly
with the trend in patterned
flooring. 32 colors. (336613)

\$299
sq. ft.
installed¹
was **\$344**



Special Buy
Platinum Plus
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Add a decorative look
with great fashion style.
24 colors. (574560)

\$355
sq. ft.
installed¹
was **\$411**



Special Buy
Platinum Plus
Drifting Sands
Level Loop Berber
Great durability.
Understated elegance.
32 colors. (349762)

\$288
sq. ft.
installed¹
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Platinum Plus
Premium Protection

Shaw

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75,72,67,106,139,143,157,164,185,234,247,276,300,304,314,317,318,320,322,323,325,366,369,391-2/3-5

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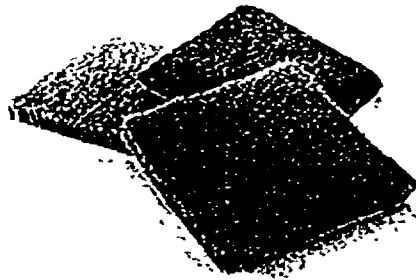
Special Buy
Platinum Plus
Cabaret Plush

Dense, high quality carpet
provides a soft texture and
rich look. 40 colors.

(574449)

\$311
sq. ft.
installed†

was **\$366**



Special Buy
Platinum Plus
Free Spirit Plush

Luxurious appearance
with velvety, even-cut pile.
36 colors. (438888)

\$366
sq. ft.
installed†

was **\$433**

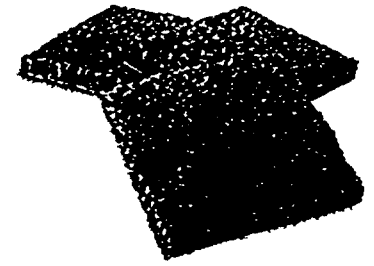


Special Buy
Platinum Plus
Sweet Honesty Frieze

One of the most durable
styles you can buy. 30
colors. (574598)

\$311
sq. ft.
installed†

was **\$366**



Special Buy
Platinum Plus
Fairview Frieze

Just right for hiding
footprints and vacuum
marks. 24 colors.
(394679)

\$333
sq. ft.
installed†

was **\$399**



Special Buy
Platinum Plus
Ritz Frieze

Well suited for high-
traffic areas. 40 colors.
(574435) (574434)

\$299
sq. ft.
installed†

was **\$355**

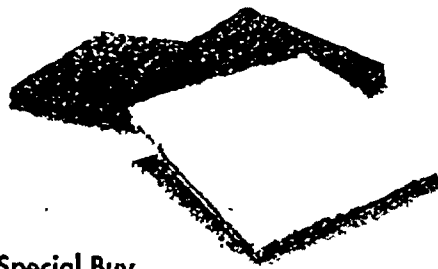


Special Buy
Platinum Plus
Passion Dance Texture

Durable and ideal for
casual areas like family
rooms and bedrooms.
30 colors. (574599)

\$366
sq. ft.
installed†

was **\$433**



Special Buy
Platinum Plus
Dreamy Texture

Low-cut pile helps hide
footprints and vacuum
marks. 30 colors. (574574)

\$288
sq. ft.
installed†

was **\$322**

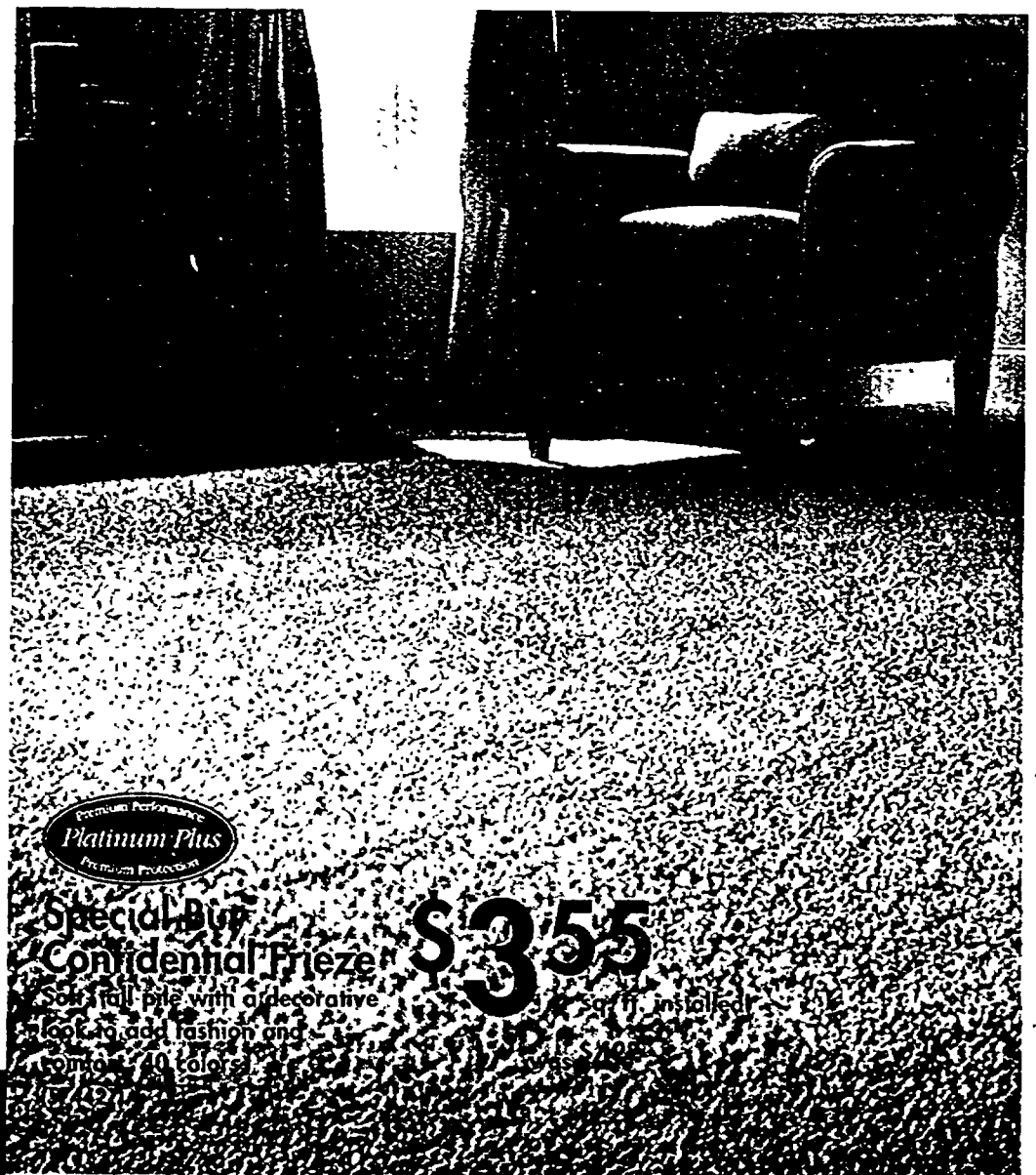


Special Buy
Platinum Plus
Duchess Texture

Best-selling carpet because
of soft feel. 30 colors.
(394195)

\$299
sq. ft.
installed†

was **\$344**



Special Buy
Platinum Plus
Confidential Frieze

Soft pile with a decorative
look to add fashion and
comfort. 40 colors.
(574598)

\$355
sq. ft.
installed†

was **\$408**

MOHAWK

trafficMASTER

†Installed prices for carpet include basic labor and pad. See store associate for details on minimum labor and additional charges.

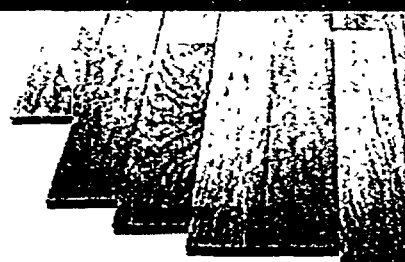
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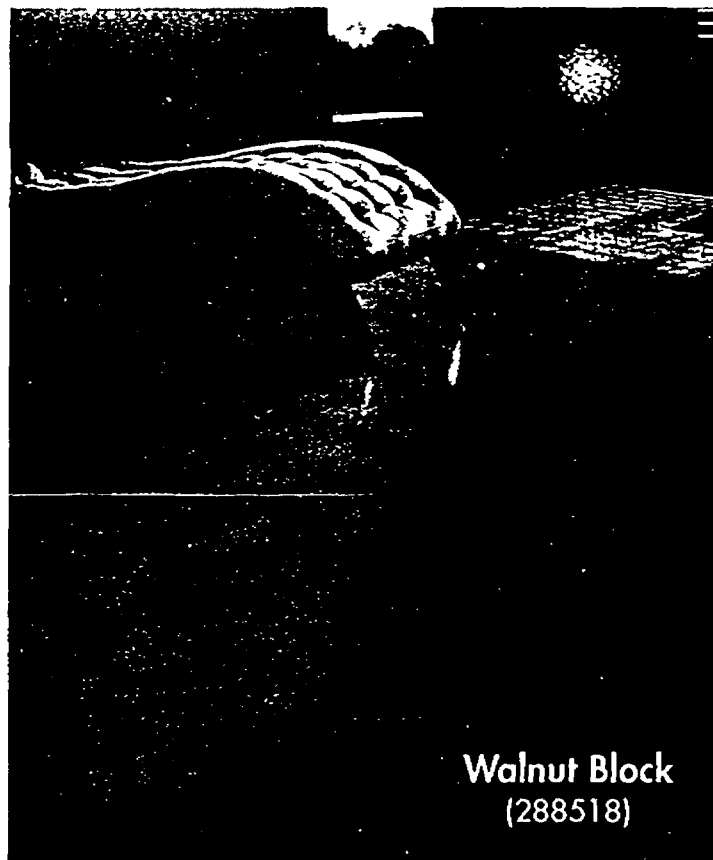
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Special Order



Hundreds of Wood & Laminate Flooring Options

In addition to our amazing selection of in-stock wood and laminate flooring, we have hundreds of styles and colors available through our special-order program.



Walnut Block
(288518)



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The Most Advanced Laminate Flooring Ever Offered
Only at The Home Depot

\$3.77
sq. ft.

DuPont RealTouch Elite features a 30-year wear warranty.

- Delivers the look and feel of a custom installed real-wood floor
- Features the durability and simple installation of a laminate.

Case covers approximately 18.5 sq. ft. Sold by case only.



Maple
(131441)*



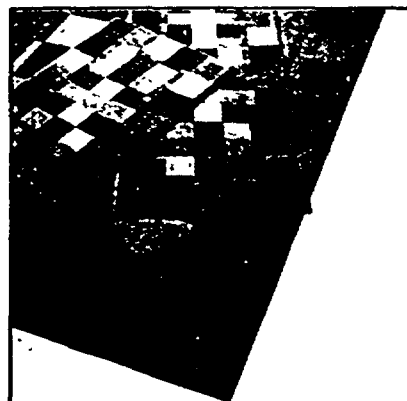
Cherry Block
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Red Oak
(321819)



Antique Oak
(288979)*

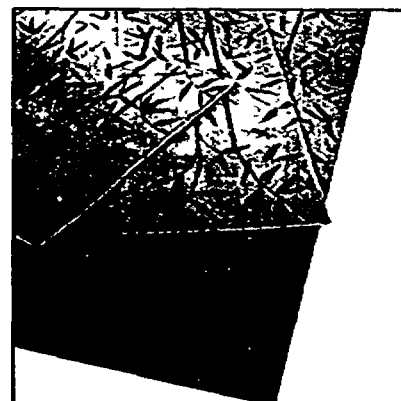


MOHAWK
5'3"x7'10"
Franklin Squares
Area Rug (504401)

\$245

2'1"x7'10"
(504342) \$99⁹⁹

2'1"x3'8"
(504142) \$49⁹⁹

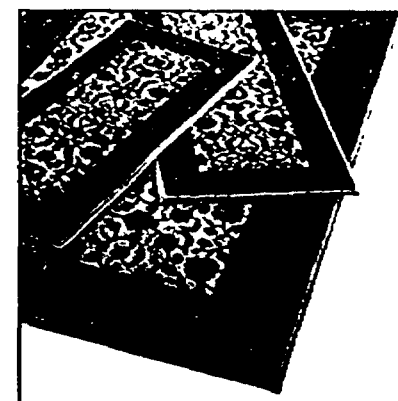


MOHAWK
5'3"x7'10" Bamboo
Garden Area Rug
(352583)

\$229

2'1"x7'10"
(352411) \$99⁹⁹

2'1"x3'8"
(352381) \$49⁹⁹



Oriental Weavers
Of America
5'3"x7'9" Emily
Ivory Area Rug
(166813)

\$129

2'3"x7'9"
(161833) \$49⁹⁹

2'3"x4"
(161472) \$29⁹⁹



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*Maple and Antique Oak colors not available in all stores.

5,72,64,67,101,106,115,127,131,139,143,156,157,159,164,185,206,207,208,234,235,237,246,247,262,276,298,300,304,310,314,317,318,320,322,323,325,342,366,369,371,382,383,391,205-5

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Real Wood 3/4" Solid
Prefinished Oak Plank
Available in 2 colors.
Case covers 20 sq. ft. 15-year
warranty. Sold by case only.
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sq. ft.



Real Wood
Hardwood Parquet
12"x12". 5/16" thick. Easy
glue-down installation. Case covers
10 sq. ft. Sold by case only. (202819)

99¢
sq. ft.



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Hampton Laminate
The look of real wood.
Simple, glueless installation.
Available in 2 colors. Case covers
20.77 sq. ft. 25-year warranty.
Sold by case only. (156558) (156751)

\$247
sq. ft.

PERGO

Save 25%
on this Great
Laminate Flooring

Pergo Presto Laminate
Available in 2 colors. Case covers
19.69 sq. ft. Sold by case only.
(675289) (675601)

SPECIAL BUY
\$223
sq. ft.
was **\$297**

THE HOME DEPOT Expert
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Have your Laminate
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Flooring Installed
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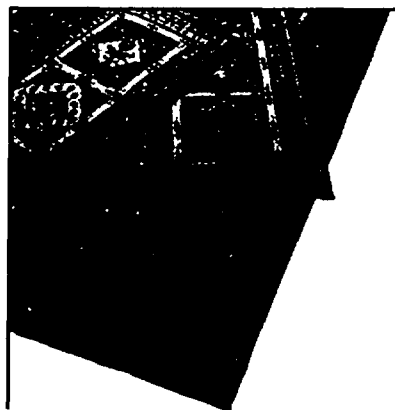
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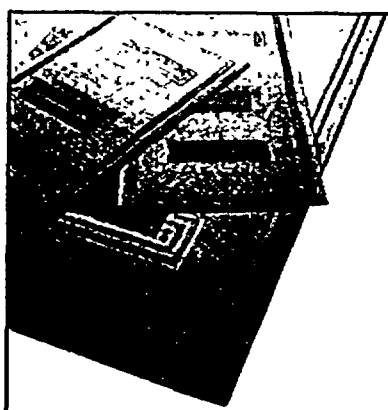
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Home Textiles

5'2"x7'6"
Caldwell Area Rug
(339734)

\$199

1'11"x7'6"
(339207) **\$7999**

1'11"x3'3"
(339130) **\$4199**

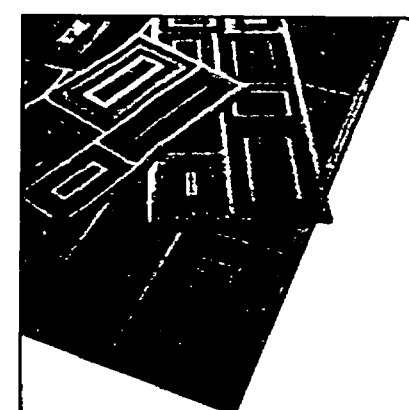


MOHAWK
5'3"x7'10"
Camden Area Rug
(352960)

\$149

2'1"x7'10"
(352928) **\$5999**

2'1"x3'8"
(352901) **\$3199**



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Home Textiles

5'2"x7'6"
Hudson Area Rug
(340576)

