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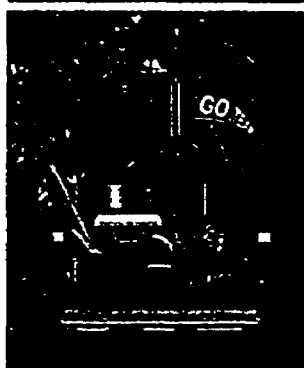


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## Civil rights lawsuit dismissed

State investigators clear district of discrimination claims

By Victoria Sadlocha  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A civil rights lawsuit against the Northville Public Schools was dismissed last week, vindicating the district against claims of racial discrimination.

"It is a reaffirmation of what we believed from the get-go," said Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of Northville Public Schools.

District officials received word last Friday the investigation was complete and no wrongdoing was found.

"The investigation has been closed without a finding that the Northville Public Schools had in fact illegally discriminated against Katherine Kirk (s son)," confirmed Harold Core, media spokesman for the Michigan Department of Civil Rights.

Core said Kirk has 30 days to appeal the decision by introducing new information.

"But as of right now the case is closed without a finding that we can

show Northville Public Schools did in fact illegally discriminate against the claimant," he said.

The Michigan Department of Civil Rights investigative process included interviews, questionnaires and response analysis.

Katherine Kirk filed the complaint against the district in June, alleging her child was discriminated against while attending Meads Mill Middle School.

According to the complaint, Kirk stated her 13-year-old son was subjected to harassment by the school's

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Rezmierski responds to 'hate club' concerns; vigilance key

By Victoria Sadlocha  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Cliques, gossip and unseemly behavior is the business of teens.

"It is not unique to Northville, it is a concern, but again like everything else the time and attention we are putting on it, I think is appropriate for what the

Readers also weighed in. See Letters to the Editor, Page 17A.

issue is. Not to make it bigger than, less than, not to avoid it, to constantly monitor it and do

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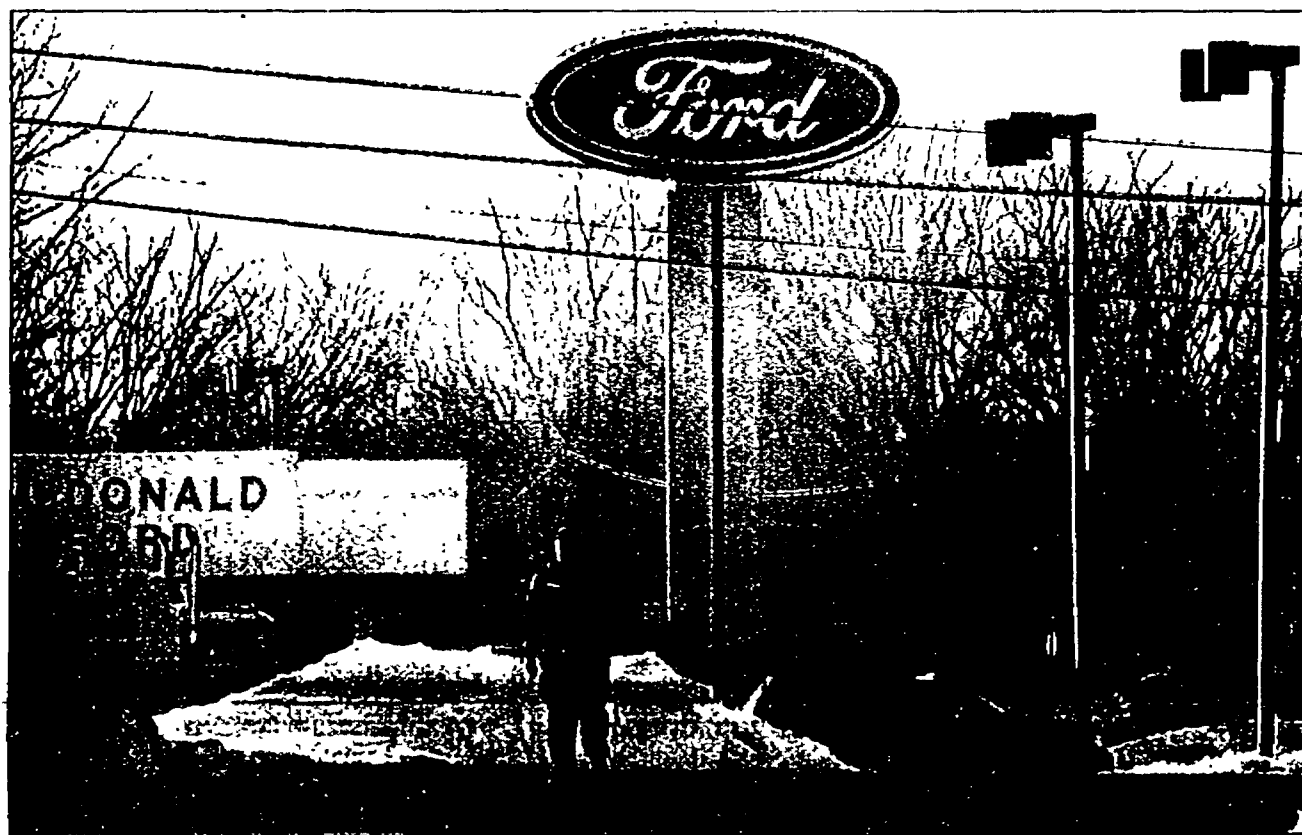


Photo by DAVID AGUILAR/RECORD EDITOR

Moving company employees began showing up last week as McDonald Ford, located at Seven Mile and Northville roads, officially closed its doors.

## McDonald dealership goes idle

Fate of longtime local dealership still unknown; Ford Credit assumes control

By Maureen Johnston  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Moving teams in oversized trucks at the end of last week rolled into the lots at Seven Mile and Northville roads to haul away what remained of McDonald Ford's sales inventory.

"After four years with a Ford dealership in Northville, Ron Bleckmann has decided to resign

his Ford sales and service agreement and close his dealership," said a prepared corporate release. "Customers will be notified that outstanding sales and service transactions will be fulfilled in the future."

"McDonald sales customers will be serviced by neighboring Ford dealers."

Bleckmann was not available for comment.

The dealership officially closed Feb. 2, said Beverly Thacker, Ford public affairs manager for dealer communications. She said she was not sure if McDonald vehicle owners would receive a letter or

"In the 20 years I was there, we were in the second and third generations of selling families their vehicles."

Dave Rekuc,  
Former McDonald General Manager

he contacted by other means.

"If there was a sales transaction going on, I'm sure the customer will be notified immediately," she said. Thacker said she was unable to discuss if the Ford store would

reopen, or if one will return to Northville. Home to the blue oval since 1954, the town franchise saw a series of owners over the past 50 years including Marr Taylor, John Mach, Joe McDonald and Bleckmann.

**Gone for good?**

"Our future plans are undetermined as far as what will happen

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**Where do I go now?**

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McDonald Ford packed up and closed its doors last Friday morning, loading remaining property into Corrigan Moving Systems vans.

## EMERGING MARKETS

As residents pine for new Main Street stores and nostalgic times, existing stores lead downtown Northville into the future

By Maureen Johnston  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

When Mary Ware owned her Little People Shoppe downtown 50 years ago, she sold quality children's apparel.

Just the tiny stuff: newborn-6X. First-time customers would tell her they were pleasantly surprised she had right in their hometown the merchandise they thought they would have to drive quite a distance to purchase.

"You've got to make these people feel guilty... They call it home, but they don't love it or treat it like home."

Mary Ware  
Former merchant,  
long-time resident

pist and repeat downtown event worker.

Thousands attend the festivals the merchants host throughout the year. They eat, delight in the small-town ambiance, enjoy the free events and don't return to shop, Ware said.

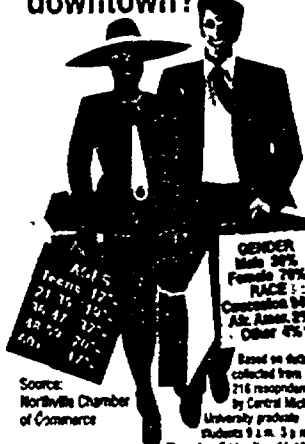
"You've got to make these people feel guilty," she said. "You came to Northville because you wanted the quaint town — why don't you support the community?"

"They call it home, but they don't love it or treat it like home."

The timeless frustration among Northville merchants helped drive recent public forum discussion trying to comprehend and quantify amenities, services and attractions community residents want inside their core commercial district.

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**Who shops downtown?**



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# Northville School board race set

## Handley files for May 3 school board election

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Handley is the only member of the Northville community filing the appropriate paperwork to run in the May school board election.

The deadline to file was 4 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Board members serve four-year terms with the current term up for re-election expiring in

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# Actor & arborist

## Porterfield has found success in both passions

By Kim Kovelie  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Adorned in a worn flannel shirt, at home within a beech-paneled den, Jim Porterfield considered his dual careers: tree consultant by day and actor by night and mainline.

"I think I started tree work the same time I started acting in Northville High School," Porterfield said. "As far as I know, I'm the world's leading actor-arborist."

He says it with a chuckle, but at age 49 the Northville Township resident has been a success at both.

From now until March 19, he's appearing in "Norma & Wanda," his 12th production with Jeff Daniels' professional Purple Rose Theatre Company in Chelsea.

"It's just a great place to work," Porterfield said. "One of the fun things about show business (is) it's unpredictable."

### Into trees, onto stage

In the program for Norma & Wanda, Porterfield's biography says, "He is into trees."

A certified arborist of 14 years, Porterfield credits his dad Owen, who founded the Triple A Tree Service in Farmington during the 1940s.

"I spent a lot of time — my whole life around it," Porterfield said. "If you know enough about it... you're going to appreciate the subtleties. Trees are so important."

The home his family bought in the 1960s — which Porterfield now owns — has an acre of trees, providing plenty of hands-on learning.

Porterfield was playing football, wrestling and shot put at Northville High School when drama teacher Kurt Kinde introduced the athlete to the stage.

"I was pretty comfortable with reading roles," Porterfield said. "I was taking a class to fill out my schedule. That's when it started."

His performances ranged from "David & Lisa" to "Hello Dolly," nabbing a leading part albeit not a singer.

"I can remember I was a little nervous... but I think I understood even then that that was a good thing," Porterfield said. "I think acting's helped a lot with that, the ability to focus."

After graduating in 1974, he went on to study social sciences at Michigan State University. Acting took a back seat.

"I got interested in trying to save the world," Porterfield chuckled.

### Call of the Rose

After a 20-year stage respite, Porterfield got back into the act in the 1980s. He worked in Chicago and New York, then finding success in local industrial training films and commercials.

Often, he was cast as the dad or the "outdoor guy." Characters ranged from construction workers and bikers to Lemuel Gulliver.

"That was definitely the strangest," he laughed. "They made a huge miniature set so I was like the giant tied by the Lilliputians."

He began wracking theater credits at the Attic Theatre in Detroit and Jewish Ensemble Theatre in West Bloomfield.

The latter was where Purple Rose artist director Guy Samville first saw Porterfield in action during a 1995 performance of Clifford Odets' play Golden Boy.

"I saw him there and knew right away he'd be perfect for a play we were doing here," Samville said. "I just went out and I told him, 'You're really awesome and I like your work.'"

Porterfield went on to play the lead — a husband — in Michael Grady's Harmony Codes.

"I was thrilled," Porterfield said. "It's a respected theater. They do everything first rate." Other Daniels plays and films, from "Escanaba in da Moonlight" to "Super Sucker," soon filled his resume.

"I call him our Spencer Tracy," Samville said. "He just tells the truth out there. He's a great man. He's a character guy and very quiet, very shy, gentlemanly in real life."

"It's an honor to know him and work with him," Samville considers Porterfield one of the top 10 regional male actors in the country.

But, true to Tracy form, Porterfield's modest. He points out that "Norma & Wanda's" six thespians have more than 100 years experience. And he largely credits Daniels.

"Jeff's a great writer," he said. "I was very impressed with his first couple of films. People don't know what a tremendous talent he is."

Eye to the future, Porterfield said he'd love to perform in an Off-Broadway venue. He's working on his first comedy script centered around a deli.

In the meantime, he'll keep working with the Purple Rose, Global ReLeaf, Greening of Detroit and tending to his maples, red oaks and beech — his favorite.

"I do what I can," Porterfield said. "I really enjoy helping people."

Kim Kovelie can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or via e-mail at [kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net](mailto:kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net).



Photo courtesy PURPLE ROSE THEATRE  
Jim Porterfield, left, as Mel Randolph and Grant R. Krause as Paulie Perkins



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville resident Jim Porterfield spends his time both with trees and acting in plays like the Purple Rose Theatre's production, "Norma and Wanda."

### Norma & Wanda

• **What:** The world premiere of "Norma & Wanda," actor/playwright Jeff Daniels' latest comedy. Now showing. Billed as "deliciously wicked," the 90-minute play follows the outrageous shenanigans of two sisters around Christmas time.

• **When:** Select 2 p.m., 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. shows through March 19. No shows Monday or Tuesday.

• **Where:** The Purple Rose Theatre, 137 Park St., Chelsea, Mich.

• **Cost:** Tickets range from \$22.50-\$32.50

• **Contact:** Purple Rose box office at (734) 433-PRTC (7782)

• **Note:** "Norma & Wanda" is recommended for mature audiences.

### Porterfield gives 'fortunate' performance in Norma & Wanda

Actor and playwright Jeff Daniels is known for writing certain roles for his veteran actors.

Jim Porterfield of Northville Township finally gets his nod in "Norma & Wanda," Daniel's quick-paced, comedic latest about two sisters in uniquely dysfunctional binds.

From the moment he takes stage as Norma Randolph's husband, a county bailiff named Mel, Porterfield breathes tension into the show's second act — albeit having only one arm.

"A bizarre, unfortunate Thanksgiving accident" is the cause, as Porterfield puts it. The agent was Mel's sister-in-law Wanda Dembrowski, who overdid the wine before carving the turkey.

"He's deliberate and maybe a little bit reserved," Porterfield said of his character. "Sometimes there's a little bit of insecurity underneath."

Played over 90 minutes, the action takes place in one day at the Randolphs' home around Christmas time.

Stuffed in a turquoise "Sophie Lorenz" dress, boisterous, world-weary Wanda is grappling with a date-dodging boyfriend and overzealous hit man who calls himself "Father Time."

Meanwhile, high-strung, mousy Norma is preparing for the Baby Jesus Memorial Brunch, making hundreds of peanut butter balls and buying pork fat for Mel's famed Christmas Sausage.

Not disappointing his fans, Daniels, provides plenty of blunt innuendo to this end. Ditto for the shape of Florida and a common term for "cat."

Underscoring the chaos is lingering tension over the year-earlier "incident" — especially when Mel and Wanda end up in the same living room.

Used to playing the "husband," Porterfield slips easily into his role as Mel, though the character's displaced outbursts at his wife belie Porterfield's subdued, real-life demeanor.

But by the play's end, through errors of his own, Mel comes to learn about forgiveness — while the two sisters realize the importance of families sticking together.

"It's a mix of comedy and drama, poignancy, even discomfort," Porterfield said. "It's just kind of a non-stop ride. This play will be completely sold out."

—Kim Kovelie  
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## POLICE REPORT

### Armed robber arraigned in Home Depot heist

An Allen Park man was arraigned Jan. 30 after allegedly trying to smuggle \$41.98 in pipe wrenches and other items from Home Depot in his pants.

Robert Reahard, 50, reportedly entered the township store at 11:28 a.m. Jan. 28. A loss prevention agent saw Reahard enter the plumbing department with an empty shopping cart.

There, police said, Reahard removed sensor tags from four rigid aluminum pipe wrenches and concealed them in his slacks. Reahard also hid two pipe cutters and two auto-cut pipe cutters, police said.

When he pushed the cart through exit doors without paying, the loss prevention officer attempted to stop him.

That's when Reahard pulled out one of the wrenches, police said, and began swinging. He connected with the agent's head after several tries, leaving a large bump.

Police said two other employees brought Reahard to the ground.

Arrested by Northville Township Police, Reahard was arraigned via video by officer David Roberts at the Plymouth Township Police Department. His date at 35th District Court is tomorrow, Feb. 11, at 8:30 a.m.

### Burglary search to turn regional

The investigation of a suspected four-man burglary ring will likely turn regional, Northville Township police said.

"There's several jurisdictions involved," Det. Bill Helke said. "We're making an effort to coordinate the investigations and... the charges."

Already arraigned in Farmington Hills and Novi, the men are suspected in two September township model home robberies.

A total \$32,000 in electronic televisions and entertainment systems was reported missing.

The ring allegedly invaded at least 40 homes in about six communities. The case could be wrapped up in months to as long as a year, Helke said.

### House fire doused quickly

No one was injured in a house fire that occurred Feb. 2 in the 43800 block of Six Mile Road between Northville and Sheldon roads.

Township fire and police responded to the blaze at about 11:34 p.m. Officials found evidence of fire in an second floor bedroom wall of the 73-year-old woman's residence.

Police determined the accidental cause was faulty wiring in an upstairs bedroom's lighting fixture.

### Alleged scam at Sunrise

A 91-year-old at Northville Township's Sunrise Senior Living unknowingly fell prey to a checking account scam, police said.

The woman's son, who tends to

his mom's finances, told police Jan. 29 that two unknown checks and four unauthorized withdrawals worth \$962.54 had been forged in his mother's name.

Police said they traced the checks, written for "housekeeping" and "home care nurse," to a 20-year-old Detroit woman working at the home.

Payments were made to purchase extra minutes for a cell phone, police said. The woman reportedly had lived at Sunrise for about a month. The son said he also suspected a third check.

### GPS device found

A handheld, global positioning system was found Feb. 3 at Winchester Elementary. The Garmin eTrex Legend model was found off Winchester Road north of Dundalk Lane. For more information, call the Northville Township Police Department at (248) 349-9400.

# Csordas, Kowall eye possible state senate run; move hinges on Cassis

By Pam Fleming  
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Novi Mayor Lou Csordas says he's a man of his word.

Soon he'll have to decide whether or not he's going to vie for a run at the State Senate.

He stated publicly that he was only going to serve one term as mayor, and he's sticking to that plan.

"When I ran, I did mention that it would be a one-term thing. I'm just living up to my word," he said Tuesday. "But, I really enjoy it, and I'm having a great time."

Csordas said though he'll only sit in the mayor's seat for another nine months, he'll actually have served the city for nine straight years.

"I was on the planning commission for three years, which is a very political board, then four years on city council and two years as mayor," he noted.

He says there is an opportunity for him to serve in the Senate - if State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) wins her bid for governor - or elsewhere.

"Depending on how things shape up in the race for governor and the Senate in our district, I would be very interested in taking a shot at that," Csordas said.

"I'm the mayor of the largest city in our Senate district at 53,000. If it (a state Senate bid) falls into place, that would be fine."

Mike Kowall, currently serving as White Lake Township supervisor, will also deposit \$50,000 into his Senate campaign account this week as he

Oakland County Sheriff Michael Bouchard is considering a U.S. Senate candidacy. Page 15A.

explores a potential state Senate campaign.

Cassis barely inched out former Rep. Kowall two years ago in the 15th Senate District Republican primary. Word has it that Kowall never closed his Senate campaign account, and he'll have a fairly hefty sum to start out with if he decides to run.

Kowall, who said he is glad to see Cassis in the governor's race, said his phone has been "ringing off the hook" with people urging him to get into the Senate race.

"Technically, the seat is not even open. I don't want Nancy to think I'm nipping at her heels. They're testing the waters, and she did have a good reception at the state convention," Kowall said Tuesday.

"I'm thinking about it," he said. "The fact that I only lost by 88 votes (in 2002) tells me there is a considerable amount of support for me."

So, Csordas may have some competition if he does decide to run for state Senator.

In the meantime, he's enjoying his time as mayor.

"It's been a real joy for me. I just love it," Csordas said.

"I've enjoyed working with this council. What I like is that we agree to disagree. I believe that under my leadership, it's been a very civil and productive council."

Csordas said the highlight of being mayor was when he was able to marry his son, Brian, and daughter-in-law, Jacque, in October 2004.

"That was just a beautiful thing," Csordas said.

Csordas has a full-time job as vice president of corporate communities for U.S. Health and Life Insurance Company in Sterling Heights, where he's worked for six years.

He said his hasn't spoken to anyone yet about being a candidate in the state Senate election, which will take place in November 2006.

"In the meantime, we'll continue to run the city in a professional and effective manner," Csordas said.

Csordas, who is a native of Detroit, graduated from Cody High School in Detroit and the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

His late father, Lou, was an immigrant from Budapest, Hungary, and worked in the coal mines in West Virginia before moving to Detroit. "He was a bus driver for Detroit Streets and Transportation, owned rental property and ran a gas station. He was a hard-working guy," Csordas said.

His mother, Julia, who is still living, spent her whole life working on the line for General Motors, according to Csordas.

Csordas and his wife, Cheryl, have lived in Novi for 28 years.

"As mayor, you're the city's No. 1 public relations guy. I've enjoyed that. And I will continue to enjoy running the city like a

"In the meantime, we'll continue to run the city in a professional and effective manner."

Lou Csordas  
Mayor, City of Novi

private entity/business," he said.

Besides the mayoral seat, two city council positions are up for grabs in 2006. Member Laura Lorenzo has already said she will not seek re-election; Kim Capello said last week he is undecided if he will run again.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Novi News. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or by e-mail at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

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# It's official: Cassis for governor

## Novi state senator announces her gubernatorial candidacy

By Cal Stone  
NOVI NEWS EDITOR

The day before the Republican Party kicked off its state convention in Grand Rapids, State Sen. Nancy Cassis announced her candidacy for governor.

Cassis (R-Novi) held a noon press conference last Thursday at the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, just a few blocks south of what she hopes will be her future office, the Capitol.

Cassis wasted little time attacking Gov. Jennifer Granholm, much to the delight of about three dozen friends, family and colleagues.

"At a time when Michigan needs a strong leader," said Cassis, "it

has a governor who seems either unable or unwilling to make the hard choices and tough decisions that must be made if we are going to keep the jobs we have, create new jobs and balance our state budget without raising taxes."

Cassis said she filed the necessary paperwork the day before and was beginning her campaign Thursday.

But the former Novi City Council member will face many challenges on the way to the August 2006 primary and ensuing November general election.

According to political pundit Bill Ballenger, among Cassis' challenges are: raising an incredible amount of money; her name is difficult to pronounce; she is not high-profile; and she is not well known outside of southern Oakland County.

"Although I am not well known around Michigan, Governor Granholm knows who I am," said Cassis.

"She called me a demagogue when I stood up for you and all the other Michigan taxpayers when she wanted to pass a tax shift, and shaft, that speeds up the time when we pay our county property taxes."

Cassis said the solution to Michigan's economic woes are not to raise taxes but to reduce spending.

She said reforming the tax structure goes hand-in-hand with the "business of doing the budget," and she plans on prioritizing how funds are spent by asking voters as she campaigns around the state.

"The budget will reflect what people say they want," said Cassis. "We're going to have to make some tough choices."

Voters will too. Other Republican candidates

include state Rep. Valde Garcia (Howell) and Jack Hoogendyk (Portage), who also formally announced his candidacy on Thursday.

Other potential candidates include: Republican Congressman Mike Rogers, Secretary of State Teri Lynn Land, Congresswoman Candace Miller, Domino's Pizza CEO David Brandon and Dick DeVos.

"I welcome different voices," said Cassis. "It sharpens our ability to debate and creates a machine to take on the Democrats in 2006."

Cassis, a former school psychologist and teacher, served six years in the House of Representatives, beginning in 1996, and was the first female chair of the House Tax Policy Committee.

**"At a time when Michigan needs a strong leader, it has a governor who seems either unable or unwilling to make the hard choices and tough decisions..."**

State Senator Nancy Cassis  
(R-NOVI)

She was elected to the Senate in November 2002 and represents citizens of the 15th District.

"My campaign will not diminish my Senate service," said Cassis, "but in fact it will invigorate my

efforts... I would not have made the decision to run for governor unless I thought I could win."

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by Donald M. Wayne, D.D.S., M.S.  
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## Happy Valentine's Day!

# A heartfelt decision

By Victoria Sadlocha  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Ashley Brazen was faced with a heartfelt decision.

At 19, should she have a potentially life-saving heart operation? Or keep ticking with her battered, beaten heart.

Shortly after birth, Ashley was diagnosed with a congenital heart defect called Hypoplastic Right Heart. Essentially, she was born without a right ventricle.

Since she was three days old, Ashley endured three heart surgeries, serious arrhythmias, beyond-imaginable trips to hospital emergency rooms and an almost callous like approach to life with a bad heart.

"It got to the point where I would be sitting on the curb waiting for an ambulance, knowing my heart rate was at about 220 beats per minute," she said. "And I was right. One time the paramedics told me my rate was 219."

By time her teen years came, treatment of her condition became lethal.

"I was taking so much medication, the next step up would be toxic," Ashley said.

Cardiologists and other specialists at Children's Hospital in

Detroit recommended open heart surgery.

"I was told it would save my life," Ashley said. "My doctor told me you have a greater chance of dying than if you did get it."

But she still wasn't sold.

At such a fresh age, decisions such as introducing multiple new scars to her young body, weighed heavily on her mind.

"I was like, 'I'm not doing it,'" Ashley said. "I just got all my scars fixed. I was like, 'I'm not going through that again.' It was major surgery, I was scared and I didn't want to do it."

Her decision was no.

### Thinking twice

Then came the flood of phone calls, letters and appeals from friends and family members.

It was an unanimous front. Those close to the beautiful, young girl wanted her to have the surgery.

Ashley changed her mind.

In preparation, she took a two-week trip to Houston to see her best friend where a new tattoo blazed her foot as a source of future support.

Without her parents knowing,

Ashley had PSALM 56:3 inked across her foot meaning. When I

am afraid, I will trust in the Lord.

The Northville High School graduate said she did it so when she was lying in the hospital bed, she could look at the inscription as a source of strength and faith.

It worked.

In September, Ashley barely survived open-heart surgery.

"For some reason I had a really bad feeling about this one," she said. "I just really felt like I was going to die. I remember falling asleep on the operating table crying."

The surgery lasted eight more hours than expected, sending her parents into a tailspin of panic.

"She was on by-pass for eight hours which is extremely long," said Ashley's father, Ed Brazen. "We were flipping out."

A seizure left her unconscious for nearly four days and a temporary inability to read and comprehend left her frightened.

But in the end of the wrenching experience, her repaired heart won the battle.

A pacemaker for monitoring purposes only and yes, plenty of new scars, has given Ashley a new lease on life.

"I am glad," she said. "I do have a lot of scars now, but I'm glad I don't have to worry about it."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Before she underwent open heart surgery in 2004, Northville resident Ashley Brazen had "Psalm 56:3" tattooed on her left foot so that she could view it when she was bed-ridden and recuperating. The reference is to scripture that says "When I am afraid I will trust in the Lord."

Now daily activities, the norm for many young women, like furthering her education and holding a job at the mall are a reality.

Ashley has a new beat.

"It is really a chance for her to begin again," said Ashley's mother, Cindi Brazen. "Without all of the worries and concerns in the back of her head."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Ashley Brazen endured multiple operations, medications and doctors to deal with a Hypoplastic Right Heart condition that left her heart beating uncontrollably fast.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville resident Harold Siofiff has written a book of inspiring love poems and thoughts called "I Need You to Know."

## Hearty words

By Kim Kovel  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Storytelling shaped Harold Siofiff's childhood in a family cottage on Harsens Island, off Lake St. Clair.

"We often sat out there in the evenings on the front porch in these old metal lawnchairs," Siofiff said. "My aunt was the storyteller. She was expressive. The words captured your interest."

The Northville Township resident now is doing the same with "I Need You to Know," his first self-published collection.

Under pseudonym H. Thomas Saylor, Siofiff offers poems of love and devotion.

His work follows recent retirement from 30 years in corporate communications. Siofiff often committed thoughts to notebook paper and computer disks.

"They all have some special meaning," he said. "Many were written for personal reasons... over a span of 10-15 years. I start-

### "I Need You To Know"

"I Need You To Know," a collection of love poems by H. Thomas Saylor, is available in Northville at Changing Seasons, Country Fare, Tuscan Cafe, UPS Store and Your Michigan Connection. Find it online at [www.ama-zon.com](http://www.ama-zon.com) and [www.HThomasSaylor.com](http://www.HThomasSaylor.com).

ed to wonder whether they'd have some value."

After his father died at a young age, Siofiff said early influence came from his mom and two sisters.

Football at Detroit's Lutheran Western High School was also key. A coach read poems at rain-out practices.

And he met wife Gail, a precision machiner. He wrote notes to her, and later their children, in carls.

"He's really very considerate and kind," Gail said. "He's always had a knack for putting things on paper."

Through Three Dot, L.L.C., Siofiff aims to keep writing and consulting. But his first work remains most personal.

"It was more a labor of love," Siofiff said.

## Valentine's Day not so rosy for everyone

By Maureen Johnston  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Some say Feb. 15 can't arrive soon enough.

Store shelves saturated with Valentine's Day pink hearts, red candy and plump cherubs can grate the nerves of those left without someone special with whom to share it.

Even those blessed with a soul mate openly wonder if Valentine's Day is simply a greeting card manufacturer's machination, a florist's feast or the candy industry's excuse to crank it up.

Does it matter? The year's laziest, most syrupy and sentimental day, is upon us. So what's a wayward heart left to do?

Deal with it. Just in time: New York-based Simon & Schuster released Bennett Madison's, "I Hate Valentine's Day." Even the red cover is a sardonic twist on the holiday's trademark candy conversation hearts.

"It's only one day," Madison advises. "Tomorrow it's just dead flowers, empty calories, and a wicked champagne hangover."

Valentine's Day can be as traumatic for people in relationships as well as singles, the author said. The date each year comes wrapped in rituals and tied up in expectations.

"While the single folks are sitting alone in their studio apartments, weeping into a champagne flute for one, the couples of the world are busy bickering over where to go to dinner," Madison writes. "There are presents to think about, and cards, and flowers."

"There are girlfriends (and boyfriends) who treat the day like dry runs for the dream weddings that they have been planning since they were in sixth grade."

Madison's good news is the day does not have to mean annual theft of self-esteem. His first chapter takes readers back to their fond memories of Valentine's Day in elementary school: the cards, the parties, the little construction paper valentine holders.

Then he invites readers to ask themselves how to make it fun again.

"Hallmark and your stupid boyfriend aside - the misery is not coming from an outside source."

Madison advises. "You are inventing it."

"It's all in your head."

Subsequent chapters take readers through their potential for the approaching 24 hours:

- Rethinking Valentine's Day
- Emergency Dating
- The Platonic Cure
- Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Buying a Valentine's Gift but Were Too Broke to Bother Inquiring About
- Hell Night
- Wallowing When All Else Fails
- Troubleshotting, or, When the Doily Hits the Fan
- Epilogue: The Day After.

In the 120-page paperback, readers will find humorous tips like: Ten Gift-Giving Don'ts, People to Avoid No Matter How Desperate You Get, the Top Five DVDs to Sob to on Valentine's Day.

"When it's all said and done, you might find yourself with a case of post-holiday blues," the author said. In that case, he has another list of suggestions:

"Go on a candy shopping spree. It's all 50 percent off!"

### Seven tips

1. Be your own valentine. Make an appointment to have a massage or pedicure or meet a friend at a gourmet restaurant. Buy yourself a new CD or book.
2. Make a commitment to love yourself and to treat yourself with care and respect. See friends.
3. Commit to being OK no matter what.
4. Accept uncertainty, flex faith muscles, build resiliency.
5. Practice having fun, even when you're feeling miserable. Don't wait to plan fun activities.
6. Expand your support circle. Stay in touch with your current friends and be open to new friendships.
7. Do whatever empowers you and makes you feel strong and energetic.

Source: [www.KeepYourMarriage.com](http://www.KeepYourMarriage.com)

## Speaking of roses...

By Tom Filipczak  
SPECIAL WRITER

Poet Geoffrey Chaucer said Valentines Day was for the birds. Maybe not negatively.

But Chaucer did once proclaim the day — formally honoring the feast of St. Valentine, a martyr from the first half of the first century — as a day when birds found their mates.

Poetic perhaps. But nowadays, not nearly enough to steal a loved one's heart.

For many, cooing a kindred spirit next Monday will come with a hefty price tag. Most will express their Valentine's Day devotion by sending roses.

What's it going to run you? Likely \$13-\$90, according to local florists.

"Normally, our boxed dozen costs \$42.50," said Dewey Gardner, owner of Four Seasons Flowers of Northville. "But for

Valentine's Day our wholesaler triples the cost."

Often the root of the price-hike starts right at the field.

"(The price spike) starts at the grower," said Trish Haggerty of Flowers and More of Novi. Even with the price hike florists can't keep enough in stock.

Gardner agreed. "We can't even have enough (of what we need)."

Some florists avoid raising their prices by dealing directly with the grower.

So what about those \$13 flowers?

Sam's Club offers two dozen roses for \$12.73. But some florists consider those roses sub-par.

"Discount places get the junk," said Gardner.

Still, when money is no object, online rose bouquets can be purchased at [www.justpaperroses.com](http://www.justpaperroses.com). Their rose bouquets are made of \$20

### Northville Roses

• Donna and Larry's Flowers: 1063 Novi Road, (248) 349-2380  
Cost per dozen\*: \$40 for sweethearts; \$50 for shortstems; \$55 for medium-stems; \$60 longstems. Services: \$5-\$10 for vases; \$5 for box; \$9 for Northville delivery

• Four Seasons Flowers: 149 East Main Street, (248) 349-0671  
Cost per dozen\*: \$55 for sweethearts; \$75 for longstems  
Services: \$90 total covers a vase arrangement; \$2.50-\$7.50 for Northville delivery

• Sparrs of Northville: 156 North Center Street, (248) 347-0088  
Cost per dozen: \$47.50 wrapped and \$65 vase for longstems; \$25 wrapped and \$42.50 vase for sweethearts

Services: \$8.95 for Northville delivery

• Costco in Livonia: 20000 Haggerty Road, (248) 464-6399

Cost per dozen: \$13.99 for longstems

\*Prices subject to increases on Valentine's Day

\*\*Prices reflect Valentine's Day increases

bills — or any monetary denomination.

A dozen roses made of \$10 bills includes 12 stems (\$49.95), plus the cost of the roses themselves. Final cost: \$175.95.

And if that still fails to match your unlimited devotion — or your willingness to express it — you can always opt for \$100 roses instead.

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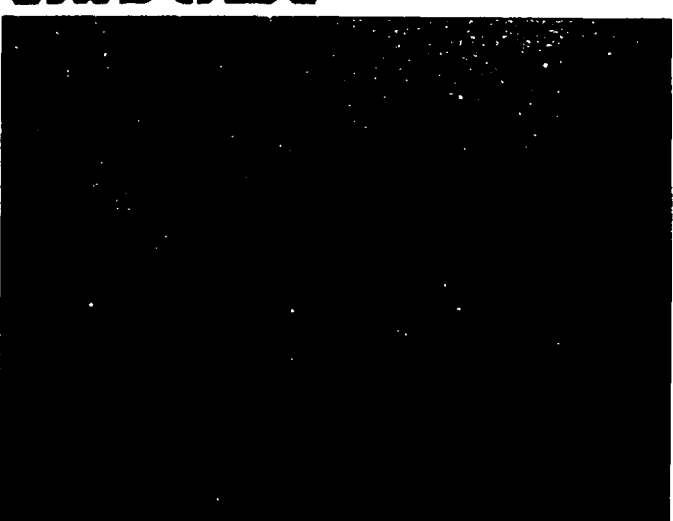
Northville Record Staff Writer Kim Kovel contributed to this report.

Photos by Victoria Sadlocha

BELOW-LEFT: Silver Springs Elementary School kindergartner, Emma Dietrich takes a break from dancing with her father, Jeff. It didn't take too long though before Emma was twirling her party dress at the school's first Daddy and Daughter dance. The PTA sponsored event took on a Valentine's Day theme with pink balloons and heart shaped cookies.

BELOW: Jill Jonas served as mom and dad to her daughter, Jamie at the Feb. 7 Daddy Daughter Dance at Silver Springs Elementary School. The school cafeteria was decorated in pink and white in celebration of Valentine's Day. The second grader enjoyed dancing with her mom and all her classmates.

RIGHT: Silver Springs Elementary School parent, Jeff Bush dances with his daughter, Isobel. The second grader and her father enjoyed their time at the first Daddy Daughter dance organized by the Silver Springs PTA.





## Meads Mill students lend a hand

Fund-raising events highlight middle school students' efforts

By Victoria Sadlocha  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

From turkey trots to tsunami spoils Meads Mill Middle School students are banding together for a good cause.

Seventh graders at Meads Mill are sponsoring a fund raiser to help with tsunami relief efforts.

Donations will be generated from a written quiz taken by the students.

The quiz will be based on topics discussed in all school grade levels along with independent learning topics based on tsunamis.

The middle school students already have their pledge sheets and are ready to collect donations.

Money raised will be sent to



"There are so many wonderful students at Meads Mill. We have so many volunteers and so many students doing great things."

Laura Bickie, president  
Meads Mill Middle School PTSA

the Red Cross or UNICEF. Meads Mill PTSA president, Laura Bickie said the tsunami collection effort follows the Meads Mill Turkey Trot.

Bickie said the students raised about \$1,200 for the American Heart Association in the last-year effort.

Recently, the seventh-graders donated nearly \$300 to the orphans of Africa through OMNI International, an orphan medical network.

The money will provide free schooling for 130 orphans and street children and was raised through morning bake sales.

"There are so many wonderful students at Meads Mill,"

Bickie. "We have so many volunteers and so many students doing great things."

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## FORD: McDonald closes

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with the franchise," Thacker said. She said information about the manufacturer's plans for number of dealerships is confidential.

Former McDonald general manager Dave Rekuc said he doubts a Ford store will re-open on the same spot.

"I think there will be a franchise somewhere within Northville," he said. "Perhaps along the M-15 corridor."

The downtown location was so confined with the (Hines) park on two sides. We needed space."

Rekuc, familiar to many through his Rotary Club and Northville Chamber of Commerce memberships, said the dealership had a loyal customer base. About 85 percent of the Northville deals were "A" and "X" plan, he said, meaning purchased by Ford employees, their friends and family.

"In the 20 years I was there, we were in the second and third generations of selling families their vehicles," Rekuc said. Three years ago, McDonald's leases topped 2,400, he said.

Thacker declined to comment on Bleckmann's reasons for his decision or the destination of reclaimed inventory.

"That's privileged information and we wouldn't discuss it," she said. Thacker said Bleckmann, who worked in the dealership since 1996, owned the franchise for four years.

Rekuc, now new vehicle sales manager at Bloomfield Ford, left two weeks prior to the dealership close after nearly 20 years at McDonald. He worked at the Seven Mile Road store during the years Bleckmann was seeking to acquire it.

"He was there on a buyout," he explained. "He was earning stock from the company."

### In the aftermath

Several factors contributed to the dealership's demise, the former general manager said. Rekuc cited technology expenses such as a \$20,000 diagnostic system McDonald purchased a decade ago that was obsolete eight years

later.

"We tried to run it as best we could," Rekuc said. "With inflation, the price of technology, the price of oil and a number of additional expenses that were incurred made the expenses tough to handle."

"Our costs kept rising and we couldn't raise the prices and stay competitive."

Mike Schrieber, sales manager at Bill Brown Ford, said the Livonia dealership already is targeting advertisements to past McDonald customers. His franchise owner was one of several who looked into purchasing the Northville store, he said.

"None of us saw a way of making it go," he said. "It has nothing to do with the residents of Northville."

"All the dealers within this area — within 10 minutes — people will be able to go to a dealer in any direction they travel."

"Unfortunately, this had to happen."

Four of McDonald's top sales people and the sales manager relocated to the Livonia store, Schrieber said.

"One of the four stayed until the bitter end," he said. "Their hands were tied."

"At times, they weren't allowed to deliver cars. They had customers who wanted to buy cars."

Employees scattered during final months of the dealership's operation. Rekuc said McDonald's all-time high employment count was about 120, when the dealership also encompassed car-rental operations. At the start of the year, the count was about 80.

"I think at the end there were probably 30, 40 left," Rekuc said.

"We had a good team," he said.

"The majority of them already have found other employment." Bloomfield Ford hired three of his former employees, two technicians and a prep manager.

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## Local Ford influence began a century ago

By Maureen Johnston  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Tractors, a cottage industry, friends and family ties — the Ford Motor Company founder's connections long predate the steady traffic of vehicles purchased in Northville.

A 1963 Northville Record special section honoring Henry Ford on the centennial of his birth says he came first to Northville in the late 1880s to visit his friend, Marvin Bogart, whose cousin was the father of Henry's wife, Clara Bryant.

A frequent visitor to the Bogart home-stand, Ford in 1919 acquired property at Phoenix Lake and immediately ordered construction of a new dam, reports former Record editor Jack Hoffman in his book, "Northville... the first 100 years."

The Phoenix plant at Five Mile and Northville roads was one of Ford's first cottage industries, said local historian Juliet

Culp. Ford's idea was to establish a series of factories along the Rouge River, utilizing the existing water power and ready-made work force, said Hoffman, farmers in their off-season.

"He saw these factories as small industrial enclaves, each supplying vital parts for his vast automotive empire."

Today, the city's east side teems with Henry Ford references. The community regularly enjoys leisure-time activities at Ford Field Park, accessible from Griswold Road.

The adjacent 12 acres are home to the Mill Race Historic Village on property Ford Motor Company donated to the city in 1972 to "hold historical buildings."

Long-time residents still refer to the Water Wheel complex at the corner of Main and Griswold streets as the Ford Valve Plant.

Henry Ford in 1919 purchased the Dubuque Manufacturing Company, with its trademark water wheel. The automaker refitted the facility for valve manufacturing. Ford over-

saw the dredging of the Mill Pond to get power to water wheel, then put in the dam, Culp said.

Construction of the building still standing today began in 1935 behind the Dubuque building, which was torn down in 1937, according to Mill Race archives.

The Northville plant, the last of Ford's village industries, ceased production in 1981, according to local historian Barbara Louie.

It was 1954 when Marr Taylor Ford Sales opened in town at 117 W. Main St.

The franchise later transferred to John Mach. Joe McDonald purchased the dealership, now at Seven Mile and Northville roads, in 1983. Ron Bleckmann worked alongside McDonald prior to his death a year ago.

Local lore further connects the Ford family to formation of a women's social club, the razed opera house at the corner of Center and Dunlap streets and the principles of "participatory history."

## Patrons, employees respond to closing

By Maureen Johnston  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Reaction of McDonald Ford Sales employees and past customers ranged from shock to dismay to resignation to sadness.

McDonald general manager Dave Rekuc, who started there in 1985, was hired as new vehicle sales manager at newly opened Bloomfield Ford.

"... I felt like somebody cut my right arm off," Rekuc said. "We were like a family there. It's like the breaking up of a family. It's devastating."

Top salesman for his 16 years at McDonald, Gaylord Thomas said he was the first to leave by choice in August last year. Other dealerships started calling with offers he had to consider, he said.

"I didn't know anything was going on. I was so busy selling cars," Thomas said. "With hindsight now that they closed, I guess I made the right decision. It's very hard to leave."

