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Granholm: \$175 more per student

Local public schools would benefit, if 2005-06 budget proposal passed

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The 2005-06 budget proposal released last week by Gov. Jennifer Granholm would send about \$1.2 million of additional funding to Northville Public Schools.

The additional revenue would come from increasing the amount districts receive for each enrolled student by \$175. An additional \$50 would be available for each high

school student completing college-prep curriculum endorsed by Granholm.

The district currently receives \$8,050 per student.

"We are very pleased to hear that," said Casey Reason, Northville Schools Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services. "We know that state dollars are very tight right now and for K-12 to be in the position where we could possibly get an increase would certainly be wonderful."

But despite the optimistic gubernatorial recommendation, local school officials caution the increased funding will not equal a windfall.

"I don't exactly know how it is all going to shake out," Reason said. "But I do know

that one of our concerns is, even despite this possible increase, that there are state-wide increases in retirement and some of our benefits."

The assistant superintendent said if an increase in per-pupil funding is received, it will happen just in time to cover increases in other state oriented programs like retirement.

In total, Granholm proposes spending \$280 million additional dollars on local schools next year, but not without conditions.

The governor is asking districts to cut costs in return. If unable to pare costs, Granholm wants control to consolidate districts unwilling to meet suggested guide-

lines. Reason said Northville schools has already cut quite a bit in the last couple of years.

The budget recommendation was proposed Thursday, Feb. 10. The state's annual budget takes effect Oct. 1.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Old Village School teacher Lorie Farrow helps Ben Terrian recognize family photos in a book he keeps at the downtown Northville school.

A VILLAGE OF HOPE

Nestled along Main Street, Old Village School takes baby steps toward big dreams

This is the second installment of a two-part series focusing on special needs families.

By David Aguilar
RECORD EDITOR

Old Village School sits parked along Main Street in downtown Northville, a hulking brick mass floating like an ocean liner, slowly, from one generation to the next.

For many parents, it's a ship of dreams.

Through rear doors, concrete ramps pave the way for 120 arriv-

ing students who five days per week arrive at Old Village from 14 Wayne County school districts.

Some arrive in wheelchairs. Others escort themselves inside. All have some type of cognitive disability; some also battle physical, emotional or behavioral challenges.

None, staff contend, are beyond reach or beyond hope.

Inside, students between 3-13 learn about life. Some days they learn about math and basic science. On a good day, they learn how to stand. Or feed themselves.

Between lessons, some students suffer seizures or need to have their gastro-intestinal feeding tubes adjusted. It takes 45 minutes to spoon-feed some children. Others need diapers changed, or to be lifted from their wheelchairs.

In some classrooms, balloons hang down from the ceiling. It's the subtle delivery of a time-honored message: just because you're unable to walk doesn't mean the world is not still at your fingertips.

From a distance, the Old Village curriculum seems simple, if not mundane: identifying toys and

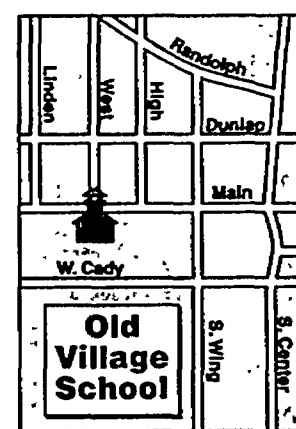
classroom activities using the Picture Exchange Communication System, a system Old Village staff refer to as "PECS."

Using PECS, originally designed for autistic children, students learn to identify favorite activities, objects and desires using pictures and illustrations.

Want an apple? Tell the teacher by showing her the picture card illustrating the apple, then place it on a Velcro pad. The system also helps advanced students form complete sentences.

Other classrooms feature high-tech computers specially outfitted for students unable to talk or audibly express themselves.

Combined, these are modest life lessons, learned during days filled with quiet miracles.



Yesterday one student counted to five on his own. Another child

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Marilyn J. Snyder and members of the Lakes of Northville Homeowners' Association are concerned about the future of Winchester Drive.

Where do township roads lead?

Winchester Road may weave into the future

By Kim Kovel
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A guardrail and yellow sign at Winchester Road's dead-end will someday be a memory for Lakes of Northville residents.

Officials see the road linking future development on 415 acres of former state hospital land off Seven Mile Road.

Stopping between Six and Seven

Mile roads, Winchester is poised to be the road's sole connector for nearly two miles.

"Everyone has known that for years and years," said Marilyn J. Snyder, an 18-year Lakes resident. "We just don't want... commercial taking up more space. They've got to keep that buffer."

Whether or not investor Real Estate Interests gets a proposed "lifestyle center," Winchester faces an impact.

History of a road

Starting at Five Mile Road,

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Marilyn J. Snyder
Resident, Northville Township

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Equine herpes cancels live racing

By Sam Eggleston and
Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITERS

Following a fourth confirmed case of the equine herpes virus at Northville Downs Feb. 8, the Office of the Racing Commissioner has announced the cancellation of live horse racing at the facilities until March 1.

The virus, which resulted in three horses being euthanized after being diagnosed, was found in a fourth horse, housed in non-adjacent Barn P. Previous cases have been in Barn A and Barn K of the track's housing facilities.

The infected horse, a two-year-old which is not being identified, is reported to be making progress.

"The fourth horse is different because it's doing better," said Dominic Perrone, spokesperson for the Michigan Office of Racing Commissioner. "Its fever reduced and it is eating, drinking and standing. Right now it seems to be doing better."

That, however, isn't the case for Northville Downs.

The facility is currently undergoing massive bio-security measures such as frequent disinfecting of the quarantined area and potential disease transmission pathways, including equipment of authorized individuals entering the restricted area to care for the horses.

The track has already felt the pressure of the closing after being forced to cancel a large-scale Valentine's Day promotion this week because of the equine herpes outbreak.

"It's been difficult," said Northville Downs director of operations John Carlo. He said he could not gauge the revenue the illness has cost his company since the first horse was diagnosed in December.

"The live racers definitely have taken a hit in the pocket," Carlo said. "There's a segment of the industry

Local Impact

Northville Downs' customers are a natural clientele for the downtown restaurant decorated with harness racing memorabilia.

The temporary halt of live racing at the Seven Mile Road and Center Street facility has affected business at The Starting Gate Saloon and Restaurant, 135 N. Center St., said the owner's son, Jimmy Rea Jr., who works at the downtown landmark.

Simulcast watching and wagering continues at Northville Downs. With approval from state and federal agricultural departments, live racing is set to resume March 1.

"The horsemen are still in town," Rea said. "But we're probably down 150-200 customers a week. If they're not making money, they're not spending money."

The start Monday of Northville and Novi public school districts' mid-winter break has helped cushion the financial blow for saloon employees, Rea said. His concern is for the people who compete and care for the horses at the track, he said.

"It's the concern for the horsemen and the workers," he said. "That 21 days (the track was ordered quarantined) hurt the workers." Like his patrons, Rea said he is looking forward to the Downs' resuming live action next week. "That brings a lot of people in on the weekend."

that's not even around to participate."

State and federal agriculture department representatives currently are talking with people who handle the horses about how the illness is transferred by contact.

State officials are conducting an in-depth investigation with the help of epidemiologist Colleen S. Bruning-Fann, of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Veterinary Services.

"Right now, we're in the education stage," he said. "It affects every animal differently."

Of 300 horses on Northville Downs grounds, four horses have come down with it, Carlo said.

Meanwhile, watching and wagering continues at the track. Races around the country are simulcast seven days with specials throughout the week.

"Nothing has stopped at the track other than the live racing," Carlo said.

The lingering virus at Northville Downs has caused restrictions

throughout the state.

According to the Office of Racing Commissioner, all horses planning to enter any of the seven licensed pari-mutuel facilities in the state are required to be vaccinated for the equine herpes virus, effective immediately. Proof of vaccination must be provided prior to any horses being accepted at the tracks.

The effects of the virus have reached further than Michigan's borders as well. Ohio and Florida tracks have reportedly turned Michigan horses away.

"I'm aware of a track in Ohio that has refused accepting some Michigan horses," said Perrone. "So far only Ohio and Florida have imposed restrictions."

Northville Downs isn't the only area under quarantine. Last weekend, the virus was discovered in Canada.

"There have been a couple of cases in Canada over the weekend," Perrone said. "They are taking some of the same precautions as we have."



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ROADS: residents wonder about future

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Winchester winds a mile and a half.

The county road has been 86 feet wide since Lakes of Northville was platted in 1978.

That's 26 feet more than standard residential roads, said Don Weaver, township public services director.

"It would be a typical location for more of a through kind of street," Weaver said. "It's not going the straight line. It was intended to still provide for (residential) access."

Winchester grew north of Six Mile as homes were built, said Wayne County Assistant Division Planning Engineer Ken Kucel.

"Once it hits the state property, that still (is) all privately held," Kucel said. "The intent was probably there to someday, once redevelopment took place, to push that further north."

The developer determines

design and covers cost, Kucel said. County likely would take on maintenance.

'Indirect' plans

Township and developer agree on an "indirect" extension.

Amended to its land use master plan in 2002, the township's Seven Mile Road Corridor Plan uses the term.

"We completely agreed with the philosophy," said Jennifer Frey, community development director. "It's going to reduce traffic volumes on Six Mile Road (and) the immediate area."

"The residents that live in those neighborhoods, they would have another means of getting out."

Approved by planning commissioners in May, a planned unit development shows an arched road.

"We've seen them both ways," Kucel said of winding and straight roads. "A lot depends on

the lay of the land and how the developer wants it."

REI partner Jon Weaver said his group aims to make Winchester meander.

"It will not be a direct, straight road," he said. "We've been directed by the community. That's what we're going to do."

He said resident concerns last year influenced plans.

"It's always a balancing act," Weaver said, adding the proposed road has not yet been plotted, nor its path formally traced.

Pros, cons

Officials said an extension would help emergency vehicles. The police station at Winchester and Six Mile is an example.

"It would give us an artery going over to Seven Mile (and) the northern portion of the township," Police Chief John Werth said.

Concern over speeders also has

been raised. In a 2003 letter to the township, Lakes' homeowners association noted blind spots on streets off Winchester. Plus, north of Six Mile, the road slopes 120 feet.

Besides a winding design, township answers are adequate stop signs and police patrolling to enforce a 25 mph limit. "We address it appropriately," Werth said. "It's like any other area of the township."

Future waiting

REI's state of Michigan contract has an April closing deadline on the \$55 million purchase — with a June extension option.

The soonest it could bring preliminary site plans to the township planning commission is March

"We want the residents to be able to take advantage of a stacking principle," said Snider, referring to "Michigan left" turns. "The ultimate problem is Northville Road is the pinch point."

A nearby overpass could cost nearly \$1 million to expand, Snider said.

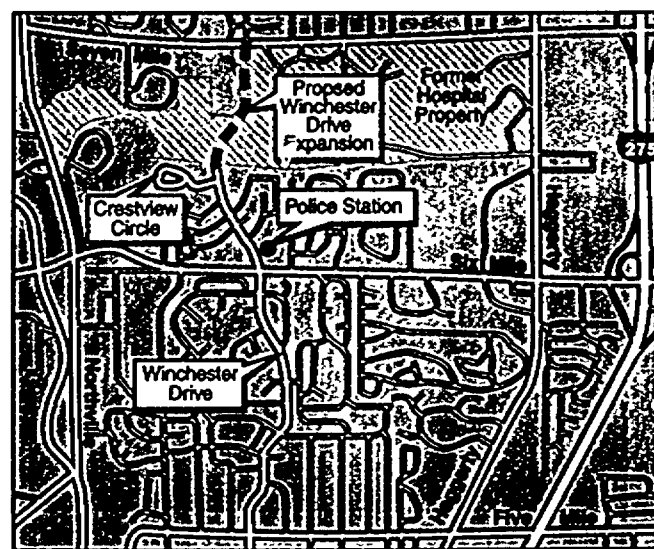
But before construction, buying right of way and other issues need work, Kucel said.

"As of right now, we're not sure what we're building," he said. But, based on similar projects, the price tag could be \$6 million.

Federal funds would cover about 80 percent, with state and county matching the rest.

The township would pay for median work, which Snider said could be as much as \$350,000.

Roads to Northville's Future



SOURCE: Northville Township

29. Meanwhile, Snyder said her neighborhood supports township plans.

"I think they are looking out for (us)," she said.

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Northville Record editor David Aguilar contributed to this report.

Easing the Six Mile crunch

In seven years, traffic has jumped about 64 percent along Six Mile Road between Northville and Haggerty roads.

Wayne County's 2003 tally tracked 46,000 vehicles in two days, both directions.

Bottom line? Six Mile Road is getting intense wear.

Plans are in the works, said Ken Kucel, assistant division planning engineer with Wayne County.

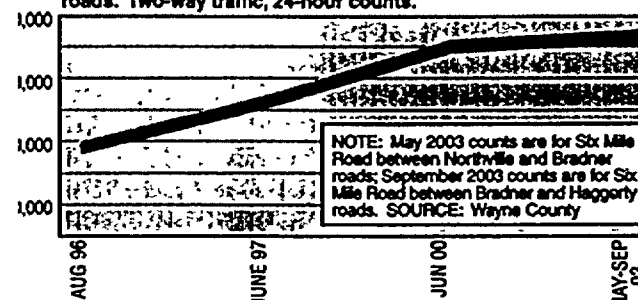
"Obviously we have to add some capacity out there," Kucel said.

"That we had scheduled as an '07 widening project. We had originally planned to do five lanes."

Township Manager Chip Snider said a "boulevard" with medians, as was recently installed on Beck Road, is preferred.

Six Mile Traffic Chart

Traffic counts for Six Mile Road between Northville and Haggerty roads. Two-way traffic, 24-hour counts.



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Building history

Historic archival storage under construction

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The outside looks like a simple garage.

But soon, the inside will become a climate-controlled environment for the community's trove of historic treasure.

Dubbed "The Archives" by Northville Historical Society volunteers working on the 315 Griswold Road structure, the \$31,000 renovation project will soon house Northville's most intimate memories and serve as the first step toward creating a Northville-based historical museum.

The Northville Historical Society's long-term goal is to convert the vintage home owned by the city into a local history museum. The total project price tag: more than \$760,000.

For now, the garage renovation is a good first step, organizers said.

Historical society member Keith Paterson said the project is moving ahead in small part because of an anonymous \$20,000 donation and a \$5,000 contribution by the Mill Race Questers. Local preservationists continue to raise additional funds, he said.

Collective effort

"I see it as the beginning of getting the whole community re-energized around this whole thing," Paterson said. In the 1970s, the community rallied to create from scratch Mill Race Village, Northville's miniature version of Greenfield Village.

The historical society's funding comes from interest on revenue generated primarily by the weddings and tours Mill Race hosts; special projects like the ongoing renovation project, require additional donations, he said.

The Questers last month presented to the society a \$3,800 grant. 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

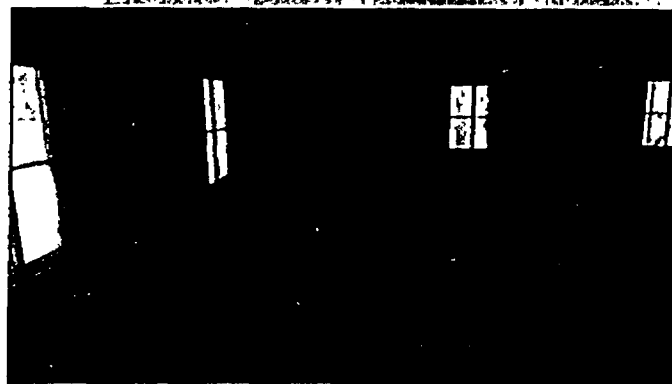


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Keith Paterson and Vera Davis view construction progress for the Historical Society's new archive storage.

Want to join?

For more information about the Mill Race Questers, call (248) 473-9447 or visit the Questers' national Web site at www.questers1944.org.

hours of service over three years preparing for the grant application.

Part of the local Questers' qualification for the money is a promise to submit project progress reports to the state organization. Right now, they could report wall frames are up and a new floor is in.

Contractors are creating controls for the humidity and temperature of the existing garage to safely store rare and fragile articles, such as photographs and birth records. Many hours the Questers logged were copying materials for the public to handle prior to reaching for originals.

A place to study

The historical society board members are finalizing plans for the facility's interior, Paterson said, including consulting with archivist Sandy Basse about preservation concerns. The 22-by-22-foot main floor and upper storage will be well-insulated, then drywalled; the new windows will be insulated, fixed glass.

"I think when we're all done this is going to be a wonderful place," he said. Paterson said he hopes they will be able to take advantage of the building's unique setting.

"This building is sited in one of the most picturesque locations in Northville," he said. The archival storage facility's rear windows, perched on a bluff, overlook a

"I see it as the beginning of getting the whole community re-energized around this whole thing."

Keith Paterson
Northville Historical Society board

reservoir and the south side of Cabbage Town.

Meanwhile, the two-story 1876 house adjacent to the garage sits as a little-used warehouse of historical items.

Local historians envision an interpretative center that would document and showcase local development — original settlers of the Northville area, the environment of the Rouge River valley and context of Henry Ford's vision, said Mill Race office manager Juliet Culp.

The 315 Griswold address is a plum by virtue of its proximity to the village, size, availability, condition and its connection to the Yerkes family, Culp said. One of the attractions in the existing village is a home once owned by the same founding family.

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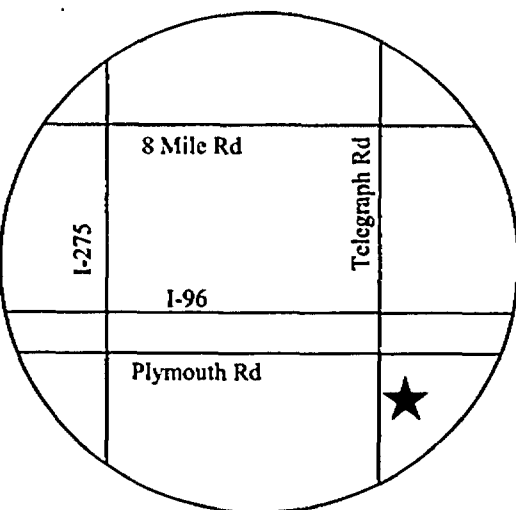
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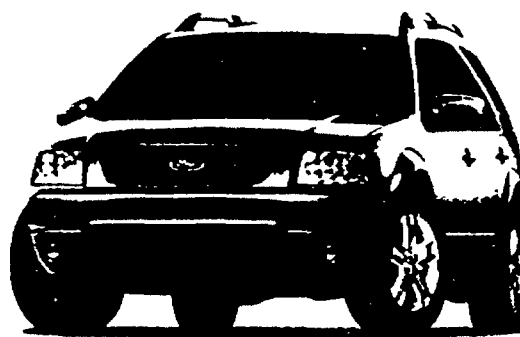
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LEFT: Sandy Aretschmer, left, and Toni Wojcik paint colorful glaze on pottery at Bee's Knees in downtown Northville. Bee's Knees is open Sundays.

RIGHT: Christine VanDam, owner of Northville's VanDam clothier, will keep her Main Street store open on Sunday, effective March 1.



Open for business

Many downtown merchants adding Sunday, Thursday hours

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The one thing you can say about downtown store hours is there is no one thing you can say about downtown store hours.

A newcomer wandering into town on the weekend or after 5 p.m. currently would find a mix of stores open. And several closed.

There are stores with no hours signs and even a rare stop marked "open" that is not.

Beginning April 1, things may be different. Many members of the Northville Central Business Association last week agreed to start staying open Sundays and Thursday evenings. Doing so, they said, would extend shopping hours for busy consumers.

"I wouldn't say 100 percent, but there was a good percentage of people who said they would," said association president Sherri Mewha. "They're looking at Sundays and late Thursdays."

"Our target date is April 1 to get everything in place."

Meanwhile, about 35 business

representatives who attended the Feb. 8 meeting said they will look at schedules and availability.

"Everyone needs to make sure their resources and staffing are lined up," Mewha said.

After a January hiatus, Great Harvest Bread Co. owner David Cole said his operation will resume noon-4 p.m. Sunday hours.

"We're doing fine on Sundays," he said. "We really agree with other merchants that Sundays are critical for the downtown."

"That's when families are out shopping," he said. "They need the opportunity for shopping for a number of things, rather than, pick up a loaf of bread, then go to the mall or the strip."

"Based on what customers have said, they will support downtown if they know it's open."

Seven-day retailers acknowledged there may be a communication gap between their efforts and the customers they hope to attract.

In coordination with the added hours, the merchants' association is launching a two-pronged publicity campaign. "Northville... open for



Rebecca's restaurant on Center St. stays open seven days a week.

business" and "Shop Northville First." The group is checking on the possibility of flags or signs to signal businesses that are open, Mewha said.

"Something that will scream 'we are open,'" she said. That presence may encourage the remaining few to join in, she added.

"The focus is we're going to be here and available," the business owner said. "It was very encouraging."

"Service businesses were there also." Medical professionals, financial service groups as well as accounts were in on planning Northville promotion, said Mewha, who a year ago opened her fine art supply and instruction store, "Awakening... the Artist Inside."

Northville Downtown Development director Lori Ward said the newly elected merchant association president is sharing her background of corporate marketing experience for the collective benefit of downtown business.

"I think there is a renewed commitment for the businesses and services to work together, to find ways to promote each other's businesses," Mewha said. "We think there are opportunities to promote business across the board."

"People were very excited to make some changes in the downtown."

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*Effective March 1

Business owners have mixed views about Sunday hours

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

In a variety of recent public forums, residents have repeatedly criticized downtown Northville's hours of operation.

"Be open on Sunday," "increase business hours" and "downtown must stay open to serve the working community" were comments recorded Feb. 1 and 3 by a special downtown steering committee.

Some are saying let's give it a collective try; others are placing other priorities first.

Jan Plumridge, general manager for eight years at Poole's Tavern, 157 E. Main St., said the local bar and eatery is not planning to open Sundays.

"The Pooles (Mary and Richard) always said we want a day for the family — you know we are family-run," Plumridge said. "They always wanted one day no one had to work."

"Whether it will ever change, I have no idea. But I haven't heard that it will."

"Everybody just loves knowing they have Sundays off."

Plumridge said she has not heard

a lot of patron requests for additional hours.

"Not often enough to be concerned," she said. "If everyone was saying it, I'm sure we'd look at it."

"If there were a whole lot of people here in town, I'm sure we'd be open, too."

VanDam's, 111 E. Main St., will start opening Sundays March 1. The upscale women's fashion store was open seven days through the holidays, then returned to six.

Two of Chris VanDam's longtime sales associates, Ginny Zibell and Toni Talan, said finding staff

willing to work the additional hours will not be an obstacle.

"We have a few people looking for hours," Talan said. "So, someone's always willing to work Sundays."

Zibell added, "We want to be here whenever someone wants to come to shop."

Rebecca's Family Restaurant, 134 N. Center, has been open Sundays for the seven years Rebecca Good has owned it, manager William Short said.

"It's pretty busy, with breakfast and lunch traffic," Short said. "We

stay pretty steady."

"If it's busy, we've been known to stay open longer for customers," he said. "If people still are coming in, we'll stay open." In the winter, Rebecca's officially stays open until 4 p.m., Short said. Starting in the

spring, ice cream and dessert will be available Sundays until 8 p.m.

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'Nailing' construction theft in the bud

Northville participates in tri-township seminar

By Kim Kovel
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Since starting work on Northville Hills Golf Club neighborhood in 1999, Marvin Tyler has seen plenty of theft.

The Toll Brothers' construction manager estimated \$4,000-\$5,000 was swiped from the township acreage last year. Lumber and windows were hot.

"We probably get hit three or four times a year," he said. "We have to turn in police reports. It ends up as an over-budget."

"You've got an open job site. It's kind of hard even with a security guard. It's like four miles of roads."

With these issues in mind, Northville, Plymouth and Canton townships last Friday hosted "We Nail Thieves," a construction theft prevention seminar.

Featured were officials' advice for representatives from more than 25 construction companies.

Common occurrences

With heavy construction on the township's west side, thefts remain high, officials said.

Last year through November, \$191,309 worth of equipment was reported stolen, ranging from lumber and drills to cement mixers and trailers.

"It's generally someone who's familiar with the location," Township Police Chief John Werth said. "We do have people who are just opportunists. Anybody that wants something badly is going to get it."

Roadway access also contributes, community liaison offi-

cer Samantha Bowlin said.

"It is common sometimes on weekends, one, two o'clock in the morning," she said. "It's nothing (for them) to be out there painting if they're on a time contract. It's hard for us to determine who's working and who's not."

Jotting license information is one method of keeping tabs. Sometimes workers simply take equipment home.

Preventative medicine

The seminar offered techniques builders can use individually and with local authorities.

Practical suggestions range from removing keys from heavy equipment ignitions to blocking work entries.

Making an earth mound or parking a vehicle across a road deters access, Canton Sgt. Rick Pomorski said.

"Probably one of the cheapest and most effective ways is lighting on construction sites," he added.

Alerting police to major shipments, such as kitchen cabinets, also can help.

"It's no different than a homeowner going on vacation," Werth said. "We visit a few times a week. We utilize our reserve officers."

Even documenting serial numbers can help track equipment.

Pomorski said a similar seminar a few years ago drew about 10. This time, 55 attendees flocked.

Discussions for another in Northville Township, perhaps geared at workers, are under way.

"What we're doing is trying to get this seminar out there more," Bowlin said. "We're all almost in the same boat."

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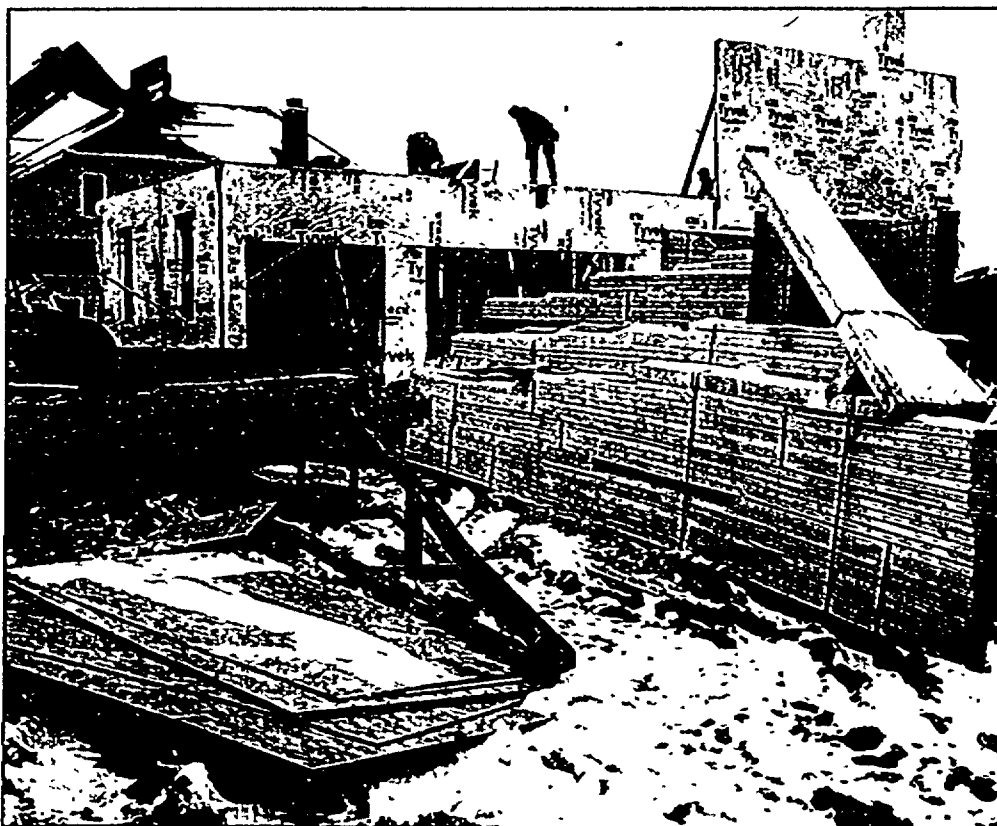


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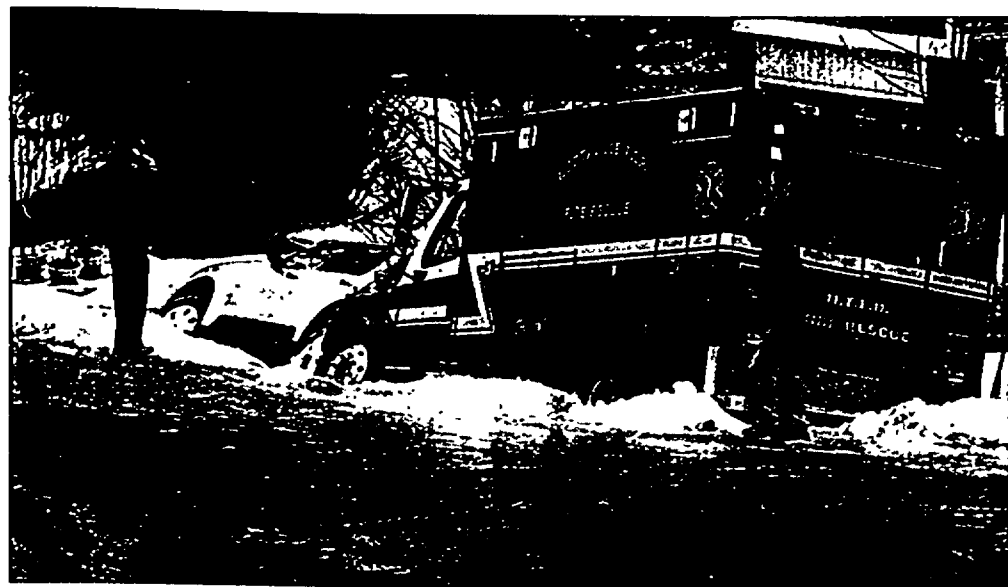
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HOME TOWN





Icy roads Monday caused a Northville Township Fire Department rescue vehicle to slide into the same ditch as a sport utility vehicle awaiting help. No one was injured, fire officials said.

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Slipping and sliding

Icy roads land township EMS vehicle, truck in ditch

By Kim Kovelie
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Slippery conditions on two township roads Tuesday caused damage to a township emergency vehicle when it slid in a ditch. At about 10 a.m., police and fire officials headed to Bloomcrest Drive and Woodhill Road to help an uninjured woman whose car had also slid into the same rut. "We turned northbound onto Woodhill from West Main," fire chief Bill Zhmendak said. "As we started down the hill, (we) realized that it was a very icy road condition."

"All they could do was hang on and hope to try to avoid hitting anything."

The vehicle struck a tree, bank ditch and, ultimately, the back of the woman's Lincoln Navigator.

"There was no injury to anybody other than our vehicle, probably sustained the most," Zhmendak said.

Wayne County and the City of Northville's Department of Public Works salted and sanded the roads. Two Mayflower tow trucks were called.

A township fire truck also was stuck on Bloomcrest, Zhmendak said. The 59-year-old woman lives on Farmington Hills and was returning home.

"You couldn't stand up on it," Zhmendak said of the ice. "There was a melting condition so water was running down the road."

This is the first time this sort of incident has occurred, Zhmendak said. Wayne County is responsible for salting the roads.

POLICE REPORT

Another home fire doused

No one was injured in the second township house fire in the span of one week. Fire officials responded at 1:35 a.m. Feb. 9 to a blaze at a condominium unit in the 15500 block of Edgewood Circle.

Confined to a second floor bedroom, that area sustained heavy smoke, fire and water damage, officials said. A 21-year-old man and 25-year-old woman reside there. Other residents were allowed to return to their homes that day.

Damages were about \$15,000, police said.

Man attempts suicide in park

A man stabbed himself Feb. 2 at the recreation area near Seven Mile Road and Hines Drive in an apparent suicide attempt, officials said.

At 4:18 p.m., patrolling Wayne County Sheriff's deputies reportedly found man's vehicle in the park near Hines Road.

Upon opening the vehicle's door, authorities said they found the unconscious victim with a three-inch buck knife in the left side of his chest. When an officer asked who had done the act, the man reportedly replied, "I did it to myself."

Deputies said they found a handwritten suicide note. The man reportedly was taken to an Ann Arbor hospital. A nurse later told deputies the man had six open chest wounds, three wrist cuts and was in critical condition, reports said.

The Wayne County Sheriff's Department did not release the

man's age or hometown.

Child found with toy gun part

After reportedly taking a toy gun "silencer" to school, a Northville Township fifth grader was suspended for one day.

When waiting for a bus ride home from Moraine Elementary at 4 p.m. on Feb. 12, the 9-year-old boy claimed to have a gun silencer in his backpack, police said. A student told a teacher who confiscated the plastic piece, police said.

The gun turned out to be a toy model that shoots rubber pellets, according to reports. The boy was suspended for one day, police said, and a report was made to the township D.A.R.E. officer, who will talk to the youth.

Two purses snatched

Women shopping at two different township grocery stores reported their purses stolen recently.

While unloading groceries in her vehicle at 9 a.m. Jan. 31, a 63-year-old Farmington Hills woman's purse was taken from her cart outside Hiller's, police said. Making the report Feb. 3, she said about \$50 was stolen.

A 35-year-old township woman was shopping for grapes at 2:25 p.m. Feb. 13 at Farmer Jack, police said. When she turned back to her cart, she told police, her purse was gone. It was found later that day at a nearby Mobil gas station, police said.

Drugs, police badge found

A Northville Township couple recently found themselves in trouble with township police.

Police responded to an InnsBrook Apartment noise complaint at 1:56 a.m. on Feb. 12. An 18-year-old was found drinking, while a 21-year-old male was cited for supplying the alcohol to the underage teen.

Marijuana paraphernalia and an allegedly stolen badge from a Hamburg Township police officer also were found. The two have Feb. 24 dates set at Plymouth's 35th District Court.

Break-in update

Northville Police are continuing to investigate the Jan. 27 early morning robbery of Goldsmith Galleries, 101 Main Centre, said Det. Sgt. Mike Carlson.

"There was a video from a neighboring store that we believe the suspects parked in front of that night," Carlson said. "The video shows what appears to be a van and possibly three to four subjects."

That footage is one of the leads police personnel are pursuing, he said.

The local detective also has been talking with neighboring police departments about similar break-ins in other communities, he said. The Northville robbery is not necessarily connected to others, he said.

"Their investigations are ongoing as well," he said. "We're trying to turn over all the stones."

After a motion-sensor alarm alerted the store's security company, the owners reported an undischarged amount of jewelry had been taken from smashed showcases. The culprits entered by breaking a plate-glass window.

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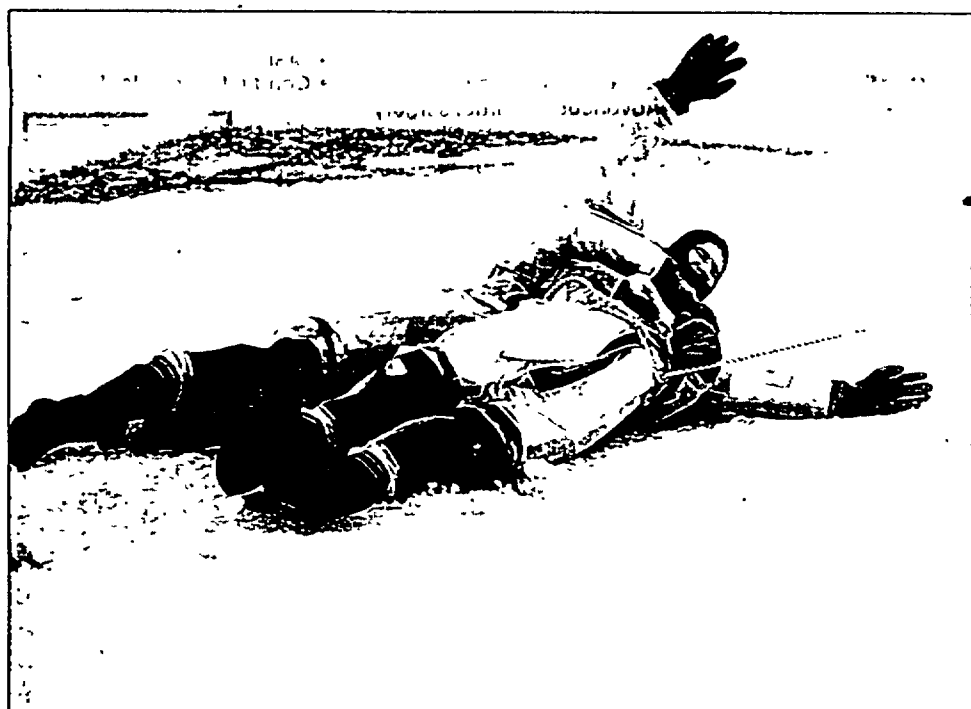
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TOP: Ice rescue trainer Jason Raschke heaves himself out of the water during last Friday's training sessions at Swan Harbor Lake in Northville Township. Raschke and Jessie Marcotte led the training session, teaching firefighters how to rescue individuals who've fallen through the ice.



BOTTOM LEFT: Pulled along the rough ice of Swan Harbor Lake, Jessie Marcotte and Jason Raschke complete a rescue demonstration for Northville Township firefighters.

BOTTOM RIGHT: A resident of Swan Harbor Lake watches last Friday afternoon as Northville Township firefighters practice ice rescue drills.

• Photos by JOHN HEIDER • Story by KIM KOVELLE •

Braving frigid temperatures, 17 of Northville Township's fire fighters headed to Swan Lake Harbor last Friday to practice ice water rescue.

The day started with a class on ice theory, focusing on equipment use and patient contact, Assistant Chief David Carignan said.

"One of the first things we want to do is... find out whether or not that person who has fallen into the ice is responsive," said Carignan. "If they're not able to respond, we have to all the more get out there just as quickly as possible."

Fire fighters took turns donning the township's four new, yellow ice water rescue suits. While some acted as mock patients, others tied on rope and dragged "victims" to safety.

"We can go totally into the water and not get wet at all, not get cold," Carignan said of the suits, which double as floating devices.

The event kicked off the department's first time internal competitions. All three shifts will vie for best times in different challenges year-long.

This time, from dress to rescue, Shift A came in the lead

at one minute, 25 seconds. Earning second place was Shift C at 1:34. In third place was Shift B with 2:01. Ultimate winners will be awarded with a trophy.

"They thought it was extremely beneficial," Carignan said. "They all enjoyed the training and I can say I have great confidence in their ability to render successful rescue."

Carignan said the program soon will be offered to surrounding communities.

The next challenge will be changing air bottles, kept on fire fighters' backs and must be changed rapidly during fire emergencies.



LEFT:Northville Township firefighters gathered last Friday afternoon on a lake at Northville Township's Swan Harbor Lake apartments to learn about ice rescue techniques. The firefighters donned waterproof gear, jumped into the icy water and heaved themselves out without assistance. The firefighters also anchored a rope and pulled fellow firefighters out of the water. The lake was frozen to a depth of about 10 inches, fire department officials said.

RIGHT: Northville Township firefighters watch as Jessie Marcotte and Jason Raschke work in tandem to demonstrate ice rescue techniques. A firefighter helps to pull in both trainers; one of whom had a rope attached to him before he went in the water.



MERIT scholarship: new exam, new reward

Gov. proposes new merit exam with higher pay out

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A new student state merit scholarship proposed by Gov. Jennifer Granholm last week ups the ante while placing a greater emphasis on completing a college degree.

The democratic governor said she wants to replace the current MERIT scholarship with a program issuing up to \$4,000 in state scholarship money to every student completing two years of higher education.

The announcement came during Granholm's annual "State of the State" address Tuesday, Feb. 8.

"...For students who want to enter the work force with an associates degree, the new MERIT scholarship means the state will essentially pick up the tab for tuition," Granholm stated in the address. "And, those going on to four year degrees can use their new MERIT scholarship for their next years tuition."

Under the current merit scholarship program, students performing satisfactorily on the Michigan Educational Assessment Program test are eligible for \$2,500 upon graduation from high school.

Granholm said the new merit scholarship program takes the emphasis off going to college and places it on completing college — an initiative she heavily supports.

Change, for the better?

"The notion that we can reward kids after two years of college makes a great deal of sense," said Casey Reason, Northville Schools Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services.

Reason said in the last 100 years, a dramatic shift has occurred in the number of jobs requiring higher education.

Citing national economic demographics, Reason said more than 80 percent of new jobs require some type of education or technical skills taught following high school. A trend completely changed from 30 years ago when nearly 60 percent of jobs were manual labor.

"The fact that there needs to be training after high school for 80 percent or arguably 90 percent of our kids is just a material reality, and I think it shows a great wisdom we would shoot for two years."

Reason said. "I think there is great wisdom in emphasizing that focal point."

Granholm proposed the change as a way to meet her goal of doubling the number of college graduates in Michigan in the next 10 years.

Change, for the worse?

Critics say the merit system should stay as is, providing students with college money before they begin their academic careers.

In a prepared statement, State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Nowi) spoke out against the proposal stating, "the governor's proposal to change the Michigan Merit Scholarship breaks a promise made to the students in our state and denies them upfront help for school."

"A better solution is to institute an early prevention/inter-

"The notion that we can reward kids after two years of college makes a great deal of sense."

Casey Reason,
Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services
Northville Public Schools

vention program for K-2 to help reduce the potential for learning failures later; provide financial support for partnerships between schools and the business sector, 'technical academies for the mind,' such as LEGO leagues and robotic teams; and develop technical high schools like those in New York and Europe."

If approved by legislators, the

graduating class of 2006 would be the last group of graduates eligible under the current merit system.

MERIT scholarships are funded by state settlements with tobacco companies.

The monetary awards are for use at private or public Michigan universities and may not follow students out of the state.

State of the State: a lesson in democracy

Students learn about politics outside of the classroom

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

One teacher, two students and a tank full of gas equaled a democratic road trip for two Northville teens last week.

Northville students Chris Irvine and Kelly Morga traveled to Lansing Tuesday, Feb. 8 for the governor's "State of the State" address.

The students were accompanied by teacher Chris Ford.

As with previous years, Ford

organized the outing hoping to give his government students an up-close look at Michigan politics.

"These are two kids who are interested in politics as a career and follow state and local government issues very closely," he said.

Irvine was issued a photographer's press pass, giving him close access.

"They took him (Chris) right before the governor's address down in front of the speaking ell and he got to take pictures for the first 10-15 minutes," Ford said.

Dwarfed among photojournalists with ultra-zoom lenses, the high school senior said he shot away at Granholm using his digital camera as she prepared to speak.

"It was a little nerve-wracking," he said. "I looked like a tourist with my little camera up there. But it was an incredible experience. Being able to be that close to the

governor and just being a part of a state-wide event headlining the papers the next day was just amazing."

Political ambitions

Irvine is heavily into politics, making the experience perfection. He is a self-professed political junkie, with a history in campaigning.

The 17-year-old worked on a Novi City Council woman's campaign, volunteered for President George W. Bush's 2004 campaign and has seen the president speak three times.