\$9999

1'11"x7'6"
(340373) **\$4599**

1'11"x3'3"
(340288) **\$2499**

Bruce
Arlingwood

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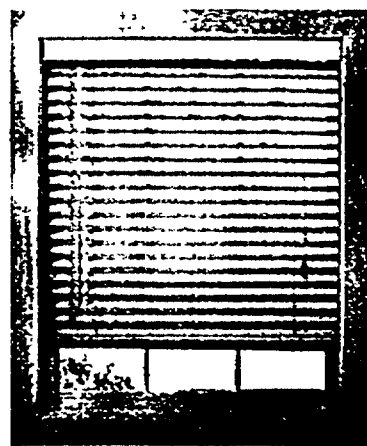
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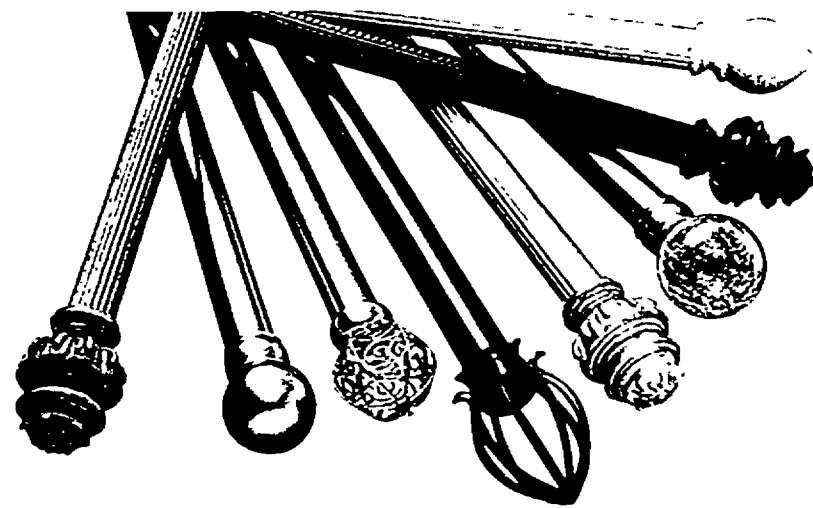


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Perfect for windows with high-moisture. Available in a wide variety of sizes and can be Cut to Size TodaySM

\$1947 23"x64" (122555)

\$2897 35"x64" (122770)

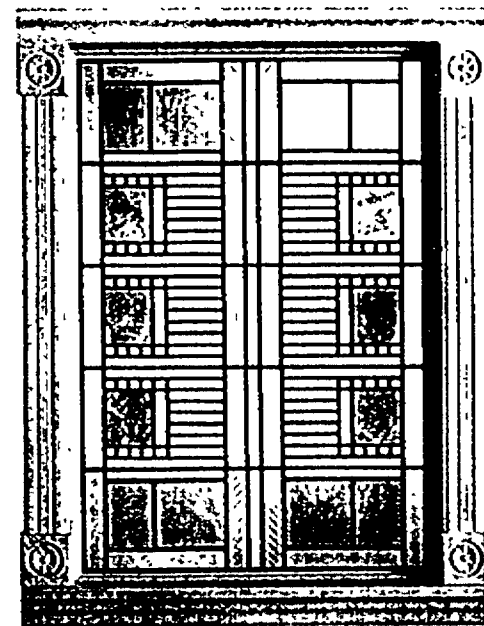


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Finials Starting at **\$797** (391247)

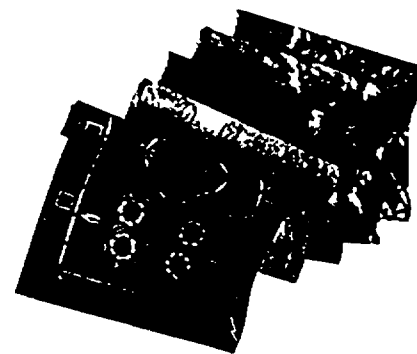
6'-8' Poles Starting at **\$1697** (394420)



In-stock 24"x36" Artscape Window Film

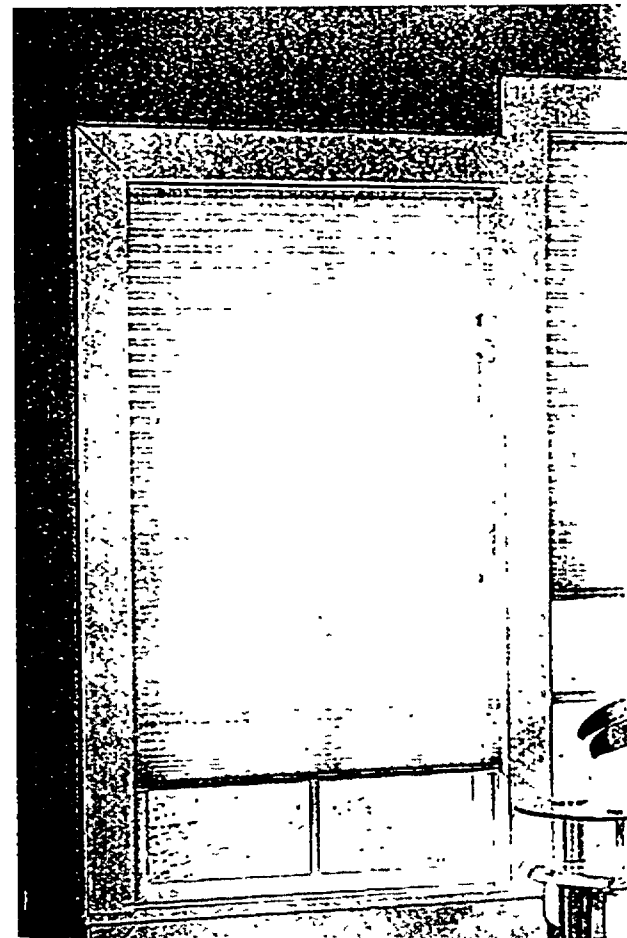
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\$1897 Amber Glass (797185)



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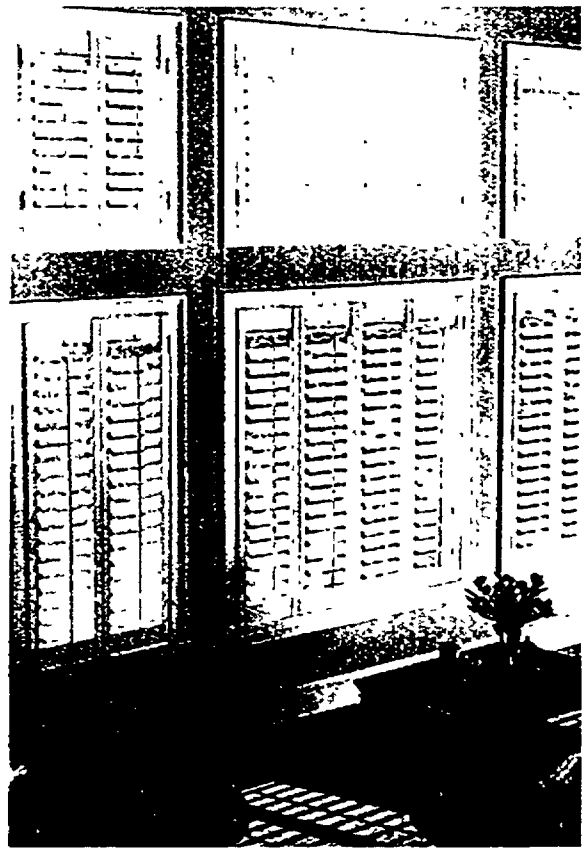
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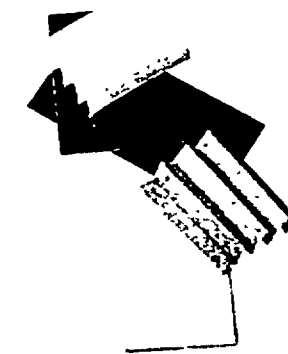


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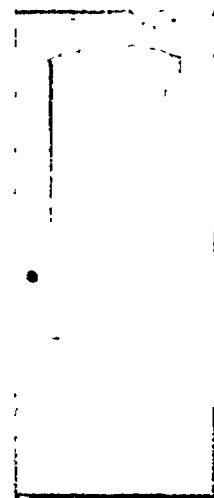
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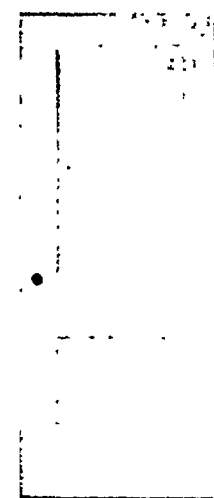
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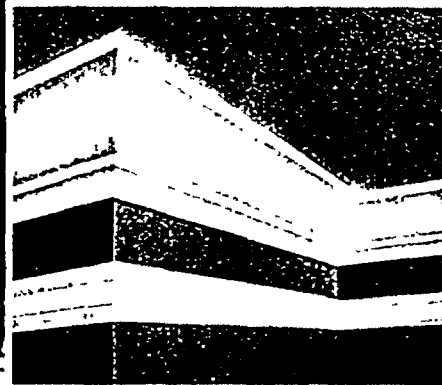
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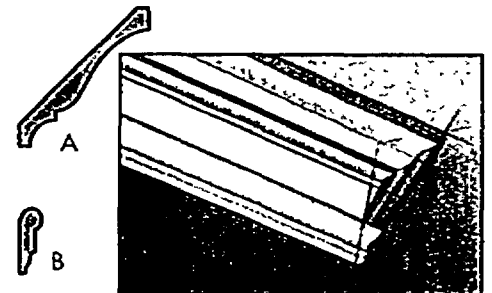
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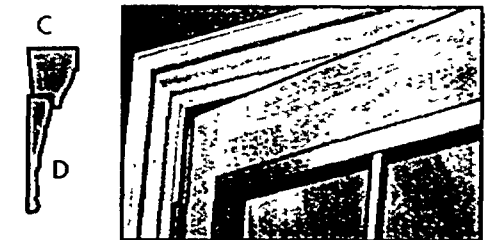
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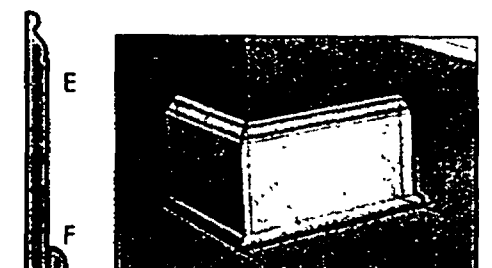
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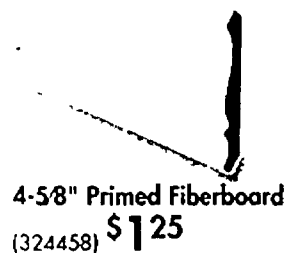
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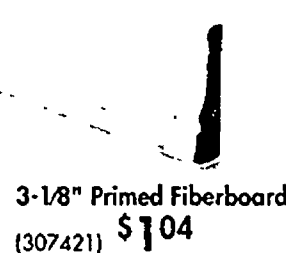
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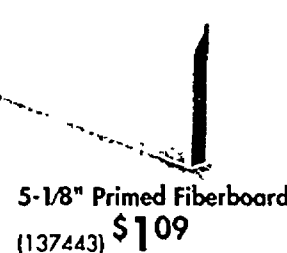
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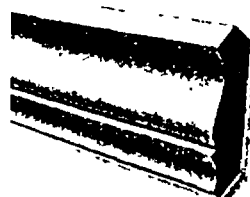
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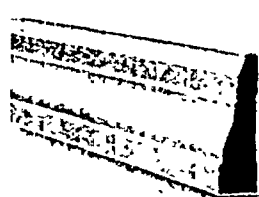
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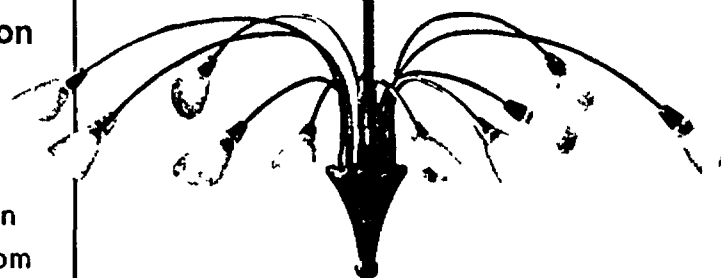
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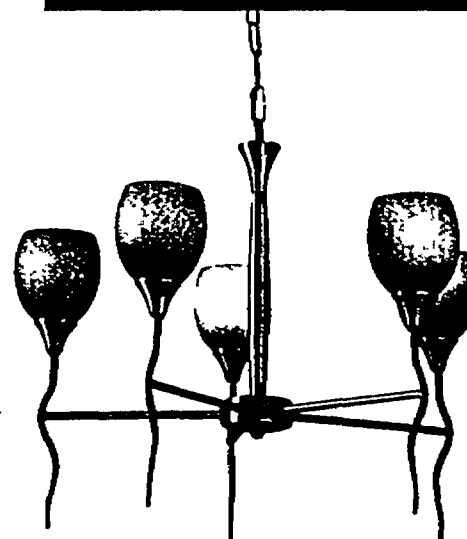
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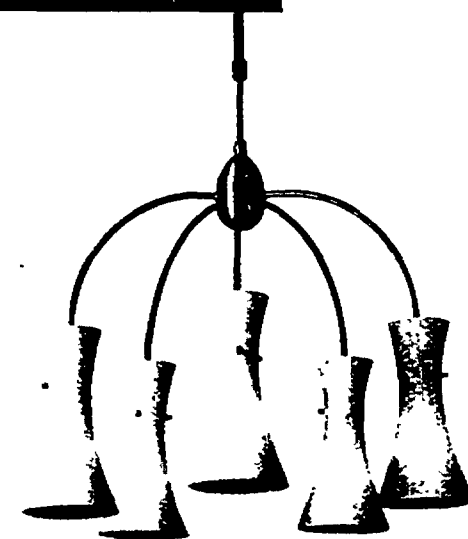
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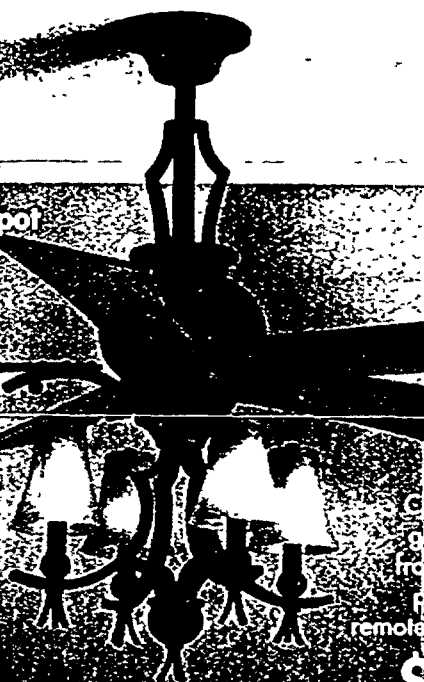
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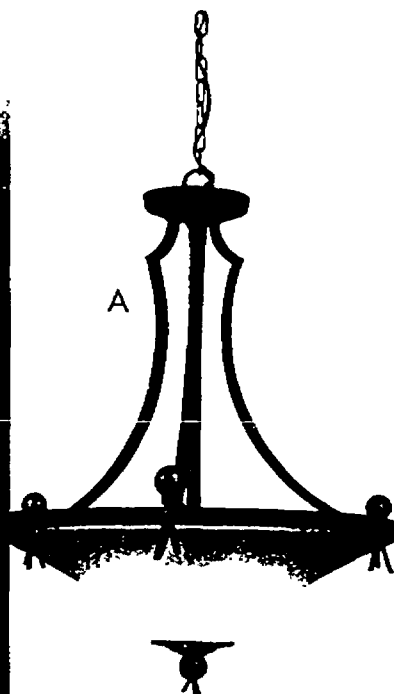
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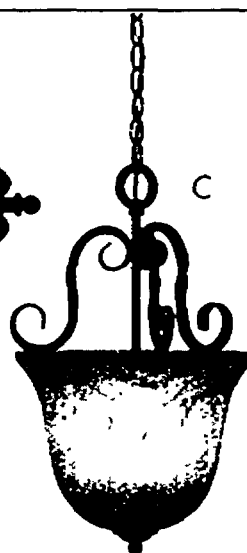
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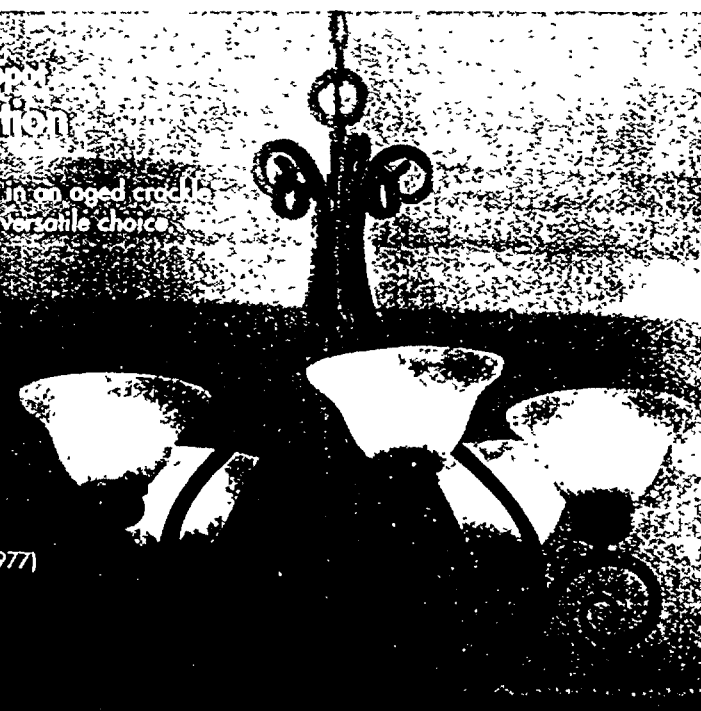
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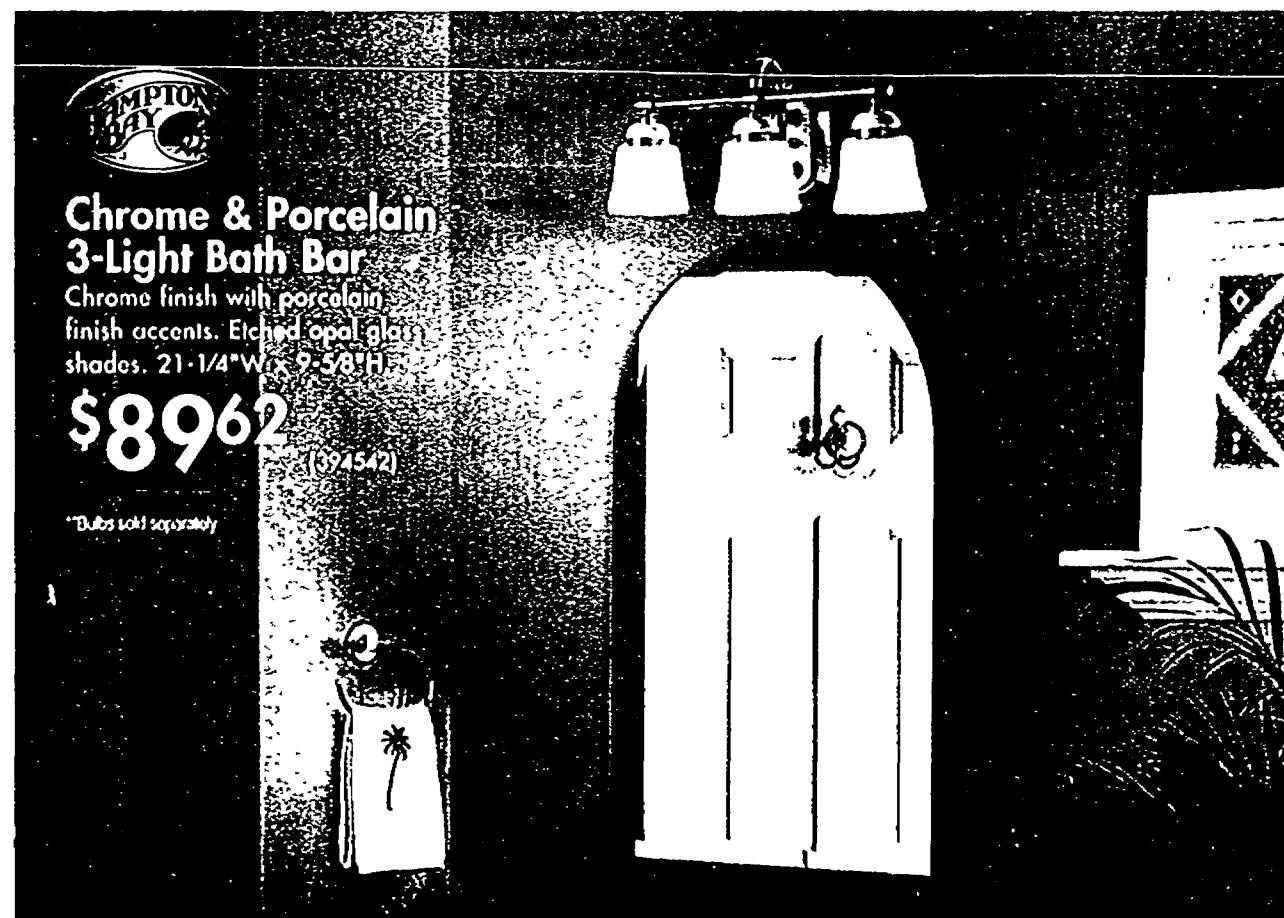
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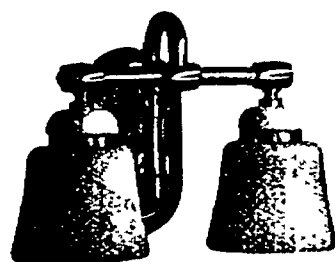