Helen Elwell for 13 years was

a receptionist at the rental/body shop and large truck service facility near the corner of Six Mile and Northville roads. She said she was laid off without notice in April last year "because there was not enough work to do."

"It's been going downhill since (Joe) McDonald left," Elwell said. "You could see changes going on, not for the better."

"(McDonald) would be turning over in his grave if he knew."

Now a Budget Rental truck maintenance employee, Elwell said it took her awhile to find another job. "A lot of people were leaving on their own," she said. "I was shocked when I got it."

Ford Explorer owner Jim Gallogly said he will now travel to Bill Brown Ford in Livonia for service.

"It was nice to have a Ford dealer close to you, since it is Ford country."

He and his wife Lorna ordered a 2006 black convertible Mustang as soon as they could; then they followed the paperwork when

their salesman, John DesOrmeau, transferred to Bill Brown.

"He was really loyal to the company," Gallogly said. "When he finally came to the realization what was going on, he left."

Sales manager at Bill Brown Ford Mike Schrieber said, "It's sad that a business that has been part of a historic city like Northville couldn't make a go of it."

"Businesses don't close up if they're doing well," he said. "They've been struggling for quite a while. It's just unfortunate."

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### CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING WAYNE COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT FY2004 & PROGRAM INCOME REALLOCATION

Notice is hereby given that the City of Northville City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. The purpose of the public hearing is to obtain public input on the proposed reallocation of Wayne County Community Development Block Grant FY2004 and Program Income Funds.

FY2004 proposed uses include:	
Senior Center Renovation	\$52,000
Senior Center Staffing	\$ 4,000
Senior Transportation	\$ 4,000
Program Administration	\$ 6,000
Total Reallocation	\$66,000
Program Income proposed uses include:	
Senior Center Renovation	\$10,973
City Hall ramp replacement	\$ 9,000
Allen Terrace Common Area wall covering replacement	\$34,233
Total Reallocation	\$54,206

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENT TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES Article 23 Tree and Woodland Replacement

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, February 22, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Civic Center, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. The Planning Commission will consider amendments to Article 23, Tree and Woodland Replacement.

The public is invited to attend this hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. A complete copy of the proposed changes are available at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday.

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Allen Terrace - Common Area	
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Program Administration	\$ 5,000
Total Estimated Allocation	\$56,000

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### CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE 2004 WINTER TAX DUE BY FEBRUARY 14, 2005.

The 2004 Winter taxes are payable, without penalty, to the Northville Township Treasurer at 44405 Six Mile Road, by February 14, 2005.

Beginning February 15, 2005 a 3% penalty will be added to the bill until February 28, 2005. Payments must be in our office by 4:30 P.M. on the due date to avoid penalty.

Beginning March 1, 2005 the real property tax bills are required to be paid, and mailed to: Raymond J. Wojtowicz, Wayne County Treasurer, The International Building, 400 Monroe-5th Floor, Detroit MI 48226 with additional penalty and interest. The personal property taxes can be paid to the Northville Township Treasurer.

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On behalf of Northville Public Schools, Skanska USA Building Inc. will receive sealed proposals for the above project at the Skanska USA Building Inc. main office, 21600 American Drive, Suite 200, Southfield, MI 48034 - Attention: Chris Beckst, until the stipulated bid opening date and time. Bids received after the stipulated date and time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Bids will be opened at a public meeting to be convened at 3:00 pm on Thursday, February 17, 2005 at Northville Public Schools, Administration Office - 501 West Main Street Northville MI 48167. Bids must be clearly marked with the project name and bid category.

All interested bidders may obtain copies of the drawings and specifications from Westside & Detroit Reprographics, 37660 Hills Tech Dr. Farmington Hills, MI 48331, upon request and upon providing a bid deposit of \$50.00. Westside & Detroit Reprographics will return all bid deposits to contractor(s) after bid date and when bid documents are returned to Westside & Detroit Reprographics in good condition.

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# Northville's Emerging Markets

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## Back to basics

As Main and Center street commercial tenants continue to turn over and the decade-long residential development booms around them, many business owners have struggled to tap into their community's affluence.

Merchants who track purchasers' zip codes cite single-digit local percentages.

"Shop in Northville First" was the slogan Ware and the late Jack Hoffman, then-editor of the Northville Record, developed around 1960.

Retailers in town then sought local trade by collectively planning promotional events, such as an all-night sell-a-thon announced at Northville Downs and an Easter egg roll. They also exchanged mayors with other comparable-size Michigan cities to see firsthand what ideas did and didn't work elsewhere, Ware said.

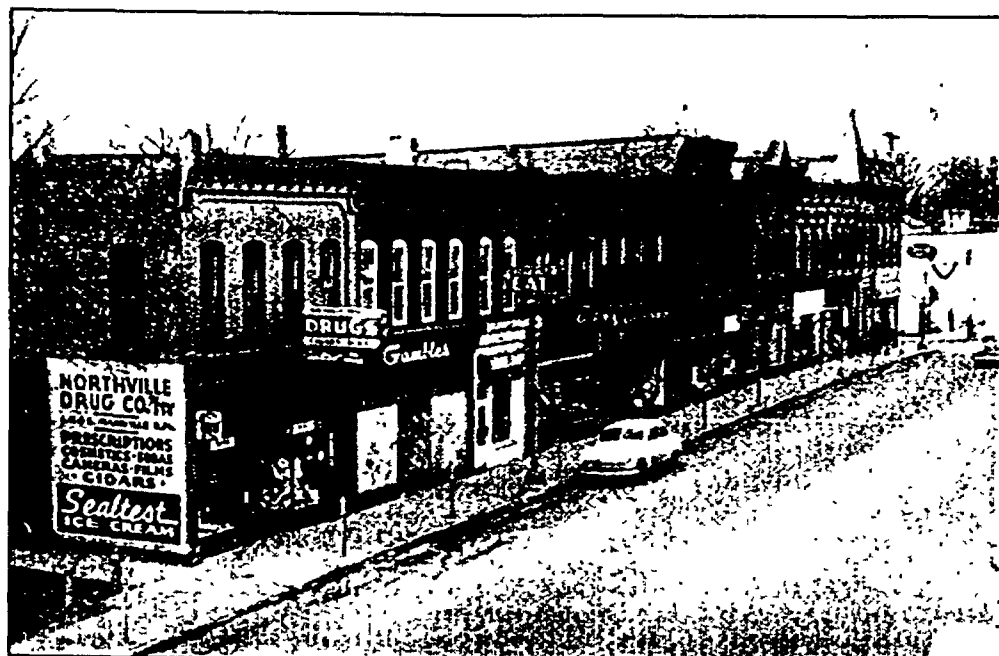
When the malls came, Ware said they stressed the walk from car to mall entrance likely exceeded any downtown jaunt.

Today's retailers have a role in better reaching today's shopper, Ware said, by extending hours or better communicating their products and services available.

"It's like going on a diet — you do it for two weeks, then you go back to your old ways," she said.

The small-business owner also has the unique challenge of deciding whether to invest in additional staffing and afford the rising rents.

"What comes first, the chicken or the egg," she said. "They're asking themselves, 'are people going to shop on Sundays?'"



In 1959, Main Street Northville had many of the shops modern day shoppers say they covet most.

## The wants, the needs

Ware said after five decades of watching Northville's commercial district evolve, the lesson is clear: Northville should simply be itself and not try to be something else.

Northville's strength is its unique product appeal and independent merchant. To try to compete with the big guys is to ask to fail, she said.

"I'm not saying we should be able to buy everything in town," Ware said. "I'm saying we should not worry about getting a 'name company.'"

"It should be more individual stores that offer what they can to

the customer and not worry about what they guy next door is doing."

Northville cannot return to the days of supplying everything for everyone, said Ware.

And people have grown accustomed to the proximity of Twelve Oaks, Laurel Park and other national outlets nearby, she said.

"You're not going to compete with the big places — no way," Ware said. "I think it should stay a small town. Look what's happened in Birmingham."

"We've got to be careful who we let into town."

Hours of operation, tenant-mix and effective communication

about what's available are talk-worm topics at recent meetings of merchants, residents, downtown development authority board members and building owners. A special steering committee this week was continuing efforts to consolidate into a "Let's Talk Downtown" report consensus opinion.

The committee will host a public meeting to present its findings at 7 p.m., March 10 at a yet-to-be-determined location.

## Town taking stock amid emerging competition

Two forces have increased the urgency of identifying potentially viable enterprises residents would like to see downtown.

A 50 percent increase in existing retail space — another 85,000 square feet — already is in the works.

At the same time, two combined residential/commercial developments — faux downtowns called "lifestyle centers" are likely on their way to the Northville area.

A November Gibbs Planning Group downtown retail study shows residents shop stores located on the periphery of downtown — the pharmacy, grocery store, coffee shops, hair salons and carry-out food. Meanwhile, recreational tourist shoppers frequent Northville's trademark gift shops, home furnishing stores and specialty boutiques.

The \$38,500 report also cites an emerging Northville market — goods and services, such as art supplies, bicycles, jewelry, photography, men's and women's apparel and shoes. These goods and services are the type of store focus groups the study polled would like to see more of in downtown.

"Unfortunately, many of these core stores will be the most threatened if the Twelve Oaks Mall expands with new department stores or if an upscale lifestyle center opens within Northville's market area," the Gibbs report says. The items many residents have said they can't find in town — children's toys and apparel, mid-range clothing and hardware, for example — are typically found in department stores or shopping malls.

## Market forces, personal choices determine retail composition

By Maureen Johnston  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Gone are the Northville Drugs fountain counter, Black's Hardware 12-foot stacked aisles, the D&C dime store and Fredyl's men's fashions.

A variety of factors continually have forced turnover of Northville's downtown business streetscape: change in consumer demands, retirement, rent rates and even ordinance requirements as city leaders sought to establish an attractive commercial identity.

Arrivals have always followed departures to create the latest environment ranging from resale shops to upscale apparel, restaurant variety to specialty boutiques, from digital imaging to tailoring services, from art galleries to shoe repair.

With 85,000 square feet of retail on its way to Main Street in the next few months, stakeholders are attempting to gauge market demand. Study by a special steering committee, following up the Gibbs

Planning Group's November retail market report, is intended to assist in that task.

"I'd say we've built up some pretty nice and unique stores over the past 10 years in apparel and shoes," said Greg Presley, special steering committee member and local architect. "I'd say we don't have enough foot traffic in the downtown. For these businesses to survive, we need more people."

### Niches to fill

Commercial studies show high-end and low-end markets everywhere are thriving, Presley said. Like elsewhere, Northville is missing mid-range apparel items, he said.

"Mid-range is a niche that needs to be filled," he said. "How to do it, I don't know."

Beneath the individual store personalities, the business changeover represents evolution of the street-level space, a positive trend for retail traffic, Presley said. He cited the evolution of Center Street office

## Where do you buy the things you need?

Downtown Northville Stores	The Village of Rochester Hills Lifestyle Center
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SOURCE: Northville Chamber of Commerce

## Around Town



Ice carvers will be on display in downtown Northville this weekend.

PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

## Northville on Ice

Ice sculptor Ben Romaine and his crew will hit Northville streets this weekend to carve frozen blocks into thematic artworks.

Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 12 and 13, downtown shoppers can watch the carvers work in the Old Church Square at Dunlap and Center streets and in the Main Street gazebo.

Merchant participants include: Jo Jewels, Main Street Family Chiropractic Center, Long Plumbing and Bath Design Gallery, Northville Candle and Gifts, Tutto, Rebecca's, Awakening ... the Artist Inside, Open and Closed, Stampdler, Memories by Stampdler, Studio 427, Northville Center for Music and Art, Orin Jewelers, Tuscan Cafe, Great Harvest Bread Co. and Steve Fecht Photography.

### To be continued

Detroit Water and Sewerage Department officials will talk again with City of Northville representatives on the planned hike in local water rates.

The next meeting is set for March 10, said public works director Jim Gallogly. An increase would take effect July 1.

A 29.5 percent increase in Northville's water rates currently is on the table, a hike city officials said is too much. After protest at a meeting last month, the water system representatives reduced the 43 percent rate increase they had planned for Northville.

The 29.5 percent hike would translate into an average of \$70-75 more per year per City of

Northville household, Gallogly said. Northville is dependent on Detroit for its water supply.

### Bubble and Squeak

The Northville Senior Community Center will host a St. Patrick's Day luncheon of corned beef and cabbage.

The \$12 event is 11:30 a.m., Thursday, March 17, at the 303 W. Main St. facility. Musician/comedian Jim Lauri will entertain the luncheon guests. In addition to the traditional Irish fare, the afternoon will include beverages, dessert and prizes.

### 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.

• Potholes in city streets will be patched as quickly as possible after being reported to the Northville Department of Public Works. To report a street hazard, call (248) 449-9930.

### The duel is on

Local seniors are looking forward to hosting their counterparts from neighboring communities for a first-ever spelling duel March 10 at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

space to retail storefront in locations such as Traditions and American Spoon.

"(Offices) are just sort of a black hole," he said. "It's good to have a continuous retail presence when you can go from storefront to storefront."

As community leaders grapple with establishing a direction for the future of downtown's identity, some say stand back and let market forces take their course.

"(D&C) had a price point they wouldn't go beyond," Presley said. "A store like that served a purpose back then — sewing thread, a quick gift item for a kid, maybe even underwear — to get something quickly."

### Continual evolution

During public presentations Feb. 1 and 3, the steering committee said they solicited input to gain community guidance for future planning and potentially drive zoning and planning, regulations and marketing.

Official tweaks might come into play with additions park space or regulations on building height. But, in the end, long-time observers have said, businesses that stay in business will do so on their own merits.

Their challenge: cover the overhead, merchandise precisely and market accurately. "It was always different reasons (past businesses left)," Presley said. "Some people were ready to retire or they weren't updating their product lines."

"I'd say we've had many more successes over the past 10 years than failures."

Presley said the town has evolved from its early origins as central shopping point and supplier of all. Historically, goods and services people needed on a daily basis were concentrated within a couple of blocks.

"You could buy anything you wanted in Northville," agreed former merchant Mary Ware. "Starting in the 1960s, we could see them drifting out of town already."

"This is not something new."

Senior Adult Services Coordinator Sue Koivula, organizer of the event, said centers in Novi, Highland, Milford, South Lyon and Wixom seniors agreed to compete against the hometown team.

"People can come and watch it," she said. "It's just for the fun of it."

Just like school spelling bees, contestants will stand for their turn to show their spelling prowess. Koivula said the competition rules — to be fine-tuned with the other center coordinators — likely will call for three-mistake elimination.

### One class left

A limited number of passes are available for pet owners hoping to visit the Northville Dog Park.

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department will issue the passes after at least one member of the pass-holder family attends a 45-minute information session to review requirements and park procedures.

Passes, valid through 2005, cost \$35 for one dog and \$10 per additional dog, with a three dog maximum. There also is a \$20 refundable key deposit.

The final sessions for the park training is 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 15, in Northville City Hall Meeting Room A.

### Join the fun

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.

Dorise Boggs will host a membership tea 10 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 15. For more information, call (248) 924-2164. Members and residents interested in the group gather for coffee and socializing at 10 a.m., the third Tuesday of each month, at the Tuscan Cafe, 150 N. Center St.

This month's women's event is 10 a.m., Feb. 16, at the Novi Ethan Allen furniture store, 42845 Twelve Mile Road.

Aggie Dorchy, a Detroit designer, will talk about decorating trends for the new year, including popular colors, patterns, furniture styles, accessories and window treatments. Box lunches from the Tuscan Cafe will be delivered. Call (248) 924-2164 for reservations.

### Cards for calling

Center Stage Dance Company is continuing efforts to cheer U.S. military personnel overseas recovering from injuries. They have sent 41 care packages so far.

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 mobile 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.

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## REZMIERSKI: Northville schools superintendent responds to 'hate club' concerns

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things about it and that is what we are doing," said Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of Northville Schools.

The topic emerged when former Meads Mill Middle School parents, Craig and GERALYN Catallo spoke at a Jan. 25 Northville school board meeting.

The couple spoke of death threats and teenage hate clubs.

### Smells like teen spirit

For school officials, monitoring volatile teen emotion is part of their job descriptions.

"It is a normal course of development and what we have to do, knowing that, is what steps to put in place to ameliorate it to allow kids to talk about it," Rezmierski said.

He analogizes emotional teen management to a whiffle ball — there needs to be many outlets for constant expression.

Rezmierski said he wants children talking about the issues around them whether it is with school authority figures when appropriate, parents or counselors.

"Our job is the sensitivity of knowing that and dealing with it," Rezmierski said.

**"As much as I believe we are doing this (teen issue awareness) as well as possible, can we improve, can we improve, absolutely."**

Leonard Rezmierski  
Superintendent, Northville Public Schools

### District disciplines

"We handle every case one at a time," said Leonard Rezmierski, superintendent of Northville Schools. "We don't have patented policy language that says you do this, it is automatically a one day suspension, you do this, it is automatically a two day suspension. We don't and we never should."

Each case has to be handled one on one, he said. And within the district's time and space.

"If we were to simply state that anytime you do anything anywhere in the immediate environment, if not the immediate world, we will suspend you, that is far beyond our authority

by any stretch of the imagination," Rezmierski said. "Yet we are involved when it becomes an issue that permeates from home or an event back to our school and there is an obvious connection."

"Because something happened at your house on Saturday doesn't necessarily mean on Monday we suspend you," he said.

### How to deal

Resources for teens and adults:

- [www.ndk.org](http://www.ndk.org)
- [www.skillsman.org](http://www.skillsman.org)
- [www.teenvellowpages.org](http://www.teenvellowpages.org)

### How to deal

Rezmierski said teenagers, while at school, are monitored closely while programs and training simultaneously occur.

Last year, Rosalind Wiseman visited the district lecturing on the complexities of life as a teenage girl.

She spoke of issues from her book, "Queen Bees and Wannabes: Helping Your Daughter Survive Cliques, Gossip, Boyfriends and Other Realities of Adolescence."

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

Bringing Wiseman to the district for the evening lecture was one way Rezmierski said the district deals with the issue.

He said the district also implements two school parental involvement groups, peer mediation, new student sensitivity outreach, amended school improvement goals and professional development.

Training for professional staff is not mandatory and driven by administration.

The district recently performed an extensive homeland security audit and continuously monitors school safety issues around the country.

"We are very aggressive in all of these arenas," Rezmierski said. "Every day is a new challenge in this whole environment."

### Long and winding road

Ultimately, dealing with cliques, gossip and other teenage issues is a balancing act, Rezmierski said.

"As much as I believe we are doing this (teen issue awareness) as well as possible, can we improve, absolutely," Rezmierski said. "Do we do this in difference

to anything else? Well it is like everything else. Which one do we handle?"

"Do we handle bullying or do we do the in-service on homeland security? What should come first? Do we handle the issue on bullying, homeland security or all the changes to the MEAP and NCLB testing? Do we handle all that or should we do all the glitches in the state and national benchmarks to our curriculum?"

"Obviously, it is a job of monitoring and adjusting as we go."

Rezmierski said teen emotions, followed by actions is life and management is fostered by the trust and responsibility given by parents to provide a safe and healthy environment where learning can thrive.

"The best gift we can give to you mom and dad is they (students) make their mistakes before they graduate," he said.

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## LAWSUIT: civil rights suit dismissed

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Caucasian-American students because of his race.

Following an internal investigation and timely filing of a formal response to the complaint, Northville Schools assistant superintendent for instructional services and Title VI compliance officer Casey Reason said Northville schools did not find anything to support the allegations.

"It is a non-issue and we said that from the get-go," Rezmierski said.

## High school incident resolved

### Parents pleased with proactive action; wary of parental non-involvement

By David Aguilar  
RECORD EDITOR

The parents of one Northville High School student were pleased with the way administrators halted harassment against their daughter earlier this year.

"I was actually surprised they acted so quickly and so formally," said the mother of the female high school student.

Because she does not want her daughter to re-live the ordeal, the Northville Record has agreed not to reveal the mother or daughter's name.

The mother of four daughters said she and her husband listened intently earlier this school year when they were told about how name-calling against their daughter escalated quickly into an incident outside of school.

Soon threats were made against the girl at school, the mother said.

That's when she and her husband drew the line, she said, and contacted Northville High School assistant principal Bob Watson. Immediately, school officials convened a meeting.

Attending that meeting, she said, were the students involved, her husband, school officials and a Northville Township police officer.

She said the meeting's message was clear and decisive to those accused of making the threats.

"They told them this was their one and only warning," the mother of four daughters said. "And if there

was another incident, they would have to find another place to go to school."

No further incidents have been reported between the girls since the meeting she said, a reality bolstering her belief that parental intervention was the right course.

She said initially her daughter expressed concern about involving her parents, worrying it may lead to retribution or escalated harassment.

"I don't think that should stop parents from getting involved if there is a safety concern," she said. "I don't care. As parents, you have to get involved."

"I'm certainly concerned. I want to make sure my daughter is protected and safe at school. We felt there was a potential for this to get out of control."

She said parental responsibility sometimes outweighs a child's desire to keep things quiet.

"Parents have to know they have to step in at some point, even if their children don't want them to," she said. "Parents have to get involved."

She said administrators should take seriously all harassment allegations and root them out early.

"I think all administrators have to take these incidents very seriously," she said. "Tolerating this kind of behavior is wrong."

"We were very pleased with the way this was handled."

She said parents of bullies should be aware of their children's actions and not simply excuse them as hormonal rites of passage. "Take seriously what they are doing," she said. "If they are causing pain to another child, parents need to get involved and stop it."

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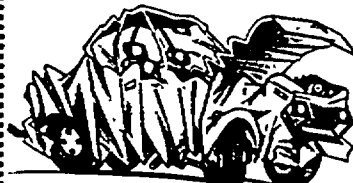
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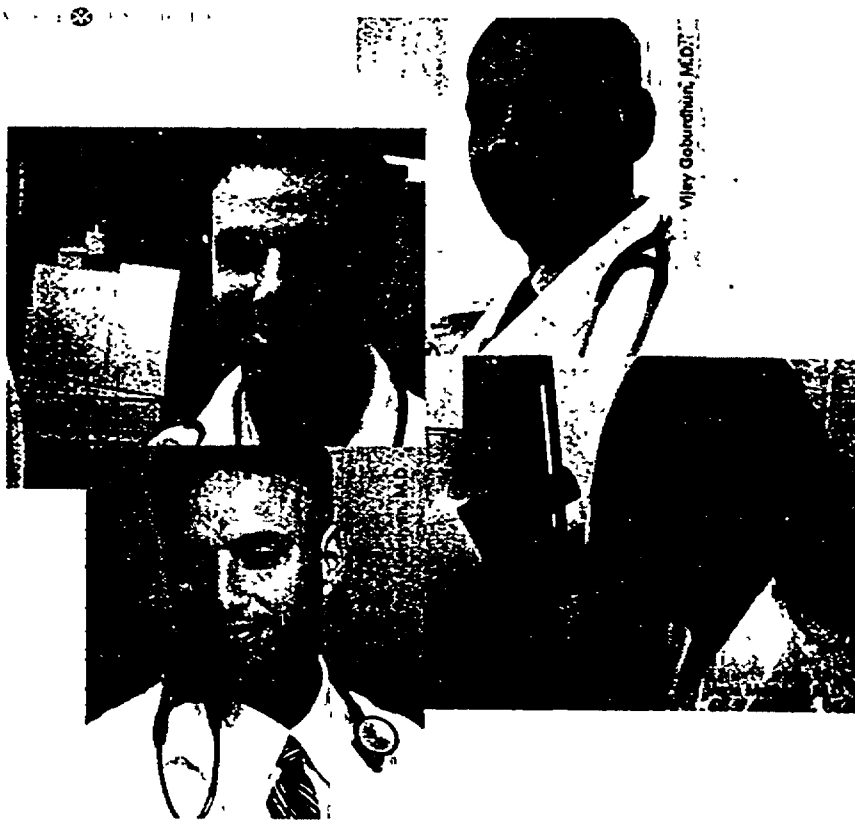
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## Local Events

### 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](http://www.IAFF3961.org).

### BWA Gallery showcases local artists

Northville Township's BWA Gallery will showcase and sell the work of four local artists from now until March. Charlie Aimone and Barbara Ekl Murphy are from Northville Township. A former instructor at Detroit's Center for Creative Studies, Aimone'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 from 1-9 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26. From 7-10 p.m. an artists' reception will take place. The BWA Gallery is located at 43133 Seven Mile Road in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center. For more information, call (248) 449-6833.

### 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 Cochran 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.

### Awakening...The Artist Inside First Anniversary

Awakening...The Artist Inside is celebrating its first anniversary as a fine art supply and education class retailer. There will be a contest to win an Elmwood Marin Easel. The 18-or-older winner will be drawn at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 26. Other events will be: ice sculpture and valentine-making, 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 12; Saturday, Feb. 19 and Sunday, Feb. 20, a display of young artists' work; and from 2-4 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 26, a "painting on clayboard" demonstration. Awakening...The Artist Inside is located at 111 N. Center St. For more information, call (248) 347-0807.

### Johnson Creek Protection Group Volunteer Rally

The Fifth 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 Monday, Feb. 21 at the Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road at the corner of Six and Sheldon roads.

For more information, call (734) 761-1010 or e-mail Michelle West at [mwest@alnm.com](mailto:mwest@alnm.com)

### Michael Farrell Lecture Series

This lecture is titled *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.



Northville Historical Society Archives

The former Exchange Hotel (1880), located on the corner of Main and Hutton streets, was originally a cheese factory.

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. The 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. Future trainings will be from 6:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursdays, 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

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Campbell at (248) 344-1618 or e-mail the office at youthassistance@twpnorthville.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 through March 3 at the Recreation Center at Hillside Middle School, located at 700 W. Baseline Road. Call the Parks and Recreation office for more information, (248) 349-0203.

### Local Artist Exhibition

There will be an art exhibition of a local Novi artist, Darcel Deneau, through 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.

### 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 from 7-8:45 p.m.

for eight Mondays, 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. For information or questions, contact Kathryn Novak at (248) 348-3263.

### Community Wide Healing

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.

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The American Legion Hall is sponsoring Yoga Classes: 7-8:30 p.m., Mondays; or 9-10:11 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 trianglesix@msn.com.

### Divorce Recovery Workshop

A Divorce Recovery Workshop will run Thursdays, through Feb. 24 at the Forum Room of First Presbyterian Church, 200 East 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 Attractions

Come see "Michigan Hold 'Em" at this Northville interactive dinner theater, Fridays and Saturdays through June. The cost is \$45. Call (248) 349-0522 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.

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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. The cost is \$20 per couple and \$10 per additional person.

### Library Lines

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 pro-

grams, services or to request or renew library materials, call (248) 349-3020.

### "The Book Cellar"

Friends of the Northville District Library invite members and the public to visit "The Book Cellar," the used book store located in the library, from 1-4 p.m. every Sunday and from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. The library is located at 212 West Cady St. For more information, call (248) 349-3020.

### Magic Show

All ages will enjoy a fun, entertaining magic show by Jason Hudy, comedian magician. This will be at 4:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 15 at the Northville Library, 212 W. Cady St. Each child attending the magic show will receive a fun balloon animal. Pick up your free ticket at the information desk five minutes prior to the program. Tickets not available in advance.

### 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.

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• Best place for desserts _____	• Best house painter _____	• Best resale shop _____
• Best Italian restaurant _____	• Best landscaping company _____	• Best sporting goods _____
• Best place for seafood _____	• Best health/fitness company _____	• Best antique store _____
• Best oriental restaurant _____	• Best waitress/waiter (include restaurant) _____	• Best hardware/home improvement store _____
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• Best place for steak _____	• Best accountant _____	
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# Bouchard will make run for U.S. Senate

## Oakland County Sheriff, Republican challenger would face Stabenow

By Alex Lundberg  
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Michael Bouchard tested the waters before deciding to take on Sen. Debbie Stabenow in the mid-term elections, which are still two years off, and found them to be agreeable.

The response from family members and others he asked was "very positive," he said.

Bouchard, 48, currently serves as Oakland County Sheriff and has been an elected official since his first term on the Beverly Hills village council in 1986. He served in the State House and State Senate until 1999 when he was appointed Oakland County Sheriff. He was elected to the post in 2000 and has been re-elected twice since then.

Now he's looking at the U.S. Senate and filed to run against Sen. Stabenow this week.

He said if people were going to talk about the

most pressing issues of the day they'd be talking about his strengths. The pressing issue of the day, he said, is security.

"It's about job security, job creation," Bouchard said. "I was a small business owner and I know where government can help: By getting out of the way."

He said he's done considerable work to promote family security by pushing for the creation of a sex offender registry and the launching of an Internet crime unit. When seen in total, combining his career as a law enforcement officer as well as his experience as a member of the state senate, he said people will see the choice is simple.

"When you look at my experience and the changes I've made, people will conclude that I get results," Bouchard said.

If elected, he said he'd try to end some of the "blind partisanship" he said is plaguing Washington, D.C., today. He said Michigan's incumbent Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow are a part of that problem, preventing votes on several judgements. He said the nominees should be voted on, either way, just as long as they get a vote.

"The delay is holding up the system and justice delayed is justice denied," he said. "People are

tired of that."

Bouchard also said he'd make the budget a priority if he's sent to Washington. He said he'd examine government activities closely. If it's necessary, he said he'd work to make it as efficient as possible. If it isn't, he said it should be stopped.

"There's a lot of money in government that can be more effectively utilized in people's pockets," he said.

Bill Ballenger, publisher of the Lansing-based Inside Michigan Politics, said Bouchard is a viable candidate, but there is more than one race on the horizon before anyone trades body blows with Sen. Stabenow.

"First we need to see how he fares in the Republican primary and who he's going to face in that race," he said. "Then will the national Republican party see Stabenow as vulnerable? Will they send money? Will (President) George W. Bush campaign for him?"

He said comparing their resumes isn't going to tell you who voters are going to smile on in 2006. That Bouchard was both a legislator and sheriff or that Sen. Stabenow has been a lifelong legislator isn't going to matter all that much in the voting booth.

"People don't make decisions that way,"

**"It's about job security, job creation. I was a small business owner and I know where government can help: By getting out of the way."**

Michael Bouchard  
Oakland County Sheriff

Ballenger said. "They look at name identification and personality."

Of course, it takes more than talent and a good resume to sit in the Senate. He said making a serious run against Sen. Stabenow is going to require several million dollars and the job of raising that has already started.

"There will be huge amounts of fund-raising," Bouchard said. "You've got to raise money to be competitive and get your message out."

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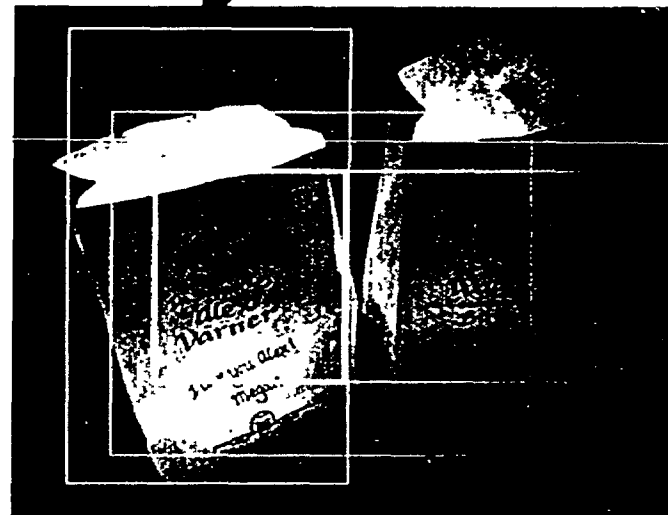
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## 'Let's talk Northville'

Kudos to Northville residents, business owners and public officials who last week attended one or both of the public forums related to the future of downtown Northville.

Organized by the 12-member steering committee charged with gathering input and recommending to city officials options for growing downtown Northville, the forums served a valuable role. Residents and business owners exchanged ideas about their vision while

steering committee members and policy makers listened.

Officials pledged continued cooperation between the city, township and school district. Steering committee members did a solid organizational job.

What's downtown Northville's future? Where next? No one knows quite yet. But if the forums held last week are any indication, it's a future layered in local involvement. Well done, Northville.

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At McDonald Ford last Friday, movers lifted and carried away merchandise from the Northville auto dealership.

## Kilpatrick, Detroit face tough problems

As stories about Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's evident shenanigans (putting it mildly) have flooded the media, I've started musing about Coleman A. Young, Detroit's first black mayor.

Like Kilpatrick, Young was a former state legislator, first elected to the State Senate in 1964 and then chosen Democratic floor leader in 1966. He was bright and capable; people in Lansing affectionately called him "Coalie" and thought of him as the smartest black politician of his day.

After the 1967 Detroit riot shook Michigan to its core, it became perfectly clear that the city would become a majority African-American town — and that civil peace would depend on the election of a black mayor. Young ran in 1973, narrowly defeating John Nichols, then Detroit's police chief, charging "blackjack rule" by the mostly white police department.

For a time, the elite of Michigan — the business community, the media, opinion makers of all stripes — welcomed Young as the savior of our largest city. But his blunt language began to poison the well of general public approval. Early on, he invited criminals in Detroit to "hit Eight Mile Road," a remark interpreted by suburbanites as an invitation to invade their communities. Worse, as time went on, Young built and maintained a power base in Detroit by using essentially racist rhetoric to appeal to an essentially segregated black constituency.

By the time Young decided to call it a day in 1993, most serious people were happy to see him leave office.

Even at this early juncture in Kilpatrick's career, the parallels between him and Young are striking. Except that the city of Detroit is far, far worse off today than it was a decade ago. And Kilpatrick, at 34 and prone to youthful impulsivity, is hardly the seasoned pro that the 55-year-old Young was when he took office.

Here's a quick look at some of the most awesome problems:

• The city faces a nearly \$400 million budget shortfall that will require hundreds of city employees to be laid off and draconian reductions in already skimpy city services.



Phil Power

percent statewide.

• Yet the city's payroll is, well, bloated. According to a recent story in The New York Times, Detroit still has 18,000 employees (the same as a decade ago!) and 1.4 administrative employees for every 1,000 residents, far higher than the 1.0 median for other big cities.

• The Detroit school system sent last week a deficit reduction plan to Lansing, which calls for hundreds of layoffs and the closure of more than 100 schools. The district figures enrollment will crater to 100,000 by 2008, half of what it was in 1999, the result of desperate families fleeing to suburban districts or to charter schools.

All in all, the situation facing Detroit constitutes the worst potential for crisis for Michigan since 1967. "To the extent bad politics continues to swamp good economics, I see no turnaround imminent," according to David Littmann, just-retired chief economist at Comerica, who recently told The New York Times, "It does gravitate to a graveyard spiral."

Incurable deficits at the city of Detroit and the Detroit schools could reach a combined \$500 million or more; nobody knows for sure. But both organizations are required by law to balance their budgets. And their situation could trigger a state law forcing the appointment of financial receivers to run the city and the schools, which would be, in effect, an involuntary state takeover of Detroit and its school system.

• The city has lost more than a million residents in the past half-century, and experts predict another drop of 50,000 in the next five years. More than 15,000 businesses have left the city since 1972, and the unemployment rate is 14 percent, compared with 7.4

Gov. Jennifer Granholm, who needs unions and minority votes to turn out big time if she is to win re-election, won't welcome the prospect. Yet Mayor Kilpatrick's months-long struggle with the Detroit City Council over refinancing the city's debt suggests local politics are still in full denial and hardly clear-eyed about financial matters or tough-minded management.

Perhaps it's time to begin the politically very sensitive yet very badly-needed discussion of just what, really, we are going to do about Detroit.

Up to now, most opinion can be summarized by the late U.S. Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan's memorable phrase, "benign neglect," which was originally used to characterize government policy toward the breakdown of black families. But neglect, whether benign or malign, doesn't seem to be working. And the thought of a financial storm provoking another crisis of racial hostility is something nobody wants to entertain.

Maybe it's time to revisit the issue of just how Detroit fits with the rest of the state, either as an imploding black hole propagated by benign neglect or — shocking idea! — as part of a broader region.

An article on Cleveland in a recent issue of The New Yorker magazine put the point well: "Increasingly, Cleveland was becoming the shrinking center in a crazy quilt of suburbs and edge cities, connected by freeways and spread over eight counties. Each one competed for people, jobs and commerce, while contributing nothing to the city's eroded tax base."

The article goes on to quote the Mayor of Cleveland, Jane Campbell: "We need a new mentality if we're going to turn things around. We've been thinking of Cleveland as a special problem where we need to be thinking of it as part of a regional problem."

This is hardly a popular idea. But I wonder if there are any better alternatives.

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

## Remembering a black history pioneer

This is the story of one of black history's amazing unknown pioneers, a slave boy who, against all odds, rose to become the foremost black classical scholar, a major voice in the debate over the future of black America and, finally, president of Wilberforce University.

And it is the story of a young white woman, born long after he died, who found his fascinating autobiography tucked away and forgotten, and who has just given William Sanders Scarborough's incredible life back to the nation after it was somehow tragically lost for decades.

"He was an American hero of the mind," Michele Valerie Ronnick said. "His story remains living proof that if you work hard, aim high, and dream big dreams, you can overcome tremendous obstacles."

Thanks to her own hard work, Wayne State University Press has just published his book, "The Autobiography of William Sanders Scarborough: An American Journey From Slavery to Scholarship" (425 pages; \$29.95.) Her achievement, like that of her subject, has been hailed as nothing short of brilliant by Henry Louis Gates, the famous scholar and critic.

Though they are separated by race, gender, and more than a century, the black pioneer and the young scholar have something in common. No one would have expected either to become experts in ancient tongues.

Growing up in Florida in the 1970s, Michele Ronnick took Latin as a senior in high school mainly because her brother liked the teacher. It started her on a lifelong passion for the classics.

Nobody would ever have expected Scarborough to become a scholar — let alone a leading expert on Greek and Latin. When he was growing up, it was illegal to teach blacks to read or write. U.S. Sen. John C. Calhoun, the famous fire-eating defender of slavery, once said that if he "could find a Negro who knew the Greek syntax, he would then believe the



Jack Lessenberry

Negro was a human being." Scarborough, who surreptitiously was taught to read, ended up not just knowing that ancient language fluently — he became the author of a Greek college textbook widely used in the late 19th century.

He rose to become an amazing example who fought hardship all his life; never took no for an answer, and who wasn't content to be a trailblazer in merely academic circles. He dabbled in Ohio politics and fought Booker T. Washington's idea that African-Americans should be content to learn industrial arts and not worry about cultivating the life of the mind.

And William Scarborough was witness to some of the greatest moments of his time. He was a 12-year-old boy in Atlanta when the city was sacked by William Tecumseh Sherman (when blacks were allowed to do some looting, he tellingly went after, he says, "pencils, envelopes and paper.")

He saw Jefferson Davis dragged away as a prisoner of war; met Richard Wright and Frederick Douglass; knew Warren G. Harding, and attended Booker T. Washington's funeral. He fell in love with a white divorcee when that was social suicide; they married in 1881, and lived happily ever after for 45 years.

gotten.

Meanwhile, Michele Ronnick had gone on to become an expert on Roman literature, and ended up as part of the tiny classics department at this sprawling urban school. Eight years ago, doing research, she came across a reference to one William Scarborough. It said he was African-American, a former slave, and was the author of a textbook of ancient Greek.

What amazed her was that she had never heard of him. Her interest was piqued. Then, after a lot of digging, she discovered a treasure trove: a copy of his autobiography, forgotten, in the Ohio Historical Society archives. For some reason, it had never been published. As she began to read, she was hooked.

Wayne State University Press has just published the manuscript. It reveals a black man who was a straight-laced Victorian; who was always proper, but whose remarkable life puts most of us to shame. "I have never been ashamed of my birth conditions," he says succinctly. "I have left that to the slaveholders."

Shortly before he died nearly a century ago, Professor William Sanders Scarborough finished his memoir, writing, "I look ahead into years to come, when the melting pot — America — will have melted away racial lines, hates and prejudices ... a thing this country owes to its honor."

We can only guess what he would have thought today. But I think it might be something like what I heard a minister say once during a service in the African Methodist Episcopal Church to which the old professor belonged.

"Lord, we're not what we should be. We're not what we could be and we're not what we are going to be. But at least we're not what we were."

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## 'Hate club' prompts local debate

### Teach our children well

My husband and I moved here just over a year ago while I was pregnant. We researched various local cities and towns. Northville fit our wants and needs, and seemed to meet our desire to raise our child in a family oriented town. How distressed we were to learn of a "hate club" being formed at the local middle school. (Thank you for headlining the story in your paper.) We were just as distressed to read the principal had "shrugged off" the incident with the comment that this is common around the country. Lord help us all, if this is common in Northville. The school system must take appropriate action and formally condemn this behavior publicly, and pointedly to the students. Teach them that this is wrong. Parents and neighbors, you too. We must all teach the children about tolerance, and being sensitive to the needs of others.

Jennifer Moldwin Gustafson  
Northville

### Un-common solution needed

Our family also experienced an incident of harassment with our child at Northville High School. It also involved an incident which occurred outside of the school. We contacted the administration at NHS, they took immediate action with zero tolerance. It never happened again. Superintendent Rezmierski, it is the responsibility of all adults in our society, especially those who work with our children, to protect them. And not because they are bound legally, but because it is right. Shame on all of you who failed to protect this child. This behavior, sadly, is common among middle school girls. Perhaps we in Northville could choose to do better, rather than to be common.

Name withheld upon request  
Northville

### 'Hate club' overblown

Throw away the hanging rope. Put out the torches. Call off the lynch mob.

Four 13-year-old girls, with poor judgment and impulse control, harassed a fellow student ("Hate Club" Draws Meads Review). Their tauntings and sound bite stunt hurt and frightened her and I am genuinely sorry for that. But must we play up the incendiary language of "Hate Club?" Must we label the girls as bullies and mean as we search for patterns at Meads Mill of other frightening behavior? Must this become the scary scandal of the week?

These are misguided children, flexing their social muscle and causing — probably to their surprise — much pain. But they are not the enemy. Youth is meant to be a time of making mistakes, learning, making amends. I have yet to meet a perfect teenager — or adult. Ever sat in a business meeting or a court trial? Adults bully too.

And can we not over-react with wicked finger pointing at Meads Mill. Must our schools be perfect now, too? Can we simply learn from this and work to limit future occurrences (you'll never stop all of it). Consider the enormous difficulties of running a high-growth middle school of 800-plus children, teaching them, testing them, maintaining a high academic reputation, keeping them safe and making sure every child is nice to each other. I can barely keep my own four children nice to each other on a daily basis, can I realistically expect a school to do that for me?

In the past year, I have taught more than 50 workshops in the metro area to students and parents, some on the topic of bullies, cliques and friendships. I stress positive communication, understanding and empathy in helping these sometimes foolish children see the consequences of their words and actions. Don't label them. Teach them. No one is born a bully or a thief or a liar. We learn this — from friends,

## District officials answer Meads Mill 'hate club' concerns

Recently, the Northville Record did an extensive story regarding an unfortunate incident involving students making inappropriate use of technology during the weekend from their home computers. This particular incident involved students sending inappropriate e-mails to one another from their home residences. Hopefully, this recent development will allow us as a community to continue to establish our awareness of the evolving issues for students and families as it relates to advancements in technology.