He admittedly leans to the political right, but loved the Lansing trip nonetheless.

"Personally I lean more conser-

vative on the political spectrum; however, although I am not a particular fan of the governor, being able to see the governor of Michigan as close as I did at such an event was incredible. Democrat, Republican, the governor is the governor and you have to respect that position."

Another view

Morga received a gallery pass, where she sat and watched the governor's speech.

"It was unreal," Morga said. "I was enjoying every moment of it. I was so thankful Mr. Ford brought me. I really was. It was great."

The experience also excited the student on a personal level, serving as a chance to meet someone she

looks up to as a role model.

"I had a good view of Jennifer," Morga said. "I love Jennifer Granholm so it was really exciting. She is a great woman. I've heard her speak and she is an amazing governor, and I think she is doing a great job."

Morga, 15, said she was a little intimidated being one of the youngest people in the crowd, but didn't let it dampen her experience. "Going reinforced my desire to know more," she said. "I like being informed and knowing what is going on. I would have watched it either way, but being there was a completely different experience."

At the end of the address, Ford met his pupils in the media overflow room.

State Rep. John Stewart (R-

Plymouth) secured passes for the area affording his Northville guests the opportunity to experience the Republican response to Granholm's speech.

Before the speech, the state representative took the trio on a brief tour of capitol sites and to a pre-address reception.

"John Stewart was really just wonderful," Ford said. "He really bent over backwards."

Stewart, with help from his staff, wrangled all the credentials necessary for the trip.

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Hillside Carnival

The time is approaching for the Hillside Middle School Family Carnival. The annual event will take place 5-8 p.m. Friday, March 11 inside the school located at the corner of Center Street and Eight Mile Road. Organizers said the 2005 event is "new and improved," appealing to people of all ages. The carnival will feature more than 30 games, clowns, a fortune teller, creative card making table, Velcro Wall, basketball shoot and arts and crafts. An International Food Court will offer lasagna, pizza, salad, tacos, nachos and vegetable lo mein. Another new offering this year is a Tin Can Raffle. Items up for grabs will include Tiger tickets and MP3 and portable DVD players. The Northville Police Department will also provide free fingerprinting and ID kits while supplies last to children accompanied by a parent. The carnival serves as the PTSA's largest fund raiser of the year. For more information, call Carla Gaeta at (248) 465-0362.

Kindergarten registration

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

Cabaret 2005

The Music Department at Northville High School presents "Cabaret 2005 — One Short Night in the Emerald City" 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26 in the school cafeteria, 45700 Six Mile Road. The event will feature students from the high school choirs performing as soloists or in small ensembles selections of their choice. Tickets are available for \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Call Mary Morrow at (734) 420-3118 to purchase tickets now. Proceeds from the evening will support the NHS choir trip to Chicago later this spring.

Class NOTES**Early Childhood Center**

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

School board meeting

The next Northville Board of Education meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22 at Moraine Elementary, 46811 W. Eight Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

Acting workshop

Dance Electric Performing Arts Studio is offering a free acting workshop to area students in fifth-eighth grades. The workshop will take place 5:30-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 2 at the Farmington Hills studio, 24717 Crestview. Limited space is available. For more information, call (248) 477-3830.

Logo contest

Northville residents 12 and younger are invited to create the logo for Johnson Creek Day 2005. This year's theme is Trees in the Johnson Creek Watershed and may focus on a part of a tree, one tree or many trees together. The design best representing Johnson Creek's unique character will triumph. The winner will receive the Johnson Creek Protection Group Environmental Artist Award for 2005 and a T-shirt with the chosen logo. First and second runners-up will also receive T-shirts. Entry forms are available at www.jcpg.org. Completed entries may be mailed or dropped off at

Northville Township's Department of Public Services, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Mich. 48167. Deadline for entries is March 18 and winners will be announced April 4. For more information, call Michelle West at (734) 761-1010 ext. 266 or e-mail mwest@alnm.com.

Frog survey

Friends of the Rouge seek volunteers for the 2005 Rouge Watershed Frog and Toad Survey. The survey helps raise awareness about the value of wetlands within the Rouge River Watershed and to collect information about frog and toad populations. The presence of many species of frogs and toads is an indicator of a healthy wetland, which is critical to the overall health of the watershed. Interested volunteers, including students, must attend a two-hour training session where they will receive a Rouge frog and toad compact disc. After learning calls, volunteers will visit an assigned survey block at night to identify which species are calling. Interested volunteers must pre-register for a workshop by calling, (313) 792-9621 or e-mail picoordinator@therouge.org.

NHS senior party

Tickets are on sale now for the Northville High School Class of 2005 Senior All Night Party. The event will begin 10 p.m. Saturday, June 4 and conclude 4 a.m. Sunday, June 5. Tickets are \$70 and checks should be made payable to Northville Senior Class Party and mailed to Jan Jameson, 583 Morgan Court, Northville, Mich. 48167. Please write the student's first and last name and T-shirt size on the memo line. A Senior All Night Party payment box is also located in the high school office.

Organizers are still looking for party volunteers. Those interested in helping should call Cayte Stiles-Stevenson at (248) 348-9608 or e-mail ccstim@aol.com.

Compiled by Record education reporter Victoria Sadlocha.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Hillside Middle School student Victor Bodie performs some head-spinning break-dance moves last Thursday during an after school dance. Students had the opportunity to play in the gym, computer room or hit the dance floor for a pre-Valentine's Day activity.

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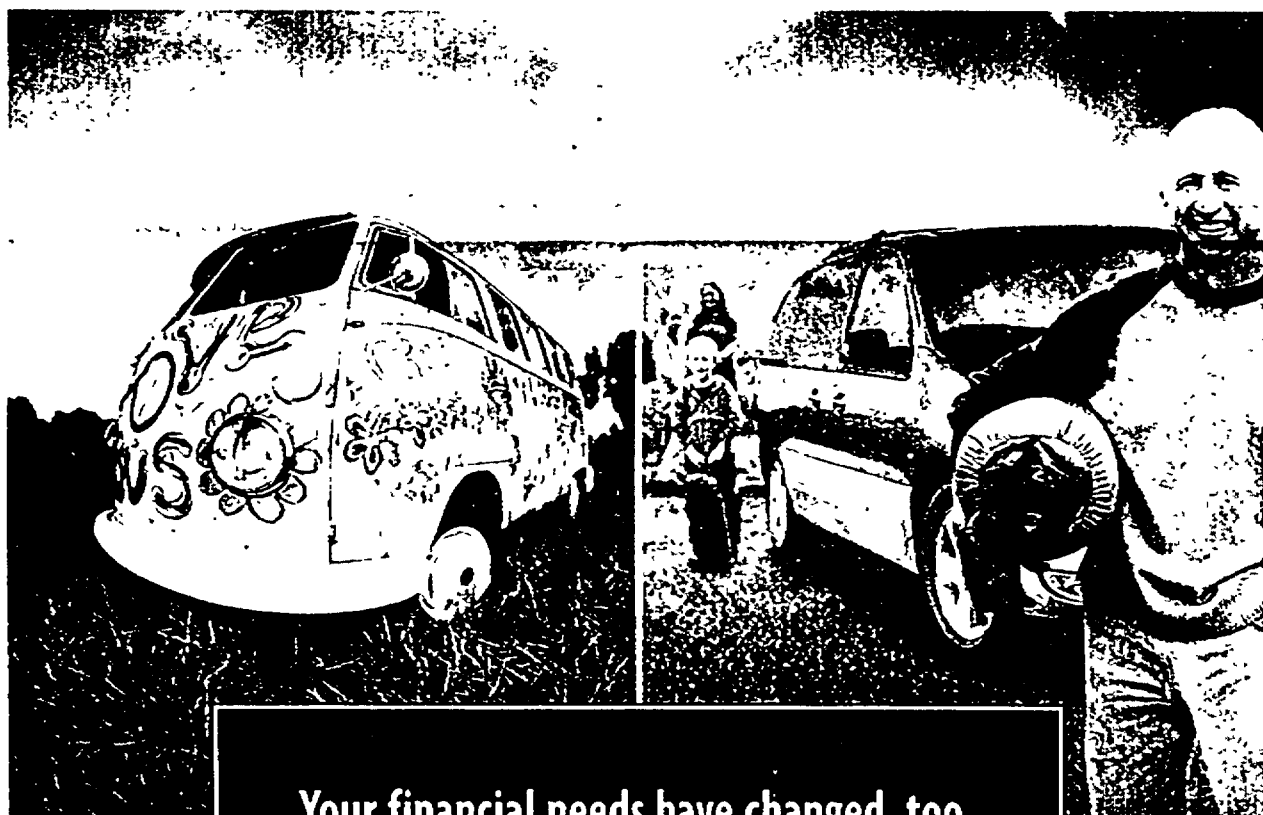
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Leadership

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Students choose from several academic areas including government and politics, engineering, science and robotics, global business and entrepreneurship, intelligence and crime scene investigation.

Honorees

All Northville Public School

building leaders are being honored this week as part of Principals' Week Feb. 13-19.

An official proclamation issued by Gov. Jennifer Granholm stated, "The principal's leadership skills and abilities directly affect the performance of teachers striving to achieve their goal of quality instruction for every student; and, whereas, these professionals not only direct the activities within their school, but also act as the liaison between the school and the community it serves, ensuring that parents and taxpayers are aware of the school's undertakings and achievements..."

Superintendent of Northville Public Schools Leonard Rezmierski publicly thanked the district's principals during the Feb. 8 board of education meeting, saying they are a wonderful group who do the district proud.

Winners

Northville High School student Elliott Huang was one of seven winners of the 2005 Youth Artist Competition sponsored by the Plymouth Symphony.

The high school sophomore will receive a \$250 scholarship as the second place winner in the senior instrumental division.

Huang was honored for his violin expertise.

The Northville student began playing when he was 4 and has played in the Dearborn Youth Orchestra, Livonia Youth Philharmonic and the Detroit Symphony Civic Orchestra.

Students

The following students from Northville earned a spot on the Dean's List for the fall semester at Schoolcraft College:

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Avery King holds Old Village School teacher Lorie Farrow's hand, during class.

McEvoy teaches 'dual' lessons

By David Aguilar
RECORD EDITOR

Kathy McEvoy's job isn't easy. The Old Village School teacher's third floor classroom includes nine teenage dual-diagnosed children — eight boys and one girl.

Her students have been transferred to Old Village for help with their cognitive impairments. They also need assistance overcoming behavioral challenges.

It's not uncommon for a dual-diagnosed student to act out, swear, even use physical force to make a point. That's why they've been sent to Old Village from their home district.

Successful students who show they have overcome their need to act out are returned to their home district. But the return road is not always smooth.

Old Village teachers are trained to deal with student outbursts and combat them with a mixture of positive reinforcement, verbal discipline and brief "time-outs" spent alone within an enclosed, unlocked room.

When they have calmed down, students are removed from the room and returned to class. All such incidents are supervised, recorded and reported to parents, school officials said.

McEvoy said her job is challenging, but worthwhile.

"I find it as gratifying as when I first started," she said.



Teacher Kathy McEvoy reviews classwork with Old Village School student Mark Logan, 12.

Her students learn coping skills, simple games, even typing. Three students publish their own newspaper; two students write the interview questions and type stories; another takes photographs.

McEvoy said teamwork helps combat the quiet challenge faced by many dual-diagnosed students: isolation.

"A lot of these kids just have their families," McEvoy said. "People dismiss them because they won't tolerate them acting out. We

try to teach them acceptable behavior, sometimes by getting them out in the community."

McEvoy said dual-diagnosed students need special help. The end goal: teach them life skills they can use their entire life.

"These kids are the most vulnerable," she said. "They are the most wounded. Yes, they put you through the ringer, but when you make a connection with them and see them learning, it's phenomenal."



Old Village School teacher Darcy Grant holds Russell Jackson's hand as she helps him understand the cause-and-effect relationship between touching a button to alter a video image on a nearby screen.

VILLAGE: eternal hope

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learned to share toys with a peer.

Earlier this year, a student whose parents had previously been told by doctors their daughter would never stand without her walker was pulled aside by teachers.

No running in the halls, she was told. Her mother cried the morning she watched her daughter climb into the school bus by herself.

Welcome to Old Village, the original "Little Train that Could," where de-railed dreams find direction again and chug slowly down clickety-clack tracks behind dual locomotives better known as love and hope.

Old Village, new lessons

Art Fischer, who has been Old Village School principal for the past six years, said special education students are commonly misperceived by the general public.

"They under-estimate the ability of kids," Fischer said. "Students may be non-verbal. They may have very little body motion. But there's lots of different ways kids can communicate."

Those methods include PECS and mechanized communication using modern technology.

"Non-verbal communication is not the sum total of what they are capable of achieving," Fischer said.

He said the general public does not always recognize those possibilities.

"A lot of people feel that because a student is cognitively impaired they can't communicate at all, which is totally not true. The way they communicate is certainly different, but they can communicate."

At Old Village, success is not measured using standardized tests.

Fischer said success is demonstrated by achieving individual goals, overcoming physical disabilities and by achieving self-care goals such as feeding and toilet-training skills.

"All those are ways we measure goals," he said.

How it gets done

Fischer said individual student achievements play out daily at the 405 W. Main St. building where for the past 30 years Old Village has called home.

Wayne County taxpayers foot the special needs school's entire \$10.3 million annual budget via a countywide special education millage.

That budget is augmented by well-meaning parents, staff members and community groups who hold regular fundraisers for such things as wheelchairs and special learning devices.

Such items often cost several thousand dollars and are not covered by the county millage.

Northville Public Schools, which owns the Main Street building, officially hosts Old Village and offers the building, its infrastructure and district support staff when necessary.

Under the county agreement, the district also receives county money for building rent and maintenance.



Old Village School para educator Karen Konopaski helps lead Micah Brunsvold down the hallway.

Who's getting helped?

At Old Village, classrooms with 8-12 students, one teacher and two para-educators reiterate daily a curriculum buoyed by physical, speech and behavioral therapy.

The curriculum is aimed at helping three groups of Old Village students: those severely cognitively impaired, severely multiply impaired and dual-diagnosed.

All Old Village students have some level of cognitive impairment; severely multiply impaired students also battle physical disabilities.

Dual-diagnosed students face additional behavioral challenges.

Who's helping?

Learning at Old Village is fraught with obstacles. That's why committed educators who can embrace their students' physical and cognitive limitations are essential, Fisher said.

Janice Peamonn, who has been teaching at Old Village for 24 years, said the key is never lowering expectations, regardless of the challenges students face.

"If you don't lift your expectations of the kids, they will never progress," she said.

She said progress begets individual empowerment. "As they learn, they achieve more freedom from their caregivers, and they grow," Peamonn said.

Kathy Langham, who has spent the past 13 years of her 25-year teaching career at Old Village, and whose classroom features a special touch-screen computer purchased with a \$60,000 grant, said acclimating students to real world situations is vital.

In her class, students use a special device, along with the computer, to communicate.

"Our goals include acclimating them to school, focusing on communication and establishing social skills," she said.

On the third floor, dual-diagnosed students face behavioral challenges. In Kathy McEvoy's class, they spend as much time learning how to get along as they do learning to add and subtract.

For these students, success is spelled with good behavior and solid work habits. It might also mean a possible return to their home district.

To get there, however, students must first travel a tenuous road buffered on one side by

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Para educator Karen Konopaski (left), teacher Lorie Farrow (right) and para educator Janille Sears (back) surround Old Village student Brunilda Dela, 7, with daily love and hope.

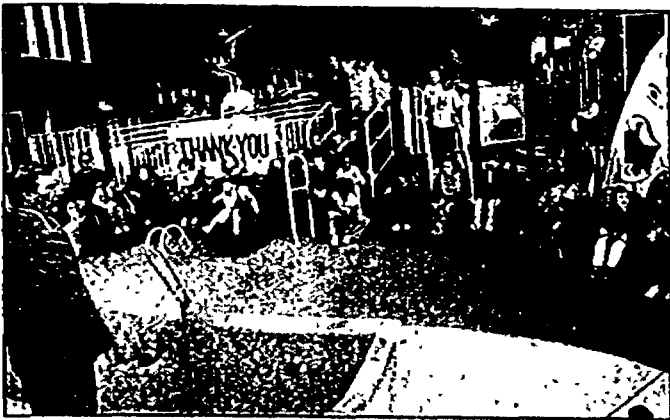


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Last summer, Northville's Old Village School principal Art Fischer, left, joined students to dedicate school's new playground. During the school day, the playground is used by Old Village students. After school, the playground is available for public use.

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positive reinforcement and on the other by physical restraint, timeouts and verbal discipline.

Different challenges

On the second floor, Amy Nemeth's severely cognitively impaired class faces different challenges. Her students work each day to establish a familiar routine, no easy task for students with stunted cognitive abilities.

"It's tough for them," Nemeth said. "Maybe one day they will pull up their pants... or establish a locker routine. We try to get them to do what they can for themselves."

Her message to well-meaning, protective parents: "Never do anything for your child you don't still want to be doing when they are 26."

She said professional burn-out is not an option.

"This is very gratifying work," Nemeth said. "I don't worry about getting burned out. But it is something you definitely take home with you."

The world outside sometimes poses a bigger challenge.

Nemeth said a mother once told her she'd taken her daughter, an Old Village student who spent much of her daily life in a wheelchair, to the movies. During the movie, the girl laughed uncontrollably.

When the movie ended, a woman approached the mother and said: "I just want you to know, your daughter ruined the movie for me."

Last year one of Nemeth's former students was in the news. He'd wandered away from his Livonia home. A community search ensued. Nemeth was part of it.

Days later, the child was found dead. He'd fallen into a neighbor's swimming pool.

"That was hard to take," Nemeth said. "These kids become part of

your life, that's just the way it is," she said.

Janille Sears, a 30-year para educator, said Old Village is a refuge for many students and parents.

"Years ago, how many of these kids were kept in a closet?" she said. "We work with the parents. We want to get their babies into society."

Does it make any difference?

For Lesley and David Terrian, Old Village makes a big difference. Their 7-year-old son, Ben, has been attending the school for three years. He is severely multiply impaired.

"When he started school, he couldn't eat or feed himself," Lesley said. "They taught him how to do that."

She said it used to take Ben 90 minutes to eat one meal, but only after she pureed it completely. "Now he devours everything... cheeseburgers, french fries, salads."

The benefits are far-reaching, she said.

"These things make him feel more independent. And it makes me feel there is hope for him."

She credits the Old Village staff and is grateful the school's curriculum involves getting the kids into the community for "tours" and small jobs.

"I know it's hard, but I think it's important for kids to get out as much as they can," Lesley said.

Still, she said it's not uncommon for the general public to perceive her son a different way. She wishes people would think twice, instead of giving Ben the double-take.

"I'd like them to know he's a very happy child who loves bowling and books," she said. "He's not someone who's just stuck in a wheelchair."

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Using the Picture Exchange Communication System, Old Village students learn new ways to communicate.

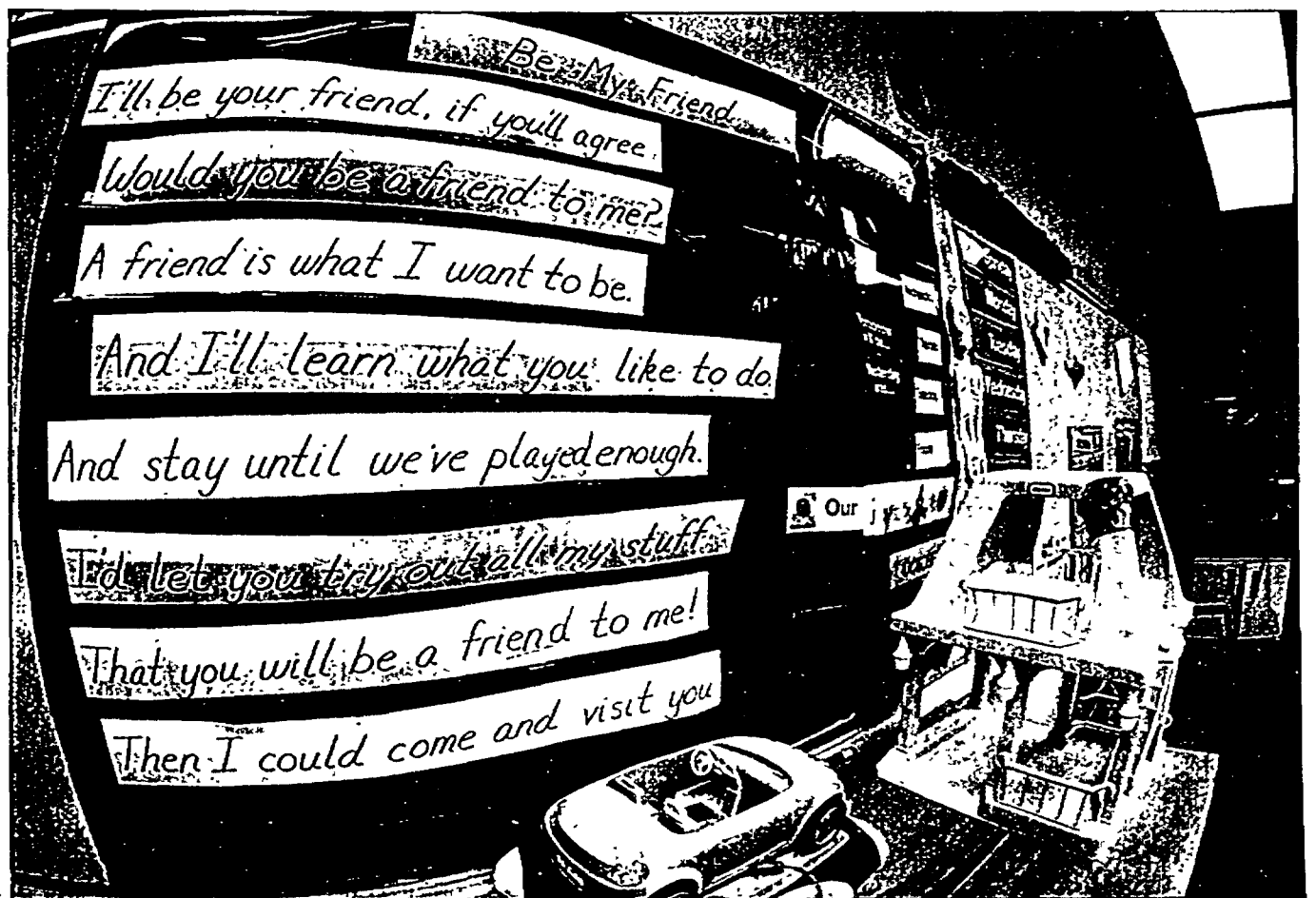


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A bulletin board in teacher Kim Smith's Old Village School classroom underscores the school's basic mantra.

Special needs: it takes more than a 'Village'

Local businesses help students find their own way

By David Aguilar
RECORD EDITOR

In their heart, they want what every child wants: attention. And opportunity.

Old Village School students spend much of their class day learning simple tasks: how to feed themselves, how to discern hot from cold, the causal relationship between this button and that computer screen.

But the formal classroom is not

the only place Old Village students learn life lessons.

Thanks to some Northville -area businesses, many students also get a glimpse of the outside world.

Some spend time at the Plymouth Whalers hockey facility; others visit local ice cream shops and coney island restaurants.

At The Great Harvest Bread Company, located at 139 E. Main St., owner David Cole provides free 30-minute walking tours for curious students.

Cole said those who take the tour are amazed by the bread-making process. Old Village students are no exception.

"The kids love it," Cole said. "Their eyes get wide and big."

Cole said he talks to students

about running a business and walks visitors through the entire bread-making process — from grain stock to bread loaf.

"We really think it's a dynamic way for students to learn outside the classroom," Cole said. He leads two to three tours per week, including students, clubs and senior groups.

He said students are amazed when 200 pounds of bread dough is lumped onto a table and real hands begin kneading it, amid fast action, loud music, chattering employee voices, oven beepers and gathering customers.

At one point, students are handed a piece of cold, damp bread dough.

"That's when they go, 'Ew!'"

Cole said.

"They also get to see bread rising and see how it becomes a warm loaf of bread. They are astonished, more than anything else."

Cole said hosting walking tours pays a dividend beyond marketing.

"It gets them to come downtown and be part of things," Cole said. "They get to be part of something that's very routine."

"We love being near enough to them that they can come on down without having to make a lot of special arrangements."

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ABOVE: Mitchell Johnson, 6, waits for the next activity in teacher Kim Smith's Old Village classroom.

LEFT: Ani Karagozian, 6, plays with a doll during class and learns to share time and resources with other Old Village students.

POLICE REPORT (CON'TD)

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Two for one

Despite an effort to avoid a Northville police officer on patrol around 2 a.m. Feb. 2, a Wixom woman ended up in jail on a drunk driving charge.

An officer observed the 20-year-old stop her black Honda near Lake and Grace streets, then proceed again without headlights on, according to a police report. When the officer directed her to pull to the roadside, her story conflicted with her passenger's and the vehicle smelled strongly of intoxicants, the report said.

The woman admitted to the officer she had tried to avoid him the first time she pulled over, the report said. She also said she was driving because her passenger was too intoxicated to drive, the report said.

Following field sobriety tasks, the woman recorded a .13 blood alcohol content, the report said. She was arrested and jailed and later posted bond.

The woman's passenger, a 24-

year-old Northville man, was cited after admitting to police he furnished alcohol to an underage minor. After receiving the ticket, the man was driven to his Grace Street home, the report said. Both were assigned a Feb. 17 court date.

Six too many

The driver of a blue Plymouth caught the eye of a Northville police officer on patrol when he crossed the center line near Eight Mile and Center Street.

The officer signaled the 22-year-old Northville man to the side of the road near Randolph Street and Eight Mile Road about 3:45 a.m. Feb. 2, according to police reports. As he questioned the driver, the officer noted, "a strong odor of intoxicants" and eyes "glassy and bloodshot."

The driver told the officer he consumed six beers at a Pontiac bar, the report said. After administering sobriety tasks, the officer performed a preliminary breath test showing the man's blood alcohol content at .13. He

was assigned a Feb. 17 court date.

Over the limit

Northville Police arrested a 19-year-old Canton man after he was reported to dispatch as a possible drunk driver.

An officer pulled over the man's gray Ford about 3 a.m. Feb. 6 near Eight Mile and Beck roads, according to a police report. The caller told the dispatcher he saw the Taurus driver make a U-turn, exceed 70 mph and run red lights, the report said.

When questioned by the officer, the man admitted he had a "few beers" at a friend's party, the report said. When he recited his ABCs, his speech was "very slow, slightly slurred and mumbled," the report said.

After sobriety tests, a preliminary breath test showed the man's blood alcohol content at .25, the report said. The officer arrested him, impounded his vehicle and assigned him a Feb. 17 court date.

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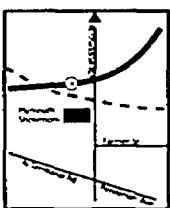
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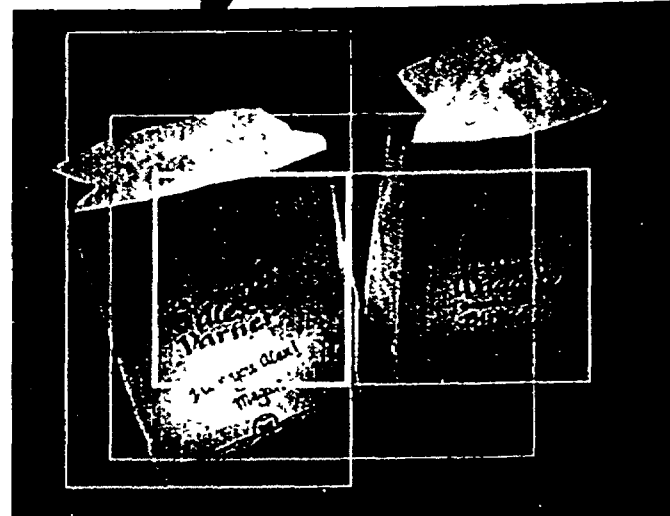
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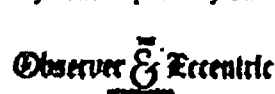
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Historic building may be moved, not demolished

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

With foundation stones crumbling, basement fire damage and peeling paint, the beauty of one downtown building is truly in the eye of the historian.

But local preservationists are digging up facts and talking with specialized contractors about moving the 150-year-old Sheehan Building from its 168 Main St. address to historical Mill Race Village, located along Griswold Road.

Most recently, the building was home to the Justin York Salon and also featured upstairs apartments.

The building's soon-to-be-owner said he supports Northville Historical Society preservation efforts.

"This place is a jewel," said Keith Paterson, director of building projects for the historical society board. "All of our forefathers seeing this happen are saying yea, yea, yea."

"They all want to see this good thing happen for the community."

The building's new owners said they'd like to significantly renovate the building. But with only an 18-inch clearance from the structure immediately to the east, doing so is problematic and prevents proper long-term maintenance of the building's wood-sided exterior.

Last chance

The pending change of hands from Sheehan Property Management to the Daskal Corporation prompted the historical society board to weigh in on the building's fate.

The Northville Historic District Commission was expected to act last night on Sheehan's demolition application allowing the building's removal from the site.

Jeffrey Daskal was expected at the same meeting to present to the commission his plans to build a three-story commercial building in place of the deteriorating structure. The two sides said they plan to finalize the deal soon.

Daskal said as much as he wants to get rolling, with new construction, the site may become a community historical

In it's place?

On the 168 E. Main St. site, the Daskal Corporation is proposing construction of a 3-story, 12,000-square-foot commercial building. The \$2 million-plus project would be a "brownstone" style with a facade complementary to downtown's historic character, Jeffrey Daskal said.

168 Main Street

1882: First known photo
1889: 1st library location
1893: Tobacco and cigar shop

1899: Steam laundry
1909: Steam laundry expanded

1914: Macomber's Peerless Steam Laundry
1923: Garage

1931: Wadsworth bakery
1943: Saxton's Hay and Feed

1957: Paul's (Folino) Sweet Shop
Unknown: Old Mill Restaurant

1972 Northville Pizzeria
Unknown: Little Caesars Pizza Treat

1986-2005: Hair Salon

Source: Northville Historical Society

would allow the historical society board members time to finish their investigation.

"I want to preserve the building for the children of Northville, for the younger generations' sake," Daskal said. "I want to help out any way I can."

"I want them to know about the culture of what was there."

The Sheehan building was formerly Northville's first library, a steam laundry, a bakery and a restaurant, according to historical society archives dating back to the late 1880s.

Livonia-raised Daskal, 44, said he remembered the Sheehan family's Little Caesar's incarnation.

Timeless value

If preservationists like Paterson have their way, the building eventually would become a community historical

attraction. The structure's value is its story of evolution within the context of the town's history, he said.

For example, 1893 historical records show the building — then numbered as 339 Main Street — as a 20-foot wide cigar and tobacco shop, Paterson said. Subsequent maps show operation and expansion of a steam laundry with boarding houses on both sides and a hotel across the street.

"Having done some preliminary research, we believe this building to be the last wooden balloon-frame constructed commercial building in the downtown Northville area," Paterson said.

Is it a go?

The 12 board members last week agreed to spend up to \$1,000 to investigate the feasibility of disassembling the building and rebuilding it.

According to one professional estimate, disassembly would take 17 days and cost about \$7,600.

The estimate does not include the costs of storage, building a new foundation or reconstruction at the Griswold Road park, Paterson said.

"Does the building have historic significance? The board said 'yes,'" Paterson said. "The board said, 'let's pursue it further.'"

"We don't have any of the details worked out."

The historical society board members are trying to put together a plan to work within Daskal's time constraints, Paterson said.

"This whole thing could turn out really cool," he said. "We may get to a point that we say, 'this is not worth saving.'"

The community would have to support the self-funded historical society's project, Paterson said.

"The challenge is going to be re-energizing the community to get behind this," he said. "We're going to have to do some fundraising."

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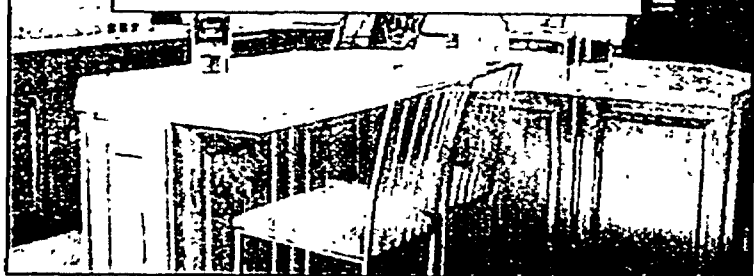
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Art for lunch

Stop in at the Art House, 215 W. Cady St., at 11:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18, as the Detroit Institute of Arts continues its Brown Bag Luncheon series.

The hour-long lecture will cover Dutch baroque painter, Gerald terBorch. The \$10 cost covers entry, coffee and dessert. Tickets can be purchased at the door. For more information, call (248) 449-9950.

City news

Northville City Hall offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 21 to commemorate Presidents Day. Trash will be picked up as scheduled.

The city council meeting, scheduled to be held on the third Monday of the month, will be held Tuesday, Feb. 22. A special council meeting, to continue 2005-6 goal setting discussion, is at 6:30 p.m. Both will be held in the council chambers at 215 W. Main St.

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 all sidewalks be cleared of snow and/or ice within 24 hours of a snow or ice event.

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Next stop, India

The Art House, 215 W. Cady St. will host Michael Farrell at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 22.

The latest two-hour installment in the travel lecture series on ancient cultures will focus on Hinduism and the Temples of India. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased in advance at the Northville Parks and Recreation Department in the Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road, or at the door.

Up next, Farrell will talk about China and the tradition of painting, March 15, and Japan and the Shinto Shrine, April 19.

Quartet to perform

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

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

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

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

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

Realtors for Relief

Remerica United Realty of Novi is hosting an American Red Cross fundraiser Feb. 25 with all proceeds going to the relief agency. The tickets, \$50 in advance and \$75 at the door, include musical entertainment, a silent auction, food and cocktails and dancing. The event begins at 7 p.m. at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. For tickets or information, call (248) 344-1800.

Upcoming concert

The Northville Arts Commission Feb. 27 will host Robert B. Jones, a performer and teacher of both traditional and original blues, spiritual and folk music.

The latest installment in the group's 2005 Winter Concert Series is 7-8 p.m. in Genitti's Little Theatre, 108 E. Main St. Jones' performances, for audiences of all ages, have been praised for their entertaining and educational content.

Ticket costs for dinner and concert is \$35; contact Genitti's at (248) 349-0522. Concert-only tickets, at \$10 for adults and \$5 for students, can be purchased in advance at the Northville Parks and Recreation Department in the Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Rd., or at the door.

Official opening

The Northville Arts Commission will celebrate the

grand opening of the Art House, 215 W. Cady St., 7-9 p.m., March 4. The featured guest will be Robert Maniscalco, nationally renowned portrait painter and host of PBS "Art Beat." Internationally renowned jazz harpist Christa Grix will provide entertainment.

The commission also is planning an exhibit of local artists and refreshments.

Election deadline

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.

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.

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.

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 tradi-

tional Irish fare, the afternoon will include beverages, dessert and prizes.

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, 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., Ste. 275.

Those 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.

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. 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.

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

HELPING HANDS

Students at Amerman Elementary School raised more than \$1,800 late last month during an Empty Bowls fund-raiser benefiting the Afghan School Project. Students in the third, fourth and fifth grade classes made ceramic bowls in art class, before helping the first grade students do the same. The bowls were then sold during the Tuesday, Jan. 25 event. The suggested donation was \$5-10 per bowl. Purchasers enjoyed a humble meal of soup and bread after choosing a special bowl. Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall donated the soup, and the bread was donated by Great Harvest Bread Co. All the money raised and donations collected will be donated to Northville's Afghan School project — Kids 4 Afghan Kids, and Northville's Civic Concern. Any leftovers were taken to the Wayne Country Family Center. The Empty Bowls initiative was led by Amerman Elementary School art teacher, Gail Raben.

CHURCH EVENTS

The Evangel University Concert Choir will be performing at 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 6 at Northville Christian Assembly, 41355 Six Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 348-9030.

ON CAMPUS

Princeton University

Northville resident Steve Jameson graduated in Sept. 2004 from Princeton University with a bachelors degree in politics.

Schoolcraft College

Northville resident Christie Eggleston was named to the Dean's List for fall 2004 semester at Schoolcraft College.

Spring Arbor University

Emily Dixon, Kristen Tomakowsky and Karen VanSlyke, all of Northville, were named to the Dean's List for fall 2004 semester at Spring Arbor University.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

Loehmann's coming soon

Loehmann's, Inc. recently announced plans to open a new specialty retailer store March 16 in Northville Township.

To be located at 17615 Haggerty Road, the 20,000-square-foot store will offer designer fashions in the Village Square of Northville. Loehmann's third Detroit-area location, like others, will feature its "legendary Back Room," where designer prices are 30-65 percent lower than department or specialty stores. Featured brands include Donna Karan, Max Studio, Anne Klein, Nicole Miller, Ralph Lauren, D&G and more. Customers are invited to an official ribbon cutting at 9 a.m. March 16.

Pendleton 'Trunk Show'

An upcoming "trunk show" at Pendleton in downtown Northville offers a sneak peak at fall 2005 fashions. Store manager Shirley Davis will show collections for both men and women, including extended sizes of plus, tall and petite. Fabric

styles include various types of wool, flannel, suede, leather and other luxury materials. Customers can pre-order for best selections. The show runs from 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday, March 3; and 10 a.m.-5 p.m., March 4-5. Pendleton is located at 117 N. Center Street. Space is limited, so reserve a spot by calling (248) 596-9820.

Photos featured at Studio 427

For the remainder of the month, downtown Northville's Studio 427, Regina Abraham Gallery of Art, will feature photographs by the Lansing-based Soapstone Lion Group photographers' association. Artists hail from throughout the area, according to Abraham, and are tied together by friendship and the common bond of Michigan. Studio 427 is located at 141 N. Center St., Ste. 202. To learn more, call (248) 449-6501.

Putting troops 'First'

To help soldiers keep in touch with loved ones back home, First Financial Mortgage in Northville is focusing on calling cards.

This Monday, the company began purchasing prepaid, \$20 military exchange phone cards for every mortgage closing. Cards are then

sent in the name of the client. The effort dovetails off the success of U.S. Rep. Candice Miller (R-Michigan) in changing a law to now allow anyone to purchase the cards for troops from military exchange shops. The cards can be used at any of the 60, around-the-clock call centers in Iraq and Afghanistan military installations.

Falkowski named Honigman partner

Northville resident Christopher Falkowski recently was named a partner at Detroit business law firm Honigman Miller Schwartz and Cohn LLP. A member of the firm's intellectual property law department, Falkowski will practice patent prosecution, intellectual property counseling and technology-related business transactions.

His focus largely is on information technologies such as software, computer networks and business methods. Falkowski is a computer law section council member and former editor of the Michigan Computer Lawyer. He earned a law degree from the U-M School of Law in 1997 and an undergraduate degree in 1992 from Northwestern University.

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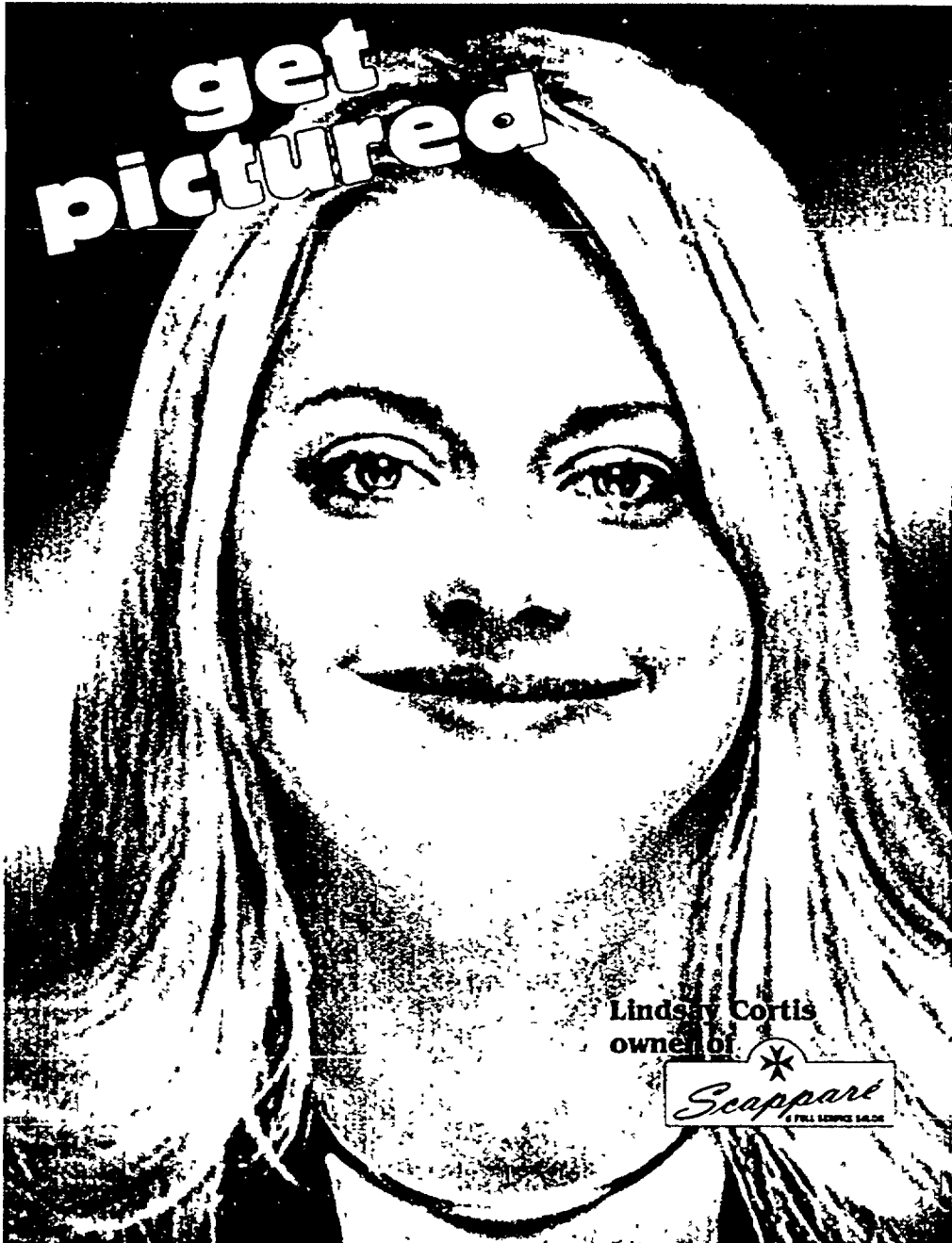
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Hours: time will tell

Good for local business owners who are listening to voices raised during recent public forums and who are now embarking on an ambitious journey to extend store hours and provide Sunday hours.

Local shoppers, especially those who reside within Northville, are hungry for their quaint, historic town to extend an open invitation to them.