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Chrome finish with porcelain finish accents. Etched opal glass shades. 21-1/4"W x 9-5/8"H.

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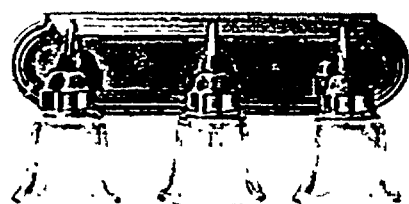


Prisma Wall Sconce
Frosted etched glass with chrome finish accents. 25-1/4"W x 6-3/4"H.

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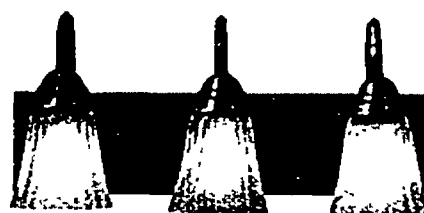
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3-Light Chrome Bath Bar with Ribbed Glass Shades
18"W x 7-3/4"H.†

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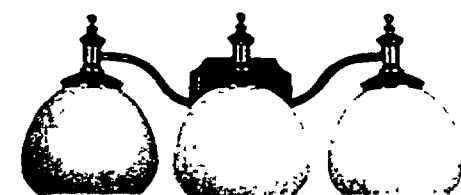
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3-Light Brushed Nickel Bath Bar with Frosted Glass Shades
18"W x 8-1/4"H.†

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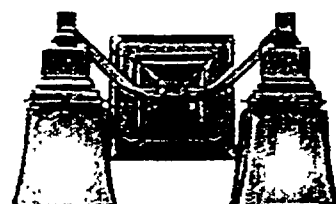
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3-Light Chesterfield - Aged Bronze Bath Bar with Glass Shades
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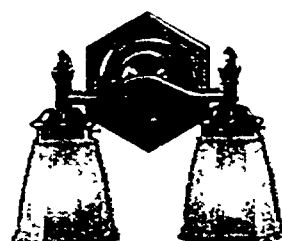
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2-Light Polished Chrome Bath Bar with Etched Glass Shades
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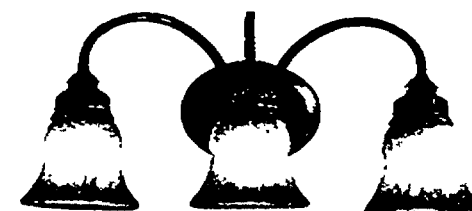
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2-Light Brushed Nickel Bath Bar with Etched Glass Shades
11-1/4"W x 8"H.†

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3-Light Tuscan Bath Bar with Etched Marble Glass Shades
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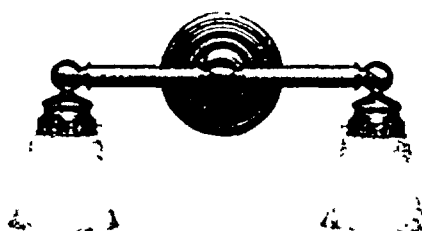


2-Light Polished Chrome Bath Bar with Opal Glass Shades
14"W x 8"H.†

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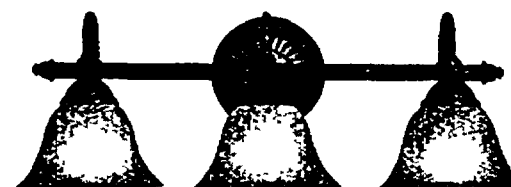


2-Light Brushed Nickel Bath Bar with Marble Glass Shades
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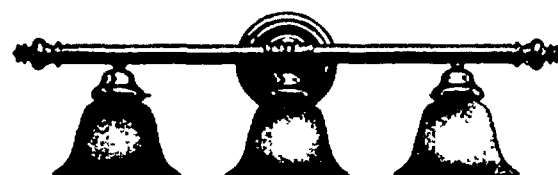
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3-Light Savannah - Burnished Chestnut Bath Bar
25-1/4"W x 9-1/8"H. Includes bulbs.

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26-1/2"W x 8-1/2"H.†

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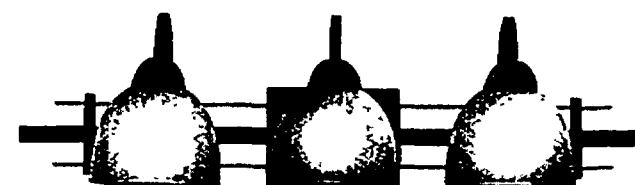
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3-Light Brushed Nickel Bath Bar
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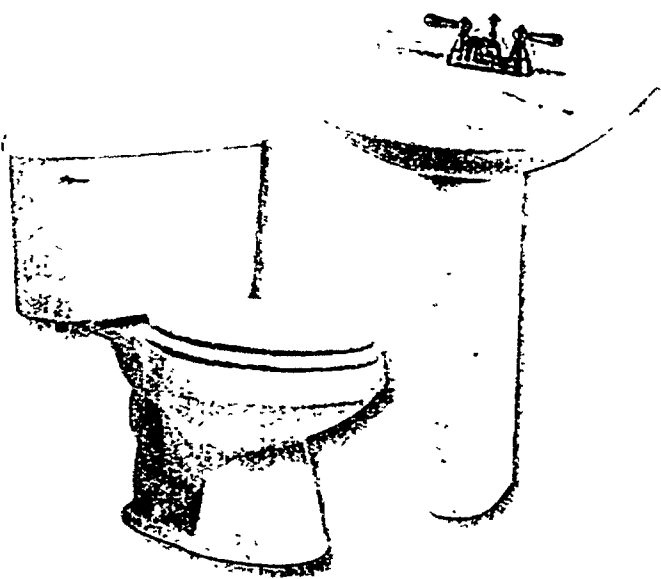
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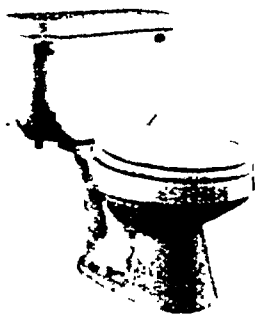
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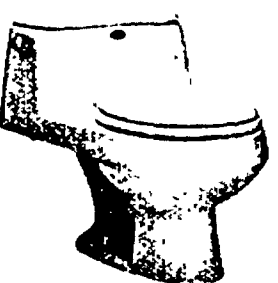


Wood Round (540425)
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Savoy Round

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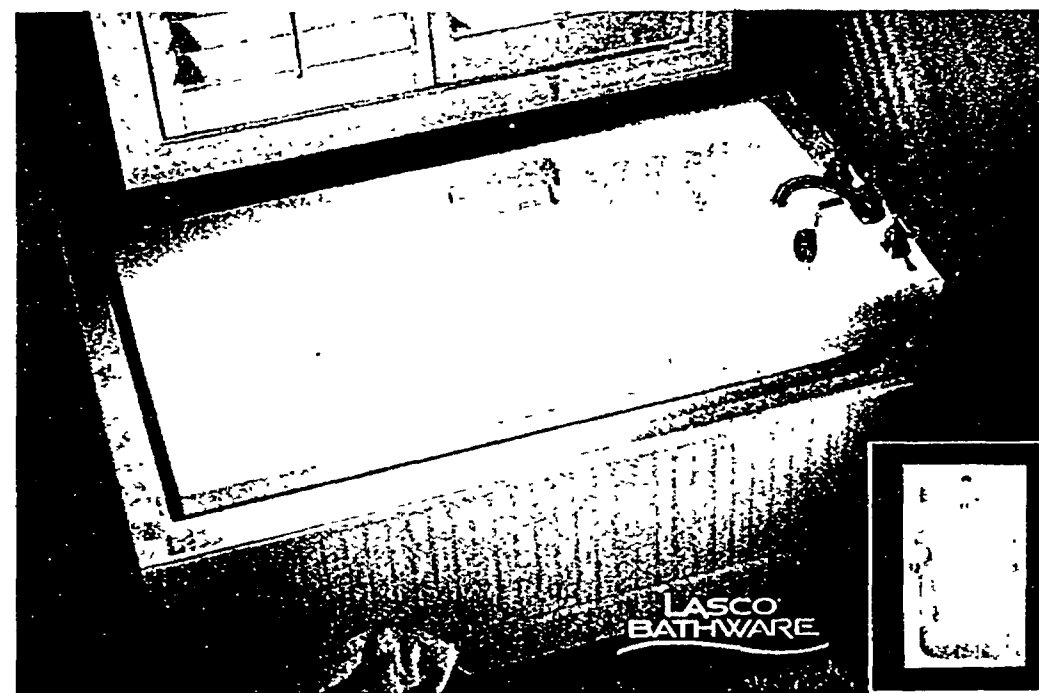


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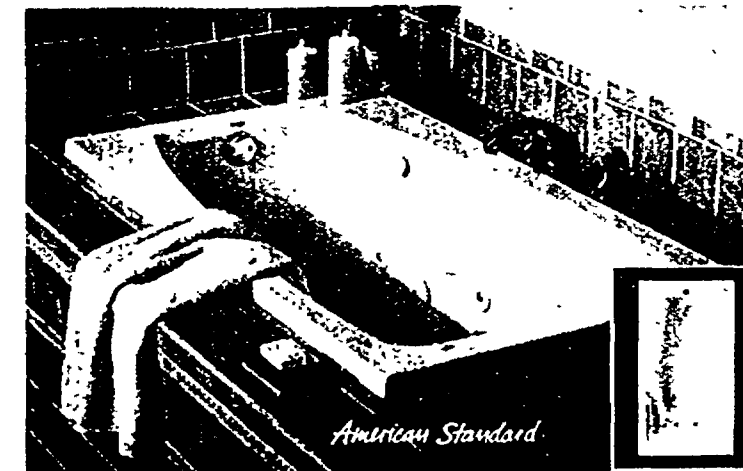
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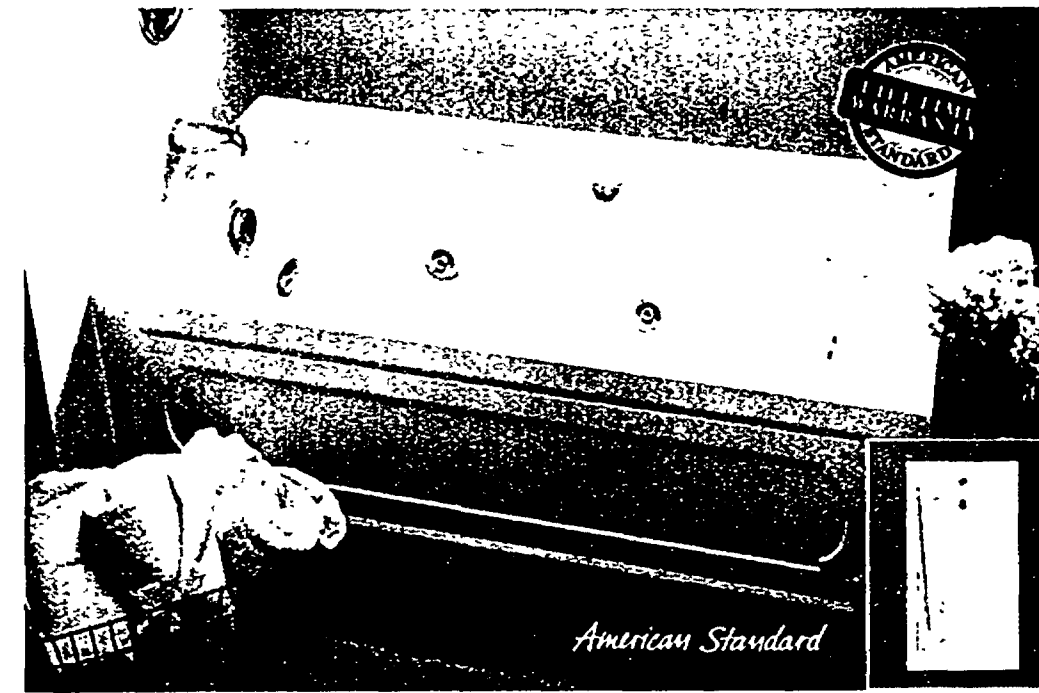