Over a year ago, Northville Public Schools discontinued its practice of assigning each student a personal e-mail address. Furthermore, we have maintained strict prohibitions against the use of cell phones and other types of electronic communication devices. We've established these prac-

tices in an attempt to protect students while they are at school from these types of incidents.

To that end, we hope that families in Northville will join us in being aware of this concern by monitoring student usage of home computers, and specifically the Internet.

Parents may also want to consider having a family conversation about appropriate use of e-mail messages, instant messaging, and other types of electronic communication. These valuable tools offer a great opportunity for families to connect and communicate. However, pursuant to the recent developments, they can also be harmful as well.

Casey Reason, Ph.D.  
Assistant Superintendent Instructional Services

relatives, books, TV, life. If we can learn it, we can unlearn it.

Cheryl Deep, M.A.  
Northville

### Get back to basics

I am the parent of two children who went to Meads Mill. I feel that the administration at the school was not supportive enough of the students. If trouble occurred, it seemed their policy was to blame the students and their parents, who had to look for answers on their own. By turning the situation against the victims, the school removed itself from responsibility to solve the problems.

Meads Mill's latest episode in the news was typical of their reactive attitude to trouble. Sadly, the school refused to get involved in any positive communication with the girls and their parents. The administration's weak attempt to remove the situation had exactly the opposite effect. By removing the victim's locker, the officials only separated the students further, thus reinforcing and encouraging the idea that the victim was really at fault. This allowed the situation to escalate out of control.

The constant torment the victim went through was made even more difficult when the family asked the school for help. Officials basically ignored their pleas, including the school superintendent, Leonard Rezmierski, whose remarks were unbelievably callous. Obviously, parents know these types of "hate clubs" exist; all of us remember Columbine. In view of this tragic reality, our schools urgently need to implement a proactive policy to prevent further crisis.

Apparently, a higher education doesn't guarantee success in dealing with people, as the school administration repeatedly demonstrates to our community. Let us all applaud our D.A.R.E. officer, Larry Demeter, for showing the common sense to get the parents and girls together to work things out, which the school officials should have done in the first place. Perhaps Officer Demeter should be teaching the entire staff at Meads Mill some simple communication basics. Respect, kindness and common sense desperately need to come back to the Meads Mill curriculum, so our children can get the supportive education they deserve from our highly acclaimed Northville schools.

Pamela Holland  
Northville

### Meads is a solid school

My name is Sheri Sine and I am a parent at Meads Mill. I was very upset to see the article in the Northville Record regarding the situation of the "hate club" problem. I am upset due to the fact that I have been involved with the Meads Mill staff for four years now and could not be more pleased and satisfied with my experience.

We moved our family to Northville specifically for the excellent school system and it was the best decision we ever made. We were at Silver Springs Elementary before moving on to

Meads Mill Middle School and I wouldn't trade those years for anything.

Four years ago I approached Robert Sornson, Executive Director/Special Services for Northville schools and all the Northville school principals from elementary to middle to high school with a proposal regarding a school violence hotline. The hotline was to deal with gun safety, bullying, etc.

The first principals to not only respond to the proposal and support it 100 percent were Dr. Ken Pawlowski (previous Silver Springs Elementary principal) and Dr. Sue Meyer (Meads Mill principal). They were very supportive and instrumental in helping to accomplish my goal of including information about the school violence hotline into the school handbooks and also distributing posters throughout the school hallways, etc.

Over the years, if as a parent I had any concerns (and there were very few), these same two principals handled the situation immediately and efficiently. I always felt comfortable sending my children to school and I know my children felt and still feel the same way.

I despise bullying more than anything but unfortunately it is always an issue year after year. I think in the past this problem was "swept under the carpet" but fortunately the mindset is different now and is dealt with accordingly. I know there are many books available in the school parent library on this issue and the schools have also incorporated assemblies on this matter — these are all steps in the right direction.

We as parents need to support our principals, assistant principals and teachers because they work very hard for our children's education and safety.

Sheri Sine  
Northville

### PTSA supports Meads

As PTSA Executive Board members and parents of Meads Mill Middle School students, we would like to express our sorrow concerning the recent article regarding the alleged "Hate Club." Collectively, there are 17 years of experience between the four PTSA officers interacting with the staff and administration. There are approximately 800 students in the building and 422 PTSA members. Two hundred dedicated parent volunteers visit our school on a monthly basis. As a PTSA board, we will bring any issues that our members feel need addressing to the attention of school officials.

Unfortunately, there will always be difficult situations that occur off campus. It is important to remember that it is the right and responsibility of the parents involved to handle these situations without the outside interference of school officials in these private matters.

To the best of our knowledge, it is our belief that when behavioral issues arise on campus, appropriate disciplinary action is taken. The administration has their finger on the pulse of the student population and is aware if and when such issues arise. As a result, the safety and well being of our students is not compromised. We feel confident in expressing such support for the administration and school district as a whole.

The number of "incidents" reported is not in any way an accurate indicator of events that occur at Meads Mill. There are many positive things taking place at our school which unfortunately go unnoticed. It is our sincere hope that in the future the Northville Record will practice responsible journalism by reporting both sides of the story and the good with the bad not only at Meads Mill, but throughout the district.

Meads Mill PTSA  
Executive Board

### District officials should do more

I am writing in response to the latest incident at Meads Middle School involving the "Hate Club." I definitely believe that district officials are not doing enough. Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski's decision, to do nothing because he cannot punish a student for what they do at home is nothing more than weasel words to avoid facing up to a difficult task for which he should have responsibility. Exactly where does he think this Hate Club was born? Does he truly believe that there was no planning or conniving on the part of the young perpetrators while on school property? That these young girls treated the Catallo's daughter with respect at school, then only outside of school set about to destroy her self-esteem?

Officer Demeter should be commended for his part in explaining to both the children involved and their parents that this behavior is wrong. I do have to wonder about the judgment of the parents who did not know how reprehensible it is for anyone to take pleasure in another one's pain. I can only imagine the long-term effects on the Catallo's daughter, and hope that the members of this Hate Club can somehow make it up to her.

A suitable punishment for the members of this Club would be for each of them to offer up a public apology at an all-school assembly, including a short speech as to why this behavior is inappropriate and unacceptable. That would send a stronger message to the student body than a presentation by any adult expert in adolescent behavior. Let them hear from their peers on behaving with character.

The Northville School District obviously sets high standards for academics, resulting in top scores on standardized tests. Similar standards for character, values, or behavior are not evident. We've had the hazing incident, the racial discrimination incident, and now the hate club and threatening phone call, and insufficient action was taken in all. If the administration doesn't set a higher standard and show signs of enforcing it, not only will the reputation of our fine community be sullied, but it will begin to cost us all in lawsuits.

When parents feel they cannot get justice from the administration, they will take their case to court, where they will be listened to.

Valerie Bolhouse  
Northville

### Record is wrong

A girl is bullied. It's wrong. It's disturbing. But shame also on the Record's superficial reporting and self-righteous tongue lashing of two favorite political scapegoats — schools and parents.

The Record leaves us guessing what the Meads Mill administration knew, what abuse took place at the school, what remedies were offered, what the parents and child sought from the school and what response was expected. Did Meads Mill administration do all they should have? There is not enough information here to judge. I do know that the solution for bullying does not rest solely with the schools. Bullying occurs in secret and under the radar. It's why we are all so frustrated and worried.

I challenge every member of this community to look inward. It's no mystery why bullying increases during middle school years. We preach well to our young children. By middle school, however, children see the disconnect between our words and actions. We all worry about bullying. But do we ever consider that our own children might be bullies? Are we ourselves bullies — whether in business, personal relationships or on the road in our SUVs? Do we stick our necks out when we see injustice or do we stand by silently? Do we send the message that it is important to be in "the right group?" Do we tell our sons that their manhood depends upon being athletic and competitive? Have our daughters learned that physical appearance, clothing and social status is more important than character? Do we tacitly encourage them to feel good about themselves by putting someone else down or excluding them?

We should be terrified that our daughters find their reason for being in hating someone. We should be appalled that it's "common." The Nazis and Ku Klux Klan were created for the identical reason. Each of us needs to commit to belief in tolerance and respect for all people. Not just lip service. We can't teach what we don't believe or live. As St. Francis of Assisi said, "Preach often, and only when necessary, use words." Bullying is a terrible symptom of a much larger problem. We can work together to make Northville a shining example of real community, but change must start with each of us. Or we can put down the newspaper, cluck our tongues and kick the proverbial dog.

Anne Randall  
Northville

### NHS traffic safety concerns

I am writing in response to "The Northville School District fostering a safe environment."

The most ironic fact about the "safety" issue is the lack of a traffic light(s) on Six Mile Rd. in front of the high school. After the horrific accident in October 2002 in which a young girl nearly lost her life, I can't believe they passed a \$35 million dollar bond that didn't include the 100,000-plus for the three lights the county recommended for the "safety" of our young student population.

Where are our priorities? They are obviously not on "safety."

Six Mile Rd. is traffic havoc every day before and after school. I drive over 700 miles a week and the most dangerous part of my drive is that road when I leave my home.

The speed limit is not enforced, and the seriousness of that young girl's injury was directly related to the speed at which she was struck. The basic law of physics explains that.

I believe the administration and board needs to listen to the concern of parents and students about this issue. I don't believe the administration can be responsible for events off school grounds. If the administration truly fosters "Safety in the School Environment" then I expect three traffic lights installed ASAP.

Carol Grimmer  
Northville

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## When it comes to hate, we all share the blame

Predictably, there's been a lot of finger-pointing the past week. It's your fault. No, it's your fault. In the end, it's everyone's fault.

Who really believes the "hate club" formed at Meads Mill Middle School was an isolated incident, wholly absent any formal school connection?

Maybe those who believe the parents of each child involved do not now play a significant role when it comes to solving the problem. Who knows the root cause for the "hate club" formed by at least four 13-year-old female classmates using the name of one of their peers? Maybe petty playground jealousies. The police report said two girls shared affection for the same boy.

When you're 13, is there a reason for anything? They formed the club, police said, harassed the girl, then sent an Internet download from the movie "Phonebooth" as a personalized death threat.

Later they told police it was just a joke. School officials said because the incident didn't occur at school, they are not bound policy-wise to take much more than a concerned spectator role. A few intimate there is "more to the story," without providing details.

No one was physically hurt, some quickly contend. Yes, the girl was pulled from the school in December. But she will go on. She'll be fine.

Get over it. After all, the girls are friends now. And besides, that's simply how 13-year-old girls sometimes behave, like it or not. They act out, band together against other girls and lash out in unpredictable ways.

Death threats? C'mon, it wasn't a real death threat. That's not news. That's just life. Deal with it.

### No, you deal with it

These aren't my kids making death threats, or my neighbors excusing them for it. They're yours. This isn't my school district saying it has no role here, other than as a concerned advisor. It's yours.

If you're comfortable with the answers you're getting from parents and public officials, fine. No harm done. Move happily along.

But if you expect more from your community than adolescent death threats and excuse-making adults, then demand more.

Push for a public roundtable discussion. Demand district officials invest more time, money and effort for staff training and conflict resolution.

And be better parents. Collectively, none of these will solve the "bullying issue" faced by students across the country. No one solution will make everything right.

The work ahead is thankless and non-ceasing. Often, the results go unnoticed, unappreciated.

Tough. District officials say many incidents are successfully handled internally, away from the spotlight, without need for local police intervention and media glare.

They say 13-year-old girls acting out is not uncommon. What's most common, they say, is successful conflict resolution within school.

That may be. Sadly, what's also common are parents who never quite get the message, who pass their children along each day to teachers and administrators with the unrealistic expectation they will shape them into solid citizens.

In the end, these are your kids; this is your community.

Deal with that. District officials are perhaps unfairly caught between a policy world and an idealistic world where intercession is venue-based. Through the looking glass is opportunity. Talk to your kids. Counsel them. Push for public discussion. All of us can help.

Just bear in mind, this is adult work, done best by those who point less, and do more.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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**'Lady' message is misleading**

It really concerns and angers me when I hear (Our Lady of Victory clergy) misleading the parishioners about the "neighbors" at Sunday mass. During Sunday's 12:30 p.m. mass, congregation members were told neighbors were trying to take the church's permit away for the school.

This is an incorrect and misleading statement. If there is going to be a school built, the neighbors have repeatedly stated that the school needs to be more conducive to the size of the surrounding environment, not a huge overpowering building in their backyard. Compromise — it's that simple. That didn't seem to be a problem in 1952. Why do some individuals, especially of the religious order, try to create more animosity and friction in a small community unnecessarily? I suggest the messengers to

the parish start getting the message straight.

Annamarie Cusmano  
Northville

**Good job, Heider!**

I'll bet few people ever stop to compliment John Heider and the Northville Record on the excellent photos. Heider's photography is outstanding, especially noticeable in his sports shots recently. As a former professional photographer, I can appreciate his work.

Bob Moreillon  
Northville

**Well done, Record!**

As long-time Northville residents, my wife and I have read with keen interest stories written recently in the Northville Record. Many stories have evoked emotion and

given us reason to pause and wonder about the disparate going-ons in our community. Some stories have riled us up ("Meads Mill Hate Club") and others have simply informed us with much-appreciated reporting depth ("Bigfoot," "Broken Dreams," "Northville's Changing Lifestyle"). Still others have inspired ("Dream a little"). As a one-time "community journalist" myself, I offer my gratitude to your staff begrudgingly (after all, there's nothing worse than a reporter who thinks they are doing a good job!). Likely your staff is small and your week is busy. But as long-time residents, we are pleased to read our weekly Record — and remain grateful we have what appears to be a group of local reporters concerned most about doing good, professional work. Thank you for restoring credibility to our small town paper!

Ian and Cherie Lockwood  
Northville



Make a Difference  
**RECYCLE**

Hard work pays off. The Mill Race Questers kicked up their restoration and preservation a notch recently by presenting \$5,000 to the Northville Historical Society. At the historical society's Jan. 20 annual meeting, Questers Chapter 1007 president Kathy Kelton presented a \$3,800 check to society president Todd Culp, a grant the local group obtained from the Michigan State Questers. The 16-member club added \$1,200 they raised through flea markets, an auction of boxed holiday dinners and monthly hostess-gift raffles. The Mill Race Questers logged more than 270 hours of service over three years preparing for the grant application. The money will be used to create climate-controlled archival storage in the garage adjacent to the Griswold Road vintage home the society plans to convert into a local history museum.

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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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**BROACHING THE SUBJECT OF BROOCHES**

Brooches are enjoying a resurgence in popularity these days. Especially sought after are vintage-like, gem-encrusted designs that display natural motifs such as flowers and other wildlife. It seems that subjects like butterflies, dragonflies, and fish provide jewelry designers with sufficient inspiration for a seemingly endless array of design and color options. Once relegated to lapels, brooches are being worn in more avant-garde ways. It is not all unusual to see a brooch gracing a woman's waistline, the base of her neckline, or wrapping a cardigan. Sometimes grouped in twos, threes, and more, brooches are also adorning hats, shoes and bags. Then again, nothing is more elegant than two matching pave brooches on the straps of an evening dress.

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### Dinner dance Feb. 12

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The evening begins at 7 p.m. with dinner in the VisiTech 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 Road, 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.

### 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 VisiTech 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.

### 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.

To contribute an item for consideration in this column, e-mail [mjohnston@hi.homecomm.net](mailto:mjohnston@hi.homecomm.net).



### Happy Birthday!

Submitted Photo  
Two residents of Allen Terrace, Helen Burnstrom and Anna Smith, were honored at a 99th birthday party Monday by 50 fellow residents and several family members. The guests of honor enjoyed cake and ice cream and received corsages, teddy bears and a card signed by all. A Northville resident 31 years, Burnstrom was born Feb. 7, 1906 and moved to Allen Terrace in 1998. One of 11 children, she married in 1926. She has two children, 12 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren and five great-great grandchildren. Smith, who moved to Northville in 1990, will turn 99 July 24, but the group wanted to wish her well before she moved from Allen Terrace. One of nine siblings, Smith lived in her native Ontario until her teen years. She went to live with her aunt in the U.S. and cared for her aunt's baby boy after she died during child birth. The mother of two boys has both grandchildren and great grandchildren.

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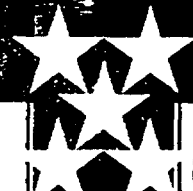
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## WHAT'S GOING ON? (CONT'D)

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### 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 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 through 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, 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. 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 through March 14; 10:15-11 a.m. or 2-2:45 p.m., Tuesdays through March 15. Register by phone at (248) 349-3020 or in person.

### 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 Rüssert. 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 Wednesdays, Feb. 23; "Incredible Journey" by Sheila Bunford and March 30; "Whipping Boy" by Sid Fleischman.

### 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.

### Seniors

### Tax counseling services

Volunteer tax counselors will prepare taxes from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m. Thursdays through 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.

### 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. Wednesdays through 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. 10:  
9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly  
9 a.m.: Massage  
10 a.m.: Oxyrise  
10 a.m.: Morley Candies Tour

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle  
1 p.m.: Computers I  
Friday Feb. 11:  
9 a.m.: Grocery shopping  
10 a.m.: Strength training  
11 a.m.: Computers II  
noon: Euchre  
1 p.m.: Movie  
Monday Feb. 14:  
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle  
1 p.m.: Line dancing  
1-2:30 p.m.: Tai Chi  
Tuesday, Feb. 15:  
9:30 a.m.: Meijer  
10 a.m.: Blood pressure/Oxyrise  
10 a.m.: Spelling practice  
10:30 a.m.: Healthy heart  
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle  
1 p.m.: Computers I  
6:30 p.m.: Disney's on the Record  
Wednesday, Feb. 16:  
noon: Bridge  
1 p.m.: Computers II  
6:30 p.m.: Dream your Dream presented by JoAnn Bogus

gazebo, school, rustic wooden bridge, blacksmith shop, interurban station and several old-fashioned homes. It also services scouts, students, infantry volunteers, and service organizations. The Northville Historical Society is a non-profit organization relying on membership. Contact the office for more information, at (248) 348-1845.

Scheduled events are as follows:  
Thursday, Feb. 10: Archive open, 9 a.m.; Service Unit A Scouts, 9:45 a.m.; Eclipse Hot Stove, 6 p.m.

Friday, Feb. 11: Archives open, 9 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 13: Mill Creek, 10 a.m.; Rug Hookers, 1 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 14: Northville Garden Club, 10 a.m.; Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 15: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.; Daisy Scouts, 4 p.m.; Weavers Guild, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Feb. 16: Mill Creek, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 17: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 3:30 p.m.; Northville Historical Society Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

### Mill Race

### Mill Race Historical Village

Created in 1972 by the Northville Historical Society, the Mill Race Historical Village 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,

### Maybury Farm Hayrides and Sleigh Rides

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Avoid shoveling if you have heart disease, high blood pressure, are overweight, inactive or have other health conditions that put you at risk for injury or a heart attack. Everyone needs to take care when clearing those sidewalks and driveways.

1. Warm up. Stretch your back, arms and legs before and after shoveling.
2. Dress in warm layers. Remove layers as you warm up.
3. Drink plenty of water. We dehydrate quicker in cold weather. And skip warming up with a cup of "loaded" coffee.
4. Clear the snow in stages. Don't fill up the whole shovel.
5. Push snow instead of lifting it as much as possible.
6. When you do lift snow, bend at the knees and use the strength in your legs not your arms.
7. Don't throw snow over your shoulder or to the side.
8. Watch your footing. Ice may be lurking under that snow.
9. Take your time. Start slow and take a break every 15 minutes. Limit shoveling sessions to 30 - 60 minutes at a time.
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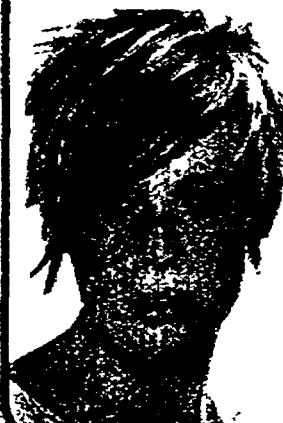
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By Kim Kovel  
Record Staff Writer

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From the moment patrons enter the spa at 142 South Center St. in MainCentre, they're enveloped by an inviting array of Victorian-style chairs, dolls and antiques. Frost has been offering skin and body services, water massage Vichy Showers, nail care and more at her downtown Northville spa for more than four years. While waiting for their hour-long escapes in one of the spa's nine rooms, ladies often are found reclining in the Tea Room sipping herbal beverages and enjoying cookies.

Trained as a manicurist and facial esthetician, Frost said her interest began when she was diagnosed with skin cancer and decided she wanted to learn more about skin care.

She eventually branched out from home-based work to Northville.

"I loved the atmosphere of the town," Frost said. Now, loyal customers flock to her location, which opened in October 2000.

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Her daughter Shanon Frost, who helps manage the spa, said at least one group of women make an annual journey from Jackson to get "A Day of Serenity." One of the spa's packages, it includes a facial, massage, manicure, pedicure and light lunch, spanning five hours at \$330.

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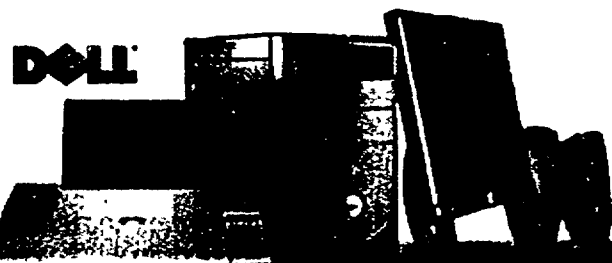


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Medical Clinic of Northville Dr. Chuck Yadmark was recognized recently for his photographic efforts in taking this NASCAR image at Michigan International Speedway last June.

## Car blaze photo earns award

### Yadmark honored for pit area picture

By Kim Kovel  
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Poised in the pit at Brooklyn's Michigan International Speedway last June, Dr. Chuck Yadmark pointed his Nikon camera to a pit-stopped car.

"It was a very strange situation because nothing was expected to happen," Yadmark said. "It wasn't a very important car. It was just a weird gut feeling."

Sure enough, the car briefly burst into flames. Yadmark fired away, capturing the quick-moving crew on film.

"It lasted all of two seconds," he said.

But snapping the instant recently earned Yadmark a first place photojournalism award.

He headed to Mooresville, N.C. Jan. 26 to claim his prize in the 2004 Miller Lite Motorsports Journalism Awards of Excellence in Honor of Russ Callin.

An internal medicine practitioner, Yadmark learned about photography four years ago when he began working at the Medical Clinic of Northville.

"I was exposed through a patient of mine," he said. "I just sort of caught this bug when I entered the garage area. It was just neat."

That was in Las Vegas. After several years of self-teaching and fine-tuning, he improved with a digital camera.

So much, in fact, that the car enthusiast has been a photographer for NASCAR Scene Magazine since 2002.

His winning work, currently hangs the clinic's front lobby.

Office manager Susan Houle said Yadmark's dedication to both fields is strong — as is passing along his photo passion the same way he gained it.

"He talks to his patients about it all the time," Houle said. "Even the other day, he was just talking to this girl, about 8, telling her how to get started."

He's really intelligent."

Weekends, find Yadmark flying to snap NASCAR events from Phoenix and Texas to Chicago and Indianapolis.

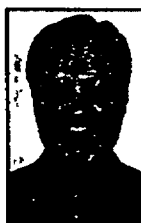
Yadmark said his two trades provide a unique balance.

"One is very high pressure, perfectionist, can't make mistakes," he said. "The other is really a creative free-flow experiment. I like being behind the camera."

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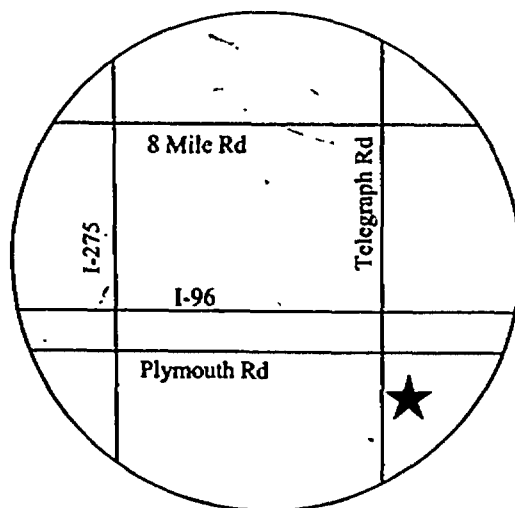
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#### Aloha!

Northville resident Dre Bly will be making his second appearance at the Pro Bowl Sunday when he represents the Detroit Lions as one of the best athletes in the game today. Bly earned the trip through the respect he has gained from the players and the coaches.

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Alvin Storrs has helped Northville with his shooting.



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# Courting for a Victory

By Sam Eggleston  
and Matt Simich  
NORTHVILLE RECORD SPORTS

With five-straight losses haunting the Northville basketball team, the Mustangs were in dire need of a break.

The break came just in time as the cage squad earned a win against Salem last Friday, 52-34. The team also fell to Plymouth Feb. 1 in double overtime, 61-55.

"We have been working and working on defense the past few weeks," said Darrel Schumacher, Northville's coach. "Tonight (against Salem) we played the way we wanted to and played through the entire game."

The Mustangs jumped out to an early lead against the Rocks, leading 18-8 by the end of the first quarter. Northville didn't slow their pace any heading through the second quarter either, dominating their foes with a 21-point lead as they headed into the locker room for the half, 33-12.

Chris Lorente played a strong game, netting 16 points in the winning effort.

"This was definitely a big win for us tonight," said Lorente. "We have been struggling the past couple of games, so hopefully we can come out as strong as we did tonight for our two upcoming conference games."

Northville's play calling continued to keep the Rocks from producing any kind of comeback. The squad followed some solid shooting by sophomore Alvin Storrs, who had 12 points on the night, to an eight-point quarter as they maintained the lead, 41-20.

Storrs and the other guards were able to find ways through Salem's zone, spreading it and finding the bucket despite renewed vigor from their opponents.

"We have a lot of different plays and moves on how we can cut to the basket," said Storrs. "We just fed on that all night, every time it was open."

Northville finished the night with an 11-point fourth quarter while the Rocks put up 14 in the loss. Six of the Mustangs' fourth-

quarter points came from Dave Van Horn as he put back three offensive rebounds.

#### Close, but no cigar

Some of the hardest games to lose are ones that could have gone either way. The Northville Mustangs wouldn't deny that as they fell to a young Plymouth Wildcats squad, 61-55, in double overtime.

#### DON'T MISS THIS...

The Northville Mustangs basketball team will play host to Churchill tomorrow at 7 p.m.

The Mustangs appeared to be in control of the contest as they came out of the locker room and onto the hardwood with a 14-8 first-quarter showing over their foes.

Northville was still firing on all cylinders with help from junior Steve Clark's three-point field goal in the opening minutes of the second quarter to extend their lead. By the end of the first half, the Mustangs were in control, earning a 12-point lead for a 26-14 advantage.

Some teams just know how to adjust and find ways to win and the Mustangs found out in a hurry the Wildcats were that kind of cage squad.

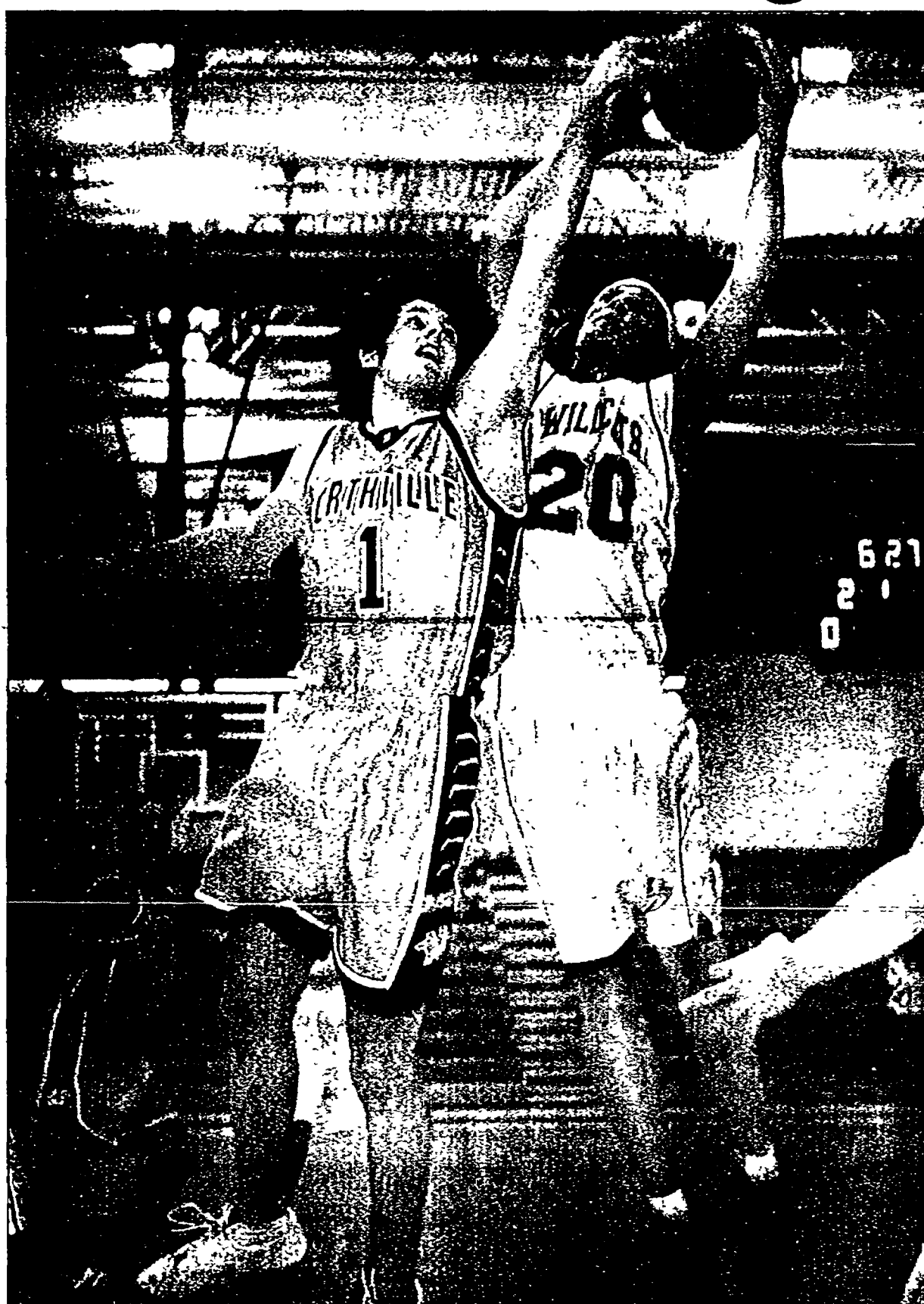
Plymouth fought back in the final minutes of the third quarter to cut Northville's lead to just eight points, 34-26, before adding six more points early in the fourth for 13-unanswered points and a two-point game.

The Mustangs rallied, slowing the Wildcats' advance until four minutes remained in the game when Plymouth took their first lead of the game.

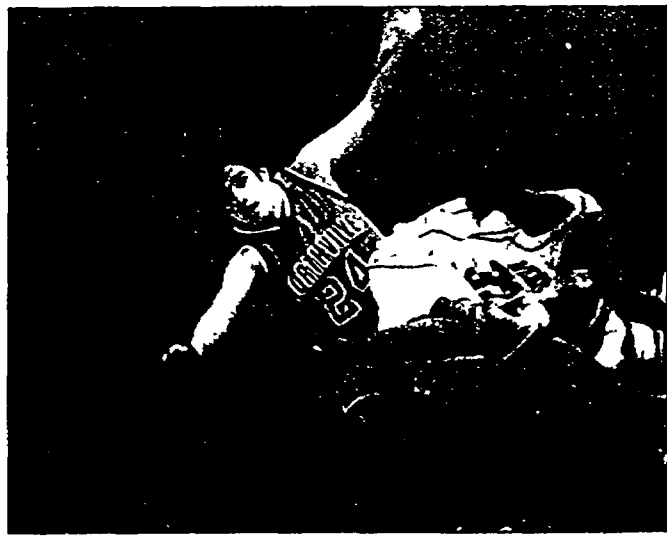
The lead changed hands several times before Plymouth tied the game with just moments remaining in the game on two free throws, courtesy of a ill-timed Northville foul.

The first overtime found the Mustangs' Alan Shanoski benched with fouls and another tied period of play before Plymouth walked away with the victory in the final stanza.

Lorente led all Mustangs with 25 points while J.D. Gerblick added 17 in the losing effort.



Mustang Alan Shanoski goes up for a rebound against Novi Wildcat A.J. Davey.



LEFT: Mustang JD Gerblick tries to post-up two players in the lane against the Plymouth Wildcats; MIDDLE: Mustang Steve Clark, left, collides with Wildcat D.J. Coleman while both try for a loose ball; RIGHT: Mustang Chris Lorente smiles as he's introduced to the starting lineup.

#### By the numbers

15

Goals scored this season by Donny McKinnon for Northville hockey.

1

Division titles won by Northville volleyball through school history.

25

Points scored by cager Chris Lorente against Plymouth in a double OT loss.

5

Games played by Mustangs hockey in just seven nights.

2

Pro Bowls Northville resident Dre Bly has been selected to.

11

Events won by Northville swimming against Canton. There are 12 total events.

5

Number of games lost in a row by Northville basketball before breaking the skid.



# Three Mustangs squads earn division titles

The Northville Mustangs were all about Western Division titles last week.

The volleyball team clinched a share of the division title for the first time in school history with a win over Plymouth while the swim team brought the division crown back to Northville for the first time in several years. The hockey team clinched their title as well, securing a three-sport performance by the Mustangs this winter.

"It's been a lot of fun," said first-year volleyball coach Steve Anderson. "I think it's been a combination of multiple things that helped us get part of the division. First, I think it's hard work. Second, I think it's the girls believing in themselves and third it's learning how to play as more of a team as opposed to individuals."

The same can be said about any team that earns a division title. Team work is a must.

The Northville swimming and diving team may not have gone as long as the volleyball team without taking home a crown, but it was long enough. This year they upended Canton to earn the rights to be called kings.

"Obviously it's nice to get the division title back at Northville and to do it in a convincing fashion was nice," said coach Rich Bennetts of his team's 133-52 spanking of the Chiefs.

And the hockey team? Well, they're skating through the rest of the season with their eyes locked on the conference championship cross-over game.

"It's going to be big for us," said Brad O'Neill, the team's head coach. "It was one of our

goals this year and we're hoping to play well enough to win it."

And that's really what it ends up being all about. The team's that win the division soak it up, enjoying the moment before moving on and playing another contest. There's always another contest.

"We've got a lot of work to do," O'Neill said. "There are a lot of tough teams out there. It's not going to be easy."

But that doesn't mean the teams shouldn't sit back and revel in their victory — especially if it's been a long one in the making.

"We looked up at the Northville banner and there's absolutely nothing on it," said Anderson. "One of our goals was to believe in the system and to work hard because nothing comes free."

"I asked the seniors if they wanted to leave with out numbers up on that banner or did they want them up there before they left. The seniors responded and were motivated, as was the rest of the team, and now they'll leave with numbers up on that banner. We won the division."

## McKinnon leads charge

Sometimes it's the quiet ones that scare you.

Last season Donny McKinnon wasn't the most dangerous play-

er on the ice. This year, teams are keeping a wary eye on him.

And why not? The senior has 15 goals so far this season, which finds him at the top of the list in goals for the Northville Mustangs.

Northville came out of last week's hectic schedule with just one blemish on their record as they fell to Allen Park, 6-3, before beating Canton for the division title, 2-1, and then topping Milford, 5-2.

"There's no excuses, but we were definitely a little worn out," said O'Neill of his team's performance against Allen Park. "We came out flat in the first period and had to play catch-up for the rest of the game."

The Mustangs chased their foes throughout much of the game before cutting the lead to 4-3 in the third. Allen Park added another tally late in the stanza, which found Northville pulling goalie Jimmy Gates with hopes of gaining the advantage. The plan backfired and found Allen Park sealing the win with an empty-net goal.

Against Canton, however, the Mustangs were a different team. Gates earned the division title win in goal while Rob Riehl and Ken Papich notched a goal each to secure the victory.

"I was really pleased with the kids' effort," said O'Neill. "They really played hard."

Papich's goal was the deal-making moment to win the

game. He brought the puck down the ice, crashed the net and put the puck over the Canton goalie's shoulder for the score.

"It was one of those grind-it-out goals," O'Neill said. When Northville beat Milford, the game wasn't as much of a contest at a 5-2 score would indicate. Gates earned the victory, but had little work in net.

"They had one shot on net the entire first period," said O'Neill. "We were all over them."

Papich added to his stellar week with another goal against the Mavericks while Derek Mohacsi added two back-to-back goals in the first period for a 3-0 advantage.

McKinnon added two more — one in the second and one in the third — to his impressive totals. "We played extremely well," O'Neill said.

## Gymnasts have strong performances

The Novi-Northville Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team had quite the week, taking a win over Hartland in dual-meet action before collecting eighth in a highly-competitive invitational with 140.975 points. Farmington took first with 147.9.

In the Canton Invitational, the Novi-Northville squad found themselves competing against 13 of the top 14 ranked teams in the state. With seven meets over the past three weeks, it was obvious the squad was suffering from a little fatigue.

That didn't stop several gymnasts from having an outstanding day.

Amanda Perelli tied for fourth in the vault in Division I competition. In Division II competition, it was Janna Ramsey taking fourth on the vault and eighth on the bars.

Maggie Mills had a nice day as well, tying for 10th in a highly competitive beam final. Rachel Deneau took third with her impressive floor routine and Julie Foucher took ninth in the same event while taking ninth overall.

Against Hartland, the Wild 'Stangs earned 139.35 points compared to the Eagles' 129.70.

On the vault, Ramsey took a 9.3 while Perelli scored a 9.1 and Mills earned an 8.7 from the judges. Sarah Ilkhani-Pour had a strong showing on the bars, scoring an 8.75, while Foucher scored 8.7 along with Mills.

The beam found Mills and Deneau leading the way with 8.95s each while Emma Platt scored an 8.4 with her routine. Foucher continued her strong night with an 8.8 on the floor while Platt and Ramsey tied with an 8.6.

Jacqueline Gazette scored 32.75 points overall to lead Novi-Northville in all-around points.

## Convincing title victory

There are 12 events in a regular dual meet in swimming and diving. Last week against Canton, the Northville Mustangs won 11 of them.

The squad made short work of their foes to capture the Western Division title for the first time in several years, beating them 133-52.

Northville's goal was to make a statement this season. Considered it written and served. These guys mean business and Canton was

just in the way.

In the 200 medley relay, the team of Hunter Schwartz, Weston Laabs, Will Bickie and Joe Hogan took first in 1:45.27 before Chris Keady took first in the 200 freestyle with a team-best time of 1:46.60. Brad Farris took second in 1:48.67.

In the 200 individual medley, Will Bickie was first in 2:04.37 and little brother Brody Bickie was second in 2:04.93. The 50 freestyle was won by Joe Hogan with a time of 23.73 seconds with Schwartz on his tail for second in 24.76.

In diving, Brad Lempke took second place with 211.95 points.

The 100 butterfly found Will Bickie taking first in 55.96 seconds before Farris made him mark in the 100 freestyle with a win in 49.50 seconds. Hogan was second in 53 seconds.

The 500 freestyle was won by Culkin with a time of 4:59.29 while Keady won the 100 backstroke in 56.96 seconds and Brody Bickie was second in 58.46. Taking first in the 100 breaststroke was Laabs with a 1:05.40 — his season best.

The 200 freestyle relay found Northville's team of Keady, Brody Bickie, Hogan and Farris taking first in 1:34.41 before the team of Will Bickie, Farris, Brody Bickie and Keady took first in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:26.07.

"We have a busy week this week with Novi on Tuesday, Walled Lake Western on Thursday and MISCA on Saturday," said Bennetts. "From that point, all eyes will be on the conference meet. It is shaping up to be a great battle. Hopefully, we'll be up to the challenge."

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# Dre Bly headed to Hawaii

## Lion makes Pro Bowl

By Sam Eggleston  
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

When Northville resident and Detroit Lions' cornerback Dre Bly was drafted into the National Football League, he made a commitment to himself he wouldn't go to Hawaii until he was selected to the Pro Bowl.

Even if his wife, Krystin, got mad about it.

"I told myself I wasn't going to Hawaii until I made the Pro Bowl," said Bly. "My wife wanted to go and I told her she'd have to wait until I finished playing football unless I made it."

Thankfully for Bly's wife, last season the All-Pro defender snagged enough votes to make the trek. This Sunday, he's making a repeat appearance.

"I was really surprised," said Bly, 27, on the heels of his sixth NFL season. "I missed four games and still made it."

Bly said his votes came from the players and the coaches this year, as opposed to the fans last season. Pro Bowl voting is divided into three groups with the fans, the coaches and the players each getting 1/3 of the ballots.

"I was voted in by my peers and by the coaches," he said. "That shows how far I've come. I have respect in this game all around the league."

Bly, who is the first Lions' defensive back to go to the Pro Bowl since Hall-of-Famer Lem Barney, recorded four interceptions this season and was widely considered Detroit's top defender, despite missing nearly four full games with a knee injury. He has 24 career interceptions.

He said he's happy to be going to Hawaii again.

"It's a great experience," he said. "Going last year for the first time, I really enjoyed it. Being the new kid on the block I really took in a lot. I'm just glad to be there and to participate in a game like that."

Bly said Hawaii is a great place for his wife and two sons to vacation as well.

"It's a great family atmosphere," he said. "It's just a real, laid-back environment and it's great to take the family out there."

### A local guy

Though the islands are ideal for vacation, Bly said he's happy living in Northville.

"I told the Realtor that I wanted to live in the nicest, closest area to both our practice facilities and the stadium," he said. "Immediately he said we should look at Northville and Novi."

When Bly arrived in the area, he knew it was for him and his family. He settled on a house on the first day of looking that is in Northville but located in the Novi school district.

"We really liked what we saw here," he said. "It's quiet, it's easy to get around and there's always nice people around you."

Bly said people often recognize him, but don't go out of their way to approach him.

"They accepted me here," he said. "I'll be happy if I spend the rest of my life here."

Bly said he often dines at local restaurants like Little Italy and cruises Twelve Oaks Mall.

"I'm always at the movie theaters," he said. "We go to Emagine and Novi Town Center. Sometimes we even head over to the AMC. We're big on movies around here."

Bly strives to stay in shape.

"I go up to Lifetime (Fitness) and play basketball," he said. "You can find me there just trying to stay active. I try and do as much as I can to stay in shape. I'm not 21 any more. I can't afford to sit on my butt because it takes even longer to get into shape now."