Dual-income couples are busy, retail experts say, and decreasingly inclined to wonder if the cute shuttered store they pass each evening will finally allow them to hand over their money on the weekend.

Not anymore. Finally, the downtown merchant association is leading a collective charge to appeal to the Northville community.

That's smart, because frequent public comment has morphed into a dangerous perception "about downtown." "No businesses are open Sunday," or "I didn't know we had a store like that."

Downtown Northville cannot be careless with the unique appeal it possesses. It must proactively embrace change, but methodical change.

"Northville... open for business" and "Shop

Northville First" are solid marketing steps in that direction.

Business owners can lament all they want their lack of walk-in traffic and their residential neighbors' failure to frequent their storefronts. In the end, it is each individual store owner's responsibility to extend a hearty customer invitation and take the public heat.

Or get out of the kitchen. Savvy retailers won't stop with simply extending hours. They will be open on Sundays and open to new ideas, big and small.

It's not just additional merchandise downtown visitors are seeking. It's amusements, family-time opportunities, dining variety and new entertainment venues.

We urge downtown retailers to embrace these requests before public perception becomes reality.

Competition from malls, large-scale retailers, even the much-heralded "lifestyle center" shopping experience ups the ante considerably. The largest obstacle remaining is attitude.

Changing the perception of a shuttered downtown begins with collective and sustained effort. Northville merchants are headed in the right direction.

brought the coldest weather known in this part of the country for a good many years, thirty-eight officers and members of the Orient Chapter, O.E.S., were on hand at six o'clock p.m. to take the special D.U.R. car for Pontiac, where they had been invited to exemplify the work of that order for the brethren and sisters of the county seat of "old Oakland". Notwithstanding many prognostications of discomfort, the trip was rapid and comfortable both ways and after the work the "Stars" were banqueted and toasted and given an all around good time, which they will always remember as one of the pleasantest of the many enjoyable fraternal visits in which they have participated. They were returned to Northville all safe and sound sometime in the small hours of Wednesday morning.

Dollars & Sense!



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Winchester Elementary School students enjoy comedian/magician Chris Linn's "Dollars and Sense" show last week.

Granholtz faces uphill battle with universities

Last week was a busy one for those in the politics business in Michigan. Gov. Jennifer Granholtz delivered her State of the State speech last Tuesday and two days later, submitted her budget proposals.

And both efforts received mostly negative reactions from the Republicans who control both houses of the legislature. Taken together, these events set the stage for the political debate that will go on from now until the November 2006 election.

The governor's speeches were significant. Whatever you think about the details of her proposals, Granholtz, for the first time since being elected in 2002, has set out a coherent long-term agenda for the state. The first two years of her administration were preoccupied with mostly piecemeal attempts to get around the chronic (and so far entirely unresolved) structural state budget deficit of more than \$1 billion per year.

This time around, the governor proposed significant changes to the clumsy and badly outdated Single Business Tax. Her reforms are intended to help manufacturers, small businesses and high tech start-up companies.

She wants to take a \$2 billion bonding measure to the voters; if passed, she believes it will create 72,000 jobs. She also offered up an accelerated \$800 million public works program that's supposed to build roads, bridges and produce another 36,000 jobs. She offered the schools increased per-pupil funding and successful college juniors a \$4,000 merit scholarship.

The main themes that come through loud and clear are jobs — jobs right now and jobs in the future. For a governor presiding over a state with a 7.4 percent unemployment rate (the highest in the nation) and a Republican opposition beginning to sense blood in the water, talking jobs right now is a simple exercise in political survival. And for a state facing a fundamental erosion of its historic high-wage, low-skill manufacturing base, nothing could be more needed than steps to produce a highly skilled, educated and competitive workforce.

But selling this package won't be easy, especially in Lansing, where narrow partisanship has become the name of the game. Frankly, I thought



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and do-nothing, and she'll need to assemble a big-time coalition to sell her program to the public. Which is why last week's mess over her budget proposals for funding higher education was so embarrassing and unnecessary.

Without getting into "insider baseball" detail, the governor's budget called for a \$30 million cut in this year's base funding for Michigan's 15 public universities, supposedly offset by a pledge of \$100 million in capital outlay and maintenance if they keep tuition increases below 5 percent.

Going ballistic is a mild way to describe the reaction from college presidents around the state. Those I talked with used terms like "betrayal," "astonished" and "plain and simple welsching on a deal" — together with some other comments not wholly suitable for inclusion in a family newspaper.

How come? At the end of last year's budget negotiations, the college presidents cut a deal with the governor: you hold your tuition increases below the rate of inflation and I'll guarantee your base funding won't get cut this year or next. If you read the text of last year's Executive Order, you'll see it right there in black and white. So from the perspective of the universities, Granholtz's budget plan was an outright betrayal of last year's deal coupled with a funding cut two-thirds of the way through the school year. "A kick in the teeth," one president called it.

I reached Mike Bolus, head of the presidents'

the spectacle of the GOP lawmakers sitting dolefully on their hands during the State of the State speech was both gratuitously rude and disappointingly partisan. Granholtz will need to be nimble over the next months in painting the legislature as obstructionist.

council, on his way to MSU President Lou Anna Simon's inauguration. He was so mad he wouldn't trust himself to an on-the-record interview. His written statement made these points: "A \$30 million cut this late in the school year is the same as a \$120 million cut at the beginning of the fiscal year. ... During the last three years, Michigan's legislature and governor have steadily cut state allocations to higher education. More than \$250 million has been cut during that time ... per student state spending has dropped from \$6,840 in 2000 to \$5,720 today."

One president I know well told me that the governor's budget had succeeded in doing something previously considered impossible: uniting all the university presidents in the state.

Then Granholtz herself called me to say she was "amazed and distressed" at the rumpus that had been stirred up. "We thought that offering \$100 million in capital outlay and maintenance was a real sign of support for our universities," she said. "We're going to get together early next week to try to work out our differences."

Good idea. Granholtz has rightly made the core of her policy for Michigan's future the number of college graduates over the next decade and increasing enormously the transfer of new technology from university research labs to high-tech companies. To do this, she needs help and cooperation from our state universities, just as they need her aid in trying to reverse the long, dismal and dangerous slide in state support.

Let's hope they succeed. Tin ears in Lansing and dark suspicion in the halls of academe are hardly the stuff on which Michigan's economic future is going to be constructed. Benjamin Franklin never got to Michigan, but he still may have said it best. To paraphrase a bit, if we don't all hang together, the state's future will, most assuredly, be left hanging out to dry.

Phil Power is a former regent of the University of Michigan. He is also 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

Looking back...

Century ago

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

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ORIENT CHAPTER VISITS PONTIAC

Thirty-eight Went On Special Car Tuesday; Stars Braved Coldest Weather of the Season

In spite of the fact that Tuesday

Governor finally presents an agenda

Whatever you think about the dramatic proposals Gov. Jennifer Granholtz put forth in her State of the State speech, perhaps the most politically significant thing about them is that she has — for the first time — committed her administration to a major stand on the state's future.

The Democratic governor offered a complex package that includes asking the voters this fall to approve a \$2 billion bond proposal aimed at creating 72,000 jobs. She also announced, among other things, a massive, \$800 million set of public works projects that she said would create another 36,000 jobs.

She also announced significant reforms in the state's controversial Single Business Tax, though she stopped short of doing what many expected her to do — get rid of it, period. And she added a few other proposals, including a new \$4,000 merit scholarship for successful college juniors.

Republicans, as expected, denounced her plans as, in the words of Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikema, "debt today and debt tomorrow." Democrats, who don't control either house of the legislature, were somewhere between cautiously supportive and wildly enthusiastic that their governor at last was behaving like both a governor and a Democrat.

Whatever one thinks of her ideas, the governor has, for the first time since her election in 2002, put forth an agenda. Though much has been made of her status as Michigan's first woman governor, the dirty little secret is she is widely regarded as the weakest chief executive Michigan has had since the 1940s.

Though widely expected to win by a landslide, she barely prevailed over a weak opponent that year and has behaved with considerable timidity ever since. Last year a Republican leader told me with a tight little smile that his party didn't really mind very much having Jennifer Granholtz as governor.

Sure, she might nominate a few judges they didn't like, but as they saw it, she had no agen-



Jack Lessenberry

more than two years ago largely has been political drift, in which the lawmakers' chief preoccupation has been to try and finesse a state budget that seems to be perpetually out of balance by \$1 billion a year.

Twenty-two years ago, a new governor named Jim Blanchard took office facing a fiscal crisis that was as bad or worse, and spent his political capital temporarily raising the state income tax. That solved the crisis, and the tax was lowered again as promised, but Democrats lost the state senate as a result.

Eight years later, Republican John Engler took over and began slashing, burning and cutting programs that had been seen as sacrosanct. There was much screaming, but he prevailed and was reelected twice by landslides.

But Granholtz has proposed nothing of the sort, and both parties have shrunk from tackling the core issue. Instead, it's been all about the death of a thousand cuts. Those who understand higher education are openly worried that the whittling-down process will soon seriously damage the university system, and with it Michigan's future ability to compete.

While both parties will privately admit the state's budget system is massively and structurally flawed, nobody has had the courage to

da, and since the GOP had large majorities in both houses of the legislature, they felt they could get what they wanted through, perhaps with a little bit of trimming at the margins.

But in fact, what has happened since she took the oath

tackle reforming it. Nor will anyone say the words that everyone believes but regards as politically fatal: You get what you pay for.

Right now Michigan isn't getting anywhere. The state is drifting downward economically; tied with Alaska for the nation's worst unemployment rate.

But will the governor's proposals, which sound like a combination of Silicon Valley and Franklin Roosevelt, work? Do they have a chance of being enacted by the Republican legislature? Bill Ballenger, publisher of Inside Michigan Politics and a respected political handicapper, says it is dicey.

"She told the Republicans not to just pass the 'good stuff' — the parts they liked — and send it to her, but I think that's exactly what they will do, and dare her to veto it," said the pundit, himself a former state senator.

History suggests that the odds of getting the voters to approve a new spending scheme in a special off-off-year election is not good.

Yet there is a risk for the GOP, too. While the governor's popularity has faded a bit, surveys show even less regard for the Republicans. Republicans lost seats in the legislature last November, and the state again rejected President Bush. Polls show Ms. Granholtz easily defeating any GOP challenger.

If the Michigan Legislature refuses to enact any of her agenda, the governor will certainly run next year against the "do-nothing Republicans" who, she will say, played politics while Michigan's economy burned.

Meanwhile, something needs to be done to make a state that was once a leader in technology and job creation competitive again. For Michigan's future, the next few months in Lansing are likely to be critically important.

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"We have to balance our down-home attitude with playing in this league."

"It's a society problem (alcohol drinking on campus), not an MSU problem..."



State of the state? Don't judge a book by its cover

On the heels of last week's State of the State address, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Michigan legislators are left once again facing an old foe: a 2005-06 state budget, expected once again to be \$1 billion deficient by the time it takes effect Oct. 1.



David Aguilar
RECORD EDITOR

And like many communities statewide, Northville will wait with bated breath to find out if the state will once again slash precious funding

streams such as state revenue sharing. State revenue sharing funds are doled out by the state as a percentage of annual sales tax receipts.

Local municipalities use them for all manner of operational items, such as police and fire. Sometimes the money just helps keep the lights on.

But Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton), who represents Northville, is afraid the state may now try too hard to play by the book when it comes to balancing its budget.

The book in question is "The Price of Government: Getting the Results We Need in an Age of Permanent Fiscal Concerns," written by Peter Hutchinson and David Osborne.

The governor and Legislature have agreed to use the book as a budget guide, hoping to sidestep budget calamities of years past. The basic premise: set 10-15 budget priorities based upon available revenue and citizen concerns, then fund them only as long as revenues exist.

When the revenue's gone, the book recommends, so too should be the funding for those programs.

Patterson shakes his head and wonders quietly what others question aloud: They need a book for that? Shouldn't that have been the process all long?

Patterson read the book last October. Now he's a reluctant member of one of the committees responsible for establishing key "budget priorities."

He's also unconvinced a book is what the state needs.

"I'm not overwhelmed with enthusiasm," Patterson said of the book's approach, a style he said some have called "zero-based budgeting on steroids."

"I'm going to try to put away my jaundice," Patterson said. "We have a \$36 billion budget. I'm not sure what we need is a book."

"What we need is a bucket of money."

Indeed. That and the where-withal to make tough choices.

Gov. Granholm has outlined some lofty goals: a \$2 billion high-tech investment based upon state bond sales during the next 10 years, immediate job training for nursing and skilled trades, a revised MERIT Scholarship plan, static health care allocations and doubling the number of college graduates.

She's even called for further rollback of the state's Single Business Tax.

In truth, Granholm has stolen much of the Republican Party's ice cream.

What's left? Pages in a book promising to help state officials better establish spending priorities, and local officials left wondering how severely state revenue sharing will be cut come late September.

Patterson's distaste for the "budget by the book" approach is well-placed. Lansing has done little to inspire confidence within an electorate waiting for economic recovery only to have it replaced with clumsy political rhetoric.

A book? Michigan residents deserve more; Northville residents deserve answers. They deserve elected politicians willing to do more than read a book.

They deserve elected officials of all political persuasions willing to re-write one.

SIMON SAYS: MSU's new president plots steady course for green-and-white future

Attending a community college and then transferring to a university is nothing new. For years students have used this method to save money on required basic courses or to buy time while trying to figure out what field to major in. But transferring those credits can sometimes backfire if the university you choose doesn't accept them.

At Michigan State University, nearly 60 percent of the East Lansing school's transfer students come from community colleges, according to Lou Anna Simon, the university's new president. These basic courses are the most cost-effective for MSU to offer, but with one million credit hours per year, "it's not a problem for us at all," said Simon of the financial impact.

"The issue is how to maintain the integrity of the degree," she noted. "Right now, there's no reverse transfer for an MSU student to go back to a community college and get an associate's degree."

Although one wonders how often that scenario unfolds, there is a definite movement to get more students graduating from Michigan universities. At just 22 percent, the state's undergrad rate is well below the national average, and that doesn't stack up well with Michigan's unemployment rate hovering around 7 percent.

More science and tech grads are needed to shift Michigan from a manufacturing to high-tech economy, according to the Commission on Higher Education and Economic Growth, chaired by Lt. Gov. John Cherry, the Cherry Commission in December concluded that the state needs to double its number of college graduates.

"The goal is right if Michigan is to prosper," said Simon, but she questioned the additional expense. "Can we afford it? It's going to require higher education being a priority. People don't have a good understanding of what higher education really costs. We need to make it simple for people."

Universities seem to always take the hit, at least before K-12 education, when push comes to shove in the state budgeting process. In fact, higher education was below a lot of other priorities and is just now getting back in the field of vision, according to Simon. Historically, state budgets have taken a short-term-solution approach, but the time is now to support the intellect of higher education, said Simon.

"We have to look at long-term issues and build for the future."

One of the problems might be the number of universities in Michigan, and consolidation is a possible answer that the Cherry Commission offered. However, MSU is not

one of the institutions mentioned, so Simon is sure to steer clear of that conversation.

"There has to be more collaboration," she said. "But we'll just have to let the issue of too many universities unfold."

Simon is more focused on the university she's been in charge of since January 1 of this year. She took over the helm of the 150-year-old institution when Peter McPherson ended his 11-year reign, becoming its 20th — and first female — CEO. But this Indiana native, born in 1947, is in no way a new face on campus.

She came to MSU as a grad student in 1970 and earned a doctorate in philosophy, administration and higher education four years later. Simon became a member of the faculty and assistant director of the Office of Institutional Research, and then served as provost and vice president for academic affairs in 1993.

Simon actually ran MSU when McPherson was in Iraq helping to rebuild that country's economy in 2003. Ten years prior, she was the faculty favorite for the president's position but the Board of Trustees made a last-minute move and picked McPherson.

But now she's in charge of the 45,000-student institution, founded in 1855 as the nation's first land grant university. Would its founding fathers recognize the current MSU?

"I don't think they'd be surprised at the evolution of intellectual fabric," said Simon. "Be good, but have the courage to take a different path. We have to balance our down-home attitude with playing in this league."

That league includes those pesky Wolverines down the road. Sure, the two schools compete athletically every Saturday, but Simon makes sure to point out that Spartans can hold their own with U of M academically as well.

"We shouldn't decide to compete, but rather complement each other's strengths. That's going to be our challenge," she said. "The two team up on some things, but we need to do that more, especially in research."

She doesn't see the necessity in differentiating the two schools. MSU is more undergrad and has more in-state students, and the rhythms of East Lansing and Ann Arbor are just as distinct. One would hardly coin the

former as a "cool city" while the latter all but defines the image. And while the party image MSU has earned might be attractive to some students, it's hardly been a draw for professors.

"East Lansing needs to be a vibrant community if we're going to recruit young faculty who want to be part of a university town," said Simon. "It's going to be a problem 10 to 15 years down the road."

About 17,000 of the 45,000 student body are housed on campus. The most notorious congregation is Cedar Village, which the university is working to get rezoned.

The university is also taking action by addressing drinking problems and campus safety issues, both of which have given MSU much unwanted publicity. Simon said they are working with students to take responsibility, watch the alcohol consumption, and be part of the community and a prevention process.

She likes the fact that incidents are reported, but noted its obvious toll on public relations. The university caught flak from some alumni who were upset at enforcement of an open alcohol ordinance, and some students felt the policy infringed on their rights, but she's prepared to take on the issue publicly.

"It's a society problem, not an MSU problem," said Simon, "and we'll continue to struggle with this."

One thing the university has succeeded at is keeping students in school. With the national washout rate for first- and second-year students over 50 percent, MSU can boast a 10-percent rate. Overall, the school's six-year graduation rate is at 70 percent (compared to the national average of 55 percent, according to U.S. News and World Report). Currently, its freshman class is 88 percent in-state, but Simon would like to change that.

"Fifteen percent from outstate is the target," she said. "I don't see us in the 30- to 40-percent range that other universities are in."

Also on Simon's to-do list is expanding — not moving — MSU's medical school to Grand Rapids. Right now, there are 35 third- and fourth-year med students in GR, which is more than what's in East Lansing. She said the university needs the kind of facilities that Grand Rapids has, but reassured that MSU will continue partnering with hospitals



in Lansing in fields like sports medicine. McPherson had established ambitious deadlines to push the conversations with Grand Rapids forward, "and we missed all of them," said Simon, "but we're still talking."

Don't expect a 180-degree shift in philosophies from her predecessor. Simon will continue to champion MSU's study-abroad program and actually hopes to get more graduates involved. She'll focus on solidifying MSU's "brand" while allying with key universities on international research projects.

"Part of the money you spend on public research universities is for us to anticipate tomorrow's problems," she said.

But a problem of today is money, or a lack thereof. Even with tuition increases, the university has increased by 5,000 students since the 1990s. To grow more will demand additional residence halls and infrastructure, issues that will require fair treatment in the governor's next budget proposal.

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Column



Cal Stone

Record Letters

Daycare concerns

Please make your audience aware of the daycare parents organization's bulletin boards (www.daycareparents.org) which address Michigan's daycare industry from the parent perspective, which are collecting public comment on the new Michigan daycare regulations.

Michigan has just rewritten daycare regulations to improve quality; affecting training requirements and TV watching time. These changes are up for public comment and are expected to become effective at year-end. Public comment submitted to the site will be forwarded to the director of the state division of daycare licensing early March.

Parents, is your daycare licensed? Anyone caring for children more than 2 consecutive weeks should be licensed no matter how few kids. Is your provider CPR certified? Do they have a discipline policy? Is their day program stimulating? Educational? Is your provider credentialed in and experienced in early childhood? Does your home care have their substitutes background checked through the state? Addressing some of these questions is why licensing regulations are so important.

Parents should know that, the

state regulating standards for daycare homes is much lower than for daycare centers. Yet we pay the same price for either. There are more than three times as many daycare homes in Michigan as opposed to centers. How many more are out there that aren't even licensed? Why do we as parents demand less regulation and quality standards for our most precious commodity — our children? We demand more credentials from the persons who cultivate our lawns than we do from those who cultivate our children. It is just not good enough.

Margo Fica
Houghton Lake

Thank you!

The Mothers' Club of Northville would like to extend a heartfelt thank you for the wonderful outpouring of donations received for the All Aglow for Education fund raiser. We received more than 400 donations to honor or memorialize someone special as well as many anonymous donations. Thanks to your generosity, we raised over \$13,000 with the proceeds to be used to fund various educational enrichment programs for Northville

public school students. Our event could not have been possible without the very kind support of Northville Public Schools, Northville Public Schools Administration, Hillside and Meads Mill Middle School Girls Choir, Northville Fire Fighters, Northville Record, Northville Journal and the Detroit Free Press — Community Section.

Debbie Grant-Kelterborn
Georgiana Rushing
Heldi Brown
Laura Webb
Mothers Club of Northville

Wanted: leaders

The Phil Power comments on the City of Detroit follow a host of others similarly concerned. Many of us remember the city as a dynamic great place and a special destination.

Perhaps what has occurred over the years is a prime example of bureaucratic liberalism, power, and money run amuck. Detroit has never had the physical assets of Chicago although the politicians were inclined to run this city in the same way. A prime example of long-term neglect are the combination sewers in Detroit presenting a well understood problem and threat

a half century ago for which fees were collected. The problem was forwarded to the future and now there is no money to address the problem. Over the years, the city has been propped up by manipulating political stakeholders and the state. Now, the State of Michigan cannot help much, facing its own reality in management in being in a hole, overweight.

Many talk now about the inevitability of receivership and reorganization taking the question away from the spinners and legalists. Would this be so difficult or a real blessing for the people in the City of Detroit who have been essentially forgotten in the political efforts to retain power. Committees do not solve problems, leaders do, those not so politically driven.

Jim Nowka
Northville

Meads Mill

I believe that the administration responded appropriately to the Meads Mill incident involving several girls.

I had the pleasure of attending a program last week for the parents of the incoming class at NHS. In his closing words to us, Principal Dennis Colligan remarked to this effect — we expect your kids to come to school and to behave appropriately and in such a manner

that they will not disrupt the learning environment for the other students. We will deal with this if it happens, but ultimately it is your responsibility as parents to instill the appropriate behavioral norms; and it is our responsibility as educators to ensure that your children have a positive academic experience, a welcoming environment, and feel a connection to their school. Mr. Colligan set that expectation up front, and appropriately so.

Yes, it does take a village to raise a child, and, as members of a community, we all must look out and care for each other's children. But in the final analysis, the parent is the primary determinant of a child's moral, value, and belief system. Parents are the only significant influence in their child's life long before they ever set foot in the public school system.

The schools cannot realistically be expected to teach morals, values or belief systems in anything other than a superficial manner. Whose morals and values will they teach? Those of the church? Which church? Mine? Yours? Some higher code of ethics? The fact is that all of us are doing our best to instill positive values and behavioral norms in our children and all of us, in a given situation, may go about it differently.

If you really want to hear an outcry from the parents of Northville,

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (CONT'D)

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start working morals and values into the curriculum and see what happens next...

Gloria A. Hage
Northville

Meads: plenty of blame

Who is prettiest? Who is most popular? Who is fat? Who is homely? Nastiness is not new to the Meads Mill School. In fact, I know it goes back at least seventeen years when a member of my family was subjected to bullying at Meads Mill and moved to a private school. What will it take for this hateful behavior to stop? Who is accountable for these actions? Problems at Meads Mill School? School Superintendent, Leonard Rezmierski says, "There not issues there that we don't have in any other school in the district." Does that make it okay? Shame on him for his lack of commitment; shame on Principal Sue Meyer for having no control.

Somebody must be held accountable for the hateful acts, hate clubs, and harassment that repeatedly take place at Meads Middle School. It is obvious that parents of these (girls) have either lost control or believe this is acceptable behavior, probably in and out of school. Expulsion from the whole school district is certainly merited as a punishment for all similar acts. It is unconscionable that parents paying Northville taxes must remove their children from a local school and suffer the added expense of a private education. Parents, remember Garrett's Law? Superintendent Rezmierski? Ms. Meyer?

Perhaps parents of students in our schools, persons of authority in our school district, and Meads Mill School personnel need additional education and parent-

ing classes. Parents must know what their children are doing and with whom. This despicable behavior will continue as it has for many years unless parents accept responsibility now for their children. What ever, happened to charity and kindness begin at an early age at home. Parents, the best gift you can give your child is your time, let them know what acceptable behavior is. School district authorities, do the job you have been entrusted to do.

Margaret J. Neenan
Northville

Record's to blame

I hate the New York Yankees. There are a few 13-year old girls at Meads Mill who have stated privately that they "hate" another girl. There is no club at Meads Mill. They have a shared dislike for another girl. Their hate is the same as mine. I can't stand the Yankees. The Record has created its own "Hate Club" by its negative journalism. Now we dislike administrators, parents and 13-year old girls who are struggling with peer pressure, identity crisis and runaway hormonal changes.

The district and especially the Meads Mill principal, Dr. Sue Meyer, did more than they should have to resolve this non-school matter. Sue Meyer met with parents and the girls on at least four different occasions. She and the superintendent should be commended not condemned.

There has been some constructive comments from readers. Casey Reason provided positive comments regarding the district's attempts to control electronic communications on campus and parental monitoring of home computer usage by their children.

Cheryl Deep stressed the need for positive communication, understanding and empathy in

providing help and direction for adolescent children. As a parent, grandparent and educator, I concur that it is critical to keep the lines of communication open for children.

The Meads Mill PTSA expressed many positive things taking place at the school. I am adding the following: The faculty, administration and the kids are sponsoring a tsunami relief program; raised money for the American Heart Association and the Lion's Club and held food drives for needy people. They have sent care packages to Iraq and sponsored a returning soldier from Iraq to speak at the school. These are important because the kids are involved.

Today's kids are the future of this country, if not this world. One of the best comments I heard regarding this entire issue came from a Meads Mill eighth grader who glanced at the glaring "Hate Club" headline in the Feb. 3 issue of the Record. He asked "This happened in December. Why are they still talking about this?" The message — it's time to move on.

You know, once there was a guy who believed he could change the world and he formed club based on love, understanding and tolerance. The club consisted of himself and 12 others. The guy was killed but before he died, he said, "Forgive them. They don't know what they are doing."

Henry G. Turner
Northville

Meads support

A former principal I had the privilege of knowing as a student and colleague once shared with me a story of a particularly angry couple. They criticized in meetings and in the media an apparent lack of wisdom on the part of administration for its

proposal to erect a bridge over 8 Mile Road to connect a new subdivision to Moraine Elementary School. The parents used the old harangues like misuse of tax funds and an irresponsible administration that never listened. Yet, over 30 years later that bridge still protects children from dangerous traffic.

The recent account in the Northville Record involving a dispute a couple had with the school administration reminded me of that about the bridge. It saddened me to read that these parents criticized an administrator I have had the pleasure of working with the past 10 years, and a superintendent I have known and respected for 18 years. I know all the hard work, dedication, and sacrifice they and others like them have made during the course of their careers to make the Northville Public Schools such a great place to learn.

Each day our school administrators make a myriad of decisions. They take into account all the facts while applying professionalism, and above all else, compassion for all children. I see the acts of kindness that don't get publicized, the acts of dedication of being the first in the building and the last to leave, and the acts of leadership to make the right decision despite a vociferous view to the contrary.

I am puzzled that the newspaper I grew up reading would even print an article and editorial that excoriated the school administration when in the very same story the following was mentioned: "He said the child and parents are all on good terms." Lastly, I am perplexed as a reader why that same story incorporated two divisive issues that had no relevance to the present story. Our schools and your readership deserve much better.

Whatever happened to that vitriolic couple who thought a bridge to Moraine was a ridicu-

lous idea? Who knows? However, the recent decision by our school administration to handle an issue will stand the test of time because, like the decision to build a bridge, it was made in the best interest of all students while taking into account the present and the future.

Jack Wickens
Chelsea

District, parents hiding

I am of the belief the Northville Public School District followed their "official policy" regarding the Meads Mill incident which resulted in one 13-year-old girl being removed from the school by her parents. And that's the problem.

In today's society, hiding behind "official policy" is simply not enough. As a taxpayer, I was insulted and appalled to hear Dr. Leonard Rezmierski and district official Casey Reason all but turn a blind-eye to the incident. Why? Because one incident didn't "officially" happen at school. Hogwash!

Anyone who believes these girls, and many like them, do not engage in this type of aggressive behavior — too often left unchecked by school officials and parents who turn the other way — is misguided (and that's being kind.) Furthermore, this behavior spills into our children's school hallways. District apologists have predictably come to the aid of their sacred school officials.

But parents and teachers alike deserve blame here. Parents who allow their children to behave poorly — then excuse them for it — are being embarrassingly irresponsible. District officials who hide behind policy when it suits their needs are not using

our tax dollars properly and should be dealt with appropriately — at the ballot box.

The Northville Record has the story right. Bad behavior is a major problem faced by our youth — yes, even in Northville. It's how we deal with it, not how we shrink from it, that will determine how we are ultimately viewed as parents and educators.

Madeline Barker
Northville

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Heather Poppink
Farmington Hills

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The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Monday, February 21, 2005 in observance of President's Day. The Department of Public Safety (Police and Fire) will remain open.

The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 22, 2005.
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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 Woodlands 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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Arcadia Ridge getting closer

Plans for Arcadia Ridge, Pulte Home's future neighborhood along Six Mile and Ridge roads, have clearance from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality — almost.

The former home of Wayne County's Detroit House of Corrections partially houses Johnson Creek wetlands.

An MDEQ draft permit was sent to Pulte Feb. 4, according to environmental quality analyst Andrew Hartz. It includes habitat-enhancing features for the river such as stacked logs, which provide shelter for fish like the endangered dace minnow.

The MDEQ held a public hearing in October. Hartz said feedback was sparse.

"People were generally very concerned about impacts to the stream," he said. "We are taking... great pains to ensure that the stream is actually better off when we're done."

A pre-preconstruction meeting was held last week, Hartz said. Pulte has six months to finalize the draft, but could take a matter of weeks.

Hartz said construction on the 352 homes and the clubhouse could start as soon as April 1.

Township Briefs

NORTHVILLE

Board meets tonight

The Northville Township Board of Trustees meets at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the community room of Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road.

Topics will include approval of \$762 in extra Community Park expenses to cover restroom improvements. In addition, a dog park at Community Park will be proposed. Initial construction costs are \$23,155 and, if approved, the park may be open for use by winter or spring of 2006.

A budgeted 11 Mobil Digital Video Recorders also will be brought forward by the police department. The cost is \$66,723.

The planning commission meets 7:30 p.m. Feb. 22 in the same location.

Dispatch operation

Northville Community

Dispatch is now operating from its newly-built wing at 41600 Six Mile Road.

Visitors to the station are asked to use the new entrance, located at the northeast portion of the building, closer to Henningsen Park.

For more information, call (248) 349-9400.

Johnson Creek rally Monday

The Johnson Creek Protection Group is hosting its annual volunteer rally Feb. 21 at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road.

For more information, call Michelle West at (734) 761-1010 or visit www.jcpg.org.

Township offices closed

Township offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 21 to honor President's Day. They will reopen Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Township offices will also be closed Friday, March 25 for Good Friday.

To submit an item for consideration in Township Briefs, e-mail kkovelle@ht.homecomm.net



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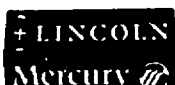
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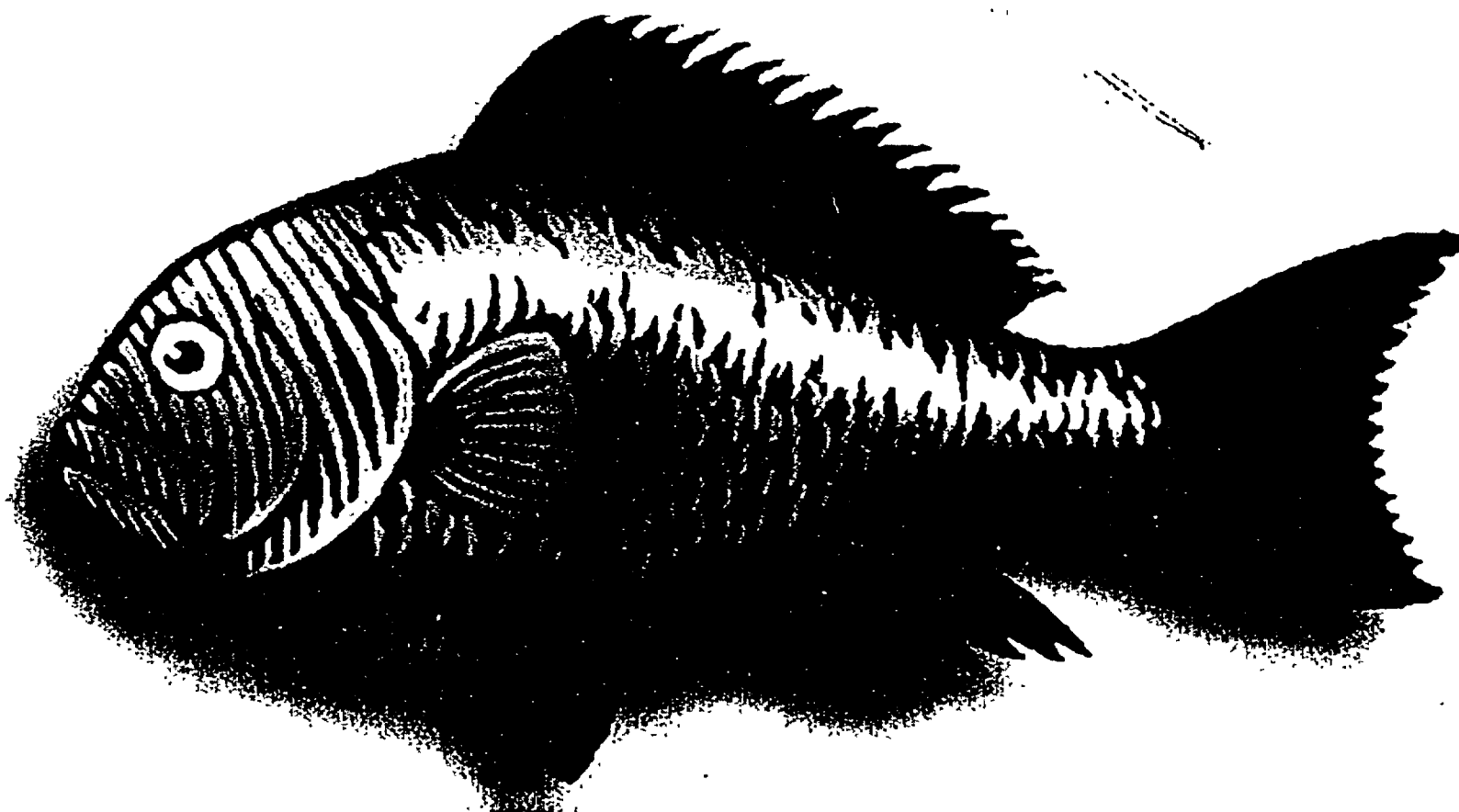
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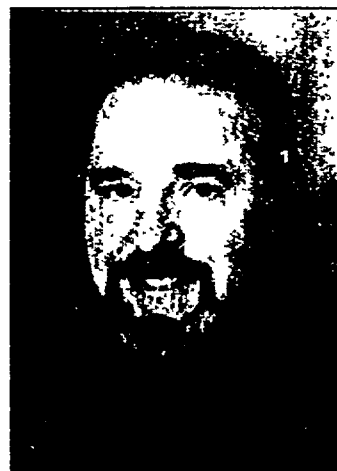
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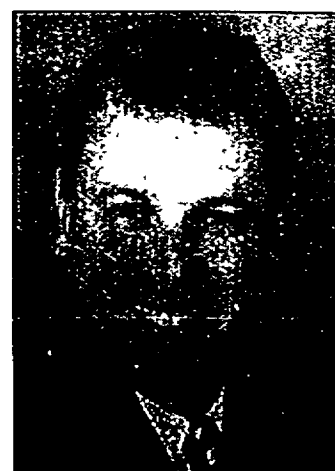
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"Our Sign is Your Success"

Committee: 'public input most important'

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

People are talking and people are listening.

The product of a volunteer committee trying to document a plan for downtown Northville's future is emerging as a process rather than a single report.

A good turnout at public meetings, a steady flow of e-mails and many suggestion box submissions told the Northville City Council-appointed Downtown Steering Committee members that people are interested in their efforts.

The 12-member group started drafting a report this week, leaving room for additional comment. They face a self-imposed April deadline.

The next public forum is 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 9, at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road.

"What is evolving is a sense of ownership about the downtown," said Tom Gudritz, member of the steering committee and Northville Historic District Commission. "It's 'my' downtown."

"We need to keep including the public."

Consensus themes the committee easily documented from Feb. 1

and 3 forums were: retaining the historic look, expanding green-space, willingness to discuss parking solutions and adding youth-interest stores and activities.

A place to start

While reviewing pages of public suggestions last Thursday, the volunteers agreed the report they will submit to the council will contain committee recommendations. Ideally, it will also serve as a starting point for future community comment as other bodies pick up on specific projects.

Mark Russell, committee member and city planning commissioner, suggested a "Downtown Northville: 2010" label.

Committee members agreed they heard recurring themes of maintaining Northville's unique character and balancing growth so the town doesn't become filled with only restaurants, bars and boutique businesses.

Several suggestions were made to make downtown Northville a family-oriented destination which stays open until 10 p.m.

To the next step

Committee chair Joan

What's next?

What: Downtown Northville Steering Committee Public Forum
When: 7 p.m., Wednesday, March 9
Where: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road

Wadsworth said the committee has been trying to build trust with this public process. From broad themes, community leaders will be able to identify favorable options and subsequent development steps.

"I think there is a lot of trust out there," said David Cole, committee member and local business owner. "Part of that trust is also getting to the next step."

Steering committee members are planning visits to communities with growth challenges similar to downtown Northville. Part of those observations will be a look at how existing businesses fared amid increased competition and how content residents were with leisure-time entities.

In addition to resident comments, the steering committee members also will incorporate into their report some information from the November Gibbs Planning Group retail market study conducted downtown.

Committee member Martha Nield said resident input differs from the "data-driven" Gibbs report because it is "gut-driven."

Patterson: Palm Beach trip above-board

By David Aguilar
RECORD EDITOR

State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) said a March 2001 trip to Palm Beach, Fla., sponsored by the Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association, was above-board and did not in any way influence the way he voted as former House majority floor leader.

"I did go on the trip," Patterson said. "We talked about legislation... the implication that it was anything more than that is highly offensive."

Patterson was responding to published reports last week claiming he joined fellow state legislators John

Cherry and Kwame Kilpatrick as guests of the association regarded by some as one of Lansing's more influential lobbying groups.

The trio stayed at the Ritz-Carlton. All expenses were paid for by the association, Patterson said, adding he also accepts campaign contributions from the group.

But, he said, the trip did not influence his legislative voting, citing a 99 percent voting record.

He said associations often invite legislators to lunches and banquets as guests, with no expectation their attendance will be parlayed into access or preferential treatment.

"The question of access is an

important one," Patterson said. "I feel my oath is the thing that controls me... If someone tries to tell me how to vote I'll say, 'get out of my face; don't ever tell me how to vote.'"

Patterson said he's also bound by a personal code of conduct. "I only have an obligation to conduct myself legally and ethically," he said.

He said implying legislators can be so easily influenced further tarnishes an already scrutinized profession and makes more difficult the task of attracting quality legislators.

Patterson said he likely won't attend similar trips in the future.

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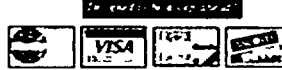
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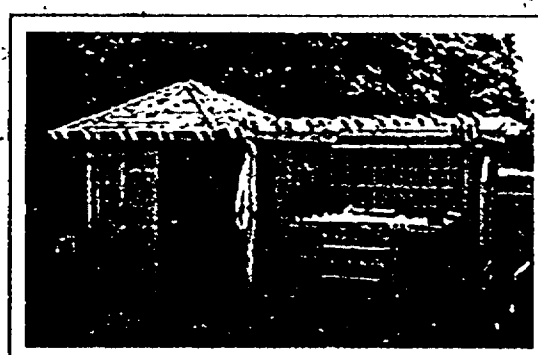
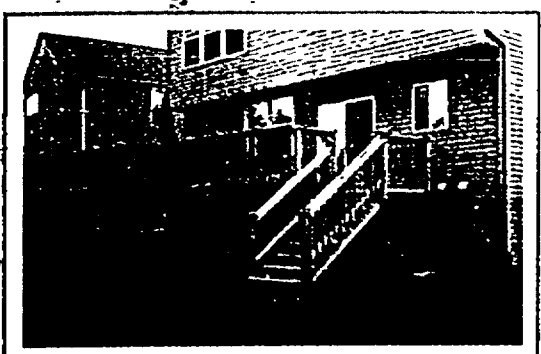


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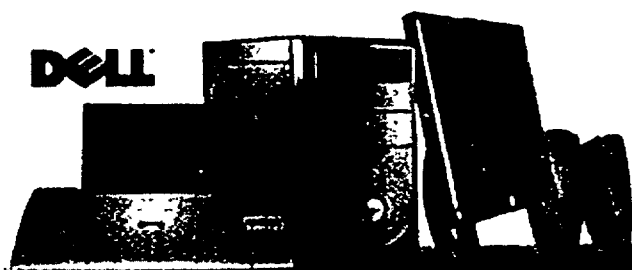
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Where to go from here
Northville senior Nick Guerro has a lot of pondering to do between now and graduation. Will he go to college or spend another year in high school, hoping to catch the eye of a college scout or a junior hockey team?
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FAIRY TALE ENDING

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

When they announced the Northville Mustangs' pom pon squad was the 2005 Division II state finals champion Sunday, tears flowed.

Then the newly-crowned state champs were asked to take the stage again.

"It was a very emotional and tearful experience," said senior captain Katie Scheich. "It was kind of crazy because they wanted us to do an encore performance and we were crying and shaking. It was so exciting."

Northville had their hands full at the finals, held Feb. 13 at Eastern Michigan University. Schools like Farmington Mercy, Lakeland, Bay City Western and even as far away as Midland had earned the right to compete.

But when the dust settled, it was the Mustangs who were crowned champs.

The best of the best

"We were really aware of our potential," said senior captain Sara Henson. "This is the most talented team we've ever seen. Coach helped remind us of that all the time."

Sixth-year head coach Melissa Dicken is no stranger to good teams and bumpy roads. She has witnessed ups and downs with the program. Prior to this year, she had never had a team finish in the top five at the finals.

Prior to the 2004-05 season, Dicken decided

State Champions

this season would be her last. She will be replaced by Jessica Maynard, a former member of the Northville pom pon squad.

"This is my last year," she said. "I'm retiring. This has been a great year. It's been unreal."

"It's a hard decision, but it's the right decision."