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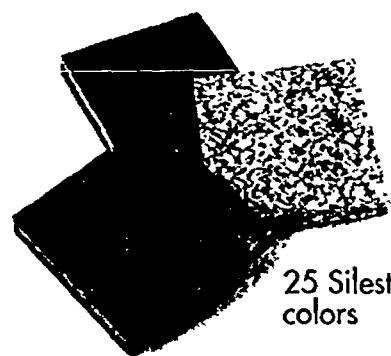
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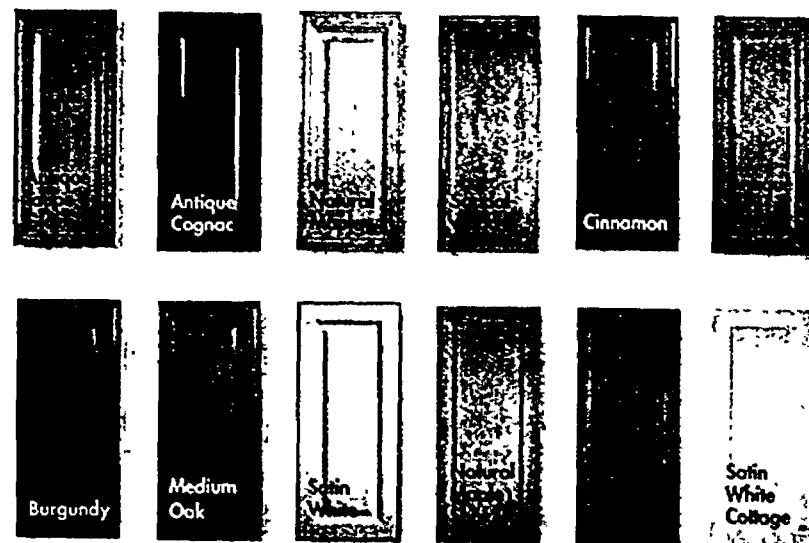
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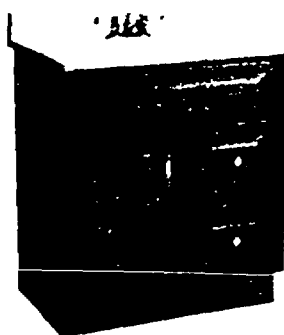
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Vanity Top (781311) \$119



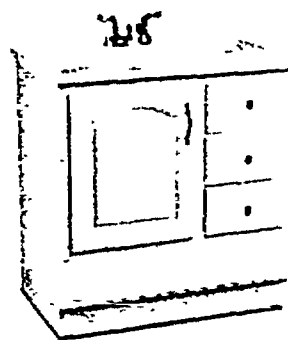
Danville White Vanity
Deep bottom drawer,
shown with a recessed
oval bowl top in Dove White.

30" x 21" (890790) \$215

36" x 21" (649328) \$249

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Vanity Top (781440) \$89



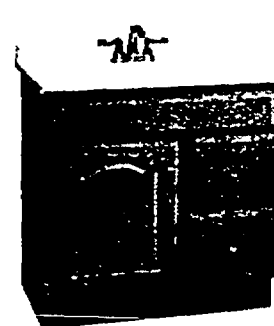
Kingston Oak 18"D Vanity
Great for narrow baths,
shown with a rectangular
bowl top in Dove White.

30" x 18" (960556) \$149

24" x 18" (960551) \$129

36" x 18" (960565) \$164

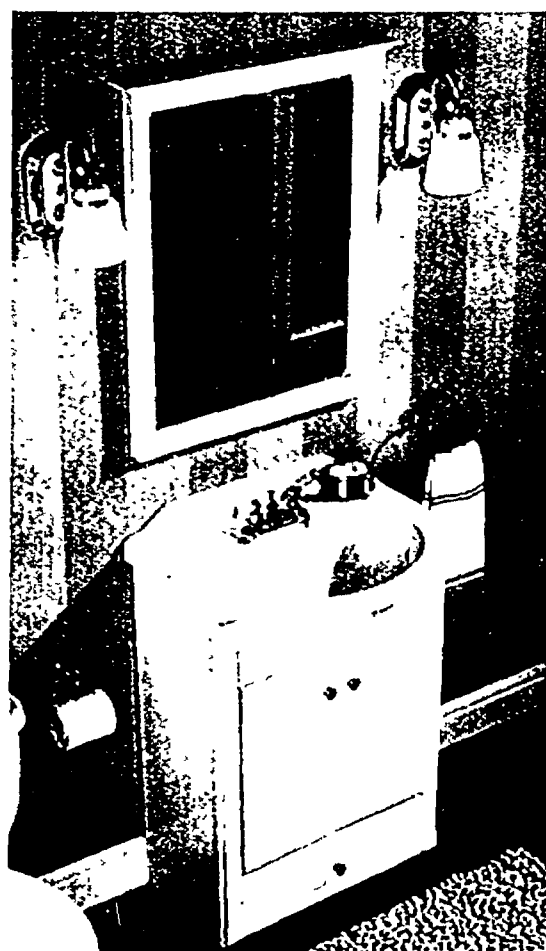
Vanity Top (162705) \$59



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Heritage Euro Vanity, Top and Mirror Combo

Fully assembled and ready
to install, this matching
vanity with marble top
and complementary mirror
is ideal for storage and
style. Note the large
bottom drawer that
gives extra space.

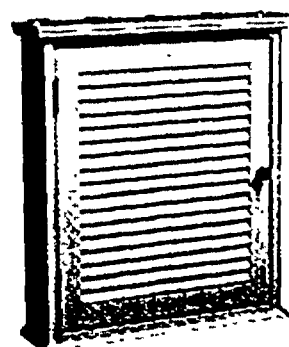
Vanity -
24"W x 18"D x 31"H.

Mirror -
21-1/2"W x 23-1/2"H.
(174286)

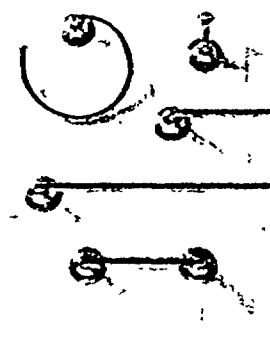
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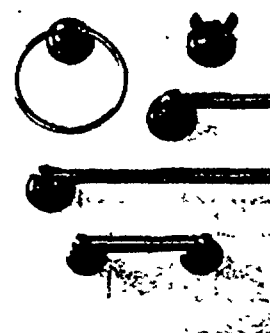
**White Oval
Medicine Cabinet**
Fully assembled,
surface mount,
steel body with
mirrored side
panels. 21"W x
5"D x 30"H
(485159)
\$98



**Shutter
Medicine Cabinet**
Fully assembled,
with an adjustable
shelf and crown
moulding. 21"W x
6"D x 24"H
(482486)
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With its classic good
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collection offers
decorative styling
and versatility for
any bathroom.
Polished Chrome
\$1588 - \$3494



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The satin nickel finish
will give you years of
lasting beauty.
Satin Nickel
\$1098 - \$3492

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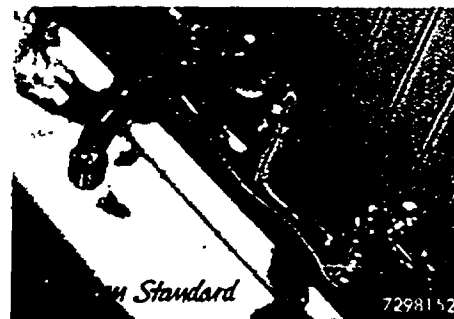
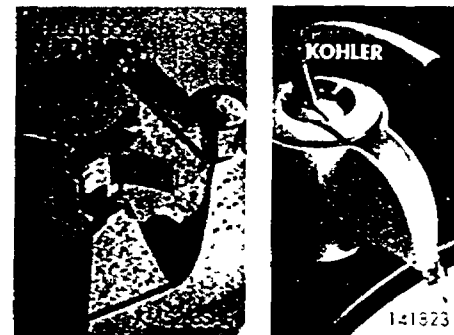
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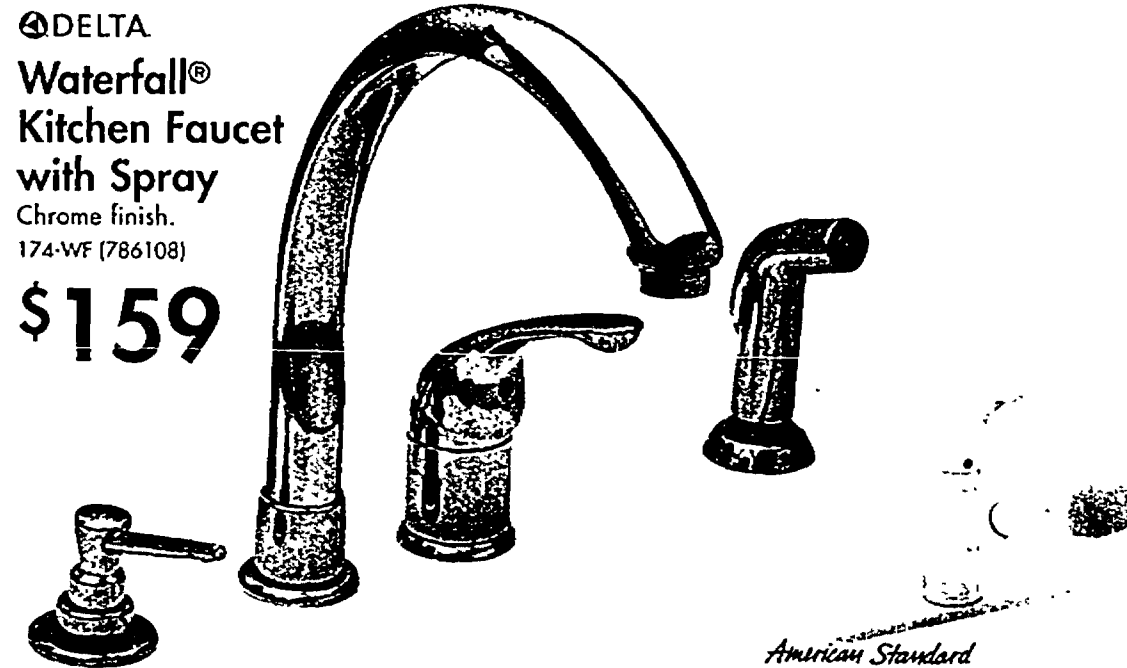
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Chrome finish.
174-WF (786108)

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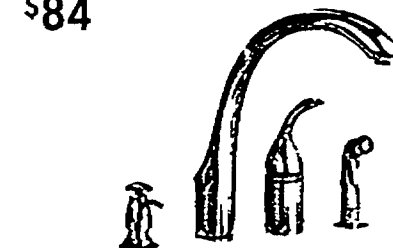
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Reliant Pull-Out Kitchen Faucet
White finish. 6310WH (358179)
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Kitchen Faucet with Spray
Chrome finish.
87400 (575707)
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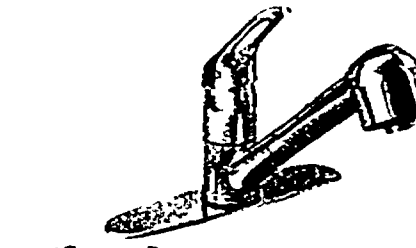
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Forte® Kitchen Faucet with Spray
Polished chrome finish.
R10430-CP (428069) **\$169**



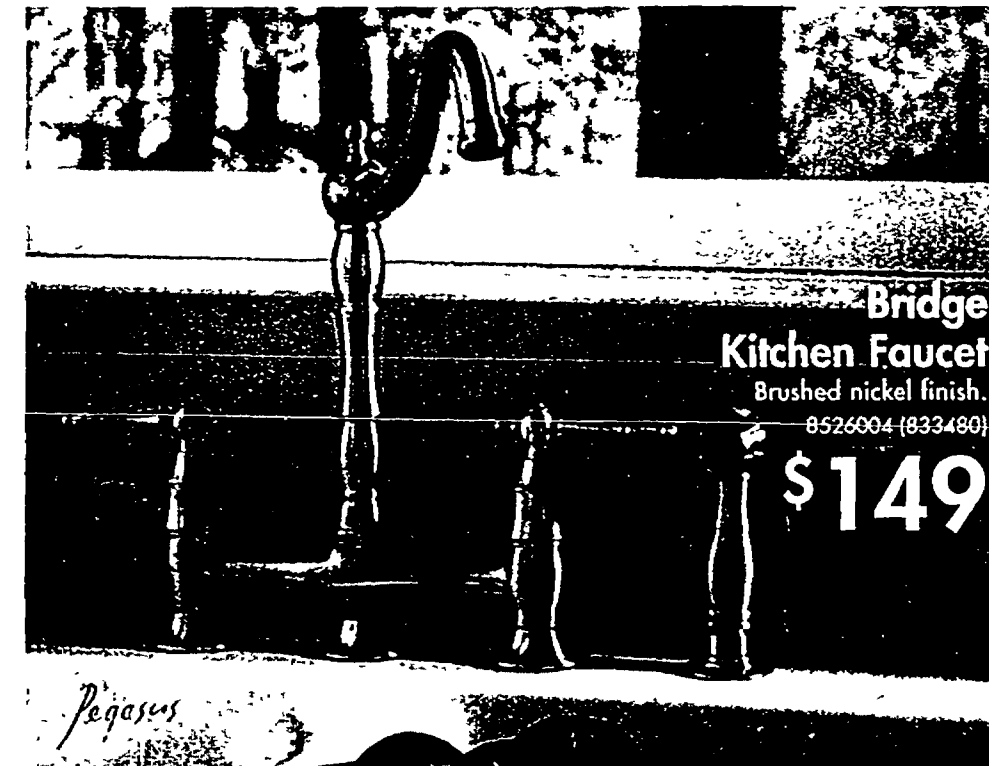
DELTA

Pull-Out Kitchen Faucet
Stainless steel finish. 470SS (232444)
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GLACIER BAY

Bacharach Pull-Out Kitchen Faucet
Chrome finish. 546TCDFDHD (389959)
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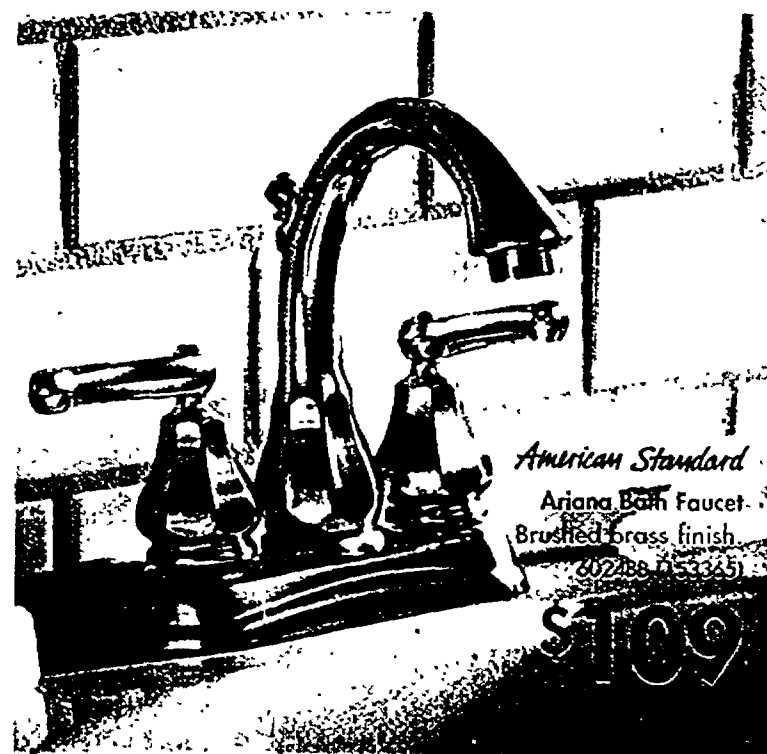
Bridge

Kitchen Faucet
Brushed nickel finish.
8526004 (833480)

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802280 (553351)
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Chrome finish.
2578278 (585391) **\$79**