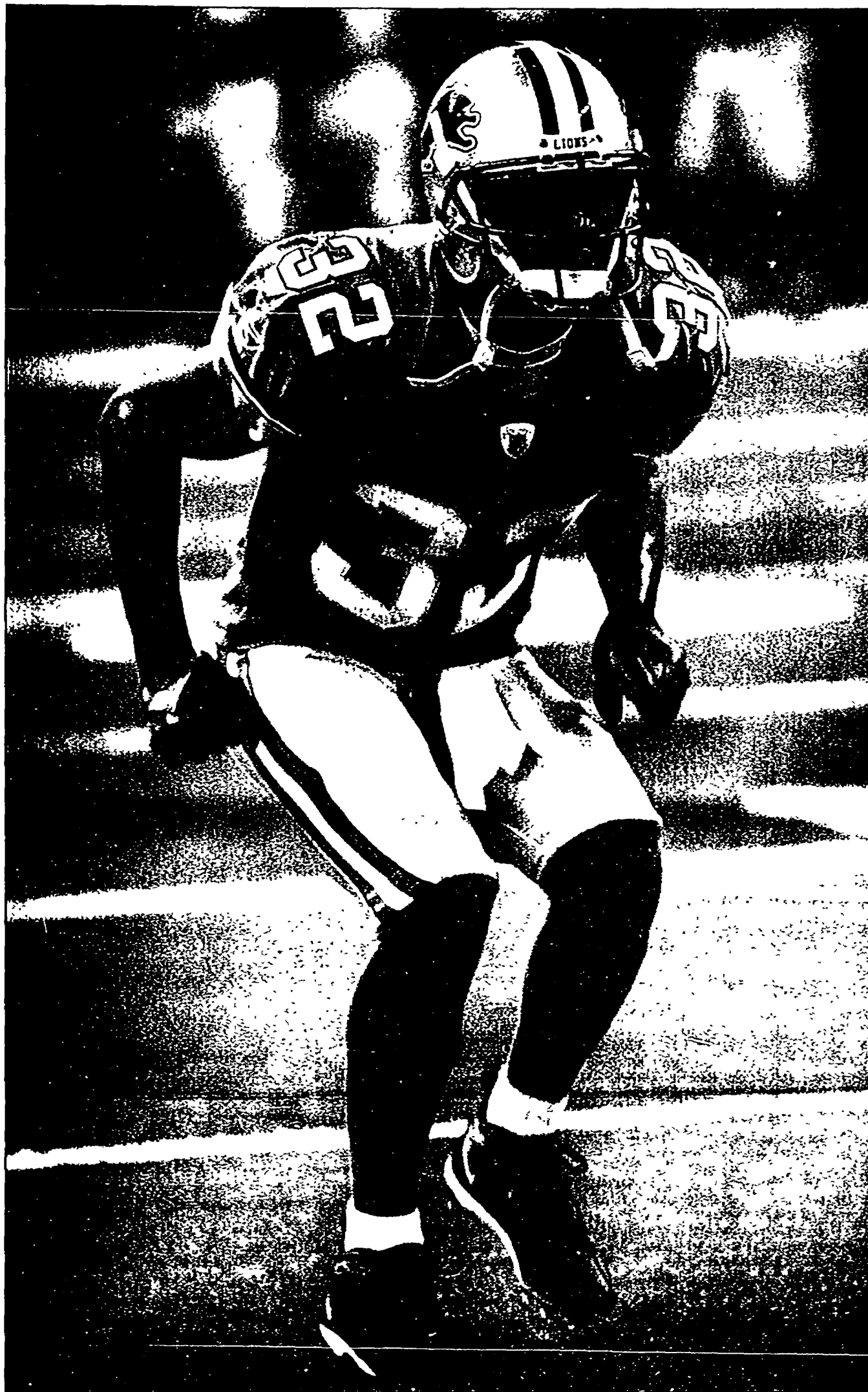


Photo courtesy of THE DETROIT LIONS/STEVE KOVICH

Northville resident Dre Bly will make his second-ever trip to the Pro Bowl this Sunday. Bly is a cornerback with the Detroit Lions.

### Game time

Bly's career has been about more than being selected as an All-Pro football player. He's always striven to play at the highest level.

"That's been my goal ever since I was playing Little League," he said. "I just want to be the best I can be. I want to be that guy that everyone is pointing a finger at."

Bly has been successful at reaching such lofty goals. As a red-shirt freshman at the University of North Carolina, Bly was selected as an All-American — making him just one of five freshman players to ever receive the honor.

In his first years in the NFL, he played in two Super Bowls and earned a ring following the St.

Louis Rams' 23-16 victory over the Tennessee Titans in Super Bowl XXXIV.

Bly knows early success can be tenuous long-term.

"Because I experienced success at such an early age that might have been my downfall," he said. "During my last years in college I didn't have the same years as I did early. That was because I set the standards so high."

"I did the same thing in the NFL, going to two Super Bowls and getting a ring."

### Winning time

Bly said he's not content. "I'm very happy with what I've accomplished," he said. "But I want to keep winning. Before I'm fin-

ished I'd like to bring a Super Bowl win to Detroit."

The key?

"We need to have guys start stepping up," said Bly. "We've got the necessary talent but we need to remain healthy. We've gotten better and we're a better team, but you normally have three years to make a change."

"We've had two and now we've got to play football. There aren't too many opportunities left."

And what better place than Detroit to bring a Super Bowl championship? Bly said Detroit football fans rank among the best league-wide.

"They rank right up there," he said. "The fans are more hungry here. They want it more here. The fans are eager, they're motivated

and they care. I don't think there's a better football town than Detroit."

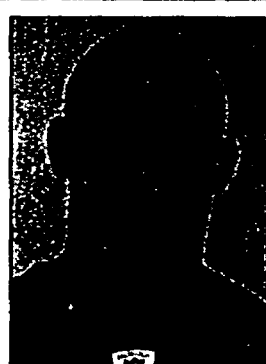
"We just better hurry up and start winning, fast."

Bly knows what success tastes like. He's been an All-American, a Super Bowl champion and an All-Pro. He hopes to keep his career growing toward more success until he finally hangs up the shoulder pads.

"If I can play five more years I'll be happy," he said. "If I come to a point where I just can't move any more I'll know to shut it down. I just want to keep being successful and I want my team to be successful too."

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### DRE BLY



Dre Bly

Position: Cornerback

Years Pro: 6

Draft Year: 1999

Draft Team: St. Louis

Rams

Born: May 22, 1977

Hometown:

Chesapeake, VA

College: North Carolina

- Two time selection to NFL Pro Bowl (2003-04 and 2004-05 seasons).

- First Detroit Lions cornerback since Lem Barney in 1977 to go to the Pro Bowl.

- Has 24 career interceptions.

- In 2002, collected a career-high 79 tackles and set high for passes defended. Also started all 16 games for the first time.

- In 2001 earned six interceptions and returned two for touchdowns while with the St. Louis Rams.

- In 2000, Bly collected 51 tackles, 13 pass defenses and one sack to add to three interceptions and eight special team tackles.

- During his rookie year in 1999, Bly earned a Super Bowl XXXIV victory and collected one tackle in the big game against Tennessee.

- Bly is the only player in the history of the University of North Carolina and in the Atlantic Coast Conference to earn consensus first-team All-America honors three times in his career. He was the first player to accomplish the feat since Georgia's Herschel Walker (1980-82).

- Holds conference career record with 20 interceptions and finished his career with 102 tackles.

- Is one of five freshmen to ever be named to first-team All-America squad.

- Was ACC Rookie of the Year, setting a conference record with 11 interceptions.

- Played football and baseball in high school.

Source: www.nfl.com

# Michigan high school football finals moving to Ford Field

The Michigan High School Athletic Association has entered into a multi-year agreement with Ford Field to host its football finals beginning with the 2005 playoffs.

The change was announced last week in a press conference at the state-of-the-art facility in downtown Detroit involving personnel from the city of Detroit, Ford Field and the Detroit Lions.

The move to the 65,000-seat facility is only third in the 30-year history of the tournament. In the tournament's first year — 1975 — the Finals were split, with two classes of competition taking place at Waldo Stadium in Kalamazoo, and two at Perry Shorts Stadium in Mt. Pleasant.

The event moved indoors in 1976 to the Pontiac Silverdome, the second year that facility was in business, which has hosted over 1.75 million fans for 176 title games in the last 29 years.

"With the future of the Pontiac Silverdome in doubt, this is a necessary move for high school football in our state, and it will be great to have our premier games played in one of the premier facilities in the country," said John E. "Jack" Roberts,

executive director of the MHSAA.

"Ford Field has much to offer our game's participants and spectators. They will enjoy the opportunity to begin playing the Finals at Ford Field this November, just two months before the venue will host the 2006 Super Bowl."

With the move to Ford Field will come other changes in the event, the most notable of which will be a single \$9 admission to watch four title games in a single day.

"We always felt our \$9 ticket for two games, which previously included on-site parking at the Finals, was a great bargain," said Roberts. "That same ticket will now allow a fan to watch all four games on a single day, and we feel that Ford Field has worked hard to provide parking that is in close proximity to the facility at a reasonable price."

Parking, at lots operated by Olympia Entertainment, will provide approximately 2,700 spaces adjacent to Ford Field or Comerica Park at a cost of \$6 for passenger cars.

In addition, there are private lots just south of Ford Field with an additional 700 spaces available.

Roberts added that private lots generally follow the lead of the Olympia lots in terms of pricing.

"As the games approach, we will encourage fans to visit the MHSAA Web site often to become familiar with the parking areas around Ford Field and to learn about the facilities' many amenities. For those fans planning to watch multiple games, the stadium has a variety of in-house dining options available, making an all-day stay attractive."

Because of Ford Field's location, accessible by freeway from all directions, housing options will be available downtown and on the perimeter of the city, all within a 30-minute drive.

"Visitors to this event will be able to find the kind of lodging they want, with the amenities they want, at competitive prices, all within a reasonable distance, regardless of the direction they will coming from."

The Association will also engage in promotional efforts for the event and seek corporate support for it with the assistance of the Ford Field/Detroit Lions marketing staff. "High school sports by their nature must keep a low commercial profile, but it

has become necessary to engage the support of corporate partners to help underwrite the costs of these events," Roberts said. "We plan to work closely with the marketing staff at Ford Field to attract such support, including a major sponsor. This kind of effort will keep our expenses low and assist us in conducting programming in all sports."

Roberts also complimented the Pontiac Silverdome for its many years of service.

"Our run of 29 consecutive years at the Pontiac Silverdome was the second longest at any site ever for an MHSAA final event, and we are appreciative of how well the building and its staff served our schools and their fans," Roberts said. "We leave the Silverdome with some great memories of great games, and salute the people behind the scenes there and the city of Pontiac for being an excellent host to the event."

The only facility to continuously host an MHSAA final event longer than the Silverdome is Stowe Stadium in Kalamazoo, with 58 years of service as a boys tennis finals venue beginning in 1947.



# IN THE KITCHEN



## Tuna Vegetable Creole

Preparation Time: 20 to 25 minutes  
Cooking Time: 30 minutes

- 3 tablespoons olive or vegetable oil
- 3/4 cup chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh garlic
- 1 (15-ounce) can diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon curry powder
- 1/4 teaspoon thyme, crushed
- 1/8 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 cups diced zucchini (2 to 3 small)
- 1 (15.5-ounce) can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1/2 cup coarsely chopped green pepper
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 2 tablespoons water
- 2 (12-ounce) cans Chicken of the Sea Solid White Albacore Tuna in Spring Water, drained
- 3 cups hot cooked rice

In large saucepan, heat oil and sauté onion and garlic until onion is tender (about 5 minutes). Add tomatoes, tomato sauce, sugar, salt, curry powder, thyme, pepper and bay leaf. Simmer, covered, 15 minutes; stir occasionally. Blend in zucchini, corn and green pepper. Simmer, covered, 5 to 10 minutes longer or until vegetables are tender. Meanwhile, combine cornstarch and water. Stir into vegetable mixture until well blended. Bring to boil and cook 1 minute. Gently fold in tuna; cook until heated through. Remove bay leaf. Serve over hot rice. Makes 8 servings.

## WITH GREAT-TASTING, CONVENIENT Seafood

### Family Features EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

Does lightening up dishes for Lent mean you have to sacrifice big flavor?

Not at all, according to culinary expert Lena Cutler, who says that with today's new shelf-stable seafood options, Americans have more flavorful and convenient seafood to use in Lenten dishes than ever before.

"For a variety of options, people looking to replace red meat need not look further than the canned and pouched seafood aisle," said Cutler. "Shelf-stable seafood has expanded from traditional canned tuna to include an array of seafood from shrimp to smoked salmon."

"And new seafood pouches provide additional convenience," she added.

These new seafood options are a great opportunity for people to experiment with their Lenten menu repertoire, said Cutler.

"Be creative. Don't get in a menu rut by making the same dishes throughout the season. Instead, think of ways you can incorporate seafood into dishes that traditionally include meat," she added. "Albacore tuna is perfect for this because of its firm texture and large, filet-like pieces."

From albacore tuna burgers to tuna enchiladas, pastas and more, the possibilities are endless. In addition, salmon or shellfish can easily be added to everyday salads, pizzas and more for a new twist on family favorites.

Sharon McNerney, a registered dietitian, couldn't agree more with Cutler that seafood is a great substitute for red meat — but for another reason.

"Seafood is much lower in fat and calories," says McNerney. "It's also a great way to maintain proper protein intake when not consuming meat. Some seafood, such as albacore tuna and salmon, are also a good source of omega-3."

Research has shown omega-3 to prevent or alleviate everything from arthritis and asthma to acne and depression. Among all the research, one thing remains undisputed — omega-3 is great for the heart.

"Maintain the health benefits of seafood by eating it straight out of the can or pouch," said McNerney, who recommends trying smoked Pacific salmon. "Its full, rich flavor makes it ideal to eat right out of the pouch," said McNerney.

Chicken of the Sea recently introduced a complete line of pouched shellfish, including shrimp, clams, oysters, crab and imitation crab, adding to the seafood company's growing list of pouched offerings that also include tuna and salmon in a foil pouch. In addition, the seafood company is the first national brand to offer smoked Pacific salmon.

For additional recipes, ideas and information visit [www.chickenofthesea.com](http://www.chickenofthesea.com).



## Sesame Shrimp Stir-Fry Bowl

Preparation Time: 20 minutes

- 2 tablespoons peanut oil
- 1/2 teaspoon fresh minced garlic
- 3 cups fresh or frozen chopped vegetables, such as colorful bell peppers, bok choy, celery, broccoli, red onions, etc.
- 1 (3.53-ounce) pouch Chicken of the Sea Premium Shrimp, drained
- 3 cups hot cooked brown or white rice
- Teriyaki sauce
- Chopped fresh cilantro
- Sesame seeds

In large skillet, heat oil over high heat. Sauté garlic until golden brown; add chopped vegetables and cook until crisp-tender. Gently fold in shrimp; stir-fry 1 minute longer.

Divide hot rice into bowls. Top with shrimp stir-fry and drizzle with teriyaki sauce to taste.

Garnish stir-fry bowls with cilantro and sesame seeds. Makes 2 servings.

## Lemon Fettuccine With Smoked Salmon

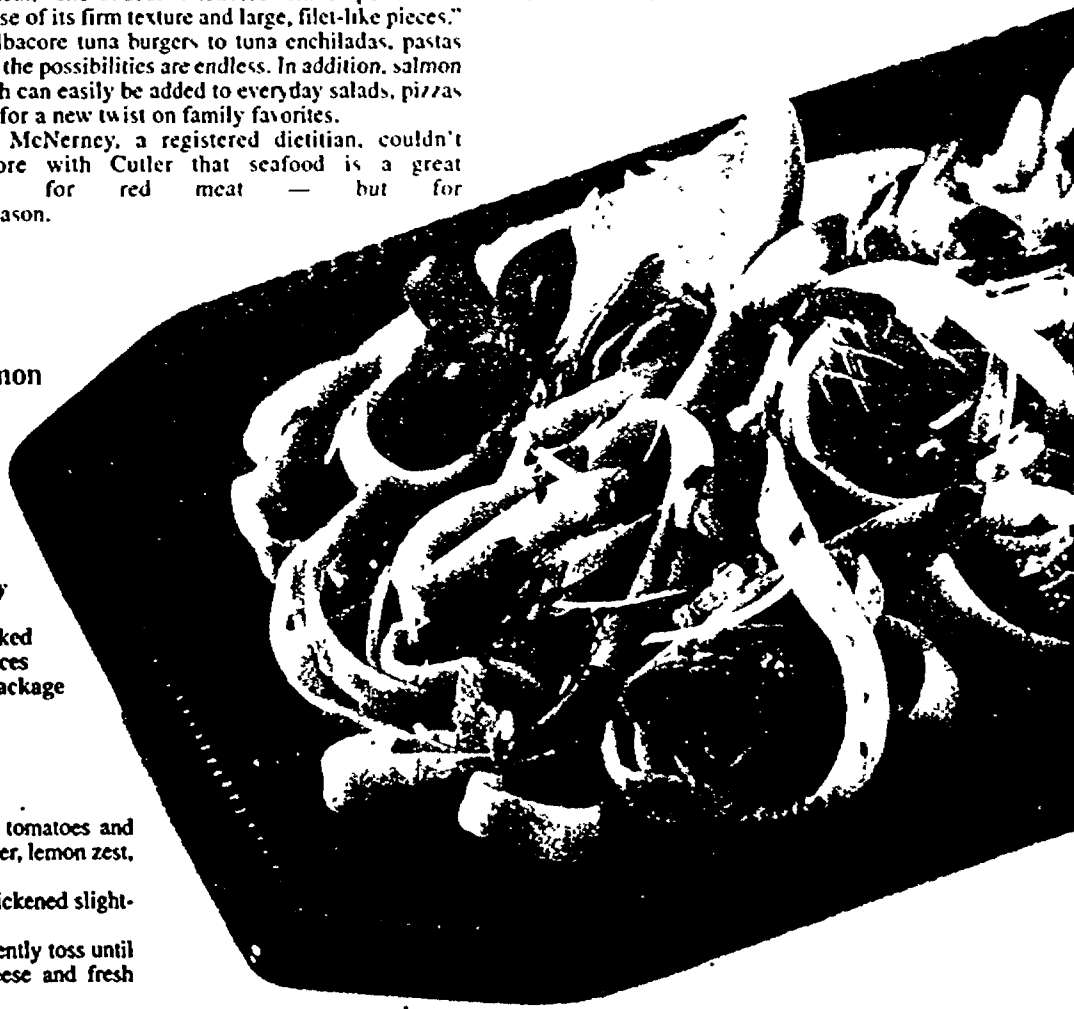
Preparation Time: 20 minutes

- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 3 teaspoons minced fresh garlic
- 1/3 cup rehydrated, drained and julienned sun-dried tomatoes
- Juice and zest of 2 small lemons, divided
- 1/4 cup cold butter cut into pieces
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh Italian parsley
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano
- 1 (3-ounce) pouch Chicken of the Sea Smoked Pacific Salmon, flaked into bite-size pieces
- 1/2 pound fettuccine, cooked according to package directions
- 3 tablespoons toasted pine nuts
- Grated Parmesan cheese
- Chopped fresh basil

In large skillet, in hot oil, sauté garlic. Add tomatoes and lemon juice; sauté 1 minute longer. Add cold butter, lemon zest, parsley and oregano.

Stir until butter has melted and mixture has thickened slightly; remove from heat. Gently fold in salmon.

Pour salmon-lemon mixture over fettuccine; gently toss until coated. Sprinkle with pine nuts, Parmesan cheese and fresh basil. Makes 2 to 4 servings.







# GIVING Kid-Friendly Foods

## A HEALTHIER EDGE

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

Feeding your children healthy, balanced meals can be a major challenge at times. But your efforts

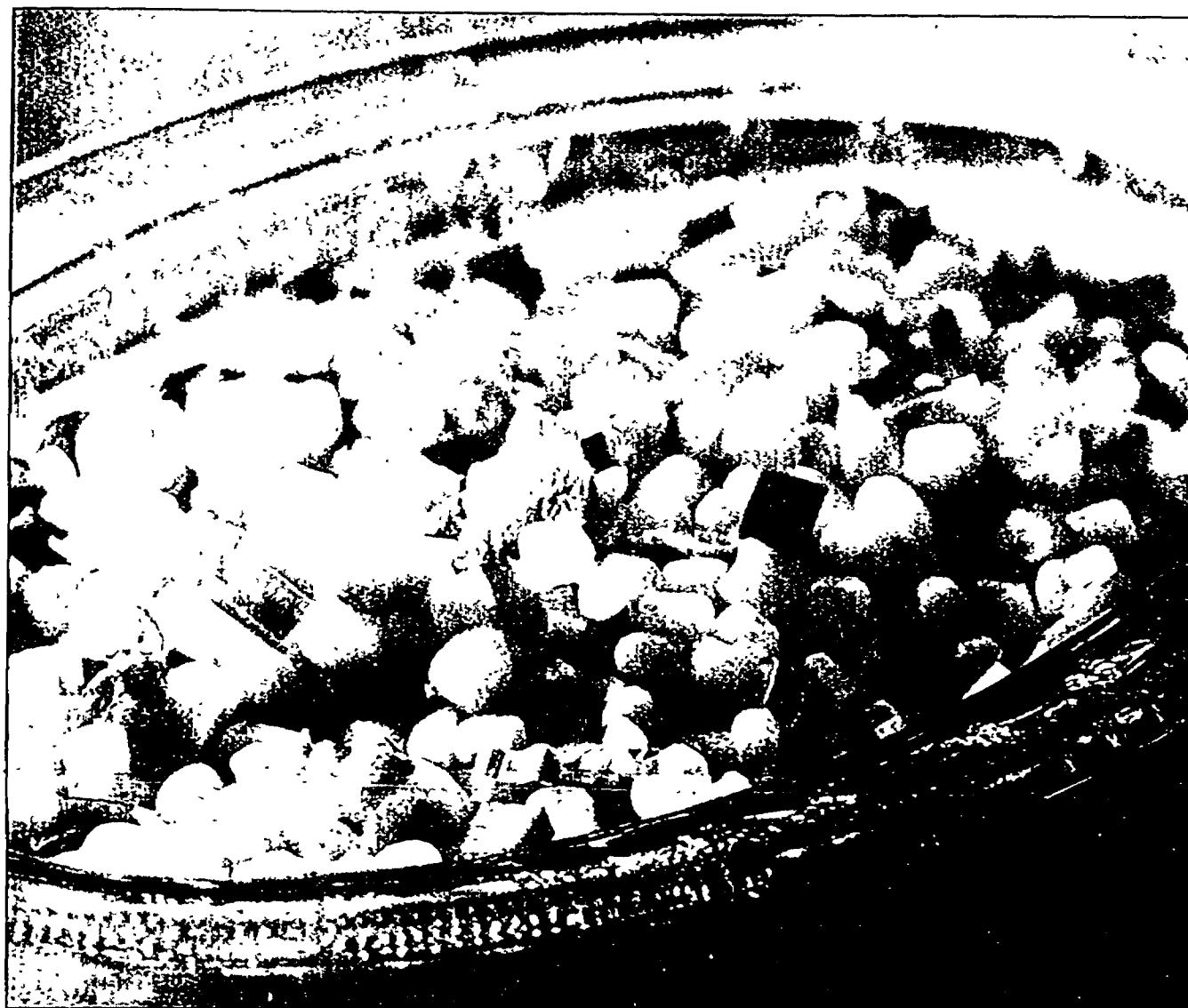
in overcoming this challenge can pay off when it comes to the health of your kids' hearts. What you do today can set their future health status as adults on the right track.

According to government sources, about 10 percent of adolescents ages 12 to 19 already have high cholesterol levels (a key risk factor for heart disease).

With better eating habits, you can help reverse the statistics. Making sure children eat a heart-healthy diet is very important — and many leading health organizations agree. The best diets for families with children over the age of two should include: 1) foods low in saturated fat, trans fat, cholesterol and total fat; 2) a variety of foods for a total diet balanced in carbohydrates, protein and other nutrients; and 3) only enough calories to maintain a healthy weight for one's height and build.

Looking for something simple that can help? Try soft, squeeze or spray margarine spread instead of butter. Since butter contains cholesterol and much more saturated fat, replace the butter with a soft margarine spread that has no cholesterol, no trans fat and 2 or less grams of saturated fat per serving. These kinds of margarine spreads are in step with recommendations from heart-health organizations including the government's National Cholesterol Education Program. According to government sources, it is preferable to use a soft or liquid (squeeze or spray) margarine spread in place of butter as part of a heart-healthy diet.

More information on the importance of establishing heart-healthy eating patterns early in life can be found at [www.never2early.org](http://www.never2early.org). The Never2Early Campaign was initiated to help consumers, especially parents of young children, understand that risk factors for heart disease can start developing in the early years. The primary focus of the campaign is on eating a heart-healthy diet starting at the age of two. Since millions of children already have elevated cholesterol levels, it is important for parents to know that eating a heart-healthy diet can significantly reduce the chance of developing unhealthy levels of cholesterol.



Quick Confetti Corn

Margarine spreads consistent with heart-health recommendations are used in these recipes that the whole family can enjoy. Not only are the Sweet Spiced Tortilla Chips baked (not fried), they are a surprising change from the salty potato chips children often select. Who can resist the goodness provided by an "apple a day" in the form of Tasty Baked Apples? And the Quick Confetti Corn is just that — quick — but it also provides fiber and polyunsaturated fats found in the margarine spread as well as the corn.

### Tasty Baked Apples

4 servings  
Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Cook Time: 1 hour 10 minutes

- 1 cup water
- 4 tea bags (black or green tea)
- 4 large baking apples (such as Rome or Golden Delicious), cored
- 1/4 cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts (optional)
- 2 tablespoons raisins (optional)
- 1/4 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 4 teaspoons I Can't Believe It's Not Butter! Spread with Calcium

Preheat oven to 350°F. In 1-quart saucepan, bring water to a boil; remove from heat. Add tea bags and brew 1-1/2 minutes, dunking occasionally. Remove tea bags and squeeze; set aside. Peel top 1/3 of apples. In 8-inch square baking dish, arrange apples, peeled end up; set aside. In small bowl, combine brown sugar, walnuts, raisins and cinnamon. Evenly spoon walnut mixture into center of apples, then evenly top with Spread. Pour tea over and around apples. Bake uncovered, basting occasionally, 1 hour or until apples are tender.

### Quick Confetti Corn

4 servings  
Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Cook Time: 6 minutes

- 1 tablespoon I Can't Believe It's Not Butter! Spread (tub)
- 1/2 red bell pepper, chopped
- 3 cups frozen whole kernel corn
- 2 sliced green onions
- 2 tablespoons milk
- Pinch cayenne pepper

In 2-quart saucepan, melt Spread over medium heat and cook red pepper 2 minutes or until softened. Stir in corn, green onions, milk and cayenne. Cook over medium-high heat, stirring occasionally, until corn is tender. Season with salt if desired.

### Sweet Spiced Tortilla Chips

48 chips  
Prep Time: 10 minutes  
Cook Time: 8 minutes

- 1/4 cup Shedd's Spread Country Crock Plus Yogurt, melted
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 6 burrito-size flour tortillas

Preheat oven to 425°F. In small bowl, blend all ingredients except tortillas. Brush mixture on one side of each tortilla; cut each into 8 wedges. On lightly greased baking sheets, arrange tortilla wedges in single layer. Bake 8 minutes or until golden and crisp. Cool on wire rack or serve warm. Store in airtight container.

MEXICAN SPICED TORTILLA CHIPS: Omit sugar and cinnamon. Blend Spread with 3/4 teaspoon chili powder, 1/4 teaspoon ground cumin and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Continue as above.

## CHURCH EVENTS

### Summer Ministries Workshops

Ward Presbyterian Church is hosting a Vacation Bible School/Summer Ministries Preview from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 19. This event will provide ideas for churches' summer programs. Those involved in church ministry of all denominations are welcome. Over 25 workshops will be offered and 20 exhibitors will have displays. A puppet ministry workshop will teach you to make-and-take a quality puppet the same day. Ward Church is located at 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville. For cost and more information, contact (248) 557-5526 or visit the International Christian Education Association's Web site at [www.iceaonline.org](http://www.iceaonline.org).

### Concert

There will be a presentation of Music for Organ, Soprano and Tenor, A Farewell Concert at 4 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 27 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon Road, Plymouth.

St. John's minister of music and organist, Michael Brittenback, will be performing with John McLaughlin and Jennifer MacDonald. John McLaughlin was the first internship vocalist and is St. John's current recipient of the Tenor Internship. He will graduate from the University of Michigan in April 2005.

Jennifer MacDonald, a soprano, is also currently an internship recipient and will graduate from the University of Michigan in April 2005, as well.

This program will provide an afternoon of great musical variety for solo organ, plus organ and voice featuring the famous Toccata and Fugue in D Minor by J.S. Bach. Michael Brittenback will be leaving his post as minister of music to move to Columbus, Ohio in the early summer.

The concert is free, however, a freewill offering will be accepted at the door to help support this series. For more information, call (734) 453-0190, ext. 16.

### Blood Drive

There will be Red Cross blood drive from 2-8 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 21 at St. John's Episcopal Church, 574 South Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Call Carolyn Liebau at (734) 455-5395 to make an appointment or just drop in.

<b>ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD</b> High & Elm Streets, Northville T. Lubeck, Pastor Church 349-3140 School 349-3146 Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service at 11:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.	<b>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 200 E. Main St. at Huron (248) 349-0911 Worship & Church School - 10:00 a.m. Children's Church - 10:00 a.m. Youth League - Wed. 4:15 p.m. & 5:00 p.m. Rev. W. Kent Chase, Senior Pastor Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor
<b>NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLY</b> 4155 Six Mile Road - Northville 248-349-2200 Adult Youth & Children's Ministries 9:00-10:30 a.m. Sunday Celebration Service 10:00 a.m. Children's Ministry for Boys & Girls Children's SuperChurch 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Family Night 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. Pastor: Gordon S. Foster <a href="http://www.northvillechristian.org">www.northvillechristian.org</a>	<b>OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH</b> 7720 Thayer, Northville WEEKEND LITURGIES - Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 7:30 a.m., 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m. Church 349-2621, School 349-3610 Religious Education 349-2559 Rev. Terrence Kermek, Pastor
<b>MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b> 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	<b>GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH</b> 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Wisconsin Ev. Lutheran Synod Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 8:45 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. Thomas E. Schroeder, Pastor - 349-0565
<b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL (Anglican)</b> 10 Mile between Meadowbrook & Haggerty Phone 349-1175 Sun. 7:45 & 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Sunday School & Nursery 10 a.m. Rev. Karen Henry, Pastor <a href="http://www.churchoftheholycross.com">www.churchoftheholycross.com</a>	<b>FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE</b> 349-1144 8 Mile & Tait Roads Worship Services 8:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. & 11 a.m. Rev. John Hice Rev. Lisa Cook
<b>FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b> 44400 W 10 Mile, Novi 248-349-2345 1/2 mile west of Novi Rd. Dr. Richard J. Henderson, Pastor Worship & Church School 9 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday	<b>FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> on Haggerty Rd. North of 8 Mile Rd. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Celebration 10:30 a.m. (248) 348-7600 Dr. Ron Blake, Pastor
<b>ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI</b> 46325 10 Mile Rd. Novi, MI 48374 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 & 11:30 a.m. Reverend George Chmielewski, Pastor Parish Office 347-7776	<b>BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA</b> "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place." - Luke 2:15 35300 W 8 Mile, Farmington Hills, MI (248) 478-6520 (2 mi. E. of Haggerty N. side of 8 Mile) Sunday Morning Worship 8:30 & 10:45 a.m. Sunday School (All Ages) 9:30 a.m.
<b>CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY</b> 24505 Meadowbrook Rd. Novi MI 48375 Masses Sat 5 p.m. Sun 7:30 a.m. 8:45 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m. Holy Days 9 a.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Fr. John G. Budde, Pastor Fr. Paul Bollen, Associate Pastor Parish Office 349-8841	<b>OAK POINTE CHURCH</b> Northville High School on 6 Mile Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Casual, contemporary live band (248) 615-7050

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 Contemporary Service - 10:30 a.m.  
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# REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

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## Small business, technology Part Two

Last week we discussed the ecommerce industry and the fact that it is divided into five major categories in terms of solutions providers. Last week we focused on the 'Basement Developer', the individual who created Web sites on the side while working full-time or going to school.

For the purposes of simplification, the ecommerce industry is being divided here into five distinct categories. The second category is "Small Boutique".

### Small Boutique

Small boutique operations are similar to basement developers in their knowledge of e-business. Although they may appear to be better presented than the basement operator, these firms specialize in technical areas and don't know much about e-business.

Many of these small boutiques offer the highest pricing in the industry.

Clients have been charged tens of thousands of dollars for basic sites as these small boutiques have capitalized on client ignorance.

Most of these small boutiques consist of more than one developer. They may be operating out of a commercial office location and positioning themselves as a "high-end" Web development firm. Although they may have the expertise to provide medium to high technology, the prices they charge are exorbitant and they have little knowledge in the area of e-business. They also have little expertise in the area of traffic generation and usually see this as the responsibility of the client.

These boutiques often have more than one developer and may have a greater ability to adapt to new technologies than the basement developer, but they are still limited by their size. Although these small boutiques will invariably produce better graphic designs than the basement developer, in most cases they do not employ specially trained graphic artists.

Small boutiques focus on Web site development and therefore their range of products and services seldom stretch beyond Web sites. You will not generally find small boutiques that offer a broad range of additional e-business products and services. In fact these small boutiques are as uninformed in the area of e-business as the basement developer. They are ill equipped to provide businesses with the necessary e-business reporting, training materials and on-going e-business consulting services.

Next we will look at the third category in the ecommerce industry, "IBM".

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### ADVERTORIAL

**"I thrive in this kind of market because I don't mind spending money on advertising homes for my clients. You've got to market the home properly right out of the gate to get the maximum price for it."**

**Abe Ayoub**

*Mayfair Realty associate broker*



Photo by Hal Gould

Abe Ayoub often works from his office at home when he's not on the road working out of his vehicle or in the Livonia office.

## Abe thrives in tougher real estate market

By Duane Ramsey  
SPECIAL WRITER

With home prices dropping slightly in 2004, Abe Ayoub realizes that his clients need a Realtor who will work harder to help them sell their houses. Selling prices decreased up to 5 percent last year due to the larger volume of homes on the market, he said.

"I thrive in this kind of market because I don't mind spending money on advertising homes for my clients," said Abe. "You've got to market the home properly right out of the gate to get the maximum price for it."

Abe provides virtual tours of all his listings on his web site and includes photos of listings in open house ads in the newspapers. He strongly believes in holding open houses on Sunday when he says he makes about 40 percent of his sales.

"People need someone

who is going to market their home not just list it," said Abe, who takes the time to host open houses and show homes to people throughout the week.

Real estate is a "round the clock job" for Abe who makes himself available to his customers 24 hours a day and seven days a week. He has become known as "Mr. Real Estate" to his clients by helping them buy and sell their homes.

Abe is an associate broker with Mayfair Realty in Livonia, but spends more time working out of his Chevy Avalanche and his home office in South Lyon. With his license plate reading "SOLD ABE," he drives a versatile vehicle to take people around to view property.

Abe said he became known as "Mr. Real Estate" by providing the best possible service to his customers. Much of his business consists of repeat customers and referrals from

existing clients.

"When people tell me 'I heard about you' from a friend, that's the best form of advertising you can get as a Realtor," he said.

Abe believes that there is no better investment than a home as a long-term asset and there is no reason to wait if you're in the market to buy or sell. Listing a house for sale in February or March helps get the jump on the flood of homes usually listed in the spring.

If you are in the market to buy a home, interest rates remain favorable for first-time buyers or anyone looking to upgrade to a better home. The slightly lower prices are also in the buyer's favor, he added.

Abe has been working full-time in the real estate business for the past 12 years, all with Mayfair Realty. His membership in the firm's Million \$\$\$ Sales Club reflects his success in the competitive business.

"It takes a combination of

hard work and technology to be successful in this business today," Abe said.

He uses his Web site at [www.soldabe.com](http://www.soldabe.com) to market all of his listings complete with virtual tours. The site also includes links to the area cities, townships and school districts, a home finder, relocation tools and information about mortgages for people to check out.

Abe specializes in residential real estate in Oakland, Wayne and Livingston counties. He knows the areas from Brighton to the west, Milford to the north, and east through Novi, Plymouth, Livonia and Redford. He previously lived in Redford and Livonia before moving his family to Lyon Township just outside South Lyon six years ago.

"I believe that it's easier to sell in a community in which you live and believe in," said Abe, who knows

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the South Lyon area extremely well since he lives in the community. "We just love living here. It offers a high quality of life for a family."

Abe not only lives in the area but is actively involved in the local community. He serves as a volunteer firefighter in Lyon Township and is a member of the South Lyon Area Chamber of Commerce and South Lyon Kiwanis Club.

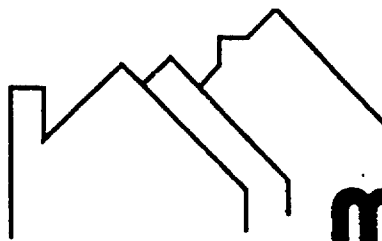
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## Don't overlook need for play space in a boy's room

**Q.** My husband's 7-year-old son from a previous marriage is coming to live with us, and I don't know anything about furnishing and decorating a room for a little boy. We're thinking of a captain's bed with storage underneath, and a desk - he already has a computer. But what else? And what kind of a theme? Should there even be a theme?

### Decor Store

**A.** You need three key ingredients to create a successful room for a 7-year-old boy: cooperation (his); color (bright and cheery, but always to his taste); and recognition of a growing guy's need for physical play space, ample storage and room for over-nighting friends.

Start by soliciting his cooperation. After all, it will be his room. Assemble a small clip file of photos of boys' rooms and let him pick out ideas, furniture and colors he likes best. One good guidebook is "The Smart Approach to Kids' Rooms" by Megan Connelly, part of the Creative Homeowner series (www.creativehomeowner.com).

If a design theme should emerge, say, a jungle environment or Adirondack cabin, relax and go with it. But keep in mind how quickly he may grow out of it. Better to concentrate on creating an attractive ambience that is based on quality, long-lasting furniture. Buy the best bed, bookcases and desk you can afford. Other furnishings, such as curtains, bedclothes and throw rugs, can be relatively inexpensive, so you can change them as your stepson grows.

Go furniture shopping together with your idea box of photos and color samples in hand as a kind of MapQuest to keep you on design track.

Give equally serious thought to how you arrange the furniture in his room. Young guys need open space for floor play, a fact wisely acknowledged in the room we show here. Its designer, Glenn Lawson (www.glennlawson.com), wraps the room with a desk and open shelves, then stores books and collectibles on ceiling-high shelves in order to leave most of the center floor clear (not that it feels bare, thanks to the star-spangled rug). Another advantage: there's ample room to pull out the trundle bed for sleeper guests (with all that other storage space, you can afford to put a trundle under the bed instead of more drawers).

**Q.** I recently purchased a condo in Miami. What can I do with a large window facing the roof of an adjoining building? I like the tropical British colonial theme, but I am unable to figure what to do with this window, which is next to a large sliding glass



CNS PHOTO

The star of the show in a boy's room is the plenty of open play space on the floor.

door leading to a wraparound terrace. I have a taupe and mushroom color scheme.

**A.** The trick will be to disguise your blah view without obscuring the light or blocking access to your sliding glass door. One answer could be a window-sized garden trellis - the kind you buy at a lumber yard - painted the faintest version of your wall color and installed over the glass.

If you put the trellis outside, you could line up narrow window boxes to encourage some lovely vines to climb up and filter the view. If you install the trellis on the inside, hang sheer off-white curtains between it and the glass.

Either way should improve your outlook.

Bored with plain ceilings in your kitchen? Borrow an idea from the refurbished Grotto Azzurra restaurant, a longtime fixture in New York's Little Italy. The famed grotto's still down below, but the dining room upstairs has been recast in classic Roman style, featuring large decorative pasta platters mounted upside-down to the ceiling.

Rose Bennett Gilbert is the co-author of "Hampton Style" and associate editor of Country Decorating Ideas. Please send your questions to her at Copley News Service, P.O. Box 120190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190, or online at copleysd@copleynws.com. © Copley News Service

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3456 High Knoll Dr	\$30,000
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30627 Rainbow Dr	\$211,000
54877 Walnut St	\$1315,000
61241 Richfield St	\$181,000
61761 Fairland Dr	\$219,000
52451 Caddy Lane	\$432,000

### Milford Twp.

2300 Valley Gate	\$434,000
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### Milford Village

616 Sweetbriar	\$169,000
216 Houghton St S	\$187,000
1013 Birdsong	\$262,000

### Novi City

21342	\$164,900
45551 Violet Lane	\$453,000
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39757 Villagewood	\$117,500
22302 Pondview	\$151,900
22390 Sunrise Blvd	\$267,500
45007 Yorkshire Dr	\$273,000
44817 Ford Way Dr	\$383,000
22733 Waycroft Dr	\$390,000
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41086 Scarborough	\$473,000
22144 Brockshire St	\$535,000
31239 Barrington Dr	\$221,700
30814 Palmer	\$267,500

### South Lyon City

728 Huntington Dr	\$7,000
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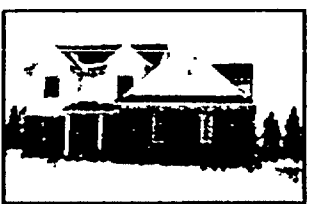
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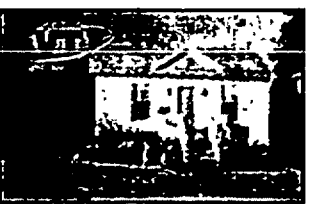
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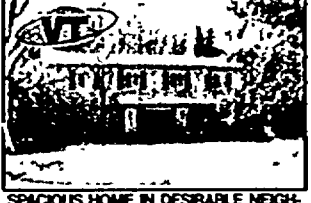
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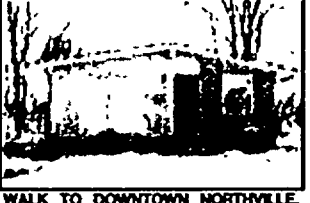
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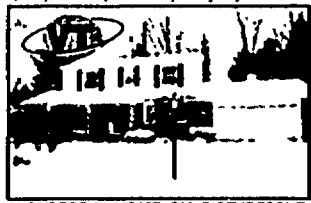
**WALK TO DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE. LOVELY RANCH** - Desirable Viera Estates open floor plan, neutral decor, oak floors, updated kitchen, newer window sand furnace, new deck and brick patio, finished basement, large fenced yard. 1 year home warranty.

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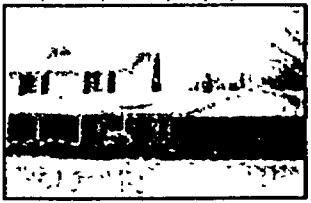
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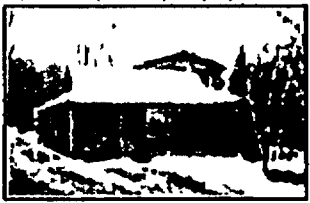
**CHARMING UNID-UNIT TOWNHOUSE IN NOVI** - The 2 bdrm, 2.5 bath home offers neutral decor, newer carpet, doors and moldings. White kitchen with newer floor. Vinyl windows. Partially finished basement. Also offered for lease.