Dicken, earlier in the week, pushed her Mustangs to the limit in practice. Their scores at the regional competition were much lower than expected and she was looking to help her team catch the eye of the judges in the finals.

She said her 17 seniors, on a 28-member team, were invaluable.

"Having 17 seniors on the team, with that kind of experience level, was amazing," she said. "This

whole team has been so much fun and great to watch. Winning the championship was a really great moment for them. It's been such a long season and this is a great way to end it."

Final competition

For Dicken and 17 seniors, it was more than just ending a season that started in the fall as half-time performers for the football games. The finals championship marked the end of a career.

Knowing it would all be over helped motivate the team.

"That definitely helped motivate us a lot," said Henson. "Coach told us how much it meant to her

for us to be there for her. It was her last year, and ours, and it motivated us."

Seeing Dicken leave the program — which she considered doing after last year — as a state champion was a crowning moment for the pom pon squad.

"It's really exciting to help her end it this way," said Scheich. "She's been such an amazing coach for us. She helped make us a better team. But it's not just exciting for her, it's exciting for us."

For Dicken, the moment wasn't about her. It was about her team and the hard work they've put in all year.

"I'm just really excited for them," she said. "This is one of those teams that has fun and enjoys being together. That's what it's all about and that's why I'm excited for them. They had such a great year, worked together and came out on top. A lot of team's just don't understand that's what it's all about."

Forever remembered

Down a long hallway at Northville High School, at the west end of the building, there is a case for the best Northville has ever had to offer in the way of sports. There, housed behind glass, are the trophies of all the state champions the school has known.

Amongst them is a trophy from 1996 when Northville last won the state finals in pom pon.

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Mark Yassay signed his letter of intent last week, flanked by his mother, Cindy, and his father, Mark. Back row (left to right) is Jenna Sieloff, Clint Alexander and Yassay's brother, Mike.

Yassay signs with Hillsdale

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Two years ago when Mark Yassay first returned to Michigan following a year in Sweden, he never thought he'd be starting on a varsity football team.

Now he's paying for college because of the sport.

Hillsdale College, a Division II school, offered Yassay a full-tuition scholarship to play football for them recently. Last week, he signed his name to the deal.

"I went there and really enjoyed it," he said. "The education available there is really, really good."

The Northville offensive lineman, who earned All-Area and All-Conference honors this season, said that he will most likely study accounting at the institution.

Yassay said he is looking at increasing his 40-yard dash time before taking to practice with Hillsdale. He'll still continue working with strength coach Steve Mandregger, who is expected to open a personal training business called "Drake's Den" this summer.

"One of the biggest things that has helped me to this point has been the constant supervision of Drake," said Yassay. "He's been a star in the sky for me to guide myself by."

Beyond Mandregger, Yassay was quick to point out the support of his family, friends, coaching staff and his girlfriend, Jenna Sieloff.

His parents, Cindy and Mark, have always been the first to support his endeavors and his younger brother, Mike, has been the "comic relief" Yassay

has needed.

"They've always believed in me," he said.

As did football coach Clint Alexander who saw a quiet giant and turned him into a monster on the gridiron.

At 6-foot-5 and 260 pounds, there was a good indication he'd succeed at football.

"I knew it the first time I saw him," Alexander said. "He didn't disappoint us."

Yassay said Hillsdale's offer was not his exclusive offer. Eastern Michigan University, a Division I school, also offered him a scholarship, along with two schools in Pennsylvania.

But Hillsdale was the right fit for him and he plans on making the best out of his playing days at the college. Much like at Northville, he hopes to make a family from his football team.

"I believe that's very important," he said. "I also believe with the things you go through in football, you almost have to bond. If not, there just won't be team chemistry and nothing will work."

There are still a few months until graduation and even a few more until he heads off to college. He said he'll enjoy his time with his friends and his fellow Mustangs.

"Going to high school at Northville was the best experience I've ever had," said Yassay. "People are definitely friendly here and it's a good environment. Every day when I wake up, I look forward to going to school."

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Pope has hockey fever

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville senior Sam Pope came down with the ailment when she was young.

It spread rapidly. She pushed herself, but could never shake it. Her malady? Hockey fever.

"After the Red Wings won the Stanley Cup, I started playing street hockey and then ice hockey with the guys in Novi," said Pope. "Finally I started playing girls ice hockey and then got involved with Northville."

And involved she is. Pope is a Mustangs captain and one of the key reasons Northville made the Frozen Four semifinals last season. This year, she hopes her squad can go to the next round.

"We're planning on beating that this year," she said of the semifinals. "We've just got to be ready to play and stay focused on our goals. If we play our game and stay focused, we should be just fine."

Unfortunately, even if the squad makes it to the finals Pope believes not too many of her peers at Northville High School will know about it.

"We don't get any attention," she said. "We've tried to get them to say stuff in the announcements and everything, but that doesn't work very well. I don't know what the reasons are."

It's often just parents, like Pope's mom and dad, Sharon and John, at the girls' games. Siblings, like her older sister Jamie, 19, often make appearances too. General student populace, said Pope, is more inclined to find themselves at the boys sporting events.

There is, however, support within the ranks of skaters throughout the school. Pope said she and some of the other girls hockey players watch the boys play and vice versa.

"Yeah, the hockey players support each other," Pope said. "We watch them play and they'll usually watch us before or after their games."

Beyond the ice

Though Pope is an avid hockey fan and player, she finds things to



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Northville High School senior Sam Pope has been helping the Mustangs on the ice this winter.

do outside of the rink.

Her rough demeanor on the ice melts away when she takes a moment to herself. It's not uncommon to find her strumming on her acoustic guitar or writing poetry.

She also enjoys taking black and white photos. Her hope is to attend Oakland University before moving on to take photographs as a career.

"I'd like to move to a big city, like New York, and take portraits," she said.

While at Oakland, Pope may find herself not only learning the art of taking photos, but still skat-

ing too.

"My coach (Bill Holden) talks to him a lot," said Pope of the Oakland coach. "He's trying to get me to play."

Pope's focus is on the end of her hockey season currently, but she can't help but thinking about graduation and moving past her high school days.

"I'm actually going to miss it," she said. "I'm not ready to go yet. Everyone is pretty nice here. I get along with a lot of people."

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By the numbers

6

Years pom coach Melissa Dicken has been with Northville. She'll retire this year.

239.55

Points scored by Brad Lempke in diving last week, his season best by 20.

45

Points scored by just three Mustangs Vs. Churchill in last week's victories.

32-8

Amount Northville girls' hockey outshot Ann Arbor Pioneer last week.

22

Straight events the Mustangs swim and dive team took first place in last week.

7

Mustangs wrestlers who took victories against Walled Lake Northern.

1996

Last time a Northville Mustangs pom pon team earned a state championship.

Tankers crush foes

The Northville swimming and diving team is preparing for the conference meet by making short work of their opponents lately.

The squad, coached by Rich Bennett, swam past Novi, 145-41, before blasting Walled Lake Western, 144-42. The Mustangs also competed in the MISCA meet, finding their tankers turning in some impressive times.

"We had a busy week and swam better at MISCA than we did last year, which is a positive," said Bennett. "Livonia Stevenson was outstanding at the MISCA meet, so the task (of winning the league meet) just got a lot tougher, but we are looking forward to it."

At the MISCA meet, the Mustangs found the 200 medley relay team of Hunter Schwartz, Weston Laabs, Ryan Smith and Joe Hogan taking 17th with a time of 1:43.98. The 200 freestyle relay team of Brad Farris, Hogan, Brody Bickie and Chris Keady took eighth in 1:31.75 and the 400 freestyle relay squad of Keady, Will and Brody Bickie and Farris took sixth overall with a 3:19.51.

Individually, the Mustangs had some nice performances as well. In the 500 free, Keady took third with a 4:48.01 while Chris Culkin earned his state cut with a 4:54.80, which was good for seventh. Keady also took sixth in the 200 individual medley with a time of 2:01.39 while Brody Bickie captured 15th in the 200 freestyle with a 1:49.38, a state qualifying time.

In the 100 breaststroke, Laabs took 17th in 1:04.43 while Farris notched a 17th-place finish in the 50 freestyle in 22.82 seconds. The 100 freestyle found Farris taking 19th in 50 seconds flat, while Schwartz rounded things out with a 20th place in the 100 backstroke in 57.75 seconds.

Against Novi and Walled Lake Western, the Mustangs didn't pull any punches. Northville swept both squads with a first-place finish in all events.

Against Novi, the Mustangs took first in the 200 freestyle relay in 1:43.87 with a team of Keady, Laabs, Will Bickie and Farris while Higan took first in the 200 freestyle with a 1:55.16.

The 200 individual medley was won by Farris in 2:08, while Keady captured the 50 freestyle in 22.90 seconds. In diving, Brad Lempe scored 219.05 points.

Brody Bickie took the 100 butterfly in 55.47 seconds and Culkin won the 100 freestyle in 51.50 seconds. The 500 freestyle found Will Bickie winning in 4:58.09 before Keady took the top spot in the 100 backstroke in 56.01 seconds. In the 100 breaststroke, Laabs took first in 1:07.20 before the team of Will Bickie, Mark Stuber, Schwartz and Keady took the top spot in the 400 freestyle relay in 3:30.88.

Against Western, the results were much of the same. Some notable events were swam by John Bardley, who took first in the 100 backstroke in 1:02.42 and second in the 100 freestyle with a 54.60 second race. Greg Sheppard took second in the backstroke in 1:02.89.

Colin Smith took first in the

500 freestyle with a 5:33.61 with Dan O'Brien taking second in 5:35.50. O'Brien was also second in the 200 free with a time of 2:04.77.

Lempe took first in diving with 239.55 points — his season high — while Jamie Weiner took second for Northville with 180.25 points.

Adam Pulliam helped Northville to victory with a second-place finish in the 200 individual medley in a time of 2:25.72. Dan Schaumann helped two relay teams to first place finishes as well on the day.

Northville is currently 8-1 overall and 4-0 in the Western Division.

New kids on the block

It's never easy being new, as the Northville Mustangs cheer-leading squad has found out in dual meet competition this season.

Their most recent foes were the Novi Wildcats, who topped the Mustangs 589-491.5 points. Novi finished in the top five in the state last year.

Mustangs charge over Chargers

After coming off a disappointing loss to Walled Lake Central early last week, the Northville Mustangs basketball team turned things around by beating the Churchill Chargers, 62-47.

Northville's top scorers were Alvin Storrs, 16, Mike Jameson, 15 and J.D. Gerbick, 14.

Jameson started the game off with a three-pointer. Churchill took an early, short-lived one-point lead, but Gerbick ended that uprising when he sunk two free throws.

Storrs, Jameson and Chris Lorente continued to add points for Northville, giving the Mustangs a 30-27 lead.

At the start of the third quarter, Gerbick powered his way to the basket and gave the Mustangs some breathing room. Churchill continued to nip away at the lead, getting as close as two points.

The Chargers tied the game 39-39, but Jameson added a timely three-pointer. Jameson also added two more points to increase the lead to five, 44-39.

A 14-2 Mustangs fourth-quarter run gave Northville control of the game, en route to a 62-47 victory.

Northville wasn't as fortunate against a high-powered Walled Lake Central squad though. Despite a valiant defensive effort, the Mustangs fell last Tuesday to the Vikings, 60-36.

Northville's top scorers included Chris Lorente with 11 points and J.D. Gerbick with nine points.

The Warrior's jumped out early, scoring five points before the end of the first minute.

Alvin Storrs tied the score 7-7 with a three-pointer, but that would be the closest they got to the lead. The Warriors continued to produce shots and get the ball to the open player. Central led 15-9 at the end of the first quarter.

Central's lead grew to a 31-15 half-time advantage, en route to a

convincing victory.

Mustangs blank Ann Arbor Pioneer

The Mustangs had their first home game in a month Saturday night against the Ann Arbor Pioneer and earned a 2-0 victory. Northville outshot Ann Arbor 32-8 in what turned out to be a one-sided event.

Northville's notched its first goal when Ann Arbor's goalie Clarice Grantham skated 30 feet from the goal to knock the puck away from Sam Pope. The puck bounced off Pope, then off the fallen goalie to Laura Zima who one-timed it into the goal from the blue line for the first goal of the game and ultimate game winner.

"We all knew it was going in," said coach Bill Holden. "Laura has been persistent in perfecting that shot and tonight all the practicing paid off."

The Mustangs never let up after taking a 1-0 lead, keeping almost all of the game in the Pioneer's end of the ice. Half way thru the second, Emily Doren won the face-off pulling the puck back to Marie McIntyre, on the blue line, who passed to Andrea Soloko whose fifty foot slap shot slipped underneath the goalie's right arm and into the goal for the Northville's second and final goal.

Northville received five penalties during the game, but the penalty killing work of Annie Kirkpatrick, Marie McIntyre, Anjali Saran, Meredith Ponder, Bridget Hughes and Rachel Reuter was outstanding, limiting Ann Arbor to only three shots on goal.

Krysten Ruzo, Claire Eley, Heather Cox and Cate Spurr were each robbed of goals early in the third by the outstanding play of Ann Arbor's goalie. But Northville's Lee Cee Criswell put on the goaltending show of the night. With five minutes to go in the game, Pioneer's Anne Heeringa had three point-blank shots from in front of the Mustangs goal. Criswell blocked all three guaranteeing the Mustangs their fourth shut out of the year.

Northville is currently 11-9-1 overall.

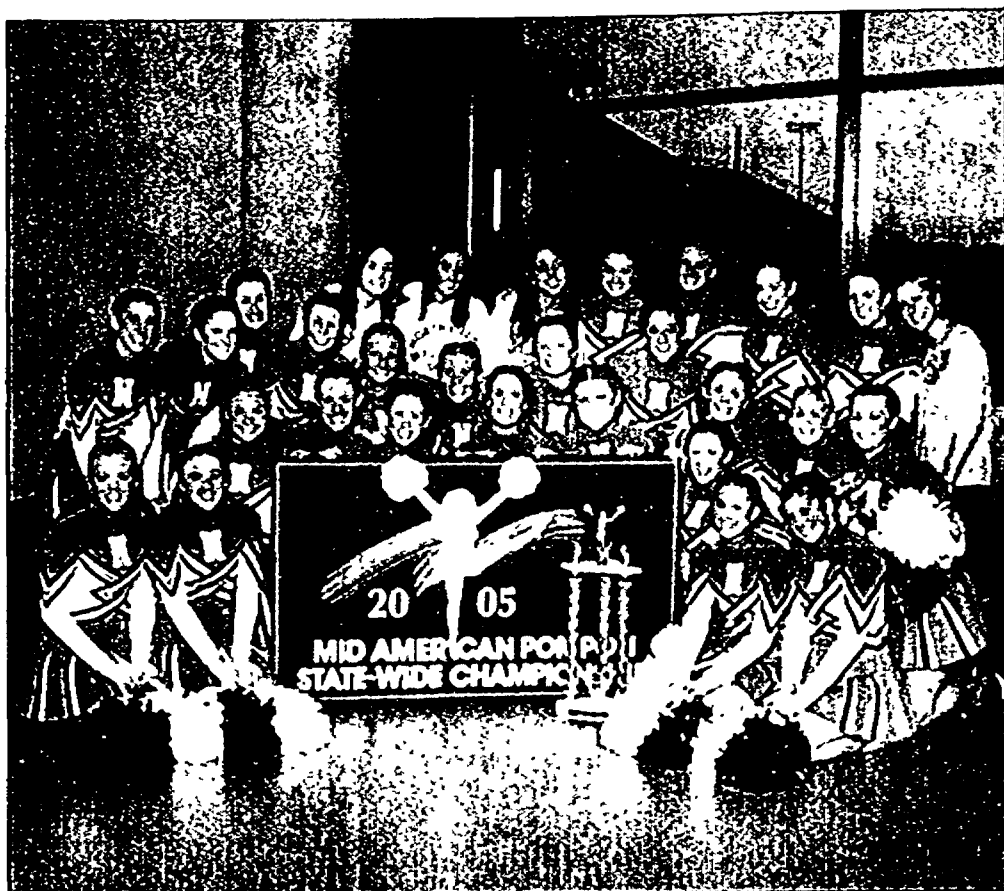


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The Northville pom-pom squad poses with their trophy following a state-championship performance last Sunday at the state finals.

Pom pon earns title

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Now will be added the trophy from 2005.

"It's nice to know we had an impact," said Henson. "You can always look at our flag or at our trophy and you'll know that we were a part of something great."

It's a great way to end my senior season. It's exactly what I hoped for."

And for a coach, stepping out the door for the final time as the helmsman of Northville's pom team following this Monday's team banquet, it's one of the most emotionally charged moments of her life.

"It's hard to leave," said Dicken. "There are 17 girls that I've worked with for so long and 11 others that I'll never coach again."

"It's hard to say good-bye."

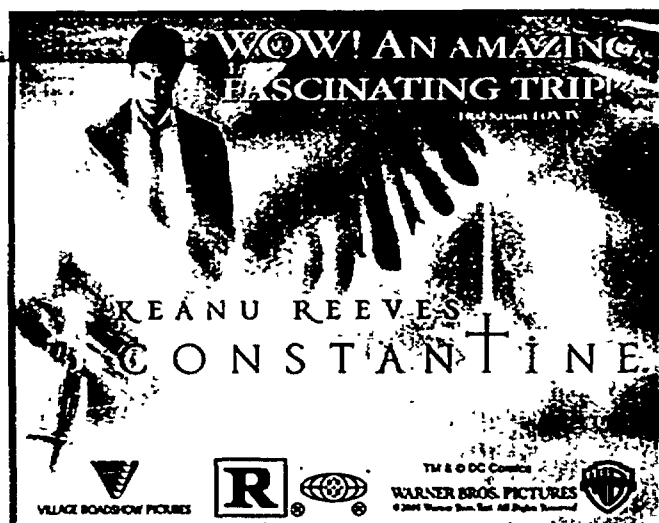
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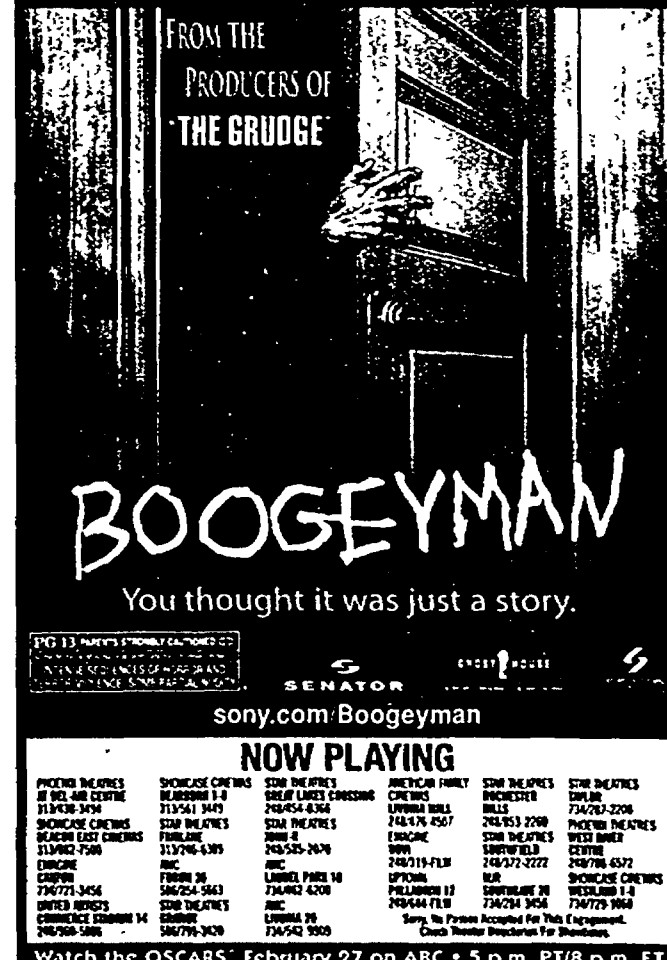
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SECOND HALF

What's Guerro's hockey future hold? Quick Hits

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Nick Guerro has a decision to make.

Go to college and play club hockey, or spend another year in high school trying to get the attention of a junior hockey team or a college scholarship.

"I kind of am, I kind of am not," said Guerro of pondering another year in high school.

The Holderness Academy in New Hampshire, a prep school, would like Guerro to play hockey for them.

"It's a tough decision," he said. "I've also been accepted to Hope (College), Michigan State, Indiana, Purdue and Miami of Ohio. So, I can go to a university or I can go there and play hockey in hopes of getting a scholarship."

The question facing Guerro: how far can hockey take him? He's had scouts from junior hockey teams watch him play and request tryouts.

"It's a possibility," he said of the juniors. "I've got a lot to think about."

Guerro doesn't have to do too much convincing when it comes to his ability on the ice. Last year he was the leading scorer in the Western Lakes as a defenseman and this year was selected to play with the Michigan Stars, an all-star squad that invites the top players from across the state to try-out.

"There were about 150 or 200 kids at the tryouts," he said. "They went all day. We played in some midget major tournaments here and in Chicago and played in a half midget major, half juniors tournament in Minnesota. It was a good time."

Though Guerro could have easily used that to build a career for himself outside of the school this year, he chose to come back to Northville's varsity program for his senior season.

Home, in the end, is where he makes it.

"I have a lot of friends on the team," he said. "I felt I had to stay for my senior year. I've got friends here, a great coach and I want a state championship."

But Guerro, like his teammates, knows there is plenty standing between the Mustangs and a coveted hockey title.

"First of all, our goal is to win the conference, which is coming up," said Guerro. "After that, we have to play in the regional and hopefully we'll do as well as we did last year."

Northville's hockey team suffered through several injuries and plenty of illness this year. The team is finally starting to come back to full health.

"That's a point that the captains and the coaches are trying to make," said Guerro. "We have to start peaking now, not back in December. Right now we're really clicking in practice, which has been a lot more high tempo lately. We have to play our best hockey in the next couple of weeks."

When Guerro isn't worrying about scoring goals or defending an opponent, he's golfing



Mustang hockey player Nick Guerro has been a force for the Northville Mustangs on the ice this winter.

and studying.

The Northville senior is on the National Honor Society, carrying a 3.75 grade-point average, and works at Station 885 in Plymouth. In his free time,

Guerro likes to play acoustic guitar.

"Other than that, I basically play hockey every day and hang out with my friends," he said. "Since my best friends are all

on the team, we're pretty much together all of the time."

Hanging with friends while playing the coolest game on earth? That's a decision Guerro doesn't have to think twice

about.

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Murray finds right time, reasons to retire

When is it time to say good-bye? It's a question Trish Murray has been asking herself for a number of years.

The answer? Now.

Murray, a 21-season veteran as a golf coach for Northville High School, announced recently that she'll be hanging up the whistle following the best season of her career last spring.

"There's no right time," Murray said. "Last season was by far the most successful season. If you would have told me in 1991 that we'd eventually be runner-up to the state champions I would have thought you were crazy. We were always just trying to get the division title back then."

Murray spent 14 seasons as a girls golf coach and seven seasons with the boys. The years were enjoyable for her and she said her retirement will most likely find her involved in one sport or another.

"I'll probably be coaching t-ball," Murray said with a laugh. "The truth is I'm probably going to play in a golf league once a week. I haven't been able to do that in a long time. And with two little ones, I'll be able

to fill my afternoons with no problem."

Murray's children have always been the focus of her life. Erin is six years old now and Patrick is five. Somehow she's been able to balance being a mom with being a coach — something many people have a hard time doing.

Perhaps it was made easier by the fact that Murray viewed her players like her own family.

"That's what made it so hard," she said. "I'd have a great group of seniors that I loved being around, but next year's group of seniors will be that way too. That's why there's never a right time to leave."

Murray has been pondering the decision for quite some time. Last spring, following the team's runner-up performance Murray made mention to it but asked that it not be brought up until her final decision was made.

Then, she made a few phone calls before officially announcing it.

"I had to call the girls before I told anyone," said Murray. "I must have called Allison Grant four million times before I finally got in touch with her."

Even though Murray has stepped down, she said she'll probably find her fingers in the mix now and again. That's a situation made more likely since her close friend and former junior varsity coach, Mary Jane Ossola, was hired as the new head

varsity coach last week.

"It's going to be hard," Murray said of staying away. "Even with all of the golf I've played in traveling to the nationals in Hawaii and Florida, the pinnacle of golf for me has been coaching. I'll miss it a tremendous amount."

The girls who will make this year's team have already been stopping in to pick up cards for the driving range. Murray said it only adds to the difficulty of saying good-bye

right now.

She knows the program is in good hands. She and Ossola have been working together for a number of years and Murray was excited that the team would be handed over to her.

The former head coach only had a little bit of advice for her replacement.

"Respect your players and be a good leader," she said. "It's more important than the win and loss col-

umn.

"Get involved, learn what makes them tick and when the kids walk out the door in June make sure they've learned a lot about golf and a lot about themselves."

And along the way, if Ossola is as lucky as Murray, she'll learn a lot about herself, too.

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Photo by SAM EGGLESTON
NORTHVILLE RECORD SPORTS

Former girls golf coach Trish Murray (right) will be replaced by Mary Jane Ossola (left) this spring. Murray led Northville to a second-place finish in the state last year and decided now was the best time to retire from coaching the game.

All-American

Most knew Matt Williams, a senior at Northville High School, was one heck of a baseball player. Who knew so many others knew he was, too?

Williams, along with five other Michigan baseball players, was selected to the Louisville Slugger's Pre-Season All-American Baseball team. He earned a second-team All-American slot as a catcher for the squad.

Other Michigan players to earn recognition included Evan Sharpley (Marshall High School, short stop, First-Team), Zach Putnam (Ann Arbor Pioneer, multi-position, First-Team), Chris Rusin (Divine Child, pitcher, Second-Team), Brandon Garner (Yale, multi-position, Second-Team) and Casey Keenan (Ann Arbor Pioneer, multi-position, Second-Team).

Williams, who was an All-State player last year, is expected to lead his team in defense of three-straight district tournament titles this spring.

Calling football coaches

Clint Alexander, the head football coach at Northville High School, is looking for a few good coaches.

He currently has several openings at all levels and would like to see people applying for the positions who are interested in furthering the abilities, confidence and determination of high school football players. For more information, e-mail Alexander at alexandc@northville.k12.mi.us.

All-Star status

Mark Yassay may have finished up his senior season and signed his letter of intent to play football at Hillsdale College, but the biggest game of his career has yet to be played.

Yassay was extended an invitation to play offensive line on the East All-Star team this summer. The East All-Stars will take on schools from the West in an annual showdown. The game will be played at the University of Michigan this year and will feature Novi's Kevin Cisllo, who will play baseball for U of M, at punter. Novi's coaching staff, including head coach Tab Kellepourey, will coach the defense.

SPORTS SHORTS

Registration underway

Registration for Northville Baseball-Softball Association (NBSA) is currently underway. Families can register on the NBSA Website at www.NBSAonline.org.

Players that sign up prior to March 1 will receive an early sign-up discount.

Knights looking for players

The Dearborn Heights Knights (12 & under) travel baseball team will be scheduling tryouts for the 2005 baseball season. The Knights are the PeeWee Reese (11 year old) champions for the NorthWest Suburban League. On their schedule will be the Cooperstown Dreams Park tournament located near the Baseball Hall of Fame.

For further information, contact Rich Grucz at 1-(800) 949-9834.

Coaching positions available

The Walled Lake Consolidated School District is currently looking for a head girls track and field coach at Walled Lake Western High School. The district is also looking for a head boys varsity soccer coach for Walled Lake Northern.

Inquiries should be directed to David Yarbrough, Athletics Director for the school district. For more information, call the athletics office at (248) 956-2074.



ABOVE: Gymnasts and an assistant coach watch as a teammate performs on the balance beam during last week's home meet against the Plymouth Wildcats.

BELOW: Gymnast Sarah Ikhani-Pour performs on the un-even parallel bars last week during a home meet.

RIGHT: A Wild 'Stang gymnast performs on the balance beam.



ABOVE: Wild 'Stang gymnast Maggie Mills performs on the un-even parallel bars last Thursday night in a home meet against Plymouth High School.

BALANCING ACT

Photos by JOHN HEIDER



LEFT: Wild 'Stang gymnast Megan Wallen flies off the vault and begins a mid-air twist before making her landing.

MIDDLE: Wild 'Stang gymnast Rachel Deneau looks at the ground for a moment as she heads for her balance beam dismount.

RIGHT: A Wild 'Stang gymnast twists in the air after hitting the vault during a competition at Northville High School.



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Cheese Chatter

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Semi-soft cheeses:

Monterey Jack, Muenster, Brick, Havarti, Swiss, Brie, Fontina, Gouda, Edam, Provone and Camembert are delicious in appetizers, sandwiches, pizzas, quesadillas or burritos.

Blue-veined cheeses:

Blue and Gorgonzola add a savory note to dressings, dips, salads, spreads, steaks, burgers and chicken.

Hard cheeses:

Gruyère, Parmesan, Asiago, Romano and aged Cheddar can be grated on top of simmering onion, potato or vegetable soups; shaved with a vegetable peeler or cheese parer on main dish salads; or melted into casseroles.

Southwestern Chicken Skillet

Nothing says quick and easy meals like cheese.

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FOOD IN A FLASH

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

So many cheeses, so little time. That's the good news for busy families facing dinnertime. More than 450 types, varieties and styles of cheese are available from Wisconsin to help you put a delicious meal on the table in minutes.

On-the-go families everywhere can spend less time in the kitchen and more time doing the things they enjoy when they make recipes that feature cheese. Delicious, nutritious cheese can be enjoyed with fresh fruit, shredded or cubed in salads, melted into pasta or vegetable dishes or browned on top of broiled chicken, steak or fish.

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Spinach & Cheddar Salad



Southwestern Chicken Skillet

- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
- 2 teaspoons vegetable or olive oil
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 cup prepared salsa
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded Wisconsin Monterey Jack or Pepperjack cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped cilantro or green onion

Sprinkle chili powder, cumin and salt over chicken. Heat oil in a large nonstick skillet over medium heat. Add chicken and garlic; cook 5 minutes. Turn chicken over. Combine salsa and mustard; spoon over and around chicken. Continue cooking, turning chicken and stirring sauce, 5 minutes or until chicken is cooked through. Sprinkle cheese and cilantro over chicken. Continue cooking 1 to 2 minutes or until cheese is melted. Makes 4 servings.

Spinach & Cheddar Salad

- 1 (10 ounce) bag washed baby spinach leaves or torn spinach leaves
- 1 cup (4 ounces) shredded or finely diced smoked or sharp Wisconsin Cheddar cheese
- 1/3 cup packaged real bacon bits
- 1/4 cup thin red onion rings or strips
- 1/4 cup thinly sliced radishes (optional)
- 1/3 cup bottled red wine or raspberry vinaigrette salad dressing
- 1 hard cooked egg, chopped (optional)
- 1/2 cup herb or garlic croutons
- Freshly ground black pepper (optional)

In large bowl, combine spinach, cheese, bacon bits, red onion and, if desired, radishes. Add dressing; toss well and transfer to serving plates. Top with egg if desired and croutons. Serve with freshly ground black pepper if desired. Makes 4 side dish or 2 meatless main dish servings.

Steak With Gorgonzola Thyme Crust

- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 2 (6 ounce) beef tenderloin or small rib eye steaks, cut 3/4-inch thick
- 1 large or 2 small cloves garlic, minced
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme or 1/2 teaspoon dried
- 1/2 cup (2 ounces) crumbled Wisconsin Gorgonzola cheese

Preheat broiler. Spoon Worcestershire sauce over both sides of steaks; let stand 5 minutes. Sprinkle garlic and pepper over steaks. Place steaks on rack of broiler pan. Broil 3 to 4 inches from heat source, 3 to 4 minutes per side, for medium-rare steak. Remove pan from broiler. Sprinkle thyme, then cheese over steaks. Return to oven and broil 2 minutes or until cheese is golden brown. Makes 2 servings.

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Part III: Small business and technology

Internet Service Provider

An ISP provides dial-up access to a network of many customers. In the U.S., there are more than one thousand ISPs.

Being an ISP is an expensive proposition because the set-up costs and the ongoing operations cost a lot of money. The profit margins for these companies are low and therefore they have to come up with other areas to generate revenue. So, they begin providing Web site development services to their already existing clients.

Most ISP employees are highly technical in nature due to the requirements of the ISP business. These technical people usually have little or no knowledge of e-business. They cannot provide a true Internet business analysis because they don't really understand 'business' issues. They are also not up to date on new technologies and don't really understand Internet marketing or traffic generation strategies.

Of course, they offer low cost Web site development but their solutions rarely provide client satisfaction. Their fees may be reasonable but their solutions are typically created using basic HTML code. They also don't become too involved in back-end databases or more sophisticated solutions that truly impact your bottom-line.

They provide hosting services as part of their core business and therefore they have an advantage over their competition. They can attract clients by providing free hosting with a monthly dial-up account. But this free hosting is typically for non-business use such as creating an online family album or sharing a collection, etc. For business application hosting, most ISPs will charge monthly fees that are based on the 'hits' or the amount of traffic your site receives. That could be a disadvantage to you as a business owner if you are lucky enough to have a 'popular' site that a lot of people frequent.

Most ISP created Web sites have the worst graphic designs you can find on the Web. That may fit in with the right brain, left-brain theory that creativity and technical skills are hard to find in the same personality type.

So, now you have a Web site that has a perceived low cost, has limited functionality and does not retain the interest of the arriving customer. That means that you are not driving traffic to your site, and if someone does come to your site, you don't really have a way to retain his or her interest. Your site doesn't have 'stickiness.' So did you really get a good deal?

Next time, we will look at the fourth category in the e-commerce industry, "IBM, et al"

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David Crowley explains a piece of equipment to a potential patient in the Cady Street Annex.

Northville Physical Rehabilitation

■ Second location opens to meet growth

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

Northville Physical Rehabilitation is expanding its current practice due to continued growth with the opening of a second location in downtown Northville. The Cady Street Annex, located at 300 East Cady, is expected to open during the first week of March.

The positive growth of the practice at its Main Street location required more space. The business took advantage of an opportunity to reopen the former facility of NovaCare Rehabilitation on Cady, according to David Crowley, manager of clinical services and operations for Northville Physical Rehabilitation, P.C.

"We are excited about opening the new location very soon," Crowley said. They are currently completing the installation of new equipment before opening.

The second location will complement the existing practice and facilities on Main Street by treating a varied population of patients ranging from orthopedic problems of the legs, spine and arms to neurological conditions like stroke and MS.

"We will offer aquatic therapy at the new location with the installation of a Hydro Track Underwater Treadmill System," Crowley said.

The Hydro Track system provides a wide variety of aquatic applications with superior results

compared to land-based equipment. Water allows resistance in all ranges of movement to provide therapeutic exercise at more intense levels within a very protective environment, according to the manufacturer.

"Buoyancy in water is the key," Crowley said. "It opens up our ability to treat problems limited by active motion or weight-bearing limitations with the arms and legs, as well as hip, knee ankle, and shoulder joints by doing the exercises while standing or sitting in water."

The underwater treadmill equipment, only 36 inches wide and 96 inches long, is designed for use in smaller clinics so it is ideal for the Cady Street facility. It features a variable speed treadmill including reversible capability, digital display unit, dual-speed resistance jets, filtration and heating system, and moveable control panel.

Crowley said the aquatic treatment will be developed as a specialization for the Cady Street Annex where it will be located. He has worked with this kind of equipment in the past and is looking forward to offering aquatic treatment to patients there.

"Crowley has 27 years of diverse experience in the physical therapy field working at hospitals, corporate clinics and his own business. He operated a private practice in Warren for eight years before selling it in 1995.

He came to work at Northville Physical Rehabilitation in January after working for NovaCare. As a 14-year resident of Northville, Crowley said he always wanted to work in the community where he lived.

The practice will continue to offer full-service treatment at the Main Street location it has occu-

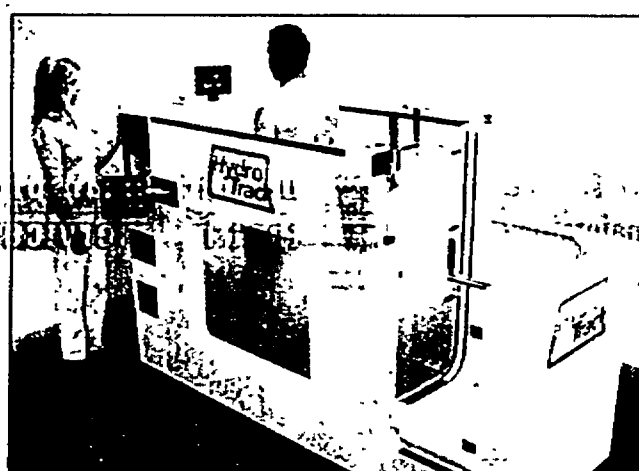


Photo provided by Hydro Track

The Hydro Track Underwater Treadmill System will allow the local practice to offer aquatic therapy for a number of physical problems.

pled for the past two years. Crowley also has a background in athletic training and said they want to get more involved in community recreational athletics.

Northville Physical Rehabilitation offers physical and occupational therapy services to help restore function for people of all ages with limitations from injury or illness under the direction of Dennis Engerer, a licensed physical therapist who has operated the local private practice since 1985.

"Being physically weak for any reason whether the result of injury, illness, lifestyle or occupation puts a person at risk for re-injury because they are less able to tolerate the physical stress of work or play," Engerer said.

The Northville facility has the latest technology for testing and treating many orthopedic, neurological and muscular-skeletal disorders. Some of the more common

diagnoses include neck and back injuries, shoulder tendonitis, balance disorders, joint replacements, simple strains or sprains and traumatic brain injuries.

Northville physical Rehab receives many patients through referrals from area physicians in family practice, rheumatologists for people with arthritis, orthopedic surgeons for hip, knee and shoulder patients, and even from dentists for patients with temporal mandibular joint problems, according to Engerer.

Many potential patients ask if they need a referral from their doctor. They don't need a referral for an initial consultation but most insurance companies require a referral or prescription for actual treatments.

"We help patients by contacting their physicians and making recommendations for treatments following that initial exam," Engerer said. "We try to make it as easy as

possible for initial referrals. For patients without a personal physician, we can refer them to an appropriate physician."

The qualified staff establishes a treatment plan to meet each patient's specific needs, physical capabilities and limitations. They keep the patients, their physicians and families informed of the patient's progress and potential for improvement.

In addition to treating patients in its Northville facility, the staff is available to treat patients in their home or an extended care facility if necessary. Most insurance plans cover physical therapy treatments and rehabilitation services, Engerer said.

Northville Physical Rehab also provides personal fitness training, nutritional counseling, and a health wellness program. Memberships are available for fitness training starting as low as \$35 per month, Engerer said.

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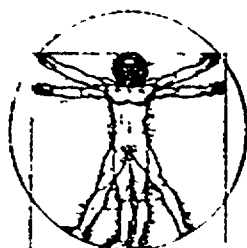
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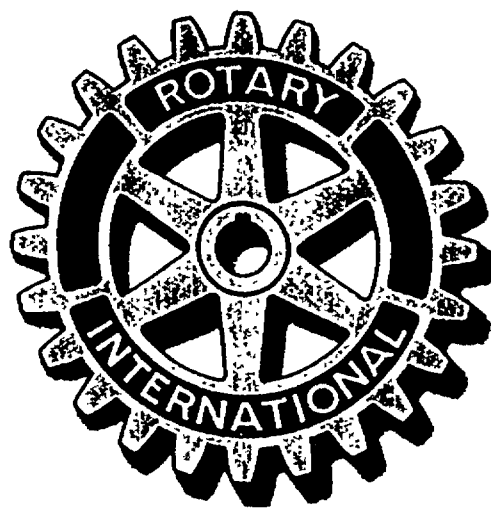
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Paul Harris, founder of Rotary International, was an attorney who grew up in Vermont. He liked the small-town life, so on Feb. 23, 1905, he got together with three friends to form an organization where fellowship and business ethics would be the cornerstone of their organization.

These four men who started the original club agreed to "rotate" from one member's office to another — hence the name Rotary Club was born.

This was the first civic organization in the U.S. at that time. They quickly discovered that they wanted to start doing civic work, and their first project was to donate a horse to a rural doctor.

The organization quickly grew and spread to the West Coast and then Canada, and by World War I, clubs cropped up in Europe, Japan and South America.

Jeff Lichty, of Clarkston, serves as the current district governor for Rotary International's District 6380. This district includes Macomb, Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw counties of Michigan and Kent County in Ontario, Canada. There are 50 clubs in the district — 42 in the U.S., and eight in Canada.

Lichty, whose term expires on June 30, said Rotary Clubs are active in 166 countries. There are 1.2 million members and more than 32,000 Rotary Clubs.

And, unlike a lot of service organizations, Rotary has maintained its membership, according to Lichty.

District 6380 will celebrate the centennial of the club with five birthday parties. They all take place on Feb. 23 at various locations. Gov. Jennifer Granholm's husband, Dan Mulhem, plans to attend one of the parties in Michigan in Rochester, and the governor may attend one of the parties, according to Lichty.

Lichty noted that the Novi Rotary Club participated with Rotary International in its Youth Exchange Program, in which local high school students study overseas at the high school level for an academic year.

"Because it's an exchange program, Novi will host students from any one of 30 different companies. We are currently looking for host families in the area for the start of the 2005-2006 academic year this August," Lichty said.

But, the largest project that Rotary has going is a program to eradicate polio throughout the world.

"In the early 1980s, a doctor came to Rotary and said we can eradicate this disease from the world. The vaccine is readily available and the only technological requirement is that the vaccine be stored below 50 degrees," Lichty said.

Rotary International, through its Polio Plus program, is working to eliminate this disease worldwide. The club works in cooperation with the Centers for Disease Control, the World Health Organization and UNICEF in its efforts.

"In the 1980s, we had 350,000 polio cases a year throughout the world. Now we have only about 1,000 cases a year, concentrated in seven countries," Lichty said.

Problem areas include Nigeria and India.

"Polio has been eliminated in both North and South America, and the Novi Rotary Club has made significant donations to that program," Lichty said. He noted that the Walled Lake Rotary Club has also been involved in the Polio Plus Program.

Lichty said the district is working on a number of water filtration projects and is also actively involved in providing prosthetic devices for polio victims.

"We provide a very simple and inexpensive limb that allows people to work and commute with polio. Clubs pay for the device as well as medical treatment for polio victims while in the hospital," he said. About eight clubs in the district participated in this program last year.

In addition to helping polio victims, district members also award a \$25,000 postgraduate scholarship each year to a college graduate in the area.