DELTA
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Chrome finish.
2555216 (102127) **\$99**



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Swan Bath Faucet
Satin finish.
6013S (566161) **\$89**



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Forte® Bath Faucet
Brushed nickel finish.
R102714BN (385734) **\$129**



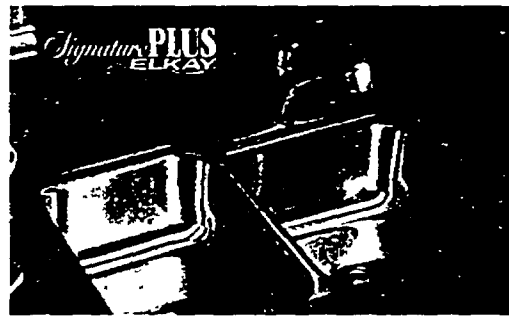
Veronique
Bath Faucet
Brushed bronze finish.
4530127 (490593)
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GLACIER BAY



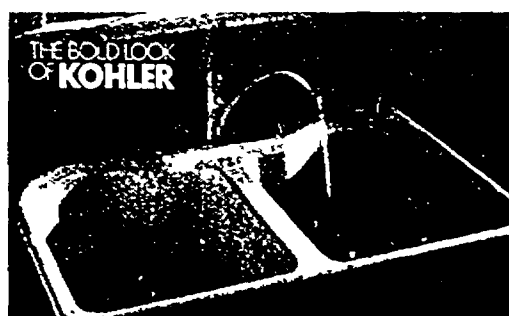
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Stainless Steel 87560SL (768465) **\$209**



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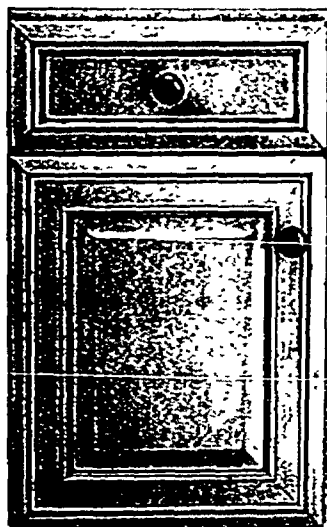
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Stainless Steel 6310SS (262269) **\$139**



Hartland™ Double Basin Kitchen Sink
White enameled cast iron. Self-rimming
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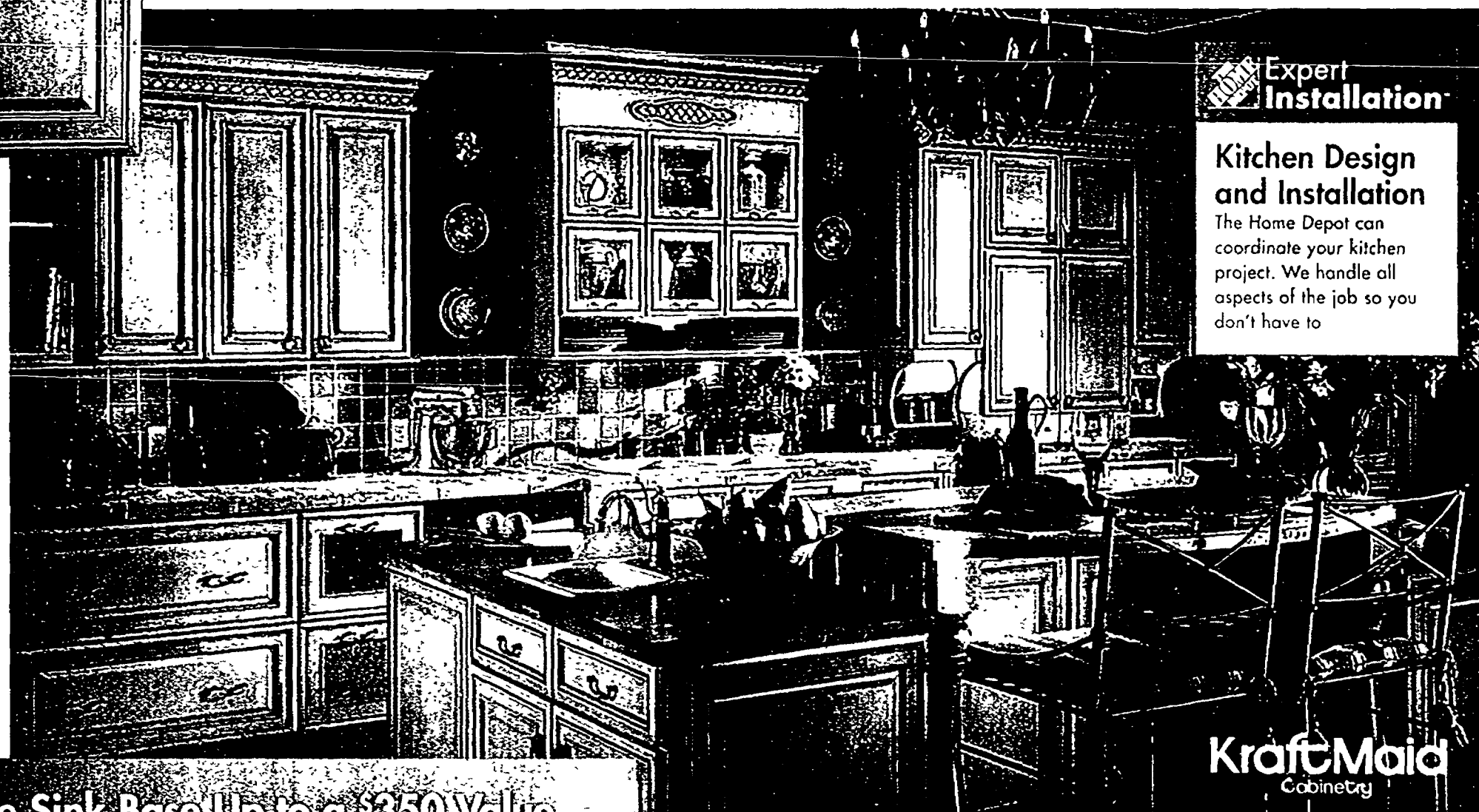
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Aged To Perfection - The Glaze Craze

Glazing has been around for years but has just recently become the most popular finish for kitchen cabinetry. Glazing is achieved by spraying a glaze material over a base stain or paint and then wiping it off by hand. The glaze settles into the cabinet door's corners, edges, and open grain areas defining its details and lending an overall patina. The final result is an intricate, aged look that creates depth, personality and visual interest unique to each cabinet.



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Englewood Maple in Oatmeal Glaze

The beautiful detail from KraftMaid quality is seen in the solid wood mitered door frames with full overlay design, finished off in an Oatmeal glaze. Other features of this kitchen include:

- Antiquity glass inserts
- Large-spindled island legs
- New woven moulding collection

Available in 22 furniture finishes and glazes. Can also be ordered in cherry wood.

Starting at **\$4257**** Only \$107 a Month*

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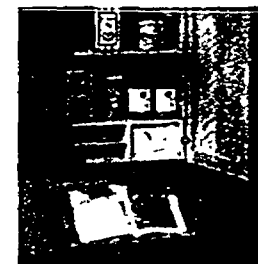
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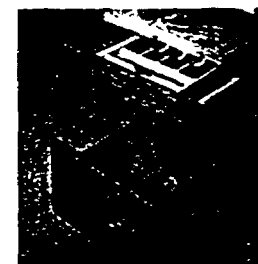
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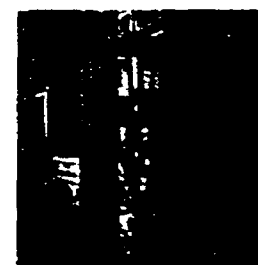
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Your favorite recipes and ingredients at your fingertips.



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Complete with bread drawer and lid, bread board and cutlery insert.



Tall Pantry Pullout
Easy access to the items you use most via convenient, integrated storage.

Camden Cherry Coffee

Quality craftsmanship, smart style and unmistakable value - get it all with Thomasville's Camden door style. A premium, glazed finish, such as Coffee shown here, is the perfect complement to this mitered, raised-panel design.

- Storage/wine cubbies
- Open display shelves
- Available in six Cherry finishes
- Microwave cabinet
- Decorative crown moulding
- Also available in Maple

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**Based on our 10' x 10' sample kitchen. See store for details. Countertops, fixtures, appliances and installation sold separately. Prices may vary by door styles, wood species and finish.

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CABINETS



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Ashland Maple Arch in Spice

American Woodmark's™ Ashland™ Collection - get the kitchen of your dreams, without breaking your budget. This recessed panel veneered door style is available with a great selection of options and accessories to make your kitchen exactly the way you want it.

- Mullion frame glass doors
- Increased depth wall cabinets
- Baking center
- Beaded filler with Rosette blocks
- Available in Oak, Cherry and Natural finish (Special Order)

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Ashland
Oak Toffee
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Ashland
Cherry
Bordeaux
Square



Ashland
Cherry
Spice
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Worthington Hickory Amber

The rich texture and natural beauty of Hickory radiates warmth and family tradition in this country kitchen. The distinctive design is further enhanced with walnut corner peg inserts adding charm and rustic appeal. The Raindrop Glass Mullion Doors and Antique Pewter Knobs and Pulls add a finishing touch. (Special Order)

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Kensington
White
Arch



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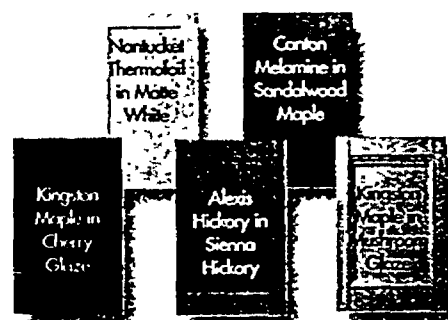
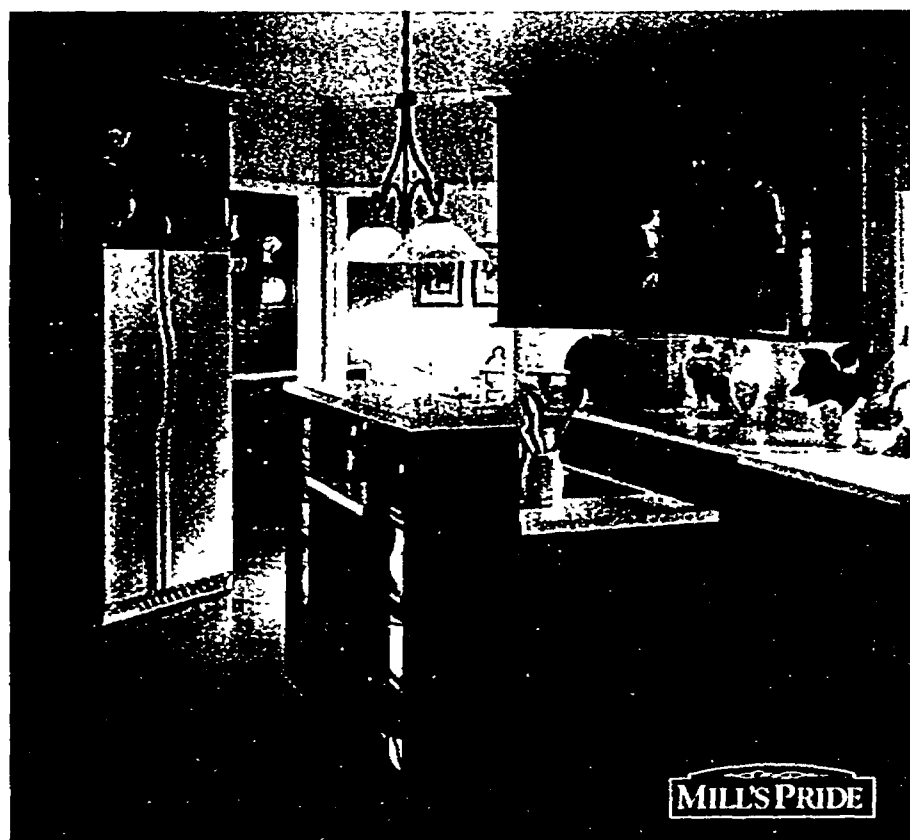
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CABINETRY

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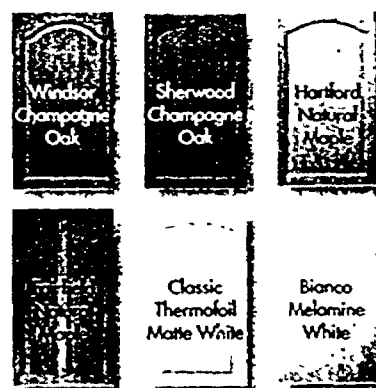


Mill's Pride Special Order

These upscale door styles bring more design choices to the incredibly versatile and stylish line by Mill's Pride. Enjoy the same high quality as semi-custom cabinetry, but without the high price. That means you can stretch your decorating dollar!

- Cabinets are easy to assemble and install
- Available special order
- Lifetime warranty

Kitchen shown is the Kingston in Cherry Glaze, a decorative picture frame style with a Maple frame and a veneer center panel.



Mill's Pride In-Stock

Six beautiful and diverse door styles you can take home today that will suit any decor. Get the kitchen of your dreams this weekend.

- Cabinets are easy to assemble and install
- In-stock, take home today
- Lifetime warranty

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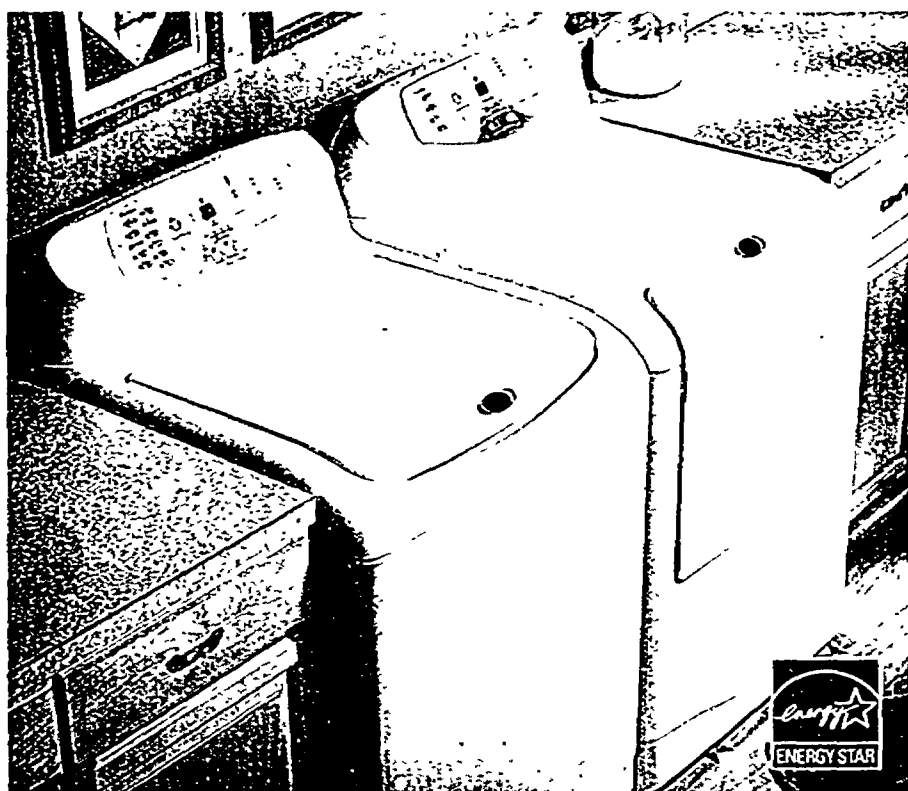
Value of Sink Base Depends on Door Style Selected With Purchase of 10 or More Mill's Pride Ready-To-Assemble Cabinets

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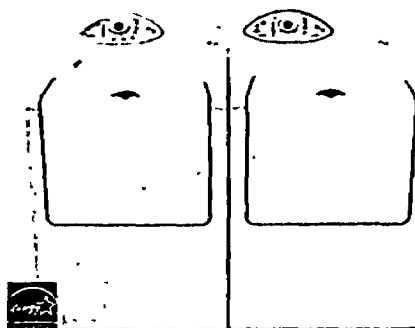
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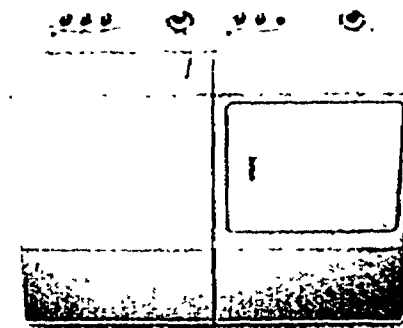
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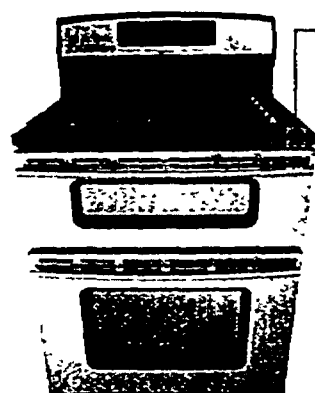
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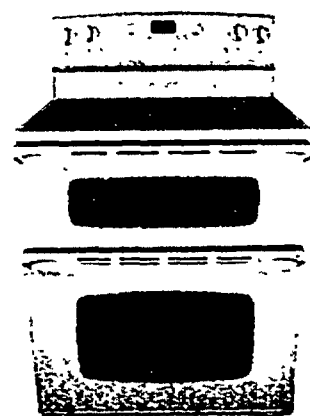


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JennAir 30" Dual-Fuel Oven with Convection 5 gas sealed burners including an ultra high performance 16,000 BTU burner and an ultra low output burner.