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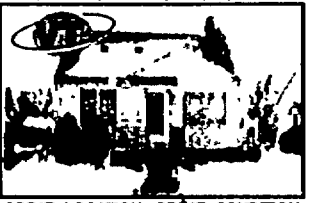
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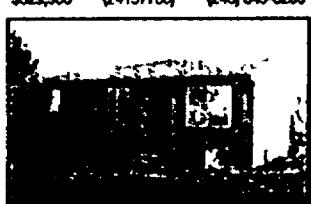
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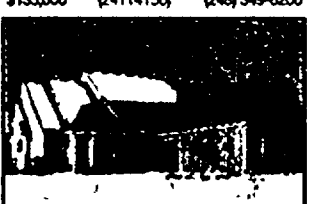
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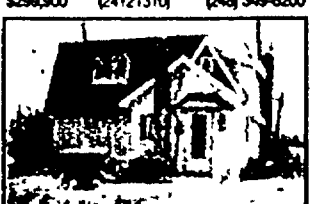
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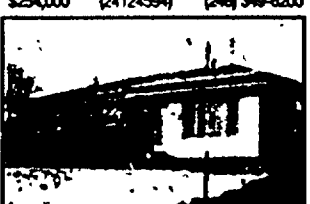
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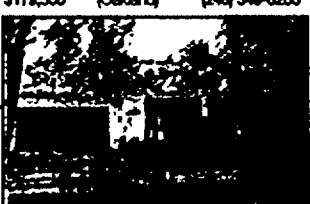
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## Avoid Abbreviations.

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House

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List your telephone number so that potential buyers will know how to contact you. State the best hours to call so they'll know when you can be reached.



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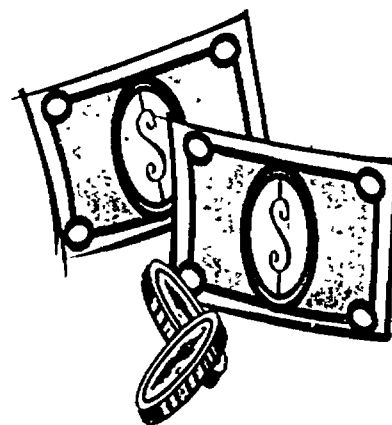
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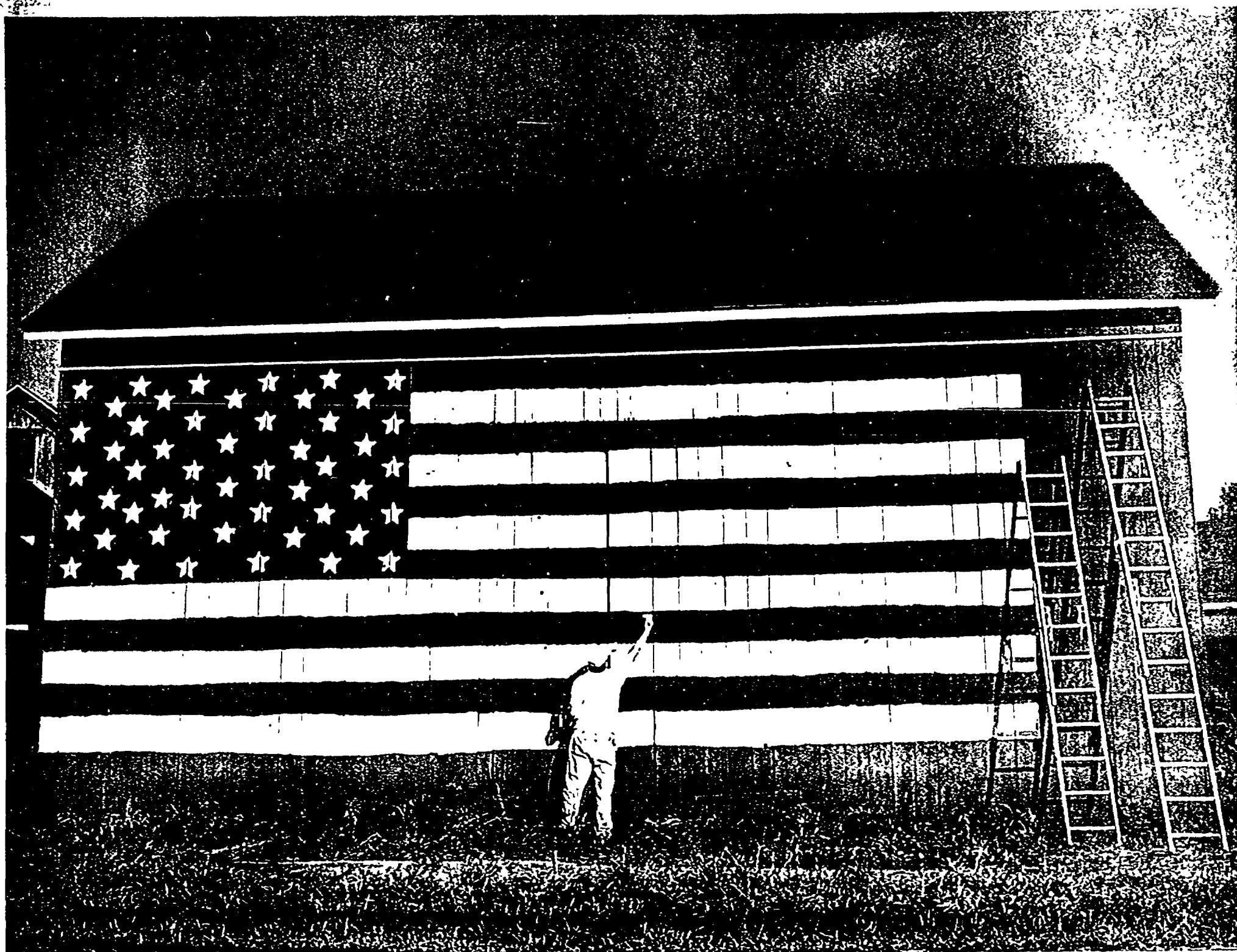
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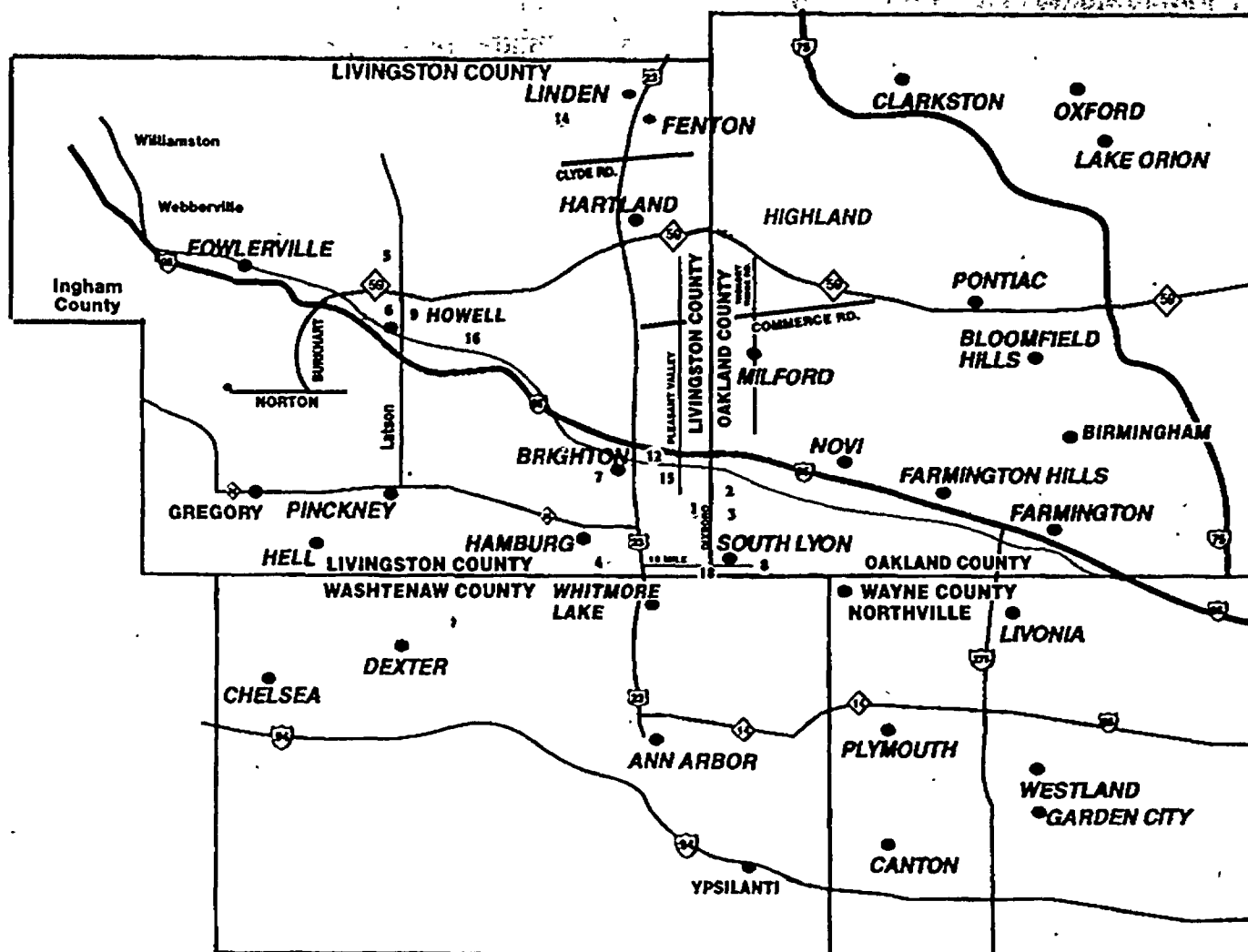
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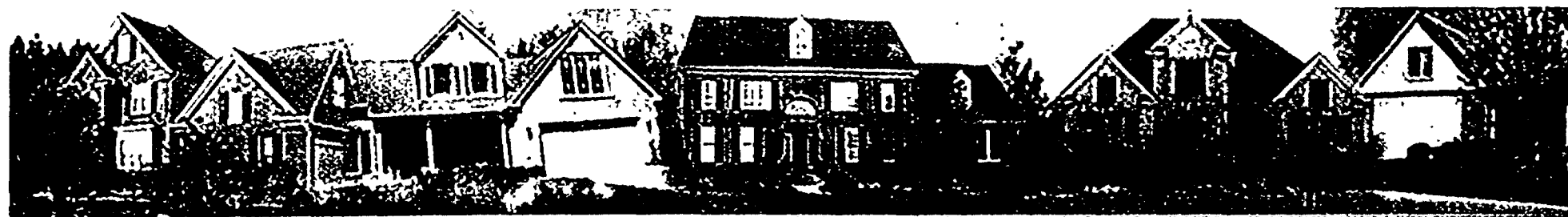
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Sharp well maintained 3 BR, 1 BA ranch w/ new roof, WHFI, kitchen cabinets in 2001, refinished hardwood floors in 2002, new furnace & C/A in 2004. 2 car garage, re-landscaped front yd, raised organic garden in back.  
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**GARDEN CITY Wow! Move Right In**  
This 3 bedroom brick ranch has it all! Neutral furnace, A/C, open filter, copper plumbing w/ 200 AMP elec, basement kitchen w/ 2nd bath, baseboard heat, power generator hookup. Clean eat-in kitchen, Indscpg & BBQ.  
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**REDFORD Spectacular Home**  
Great location across the street from Korvette Park. Newer windows, entry doors, roof & carpet. Appliances included. All in this 3 bedroom brick bungalow with finished basement & 2.5 car garage.  
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**LIVONIA Only The Best Here**  
Stop looking and start enjoying your new condo! Outstanding 2-story 3 BR, 2.5 BA home built in 2001. Loaded w/ upgrades-premium trim, cherry cabs, Corian counters, cust window treatments & more.  
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**WIXOM Amazing Home & Lot**  
Fabulous 4 BR, 3 BA home on approx. 5 acre wooded lot. Boasts huge country kitchen w/ hearth area, 2-story GR, 1st floor MBR, FFL, screened in porch, proless Indscpg, brick paver walkways, sprinkler, 1 yr warranty.  
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**WESTLAND Absolute Cream Puff**  
Wow, you won't believe your eyes when you step into this awesome 3 BR ranch. New dream oak kitchen in 04, most of interior painted, carpeted and ceramic flooring in 04, upgrade windows, C/A, 2 bed deck, loaded.  
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**DEARBORN HGTS. Sprawling Ranch On Double Lot**  
Approx 1500 sq ft, 3 bedroom home w/ 24x32 2 story garage, updated windows, siding, furnace, C/A & kitchen. Jacuzzi tub in bath, fireplace in living room, large kitchen, 1st floor laundry. Walk to all schools.  
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**CANTON Absolutely Fabulous**  
Kitchen w/ light oak cabs & fr + Corian countertops. FR w/ gas fireplace & skylight. Parquet in foyer & hallway. Updated windows, roof & more offered in 1st 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch + partially fin bsmt & 2 car gar.  
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**SOUTH LYON Upper End Unit**  
Beautiful 2 BR, 2 BA ranch unit w/ updated ceiling in the LR & DR, in-unit laundry updated kit, enclosed balcony, den, MBR, w/ bath & WC, and more. Motivated seller offering to pay \$2,000 of buyer's closing costs.  
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**SOUTH LYON Great Golf Community**  
4 BR, 2.5 BA former Wilshire model. Numerous upgrades. Neutral decor. Crown & chair molding, large MBR, proless Indscpg & brick paver & walkway. 3 car heated garage. One year home warranty. Walk to course.  
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**CANTON 'Tee It Up'**  
28x10 deck overlooks 13 & 14 hole. Extensive fin bsmt. Cherry wood, wet bar, recess light, carpet, bright open kit w/ granite sink, pull-out drawers, party Master suite w/ 3 closets. 2 car att gar, end unit condo.  
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**BLOOMFIELD HILLS Fabulous Lakeland Home**  
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An open flowing floor plan w/ windows galore highlights this 3 bedroom colonial. Updated kitchen, family room w/ natural fireplace. Finished lower level, patio & deck for entertaining.  
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**REDFORD Charming Ranch**  
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**CANTON Meadowbrook Colonial**  
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**NORTHVILLE The Epitome Of Elegance**  
Soo! yourself with this 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath condo with 1st floor master, custom cabinets, granite counters & island, hardwood, a wine groto & walk-in closets. The upgrades are endless. Great location.  
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**LIVONIA Welcome To Paradise**  
This incredible ranch sits on a private wooded lot. 3 BR, 2.5 BA, full basement. 2.5 car attached garage & more. FR w/ fireplace & wet bar. Gorgeous deck overlooks proless Indscpg. This house is a must see.  
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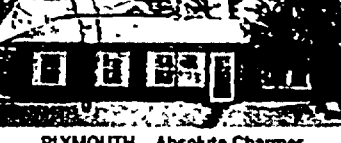
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**LIVONIA Just Like New**  
Open floor plan w/ 3 BRs, 2 BA's light oak kit w/ island. Hardw. flrs, secluded master ste w/ Jacuzzi tub & doornail to deck, track lights in GR w/ double doornail to wrap around deck + 2 car att gar. bsmt w/ marble flr.  
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**FARMINGTON HILLS Charming Home**  
Nicely updated 2/3 BR home. Newer siding, roof, C/A, deck, hot water, refinished hardwood floors upstairs. Carpet, FR in LR. Updated electrical & plumbing. Large yard w/ 1 car garage. Move-in condition.  
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**TAYLOR Brick Ranch**  
3 bedroom, 2 car garage, lots of updates. Full basement, dining area w/ how w/ corner lot. School ranch w/ immediate occupancy. Hardwood floors. Clean & neat. Great value.  
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**REDFORD Clean Redford Ranch**  
3 bedroom home freshly painted, neutral decor, newer windows, steel entry doors & flooring. Some appliances ceiling fans. Nice floor plan. Screened porch & a 1 year home warranty.  
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**NOVI Rare Find In Novi**  
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**DEARBORN HGTS. Spacious 3 BR Colonial**  
Full of charm from the covered front porch to the honey decor. Updates and newer roof, oak kitchen cabinets, bathroom floor. Hardwood floors T/O formal LR & DR. Backyard w/ shed. C/A & FF laundry. Under \$100K.  
(F03NEW) 248-349-5600 \$95,000



**WARREN Maintenance Free Brick Ranch**  
3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, hardwood floors in LR & BRs. Newer furnace, C/A, HWFI & newer kitchen. LR w/ bay window, 2 car garage w/ newer roof. Fenced yard w/ play set. Walk to elementary school. Minutes from I-66.  
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**CANTON Custom Built Home In 2005**  
New const. On approx 1 acre lot offers 4 BR, 3.5 BA, 4 car attached garage & full W/O bsmt. Foyer opens to formal DR & lg open staircase to LL. LR w/ FP, master ste w/ jennet tub. Granite in kitchen plus much more.  
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**WESTLAND Recently Remodeled Brick Ranch**  
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**DEARBORN HGTS. Like New Ranch**  
Must see this updated 3 BR ranch w/ newer Pergo floors, kitchen, HWFI, appliances, siding, gutters & paint. Newer roof, bath, vinyl windows. Detached garage & great location.  
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**LIVONIA Pride Of Ownership**  
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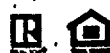


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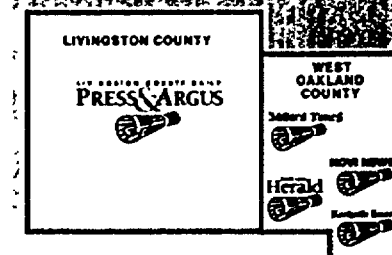
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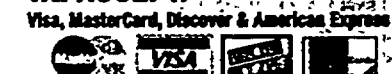
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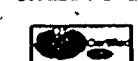
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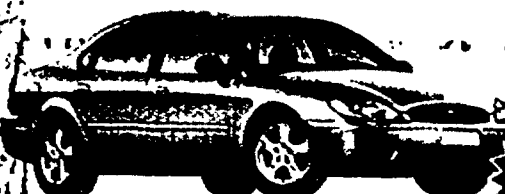
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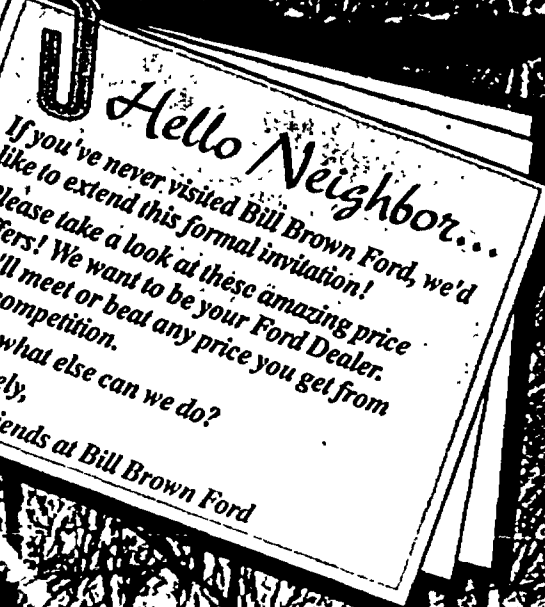
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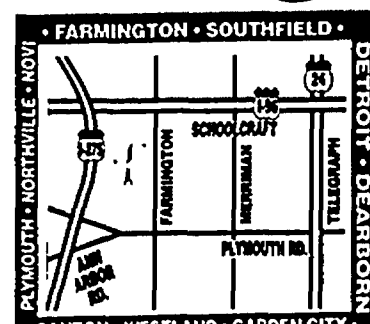
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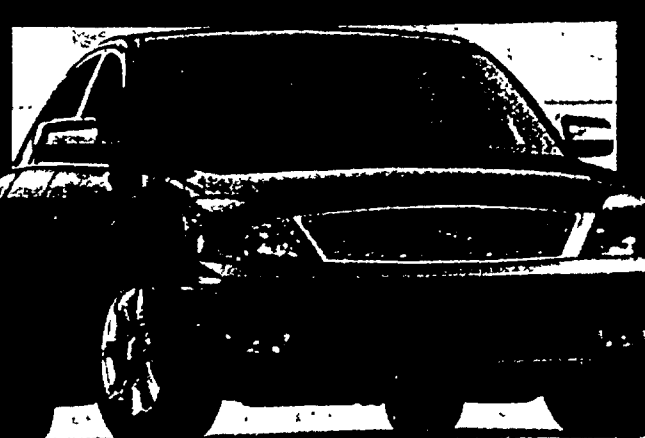
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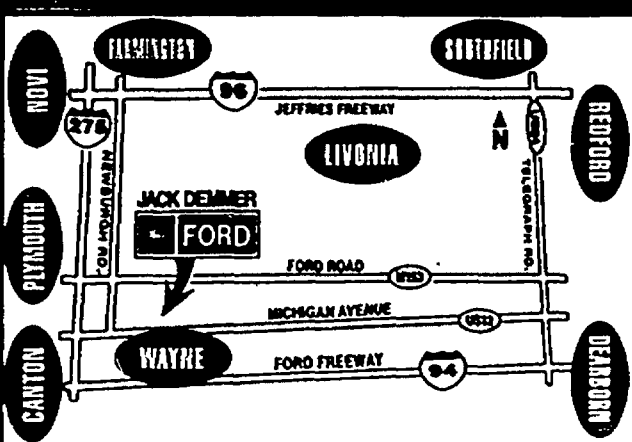
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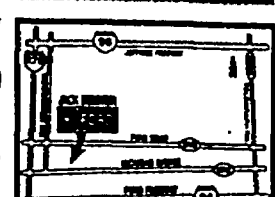
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# Find the money

## Pinch pennies not education

By Cynthia Grochowski  
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Whatever the reason, many find themselves in the position of looking at college with nothing in the savings account. Although not the best position to be in, college can be had on a budget.

Mike Bower, executive dean for continuing education and corporate services and Livingston County Regional M-TECH for Mott Community College points to substantial dollar per credit hour savings at two-year institutions.

"Community colleges offer courses for substantially less per credit hour than universities," Bower said. "Depending on the program, courses taken at a two-year school can be transferred to a four-year program."

Many students take advantage of this course of action to get their prerequisites out of the way, perhaps even working part-time and saving for further education. Bowers strongly suggests meeting with the community college counselor to determine courses that will transfer.

Poor high school grades shouldn't hold someone back from attending community college or other secondary educational avenues.

Kerry Morey, South Lyon High School guidance counselor, has seen students who struggled in high school flourish in community college.

"There are remedial programs in community colleges to help students pick up the skills they need to succeed," Morey said.

Tuition money can be found on short notice.

"We look at IRAs and Roth IRAs since the recent law changes now allow you to use them for first home purchases, health care and education," Jeffrey Stark, investment representative with Edward Jones, said. "If there is no way they can afford to make payments on a loan, this may make sense to them."

Money from these accounts can be used without penalty, but taxes must be paid on the funds withdrawn.

If there is, or will be, the ability to make payments, student loans from banks or other lending institutions is a traditional route many take. Home equity, with current interest rates, is "pretty cheap money" according to Stark.

"It's worth reviewing home equity loans. Sometimes that's the only option people have."

The message is clear: a post high-school education is necessary to compete for a living wage in today's world.

"We are seeing more and more people planning early," Stark said. "Tuition is rising much faster than the cost of living."

Before high finance dealings are delved into, Stark recommends checking for grants and scholarships.

"When those avenues are exhausted, it's time to sit down with a finance professional," Stark said.

In recent years the life-saver to a family's life savings has been prepaid tuition programs. These have evolved over the years and are not as strict as they originally were.

"Prepaid is still available but only good for Michigan residents to go to school in Michigan," Stark explained. "With a 529 plan it doesn't matter what state you live in or school you attend, and a 529 plan can include trade schools and private universities."

Each state has its own 529 plan consisting of mutual fund companies. A family can pay into it as little as \$25 at a time. A big benefit is that a 529 can fund more than one student.

"You can change the beneficiary to another child or change ownership to a child," Stark said. "It can become perpetual."

Stark was so impressed with the plan he

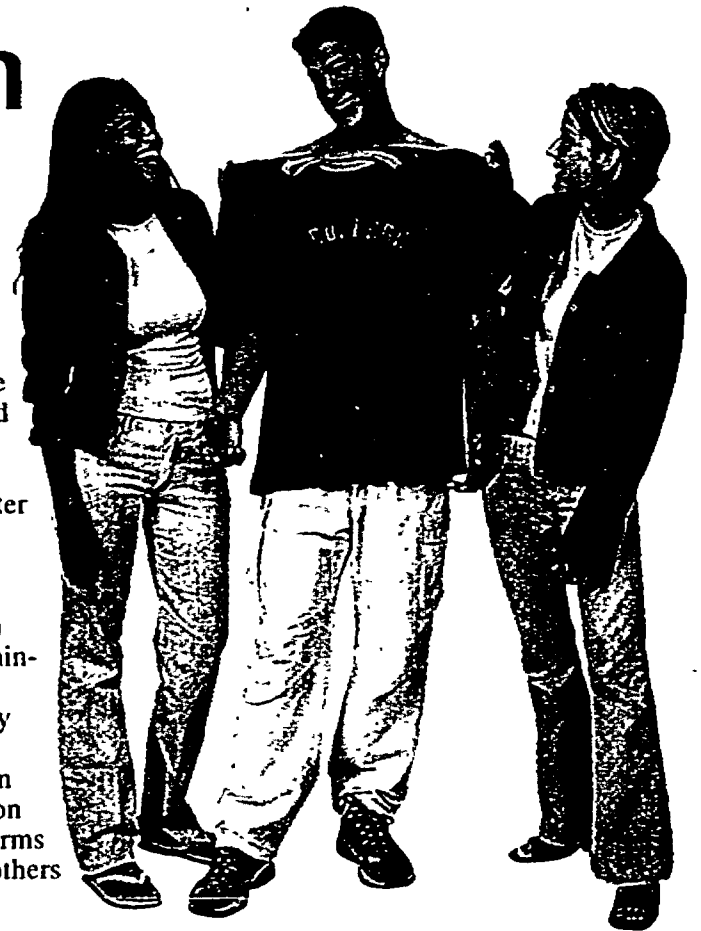
began one for his children.

"The 529 allows me one account to potentially service both of my kids. That's a true benefit," he explained.

When choosing a 529 plan, many may want to consult a financial advisor knowledgeable with the variety available to find one best suited to the client's needs. The performance of one plan's mutual funds may be better suited to a family's needs than another's plan.

A lot of options are available when planning ahead for tuition expenses, Stark noted, and certainly there is a lot of information available on the topic, especially on the Internet.

"It really is better to talk to an advisor than to wade through it on your own," Stark said. "Some firms have only their plan available, others offer a variety."



## Begin the financial search early

By Cynthia Grochowski  
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

The first step towards financing a post-high school education can't be taken too soon.

Kerry Morey, a guidance and financial aid counselor at South Lyon High School, recommends parents start as early as freshman year.

"There are a lot of pieces to the paying-for-college puzzle," Morey said. "You have to start looking early."

Find the first piece in the guidance office. High school counselors have the resources and experience to speak to parents about financial aid. Find out when job and college fair nights are scheduled to gain more information.

The second piece is to look within.

"Plumb your resources. Does your employer, union or service organization offer scholarships?" Morey asked.

Churches, professional organizations and community groups often offer educational funding but do little advertising. For the cost of a phone call a scholarship chance can be found.

Looking around the everyday world can reveal many resources. Many big retail stores have funding opportunity information at their service desks. Products marketed to teens may also offer scholarships.

Another piece to pick up early: Have students take the right level of classes (while maintaining high grades) to be in

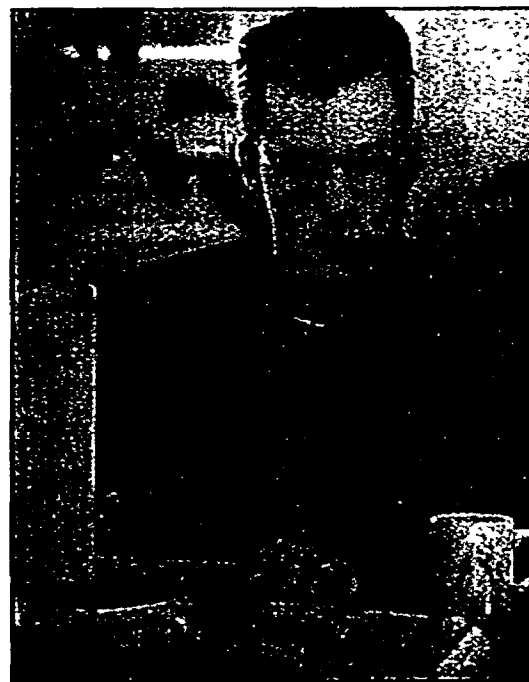


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Many resources exist, including Web sites, to help find money for college tuition. A student's high school guidance counselor can be a wealth of information in the search for financial aid.

the running for many scholarships.

Then there are the forms to fill out.

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid form is a must when searching for college fund help. The form can be filled out on line for free at

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Begin working on the financial aid puzzle by checking out these informative Web sites:

- [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
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- [www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)

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"Get into the (financial aid) system," Morey advised. "It's free, and you may qualify for something."

State aid also looks at the FAFSA form.

Parents can look online for more resources. Calculators are available on these sites to help determine such things as the average cost of attending the school of your choice, average financial aid available and out-of-pocket expenses expected.

Even if college isn't what student and family have in mind, the financial aid journey should still be made.

"Most high school grads realize they need some kind of post secondary training whether it's truck driving school or a bachelor's," Morey said.



# Find many in-demand skills for top careers in trade schools

By Cynthia Grochowski  
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

A four year university is not everyone's avenue to a career.

College-credit courses can be taken in high school. Work-study programs can make the transition from education and career seamless. Trade schools, community colleges and other secondary institutions offer educational alternatives.

"That's a great opportunity. Anyone has a fair shot," Kerry Morey, South Lyon High School counselor, said. "The world needs skilled people who have a natural talent but don't necessarily need the college university route."

"So many kids don't have an idea what they want to do," Morey said. This can lead to a "no-reason-to-do-well-if-you-don't-know-what-you-want-to-do attitude," wasting tuition and time.

"Most high school grads do realize they need some kind of post-secondary training, whether it's truck driving school or a bachelor's degree," she said.

"Starting their freshman year, students should start attending educational fairs and job fairs," Mike Bower, executive dean for continuing education and corporate services and Livingston County Regional M-

TECH for Mott Community College, advised. "That's where students can learn what it's really like out there in the job market."

It's also the place where students can pick up the questions to ask their counselor about career paths.

Livingston Regional M-TECH is a not-for-profit Technical Training Center operated by Mott Community College and advised by a board of local businesses and community representatives.

Livingston Regional M-TECH is one of 18 sites in Michigan, which were developed specifically to meet the training needs of businesses, industries and individuals.

"M-TECH is an education alternative that gives a certificate, as opposed to a two-year degree where students are required to take non-target classes," Bower said.

Many M-TECH classes do advance students towards college degrees.

"A large percentage of our students are non-traditional," Bower said. "They may be 27, 28 years old and need to increase their skills."

Many programs see younger students who have not been in the job market long. When exploring the many types of col-



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Community colleges and trade schools programs offer education for high-demand careers requiring specialized training.

lege alternatives it becomes clear that higher education is available to everyone,

whatever their interests, whatever their circumstances. All it takes is a look around.

## Reserve a career in travel

By Cynthia Grochowski  
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Forget the image of Nia Vardalos strangling herself on a phone headset in "Big, Fat, Greek Wedding".

Like all college alternatives, travel school is serious business leading agents into specialized careers a university degree cannot.

"College is not for everyone," Sharon Derrig, vice president of Conlin-Hallisey Travel School, said. Many post-secondary-education alternatives, like travel school, can provide the springboard for a rewarding career.

Alternative education offers intense, specialized training in less time than a college degree. At Conlin-Hallisey, students attend for 15 or 22 weeks, depending on day or evening courses. The \$2,490 tuition covers fees and books.

"If they do well in the course they will do well as agents," Derrig said.

Students range in age from 18 to 65 and are looking for full-time or part-time employment with an agency or from their home. All have excellent communication skills, good organizational skills, pay attention to detail and like to travel.

"Once in, they may find they want to pursue college in a different area," Derrig said.

The Internet has changed the travel industry to a certain degree, but has not replaced the growing need for attention to detail or searching for the best dollar value.

"Group and incentive business has a high demand for full-service agents," Derrig said. "Companies have us put their trips together. It



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Many agents go on to careers in hotel, air or cruise lines or specialty travel.

can be in-depth, including dinners, prizes, rentals — anything connected with the trip."

"People spending thousands of dollars want to deal with someone in person," Derrig said. "Travel agents work with preferred suppliers to get the best rates."

Derrig has seen many clients hurt by using the Internet themselves. Cancellation policies aren't explained on many sites or better accommodations for a few dollars more aren't apparent when looking over choices.

Because of their training and connections in the industry travel agents "can find the best value for money," Derrig said.

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# Take the stress out of tests

Say the word "test" to one of the millions of high school students entering their junior or senior year and that can only mean one thing — college entrance exams.

More than 60 percent of high school seniors continue on to college, up significantly from 20 years ago. But this rite of passage can rest heavily on the American College Test (ACT) and SAT scores, as the competition to get into one of the 3,000 colleges across the nation grows fiercer each year.

Standardized tests can be intimidating. Anxiety and stress can provide distractions, which often significantly impact a test's outcome. Preparation and planning are critical for success so that's why it's important to keep stress at a minimum when studying for these exams.

"College preparation, particularly test-taking, can be an anxious time for students, but it doesn't have to be," says Joyce E. Smith, executive director of the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

"With proper guidance from parents, counselors and others involved in the student's academic life, the path to college can be a lot less angst-ridden than expected. Remember that

standardized tests are only one of many factors — such as grades in college prep courses, overall grade point average and class rank — that are considered by admissions offices."

Taking the stress out of tests can be simple. Students can try these helpful tips:

- Prepare early. Taking challenging courses in high school is one of the best ways to prepare for the exams.

- Read, read, read. Everything from newspapers to magazines to books will strengthen your reading comprehension and vocabulary. Read for at least 15 minutes a day.

- Practice. Take the practice test in the materials received from the companies that produce the SAT or ACT. You can also find tests online or in books (check your guidance office or school library).

- Don't load-up. Cramming can cause additional anxiety. Get enough sleep, eat well and be rest assured that you are ready.

- Bring the right tools. Set out everything you need the night before the test, including your No. 2 pencil.

- Don't get stumped. If certain types of questions seem to stump you, get some help from a teacher in that area.

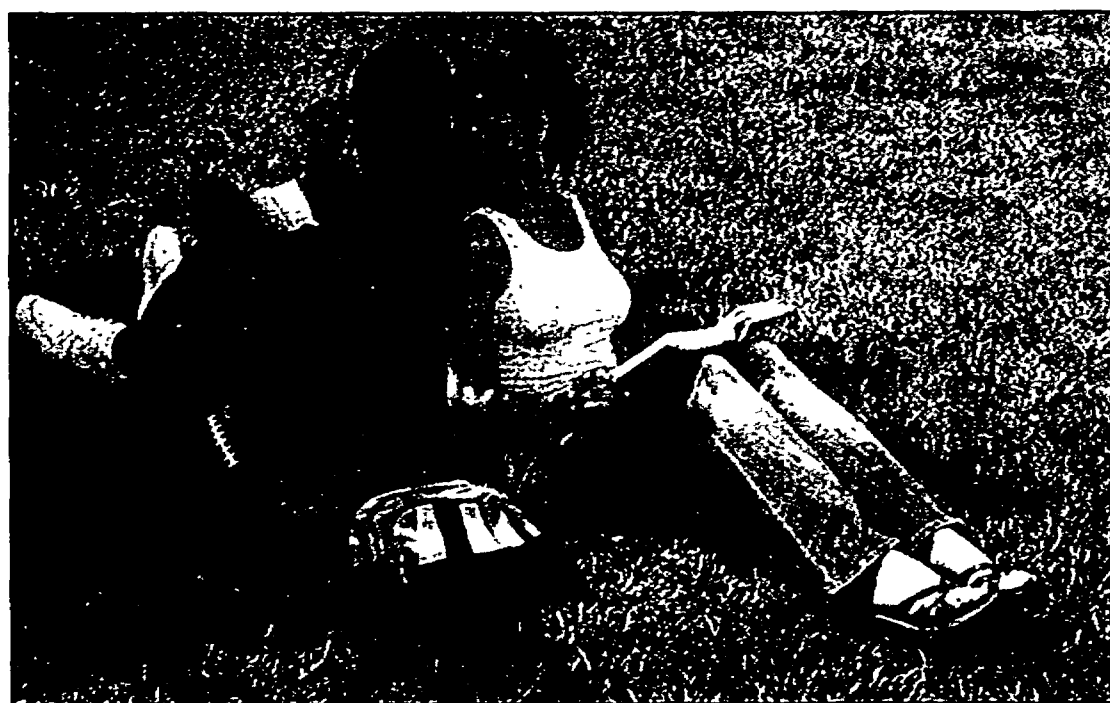


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For more information on taking the right steps for college, visit [www.nacac.com](http://www.nacac.com) or [www.papermate.com](http://www.papermate.com).

## Planning and organization make the most of dorm room's space

College presents many challenges that test students' problem-solving skills. But one of the trickiest problems of college is living in the confines of a tiny dorm room and, more

likely than not, sharing that space with a roommate. Still, with a little bit of planning, organization and ingenuity, it is possible to transform even the smallest cubicle into a

comfortable, functional living space. Here's how.

- Bring only what you'll really use. Every item should have a purpose and every piece of clothing should be something you wear often. Then, pack a few items that reflect your interests, like movie posters or photos. Don't bring too much from your past, like a baseball trophy or varsity jacket.

- Plan to use every inch of space in your room. For example, buy narrow, under-the-bed plastic boxes to store blankets, sheets and towels. Books and CDs can go in stacking crates, which can double as a nightstand or table.

- Maximize your closet. Install hooks to inside walls and stack crates and bins on the floor. Make the most of your hanging space. Stackable hangers can extend your clothing downward instead of across. You can also buy a rod that can be hung below your stan-

dard one. Or make your own extra closet rod by stacking crates on the sides of the closet and running a pole between them. That way, you can simultaneously double your hanging and shelving space.

- Create a morning routine. College students are notorious for staying up late and sleeping in. That's why a simple morning routine is key to making it to class on time. A small caddy can organize bath and shower supplies so you won't be fumbling for your toothpaste and soap.

- Make your room a study oasis. Clear your desktop, but store supplies you use frequently, like highlighters and scratch pads, within reach. Put crates underneath or next to your desk to store file folders, notebooks and textbooks. To track assignments, get a wall or desk calendar. Use it to record exams, assignments, activity meetings and other important information.

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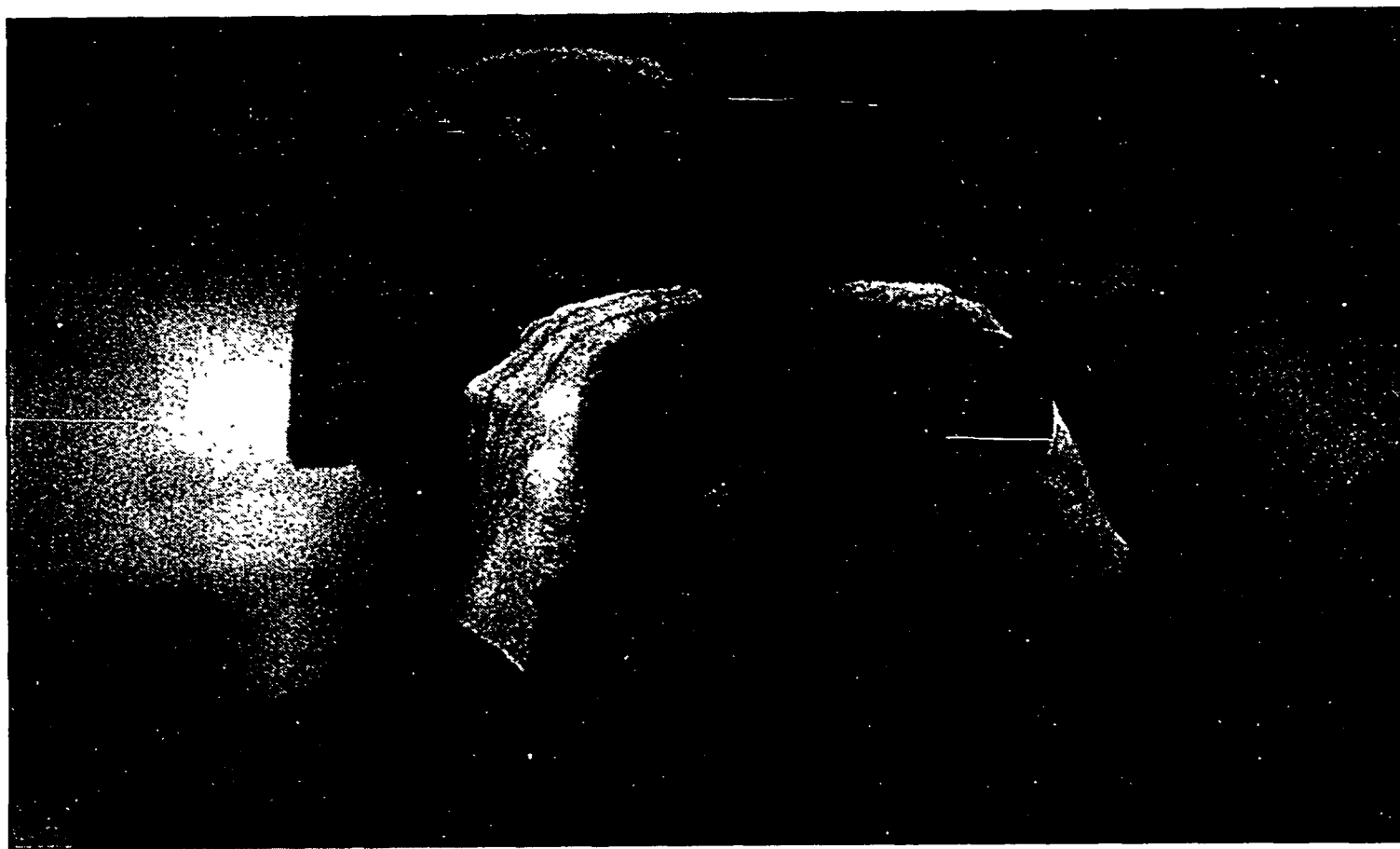
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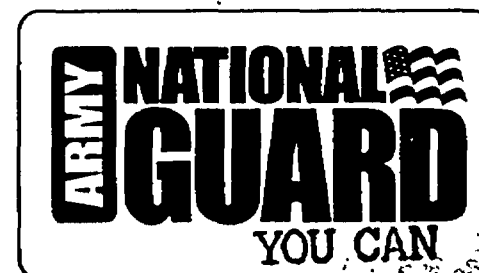
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## Define career paths at fair

By Cynthia Grochowski  
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Grown up and still don't know what to be? Visit a job fair.

"Anyone entering or returning to the job market needs to know what is required in the market," William Sleight, director of Livingston County Michigan Works, said.

People considering college, trade school or specialized training can talk with employers at the fair to better understand what is required for certain careers and how to best acquire the necessary skills to be marketable.