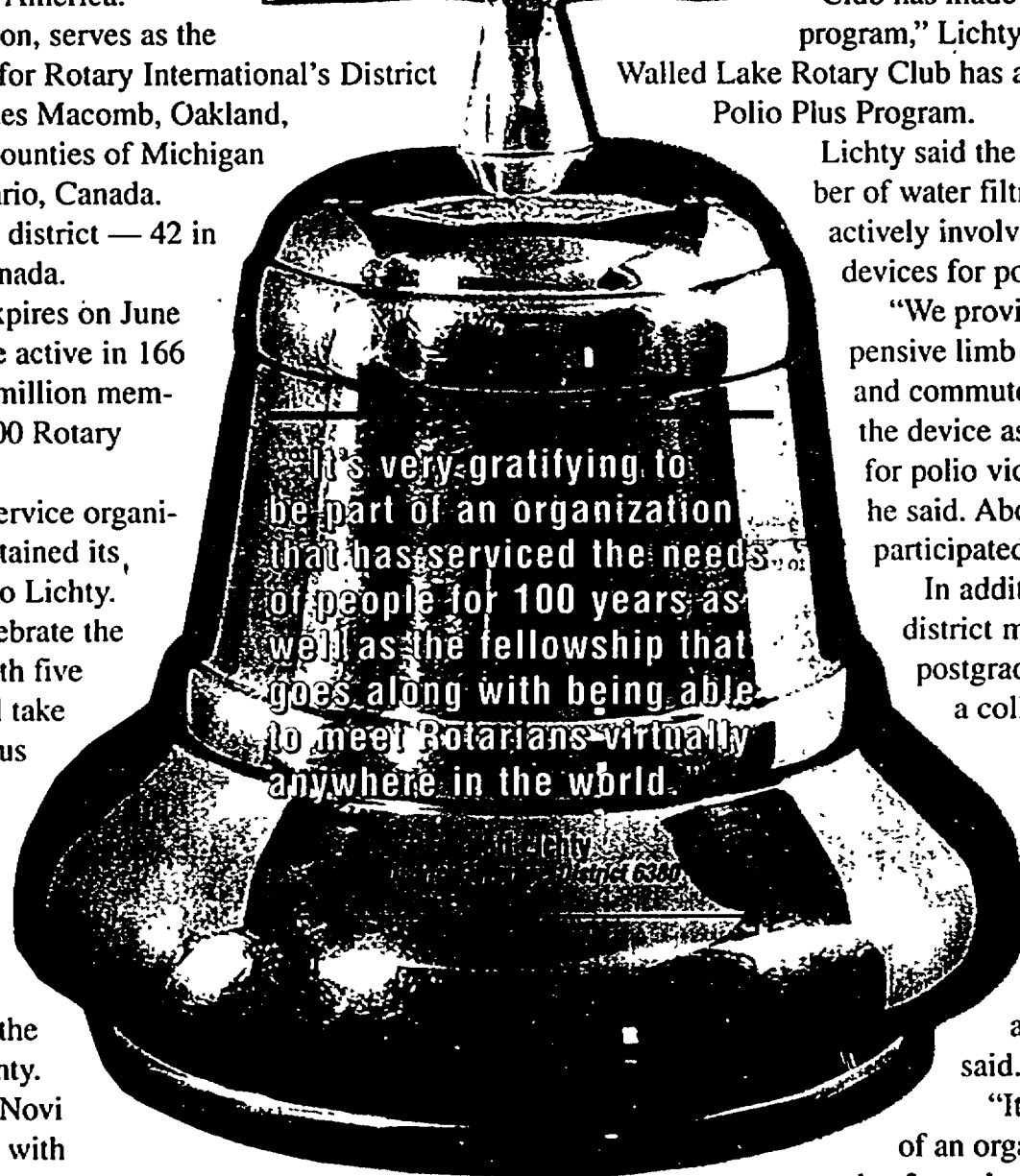
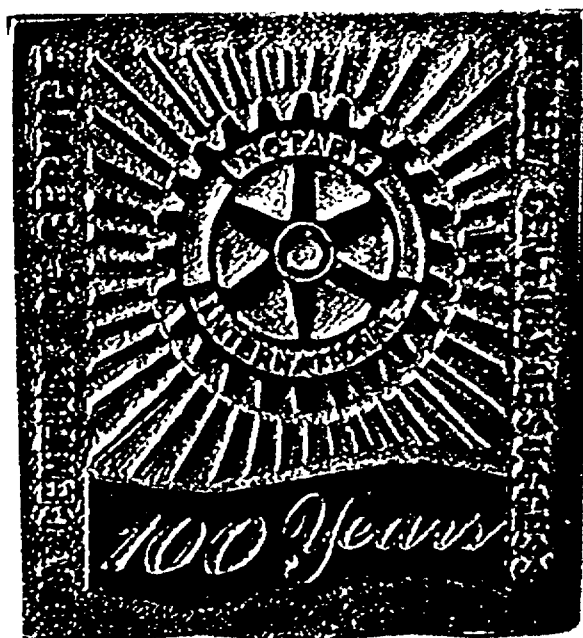
Lichty said that all Rotary Clubs meet once a week.

"The majority are at lunch, but there are a lot of breakfast clubs. The Livingston Breakfast Club, just chartered on July 1, 2004, meets at 7:30 a.m. each Friday," he said.

"It's very gratifying to be part of an organization that has serviced the needs of people for 100 years as well as the fellowship that goes along with being able to meet Rotarians virtually anywhere in the world," Lichty said.

For more information, visit www.rotary6380.com, the district Web site, or www.rotary.org for the Rotary International site.

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Local clubs committed to their communities and beyond

Focus on Milford Senior Center project for Centennial

By Alleen Wingblad
STAFF WRITER

In recognition of Rotary Club International's 100th anniversary, the Rotary Club of Milford is planning an "extreme makeover" for the Milford Senior Center.

The \$200,000-plus venture — the Milford Rotarians' "Centennial Project" — will bring renovations and expansion

to the center that have been long wished for by many in the Huron Valley community. Funding will come from both in-kind and monetary donations with close to one-half of the expected costs for services and materials already committed by area businesses. The project, the largest one in the Milford club's 65-year history, is being chaired by Milford Rotarian Larry Shew, a Highland architect and developer who will act as crew supervisor, as well.

"This is a major project — and we're going to have fun with it," said Shew, who initially drew up the designs several months ago. "And it will be addressing

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Novi club observes 45 years of helping others in need

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The Novi Rotary Club started meeting at the Ford Motor Co. plant on Wixom Road in 1959. The club has 50 members and five honorary members 45 years later.

Dr. Mav Sanghvi, a member since 1977, got involved when Dr. Jerry Kratz, former superintendent of Novi schools, invited him to a meeting.

Sanghvi, now a retired orthopedic surgeon, was a busy practicing physician with a family when he joined. He, like other Rotarians, still found time to give of himself.

"I think what's special about being a member of Rotary is that you meet different types of people but with similar interests, similar values and the desire to help people. We have been doing a lot of interesting things over the years, and it's different every year. That's why it doesn't get stale," Sanghvi said.

"One of the things that deeply interested me in Rotary was the eradication of polio in the world. Having been born and educated in India, I know what polio does," he

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Northville Club to place restored clock in city park

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The Northville Rotary Club is restoring a vintage clock that once graced Main Street as its centennial project.

Members each contributing \$50-100 from their own pocket helped the club reach their \$3,000 fundraising goal this month, said Rotary board member Jim Gallogly. Once repairs

are complete, a city work crew will erect the 1890 street clock in time for the club's June lobsterfest, he said.

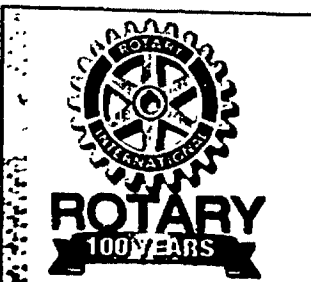
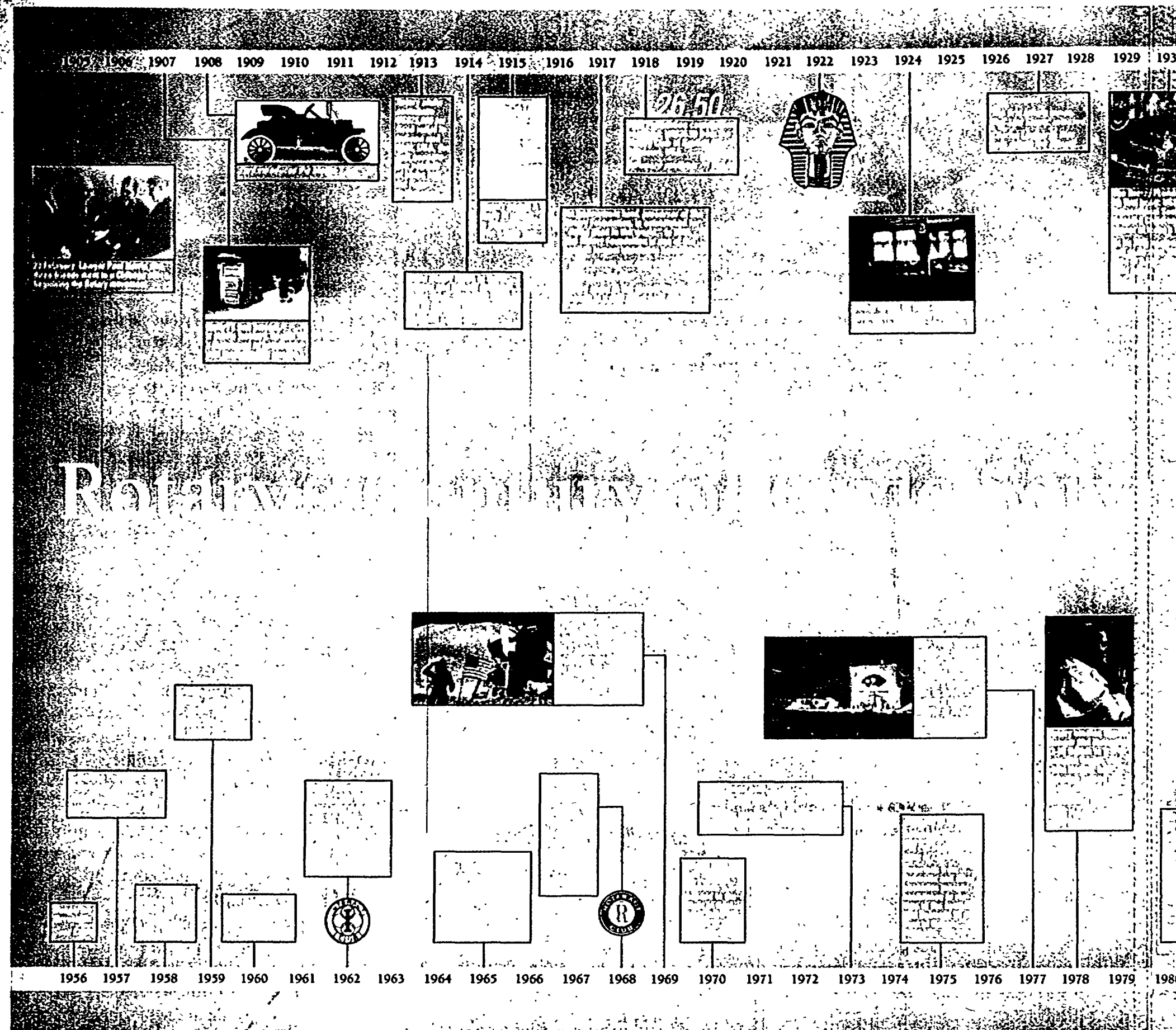
The service group club had hoped to have the clock in place this month to coincide with the celebration of Rotary's February 1905 origin, Gallogly said, but parts remain on order.

The time piece will be set on city-owned park property, east of Ford Field, north of the Fort Griswold play area and southwest of the Mill Race Historic Village on Griswold Road.

"The whole thing is to be a gift to the community," Gallogly said.

Other ways the local club

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Focus on Milford Senior Center project for Centennial

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some major needs of the seniors." The plans call for the addition of three rooms on the western side of the building, including a pool/dart room, "quiet room" with fireplace for playing cards, reading or watching TV, and a privacy room utilized as a computer station as well as a place where seniors can meet with visiting podiatrists, lawyers and others who come in to the center. A covered front entrance is planned, also, along with renovations to the kitchen and office areas. Decking off the quiet room and expanded parking are other possibilities.

Prior to officially presenting the idea to the Rotary Club of Milford as a possible centennial project, Shew spent several weeks pricing it out and talking about it with fellow Rotarians and local officials. In December, the Rotarians' board of directors voted unanimously to take it on.

Since then, Shew has approached about a dozen local businesses and asked if they would contribute in some way. The response, he said, has been overwhelmingly positive. "Every single person I've asked said 'yes' — they are ecstatic to be a part of it," he said. "This is a gift to the seniors from the community and the Rotary, and I have no doubt we'll raise enough for it."

Shew said he hopes to break ground this spring and have the project completed by the end of the year. The senior center is expected to remain open during the renovations, he added.

Nancy Izzard, executive director of the Milford Senior Center, said the planned project is a wonderful example of the community's willingness — and eagerness — to support the needs of older adults. "I'm very excited about this," Izzard said. "And I know that everybody — the public and the senior board — is thrilled and overwhelmed that the Rotary is doing this."

Anyone interested in donating to the project or otherwise getting involved is urged to contact Michael Hickox, president of the Rotary Club of Milford, at (248) 685-8743.

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An artist's rendering shows a much-expanded Milford Senior Center. The Rotary Club of Milford has set forth an ambitious Centennial project, which would completely renovate the center, add a number of new rooms and a covered entryway.

Reasons to join Rotary many

By Erin Johnson
STAFF WRITER

There are plenty of reasons to get involved with organizations such as the Rotary Club of Milford. Meeting new people and networking with business owners are just a couple of reasons. Many Rotarians, however, choose to join for one main reason: to give back to the community.

Paula Tatum has been a Rotary member for seven years and served as the Milford club's president from 2002-2004. She said the chance to help out the Huron Valley area was what drew her to the club.

"I've always been a community-oriented person," she said.

Tatum said that in addition to serving the Milford area, Rotary helps out people around the world through Rotary International, which is celebrating its 100th anniversary this year. One of the biggest projects internationally is to help wipe out polio.

Locally, Tatum said the Rotary Club of Milford has held free dental

clinics for children, provides dictionaries to all Huron Valley fifth graders, awards scholarships for high school students to attend youth leadership training and sponsors exchange students. The organization has also donated funds to the neonatal unit at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital and the Carls Family YMCA.

Member Bill Martin joined the Rotary Club just nine months ago but also wanted to be a part of the group in order to serve the community.

"That was really a primary reason," he said.

Martin said he always knew that he would want to be involved in an organization, such as Rotary that would give him the chance to do good things for others.

Linda Lazar joined the Rotary Club in 1997 and said she first learned of it from friends who were members.

"I knew it was a very worthwhile organization," she said.

Lazar is currently the chairperson for the club's annual wine tasting

event which is one of four main fund-raisers Rotary conducts during the year. Lazar said being part of the Rotary Club makes her feel as if she is reaching out, not only locally, but to people around the world.

"To me, Rotary represents a way of helping our fellow man," she said.

Michael Nelson has been part of Milford's Rotary Club for less than a year but has been involved in Rotary almost all of his life. He said his father was a member, and he was even a junior Rotary Club member when he was younger.

"It was not a question of if I was going to join Rotary, but when I was going to join Rotary," Nelson said.

He said Rotary offers many ways for its members to be involved but the chance to volunteer to help out within the community was why he joined.

"Because I've gotten so much from this community," Nelson said.

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Northville club to place restored clock in park

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gave this past year include: raising \$6,000 through Goodfellows newspaper sales for service agency Northville Civic Concern; \$1,500 to shelter a Nicaraguan family, and two scholarships to Northville High School students who overcame a significant hardship in their life.

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

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

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

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

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

"There was a question, 'will it be tall enough,'" Gallogly said. "Once we get it up, we'll assess that."

The Rotary Club will cover all costs related to the restoration and placement of the clock, he said. The clock will be silent, Gallogly said. It does not have chimes.

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Photos By David Aguilar/Northville Record
Above, Northville Rotary Club member Jim Gallogly stands next to the former Main Street clock the local club will restore later this year as its Centennial project.



Left, foreign exchange student Nena Kongstad, 16, stands with Northville Rotary Club president Joanne Ingalls. Each year the Northville Rotary Club sponsors one foreign exchange student.

Novi Rotary: 'It's something you can put in your heart'

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

People join the Rotary Club for a number of reasons, but a common thread is the need to do something for those less fortunate. Al Ponkey of Novi joined Novi Rotary in March 2002 without really knowing much about the club. "But I knew that I wanted to become involved somehow, some way in the community," he said. "My involvement started slowly, but the very friendly members of Novi Rotary soon had me deeply

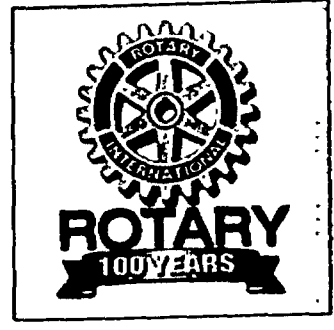
involved. Currently, I am the club's communications coordinator, newsletter editor and just recently became the treasurer and club manager," he said. In the three years Ponkey has been a member, he said he has made many good friends. "I feel that together we help many people locally, nationally, and internationally. We are a Rotary family. Together, we can accomplish whatever we set out to do," he said. Keith Wilson, of Milford, has been a member of Novi Rotary

since 1993. "I didn't really know what Rotary was and was invited to a meeting. I saw what good work they were doing and decided I wanted to be a part of that," Wilson said. "Fortunately, my boss, Bob Sellers, feels the same way. He thinks clubs do a great service for the community. He even allowed me to take some of the advertising budget for local charities," Wilson said. Wilson said being a member of Rotary is a big part of his life.

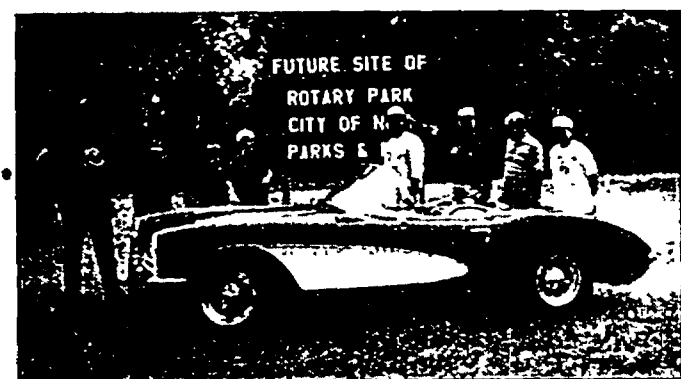
"It's been very personally rewarding. They put me on the car committee, 'cause I'm a car guy. Each year, we used to buy a classic car — usually a Corvette — and would raffle it, selling tickets throughout the year. The money was used to fight polio and for Rotary Park off Nine Mile at Roethel," Wilson said. Local Rotarians raised \$70,000 for the establishment of Rotary Park, which opened in 1991. Wilson said Rotary members lead by example. "I saw all of these people who

were willing to give of themselves, and that's one of our mottos — 'Service Above Self.' I decided that this was the kind of group I wanted to be associated with. You get a good feeling knowing that you're helping people less fortunate. It's better than any drug that's available."

Keith Tappan of Farmington Hills noted that every Rotary member remembers who brought them into the club. "When I first joined Rotary in the mid-1980s, there was a banker, Don Gravengood, who brought me into



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Top: Former Mayor Kathleen McAllen helps Novi Rotary Club members at the Rotary Park dedication.

Left, from top: One of the Corvettes club members raffied off as a fund-raiser; planting trees behind city hall in the club's Preserve Planet Earth project; Dr. Mav Sanghvi at the Rotary Club of Bombay South.

Below: Sanghvi, left, with Novi Lions Club member Jerry Coonce when he received the prestigious Paul Harris Award from the Novi Rotary Club.

Novi club observes 45 years of helping others in need

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said. "It's a crippling disease — if you survive it." Novi Rotary raised \$100,000 for polio eradication in the Polio Plus fund-raising campaign from 1987-1989. "Two years ago, we came up again with almost \$35,000 more for the Polio Plus campaign," Sanghvi said. He noted that 95 percent of the job is done as far as eliminating polio worldwide. "The last five percent is the hardest," he said. "Education about the vaccination is the key."

The longtime member believes one of the best things about being a Rotary member is that members are always welcome at other clubs. "If I'm not in town, I make it a point to attend a Rotary meeting elsewhere," Sanghvi said. "You're part of a global family." In fact, he defines Rotary International as a global network of community volunteers. "Rotary is different in different parts of the world. But there is always a commonality of purpose," he said.

Sanghvi served as district governor from 1987-88. In fact, he is one of three past district governors from Novi in addition to Leo Harwood and Victor Cassis.

Current club president Maryanne Cornelius of Milford was elected in December 2003. Her term began July 1, 2004, and ends June 30, 2005. As the centennial president for the Novi club, she believes it's significant that the international club is observing such a milestone. "I think it's unusual that a service club is able to celebrate 100 years. They say Rotary was founded during an era of corruption and scandal in the business world, not unlike that of our own times. Since ethical standards have been a hallmark of Rotarians for such a long time, this is a good time to emphasize our commitment to honorable behavior in business," Cornelius said.

Current plans with the Novi club include doing something significant in the tsunami relief effort.

"Because Rotary is international, we're in contact with the Rotary club in the affected areas, and they can tell us what they need," she said.

"We've had communications from specific clubs in that area telling us that more than 5,000 people are homeless, and volunteers are trying to provide housing for them. They're giving them a basic survival kit that includes a

small stove, pots and pans and utensils. They are also providing some mats and sheets so they have something to sleep in," Cornelius said.

She added that many disaster victims are also going to need vocational training since many of the men were fishermen, and their boats and nets were destroyed in the storm. "Until they can get back on their feet in their previous occupation, they may need help learning a different job," Cornelius said.

The Novi club assists with the annual Michigan 50's Festival in a small way, Cornelius said, and also the fall International Festival organized by the Novi Parks & Recreation Department. A portion of the proceeds from the holiday raffle each December go toward scholarships for Novi High School graduates.

"We also sponsor different scouting troops with that money and provide three annual lunches for seniors — a veteran's lunch, holiday lunch and the Easter lunch," she said.

The Novi club also earmarks some of the raffle money to purchase Bio-Sand Water Filters to send to populations without access to fresh water.

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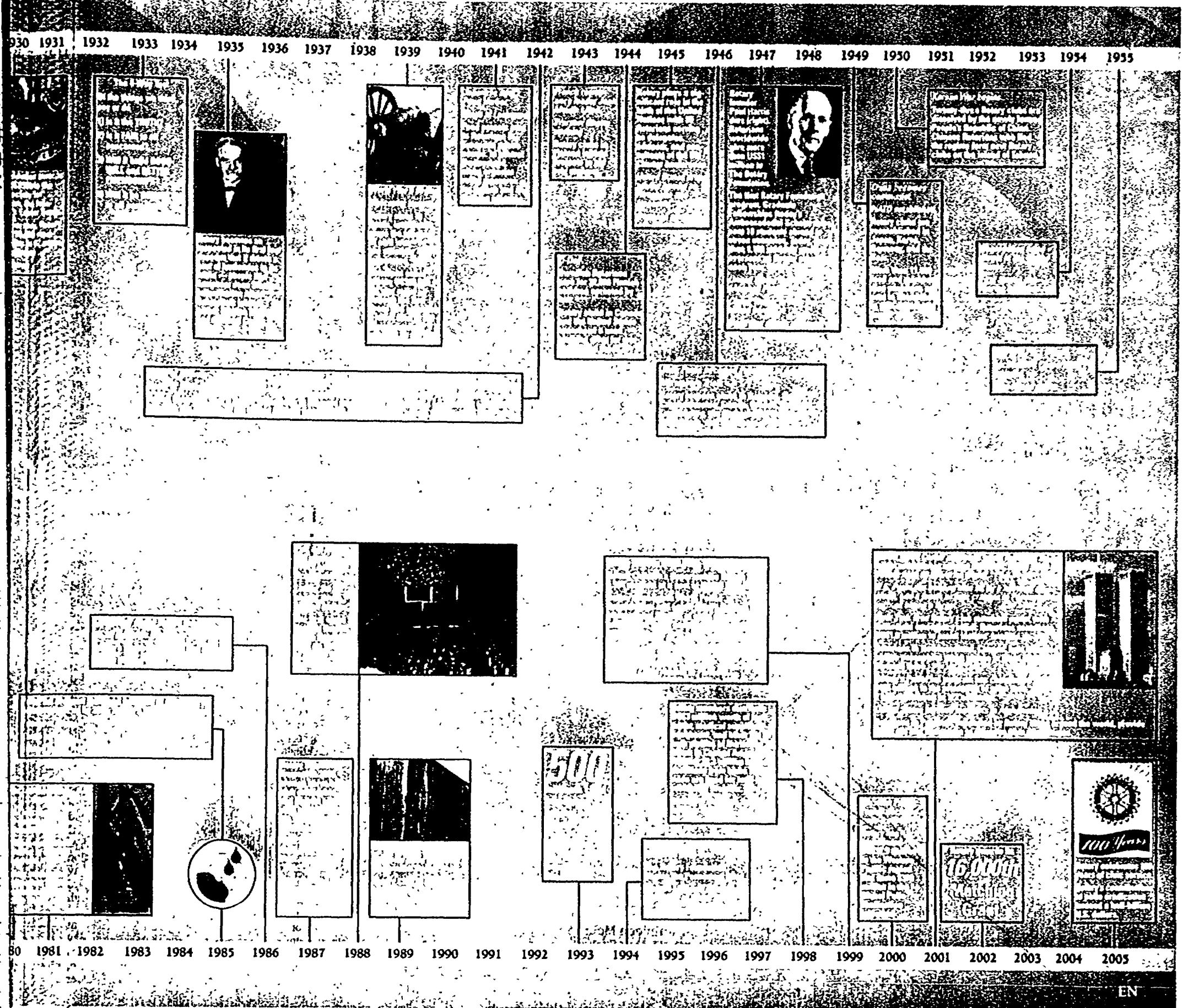
The Novi Rotary Golf Outing in June is one of the most popular fund-raisers.

"It's the people that I get to meet. We all have the same purpose, which is humanitarian service. We can do so much more when you have a concentrated effort," Cornelius said.

The Novi Rotary Club will be participating with four other clubs at the Baker's Banquet Center on Milford Road in Milford at 6 p.m. Feb. 23 in celebration of the 100th anniversary of Rotary International.

For information about joining the Novi Rotary Club, contact Cornelius at (248) 347-0456.

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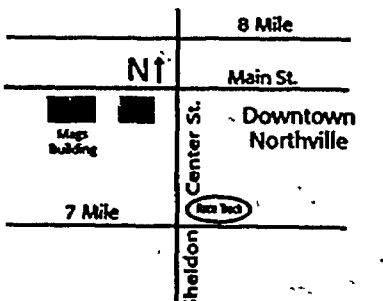
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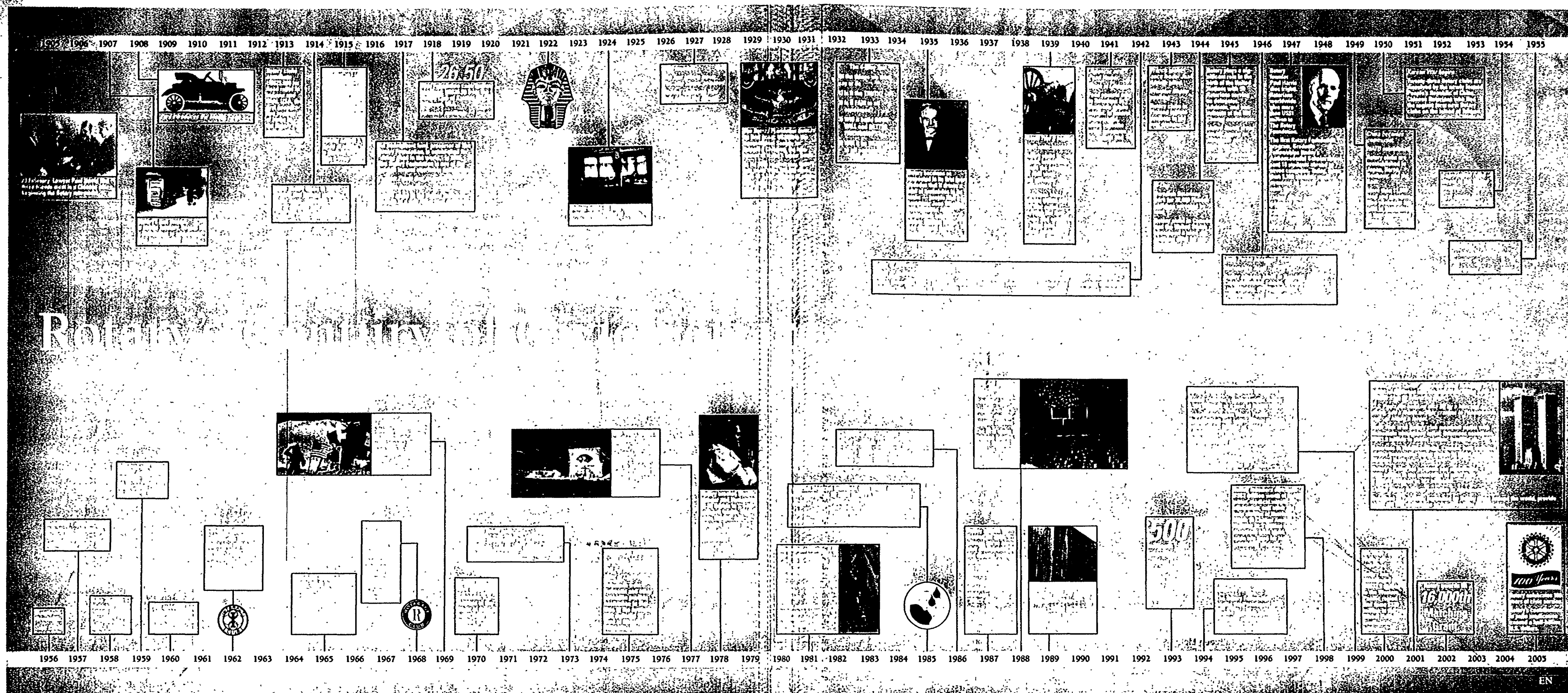
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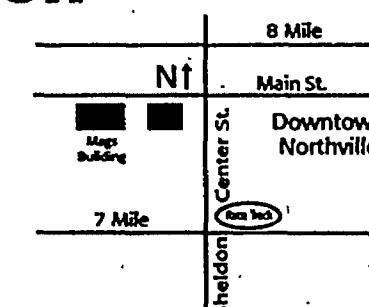
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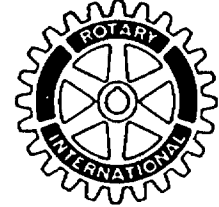
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By Duane Ramsey
 SPECIAL WRITER

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"Our agents make our office unique. Our office's success is attributed to our exceptional agents who are committed to customer service, giving the customer professional and quality service," said Nicole. She has 13 years of experience as a top sales agent selling residential real estate in Oakland and Wayne counties and sales manager for custom home community in Georgia.

The agents have entered a team to participate in South Lyon's first Relay For Life for the American Cancer Society. They sponsored the holiday breakfast for the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce, adopted a family for Christmas through the Active Faith organization and the annual Pumpkinfest in October to name a few. As members of the community, the agents support activities and athletic programs at the local schools.

Christian Krautner is an associate broker with 25 years of experience in real estate. Living in South Lyon since 1968, he has seen the tremendous growth in the area but also recognizes a critical need for improvements to the local infrastructure with that growth.

Karen Stockman was licensed

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In the 1980s and now working as a full-time agent after serving as an office manager for an automotive supplier. She has lived in Lyon Township since 1985 where her son recently graduated from South Lyon High School.

Nell Von Berge is a full-time agent with 10 years of real estate experience. She has lived in South Lyon since 1992 where she is raising four children, active in the Cheers program at Kent Lake elementary and is a member of a local co-op nursery and preschool.

Bud McGowan has worked in real estate for the past seven years after his 41-year career in management with Ford. He moved 12 times before settling in Green Oak Township. His relocation experience allows him to help others relocating to the area.

Jeff and Lisa Amburgy have a combined seven years of experience in the real estate business. Jeff was the top producer in the South Lyon office last year with \$20 million in sales. Lisa has 12 years of previous experience in the banking and mortgage business.

Dave Gaynor has five years of real estate experience with 15 years of previous sales experience. He has lived in the South Lyon area for 15 years and has supported local schools where his children have been active in sports.

Mike Gelaude has four years experience as a full-time agent with 25 years previous sales experience in the IT business. He has lived in the area for 35 years, graduated from South Lyon High School and has four grown children who attended local schools.

Jan Raupp has worked in real estate for the past 12 years. She has previous experience with a residential builder specializing in new home construction. She has



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The team members of Real Estate One in South Lyon include from right to left, front row are Jeff and Lisa Amburgy, Jan Raupp, Nell Von Berge, Mary Nicole and Laurie Moll; middle row, Randy Hockey, Terri Morrison, Karen Stockman, Angle Papple and Mike Gelaude; back row, Gabe Vincelette, Dave Gaynor, Bud McGowan, Kane Boschma, and Christian Krautner. Not pictured are Robble Andreasen, Andrea Dingeldey, Mike Dipasquale and Kathleen Layson and office administrators Lori Brennenman, Lili Beatty and Claire Clarke.

lived in the South Lyon area for 20 years and sold many lots and vacant land.

Laurie Moll has worked in real estate for the past two years and has 10 years of previous sales experience. Living in nearby Whitmore Lake, the mother of four children appreciates the importance of home and community.

Kane Boschman has worked as a full-time real estate agent for the past two years. He has lived in South Lyon with his family for 30 years where he has raised and trained quarter horses for racing at Hazel Park and Northville Downs.

Gabe Vincelette has worked in real estate for the past two years while managing a marketing firm. Having moved often and lived in

Austria, Germany, and several states, he knows what's involved in relocating. He has lived in New Hudson for four years.

Randy Hockey has worked as a full-time agent for the past year after 20 years as a manager in IT. He said technology has created a revolution in how people buy and sell homes today. Living in Green Oak Township, he has three sons in South Lyon schools.

Terri Morrison recently became involved in real estate with Real Estate One. With an interior decorating certificate, she enjoys helping people stage their homes for sale. She has taught in South Lyon schools and was latekey director for a child care center.

Each of the agents has a location on the Real Estate One Web site.

Recently Sold Homes

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6459 Highland	\$11,000
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3298 Knoll Ct.	\$30,000
780 Scott Dr.	\$75,000
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2812 Duck Lake Road N.	\$245,000
791 Aaron	\$344,500
3274 Knoll Ct	\$30,000

Lyon Twp.

29901 Milford Road	\$136,000
59301 Preston Ct.	\$220,000
30560 Rainbow Dr.	\$220,000
26633 Spaulding Road	\$252,000
29575 Martindale Road	\$314,000
59019 Cobblers Ct.	\$70,000
25881 Hunter Lane	\$70,000
24150 Chubb Road	\$175,000
61101 Kocher Dr.	\$210,000
61680 Topsfield Lane	\$230,000

Milford Twp.

3540 Maple Road	\$200,000
1890 Indian Garden Lane	\$330,000
2602 Conifer Trail	\$615,000

Milford Village

758 Milford	\$168,000
1055 Queen Ct.	\$179,900
653 Hickory St.	\$232,500
618 Florence Ct.	\$302,000
1057 Eagle Dr.	\$343,000

Northville City

958 New Haven Ct.	\$163,000
100 Ely Dr. S.	\$233,000

Novi City

49720 Deer Run	\$75,000
43562 Serenity Dr.	\$462,500
24982 Portsmouth Ave.	\$325,000
24068 Windridge	\$455,000
45727 Irvine	\$498,900
26233 Taft Road	\$548,000
22100 Perth Ct.	\$572,000
22521 Summer Lake	\$580,000
23035 Whitehall	\$615,000
24543 Glenda St.	\$15,000
22626 Woolsey	\$136,000
22723 Cranbrook Dr.	\$162,000
24044 Heathergreen	\$207,000
24572 Park Ridge Ct.	\$220,000
40579 Village Oaks	\$230,000
25686 Buckminster Dr.	\$260,000
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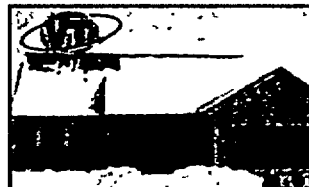
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COUNTRY PLACE CONDO - Prime location. 2 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 1,250 sq. ft. New Pergo floors, updated kitchen, dining room, fireplace in living room. A must see!

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SNUGGLED IN A CHOICE WOODED SETTING - Gorgeous 4 BR, 2 BA w/much to offer. Fireplace in family room & living room. Step up mstr suite. Hardwood floors, formal dining room. Many updates & lot. Beautiful lot.

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CONVENIENT CONDO LIVING IN NOVI - Popular Old Orchard townhouse with great location! 2 large bedrooms, 1 1/2 bath. Updated kitchen, bath, lav, carpet, paint & more. Assoc incl gas and water. Novi schools.

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CONDO LIVING AT ITS BEST! - Dynamic 1st floor mstr condo w/whispering ceiling in LR, large kit, 1 1/2, super deck/overlook pine trees. Abundant parking plus garage! Wonderful golf community!