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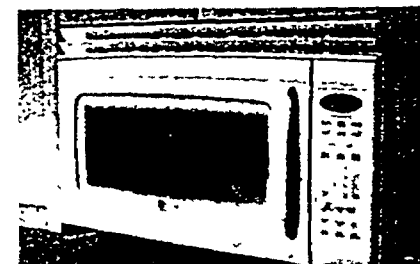


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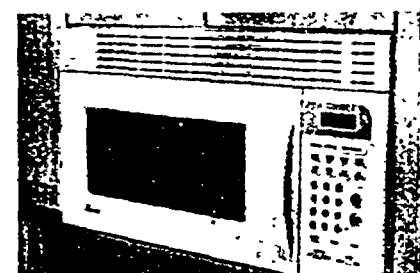
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1150 Watts. Auto-Cook options.
Black, white or bisque.

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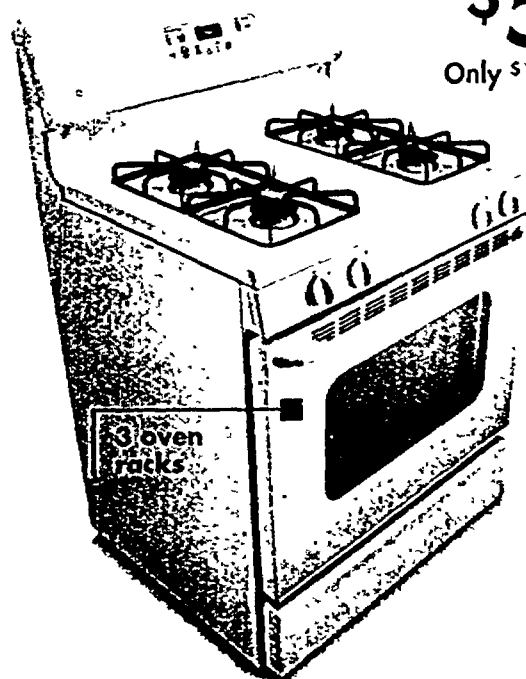


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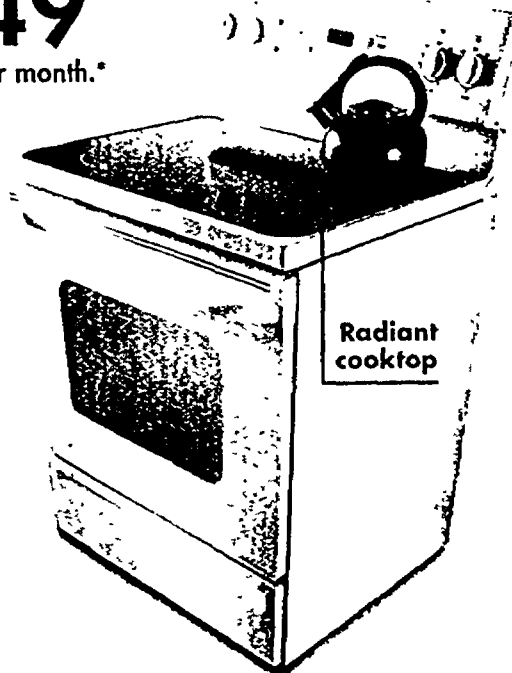
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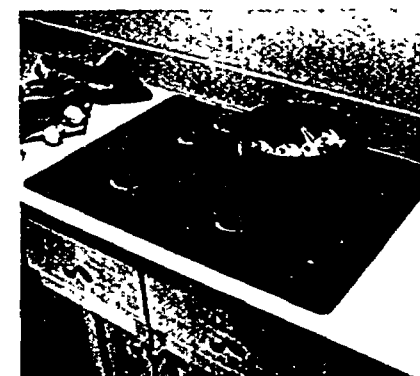
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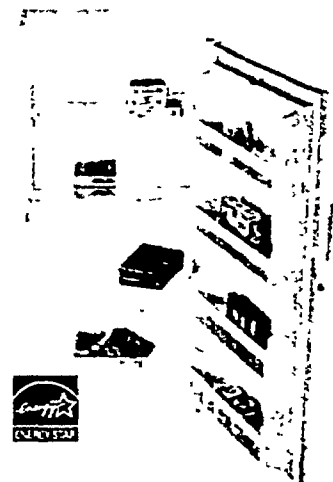


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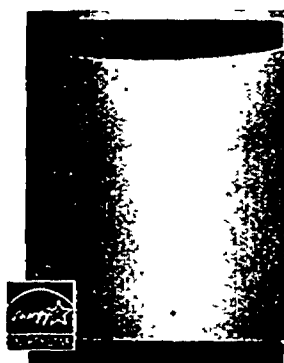


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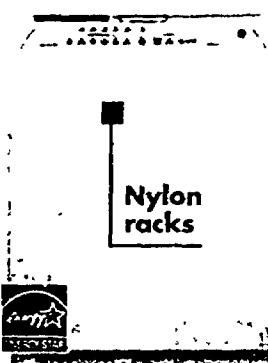


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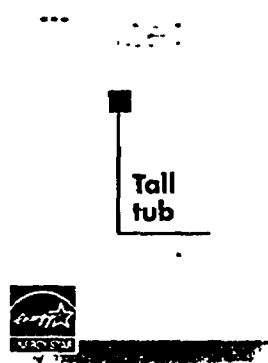


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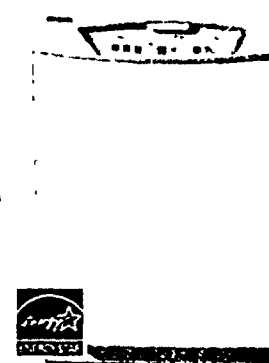


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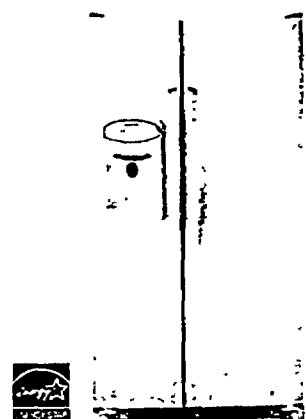
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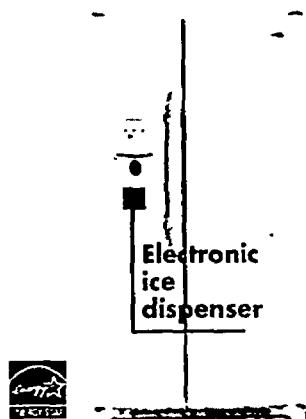
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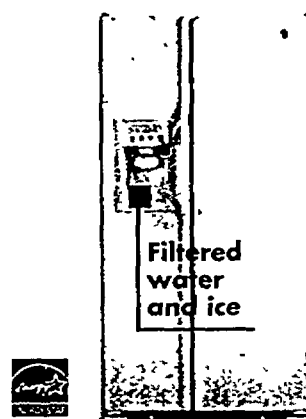
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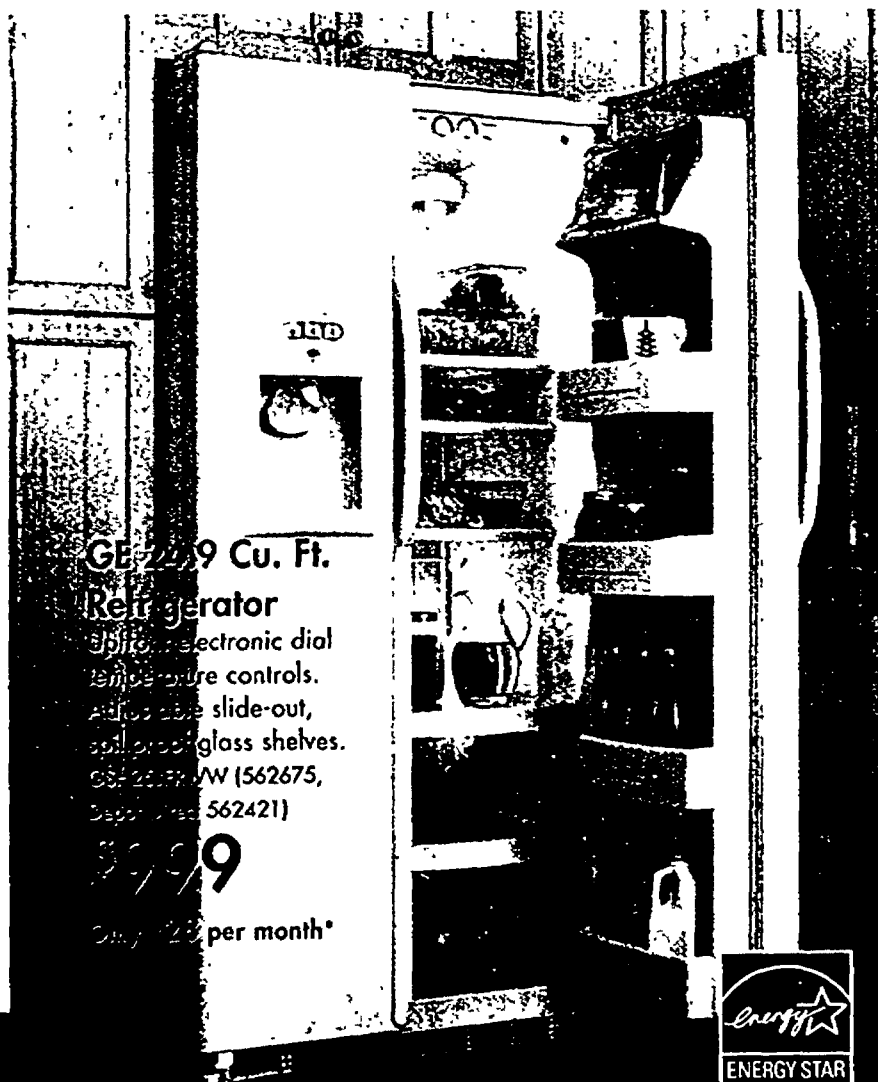


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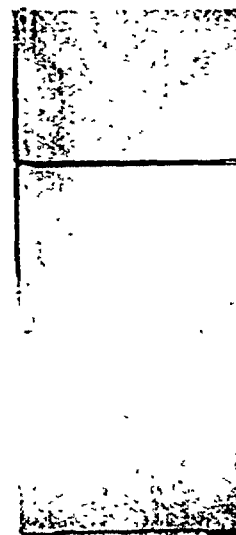


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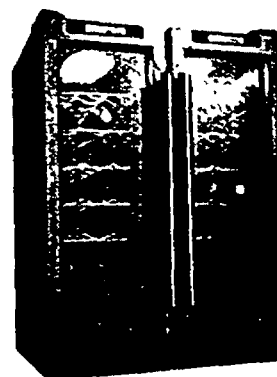
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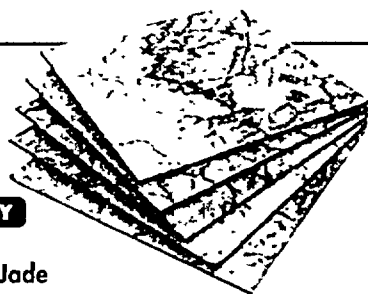
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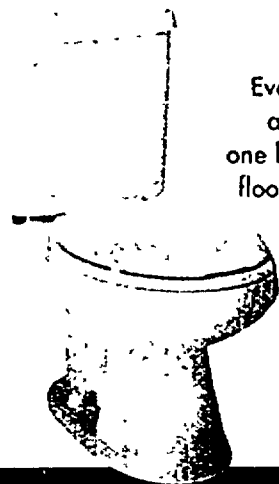
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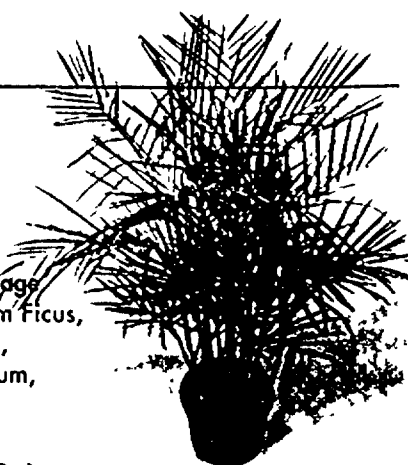
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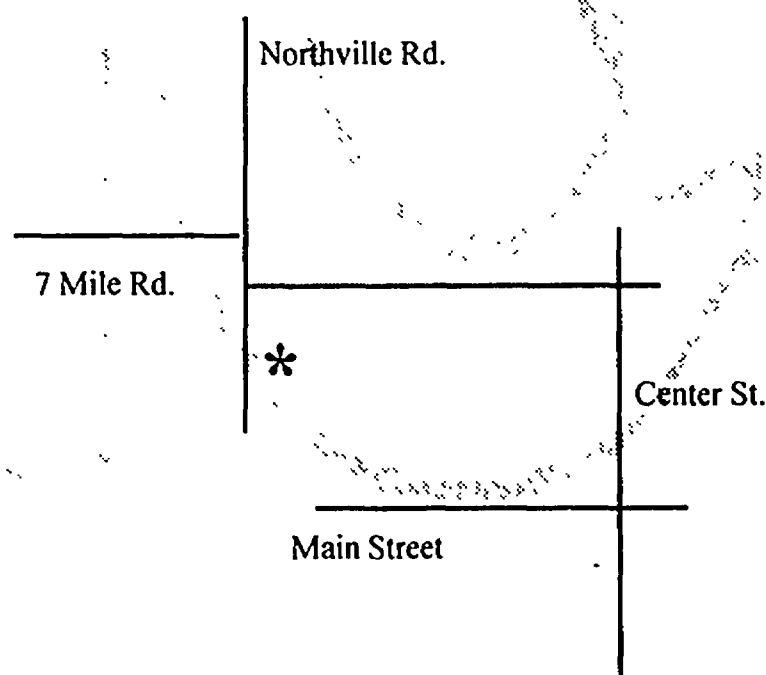
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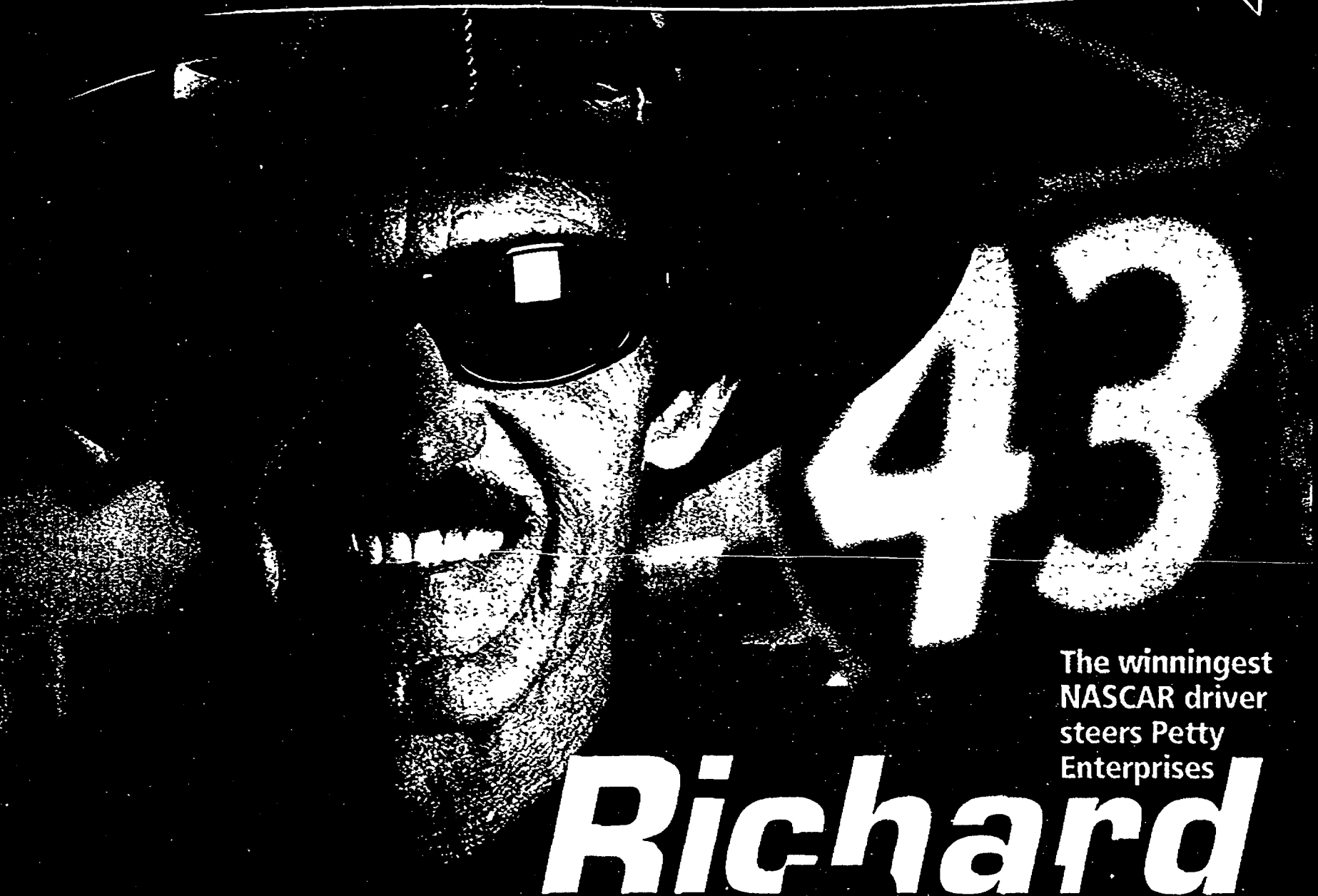
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Q Can you give me a brief history of Roy Orbison's life?