On April 5, Michigan Works will host a Livingston County Job Fair at Livingston Regional M-TECH. M-TECH is located in the Trans West Industrial Park, 1240 Packard, off of M-59, east of Burkhart Road in Howell.

Over 40 local employers will be on hand to recruit employees and discuss skills necessary for their market. Educational and training representatives will also be on hand to speak with attendees about acquiring those skills.

"A job fair can give you a realistic appraisal of where you stand in the job market," Sleight explained. "Its prime goal is to help people connect with jobs and help employers connect with a skilled labor force."

Exposure to different jobs and companies brings to light the diverse corporate cultures in the market.

"Companies are looking for people who fit into the culture of their company," Sleight said. "Even if a worker has settled on a specific job, it does make a lot of difference where and who they work for, the kinds of assignments they get, the autonomy they have on the job."

A job fair heavily targets more than first-time job seekers.

"They may not have the skills for their dream job," Sleight said, describing one type of job fair attendee. Typical attendees are in the job market and wish to move ahead with skills or seek out different employers.

"Many aren't aware of the changes that have occurred," Sleight said of those attendees who have been employed for several years.

Also hosting the job fair is the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Howell Chamber of Commerce, Livingston County Economic Development Council, Michigan Economic Development Council and many others.

The Michigan Works Livingston Service Center is located at 1255 E. Grand River in Howell, in the Promenade Shopping Center.

For more information about the upcoming job fair and available services call (517) 546-7450 or log onto [www.lcmw.org](http://www.lcmw.org).

## How to choose a secure career

The Bureau of Labor Statistics foresees the fastest growing occupations in the health- and computer-related fields. Listed below are the fastest growing occupations as published in the 2004-05 Occupational Outlook Handbook. For more information, visit [www.bls.gov/oco](http://www.bls.gov/oco).

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3. Physician assistants
4. Social and human service assistants
5. Home health aides
6. Medical records and health information technicians
7. Physical therapist aides
8. Computer software engineers, applications
9. Computer software engineers, systems software
10. Physical therapist assistants
11. Fitness trainers and aerobics instructors
12. Database administrators
13. Veterinary technologists and technicians
14. Hazardous materials removal workers
15. Dental hygienists
16. Occupational therapist aides
17. Dental assistants
18. Personal and home care aides
19. Self-enrichment education teachers
20. Computer systems analysts
21. Occupational therapist assistants
22. Environmental engineers
23. Post-secondary teachers
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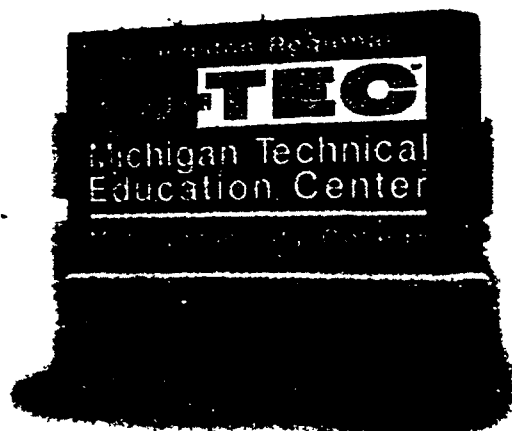
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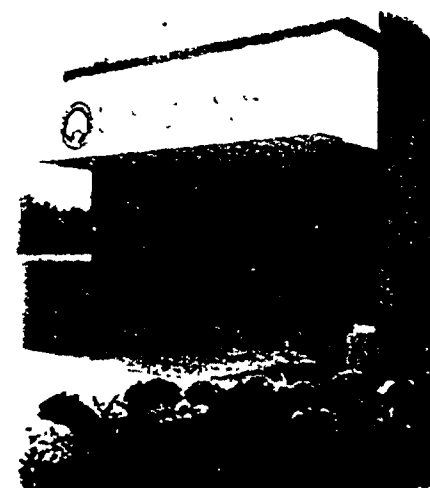
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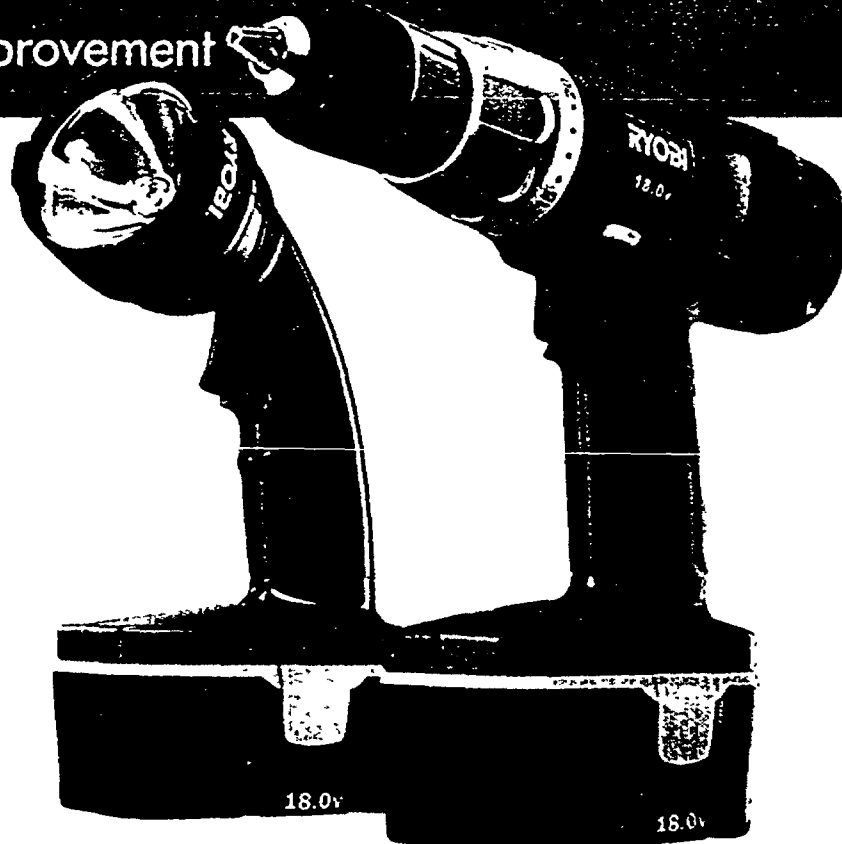


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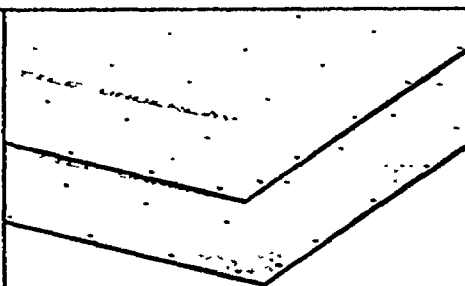
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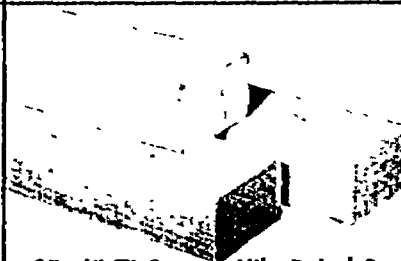


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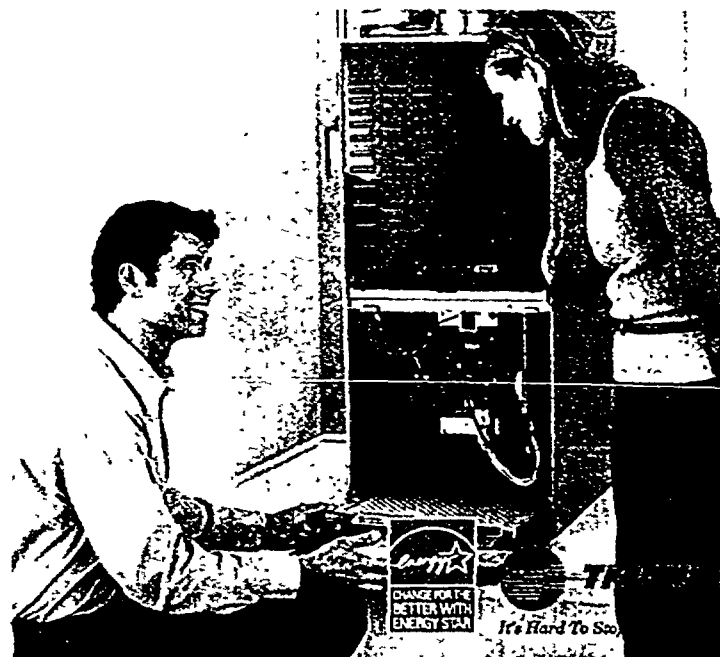
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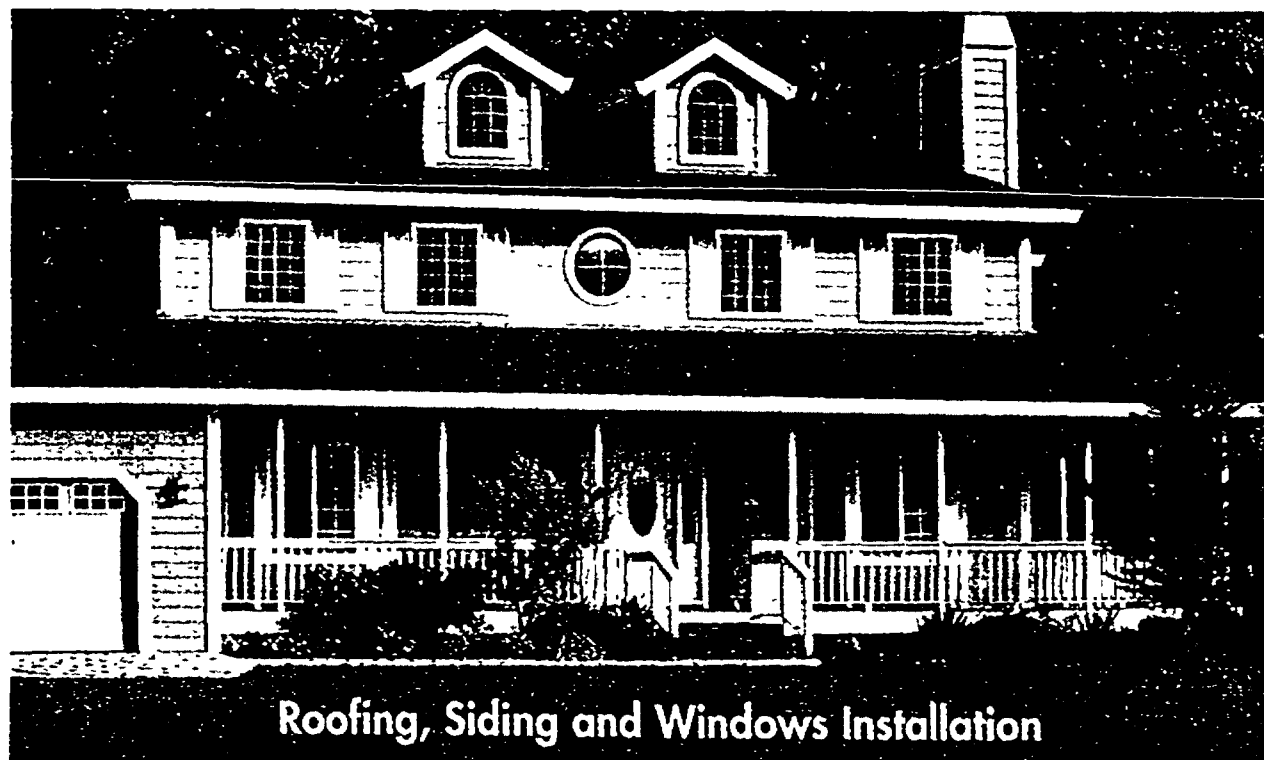


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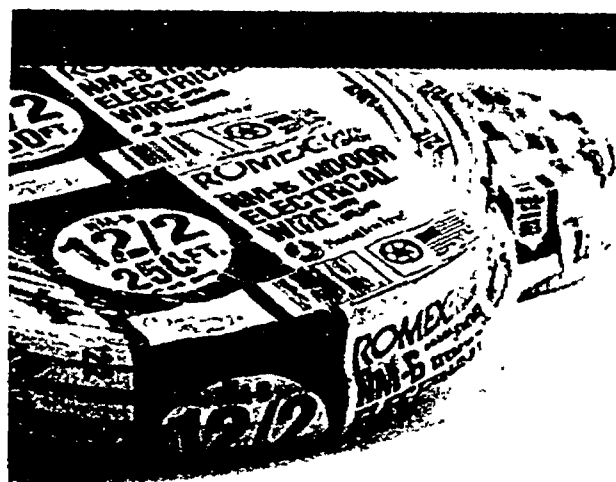
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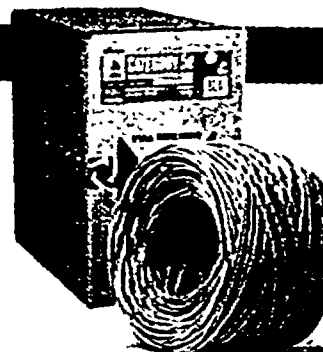
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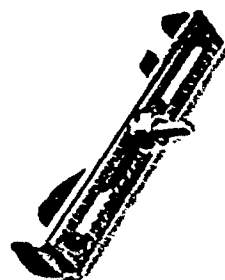
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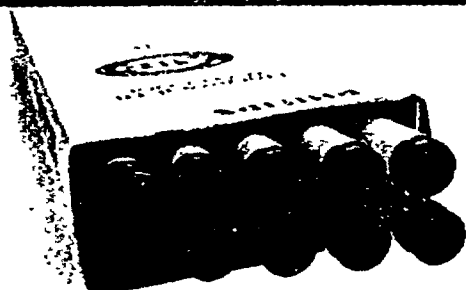


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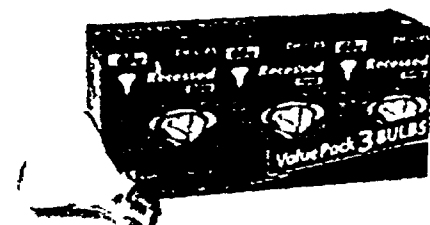
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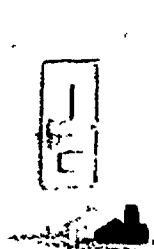
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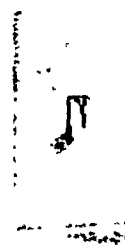
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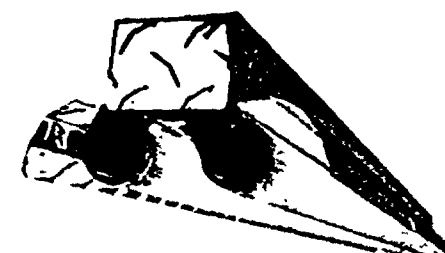
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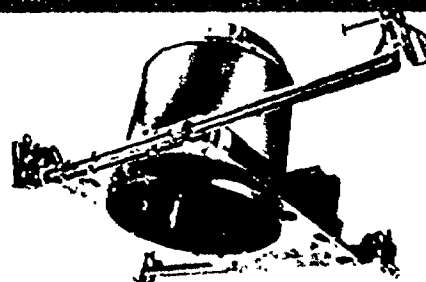
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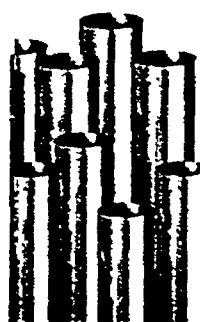
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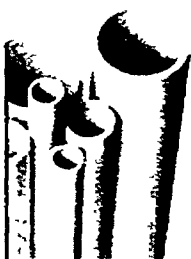
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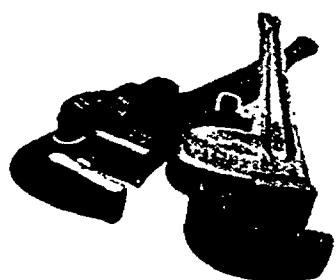
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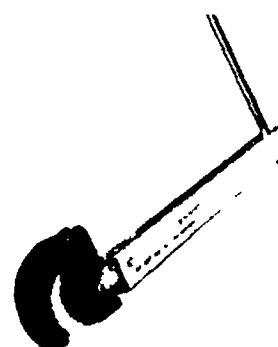
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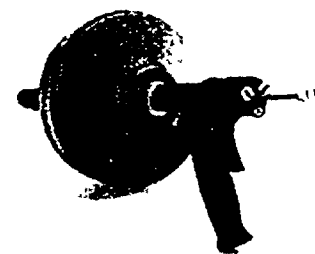
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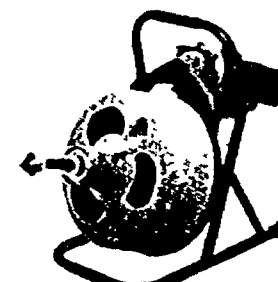
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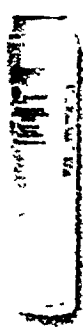
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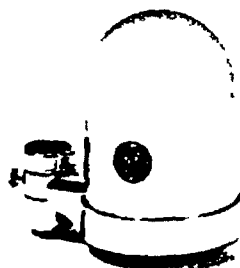
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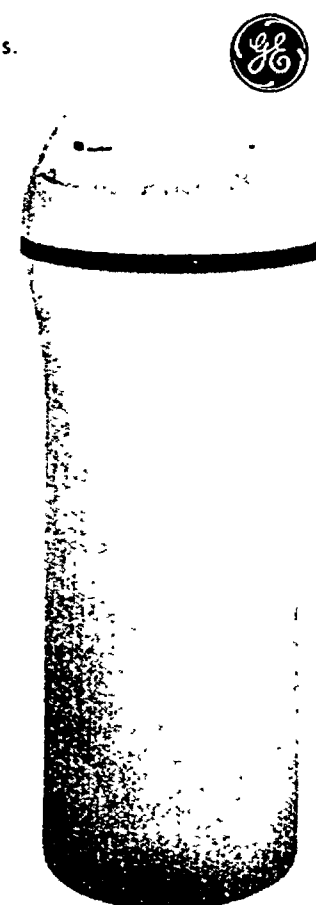
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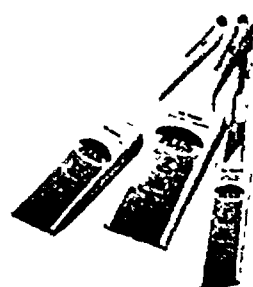
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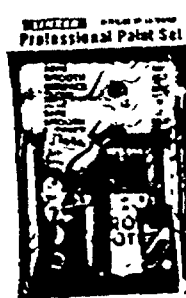
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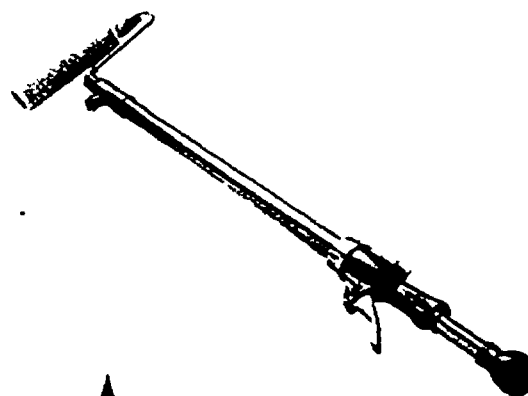
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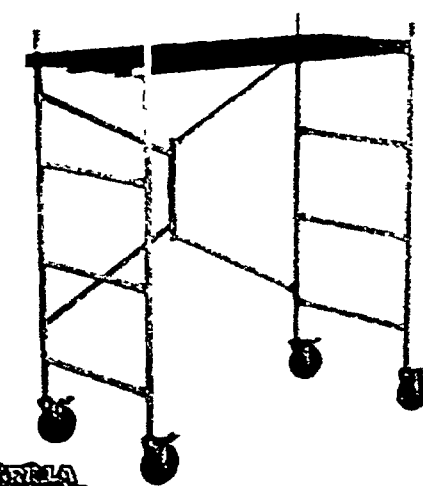
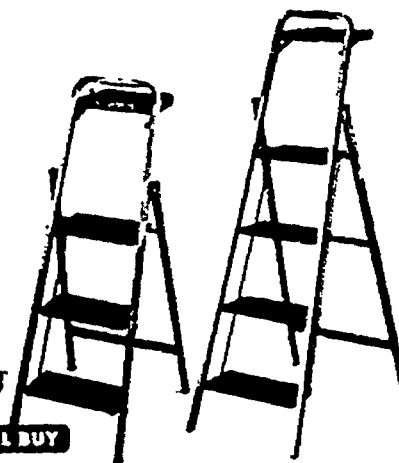
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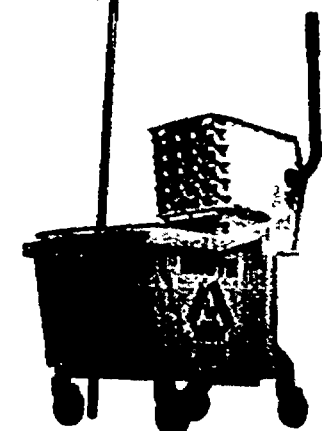
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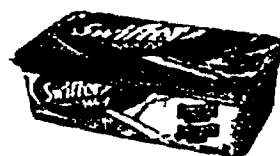
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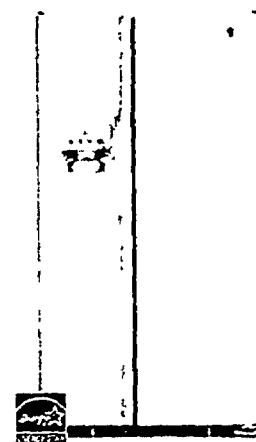
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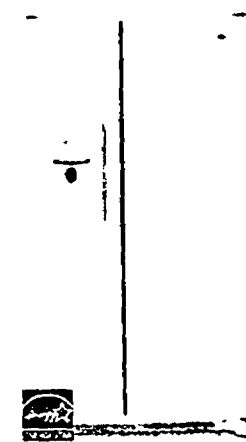
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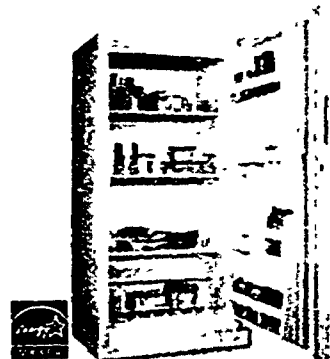
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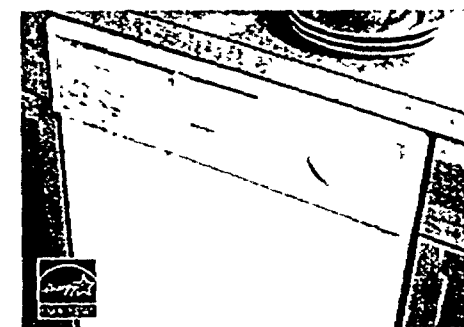


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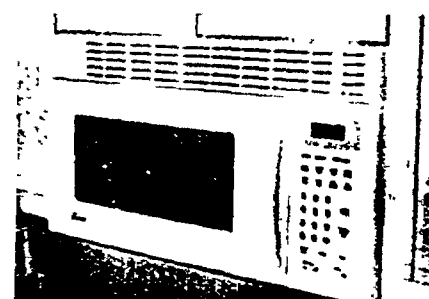
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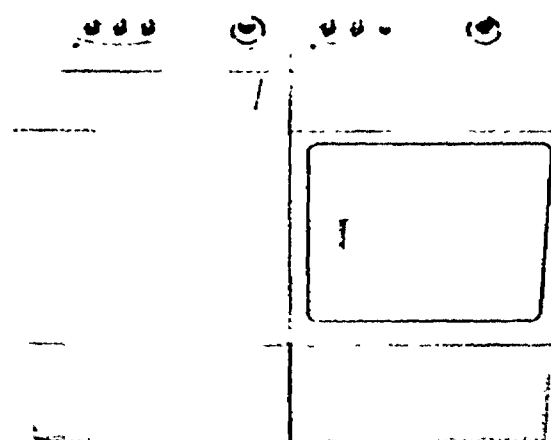


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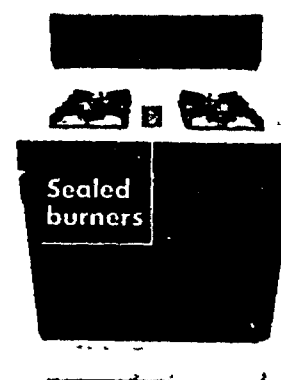
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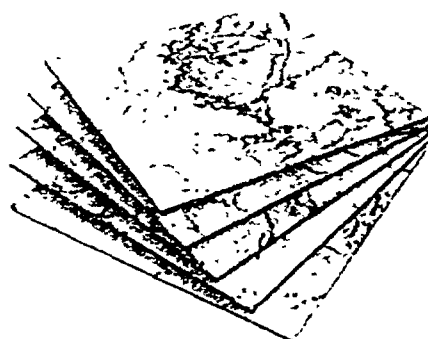
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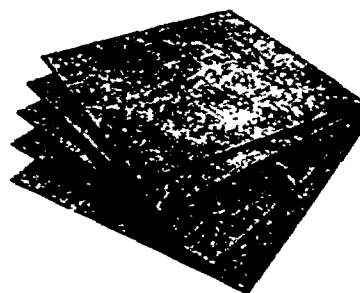
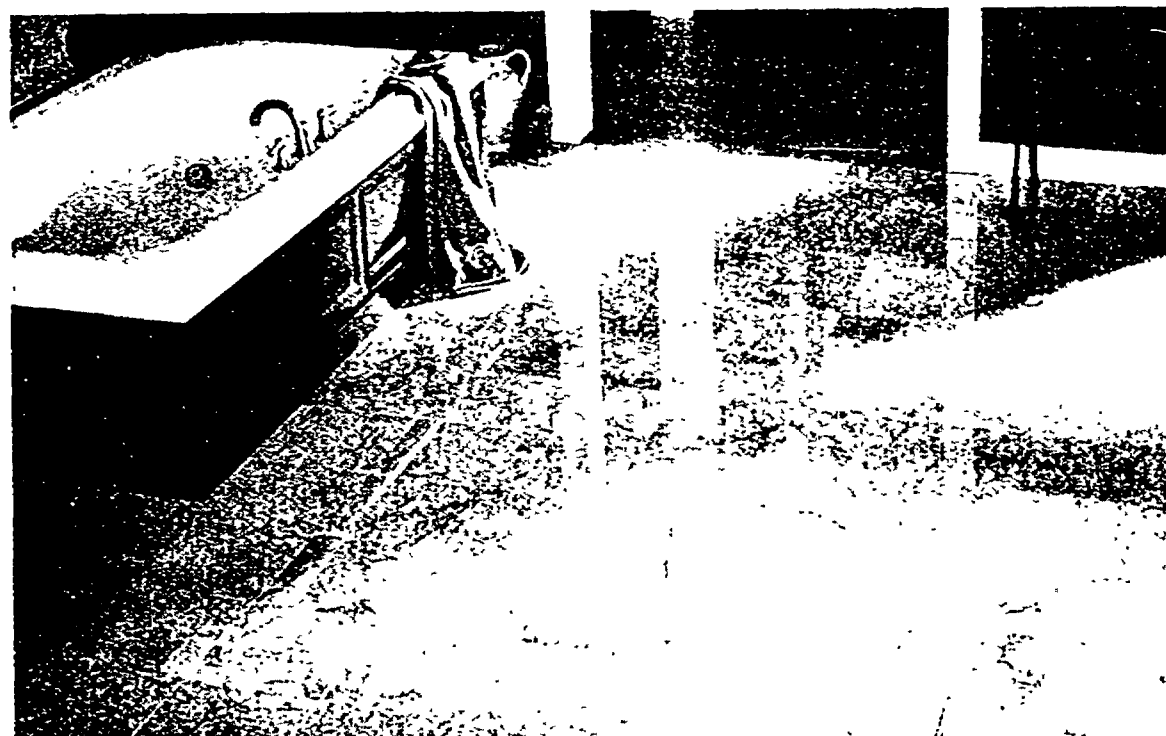


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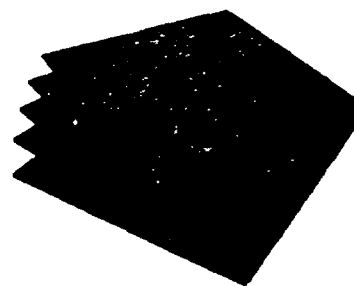
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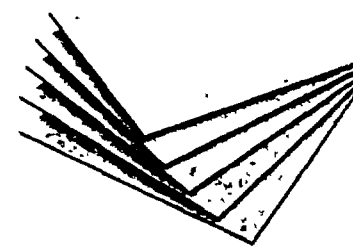
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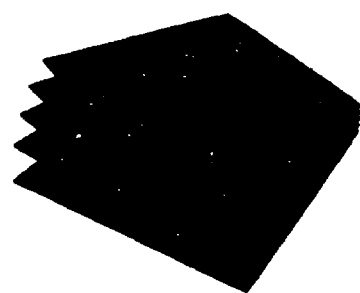
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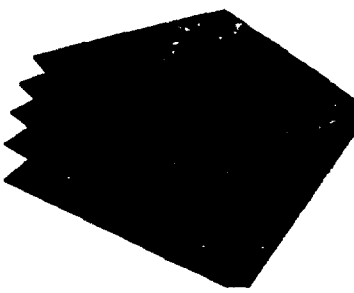
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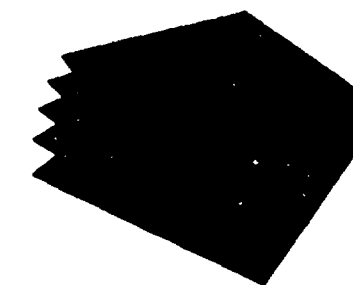
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Porcelain tile. Case covers 15.91 sq. ft. Neutral tile blends well with any decor. (188398) (188498)

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## Follow These Steps for a Clean Tile Layout

■ Starting with a solid, level floor, lay a backerboard to make a smooth surface for the tile. ■ Cut tiles to fit your planned layout. ■ Spread bonding mortar with a trowel and set your tile. Mix and spread the grout, then remove excess with a float. ■ Apply a commercial grout cleaner with a sponge and a brush to remove haze. ■ Purchase our Tiling 1-2-3 book or visit the homedepot.com for detailed steps.



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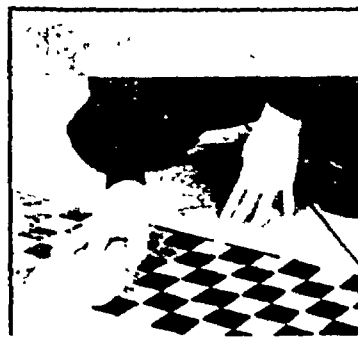
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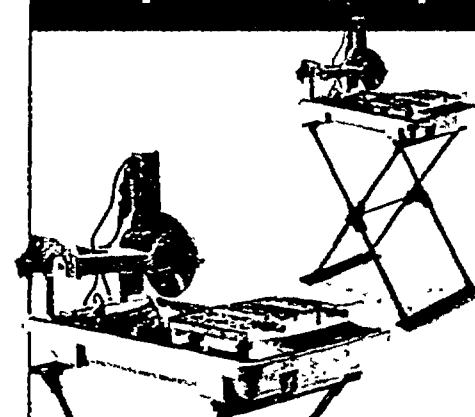
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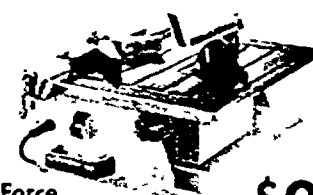
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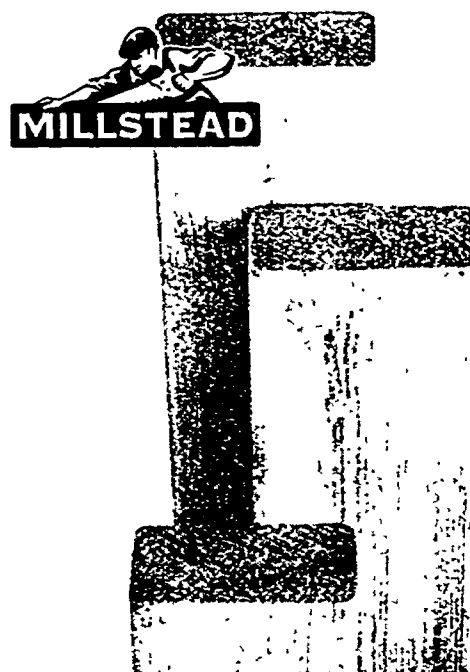


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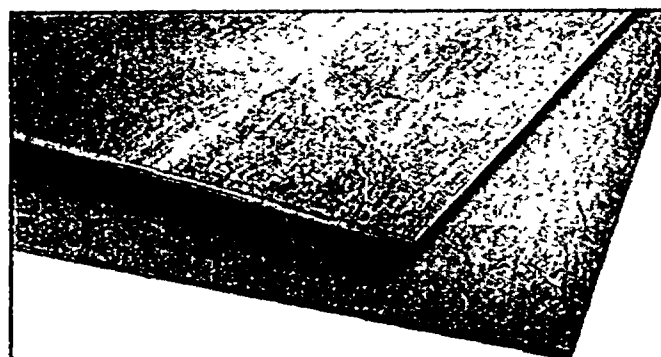
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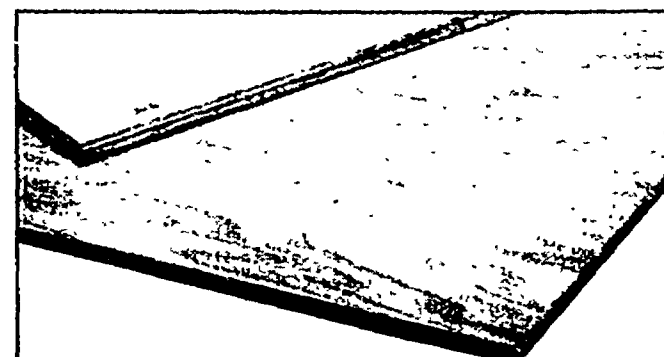
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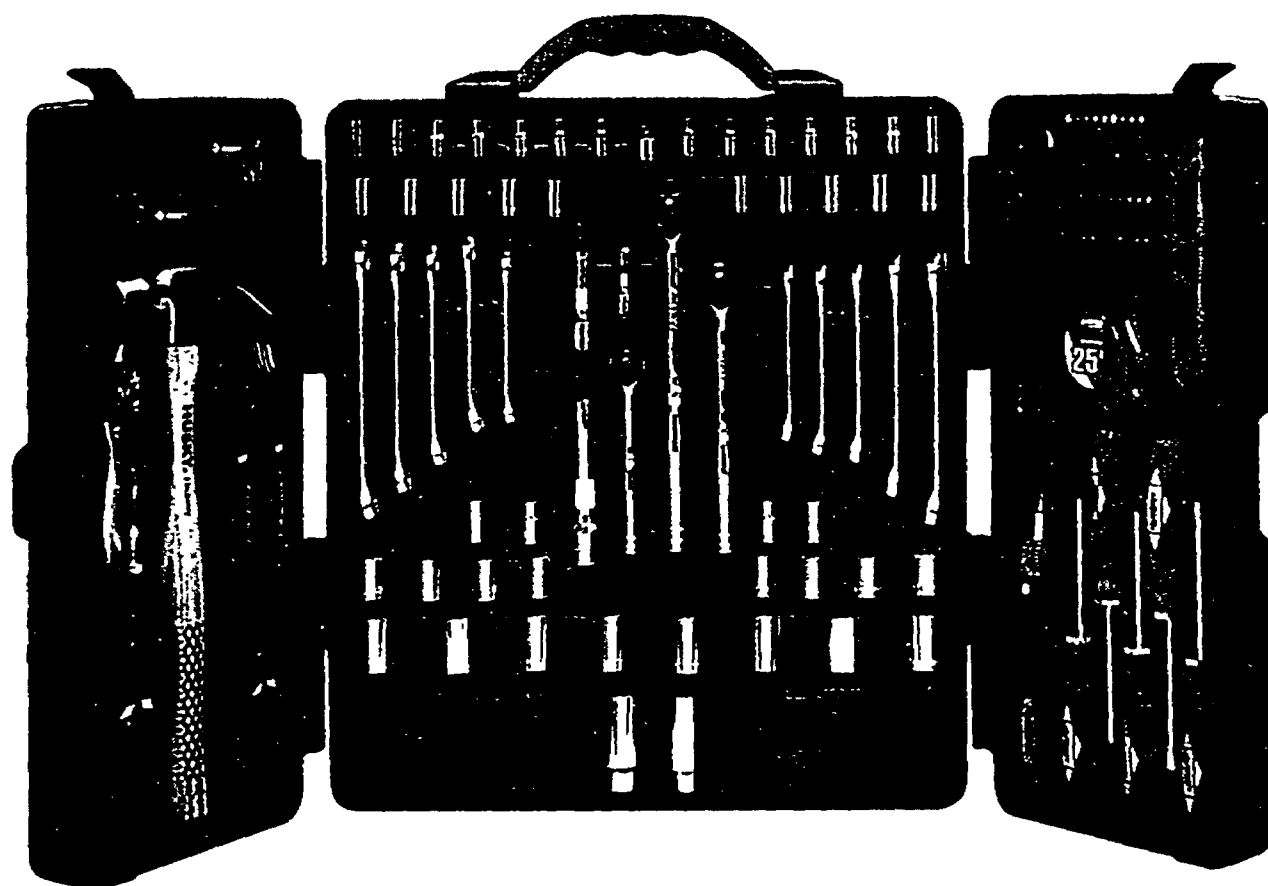
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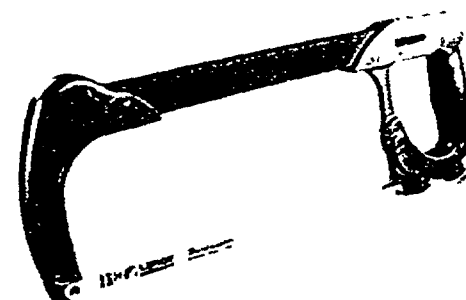
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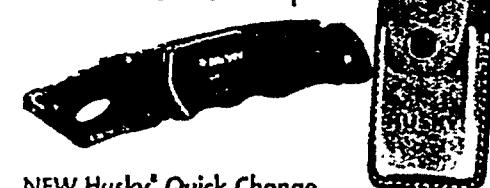
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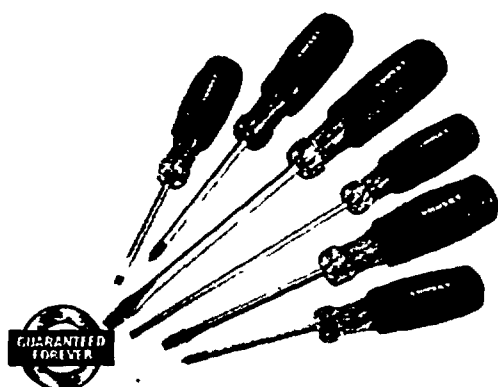
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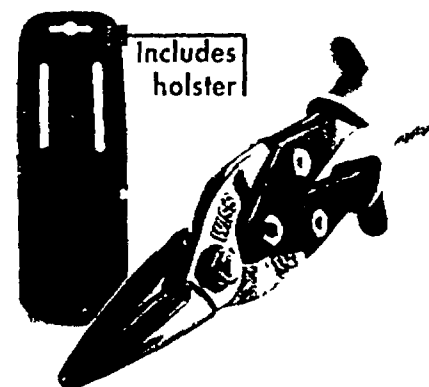
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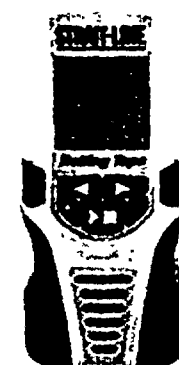
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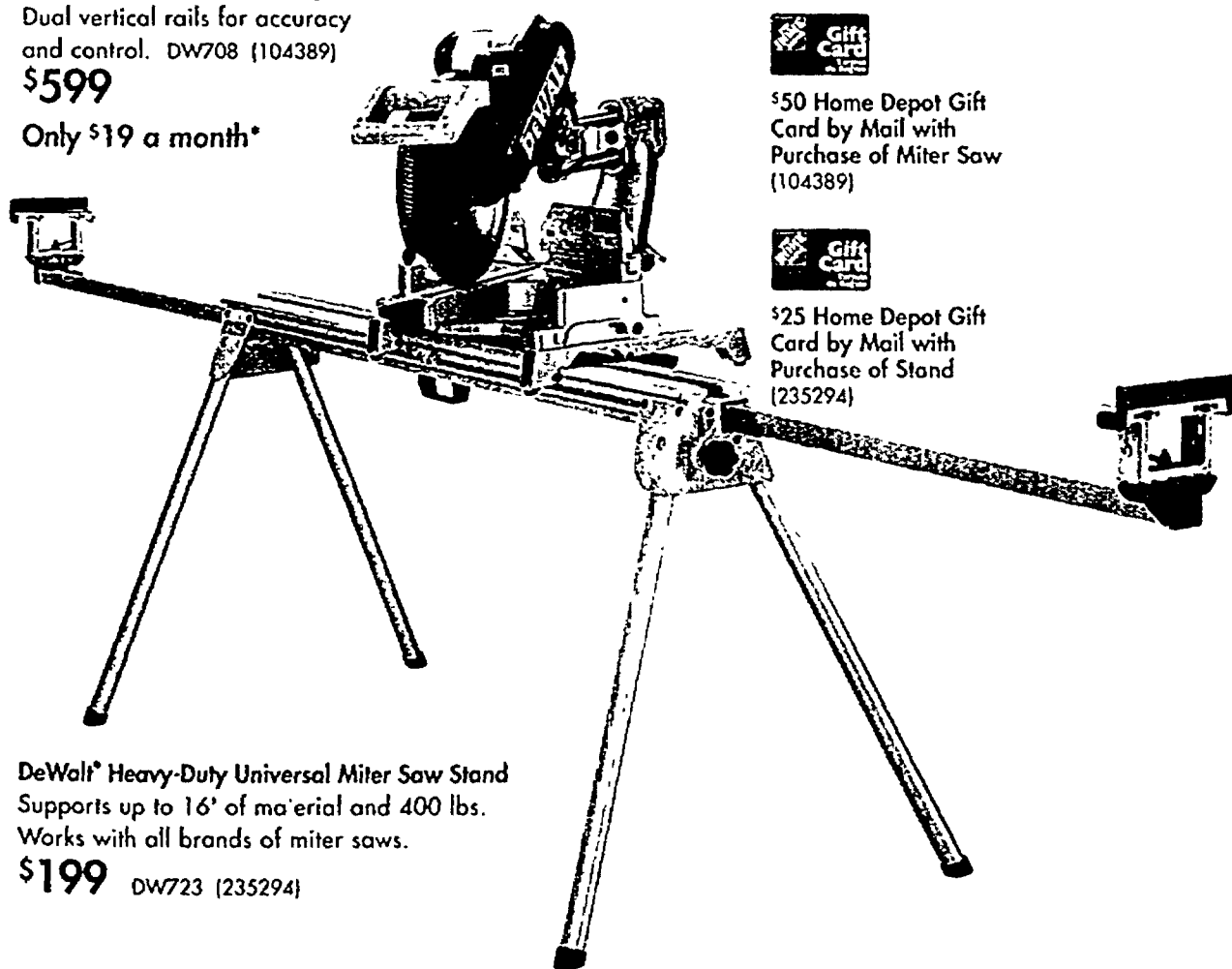
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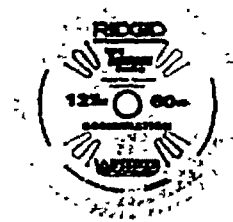


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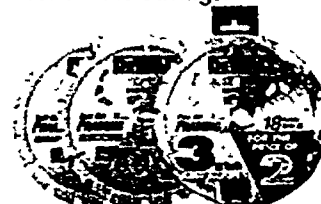
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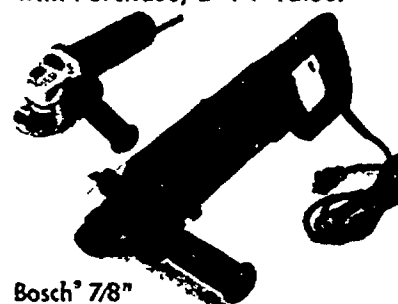
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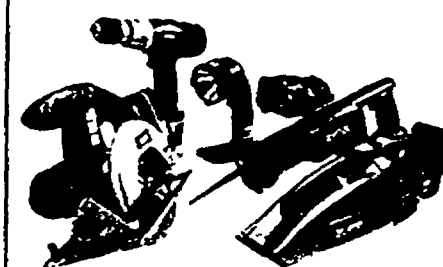
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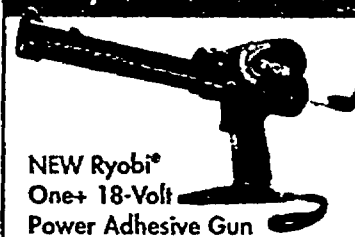
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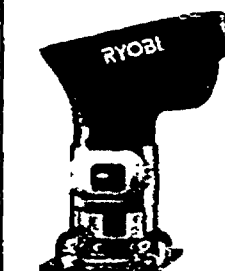


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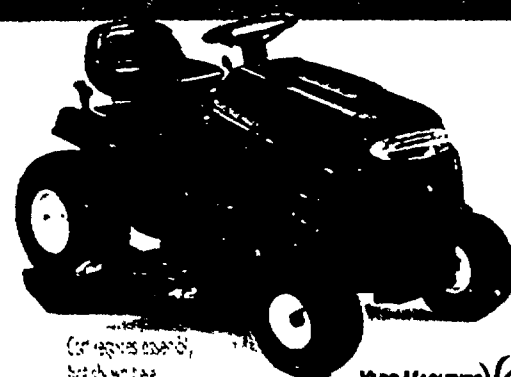
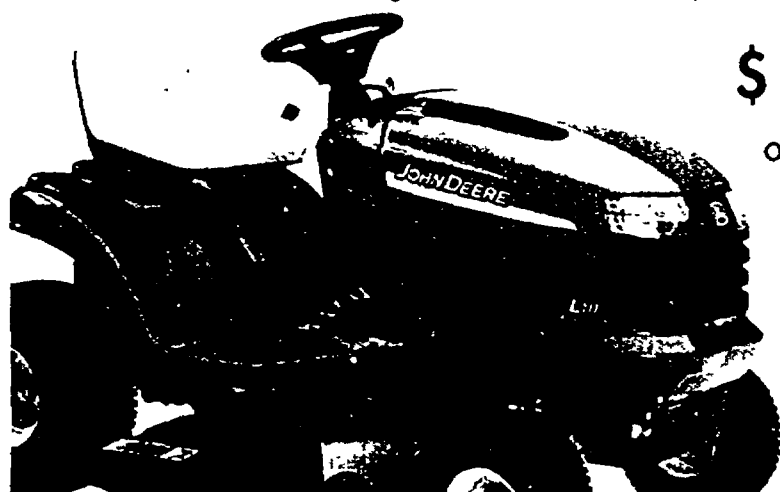
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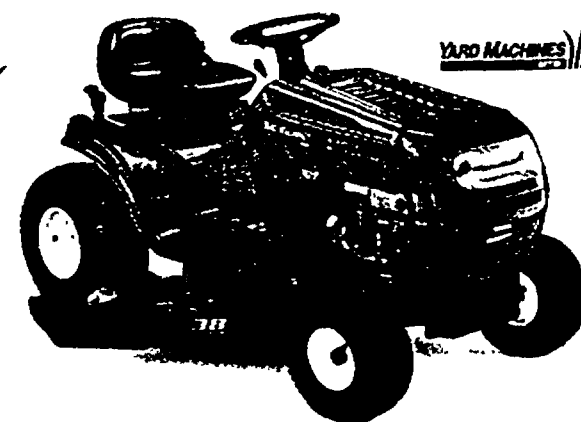
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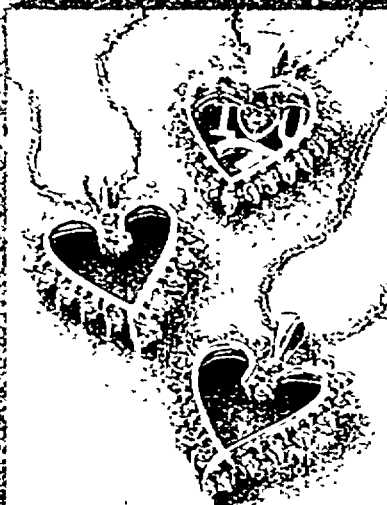
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reg. \$200 ea., sale 66.66 ea.  
shop online P2102



Final price 89.99 ea.  
Your choice 10k gold 1/2 ct. T.W.  
diamond heart pendant or 1/7  
ct. T.W. diamond Love ring.  
reg. \$300 ea., sale 99.99 ea.  
shop online for  
selected items P2103



Final price 39.99 ea.  
Your choice 10k gold  
pendant, bracelet or  
pair of earrings.  
orig. \$125 ea., sale 44.44 ea.