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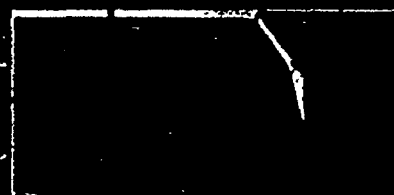
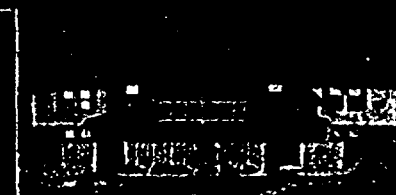

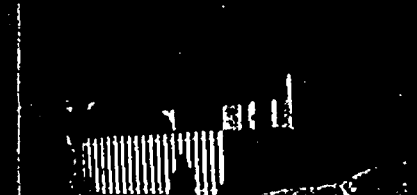
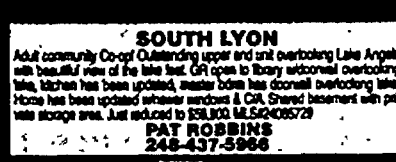

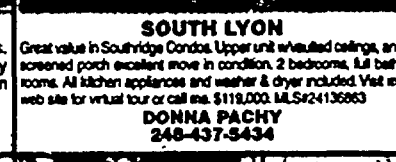
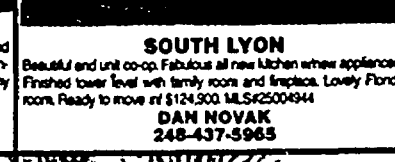







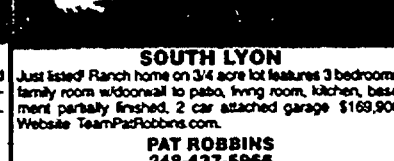
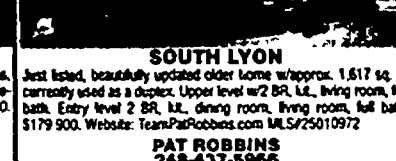
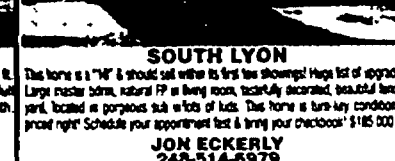

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 <p>SOUTH LYON Just Listed. Outstanding Colonial on 3.41 acres on private road. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, GR w/fireplace, formal living room w/gas fireplace, 12 x 30 heated sunroom, 24 x 30 pole barn. \$354,900. MLS# 24123152. For more details visit our web site: TeamPatRobbins.com PAT ROBBINS 248-437-5966</p>	 <p>BRIGHTON Private end unit. Great location 3 bedroom, large living room with fireplace. Finished lower level with storage. Pool & Cabana, walk to town. \$144,900. MLS# 24145574 KIM CHAMPE 248-417-0737</p>	 <p>COMMERCE Stunning bi-level on low traffic cul-de-sac features 3 bedrooms, 2 full baths, family room w/fireplace. 2 car attached garage in-ground pool. Close to a way \$199,900. MLS#24121537. Visit website for more details. TeamPatRobbins.com PAT ROBBINS 248-437-5966</p>	 <p>NORTHVILLE Prime location and immediate occupancy, move right in. Open floor plan. Kitchen appliances stay. Privacy fence around patio, 1st flr laundry carport. Don't miss out \$117,900. MLS# 25006802 DAN NOVAK 248-437-5965</p>	 <p>WHITMORE LAKE 9119 Garfield, Whitmore Lake 4 bedroom home on triple lot with lake privileges and subdivision beach on all sports. Whitmore Lake. Major mechanicals updated. \$239,000. MLS#25014614 JEFF WENZEL 248-219-6955</p>



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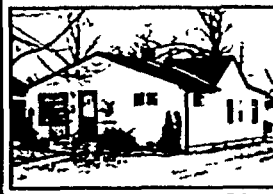







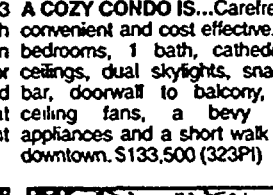

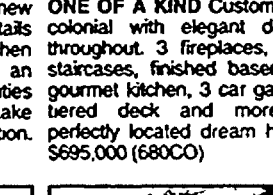



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 <p>PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP Shows in this lovely brick ranch. 3 bedrooms, a huge open floor plan, all neutral decor, all new windows, new furnace, plumbing, doors and more. Finished basement and Livonia schools. \$157,500 (454AN)</p>	 <p>SUPER SHARP Beautifully done Livonia contemporary awaits new owners. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, newer windows, updated kitchen w/appliances & laundry room. Great family neighborhood. \$184,900 (750BU)</p>	 <p>UNIQUE CUSTOM DESIGN Cedar log home located on 3.5 acres surrounded by a wooded setting. Custom woodwork throughout, top of the line everything, 20 ft. high stone flr, 3 sided porch, custom baths, 1st floor master and French doors \$449,900 (654SH)</p>	 <p>DRAMATIC ENTRY With palatial windows & spiral staircase. Dual sided fireplace in the family room, sunroom, skylights, corner 5 person hot tub, luxury master, 4 bay windows & extensive use of Brazilian tile \$489,900 (242WA)</p>	 <p>ROOM FOR EVERYONE! In this magnificent home situated on 2.2 acres. Amenities inc: hardwood floors, 1st flr laundry & basement 5 beds, 2 baths & large floor plan. Many recent updates. \$349,900 (780HA)</p>	 <p>JUST LISTED! Completely renovated 3 bedroom beauty. Freshly painted, new furnace, water heater and roof. Updated kitchen w/granite counters, finished basement and a 2 car garage. \$154,900 (915FO)</p>	 <p>DEARBORN BUNGALOW Well maintained home with 3 bedrooms, formal dining, full brick exterior, and fresh paint. Ready to move into and conveniently located close to schools and shopping. Many updates \$175,000 (043MA)</p>
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 <p>EASY LIVING Desirable lower level and unit condo with 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, doorwall to patio, 1st floor laundry, carport and neutral decor. Pets welcome. Great location and a great price. \$135,900 (731LI)</p>	 <p>POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE 4 beds, 2.5 baths, formal living & dining rooms, kitchen w/hook & ample cabinet space, family rm. w/fireplace and wet bar, 1st floor laundry, nicely updated and beautifully maintained. \$254,900 (629MA)</p>	 <p>THINK WARM Enjoy the comforts of a family room with a cozy fireplace and wet bar, or the awesome deck with a hot tub. Updated roof, carpeting, kitchen and windows. Built to entertain. \$249,900 (012SP)</p>	 <p>STOP RENTING! Start building equity in this affordable home on a double lot. Numerous updates include the kitchen, bath, carpeting, cement work and more. Fenced yard and a 2 car garage! \$81,500 (266CO)</p>	 <p>CANTON CONDO Circle this one! 2 bedroom townhouse featuring a finished basement, large master bedroom, brick fireplace, wood deck, crown moldings, clubhouse, pool and more. Call for details. \$137,000 (109NO)</p>	 <p>SO MANY AMENITIES! Beautiful cul-de-sac location on a tree lined lot, oak kitchen, Andersen windows, all newer big ticket items, 2 tiered deck, family room fireplace, crown moldings, new gutters and freshly painted trim. Really nice. \$247,500 (363WA)</p>	 <p>MAJOR POSSIBILITIES Attention investors, don't miss out on the opportunity to own this one! 3 bedroom, one bath two story in a great area of Wayne. Home is being sold as is. Call for details. \$110,000 (832AS)</p>
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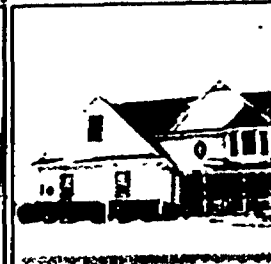
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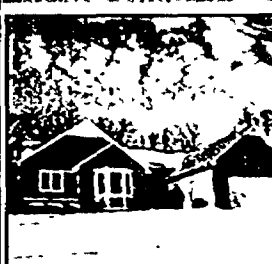
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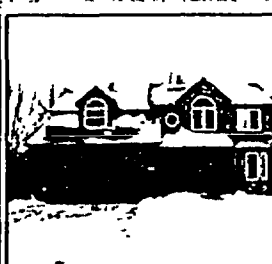


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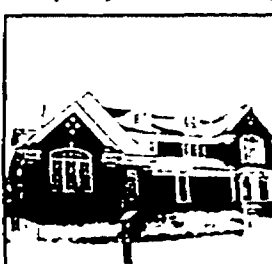
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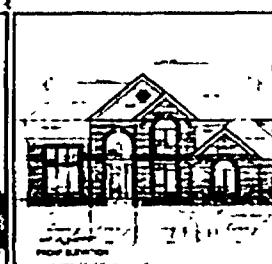
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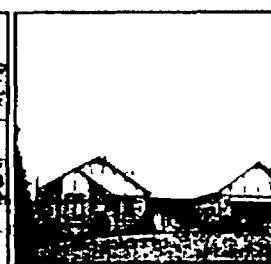
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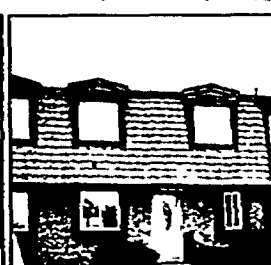
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**NOVI** \$775,000

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**NOVI** \$635,000

Simply Sensational! Stunning Custom 2 Story W/tpkt Staircase, Go Urmet Kitchen W/ Oversized Island, 2 Cooktops, Dble Oven, A Chef S Delight Hwd Flr, Hearth Rm W/2-way Fpl, 2 Story Family Rm W/ Bridge (OEN20SUM) 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$375,000

What A Year To Make A Move! Charming And Spacious 2-story Home Tucked Deep In The Sub. Open Floor Plan, 2 story Foyer W/hardwood Floor Kitchen, W/Island breakfast Rm W/french Doors To Deck (OEN54WHI) 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$230,000

Great Price For Novi, Now Schools, 1769 Sq Ft, 10 Ft Vaulted Ceilings, Huge East Oak Kitchen, Wood Andersen Windows, Wood Trim & Doors, Cozy Family Rm W/tpkt, Oversized Dr. Wall Leads To Large Fenced-in Yard (OEN10MAL) 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$210,000

Put The Brakes On Incredible Find In Orchard Commons. Subspacious 2 story W/living Rm, oversized Dining Rm W/new Andersen Doorwall To Deck Overlooking Private Yard W/evergreens For Privacy (OEN67SUR) 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$139,900

Wow! Super Privacy Facing Woods. Stand Alone Carriage Ranch All In Neutral Tones. Updates Incl some Windows, Furnace, A/c, Hwh & Garage Door. Huge Living Rm Opens To Dining Rm-cathedral Ceiling Great Open Flr Plan. (OEN28GLE) 248-347-3050

**OCEOLA** \$245,000

A ranch with a finished walkout, 5 acres, 30'x40' barn with 4 stalls. All new appliances, new roof 2003 garden tub, wood burner. Peace and quiet and privacy! This is a must see! (OESLY20ARG) 248-437-4500

**PICKNEY** \$339,900

Golf course frontage plus lake access! Great floor plan, 1st floor master, huge kitchen and mud room. Full stone fireplace with full wall of windows looking at course! Lower level close to finished (OESLY69PEB) 248-437-4500

**SALEM** \$230,000

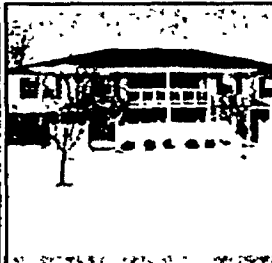
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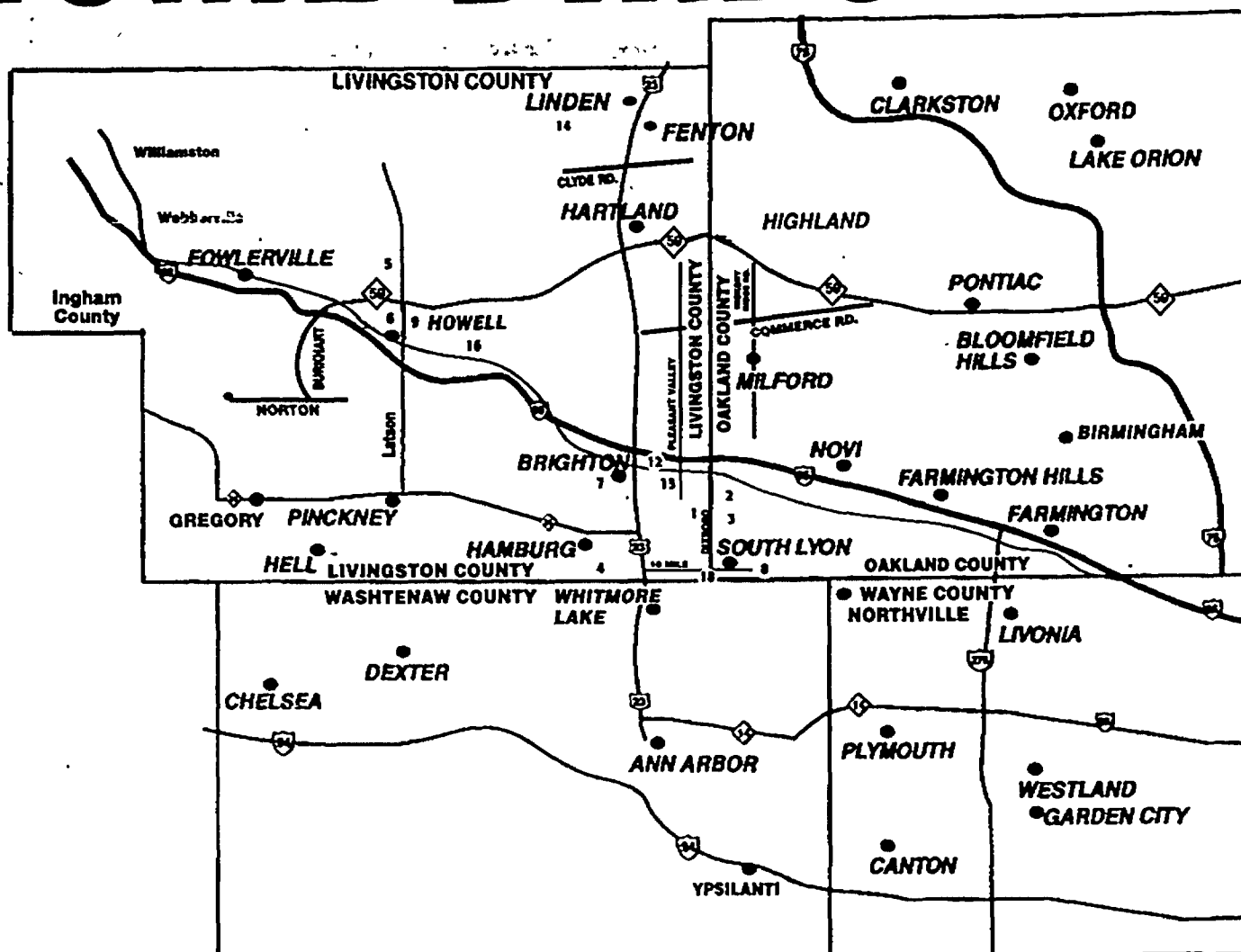
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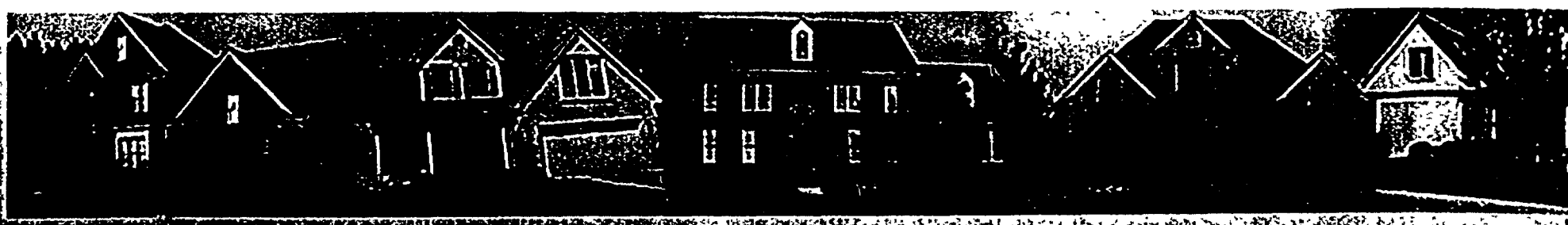
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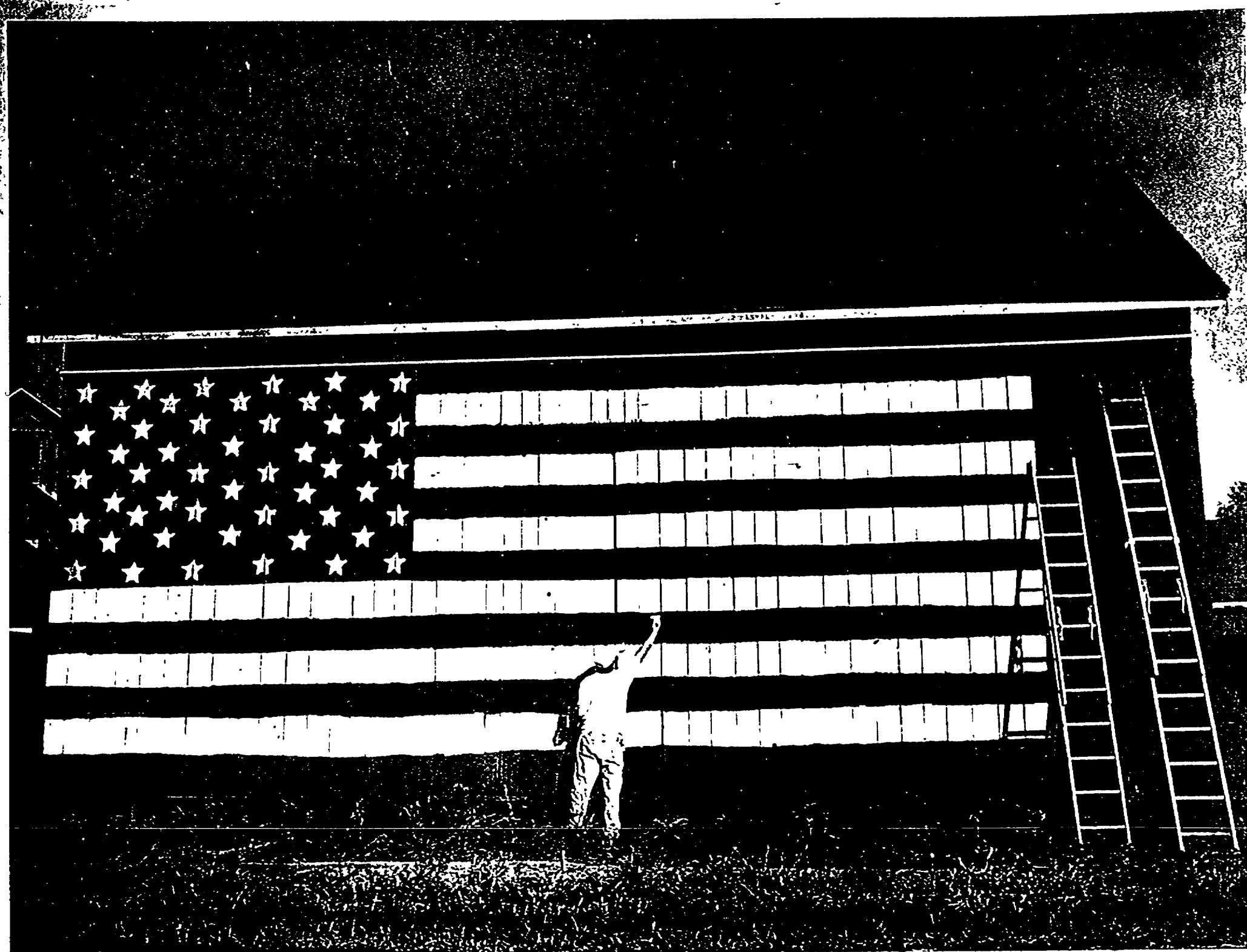
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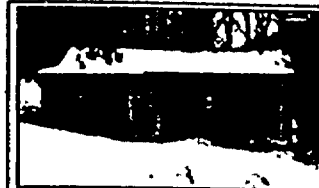


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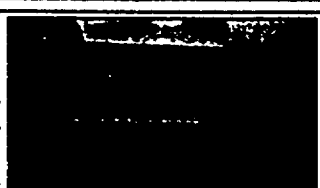
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HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$118,900
2 bedroom, 1 bath ranch home on 1 acre, deeded lake access to Indian Lake located right across the street. Surrounded by state land. All appliances included. Immediate occupancy (25006582)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$133,000
2 bedroom, 2 full bath condo featuring 1,183 sq ft., 1 car garage, great room, dining room, and more. Home warranty and appliances included. (25003989)



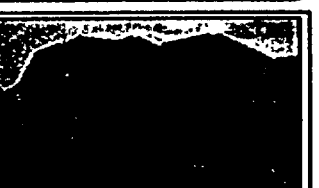
HOWELL SCHOOLS \$144,000
Gorgeous open floor plan w/ custom paint throughout. 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths, master suite w/ full bath and walk-in closet. Fireplace creates a warm setting in living room, covered porch, attached garage and more. Upgrades throughout. Appliances stay. (25002558)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$199,000
Walk to downtown Pinckney. Be part of the growth! 3 or 4 bedrooms, one could be used as a large study. New part, \$1,000 carpet allowance w/ full price offer. Great starter home or use as an investment and rent it out. Very open floor plan. Come and see it now! Home warranty included. (25011750)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$199,900
Stunning remodel is complete. One look and you'll be sold. Warmth & charm are evident here. Cherry cabinets, granite countertops, hardwood floors too. All new kitchen, bath plumbing, furnace, windows, and roof. Immediate possession. One year home warranty. (25012049)



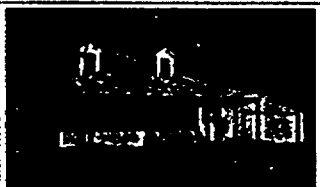
LINDEN SCHOOLS \$174,900
Better than new condo! 2 bedrooms, 2 full baths. Great location! This home has lots of extras, California Berber, hardwood floors, fireplace, basement, 2 car garage. Better hurry! (25014930)



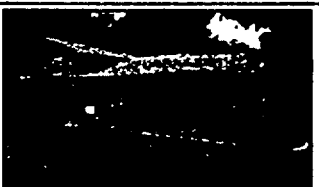
HOWELL SCHOOLS \$174,900
Absolutely move-in condition! This real & clean home is ready for new owners! Many updates including windows, roof, countertops & sinks to name a few. Beautiful room & spacious laundry room. The kitchen is complete w/ pantry, stove & dishwasher. Newer 2-level deck w/ pool & fenced yard. Home warranty included. (25003287)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$179,900
Maintenance free brick ranch in area of new developments across from Hilton Elementary School. Open floor plan, master bedroom bath, 4 season room, huge kitchen w/ all appliances, central air, large yard, oversized 2 car garage, great location w/ easy access to major expressway. (25003440)



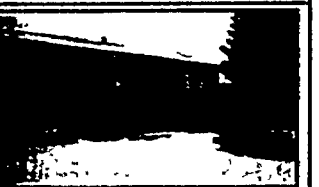
PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$179,900
Incredible home on two lots w/ long list of newer updates: oak kitchen, dining room w/ Pergo, door-to-door deck, appliances, siding, roof, some windows, wrap-around porch, 2.5 car heated garage, one year home warranty and more. (25006609)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$185,000
Ready to move in! This beautiful 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home on an oversized lot close to downtown. Many updates including new furnace, windows, and painted throughout. Well maintained and shows like new. (25013080)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$198,000
Neat and clean 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath home in fine neighborhood. Living room features vaulted ceiling, skylights plus fireplace. Sunny kitchen offers doorwall leading to deck. (25013077)



LINDEN SCHOOLS \$198,900
Newly decorated 4 bedroom home on just under 1 acre lot. Rear yard completely fenced home features finished lower level w/ full bath of 4th bedroom. Brand new doorwall to rear deck w/ lots of natural stone work. Easy 1/2 mile access to US-23. (25010327)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$199,750
Super sharp move in condition Colonial. Priced to move. 6-year-old beauty just waiting for the right family. Huge kitchen, and wide open floor plan. 2.5 baths, 3 bedrooms, attached 2-car garage, deck overlooking private rear of home. One year home warranty. (25007186)



SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS \$204,000
Affordable beautiful fully updated ranch in popular sub. All the work is done including Hickory cabinets in kitchen and great room, bath w/ Conair all in one sink. Upgraded electrical and furnace. Price to sell! A must see! (25009363)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$204,900
Enjoy country living on over an acre. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Open floor plan, kitchen w/ oaks cabinets. Overlooks huge great room, master bedroom w/ full bath. Lower level has large family room & office. Above ground pool surrounded by huge deck. Home warranty included. (25014387)



SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS \$204,900
Affordable South Lyon home! Nice size 3 bedroom ranch home in well established subdivision. Living room w/ natural fireplace and some hardwood flooring. Large fully fenced backyard and 2 car attached garage. Seller motivated, move right in. All appliances stay. (25004007)



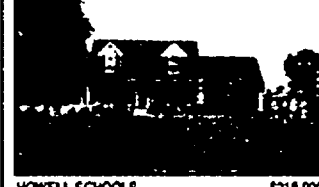
HOWELL SCHOOLS \$207,450
Large brick ranch on wooded 1 acre lot, located 5 minutes to expressways, town, etc. Finished basement w/ 2 natural fireplace, newer kitchen, and central air. Attached 2 car garage and one year home warranty. Immediate occupancy and much more. (25015478)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$214,900
Character and charm describes the Cape Cod located in the ever popular Adams Creek Sub. Excellent location for shoppers and commuters. Home is in move-in condition and features 1st floor master bedroom, large kitchen w/ breakfast nook, beautiful landscaping, deck and a fenced lot. (25003152)



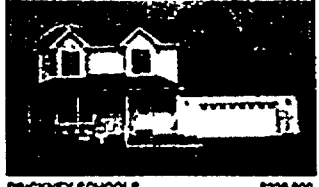
FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS \$219,900
Start packing! New construction completed and waiting for you. This charming colonial features 1,728 sq ft., 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, large kitchen & dining room, open design, neutral decor, full covered front porch, and more on one country acre. (25009536)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$219,900
Inmaculate 3 bedroom, 2 bath Cape Cod on a 1.75 acre property. Located at the end of a winding pine lined paved driveway. From the quiet porch, you will be charmed. Apple oak kitchen cabinets plus a pantry. Finished heated spooling garage. One year home warranty. (25007131)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$229,000
Wow! The amenities here are unmatched at the price! 4 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, swimming pool, hot tub, & shower sauna on 4 acres near the end of a cul-de-sac. Minutes from I-96 & downtown Howell. Many updates including dishwasher & doorwall in 1st floor, C.A. sprider & pool in 2003. Home warranty included. (25007420)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$229,900
New construction in Hay Creek. Enjoy the peace and quiet of the country. Spacious wooded lots & low traffic cul-de-sac location. This development offers biking and walking trails and natural at its best. Close to schools and recreation. (24158112)



FOWLERVILLE SCHOOLS \$231,900
Wait not... wait not! New construction completed and ready for occupancy. Charming two story filled w/ features to enjoy 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, living room, great room, dining room, neutral decor, unique floor plan, 2nd floor laundry, and more on an acre. (25009593)



FENTON SCHOOLS \$238,000
Incredible property with wildlife, serenity and plenty of room for a pole barn or a horse! Bring your decorating ideas and create your own little house on the prairie. Located on a paved road! This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home is not a drive-by. (25004011)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$239,900
Spacious both inside and out. +/- 5 acre country setting surrounds this 1-1/2 story home w/ features for your family to enjoy 2,025 sq ft., 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, large kitchen w/ French slider to large deck. One year home warranty. (24156438)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$249,000
Immediate occupancy in this well maintained home in quiet sub. Excellent area. 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths, private bedroom/office area w/ separate entrance. Hardwood flooring, wood ceiling, cedar closet, prepped for central vac. Just under an acre. Home warranty included. (25002454)



SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS \$249,000
Pristine wooded setting, unique over the canal lotage that is very private & expansive. Connects to 4 all sports lanes. Shows like a model home, excellent condition. Updates include: new beautiful kitchen, full wall fireplace, decorative in the best of taste, newer kitchen, & bath. (25000864)



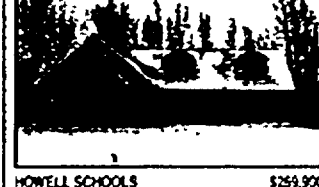
HOWELL SCHOOLS \$254,900
Great curb appeal for this newer built Colonial. Hardwood floors in 2-story foyer w/ elegant spindle staircase to 2nd floor master suite w/ double sinks, stall shower, and soaking tub. Nice yard backs to common walking & biking trails. Access to swimming pool & clubhouse. (25008852)



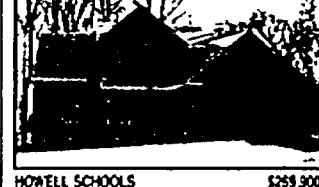
HOWELL SCHOOLS \$264,900
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home close to town and I-96. 10' ceilings in living room, family room has 9' ceilings and fireplace, loads of cabinetry, Jacuzzi tub in master suite, ceramic tile baths, hardwood floors, energy efficient windows, and more. (25001901)



HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$264,900
Wooded, private, 2 acre parcel comes w/ this custom 2-story home. Features 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 20x13 finished bonus room (could be 4th bedroom), 2nd floor laundry, master suite w/ huge walk-in closet. Walkout basement ready to be finished. (25008953)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$269,900
Never lived in builder's model w/ all the upgrades. Open floor plan, large mud/laundry room off 2.5 car garage. Stone fireplace, 1st floor master suite w/ jetted tub, 3 piece rough-in located in brick home basement featuring 2 daylight windows. (25005939)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$269,900
New construction completed. Beautiful wooded lot, 10' ceiling, bay window. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, jetted tub in master suite, gourmet kitchen w/ loads of cabinetry, ceramic tile baths, hardwood floors, energy efficient wood windows. (25001955)



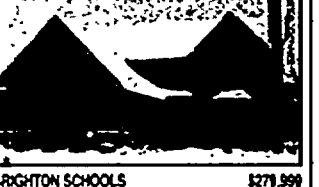
HOWELL SCHOOLS \$269,900
Fantastic new ranch 100% complete! Includes beautiful wooded cul-de-sac location. Dramatic great room w/ fireplace, gourmet kitchen with island & nook together are huge! Huge party covered deck, wood windows, side-walks, park, pond, city water, and sewer. (25001947)



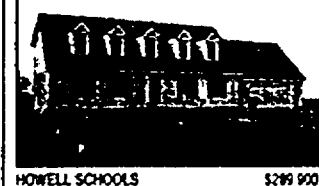
PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$273,000
Wow! Attention to detail, this home is immaculate! Great neighborhood, finished walkout, 3 large bedrooms, laundry can be upstairs or in basement. Beautiful decor, you just have to see the inside of this house! Deck and yard are also beautiful. (25010430)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$279,900
Beautiful private wooded lot. This home offers all custom features, vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, ceramic tile, oak kitchen, skylights, walk-in closet in master bedroom and 2nd bedroom, double closets in 3rd. Fireplace w/ remote, 1st floor laundry, huge finished walkout basement and more. (25004864)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$279,999
Beautiful 4 bedroom Colonial with a large insulated & heated 3 car garage. Lovely oak kitchen, ceramic tile floor in kitchen, nook, foyer, hallways, & baths. Great room w/ gas fireplace, has wood mantle surround, 9' ceilings or entry level, 5 ceiling fans, cable, & phone jacks in all bedrooms. (25003995)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$299,900
10 wide open rolling acres, fenced, small pole barn all ready for your horses. Only 3.5 miles to town & e-ways. Featuring Cape Cod style home w/ master bedroom on main floor, 2.5 baths, appliances negotiable. One year home warranty and more. (25012391)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$299,900
Across the street from all sports Thompson Lake. You talk about a view! Sprawling 2,000 sq ft. ranch w/ lots of decking, beautiful landscaping, circular drive. Huge luxurious appointments, completely upgraded, master bath w/ limestone shower & jetted tub. One year home warranty and much more. (25012438)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$294,900
The breathtaking appeal of a house well done is undeniable! 3 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2,300 sq ft., crown molding, hardwood floors, gourmet kitchen, deluxe master suite w/ double sided fireplace w/ walk-in closet, living room w/ fireplace, soaring ceiling, dining room w/ bay window, and much more. (25006409)



HARTLAND SCHOOLS \$299,495
Classy updated contemporary on 2.75 country acres. Featuring master suite w/ sitting loft area, 2 passenger hot tub, kitchen completely remodeled, family room w/ fireplace walking distance to golf course. 1 year home warranty and much more. (25000763)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$309,900
3 bedroom, 3 bath ranch on over 1 acre terraced and landscaped with 41x24' pole barn w/ double overhead doors on two sides. Fenced backyard backs to pristine wetlands, finished basement w/ family room and full bath. (25014224)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$309,900
New construction in Putnam meadows overlooking Timber Trace Golf Course, 2,023 sq ft. ranch w/ 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3 car garage. Ready to break ground, still time to customize. (25014459)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$349,900
New construction in Putnam Meadows by natural surroundings. 1 acre lot, 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, ranch, 3 car garage, 2,018 sq ft. Casual lifestyle of Putnam Meadows, but close to Ann Arbor, Brighton, and Pinckney. (25014455)



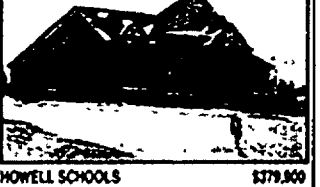
SOUTH LYON SCHOOLS \$349,900
Best buy in town! 2,839 sq ft. former builder's model. Gourmet oak kitchen, a Conair counter built-in entertainment center in great room. Bonus room over 3 car garage is used as family room. 2 walk-in closets, impressive master bath. Wooded backyard view of creek, no houses behind you. (25009352)



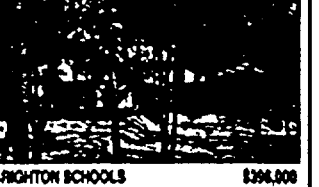
PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$375,000
New construction by Cornerstone Residential Builders in Putnam Meadows on the fairway of Timber Trace Golf Course. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, full basement, 1st floor laundry, 24x32 finished bonus room, \$5,000 bonus to purchaser with accepted offer. (24156021)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$375,000
Incredible views w/ this 2.21 acres, 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, 3,134 sq ft., 2 garages, near state land. Hardwood floors, porches, decks, and more. (250003947)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$379,900
Beautiful 4 bedroom quality new construction! Many features in this 2,800 sq ft., 1-1/2 story beauty. Excellent location tucked away in quiet country sub yet close to easy access. A 3 car attached garage, one acre lot, central air, and a full basement are highlighted. (25010118)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$398,000
Perfect upper and estate in Brighton Township. Excellent proximity to freeways. Walkout lower level leading to extra large yard with pool. All the privacy you could ask for, yet minutes from anything you desire. Meticulously maintained 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath Colonial. (25007004)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$429,000
Grand family home w/ a major renovation in 1996. Features 4 full baths, 3 fireplaces, over 4,000 sq ft. of living space. Warm & inviting interior w/ wide plank floors, slate in kitchen & entry. A large family room w/ cathedral ceilings located on 1.25 acres. (25002454)



HOWELL SCHOOLS \$447,500
Quality style & elegance are the measure for this home. Backs up to a natural pond w/ abundant wildlife yet minutes to downtown Brighton shopping & area freeways. Cathedral ceilings in great room, 1st floor master suite. Wonderful finished lower level walkout and more. (25013443)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$448,000
Lake living and great views! Zephyr Lake Portage. Access to the whole chain of lakes, view the lake from all 3 levels of this home. Upper level is only the master suite and includes a small deck toward the lake. Main floor is kitchen, eating area and 2 bedrooms. Lower level is a large room w/ gas fireplace & laundry room. Home warranty included. (25002558)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$524,735
One of a kind home on scenic lake. Great room features 27' high ceiling plus 8' wide fireplace. Impressive gourmet kitchen w/ imported tile plus marble island. (25012782)



BRIGHTON SCHOOLS \$539,900
Beautiful contemporary on the borders course at Oak Pointe. This 2-story walkout overlooks the 15th green, has a libretto deck, fireplace, and stone patio. Great room w/ vaulted ceiling, kitchen with hardwood floors and tiger eye granite. Bonus room near garage could be used as a bedroom, home theater or 2nd office. (25002813)



PINCKNEY SCHOOLS \$636,000
Astounding 3,680 sq ft., 4 bedroom, 3 bath log home w/ full finished walkout lower level. 30x40' log carriage house w/ 16x10' overhead door on scenic 2.24 acres. (25001805)

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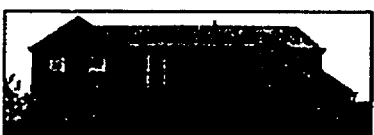
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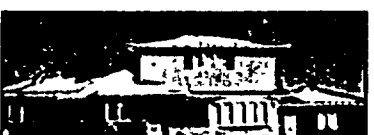
WEST BLOOMFIELD Spacious Brick Ranch
3 BR, 2.5 BA w/wooden floor plan, DR, FR, LR, FFL,
hardwood, 2 car gar & C/A. Partially finished basement,
gas fireplace, recessed lighting. Lg lot, lots of closet space,
side entry gar w/porch. Lg lot. Needs some TLC.
(F55LED) 248-349-5600 \$299,900



GARDEN CITY Mechanics Dream
Wonderful 3 BR ranch w/finished LL w/full bath. Newer
carpet, windows, roof & furnace. 34" Copper plumbing,
updated electrical & glass block windows. Close to
schools. All appliances stay. Steel entry door. A Cute!
(F81FLO) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



CANTON Welcome Home
Absolutely gorgeous colonial in popular Meadow Village
sub. 4 spacious bedrooms, 2.5 baths & gourmet
kitchen. Master suite w/walk-in closet & garden tub.
Brick patio. 2-story entry. Awesome - a must see.
(F37SHO) 248-349-5600 \$299,900



ALLEN PARK An Exceptional Value
This 4 bedroom, 3 bath colonial offers open floor plan,
hardwood floors, ceramic baths, LR w/bay window, gas
fireplace, DR & storage galore. Finished basement, 2
car attached garage, inground pool, updates.
(F10BEV) 734-455-5600 \$274,500



SOUTH LYON Great Family House
Charming 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath b-level w/open floor
plan, updated oak kitchen w/ceramic tile floor. Family
room, walkout basement & 2.5 car garage.
(F54LYO) 734-455-5600 \$179,900



WIXOM Want To Save Money?
Cute & cozy 2 bedroom co-op ranch home. Clean &
move-in ready. Finished basement with workshop &
laundry. Sun porch with patio, open floor plan, walk to
shops. Outhouse & pool. Adult 55+.
(F20HEL) 248-349-5600 \$55,000



NOVI Beautiful Colonial
Northville schools. 1985 built 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath
home w/large DR w/cathedral ceiling & fireplace. First
floor laundry. Formal dining room, custom cabinetry in
kitchen. Master BR w/BA & WC. Two decks & more.
(F00FOR) 248-349-5600 \$339,900



NOVI Spectacular Custom Home
Beautifully detailed - offers 4 spacious bedrooms, 4.5
baths. Master suite features fireplace, 2 WIC & granite
bath. Gourmet kitchen w/Viking stove, Sub Zero frig
walkout LL w/hardwood flrs, sauna & full granite kitchen.
(F55VAS) 248-349-5600 \$999,900



BELLEVILLE All Sport Lake Living
2 bedrooms, 2 full bath home on Belleville Lake offers
garage, updated kitchen & bath, upstairs deck off
master bedroom w/whirlpool tub. Newer vinyl windows.
(F95POT) 734-455-5600 \$247,900



INKSTER Wonderful Find
Brick home in peaceful location, updates include roof,
furnace, HVAC, vinyl windows, C/A, plumbing, driveway
& porch. All updates are energy efficient. Nice fenced
yard w/grass landscaping.
(F83ARL) 734-455-5600 \$99,900



NOVI Desirable End Unit Ranch Condo
Direct access garage w/storage. Open floor plan. All
appliances. Large lot has brick area. Newer garage
door, opener, HVAC, furnace & A/C. Large private patio
w/wood fence. Extra parking to unit. 1 year warranty.
(F99ROC) 248-349-5600 \$135,000



SALEM Beautiful Cape Cod
Convenient country living for the buyer who seeks
peace & quiet yet needs quick drive to Ann Arbor or
metro. Nestled high on a hill with approximately 2.74
acres. 4 BR, 4.5 BA, full w/ cherry cabinets & hardwood floors.
(F26FOX) 248-349-5600 \$659,900



SOUTH LYON Great Home
Clean 2 BR, 1.5 BA ranch on double lot. Third is
included. Two car detached garage, heated porch &
deck overlooking wooded yard. Some updates, newer
carpet & kitchen floor. Appliances stay. Lake a walk.
(F38DON) 248-349-5600 \$179,900



BROWNSTOWN You Can Have It All!
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial in Downshire Sub offers
2.5 car attached garage, professionally finished
basement, large master bedroom w/WIC & bath, 1st
floor laundry, large kitchen leads to large wood deck.
(F01SPR) 734-455-5600 \$192,000



TAYLOR Don't Miss This One!
Newer construction condo opens to a 2 story foyer.
Beautiful gas fireplace, master bedroom w/WIC &
vaulted ceiling. Features C/A, 2 car attached garage and
carpeted basement.
(F78COA) 734-455-5600 \$172,000



NOVI Welcome Home
Spacious open floor plan California style ranch. Great
room with lots of windows. 2 fireplaces & 1st floor
laundry. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, 2.5 car garage
w/workshop, crown moldings & Novi schools.
(F60TEN) 248-349-5600 \$187,900



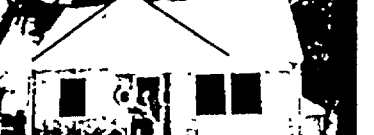
NEW HUDSON Zoned Commercial
What an investment, business opportunity or home.
Much sought after Grand River Avenue in the exploding
new shopping area. Basement, 4 car garage and
approximately 36 acres.
(F55GRA) 248-349-5600 \$199,900



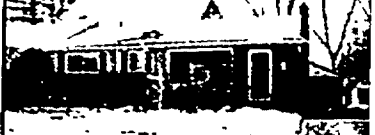
SOUTHFIELD Craftsman Style Cape Cod
Unique & charming 3 BR, 2 BA cape cod on wooded
approximately 1 acre lot. Country living in the city with
easy access to expressways and shopping. Home has
lots of detailed woodwork, natural tile & lin. bsm.
(F61EVE) 248-349-5600 \$224,000



DETROIT A Wonderful Find
3 bedroom brick bungalow w/grass curb appeal, living
room w/hardwood floors, formal DR w/hardwood
floors, master bedroom w/closet, partially finished
basement w/block windows & wet bar + all apps.
(F38PIN) 734-455-5600 \$78,000



PLYMOUTH So Sweet!
Clean & beautifully maintained house w/beautiful yard!
3 bedrooms, finished basement, garage, many updates
& amenities. Bright & cheerful kitchen. Hardwood floors
& all appliances.
(F80SUN) 734-455-5600 \$234,900



LIVONIA Exceptional Ranch
3 BR, 1 & 2.5 BA main floor brick ranch & sleek ranch
Unbelievable dream kitchen w/white cabinets, Corian
counters, ceramic floor, mud-blowing. Finished rec
room w/fireplace, hardwood flrs, deck, 2 car gar, C/A.
(F97AUB) 248-349-5600 \$204,900



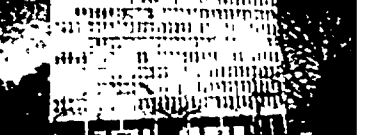
DEARBORN HGTs. Heights Beauty Is Born
Beautiful 2004 built full brick ranch w/3 BR, 2 BA. Open
living floor plan w/great attention to detail. Generous
room sizes and large country kitchen. Central air,
custom front porch.
(F81HAR) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



LIVONIA Great Neighborhood
Spacious 4 bedroom, 2 bath quad with lots of privacy.
Formal dining room, family room w/hardwood floors.
Hardwood under carpet. Rec room in basement & 2 car
attached garage. Great opportunity.
(F12BEL) 248-349-5600 \$227,500



PLYMOUTH Spacious Colonial
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath home w/2 story foyer w/hardwood
floors, high ceilings on main floor, crown molding in
great room & LR, large bath w/garden tub in master
suite, island in kitchen, triple in GR, doorwall to patio.
(F56WEN) 734-455-5600 \$344,900



DEARBORN Facing Beautiful Woods
1 bedroom, 1 bath condo in high rise w/better carpet in
living room and bedroom. Freshly painted throughout.
Lots of storage space.
(F00GAR) 734-455-5600 \$68,000



WEST BLOOMFIELD Meticulously Kept
Spectacular - one of the best "premium lots in Chelsea
Park." Formal living room & dining room, 2 story family
room w/very fireplace. A cooks delight kitchen.
Grand master suite, princess suite & Jack & Jill bath.
(F43CHE) 248-349-5600 \$710,000



NORTHVILLE Discover A Perfect Oasis
Amazing woodland lot w/treet shelters. Newly crafted
home that gracefully blends historic w/modernity in
coothing comfort & style designed for the way you live.
Beautiful stone, wood & granite. In the heart of town.
(F35HIG) 248-349-5600 \$949,900



DETROIT Great Home!
3 bedroom vinyl ranch offering partially finished
basement, 2 car garage, newer furnace, windows,
electric & roof. Above ground pool w/deck. All this at a
great price.
(F91SAL) 734-455-5600 \$84,900



PLYMOUTH Old English Colonial
Character, charm & open floor plan in this 2 bedroom
home located near downtown Plymouth. Hardwood
floors, partially finished basement, garage. Newer
furnace, windows & vinyl exterior.
(F57PAL) 734-455-5600 \$212,000



NOVI Nothing Could Be Finer
Charming 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch overlooking a lake-
like pond offers gas fireplace, C/A, basement, patio,
some appliances, factory hardwood floors.
(F07PON) 734-455-5600 \$218,000



CANTON A True Gem
Picture perfect colonial with all the updates including
roof, windows, kitchen w/granite countertop, extensive
crown moldings. Nestled deep in sub with cul-de-sac
location. Gorgeous fenced yard with deck, garden pond.
(F10CHE) 248-349-5600 \$244,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Opportunity In Old Town
3 bedroom bungalow on a corner lot w/3 BR, 2 BA. Open
living floor plan w/great attention to detail. Generous
room sizes and large country kitchen. Central air,
custom front porch. This home needs TLC and is being sold "as is."
(F04IND) 248-349-5600 \$132,000



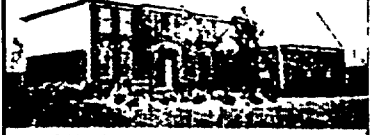
HOWELL Charming Euro-Style Complex
2003, private entrance, detached garage, approximately
1540 sq ft, 2 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, cathedral ceiling,
pool, clubhouse, bike/walking paths. Close to
expressway, shopping & dining.
(F49HAM) 734-455-5600 \$159,900



LIVONIA Won't Last Long
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch w/iron school, finished
basement w/office & wet bar. Newer apps, roof, C/A
windows, updated kitchen & bath. Newer 2 car garage.
Florida room & built-in BBQ in fenced yard.
(F12HAL) 734-455-5600 \$164,900



YPSILANTI Affordable Condo Living
2 bedroom, 1.5 bath end unit ranch close to everything.
Freshly painted, newer flooring in kitchen, all appliances
stay + storage room.
(F42WAM) 734-455-5600 \$88,317



CANTON Wow - What A House
Loaded w/updates 4 BR, 3.2 BA, master suite w/WIC,
jelly bath, sitting room, kitchen w/wall-to-wall
staircase, 2 story foyer, 9 ft ceilings, fireplace in DR.
Professionally landscaped w/brick pavers. Pool.
(F75DEL) 248-349-5600 \$474,900



ORCHARD LAKE Awesome Home On 2 Lakes
Orchard Lake and Upper Strats on over 2 acres. 6
bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 2 fireplaces, huge dining room &
office. Enjoy the decks, gazebo, garden paths & nature.
One of a kind lake property. You have to see
(F47OLD) 248-349-5600 \$1,875,000