—Kristi K., Colorado

Born in Vernon, Texas (pop. 11,660), on April 23, 1936, Orbison remains one of the most influential men in rock music history. During the 1960s, he celebrated a four-year run of hits, including *Crying*, *Pretty Paper*, *Blue Bayou* and *Dream Baby*, which made him the top-selling act in the nation.

His biggest hit was 1964's *Oh, Pretty Woman*. However, he found as much tragedy as fame. His first wife, Claudette, died in a motorcycle accident in 1966, and two of their three sons perished in a fire two years later. The singer died of heart failure at age 52 during a comeback with the Traveling Wilburys in 1988. Orbison is survived by his wife, Barbara, whom he married in 1969, and their sons, Roy Jr. and Alex, as well as son Wesley, whom he had with Claudette. Barbara now devotes her days to keeping the music of Orbison alive. Upcoming projects include three new DVD releases and a duets project.

Q What are the Oak Ridge Boys doing now?

—Ralph L., Kentucky

Individually the four members of The Oak Ridge Boys have their own interests: Joe Bonsall is a writer, whose most recent books are *An Inconvenient Christmas*, a children's story, and *The Oak Ridge Boys: An American Journey*, an anecdotal history of the group since the 1970s. William Lee Golden paints, while Duane Allen is a music producer. Richard Sterban is part-owner of a minor league baseball team. But as The Oak Ridge Boys, they're singing, just as they have been for decades, performing about 170 shows a year across the country. Their most recent album is called *The Journey*. "We love doing this, that's obvious," Bonsall says, explaining their longevity. "God blessed us with good health, so we're



Rock 'n' Roll Hall of Famer Roy Orbison

A few years later, the Italian-made films known as "spaghetti Westerns" became popular, and he got a role in one, *God Forgives, I Don't*. After changing his name to a more American-sounding one, Hill went on to star in *Ace High*, *Boot Hill* and the comedic Western *They Call Me Trinity* and its sequel, *Trinity Is My Name*. "Cowboys have an adventurous side to their personality," Hill says of the Western's appeal. "That's what I look for in every character I play, since the times of *Trinity*." Hill, who has a TV series in Italy and also works as a film producer, lives with his wife, Lori, in Massachusetts.

Q Can you tell me about the great character actor J.K. Simmons of TV's *Oz*?

—Dave F., Missouri

Jonathan Kimble Simmons, born in Detroit on Jan. 9, 1955, has been lucky enough to split his career between quality television and films. Besides *Oz*, his TV series credits include *Law & Order*—his recurring character Dr. Emil Skoda has appeared on several of the series' spin-offs—and *The D.A.* He's also starred in commercials for Norelco razors and provided the voice of the yellow M&M. But his films (*Spider-Man*, *Spider-Man 2* and *The Ladykillers*) have especially distinguished him. The University of Montana graduate is married to *Oz* actress Michelle Schumacher. ☆

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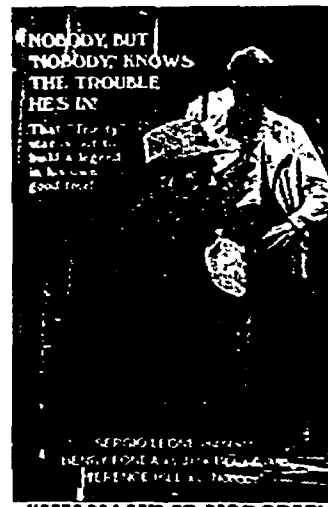
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Q One of my favorite Western-comedy movies is 1974's *My Name Is Nobody*, starring Henry Fonda and Terence Hill. Did Terence Hill star in any other movies?

—Debbie R., New Mexico

He most certainly did. Born Mario Girotti in Venice, Italy, Hill has a slew of European-made films to his credit, in addition to two Hollywood films, *March or Die* and *Mister Billion*. He began acting at age 12 and had 25 films to his credit by 1963, when he landed a role opposite Burt Lancaster in *The Leopard*.



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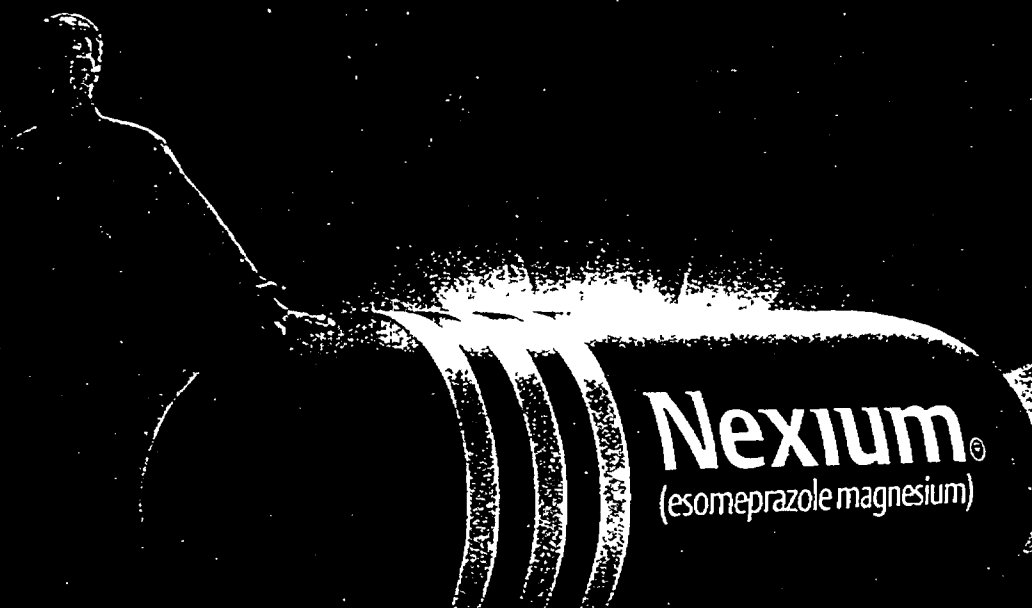
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INDIANA—Danner's Hardware in Vevay (pop. 1,735), the state's oldest business in its original location, still sells seed in bulk and nails by the pound. Opened in 1838 by Ulysses P. Schenck, the store was purchased by A. V. Danner, the current owner's grandfather, in 1897.

IOWA—One mile east of Arcadia (pop. 443) is the Missouri-Mississippi Drainage Divide, at an elevation of 1,429 feet, where water runs west to the Missouri or east to the Mississippi.

KANSAS—In 1985, Lynette Woodard of Wichita became the first female basketball player to sign with the Harlem Globetrotters.

MICHIGAN—Saginaw (pop. 61,799) dentist Val Kolpakov smiles about his toothpaste collection, one of the largest in the world. His 1,000 varieties, some dating to the late 1800s, include a Scotch whiskey-flavored paste and a Dr. West's Hopalong Cassidy paste.

MINNESOTA—Pink-and-white lady's slippers (*Cypripedium reginae*), the state flower, bloom along Highway 11, a state wildflower route between Baudette (pop. 1,104) and Greenbush (pop. 784). Located along the route, Williams (pop. 210) hosts a Wildflower Route Celebration, usually the third Saturday in June, to mark the lady's slipper blooming season from mid-June to early July.

MISSOURI—The ruins of a 1905 European-style castle overlook the Lake of the Ozarks in Ha Ha Tonka State Park near Camdenton (pop. 2,779). Built by Robert McClure Snyder and his sons, the castle was gutted by fire in 1942. The state purchased the property in 1978 and opened it as a state park.

NEBRASKA—The state's 1932 Capitol is in Lincoln, not Omaha. Thanks to our readers for catching our mistake.

NORTH DAKOTA—A seven-story observation tower at the Pembina State Museum in Pembina (pop. 642) offers 360-degree views of the Red River Valley's farms and geological features. Inside the museum, exhibits cover the region's first people, fur traders and military personnel stationed at frontier forts.

OHIO—The Lincoln Highway National Museum and Archives in Galion (pop. 11,341) charts the history of the nation's first paved coast-to-coast highway, which was planned in 1913.

SOUTH DAKOTA—A chandelier made of American Indian spears and hand-painted ceramic tiles decorates the lobby in the Hotel Alex Johnson in Rapid City (pop. 59,607). Built in 1928 by Chicago & Northwestern Railroad President Alex Carlton Johnson, the hotel blends Indian design elements with Tudor architecture.

WISCONSIN—In 1929, the state adopted the nation's first rural zoning law, which authorized county boards to determine areas for agriculture, forestry and recreation. The law was a response to mismanagement of lands by lumber companies. ★

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When C.M. Bishop III talks about the family business—Pendleton Woolen Mills—it isn't the vibrant wool blankets he mentions first or the soft plaid shirts. Instead, he talks about the Golden Rule that has guided the company for five generations: Do unto others as you would have others do unto you.

"We live where we work," says Bishop III, 52, president of the Portland, Ore.-based company. "We are not anonymous. We are not removed."

In accordance to that rule, family ties are respected and revered, employees and suppliers are a valued part of the Pendleton team, and customers can count on quality, Bishop III says.

Those same principles have guided the woolen products and clothing manufacturer since 1909 when the third-genera-

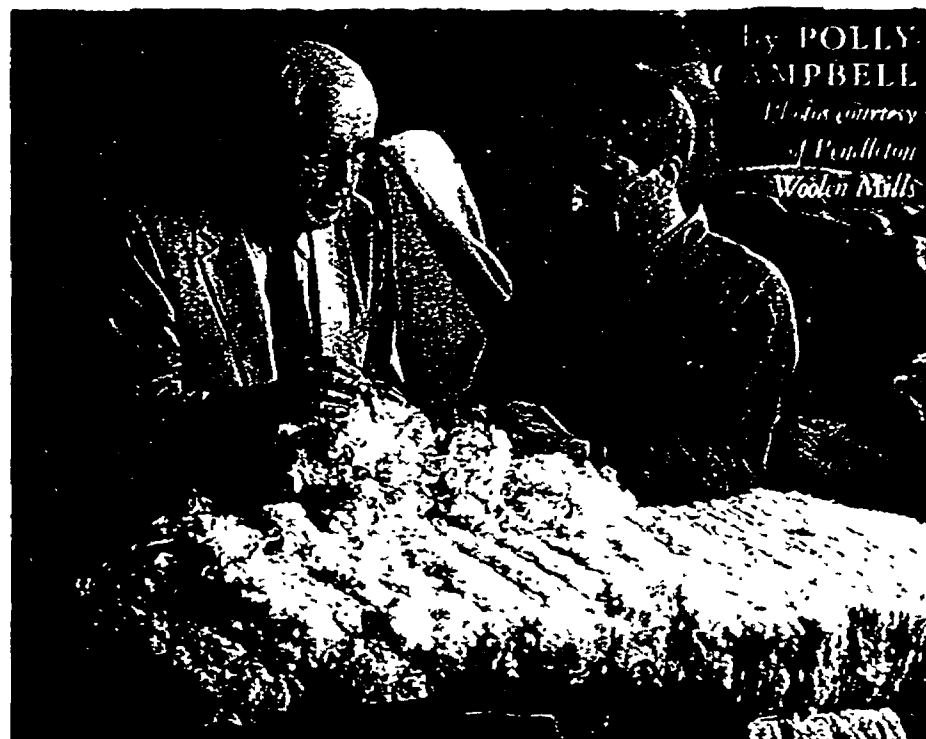
tion Bishop brothers—Clarence, Roy and Chauncy—bought a wool-cleaning mill in Pendleton, Ore. (pop. 16,354).

Yet the fabric of the family business was literally woven decades earlier when Fannie Kay, who learned the art of weaving from her father, Oregon pioneer Thomas Kay, married retail expert C.P. Bishop in 1876. Within 20 years, the Bishops began producing the ceremonial robes and colorful Indian blankets that have since become a symbol of American culture worldwide. But it was weaver Joe Rawsley, who captured the American Indian culture in wool

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Rawsley lived with native tribes in northeast Oregon and the American Southwest to learn about their traditions and rituals. He then incorporated important cultural symbols and

Pendleton mills, circa 1910



B.H. Bishop and son Charles inspect fleece at Pendleton Woolen Mill in Washougal, Wash.

colors into bold blanket designs that are still popular today. American Indians purchase 50 percent of the jacquard-pattern trade blankets sold by the company annually.

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King Richard Rules

by ALAN ROSS

When Richard Petty first climbed into a racecar in the late 1950s, the weight of a dynamic, emerging American sport had not yet been thrust on his young shoulders. But fate would eventually tap him as NASCAR's winningest driver and undisputed "King."

"Our timing was right," says Petty, 67, seated in his office in Level Cross, N.C. "We were just the right people coming into the sport at the right time."

Such simple yet profound rhetoric has made Petty a folk hero and sage among devoted fans. His observations reveal a humble wisdom and no-frills, down-home philosophy. (On wrecking: "Never let a crash dim your enthusiasm. Heck, we all have days like that." And on winning a race: "I did plenty wrong, but they did wronger.")

But behind the shades, expansive grin and relaxed demeanor is a man of thought, principle and extraordinary talent—enough of the latter to reign as stock car racing's all-time champ, with 200 Grand National/Winston Cup victories and seven driver's championships.

Born to Race

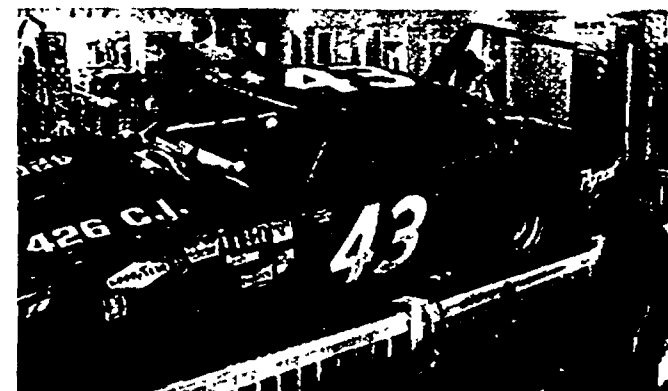
The son of racing pioneer Lee Petty, a three-time NASCAR Grand National (forerunner of Winston/NEXTEL Cup series) champion, who won the inaugural Daytona 500 in 1959, Petty wasn't just handed the keys to a racecar and given the green flag.