Final price 179.99 ea.  
Entire stock 10k gold 1/2  
T.W. diamond interchangeable  
pendant or heart pendant  
reg. \$760 ea., sale 189.99

**gifts that fit your sparkle**

**60% off plus  
save an extra 10%**  
on our entire stock  
of sterling silver jewelry  
orig. \$10-\$135, sale \$4-\$54,  
Final price 3.60-48.60

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Diamond accent  
pair of earrings  
& pendant set.  
orig. \$50, sale \$20



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Seiko\*, Pulsar\*  
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sale 48.96-332.50

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sale 1.20-33.75

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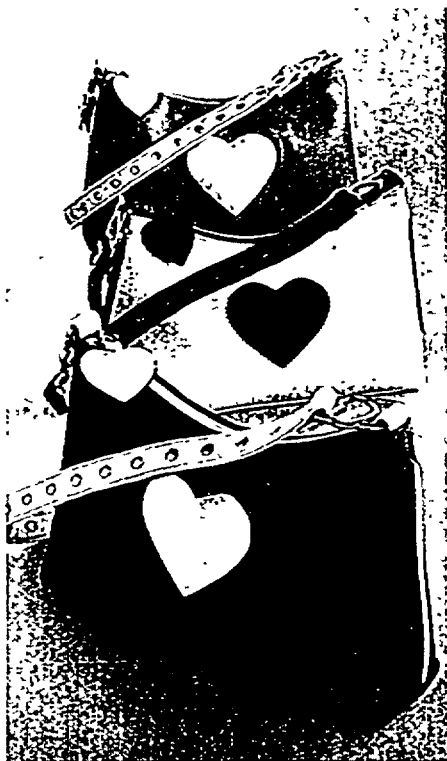
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**clearance**

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**35-40% off**

Handbags, minibags & handbag and fashion accessories & sunglasses  
orig. \$8-\$75, sale 5.20-48.75  
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**30-40% off**

Bath & body  
reg. \$3-\$30, sale 2.10-21.00  
Excludes AMERICAN BEAUTY, FLIRT! & good skin™.



Entire stock  
**35% off**

Bras from Playtex®, Lily of France®, Barelythere® & Olga®  
reg. \$15-\$30, sale 9.75-19.50 Excludes specialty bras. Women's Lingerie dept.  
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Entire stock  
**40% off**

Sleepwear, loungewear & robes for her. orig. \$16-\$40, sale 9.60-24.00  
50% off all novelty socks for her orig. \$5-\$10, sale 2.50-5.00



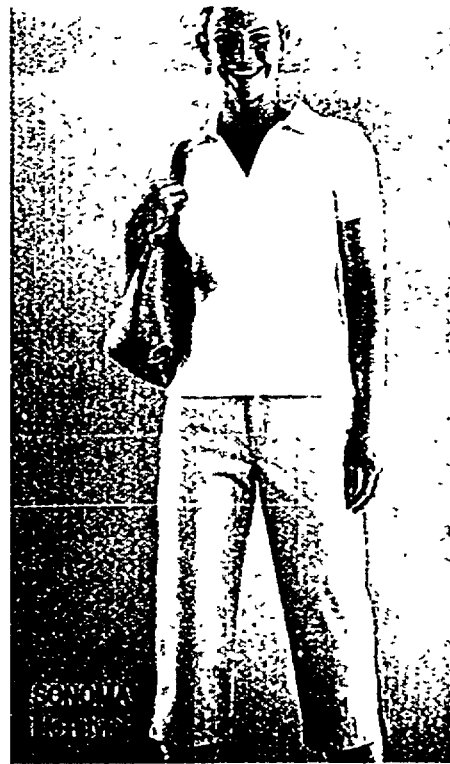
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Swimwear for her.  
orig. \$12-\$84, sale 8.40-58.80



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Active & fitness wear for misses from TekGear®, N.Y.L., daisy fuentes® sport, Gloria Vanderbilt® Sport, Fu Da® & Erika®  
Sport orig. \$14-\$50, sale 7.00-33.50



Entire stock  
**33-50% off**

Sonoma sportswear for misses, petites & women.  
orig. \$12-\$38, sale 7.20-22.78  
Misses' shown. shop online P2105



**29<sup>99</sup>**

Lee® One True Fit Basic stretch flare or Ultimate 5 Straight leg jeans for misses, petites & women.  
Misses' shown.  
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**save  
33-50%**

on all modern  
sportswear from  
daisy fuentes\*,  
apt. 9™, access,  
Nine & Company  
& Clothing Co.

For misses: orig. \$20-  
\$89, sale 11.99-54.99

shop online  
for selected  
items P2107



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daisy fuentes

apt. 9  
access  
Nine & Company  
& Clothing Co.



Entire stock

**33-50% off**

Sweaters for misses & women from  
Croft & Barrow\* & Crystal-Kobe orig. \$28-  
\$38, sale 18.76-25.46 Misses' shown.



Entire stock

**33-50% off**

Knit tops from Jason Maxwell  
and Croft & Barrow\*  
orig. \$12-\$24, sale 8.04-16.08

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**33-50% off**

Classic separates for misses  
from Notations, Briggs\* and Haggard\*  
orig. \$18-\$50, sale 10.99-31.99



shop online  
for selected  
items P2109

Entire stock

**33-50% off**

Sportswear for misses  
from Villager, Sag Harbor\*, Norton  
McNaughton\* and Requirements\*  
orig. \$29-\$58, sale 19.43-38.86  
Selected styles available in  
petites' and women's sizes.



petites'

Save

**33-50%**

Petites' sportswear  
from apt. 9™, SONOMA life+style™, Croft  
& Barrow\*, N.Y.L.\* & more orig. \$14-\$60,  
sale 8.99-40.20 Selected styles.



women's

Save

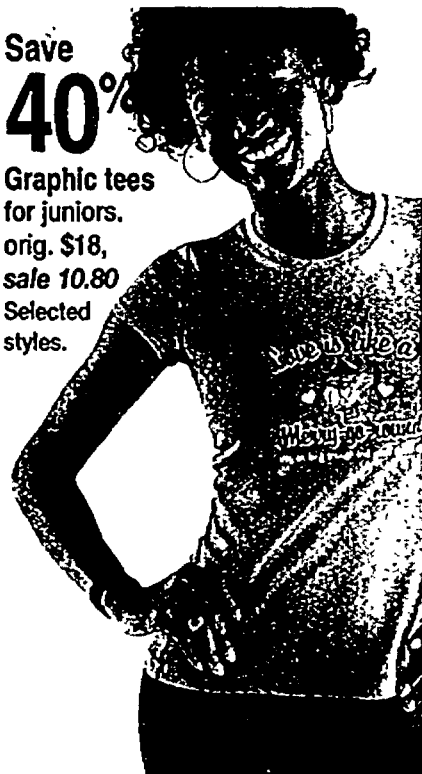
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Women's sportswear  
from Sonoma, Sag Harbor\*, Notations  
and more Sizes 1X-3X and 16W-24W.  
orig. \$14-\$72, sale 7.00-43.20  
Selected styles.  
shop online for selected items P2108



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**40%**

Graphic tees  
for juniors.  
orig. \$18,  
sale 10.80  
Selected  
styles.



**5.99**

SO...  
V-neck tee  
for juniors.  
reg. \$10  
Q shop  
online  
95351



**9.99**

Energie®  
tank tops  
for juniors.  
reg. \$15  
Q shop  
online  
P21001



Entire stock  
**40% off**

Woven tops  
for juniors.  
orig. \$24-\$40,  
sale 14.40-  
24.00



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Star City,  
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Entire stock  
**33% off**

Juniors' collections  
and dressy pants  
orig. \$28-\$70,  
sale 18.76-46.90



Entire stock  
**14.99**

SO... French terry jackets or pants  
for juniors. orig. \$26  
Q shop online P21030



Entire stock  
**15.99**

SO... crop pants  
for juniors. orig. \$28  
Q shop online P21010



Entire stock  
**24.99**

Crop pants for juniors  
from Dollhouse®, Angels, GLO®  
and Paris Blues® orig. \$34

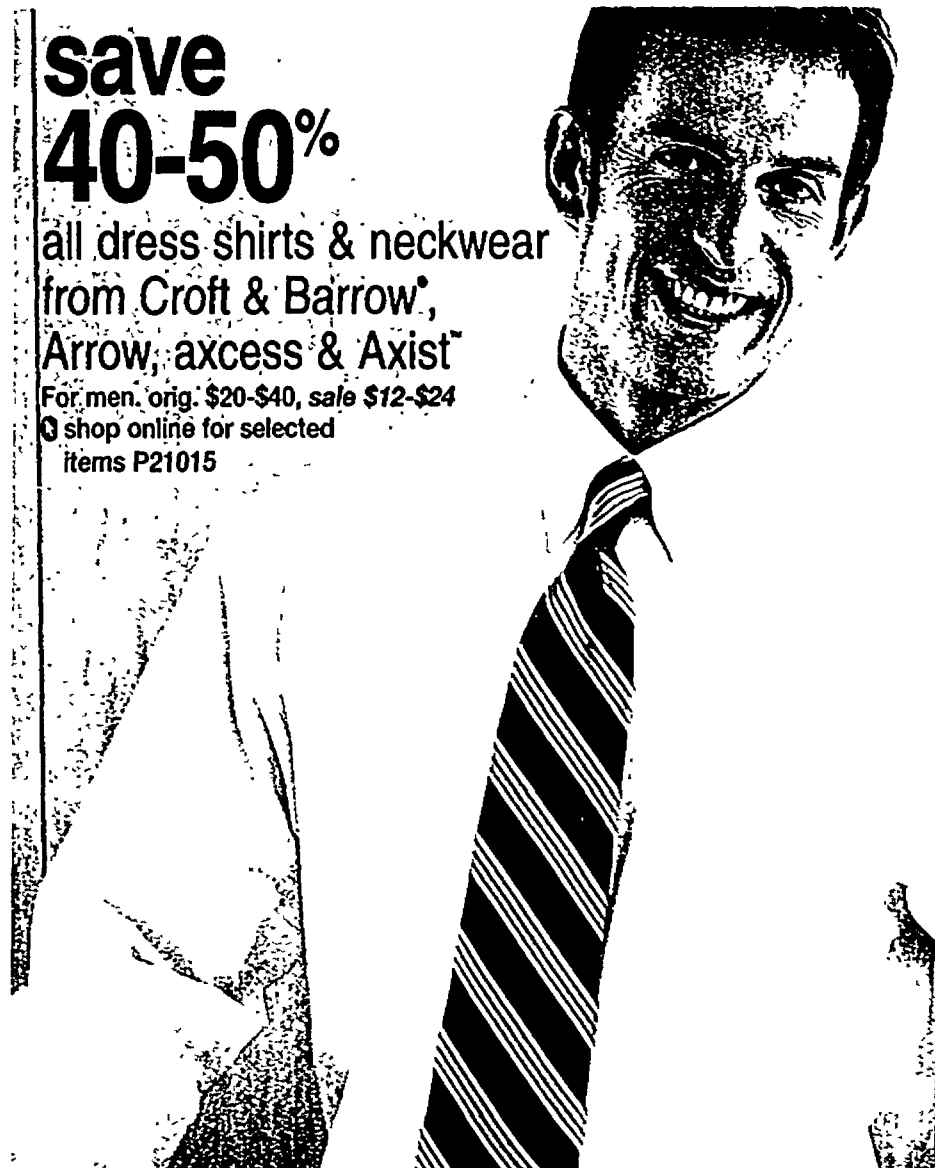


**save  
40-50%**

all dress shirts & neckwear  
from Croft & Barrow<sup>®</sup>,  
Arrow, axcess & Axist<sup>™</sup>

For men, orig. \$20-\$40, sale \$12-\$24

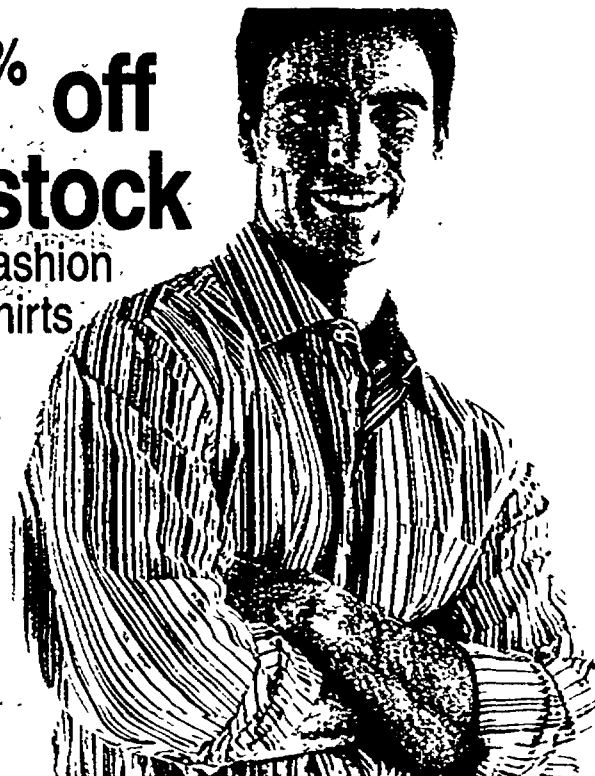
shop online for selected  
items P21015



**40-50% off  
entire stock**

long sleeved fashion  
woven sport shirts

For men, orig. \$36-\$45,  
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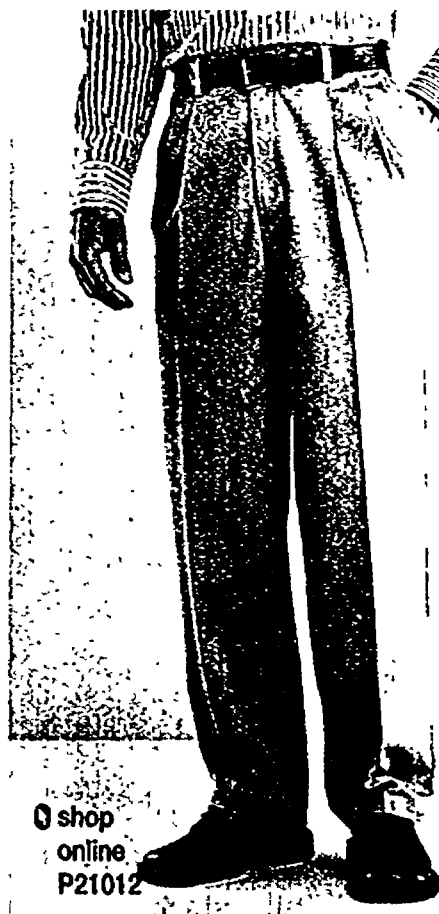
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**25% off**

Jockey<sup>®</sup> underwear  
for men, reg. \$7-\$22,  
sale 5.25-16.50



Entire stock  
**50% off**

Loungepants for men  
from Croft & Barrow<sup>®</sup> & Sonoma  
orig. \$20, sale \$10



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online  
P21012

Entire stock  
**50% off**

Casual pants for men  
from Croft & Barrow<sup>®</sup>, SONOMA  
life+style<sup>™</sup>, Lee<sup>®</sup> & Natural Issue<sup>®</sup>  
orig. \$35-\$45, sale 17.50-22.50



shop  
online  
P21013

Entire stock  
**50% off**

Dress pants for men  
from Braggi<sup>®</sup>, Axist<sup>™</sup> Essentials,  
Croft & Barrow<sup>®</sup> & Natural Issue<sup>®</sup>  
orig. \$45-\$50, sale 22.50-25.00

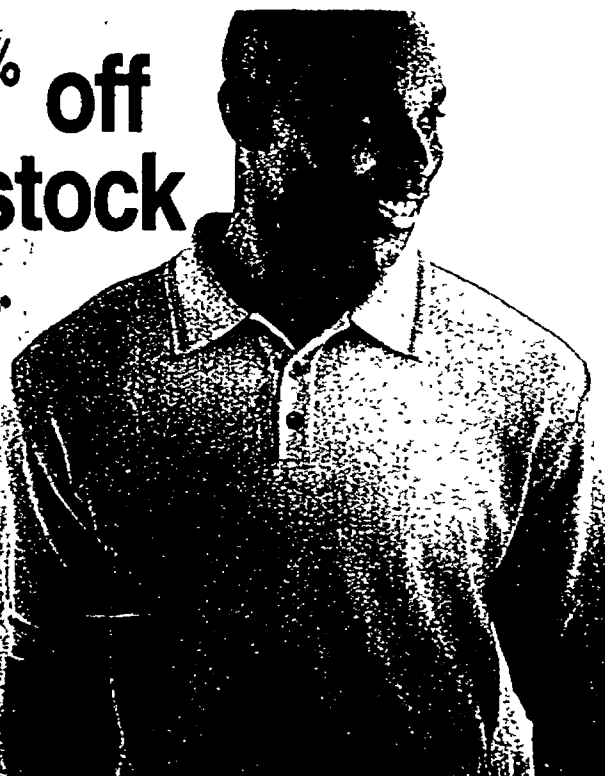


**40-50% off  
entire stock**

knit tops from  
Croft & Barrow<sup>®</sup>  
and Sonoma

For men, orig. \$18-\$46,  
sale 8.99-26.99

shop online P21016



**40-50% off  
entire stock**

tops from U.S. Polo Assn.,  
Machine<sup>®</sup> & Urban Pipeline<sup>™</sup>

For young men: orig. \$22-\$34,  
sale 13.20-20.40



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Entire stock

**40% off**

Shorts for men  
from Croft & Barrow<sup>®</sup> & Sonoma  
orig. \$26-\$34, sale 14.99-19.99



Entire stock

**40-50% off**

Golf Apparel for Men  
from Dockers<sup>®</sup>, Wedge<sup>™</sup>, Arrow & Haggard<sup>®</sup>  
orig. \$24-\$42, sale 11.99-24.99



Save

**40-50%**

Athletic apparel  
for men, orig. \$18-\$28,  
sale 10.80-16.80  
Selected styles.



Entire stock

**26<sup>99</sup>**

Levi's<sup>®</sup> 505<sup>®</sup> Regular Fit, 550<sup>™</sup>  
Relaxed Fit, 559<sup>™</sup> Relaxed Straight  
Fit & 560<sup>™</sup> Comfort Fit jeans  
for men. shop online P21017





## 40% off all sleepwear

For boys 4-12, girls 4-16, infants and toddlers.  
 ☺ shop online for selected items K4100

Entire stock

**40% off**

Fashion tops  
for girls 4-16.



Entire stock

**33% off**

Dresses for  
girls 4-16,  
toddlers,  
infants &  
newborns.



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**40% off**

TekGear® athletic apparel  
for boys 8-20. orig. \$24,  
sale 14.40 ☺ shop online P21018



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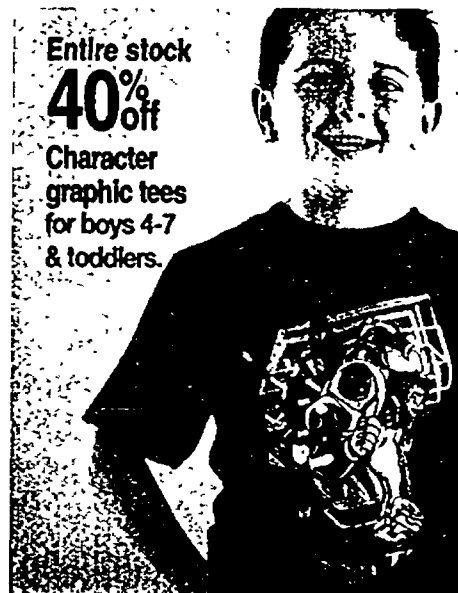
**50% off**

Fashion pants  
for boys 8-20. orig. \$28-\$44,  
sale \$14-\$22 ☺ shop online P21019

Entire stock

**40% off**

Character  
graphic tees  
for boys 4-7  
& toddlers.



Entire stock

**40% off**

Kids' sets  
for boys 4-7,  
girls 4-6x &  
toddlers.



Entire stock

**799**

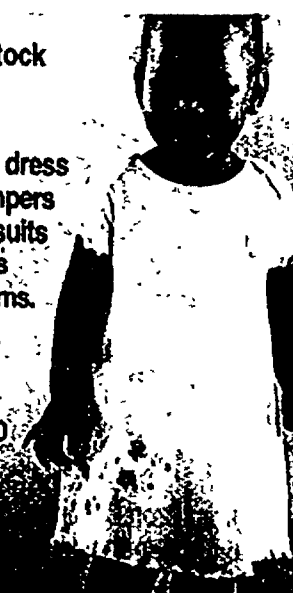
Sleep & plays  
for newborns.  
orig. 11.99  
Excludes  
Carter's®.



Entire stock

**799**

Carter's® dress  
sets, rompers  
and sunsuits  
for infants  
& newborns.  
orig. \$13  
☺ shop  
online  
P21020





# 30-40% off entire stock

Reebok® shoes for men or women

orig. 43.99-69.99, sale 29.99-48.99

Q shop online for selected items P21021

California II  
classic shoes  
for men

RIVYX shoes  
for women & men

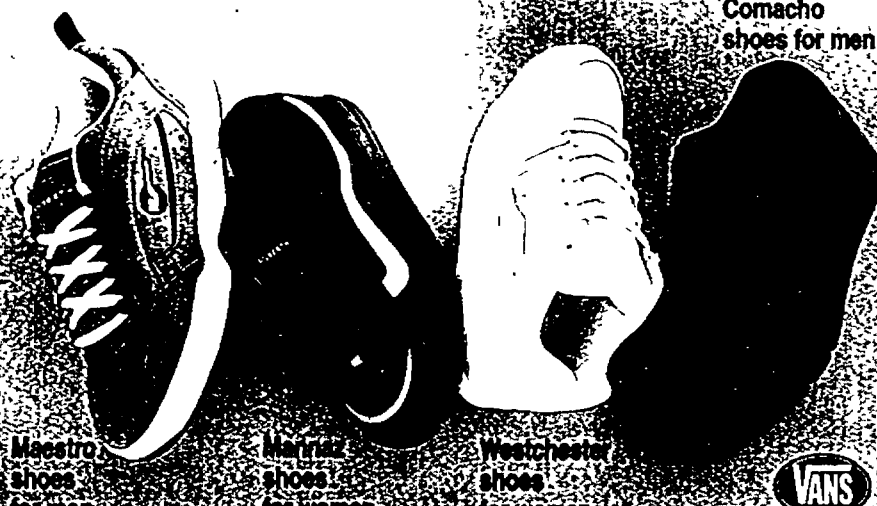


# 30% off entire stock

Vans® shoes for men or women

reg. 44.99-64.99, sale 31.49-45.49

Comacho  
shoes for men



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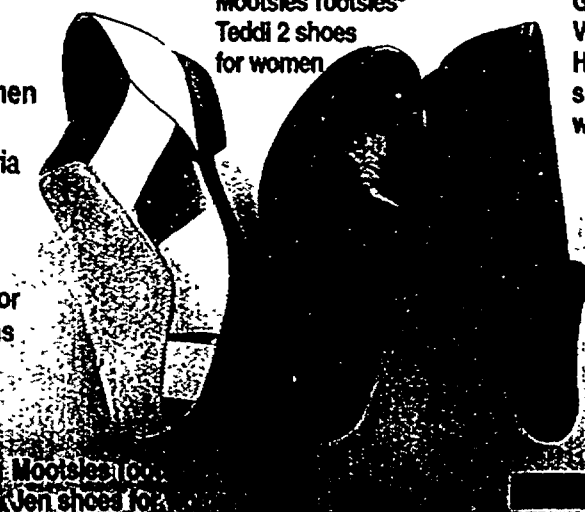
Entire stock  
**27<sup>99</sup>** A2™ by Aerosoles® shoes  
for women. orig. 44.99  
Q shop online 91515



Two Saw shoes  
for women

**26<sup>99</sup>**

Shoes for women  
from Mootsies  
Tootsies® & Gloria  
Vanderbilt®  
orig. 39.99  
Selected styles.  
Q shop online for  
selected items  
P21023



Mootsies Tootsies®  
Teddi 2 shoes  
for women

Gloria  
Vanderbilt®  
Happycamp  
shoes for  
women

Mootsies Tootsies®  
Ven shoes for women

Entire stock  
**16<sup>99</sup>** Character shoes  
for kids. orig. 24.99-34.99

Princess  
Wand shoes  
for girls



Spider-Man  
shoes for boys

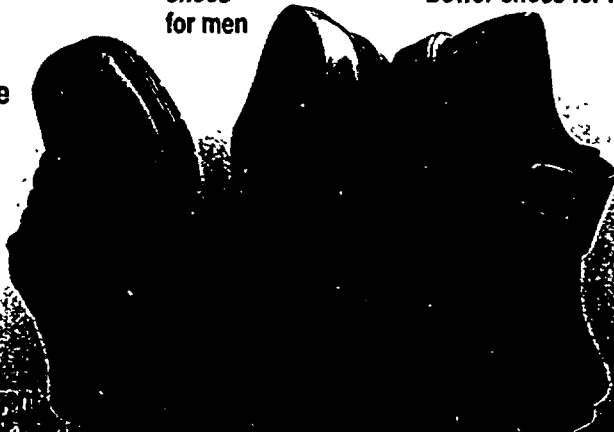
Save  
**30%**

Stretchers®  
shoes for  
juniors.  
reg. 54.99,  
sale 38.49  
Selected styles.  
Q shop online  
for selected  
items  
P21025



Save  
**40%**

Contemporary style  
shoes for men.  
orig. 64.99-69.99,  
sale 38.99-41.99  
Selected styles.  
Q shop online  
for selected  
items P21026



access Billborne  
shoes  
for men

London Underground®  
Bower shoes for men

GBX shoes  
for men

Save  
**40-50%**

Shoes for kids.  
orig. 24.99,  
sale 12.49-  
14.99 Selected  
styles.

Carter's®  
Deep Abyss  
shoes for boys



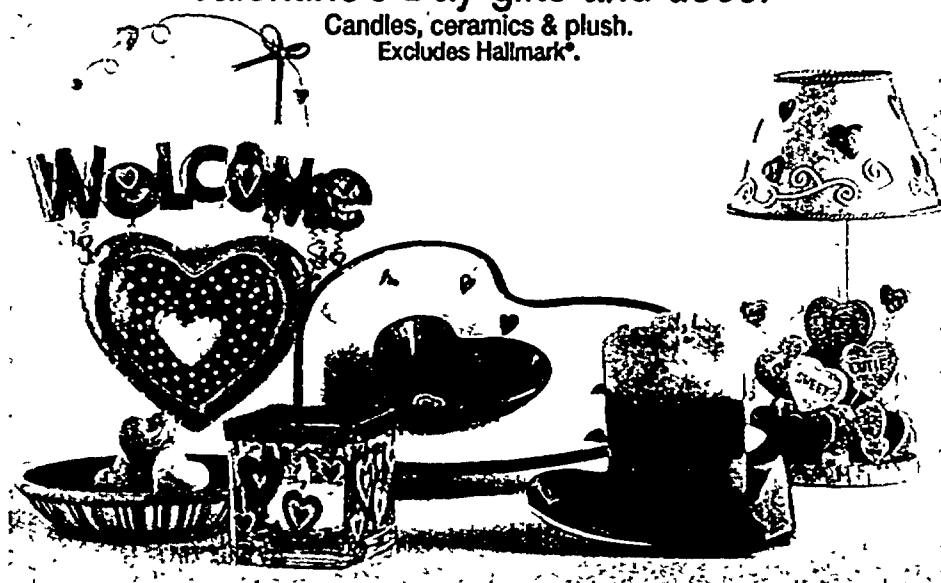
Carter's®  
Road Bicycles  
shoes for boys



# 50% off entire stock

## Valentine's Day gifts and decor

Candles, ceramics & plush.  
Excludes Hallmark®.



Entire stock

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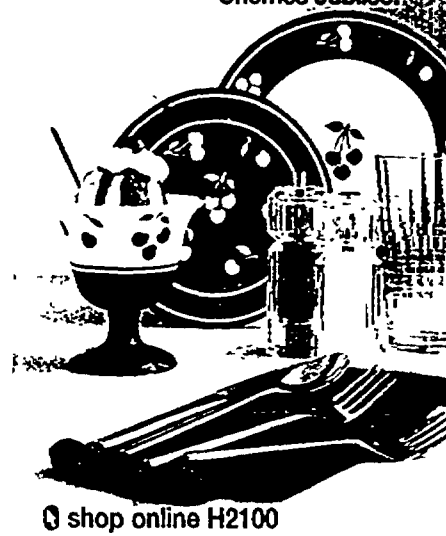
Decorative art  
from homestudio  
& Images®



Entire stock

# 40% off

Tabletop  
Dinnerware, flatware,  
glassware and  
pantryware. Featuring  
Cherries Jubilee®.



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# 15-50% off

## all kitchen electrics

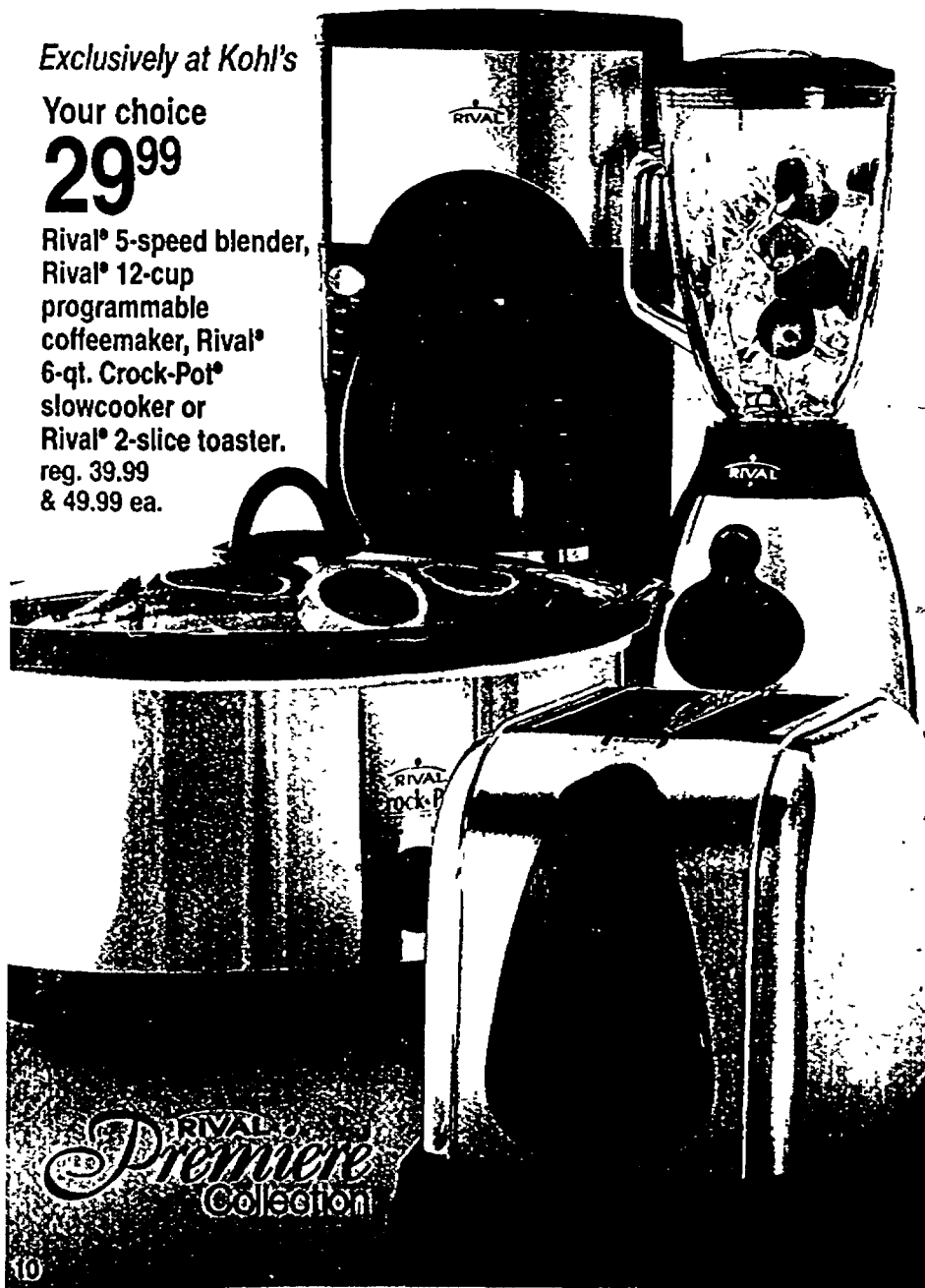
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Your choice

# 29.99

Rival® 5-speed blender,  
Rival® 12-cup  
programmable  
coffeemaker, Rival®  
6-qt. Crock-Pot®  
slowcooker or  
Rival® 2-slice toaster.  
reg. 39.99  
& 49.99 ea.



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# 10-50% off

Cookware



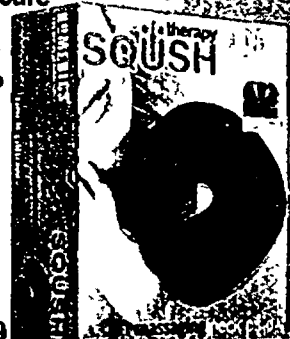
sale 59.99  
Basic Essentials®  
nonstick cookware  
set plus triple bonus. reg. 119.99,  
49.99 after \$10 mail-in rebate

Entire stock

# 15-50% off

Personal care

sale 19.99  
HoMedics®  
SQUSH  
neck  
massager.  
Also  
available  
for foot  
& back  
orig. 39.99



shop online for  
selected items H2400

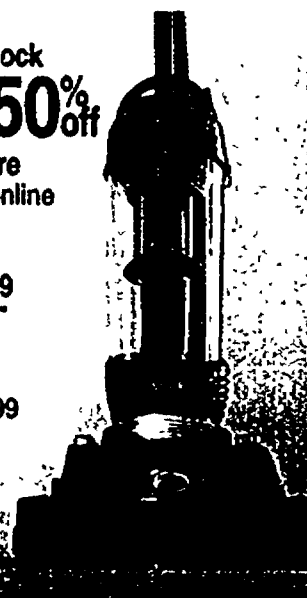
Entire stock

# 15-50% off

Floor care

shop online  
H1400

sale 54.99  
Euro-Pro™  
bagless  
vacuum.  
orig. 99.99



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Luggage  
reg. 49.99-319.99,  
sale 24.99-159.99

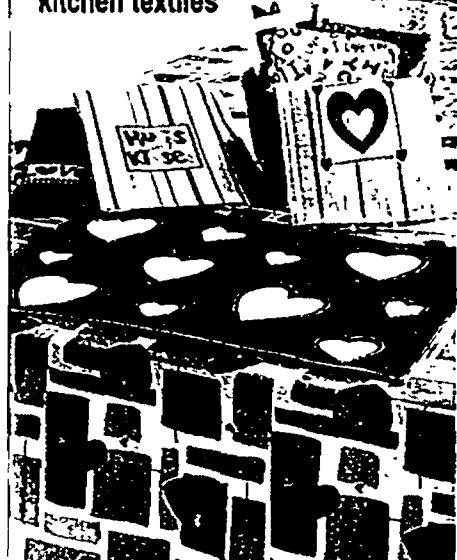
shop online  
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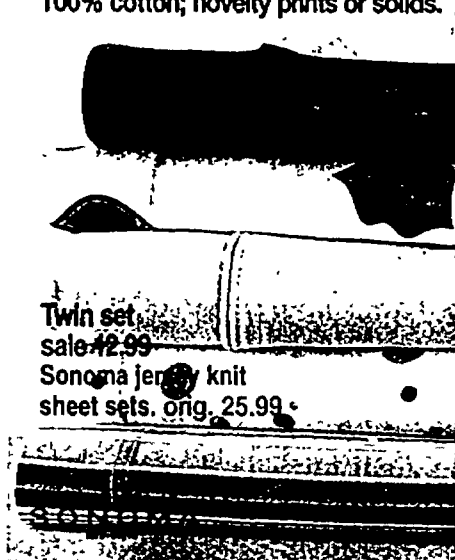
Entire stock  
**40-50% off**

Table linens and  
kitchen textiles



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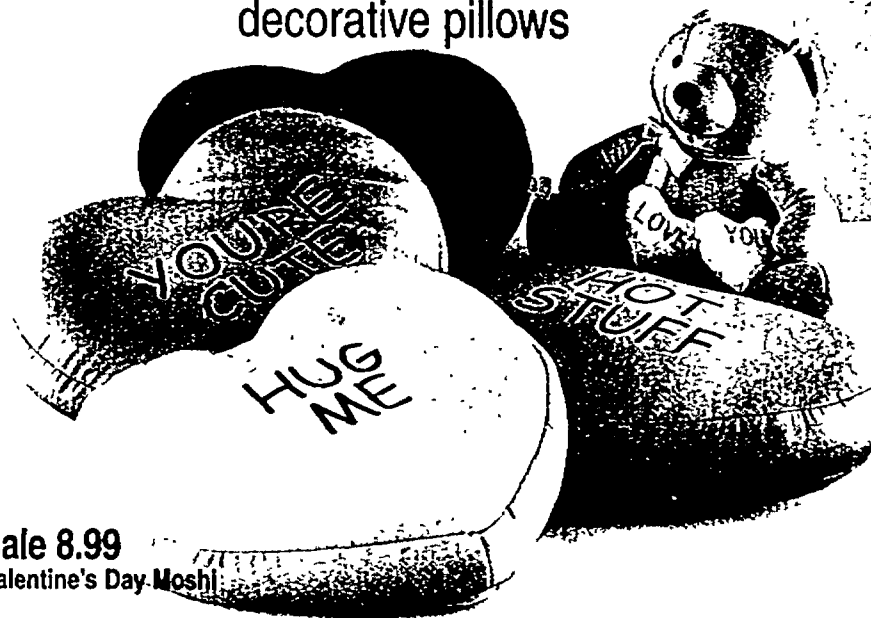
Sonoma jersey knit sheet sets  
100% cotton; novelty prints or solids.