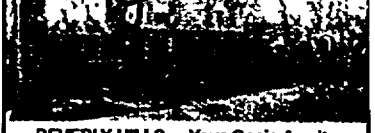
BELLEVILLE Fantastic Buy
Approximately 1864 sq ft, 3 bedrooms, 2 bath ranch on
approximately 1.25 acres built in 1999 offering 2 car
attached garage, fireplace in great room, upgraded
kitchen cabinets, central air drive and kitchen appliances.
(F50WIL) 734-455-5600 \$249,900



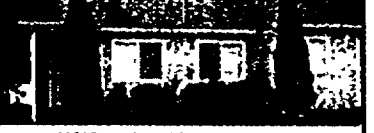
CANTON Near Clean Neutral Condo
Living room has fireplace w/marble surround, finished
basement, skylights in bath & over stairs. Large fenced
patio. All this offered in this 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath
townhouse.
(F71VIN) 734-455-5600 \$142,000



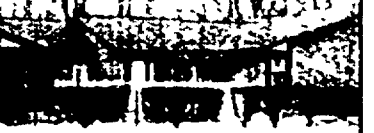
LIVONIA Why Rent When You Can Buy
Charming 2 bedroom townhouse w/party finished
basement, fresh paint in most rooms, all appliances,
refinished hardwood floors in living room, dining room
& bedrooms. Also 1 year home warranty.
(F78MID) 734-455-5600 \$92,900



BEVERLY HILLS Your Oasis Awaits
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/professionally finished
basement, hardwood floors, newer roof, dramatic
kitchen, 2 fireplaces, open floor plan. Setting on
gorgeous approx 1 acre plus lot w/circular driveway.
(F25EMB) 248-349-5600 \$399,900



NOVI Walled Lake Privileges
2 BR ranch remodeled in 2001. 2 full baths, newer vinyl
windows, roof, furnace, hot water heater, carpeting,
steel entry door. Newer white kitchen cabinets.
Appliances stay. Come take a look at the possibilities.
(F59PEN) 248-349-5600 \$189,900



WESTLAND Great Location
Cute 2 bedroom condo with park-like setting. private
patio, newer windows, carpet, finished basement & all
appliances stay. Neutral colors.
(F55BAR) 734-455-5600 \$114,900



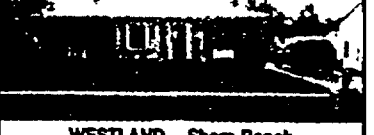
SHELBY TWP. Outstanding Open Floor Plan
Spacious 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial on large
premium partially wooded lot presents 2 car great
room w/fireplace large kitchen w/island, 2 car attached
garage, partially finished basement, doorwall to lg deck.
(F79STR) 734-455-5600 \$299,500



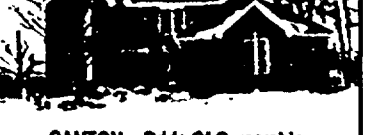
WATERFORD Curb Appeal & Incredible Updates
Lake privileges in this beautiful 3 bedroom ranch home.
Custom entry doors, newer roof, windows, doorwall,
kitchen cabinets and counters w/appliances. Partially
finished basement and more.
(F80MAP) 734-455-5600 \$159,900



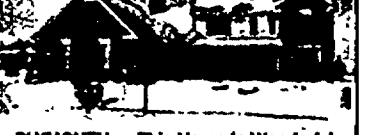
LIVONIA Super Sharp Ranch
Beautifully decorated & immaculately clean home
w/whole fenced-in yard. Home boasts hardwood floors,
cove ceilings, custom window treatments, newer bath,
large updated kitchen, newer windows and roof.
(F91FLO) 248-349-5600 \$139,900



WESTLAND Sharp Ranch
Wonderfully updated & maintained. Newer kitchen,
bath, carpet, windows, C/A & hardwood. Large living
room & kitchen. Finished basement. Large yard & 2-
car garage. Move in & enjoy.
(F56POR) 248-349-5600 \$169,900



CANTON Pride Of Ownership
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/upgrades 1/0 offers GR
w/fireplace, master bedroom w/walk-in closet, master bath
& WIC. 2 doorways to brick paver patio, sprinkler
system & invisible fence. Full basement plumbed for BA.
(F86NOR) 734-455-5600 \$307,500



PLYMOUTH This Home Is Wonderful
Gorgeous 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath w/3 car garage,
basement, family room w/gas fireplace, laundry, cherry
kitchen w/island & granite counters, doorwall to deck,
1st floor laundry & so much more.
(F80WIL) 734-455-5600 \$419,900



PLYMOUTH Beautiful Country Home
5 bedroom, 3 full & 1.5 bath 19th century colonial on
approximately 2.9 acres. Great master bedroom,
hardwood floors, country kitchen & formal dining room.
Large pole barn, pond, deck & gazebo. A must see!
(F66HOM) 734-455-5600 \$519,900



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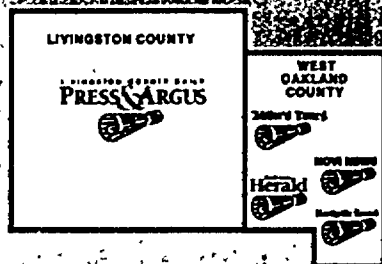
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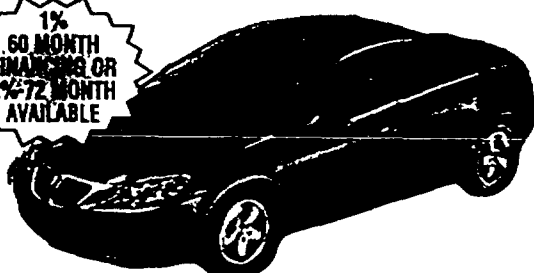
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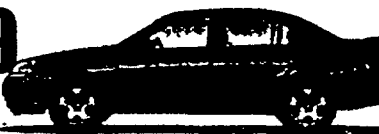
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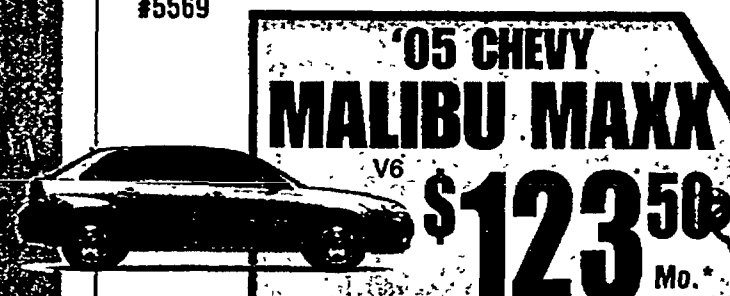
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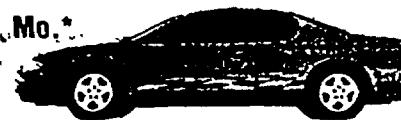
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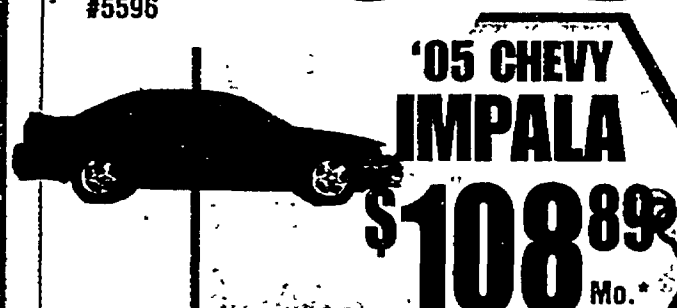
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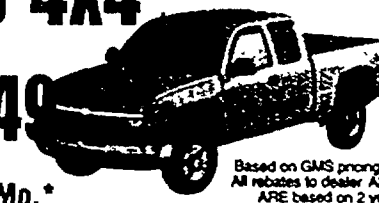


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HomeTown Directories

Attn: Human Resources 7557 W. Michigan Ave. P.O. Box 349

Pigeon, MI 48755

Fax: 989-453-2015

E-mail: hrdept@mt.com

or call 800-831-5027

Some restrictions may apply

SALES HELP

wanted for Archery & Fishing store. Must have extensive knowledge of Bowtech & Hoyt bows as well as fishing products. Weekends a must. (248) 330-8567

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We have openings for Full Time seasonal inspectors in our warehouse in the Wixom area. These positions (15-20) are seasonal and pay \$9/hr. Sorting and inspecting of non-conforming parts are the main responsibilities. Experience in a manufacturing environment and quality control are helpful. Need dependable professional, detail oriented people. Will train. Predominantly 1st shift. No benefits. EOE. Apply in Person @ 30194 Wixom Rd. Wixom, MI 48393

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1-888-999-1288

www.hometownlife.com

Help Wanted General 5000

RELIEF ROUTE DRIVER

CVC, a large vending company in Michigan, has full time openings for Relief Route Drivers working out of our Ypsilanti and Wixom locations.

As a Relief Route Driver, you will be responsible for driving in for other drivers when needed. Position includes, filling & servicing machines, as well as maintaining excellent customer relations. This is an exciting opportunity for a mature, responsible person who likes freedom & autonomy. There is also possibility within these positions to move up to a Route Driver with assigned routes.

To qualify you must have or be willing to obtain a valid chauffeur's license, demonstrate attention to detail and have a good work record.

CVC offers competitive wages and benefits.

You may mail, fax or email your resume to:

Attn: David Werth dwerth@cvc.com

230 Airport Industrial Dr. Building K

Ypsilanti, MI 48198

FAX: (734) 482-0875

EOE

SUPERVISORY POSITION

For Corbett Lawn & Garden. This is a year round position w/benefits. Must be responsible and be able to work without supervision. Lawn & garden exp. helpful. Weekends mandatory. Please send resume or fax 810-632-5840. 850 N. Old US 23, Brighton, MI 48114

TIRE/MAINTENANCE

for Livingston City sand & gravel trucking. Heavy truck tire repair required. Heavy truck maintenance knowledge preferred. Please send resumes to Box 1058, C/O The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus, 323 E. Grand River, Howell, MI 48843

TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING

Professional Drivers are desperately needed. 4 week training. 100% financing available. Proven Placement Record. Call 800-999-8012 or yourfuturestartshere.com

ROUTE DRIVERS

No experience necessary. Apply To: GreenSheet Classifieds, 49932 Wixom Tech Dr., Wixom, MI 48393. Fax: 248-960-1216 or fax to 248-960-1468. EOE M/F/D/V/A

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VICTORY LAKE QUICK OIL

Change has current openings at our South Lyon Center for Technicians and Shop Managers. Applicants should possess: strong customer service skills and the ability to perform routine auto maintenance. We offer a strong compensation package with bonus plans, health insurance, 401(K) plan and opportunities for advancement.

Email your resume to: jayroberts@victorylake.net or complete an application at: Victory Lake Quick Oil Change 703 S. Lafayette

South Lyon, MI 48178

248-486-1630

WANT A FUN JOB this summer???

Join us at Rainbow Recreation of Michigan!!!! We have immediate openings available in our Utica & New Hudson Showrooms for seasonal Sales/Service Representatives. Rainbow Recreation provides safe, high quality wooden play structures to families. We are looking for a team player with an energetic personality. Must be willing to work possible evenings & weekends. Compensation is hourly + commission. All interested parties call 248-486-5300 or e-mail: kladowski@ludgotta.com for consideration or additional information.

WAREHOUSE ATTENDANT

Vendtek wholesale equipment. Call & leave message 248-669-2646 or fax resume to 248-669-0554

WAREHOUSE STOCK PERSON/DRIVER

needed. Must be able to lift 50 to 75 lbs. \$8/hr. to start. Please apply in person. Salem Distributors 8976 W. Seven Mile Rd. Northville

Help Wanted General 5000

Superintendent

Growing Bingham Farms residential builder seeks passionate, energetic, motivated individual. Room for growth. Fax resume: 1-248-593-9821

SUPERSTAR SALES PERSON

Are you outgoing, competitive, able to think on your feet? Does an upbeat work atmosphere and up to \$13 per hr. sound good to you? WEEDMAN North America's largest franchisee has several immediate openings and we want you! We believe in an honest, fair, and professional workplace. Mon-Thurs, 6pm-9pm, and Sat 10am-1pm on Sat. Please call (248) 477-4880

ADMINISTRATIVE ASST.

Financial Services firm has an entry level position. Candidate must possess accurate typing & good organizational skills. Great benefits & advancement opportunity. 248-580-0331

ASSISTANT OFFICE MANAGER

Full-time. Small construction Co., Wixom area. 248-684-2500 or fax 248-684-5331. Maureen or John

BOOKKEEPER/ACCOUNT

Must have exp. in bank rec., A/R & G/L account reconciliation. Candidate should have exp. analytical skills, be detail oriented & able to handle multiple tasks. Send resume w/ salary requirements to: General RV Center, Attn. K. Short, 48500 Twelve Mile Rd., Wixom, MI 48393 or Email: jobs@generally.com

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CALL CENTER REPS 15 people

needed for growing co. in Wixom. Must have 6 mo. call center exp. 248-960-9767

CLERICAL/GENERAL OFFICE

Fast growing Wixom based company seeks part time clerical person. Accounting, computer & general office duties. Fax resume: 248-624-6940

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Part time temporary Computer data entry. Exp. fast, accurate, Mon-Fri, 9-5pm, smoker, High School grad, 3.5 GPA or higher. Sales minded. Located near Apple. We test and run background checks. 248-960-9819 leave message w/ best time to call.

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MICROSOFT SYSTEMS

ADMINISTRATOR National Medical Supply distributor based in Livingston County is seeking an experienced and highly motivated Microsoft Systems Administrator. Ideal candidate will have 5+ years experience administering a variety of Microsoft Systems including Windows 2000/2003 Server, Exchange 2000/2003, SMS, SQL Server, MOM, RIS, etc. Candidate must have 1+ years experience administering and securing a Windows 2003 Domain in a medium size business environment. Current MCSE preferred. Please send resume and salary requirements to: jobs@tsinc.com

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PURCHASING ASST

Wholesale distributor in Oakland County has opportunity for motivated person who possesses both professional and organizational skills. Prefer experience in mass merchandising, wholesale food, drug or hardware. In chain or distribution business. PG and communication skills essential. Competitive salary and benefits package. Send resume in confidence with background & salary requirements to: **Personnel Manager**, P.O. Box 922, West Milford, MI 48395-0922. Fax: 248-374-8885.

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Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks, a senior apartment community, is seeking to fill a Day Time Receptionist position. Applicants must be caring, have the ability to work well with the public and have basic computer skills. EOE. Apply in person at Waltonwood at Twelve Oaks, 27495 Huron Circle, Novi, Michigan (behind 12 Oaks Mall off 12 Mile Rd) or call (248) 735-1030.

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED for busy 24 hr. animal hospital in Brighton. Full/part time available. Excellent benefits. Fax resume: 210-220-7996.

RECEPTIONIST/Assistant for Veterinary Clinic. Some exp. helpful. Please apply in person 47330 Ten Mile Rd., Novi. **Help Wanted-Dental** (5130)

ENGINEERING

Electrical/Electronics Degree Req. AS or BS will be considered. Position involves applications support, testing & field support for sensor, feedback and motion control systems. Travel required. Resumes: Promiss, Inc., P.O. Box 748, Brighton, MI 48116.

CERAMIST

Ramsey Dental Now hiring experienced Ceramist, with at least 5 yrs. experience minimum. Must have ability to build/grind full anterior and posterior bridges. Full time, Excellent benefits. Call Ken at 248-442-4848.

DENTAL ASSISTANT

Part time. Team player needed for family oriented sports practice in West Bloomfield (248) 661-4000

ORTHODONTIC ASSISTANTS

Our progressive orthodontic office is searching for a dynamic individual to join our team. Prior orthodontic background preferred. Full-time with benefits. Salary commensurate with experience. Send your resume with your salary requirements to: Atn: Path at 33627 Seven Mile, Livonia, 48152 or fax to (248) 471-4146

WAXER

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ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Livonia Assisted Living. Experienced, outgoing person w/excellent facilitation. Word, Excel skills. 248-802-8989. lprad@aol.com

ATTENTION:

NHA's Nursing Students Sitter/Companions Watson Health Care Now hiring Full or part-time Livingston County Area (810) 900-1516

BILLER

3 years experience in internal medicine. Team player. Ann Arbor office. Organized, strong work ethic, problem solver. Salary & benefits competitive. Fax resume: 734-973-4810

HOME HEALTH CARE

RN SUPERVISOR & PEDIATRIC RN Interm Health Care In Oakland County Interested in doing home healthcare. Please fax resume to: (248) 553-3377

HOME HEALTH AIDES

HOSPICE Per Diem We have immediate openings for dedicated individuals to provide superior quality care in our patients' homes in the Howell area. We offer competitive pay. We require reliable transportation, a valid MI Driver's License, and previous care experience in home health care preferred. Apply in person or send resume to:

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2810 W. Grand River, Ste. 100, Howell, MI 48843 Phone 517-552-8303 Fax 517-552-9700 www.gls.com EOE

Medical Technicians/Technologist

VPA Laboratory in Farmington Hills, Michigan is currently looking for **MT/MLTs** for expanding state-of-the-art laboratory. Excellent salary, good benefits, great working environment, and the latest technology. Must have good computer skills, strong Hematology/Chemistry background and be ASCP registered or eligible. Full time afternoon shifts available. Fax resume to: 248-324-0790

NEW FULL SERVICE RESTAURANT

located in Hartland opening soon. Looking for: Dishwashers, prep, day & night shifts available. Please fax resume to: 810-632-7958

NEW RESTAURANT

Now accepting applications for: Line cooks, Servers, Bartenders, Dishwashers, Housekeeping. Please apply at: Chemung Hills Golf Club & Banquet Center, 3125 Golf Club Rd., Howell, MI 48843. (517) 546-4230

OTOLITHS - NOW HIRING

SALES & PREP PERSONS NEEDED. EXPERIENCED. Interviewing Mon-Thurs. 2-4. Macaroni Grill, 39300 Seven Mile, Livonia, MI 48152 or call: (734) 462-6676

POST BAR

in Novi looking for exp. servers with open availability. Please come in and apply. Call 248-465-9600

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WAITSTAFF

Nights, full or part time. Gatsby's, 45701 Grand River, Novi, (248) 348-6999

WEEKEND COOK PART-TIME

The Brighton Courtyard is looking for someone who is dependable, has a good work ethic, is professional & wants to have fun. Apply in person. 7799 Conference Center Dr., Brighton.

SALESPERSON EXPERIENCED

For Troy vending company. Must be self-starter and great with customers. 35-40K plus commission & benefits. Please send resumes Observer & Eccentric Newspapers 36251 Schoolcraft Rd Box 1083 Livonia, MI 48150

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST

(Part-time - 20-30 hrs.) Exp. best know medical terminology & coding for family practice in South Lyon. Fax resume to 248-437-2526

JOB COACH/REHAB ASSISTANT

Creative vocational day treatment program for adults with traumatic brain injury. Part-time/Full-time Medical, 401(70), benefits. No weekends or evenings. Need caring and enthusiastic persons. Fax or email work experience to: Cassell & Associates, 248-615-6025. Email: kwalker@casell.net

NURSE - Part Time

Midnight 9:30am-3pm West Highway Haven 3310 W Commerce Rd., Milford

Optical Dispenser/Manager

Full time, exp. immediate opening. Commerce area. 248-360-4300, fax 248-360-4503

PART TIME X-ray technician

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Part time, needed for South Lyon/Brighton Physical Therapy Clinic. Please fax resume to. (248) 488-3318

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DRIVERS WANTED

to deliver food for multiple restaurants to businesses and residential customers. Lunch & Dinner shifts. Must use own vehicle. Call: 248-482-1100 Ext. 1 Betw 9am-11am or after 2pm

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13561 Dunham Road, Highland, Michigan 48333 248/887-9170 Fax: 248/887-9965

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PhD, Gen/Special Ed. Home schoolers 1-1. K-12. Most subjects. Novi 248-380-3817

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Young, loving, financially secure couple promise to cherish your baby. Expenses paid. Julie & Lloyd, 1-800-549-1280

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BEIGE BERBER CARPET

40sq yds. & padding Brand new \$150 (810) 227-2980

Builder's tools & Equipment

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE Everything \$3 negotiable. Must go, relocating! 248-368-5882

CRIB changing tower & 5

drawer dresser, white, exc. cond., storage drawer under crib, great for boys or girls \$450/best offer. Must see (517)545-3749

Carle Cabinets 2 oak curios

Howard Miller collectors 80" x 48" x 20", slide door, exc. cond. \$850 ea./best. (810)231-1556

DINING ROOM SET, solid

cherry, Queen Ann, Harden Mir, mint, Call 248-349-1949

Furniture! Home House

Suit! Gym equip sofas, chests & more! Show EARLY - 8am-2pm SAT. 2/19 801 Oak Cluster Ct. Rolling Oaks Sub

KENMORE electric range, flat

topload, self-cleaning, timer & clock, exc. cond., black & white, \$150. Solid oak dresser, w/mirror, solid oak chest & headboard, \$250/best offer (248) 376-6589

LOVESEATS (2), Neutral,

good cond., \$600/best (810)231-3994

WESTERN & INDIAN, Old

fabrics. Sewing machine, etc. linens & buttons. Patterns & crafts. Thread holder & books (810)229-2673

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Equipment POWER PRO BOWTLEX leg lift, exc. cond. \$500 (517) 548-1174

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GAS FORD TRACTOR Model 2000 approx 50 hp, 3 pt. hitch w/ 6 ft. back blade very nice tractor. Low hours runs great \$3900. Howell (517) 543-4296

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PENNYLYNIA House

Queen Anne style, 2 winged back chairs, various cherry tables, mirror, lamps \$1800. Wicker hutch/rockers w/metal table \$100. Stereo system, brass headboards & misc. items. Exc. cond. 517-540-0071

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MOVING Dinning room suite,

office wall unit w/computer desk, walnut desk, 5 pc bedroom suite, day bed, 5 pc sectional, antique wash stand, pendulum wall clock, stationary bicycle, tables, lamps & mirrors. Bgtn 810-227-6634

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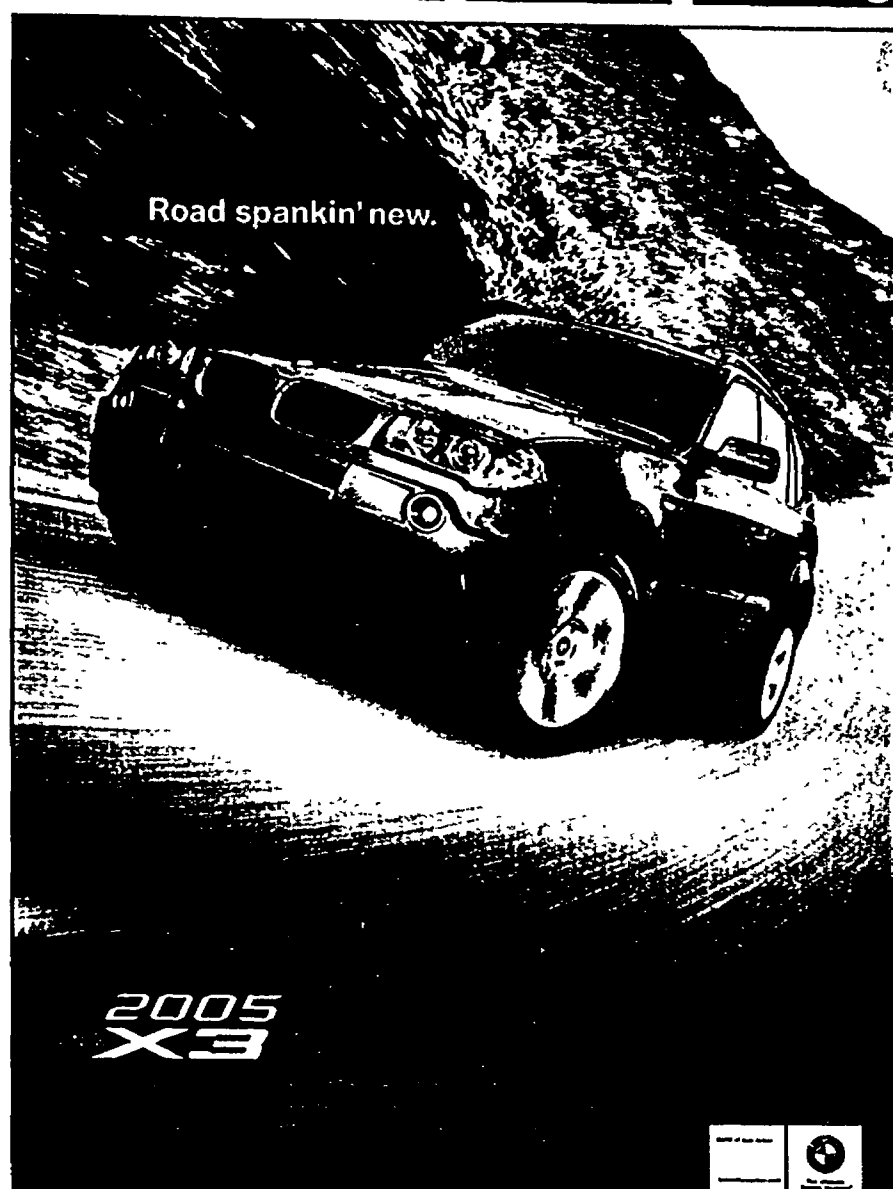
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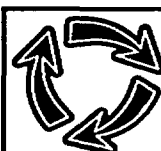


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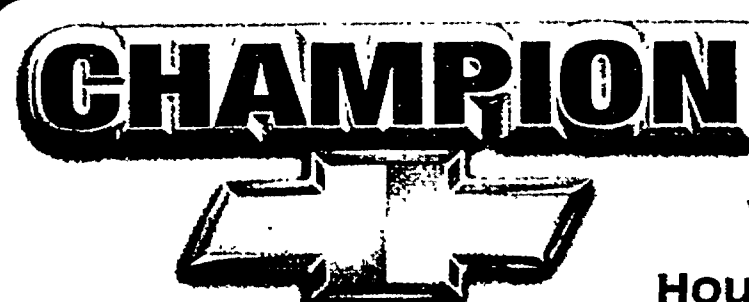
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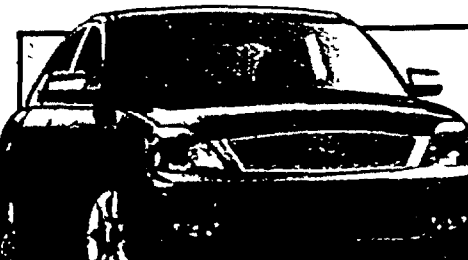
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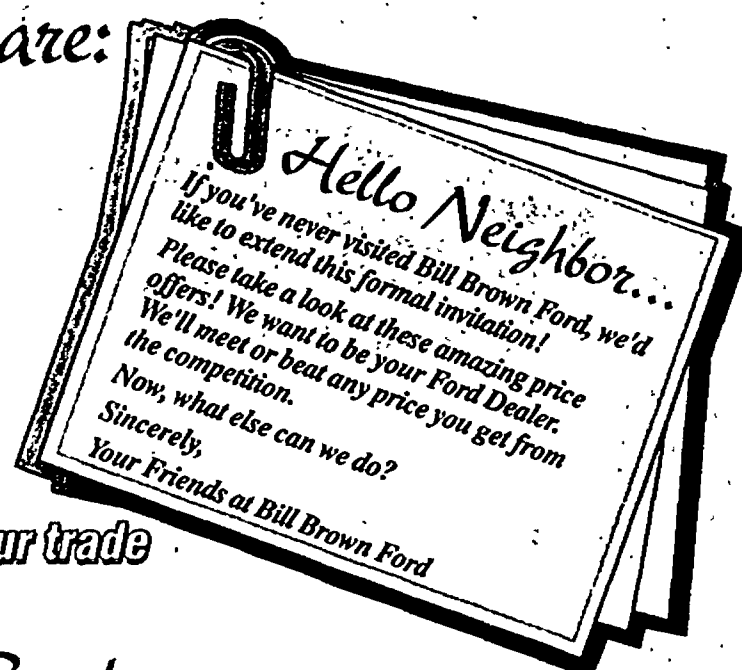
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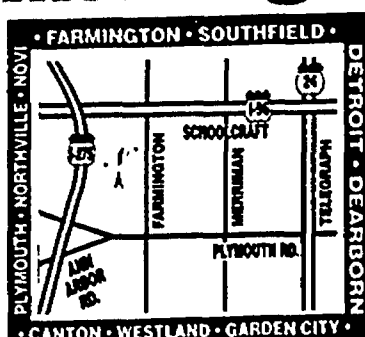
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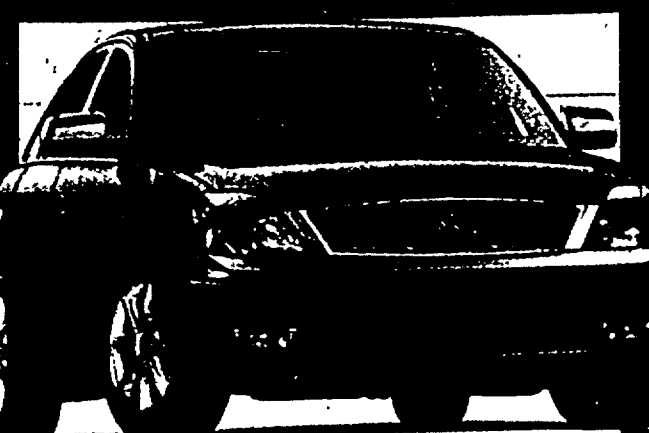
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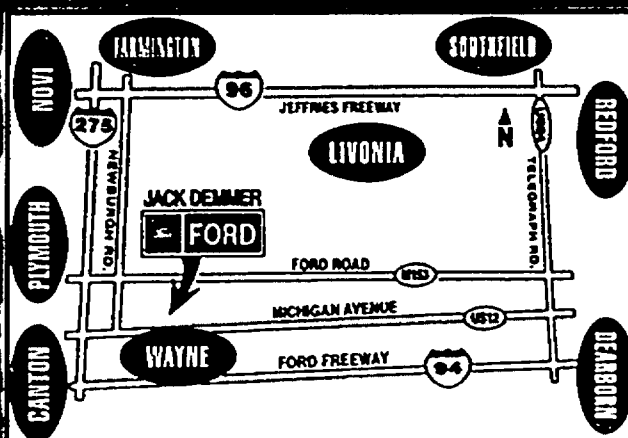
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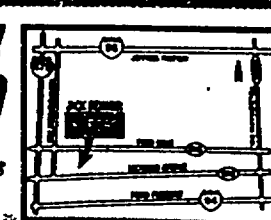
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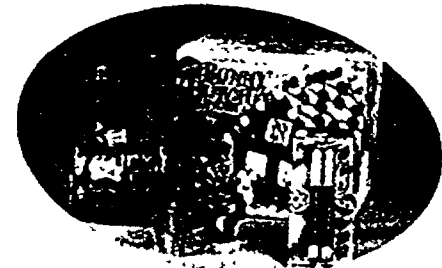
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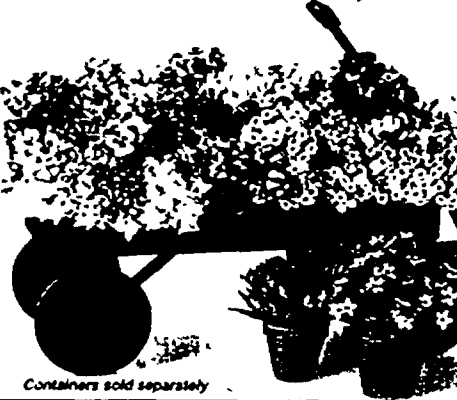
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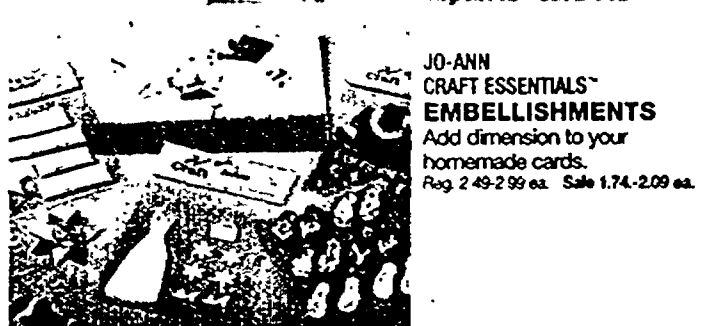
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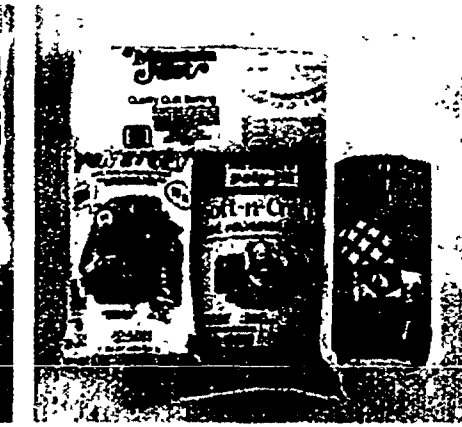
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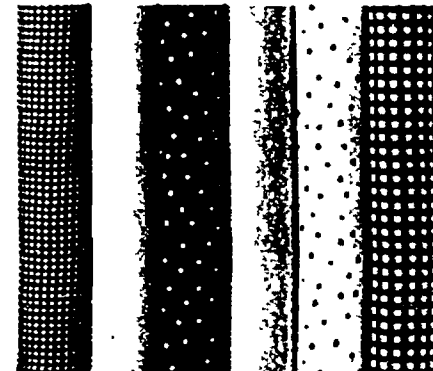
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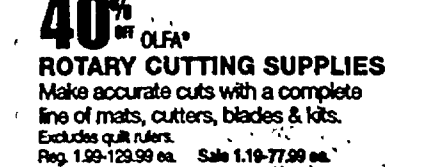
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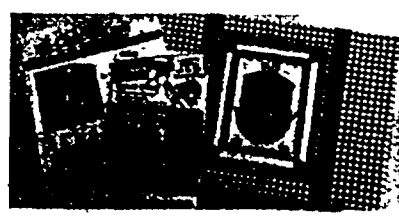
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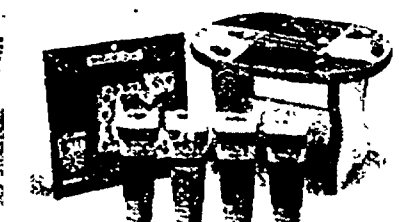
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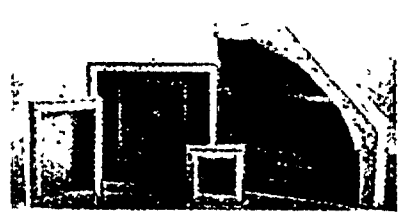
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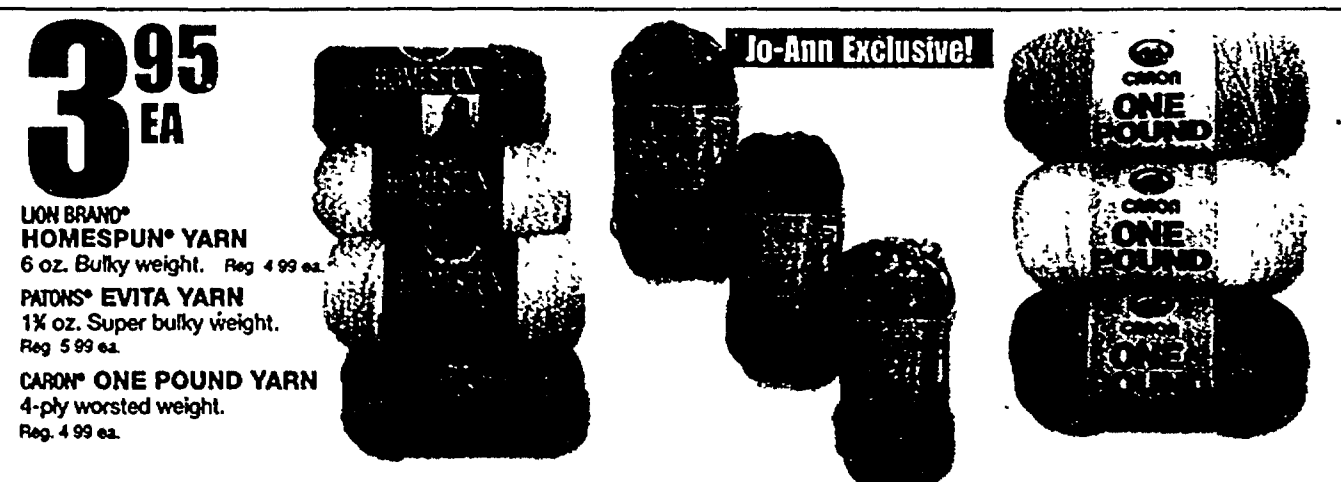
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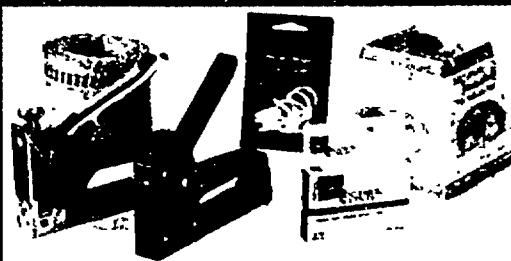
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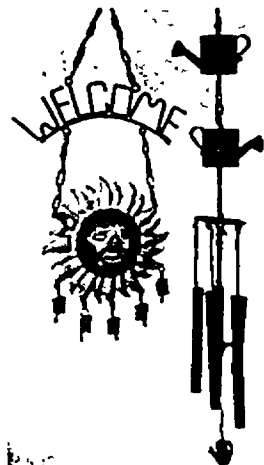
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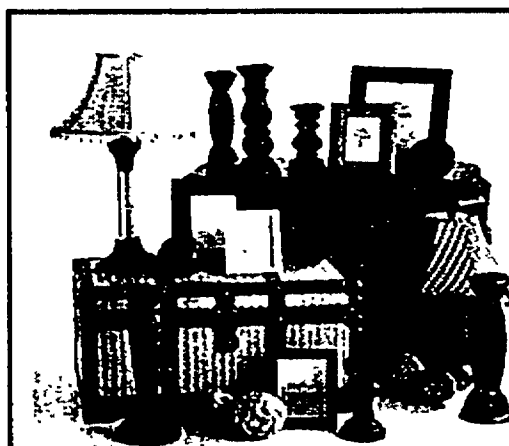


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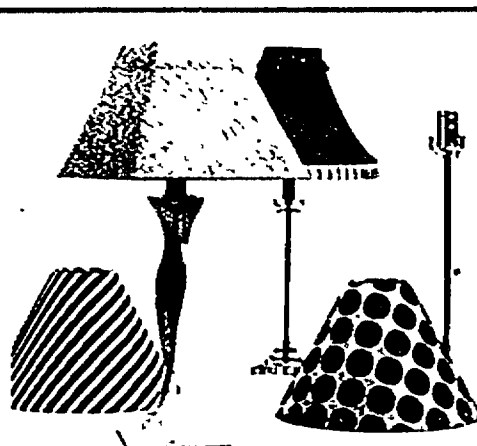
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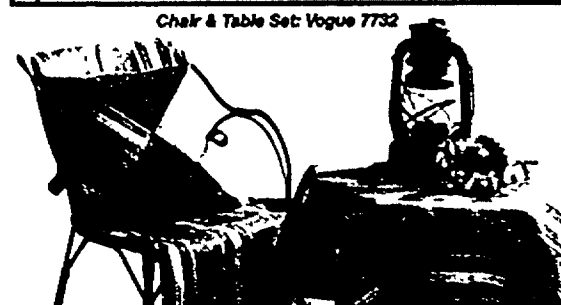


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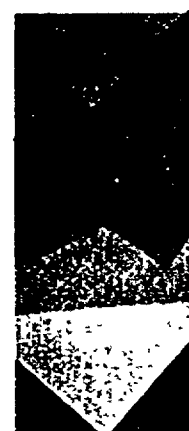


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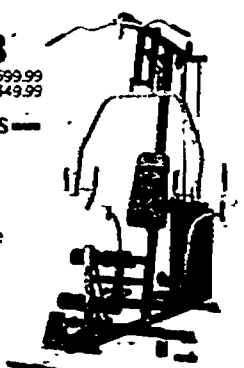


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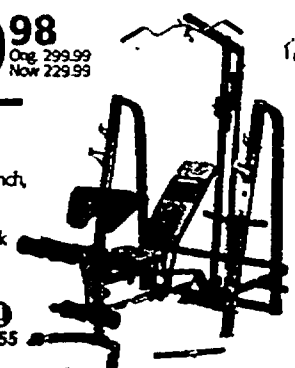


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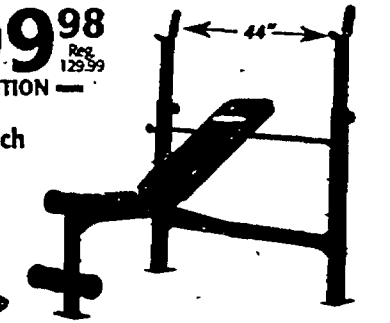


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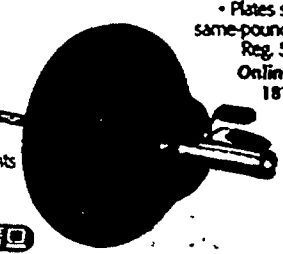