"I started by sweeping the floors, changing oil," says Petty, a life-long resident of Level Cross. "Then I graduated to building cars, building motors, worked on 'em, took 'em to the racetrack. The only thing I hadn't done was drive the car. That was just the next step."

On the track, Petty was a natural, absorbing the art of driving by studying all the greats from his father's day.

"I'd watch Fireball (Roberts), Junior (Johnson), Buck Baker, Tim Flock,"

"Never let a crash dim your enthusiasm. Heck, we all have days like that."



From left: Richard Petty commemorates the 20th anniversary of his 1984 Daytona victory, signs autographs for devoted fans, and showcases racecars and memorabilia at his namesake museum.



"I did plenty wrong, but they did wronger."

—Richard Petty, on winning

Petty recalls. "It wasn't that I knew what to do, I knew what they did. You'd see some and say, 'I want to drive like him.' But I've seen some, where I said, 'I don't want to drive like that.' You just develop your own style, whatever the circumstances are, with the equipment you got and the ability you have."

Petty's natural ability allowed him to forge ahead on the track. He quickly perfected his own finesse-type style of driving, and he wasn't afraid to get in the thick of the action.

"My object was to win," he says. "If I had to run hard I would, if I didn't have to run hard, I didn't. Our strategy was don't see how far you can get ahead, just see if you can win the race."

And the wins came for Petty like no other driver in the history of the sport. Within 10 years after his first NASCAR race, a convertible division non-points event in Columbia, S.C., in 1958, Petty had attained 75 wins and two driver's championships. It wasn't long before he was dubbed "The King" by a team of reporters on the racing circuit.

"In '67, we just dominated," Petty says of his banner year, in which he entered Victory Lane a record 27 times, including 10 wins in a row. "We had a group of reporters who traveled together,



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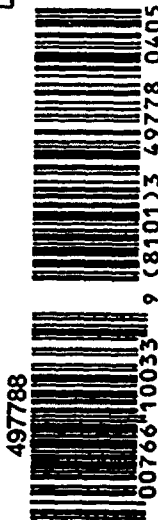
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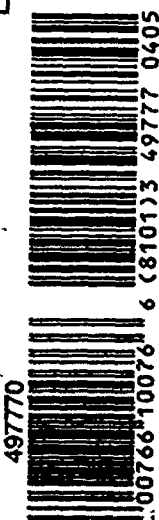
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Petty (above) and son Kyle (at right) visit Victory Junction, a camp in Randleman, N.C., for seriously ill children that honors Kyle's son Adam, who died in a racing accident.

who'd go to Charlotte, Raleigh, Richmond, South Carolina. They were out one night and started giving out nicknames. (David) Pearson was 'The Silver Fox,' and then one of them said, 'Okay, Richard, you're "King Richard."' Once they wrote it two or three times, others just started picking it up."

Petty, the essence of feet-on-the-floor royalty, also is The King to his fans. He's credited with being the first driver to actively promote driver-fan friendliness, consistently going over to the fences after each race to sign autographs and chat with adoring admirers.



Petty shares a memory with cousin and crew chief Dale Inman.

"Today's drivers are in great demand for appearances, but I'm not sure that some of them can stand up to what his standards were," says Dale Inman, Petty's cousin, longtime friend and crew chief. "Years ago, when he did spend that kind of time with the fans, he did it because he realized that the fans were what was making the sport go at that time."

Tragedy and Victory

For the driver who has won everything NASCAR has to offer, including a record seven Daytona 500s, the sport's crown jewel, there are still new worlds to conquer.

"I'd like to win more races as an owner," says Petty, who fields two racing teams and attends most of the races in the NEXTEL Cup series. "I've won as an owner-driver, but since I've been an owner, we haven't won but three or four races. Stuffs like that bothers me."

While racing's ups and downs may chafe the legendary driver, they take a backseat these days to charitable projects that Petty generously involves himself with, a major one being the Victory Junction Gang, a camp for seriously ill children in Randleman, N.C. (pop. 3,557).

Victory Junction honors Petty's grandson, Adam, the son of 24-year NASCAR racing veteran Kyle Petty, whose own commitment to charitable causes has been recognized by the racing industry. Adam, a promising young driver and the fourth generation of Pettys to race professionally, was instrumental in starting the camp. He died in a racing accident in 2000 at age 19.

"All the racing people, plus the fans, contributed over 20,000 donations, whether it was a dollar or a million dollars," Petty says proudly. "We got donations from all 50 states."

The camp has been vital in mending the Petty family in the wake of the tragic loss. "I think the camp is the healing process. I think Kyle sees it that way. If we didn't have this, if the camp wasn't there, then I think the loss would have been greater," Petty says. "Now, when we think of Adam, we think of what he helped

generate. We traded Adam for what the camp is and for the many people whose lives he brightened."

The sport that Petty grew up with and helped change, of course, continues to change. Not all of it, however, is to Petty's liking.

"Now, they look at it as show business first and, oh, by the way, there's a race," scoffs Petty. "Hey, come to the race, throw the green flag, let 'em run, throw the checkered flag, let 'em go home. That's what I came to see. I didn't come to see people jumpin' out of the sky, airplanes runnin' at each other, people shootin' at each other, people jumpin' cars."

Despite the changes, King Richard takes them all in stride from a familiar vantage point in Level Cross.

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And for the King of NASCAR, that happiness is emphatically the highlight of his illustrious career.

"I'm still here. Still kickin', still enjoyin' most of it," Petty says. "To me, that's what it's all about. Gettin' from Turn One to Turn Two to Turn Three to the checkered flag. And I ain't got to the checkered flag yet." ☆

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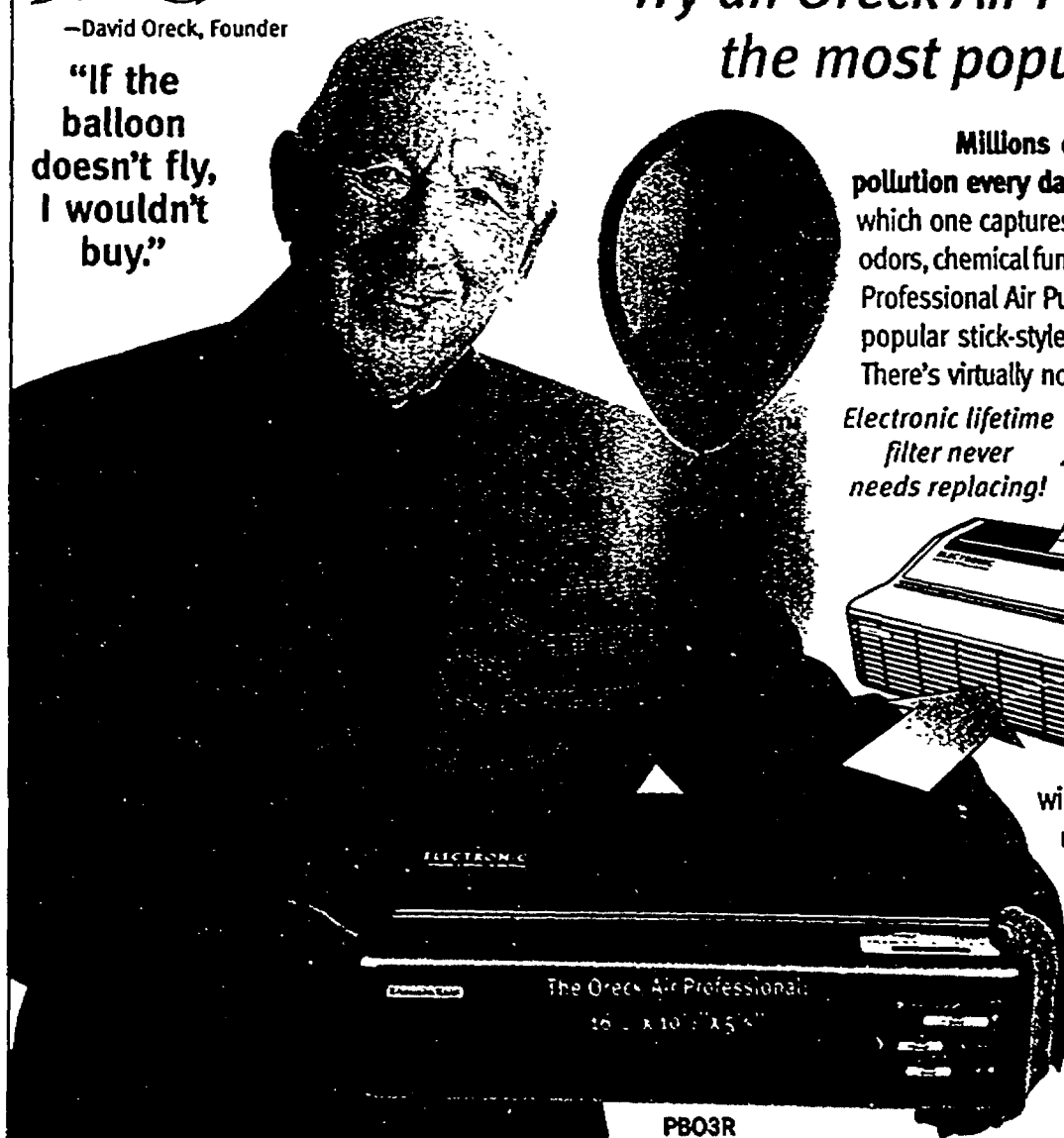
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Hometown Hero

An Artist in Ice

by MARTI ATTOUN

Wielding a roaring chain saw, sculptor Bill Covitz bites into a 300-pound slab of ice, sending chunks flying and chips spraying as he roughs out the shape of a winged dragon inside his Waterbury, Conn., workplace, a walk-in freezer chilled to 15 degrees.

As Covitz works, his breath fogs the air, and within minutes ice shavings coat his clothes and pile around him on the slick wooden floor. With painstaking precision, he slices details into the dragon's snout and back, one scale at a time, using

chisels, drills and grinders. When he's finished three hours later, Covitz uses a gas torch to clean off the shavings and give the dragon a glassy polished finish before he delivers it to a 40th birthday party celebration.

"I love the presentation and to see people's reactions," says Covitz, 35, of Cheshire, Conn. (pop. 28,543).

Covitz is no ice-sculpting amateur. In fact, he's among the nation's elite. He won the 2004 National Ice Carving Association Championship



Bill Covitz, 35, uses power tools to carve slabs of ice into shimmering sculptures.

(NICA) last February in Bensenville, Ill. (pop. 20,703), and he'll try to retain the title during this year's competition Feb. 12-13.

"Bill is always very creative and has a talent for making his carvings look like they're actually moving," says Alice Connelly, NICA's executive director.

While he's talented, Covitz's abilities are recently discovered. He trained with chef knives, not chain saws, as a 1991 graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, N.Y. (pop. 20,857). While working as a chef at high-end restaurants, including Cordillera Lodge near Vail, Colo. (pop. 4,531), he became fascinated with ice sculpting. Five years ago, he followed his heart and swapped chopping boards for chopping blocks and launched Ice Matters, a company that supplies ice sculptures for weddings, bar mitzvahs, corporate parties, business open houses and winter festivals.

"At first everyone doubted that I could make a living," Covitz says.

Fortunately, demand for Covitz's ice art has snowballed, and now his wife, Jennifer, handles office duties while he creates sculptures in the shapes of castles, company logos, swans, fire engines, flying monkeys and even frozen 8-foot-long serving tables and bars.

In his studio, Covitz dresses for work in ski pants, stocking cap, insulated boots and gloves before turning giant slabs of ice into elegant works of art with noisy power tools.

"The job is very physical, very backbreaking," he says. His assistant, Dan Martin, 35, of Southbury, Conn. (pop. 18,567), helps wrestle and shrinkwrap the finished carvings and transport them, bundled in moving blankets and sometimes a refrigerated truck, to locations throughout Connecticut and New York.

To avoid meltdowns during the nine-hour-long outdoor national contest, contestants work under tents as they carve individual pieces and pack them away in dry ice. When the sun goes down, they assemble the sculptures and perform the finishing touches before a crowd of awe-struck spectators.

Judges award points for attention to detail, proportion, technical skill, creativity and the overall impression of the sculpture. Last year, Connelly watched throughout the day as Covitz chiseled parts, not knowing exactly what he was creating until the 13-foot-tall statue of the Cat in the Hat—with a tipsy fishbowl on one finger, a birthday cake crowning his hat and a platter teetering on his toe—came to life.

"It was amazing—all those details and even birthday candles on the cake," she says. "That's why he won."

As for the fact that his masterpiece melted into a puddle six hours later, Covitz wasn't disheartened. He just started dreaming up a new idea, maybe one even cooler than the whimsical cat that he carved during last year's competition.

"I try to outdo myself and see how far I can push it," he says. "I compete for the love of it, the artist end of it." ☆

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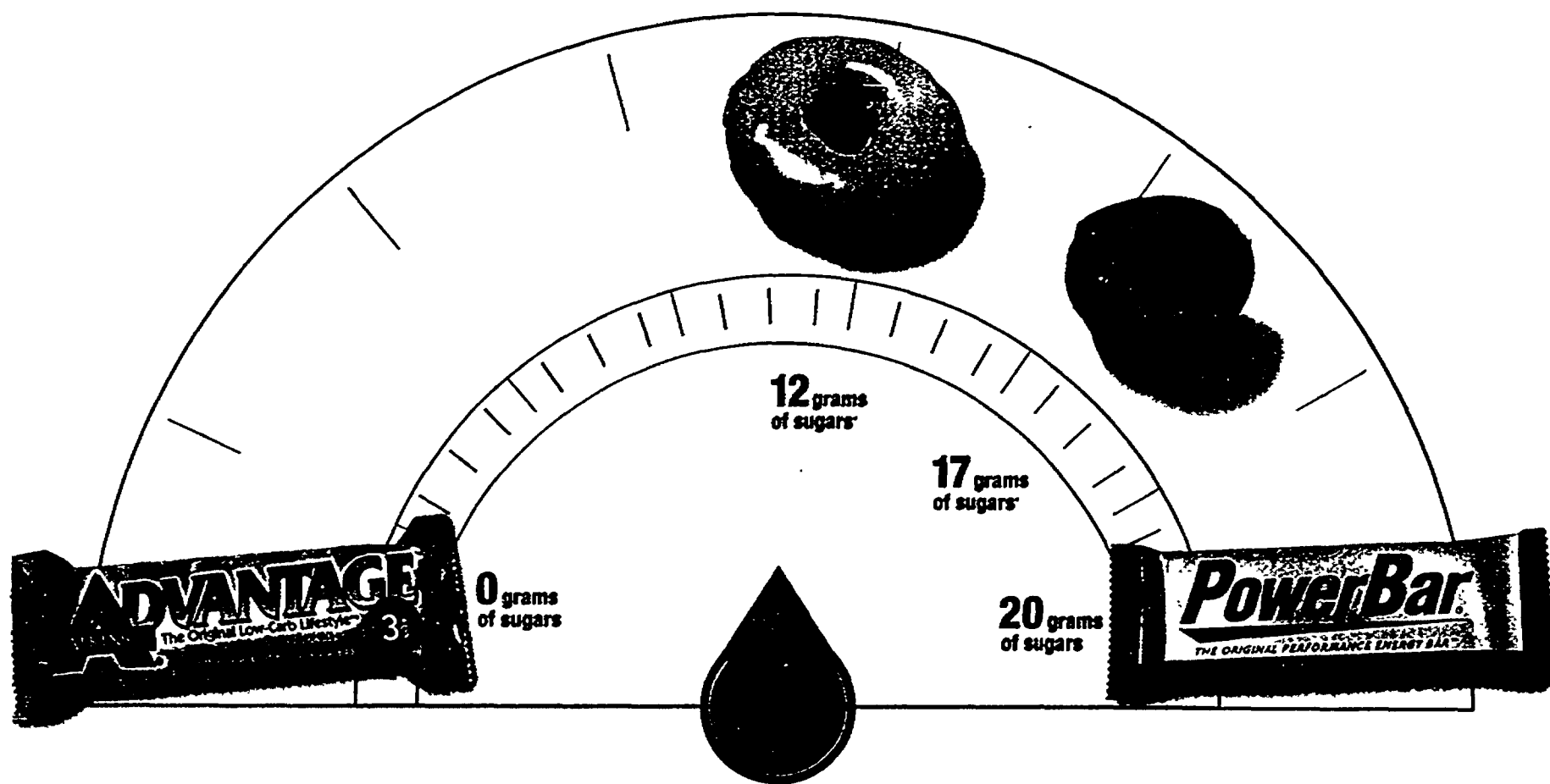
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