Twin set  
sale 42.99  
Sonoma jersey knit  
sheet sets. orig. 25.99

**40-50% off entire stock**

decorative pillows



sale 8.99  
Valentine's Day Mosh!

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Entire stock  
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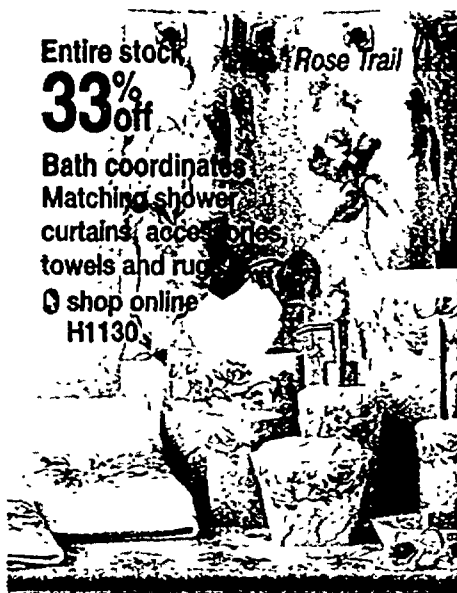
Summer Living®  
garden decor  
Statuary, planters,  
garden stakes & flags



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**33% off**

Bath coordinates  
Matching shower  
curtains, accessories,  
towels and rug

shop online  
H1130



**25% off entire stock**

Villager comforter sets, sheet sets  
& coordinating accessories

shop online H1222

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Twin set  
sale 99.99

Villager comforter set  
Set includes oversized  
and overfilled comforter,  
bedskirt & sham.  
reg. 134.99



Entire stock  
**40-50% off**

Slipcovers  
shop online H2800



Entire stock  
**50% off**

Bed pillows &  
mattress pads  
Natural & synthetic  
filled bed pillows and  
guaranteed to fit  
mattress pads.



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Blue Crush

Cynthia

Lulu



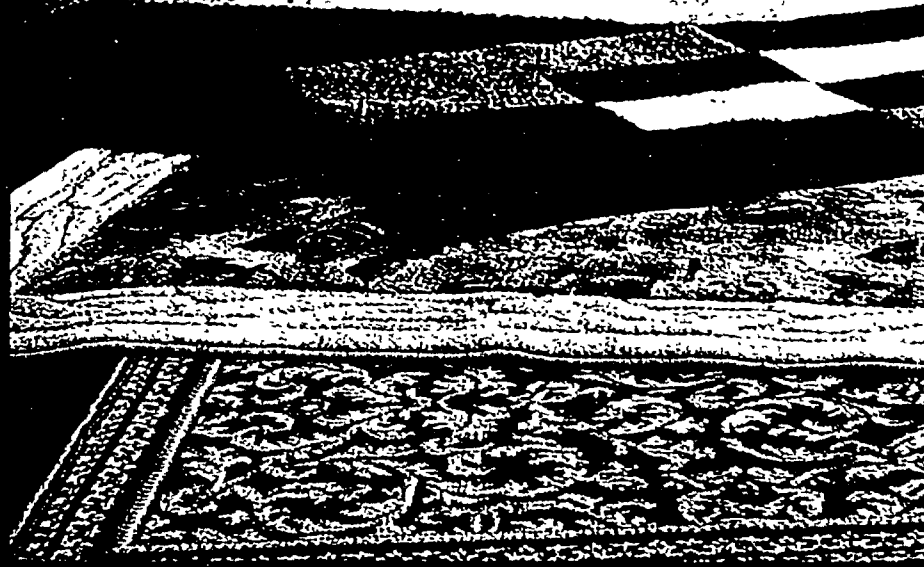


# 50% off entire stock

accent & area rugs and doormats

reg. 5.99-299.99, sale 2.99-149.99. Excludes ROYAL VELVET®.

shop online for selected items H1900



# 50% off entire stock

solid bath towels and rugs

Excludes ROYAL VELVET®.

shop online P2101



# 40% off entire stock

candles and decorative lighting

shop online for selected items H1320



# 40-50% off all

tabletop frames



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# American Profile

## Where Roses Bloom

On Valentine's Day,  
everything comes  
up roses for flower  
power Don Howell

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- Hamburger soup

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**17 NEW CHART-TOPPING HITS** from your  
FAVORITE COUNTRY ARTISTS

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# Ask American Profile

**Q** What is singer Jimmy Dean doing these days?

—Angela M., California

Jimmy Dean, the 76-year-old country singer, actor and sausage king from Plainview, Texas (pop. 22,336), is enjoying a high profile: His CD, *The Best of Jimmy Dean*, was released last summer, and his new autobiography, *Thirty Years of Sausage... Fifty Years of Ham*, which he co-wrote with wife Donna, came out in October. The book details his career, which included a network TV show, hit songs such as *Big Bad John*, *Dear Ivan*,

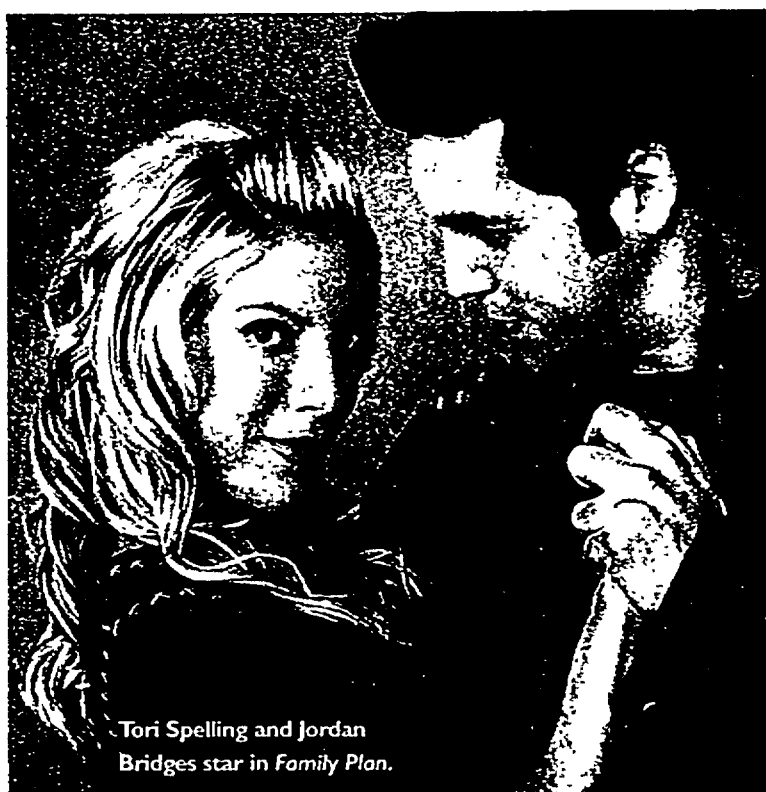
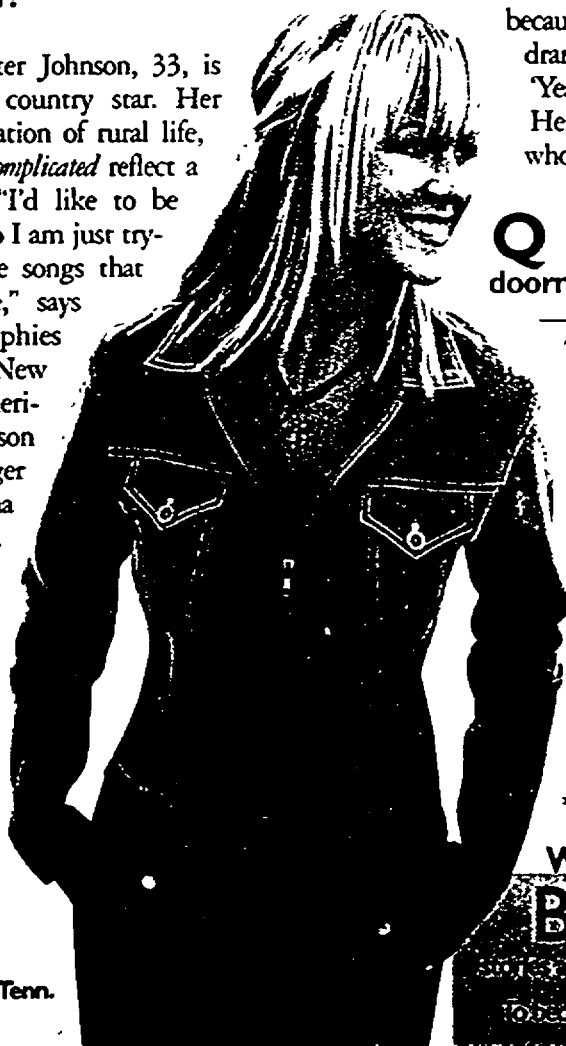
*Bummin' Around* and *Cajun Queen* in the 1950s and '60s, and founding the Jimmy Dean Meat Co. in 1968. "I hope some younger people from the other side of the tracks like me will read it and say, 'Well, if he did it, I can,'" says Dean, who lives near Richmond, Va. "My granddaddy never made \$10,000 a year in his life, but he was the best farmer in Swisher County, Texas. His fences were straighter, his barn was redder, he raised nine great kids, and had a marvelous relationship with the Man upstairs—thereby, peace of mind. You want to talk about success and wealth, that's it."

**Q** I would like to know more about country music artist Carolyn Dawn Johnson. What can you tell me about her?

—Mark I., Georgia

Canadian singer-songwriter Johnson, 33, is the quintessential new country star. Her albums show an appreciation of rural life, while her hits such as *Complicated* reflect a definite pop influence. "I'd like to be around for a long time, so I am just trying to continue to write songs that mean something to me," says Johnson, whose trophies include one for Favorite New Artist from the 2003 American Music Awards. Johnson started as a back-up singer and guitarist for Martina McBride in the 1990s. She also wrote the No. 1 hit *Single White Female* for Chely Wright before becoming a star in her own right. Her husband, Nashville, Tenn., businessman Matt Fisher, played a policeman in the video for her song, *Simple Life*.

Canadian Carolyn Dawn Johnson lives in Nashville, Tenn.



Tori Spelling and Jordan Bridges star in *Family Plan*.

## Tori Spelling's Family Plan Goes Awry

Actress Tori Spelling, 31, who is best known for her role on *Beverly Hills, 90210*, tackles comedy in *Family Plan*, which airs at 9 p.m. ET Feb. 12 on the Hallmark Channel. "It's like an old-fashioned 1950s movie plot with Doris Day and Rock Hudson," she says. Spelling stars as an ambitious woman who pretends to be a devoted wife and mother to impress her family-oriented boss. The sham works until her boss moves next door, causing her to "borrow" a friend's child and "hire" a husband. Spelling says she relished the opportunity to do comedy after playing Donna Martin on *90210*. "I was always the goofball off camera," she says. "I always tried to make Donna kind of funny, because that's my sensibility, but you can only do so much in a drama. And when I was done with the series, I was like, 'Yeah, I'm sticking with comedy now.' That's what I love." Her greatest love is husband Charlie Sharian, an actor/writer whom she married in July.

**Q** Whatever happened to Lorenzo Music, the doorman on *Rhoda*?

—Gene P., Wyoming

The writer/actor/producer whose distinctive voice came over the intercom on *Rhoda*, and who went on to do the voice of *Garfield* the cat, died at age 64 in 2001. Born in New York City and raised in Duluth, Minn., Music worked in a comedy team with his wife, Henrietta, for eight years. He went on to write for *The Smothers Brothers Comedy Hour*, winning an Emmy for his work, serve as a story editor on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* and create *Rhoda* with his partner David Davis. Though he never was seen, his voice became a regular character, Carlton the doorman. Music died at his Los Angeles home and was survived by his wife and their four children. ☆

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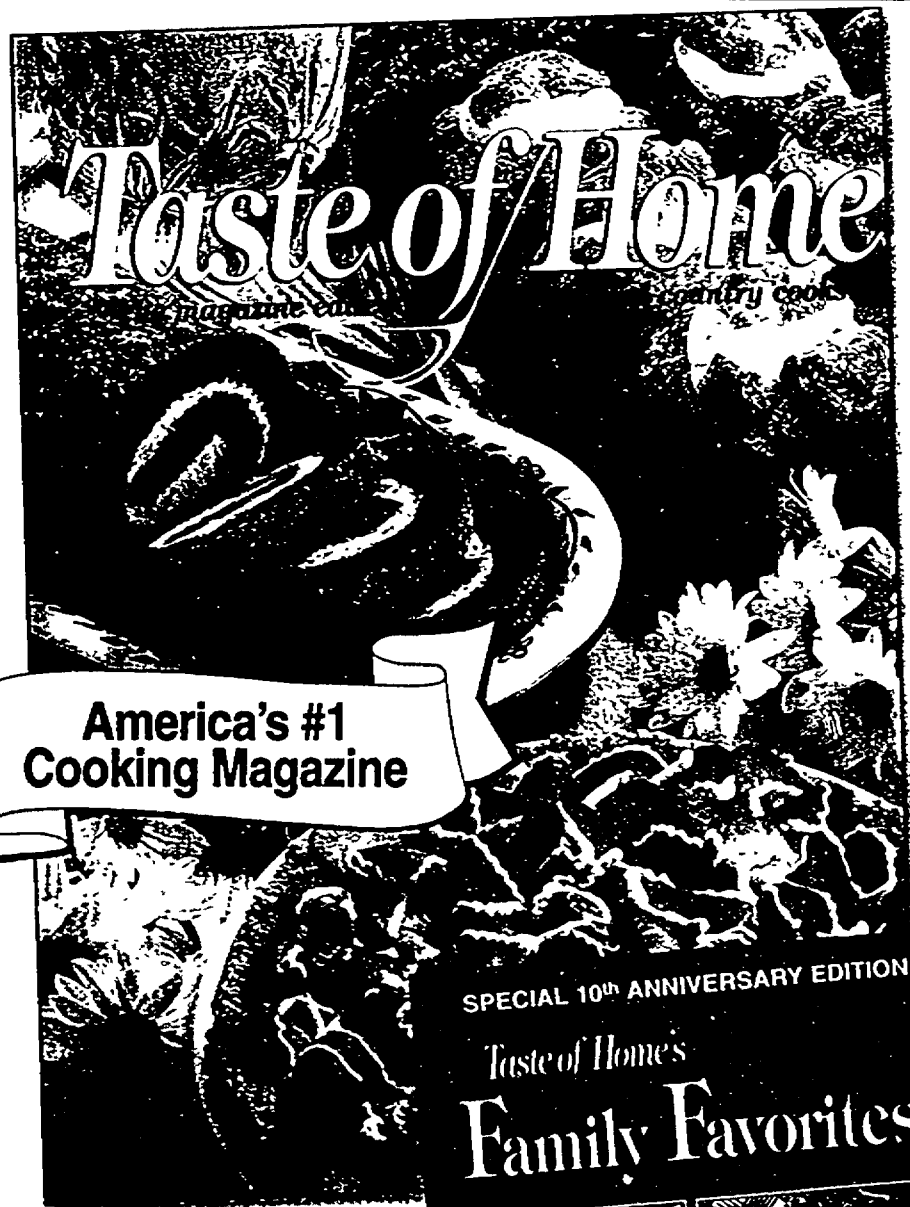
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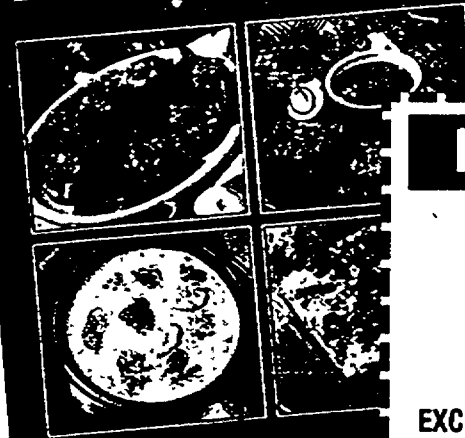
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# Modeling Maritime History

Jim Plante skillfully guides a 3-by-3-inch chunk of wood through a band saw, producing what look like square-ended Popsicle sticks. Another pass and the sticks are reduced to coffee stirrers. Eventually they become impossibly thin—one-quarter-inch wide by one-eighth-inch thick—and are ready to become deck boards for a miniature replica of the 19th-century clipper ship, the *Great Republic*.

"Just like slicing baloney," says Plante, a model shipwright in Rehoboth, Mass. (pop. 11,159), who has crafted more than 50 ships ranging in size from 18 inches to 12 feet.

It will take about six months of steady work to re-create the *Great Republic*, far less time than it took to build its sizeable seagoing predecessor. Yet Plante will be working with something the original shipwright could only guess at—an under-

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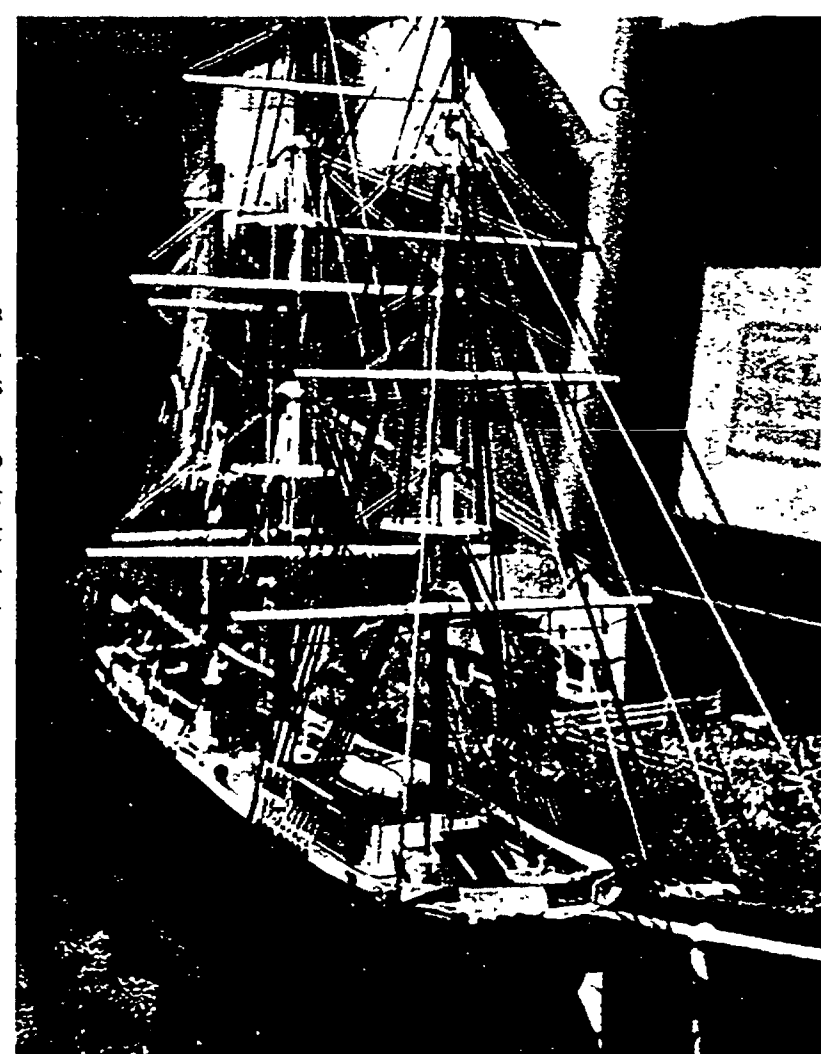
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The *Sparkling Wave*, on display at the Carpenter Museum in Rehoboth, Mass., is one of more than 50 model ships meticulously handcrafted by Jim Plante.

standing of the ship's place in history. The first *Great Republic*—at 300-feet, the largest clipper ever built—never unfurled its sails. In 1853, it burned to the waterline in New York harbor, and though it was eventually rebuilt, its dimensions were far smaller.

"Each ship has a history," says Plante, who has turned down offers to build modern-day ships. "Researching them is like playing detective. That's the most satisfying part."

Plante's unusual vocation arose when he was laid off from an engineering job in 1989. To fill time, he decided to build a ship model from scratch. No stranger to the ocean, he had spent his childhood boating with his father on Narragansett Bay and did a stint on a U.S. Coast Guard patrol boat. But clipper ships (used for hauling cargo) and whalers (used for hunting whales) were what most intrigued him.

"The clippers were big and heavily rigged," he says. "They were the race cars of the seas. I think the *Moby Dick* movie got me interested in whalers."

His first model—a whaler fashioned from ancient whalebone and ivory—was displayed in a friend's store window and sold immediately for \$7,500. Today, some of his models, commissioned by private buyers or corporations, can fetch 10 times that amount.

But before a single plank is cut, Plante begins researching. He tracked down the plans for the HMS *Britannia* in Scotland while the *Republic's* plans came from the book *British and American Clippers*. Most early sailing ships were insured with Lloyd's of London, from whom he often obtains the ships' manifests.

After a thorough investigation, Plante builds a plywood framework, then painstakingly constructs it out with exotic woods such as padauk or ebony. No detail is overlooked, right down to the microscopic "nails" in each plank that he fashions out of tiny brass rods. Some ships are highly ornate, like the USS *Constitution* with its copper hull and elaborate painting. Plante's wife and shipwright partner,

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Lynda and Jim Plante collaborate to create model ships ranging in size from 18 inches to 12 feet long.

Lynda, tackles the detailed painting and yards of rigging.

Rhode Island businessman Steve Barlow has three of Plante's models, including the whaler, *Kutusof*, which stumped the shipwright at first. Paintings depicted the ship with a bow that was too stubby for a clipper but not as stubby as a whaler. At the Kendall Whaling Museum in Sharon, Mass., he discovered the *Kutusof* had actually begun life as a packet ship, a forerunner of the clipper.

"One of the things that sets Jim's work apart is accuracy," Barlow says. "You can get your nose right down on the ship and see it—the way the knots were tied, the belaying pins. You know it's true to what it was."

His love of history even led him to team up with Rehoboth's museum, the Carpenter Museum. In 2003, he unveiled his small-scale diorama of the Mason Barney Shipyard, which for 60 years during the 19th century was the town's largest employer. Plante helped raise more than \$10,000 to cover the cost of creating the model, which featured *Sparkling Wave*, a clipper built at the shipyard 150 years ago.

"A lot of history is written or pictorial," Plante says. "Some people can't conceptualize history that way, so I'm putting history into three-dimensional form for them." ☆

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Plante installs a bowsprit on a miniature of *Old Ironsides*.



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# Where Roses Bloom

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Rose grower Don  
Howell proudly  
displays the fruits  
of his labor.

Despite his calm and confident demeanor, Don Howell tries not to be a nervous wreck before Valentine's Day, but he admits that it's not always easy.

That's because he's the operations manager at Pajaro Valley Greenhouses—one of the nation's largest fresh-cut flower growers—in Watsonville, Calif. (pop. 44,265).

Despite his reputation as one of the leading rose-growing experts, Howell says it's still a gamble each year deciding what type of roses to plant. Although a rose by any other name may smell as sweet, a flower of a less-trendy color or shape might not sell as well.

"I'm on pins and needles until Valentine's Day," says Howell, 49. "A variety that was a must-have four years ago is yesterday's bananas today. I just don't know how much square feet to commit to a certain variety or color, so sometimes I just have to go by sheer guts."

But he doesn't rely on intuition alone. Howell, the past president of the International Flower Growers Association, issues a biannual rose questionnaire to his staff that contains questions such as "What varieties do you get asked for that we don't grow?" or "What varieties should we not grow at all?"

Despite the uncertainties, there are a few things that rose growers can always count on. "They always say when an economy is bad, people buy bright bold colors, and when the economy is good, people like soft pastels. I have to tell you we're selling a lot of oranges and hot pinks," says Howell, with a rueful smile.

More than 174 million Americans are expected to buy roses for Valentine's Day this year, according to the International Flower Growers Association.

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A tangle of rose roots are prepared for planting.



Jose Valenzuela packages roses for holiday shipping.



Roses are stored in the cooler to keep them from opening.



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Howell says only Mother's Day provides a larger demand for his roses. No other flower says "love" quite like a rose. In fact, the rose is so popular that President Reagan signed a proclamation in 1986 declaring it the national flower.

### *Harvesting roses*

Until the 1990s, it took an entire year to yield any of these beloved flowers. But in the last decade, a new technique innovated by Dutch growers assured that a bloom that catches Howell's eye can be cultivated for your sweetheart's Valentine's bouquet in only four-and-a-half months.

"About 10 years ago, Dutch growers created mini-plants, where they grafted the root stalk of a wild rose—something that is about as big as your pinkie—onto a cutting of a domestic rose. If I see a particular rose I like, we'll make a cutting about 3 inches long, and match that with the root stock, and knit them together with tape or a clothes-pin looking apparatus. From the initial planting, I can have my first harvest in about 18 weeks. Wine growers do the same thing. Apple growers, too."

Preparations for Valentine's Day typically begin in December for Howell and his staff. "Between December 1 and the 18th, we pinch the roses," he says. "It is a timing pinch. If you cut a rose, six to seven weeks later you're going to have another rose. So we decide how many pinches we need and we'll make those cuts in December. This is one of the reasons Valentine's roses cost more, because we have to get more money for those roses because we sacrificed so many of the earlier blooms."

### *A grower's endless worrying*

Growing roses is a never-ending job, Howell says, but the beautiful results are worth all the hard work. The greenhouses that Howell manages are home to more than 450,000 rose plants, one of the largest rose collections in the nation.

The lush coastal climate of the Pajaro Valley, situated along Monterey Bay, is not the only reason for the success of the 850,000-square-foot operation; Howell's expertise, attention to detail, deep commitment and thriving sense of humor also contribute to the flourishing flower business.

"I always joke that roses are like cows. Cows have to be milked seven days a week and roses have to be cut seven days a week. When I'm not here, I'm worrying about it," he says.

"Even on Christmas Day, I will whip in here and check everything out. If there were a problem, I would rather come in and ease my mind than sit home and worry about it. Sometimes I think I might want a job that I want to walk away from at the end of the day, but most times I don't."

He certainly can't walk away during the two weeks preceding Valentine's Day.

"We start cutting flowers around the first of February, and our first big days to ship them are over the next few days," Howell explains. Greenhouse workers carefully cut the blooms by hand twice daily, immediately submerge them into cold water and place them in a cooler for at least 12 hours to keep the roses from opening. "We would never ship a rose right after we picked it," he says. "If we did, they'd never reach their destination in the pristine shape customers demand."

After the cooler, the flowers are placed into a machine that sorts and grades the roses according to length of their stems and size of their heads. Next they are bundled into bunches of 25, wrapped in cellophane and plunged into a water preservative bath. "Every greenhouse has its own formula, but every single one of them has sugar in them. If you want to extend the life of your flowers at home, the best thing to do is put them into warm 7-Up," Howell says. One more trip to the cooler, and the 300,000 roses earmarked for Cupid's big day are ready for distribution across the nation.

During the two weeks preceding this romantic holiday, numerous overnight and mail delivery trucks line up by the office building that serves as headquarters for the greenhouse and the staff takes a much-needed break. But not Howell, who is happy to keep up his seven-day-a-week regime.

"The greatest sense of satisfaction I get is when I pick a rose from a breeder and it goes on to be successful in the market place," he says. "I have a friend in Ontario who grew corn. We would drive the country roads that surrounded his cornfields and he would stop the truck and say, 'Look at that corn! Have you ever seen a nicer stand than that?'"

"I feel that way too when I have a big crop of roses coming on at Valentine's Day or Mother's Day. Sometimes you just look at it and say, 'Man, that is a beautiful crop!'"

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# The Color of Love

Although most men buy their sweethearts red roses for Valentine's Day, a 2004 survey by the Society of American Florists discovered that most women really prefer pastel-colored roses.

"If you ask a man what is his wife's or girlfriend's favorite rose is, he will say red. But if you ask the woman, she will say that it is white or pink or yellow," says Don Howell, operations manager at Pajaro Valley Greenhouses in Watsonville, Calif. "For instance, my wife likes yellow."

Nearly 70 percent of all roses purchased for Valentine's Day are red, according to the poll. However, 62 percent of women surveyed by the organization admitted to preferring softer hues like yellow, pink, peach and white.

"There's just no getting around it," Howell explains. "Valentine's is a red rose day, and it is the only holiday like that. So because of that, we just can't convince the men that their spouses aren't as keen on the color as they are."

Americans will spend \$12.8 billion on the holiday this year, according to the National Retail Federation. Flowers became the preeminent gift for lovers during World War II, when candy was rationed.

About 85 percent of the roses Americans now buy for their sweethearts come from other countries, mainly Colombia and Ecuador, where year-round warm weather and low labor costs make flower-growing cheap, says Jay Stawarz of the Michigan-based International Cut Flower Growers Association. (Indeed, roses are the most-imported of all the cut flowers.)

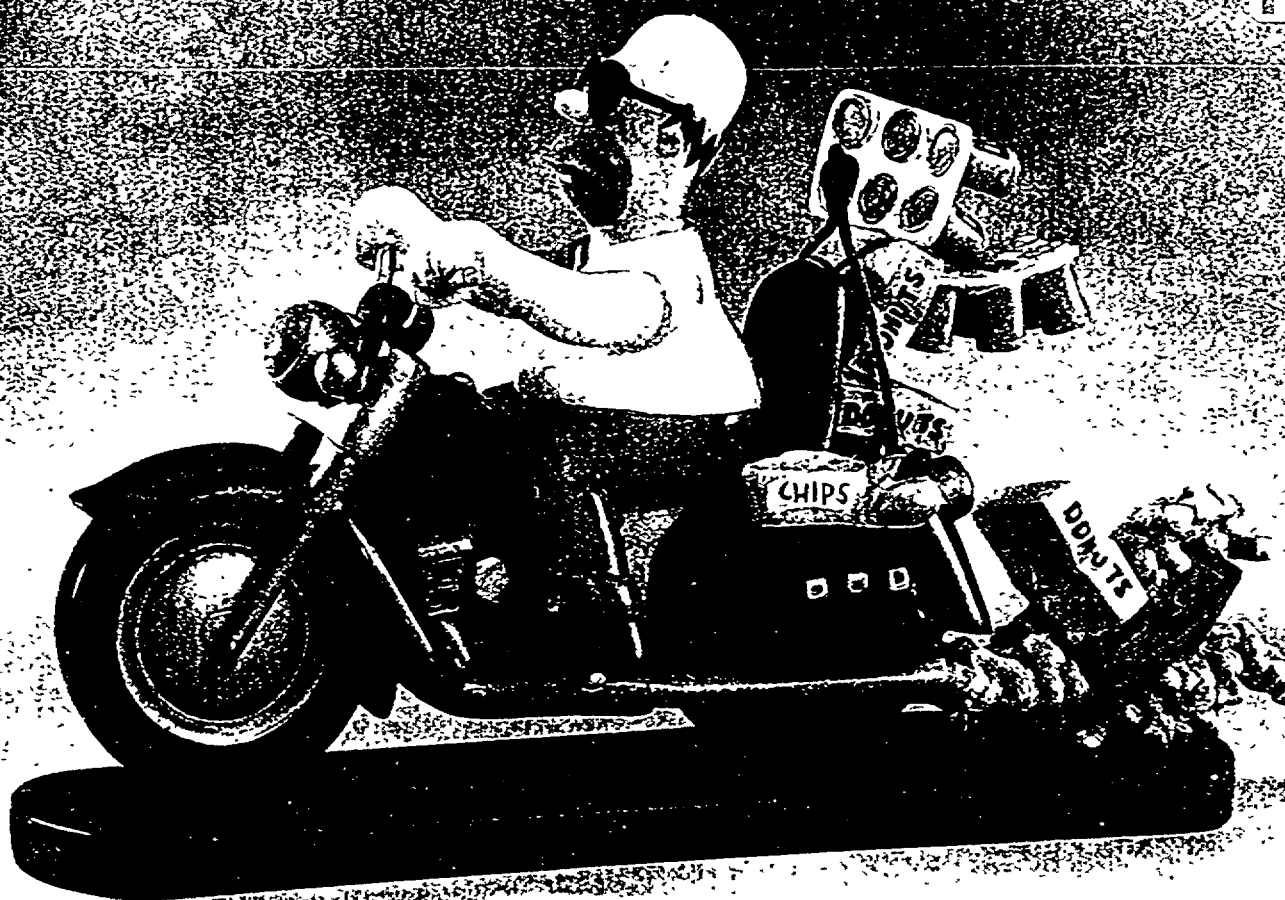
In 2003, there were 74 cut-rose growers in the United States with total sales of at least \$100,000, compared with 83 growers in 2002, according to Rich Holcomb, a U.S. Department of Agriculture specialist. California has 40 major cut-rose growers, more than any other state, Holcomb says. The nation's major rose growers had sales of 134.8 million stems in 2003, a 14 percent decrease from 2002's 157.3 million.



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Local lore has it that the Bartholomew County Jail in Columbus, Ind., looks so good that a visitor once tried to check in. "I don't know about that," town resident Joyce Orwin says with a chuckle. "But I do know that this town is not like anyplace you will find anywhere else."

The famed jail, which a visitor once reportedly mistook for a hotel, fits right in

The Bartholomew County jail is one of a kind.



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The 1964 North Christian Church—topped by a towering 192-foot spire—is among many architectural wonders found in Columbus, Ind.

with the other architectural masterpieces of Columbus (pop. 39,059). Completed in 1990 by architect Don M. Hisaka, the oval-shaped, brick-and-limestone jail has no bars on the windows and features a dome on top that allows sunlight to stream inside.

No small town—and few big cities—in the United States can match Columbus for its modern architecture. With more than 60 buildings designed by some of the world's greatest architects, residents love to show visitors around town.

"Columbus ranks sixth nationally for innovation and design in the number of buildings by famous architects," Orwin says, leading a tour from the Columbus

Area Visitors Center. The American Institute of Architects includes Columbus on its top six list, behind Chicago, New York, San Francisco, Boston and Washington, D.C.

The town's love affair with architecture began in the early 1940s when its First Christian Church needed a new building for a growing congregation. In a daring move, church leaders selected architect Eliel Saarinen, who broke with tradition and designed the church with a 166-foot bell tower instead of a steeple. It was one of the first modern religious buildings in the nation with simple clean lines and no stained glass.

Following World War II and the baby boom, new schools were needed in Columbus. In 1957, Columbus-based Cummins Engine Co., under the guidance of CEO J. Irwin Miller, made an offer to pay the architectural fees for the new school buildings.

"We thought it was a way to make these schools more attractive and functional and make a statement that this is a community that cares about its children," says Tracy Souza, president of the Cummins Foundation.

Later, the offer was extended to all public buildings. Since then, the Cummins Foundation has spent \$20 million on more than 50 community projects.

Living in the midst of such architectural splendor has given Columbus a world-class outlook, says Lynn Lucas at the Columbus Area Visitors Center. "We have a wonderful sense of pride and are always looking for ways to improve the community," she says.



Floodlights illuminate the Second Street Bridge.

Nearly 150,000 visitors find their way to town each year. Tour guides lead guests around the city, pointing out treasured structures such as the 1973 small-scale Cesar Pelli-designed mall and Fire Station No. 4, a 1967 work by Robert Venturi, who also designed the Seattle Museum of Art. North Christian Church, a hexagon-shaped building with a 192-foot spire—the city's tallest—topped by a gold-leaf cross was completed in 1964 and designed by Eero Saarinen, who also devised plans for St. Louis' Gateway Arch.

In the '90s, when a cable-stayed bridge was being considered for the downtown entrance, city leaders insisted upon a distinctive structure. Dedicated in 1999, the picturesque Second Street Bridge—dominated by four towering red pylons—is lighted at night and frames the 1874 Bartholomew County Courthouse.

"That's my favorite," says Ben Whitaker, who works at Otter Creek Golf Course, where the clubhouse was designed by Harry Weese, architect of Chicago's Time and Life Building. "Our architecture is what sets Columbus apart from other cities. And when you drive across that bridge, you know you are entering a special place." ☆

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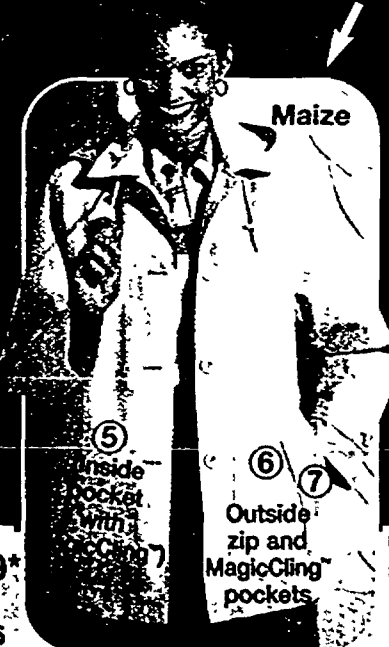
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**Artists of the Plains Show and Sale**—Sioux Falls, Feb. 18-20. View the work of 18 regional artists whose creations feature Western, American Indian and wildlife themes. Radisson Encore Hotel. (605) 274-4007.

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## Health

### Be Kind to Your Heart

The heart is the hardest working muscle in the body. In an average lifetime, it beats 3 billion times, pumping 60 million gallons of blood. While the heart is a remarkable organ, it's often taken for granted.

For most people, keeping this important muscle in top form is a matter of maintaining overall good health through proper diet, exercise and not smoking. These help reduce a person's risk of heart disease, the nation's No. 1 killer.

"Heart disease often begins when we're teenagers," says Dr. Barry Tedder, a cardiologist in Jonesboro, Ark. (pop. 55,525), explaining that the fatty substance called plaque can begin blocking arteries and vessels as early as adolescence, making the heart work harder.

Quitting smoking also is basic to a healthy heart because smoking encourages plaque buildup and causes blood vessels to narrow. "Within two years of giving up nicotine, your risk of heart disease drops to that of someone who has never smoked," Dr. Tedder says.

Then, there's exercise. Almost any kind of activity benefits the heart. Dr. Tedder recommends taking vigorous 10-minute walks three times a day and using the stairs. Even raking leaves, vacuuming and washing the car is heart smart.

"The added benefit to exercise is it burns calories," Dr. Tedder says, noting that being overweight also increases the risk for diabetes and high blood pressure.

#### Food as fuel

A healthy heart also needs the right kind of fuel, says Jeannie Moloo, a registered dietician in Granite Bay, Calif. (pop. 19,388). She recommends making whole grains, such as oats, barley and brown rice, part of a healthful diet. "They act as sponges, absorbing fat and moving it away from the heart and out of the body."

Replacing animal fats, such as butter and lard, with small amounts of monosaturated fat found in olive and canola oil, avocados, almonds, peanuts and pistachios also is good for the heart.

The heart benefits from omega 3 fatty acids as well. These are found in flaxseed, walnuts, albacore tuna and wild salmon. Moloo also recommends modest amounts of wine, green tea, fruits and vegetables.

Above all, Moloo suggests monitoring how much you eat by following recommended serving size on food labels. "If there's something you really want, have it," she says. But "keep portions small and don't eat it every day."

Maintaining proper diet and overall good health is a great way to be kind to your hard-working heart. ☆

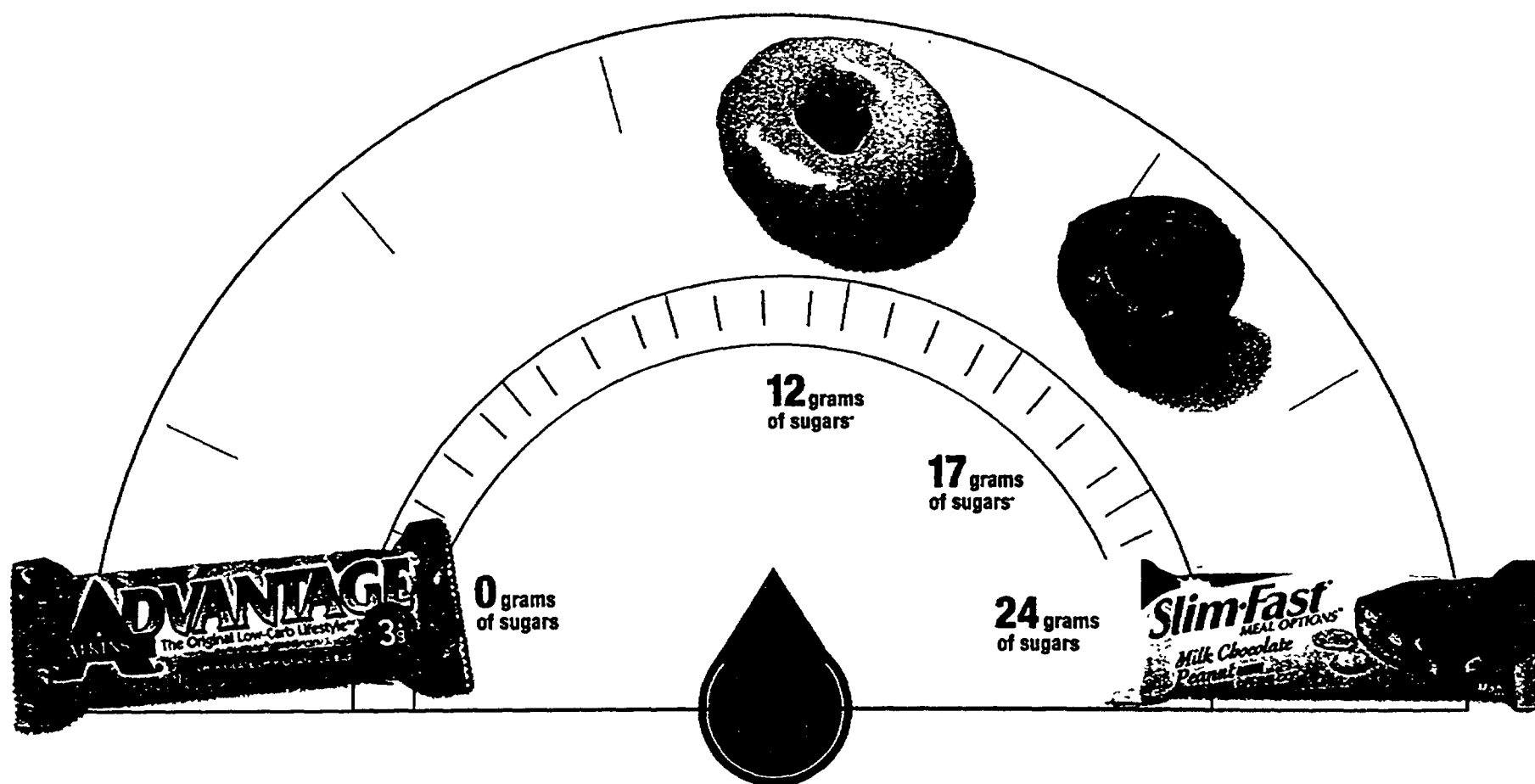
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