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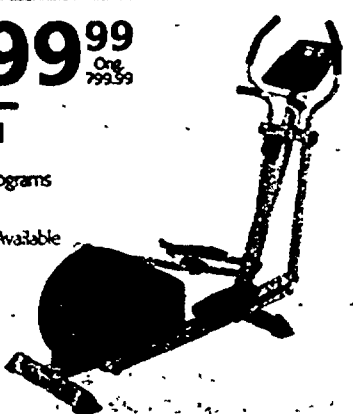
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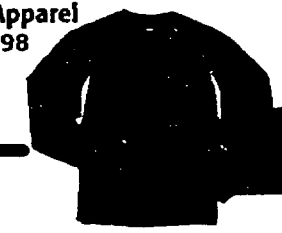
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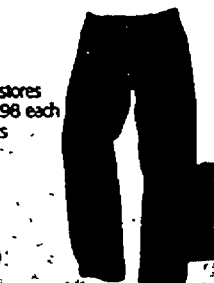
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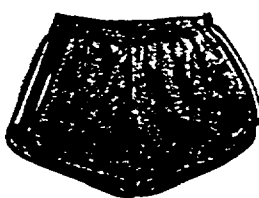
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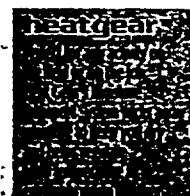
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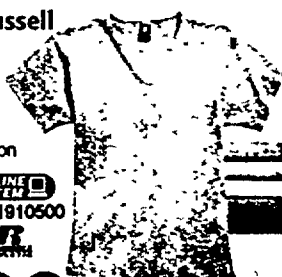
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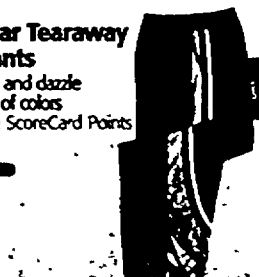
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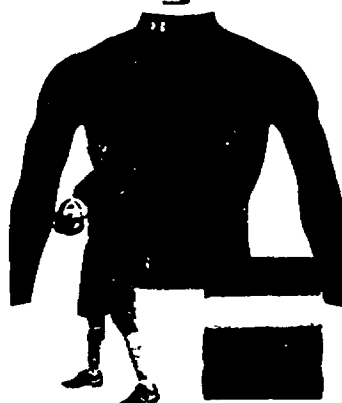
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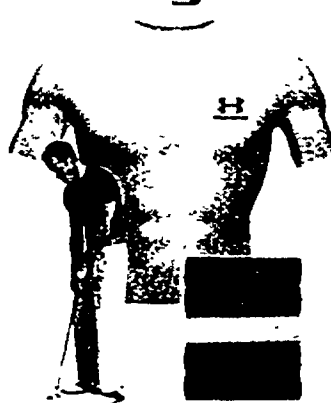
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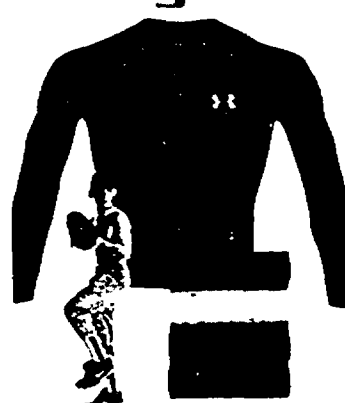
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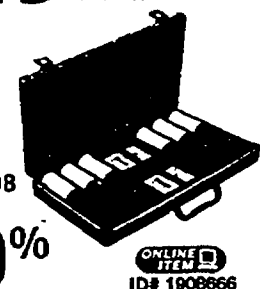
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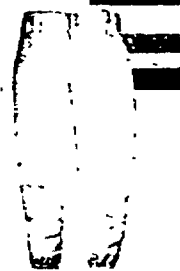
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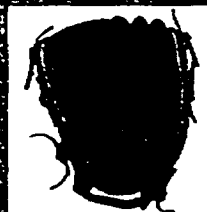


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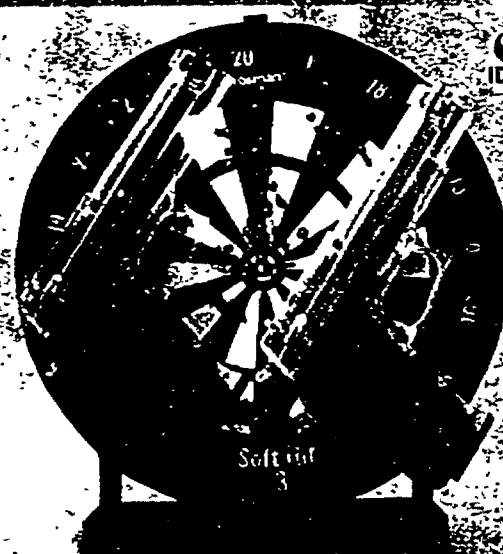
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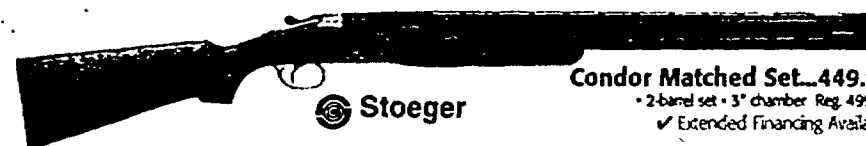
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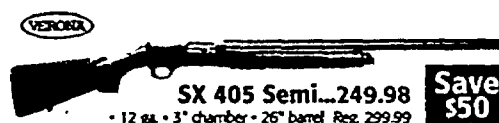


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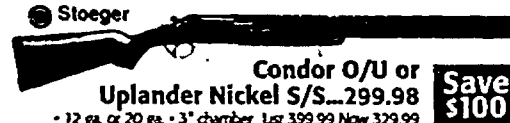
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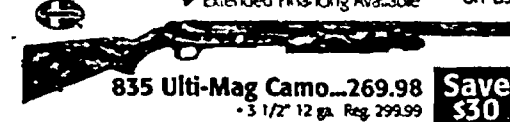
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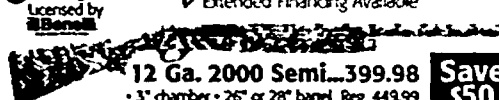
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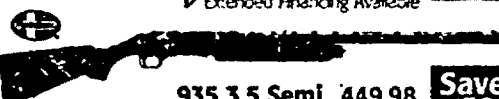
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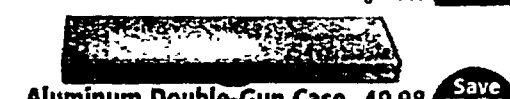
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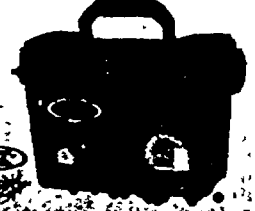
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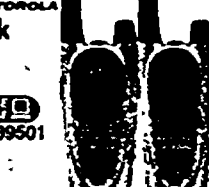
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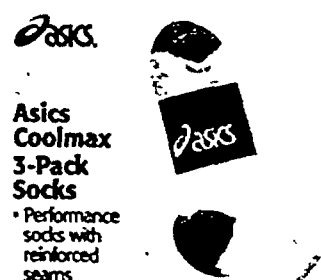


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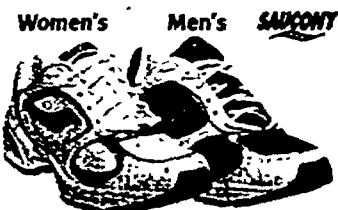
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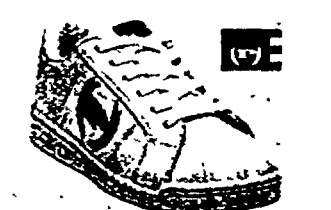
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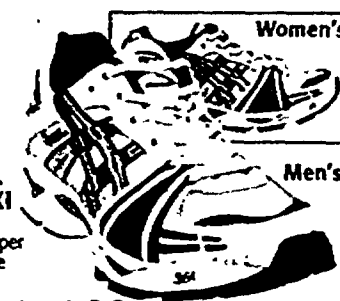


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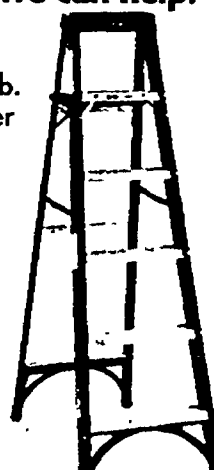
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6' Fiberglass 225 lb. Capacity Stepladder
Just right for painter (includes paint tray), handyman or general light work. Nonconductive fiberglass. Type II duty rating. (124000)

\$39

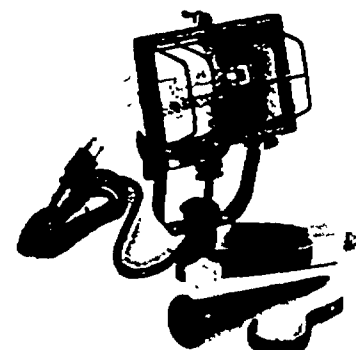


BEHR® Premium Plus® Interior Paint Event Details on page 2

\$5 OFF \$20 OFF

1-gallon cans by mail-in rebate

5-gallon cans by mail-in rebate



250 Watt 3-In-1 Work Light
Clamp, stake or hang (778980)

\$997

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Choose from 40, 60, 75 and 100-watt

(186039)

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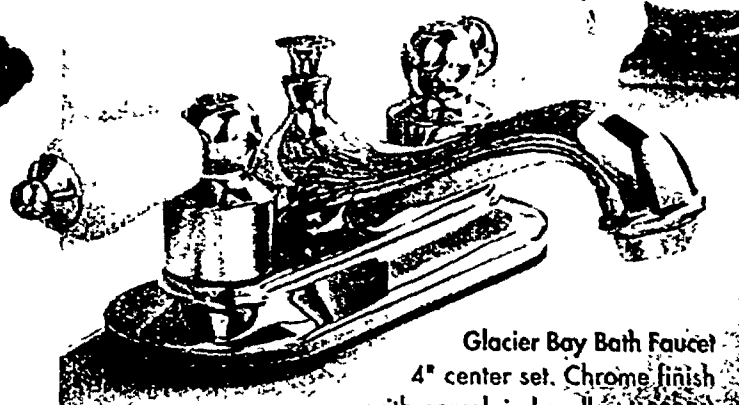
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\$997 ea.

Mahdavi Rugs
2'6" x 1'6" Seagrass Doormats
4 colors. (570873)(570894)(570898)(570864)



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4" center set. Chrome finish
with porcelain handles. (102856)

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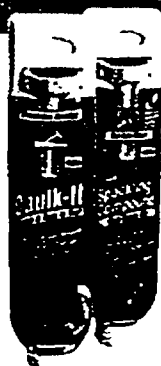


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Compound
NO CAULK GUN
NEEDED!
(493462)(493613)



SPECIAL BUY

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Low Price **\$2.99** ea

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\$17.98

2-gal. (317390)

only **\$8.99**
per gallon when you
buy the 2-gal size



\$20 Value

Linzer® 8-Piece Paint Set
Metal tray, 9" 5-wire frame, (2) 3/8"
covers, 3" trim cover, 3" 4-wire
frame, 2" brush and 9' x 12' plastic
dropcloth.

\$10.97
(530805)

10% More

3M® 2" Long-Mask™ Masking Tape
Premium-grade tape, medium
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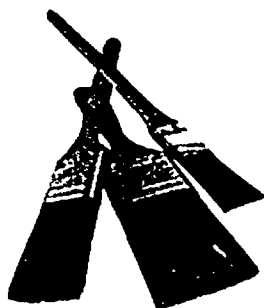
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\$30 Value

Performance Plus®
General Purpose Paint Brushes
1" Trim brush, 1 1/2" and 2" brushes.

\$12.98
(369832)



Manufacturer mail-in rebate valid with the purchase of Kitchen & Bath Caulk-It (493462) or Caulk-It Spackling Compound (493613).
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5 DAYS ONLY!

\$5 OFF
1-gallon cans

by mfr. mail-in rebate

\$20 OFF
5-gallon cans

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BEHR® Premium Plus® Interior Paint

Lifetime
Guarantee



****Declared
the Best,
2 Years
in a Row!**

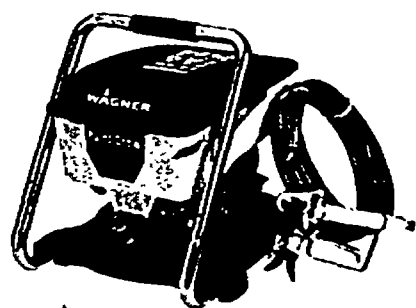
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Paint Crew® 2800 PSI Power Painter
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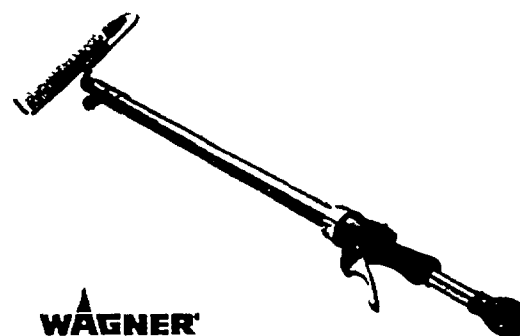
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QuickTouch® Power Roller®
QuickTouch paint flow control. Clean
mode for fast and easy cleanup.

\$69 (508728)



WAGNER
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20-Year Warranty



Glidden Evermore™ Interior Paint
Buy the 5-gallon size and save more.

FINISH	SKU	one gallon	SKU	five gallon	price per gallon†
Flat	(122178)	\$15.98	(122021)	\$75.98	\$15.20
Eggshell	(101137)	\$18.98	(101485)	\$84.98	\$17
Satin	(857599)	\$18.98	(968889)	\$84.98	\$17
Semi-Gloss	(968927)	\$20.98	(969001)	\$89.98	\$18

Goes on Pink,
Dries to Bright White



12-Year Warranty



Glidden America's Finest® Interior Paint
Buy the 5-gallon size and save more.

FINISH	SKU	one gallon	SKU	five gallon	price per gallon†
Flat	(561551)	\$9.97	(291613)	\$43.97	\$8.79
Satin	(562702)	\$11.97	(302445)	\$52.97	\$10.59
Semi-Gloss	(563213)	\$13.97	(303890)	\$61.97	\$12.39

†price per gallon when you buy the 5-gallon size



EZ Track®
Ceiling Paint
Never miss a spot
again!

\$16.98
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At application

30 minutes later

Ultimate Painting Ladder



Extension



Offset Step



Double-Sided

Innovative Four-In-One
design makes this the
only ladder you'll need.



Scaffold (with optional plank)

Gorilla® 13' Aluminum Multi-Position Ladder
This ladder does it all: Use as a double-sided
stepladder or 13' extension. Offset feature is
perfect for stairs and uneven footing. Also
create a scaffold by adding a plank. (135730)

**GORILLA
LADDERS**

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21' Gorilla® Multi-Position Ladder
(670750) **\$198**

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You can have
fun with colors
and faux paint

Free Sink Base

Up to a \$350 Value or
Free Glazing Upgrade†

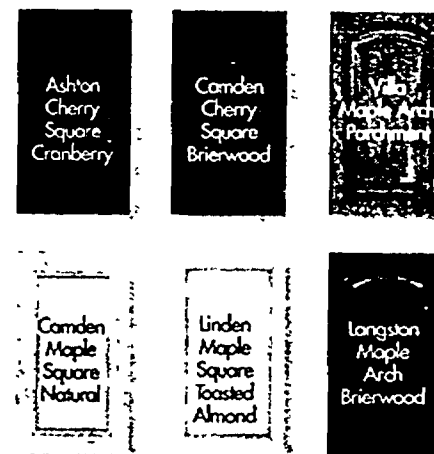
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Special Order Cabinets

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3/02/05. Purchase 9 or more
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from the following manufactur-
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base or free glazing upgrade.
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the Super Sink Base by
Premier). The value of the sink
base varies based on manufac-
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selected. Glazing not available
on some door styles and finish-
es. No credit applied if offer is
refused. Offer available at U.S.
and Puerto Rico Home Depot®
stores and EXPO® Design
Centers. Offer only valid on
KraftMaid cabinets at EXPO®
Design Centers. Offer only
valid on KraftMaid and
American Woodmark cabinets
in Puerto Rico. Ask on
Associate for details.



Thomasville
CABINETS

**Based on our 10' x 10' sample kitchen. See store for details. Countertops, fixtures, appliances and
installation sold separately. Prices may vary by door styles, wood species and finish



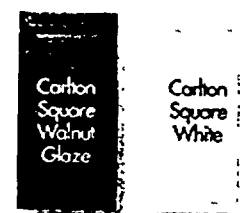
Cottage Cherry Square Light

Thomasville Cabinetry® offers versatility
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Carlton Maple Square with Fawn Glaze

Thoughtful detailing pulls this look
together, from the hand-rubbed fawn
glaze on square raised panel doors
to the stately dentil crown moulding.
The Waterford glass mullion doors
and wall china display cabinet lend
perfect form and function to this
kitchen.

Starting at **\$2693****
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Expert Installation



Kitchen Cabinets Installed for You

And now take advantage
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Kitchen Design
and Planning
1-2-3

(232411)
\$1497

**In-Stock Mill's Pride,
Only at The Home Depot**
Update now with Fairfield
Maple...Attractive, Affordable
and Available Today

Shaker-inspired simplicity is
beautifully captured in this door
style. The recessed panels lend a
contemporary look to traditional
styling that complements this rich,
natural maple finish.



FREE Sink Base by Manufacturer's Mail-In Rebate^{††}

Value of Sink Base Depends on Door Style
Selected With Purchase of 10 or More Mill's
Pride Ready-To-Assemble Cabinets

^{††}Must purchase at least 10 Mill's Pride Flat
Packed and Ready-To-Assemble Cabinets
including 1 sink base (sink base equals base
and accompanying doors) and receive value
of sink base by manufacturer's mail-in rebate.
Offer excludes SB60CC, SB60BO, accessories
and pre-assembled cabinets. Cabinets and
sink base must be purchased and paid in full
between 02/01/05 through 04/30/05.
Completed rebate form and appropriate doc-
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by 05/31/05. Offer available at U.S. and
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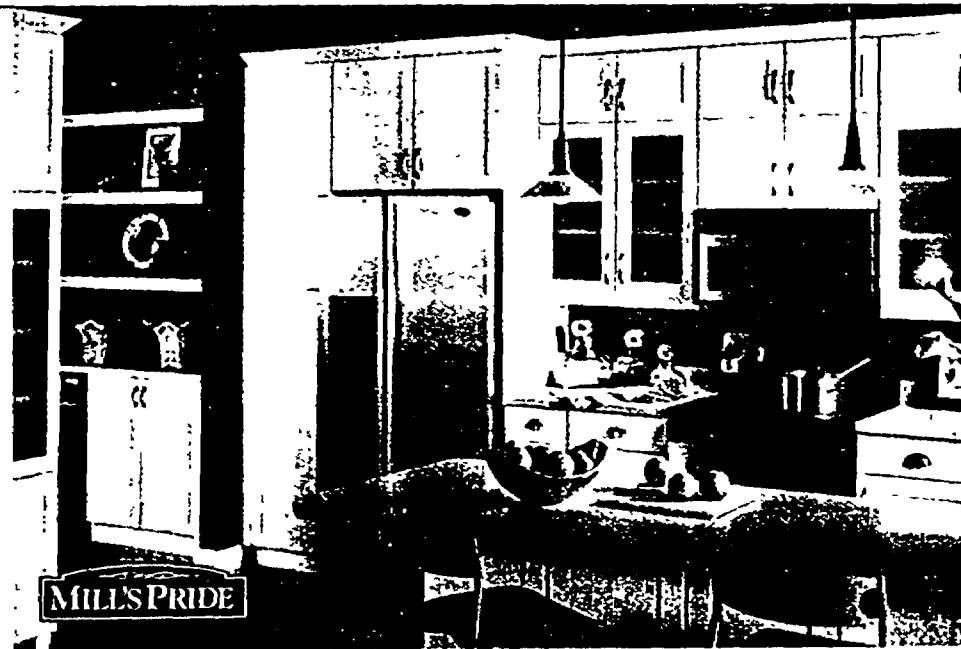
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The Shaker style of the
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showcase your decorative
cookware.

- Durable thermofoil finish
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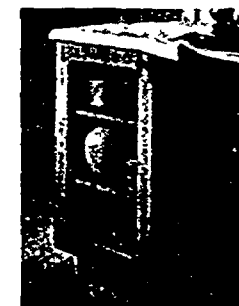
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This china hutch is easy
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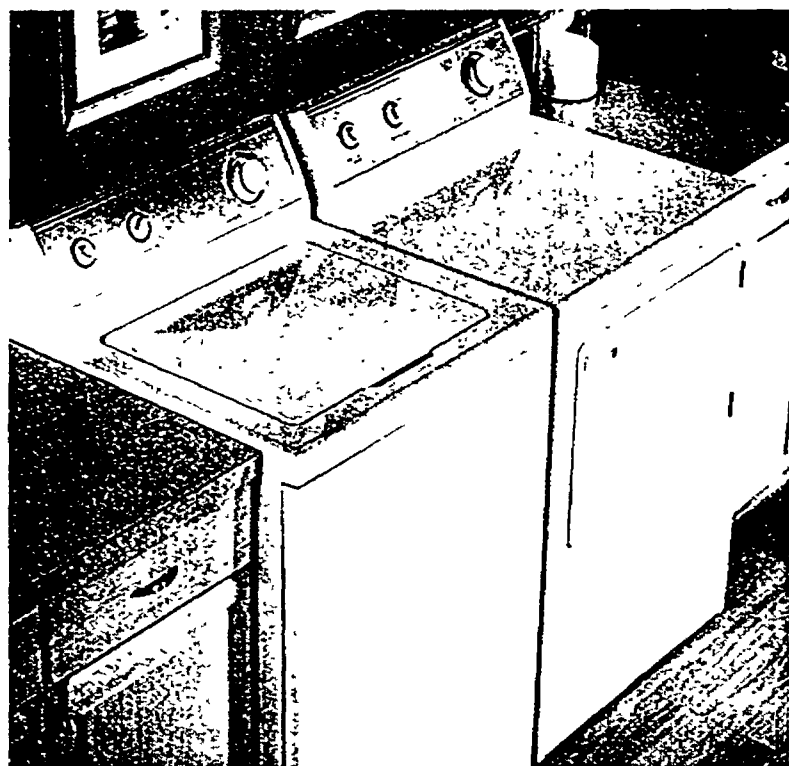
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Mill's Pride cabinets are
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3.3 cu. ft. super capacity washer.
3 water temperature combinations.
Six-point suspension system.
AAV7000AWW (583967, Depot Direct 573207)

\$319

Only \$13 per month.*

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7.1 cu. ft. capacity. Automatic dryness control. 3 temperature settings. Dryer rack.
ADE7000AYW (584035, Depot Direct 573210)

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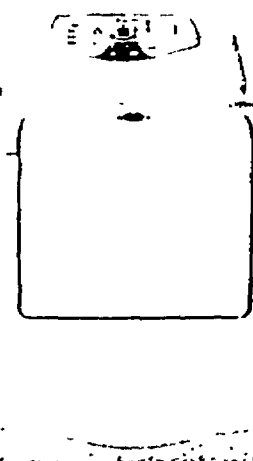


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Cleans larger loads than traditional top-load washers.
FAV6800AWW

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Oversize capacity plus. GentleBreeze drying system.
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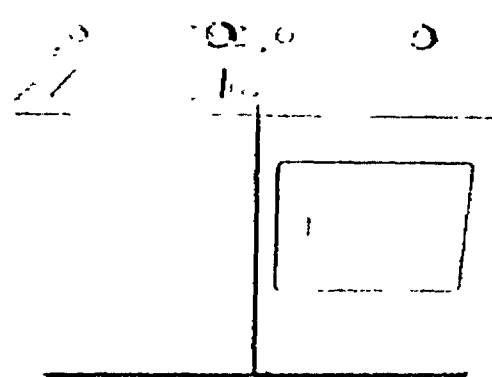
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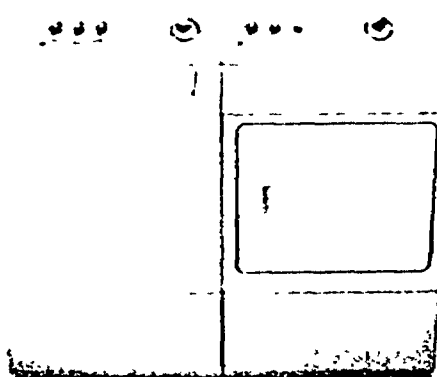
(155570, Depot Direct 326177)

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5.8 Cu. Ft. Super
Capacity Dryer^{††}
Auto dry with
two heat selections.

(575292, Depot Direct 561986)

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Maytag Legacy
Super Capacity
Top-Loading Washer
Commercial quality. 11 cycles. Extra rinse option.

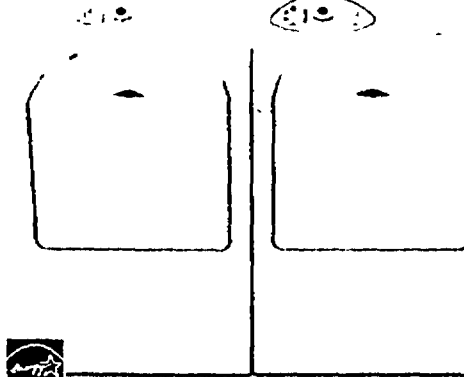
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Maytag Super
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GentleBreeze™ drying system. 12 drying cycles.

SDE305DAYW (421103, Depot Direct 546038)

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Maytag Neptune®
Front-Loading Washer
No agitator so your clothes look newer longer.

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(Depot Direct 185546)

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Maytag Neptune®
Dryer^{††}
Easy-to-use touchpad controls.

MDE5500AYW
(Depot Direct 204396)

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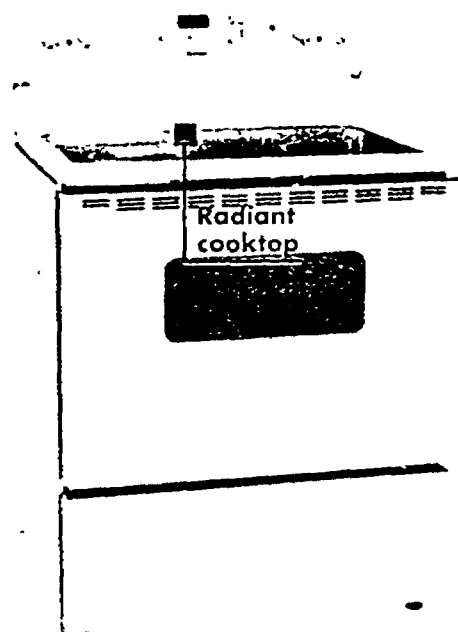


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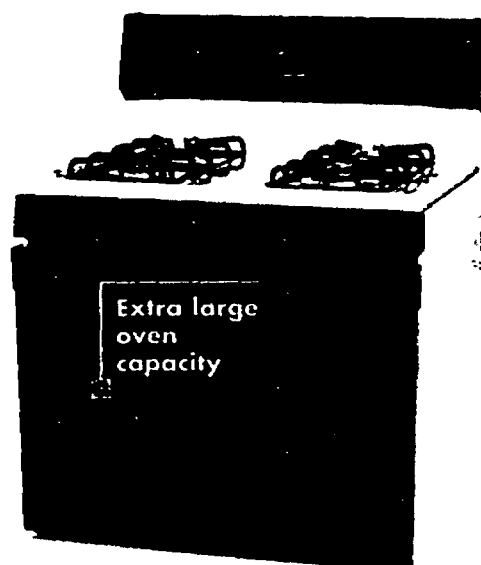
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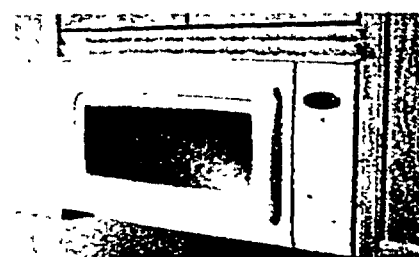


Your Choice
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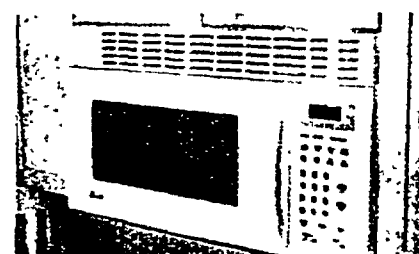
Hotpoint 30" Self-Cleaning Electric Range
Super-large oven capacity. Monochromatic styling.
RB787WHWW
(440055, Depot Direct 343825)



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Maytag 2.0 Cu. Ft. 1,150 watts Over-the-Range Microwave†
Available in white, black or bisque.
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Depot Direct 574987)
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Magic Chef 1.5 Cu. Ft. 1,000 watts Over-the-Range Microwave†
Available in white, black or bisque.
MC0153UW/B/Q
(430618, 436240, 444282)
\$149

Free Delivery:

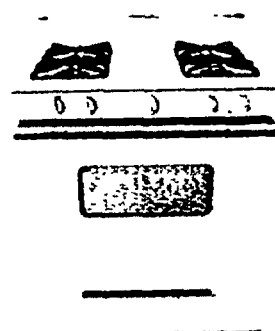
Including haul away by mail-in rebate on appliance purchases of \$299 or more.

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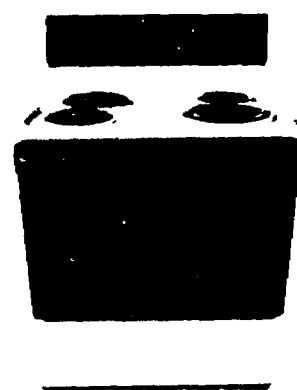
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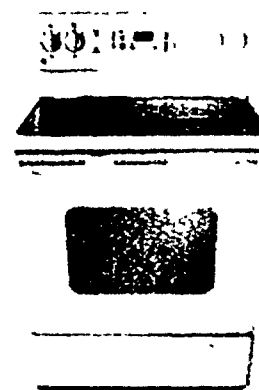
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\$279 Only \$13 per month.*



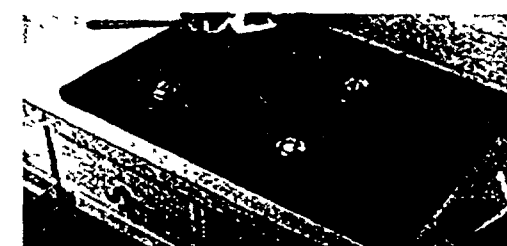
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Super-large oven capacity. Coil heating elements. Electronic oven controls.
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LEC1330AAW (576841, 576836) **\$159**



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Only at The Home Depot
Maytag 15.2 Cu. Ft.
Upright Freezer
Adjustable temperature
control. 3 cabinet
shelves and 4 fixed
door shelves.
MQU1554AEW (453946,
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\$349

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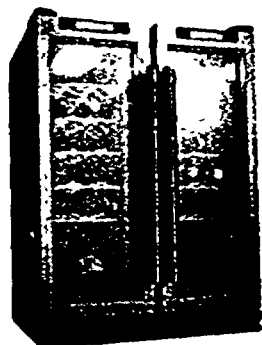
Only at The Home Depot
Maytag 15.2 Cu. Ft.
Upright Freezer
Adjustable temperature
control. 3 cabinet shelves.
Door lock with key.
MQU1554AEW
(453946, Depot Direct 453642)

\$349

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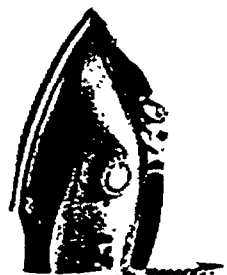


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Wine Cellar with Dual
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Built-in or free standing.
Store both red and
white wines at the
perfect temperature.
HDC36SS (365959)

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Largest usable capacity* to handle extra-
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Available in white and black.

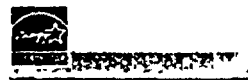
DWD1500AWW/B (548035, 546676, Depot Direct
355247, 548060)

\$299

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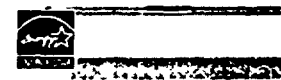


*As measured by usable rack volume,
based on standard-size dishwashers.



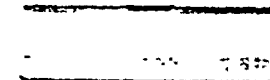
Only at The Home Depot
Maytag Jetclean® II Dishwasher†
Tall tub. Available in white or black.
MD8H940AWW/B
(581750, 581739, Depot Direct 581717,
581701)

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Hotpoint Built-In Dishwasher
Available in white, black, or bisque.
HDA3400GWW/B8/CC
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446097, 172774, 172888)

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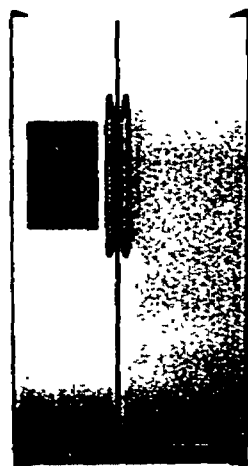
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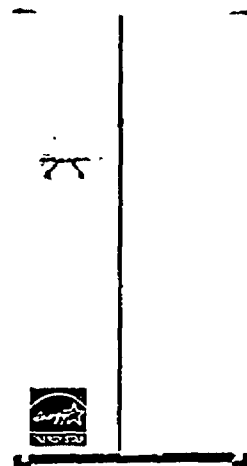
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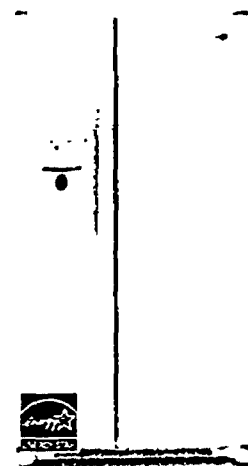
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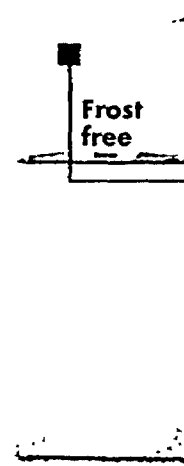
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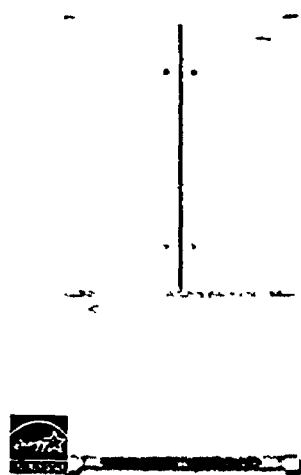
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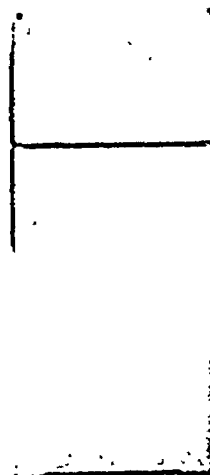
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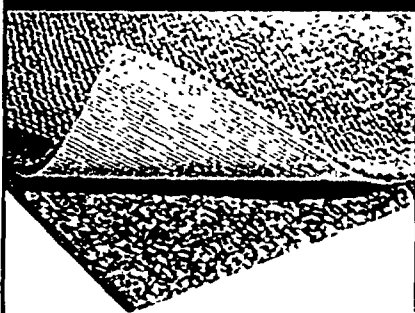
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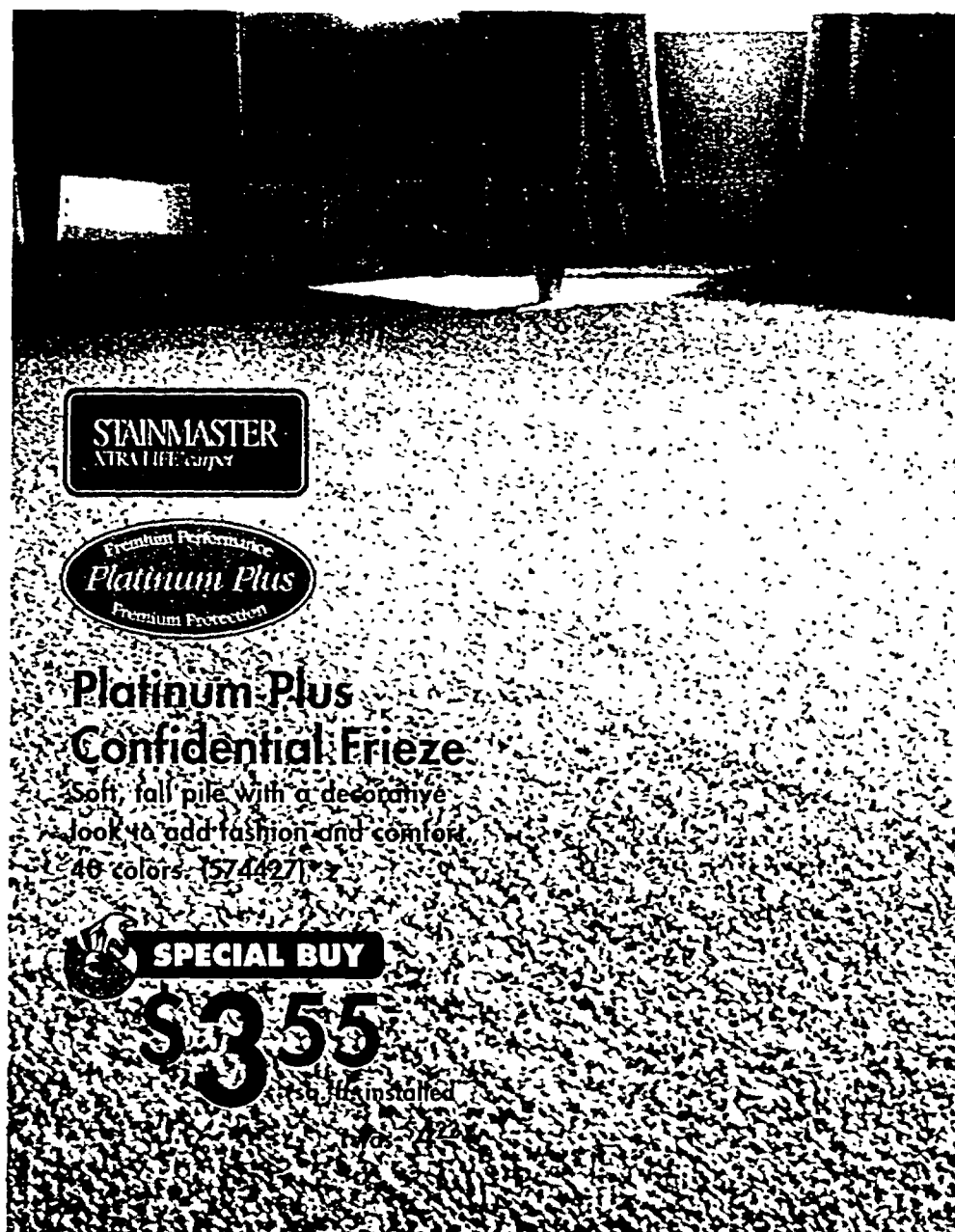
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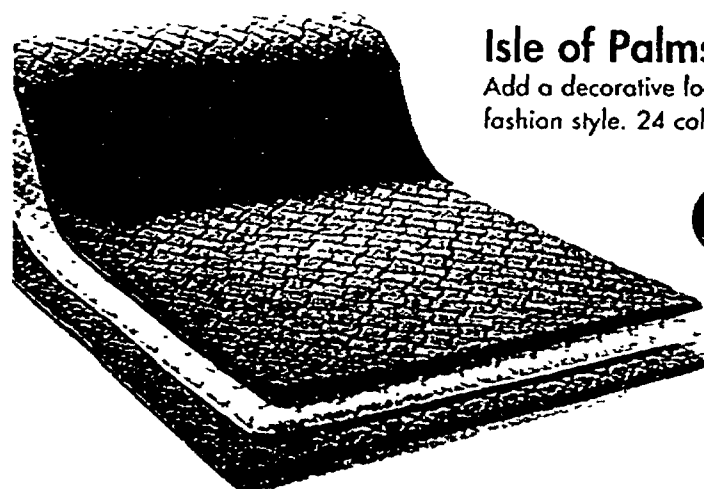
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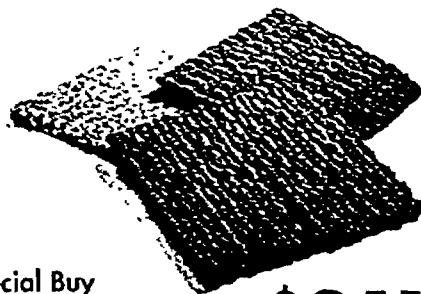
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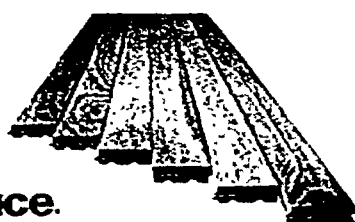
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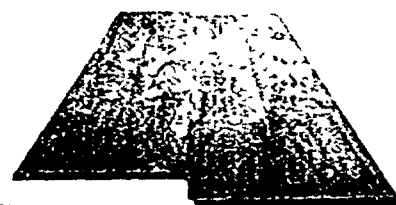
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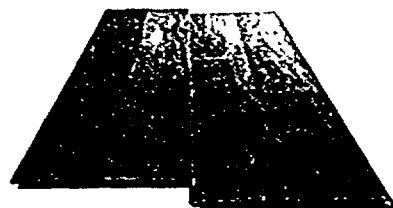
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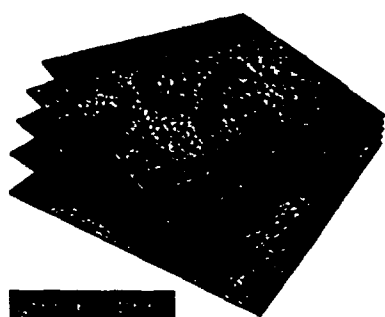
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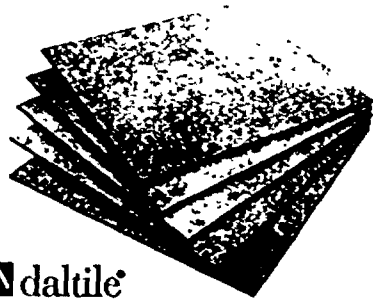
\$1.97
sq. ft.



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**12"x12"
Antica Spagna**
Ceramic tile. Rustic,
natural slate look. Semi-matte
glaze for superior durability and
easy maintenance. Case
covers 15 sq. ft. (456159) (456167)

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sq. ft.



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**12"x12" Travessa
Gold Porcelain**
Porcelain tile. Light
colored tiles can make a room feel
larger. Great for kitchens, bathrooms
and entryways. Case covers 11 sq. ft.
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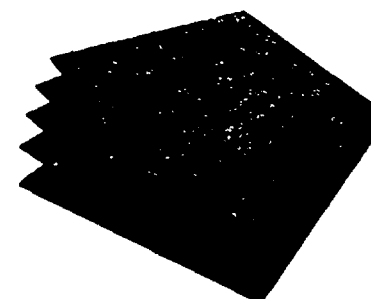
\$1.89
sq. ft.



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12"x12" Explorer Gemini
Ceramic tile. Classic looks
with contemporary
style. Case covers
15 sq. ft. (817838) (817839)

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sq. ft.



12"x12" Carolina Clay
Ceramic tile. Rustic,
natural look. A stylish addition to
any room in your home. Case
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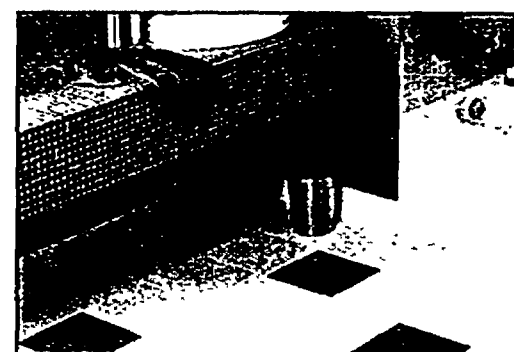
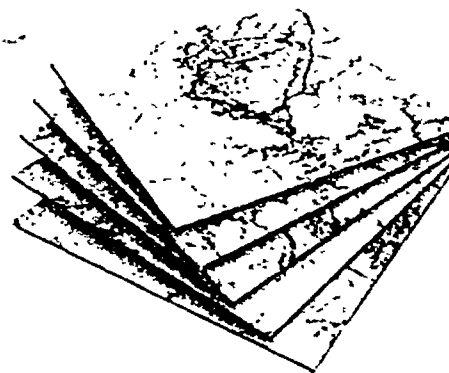


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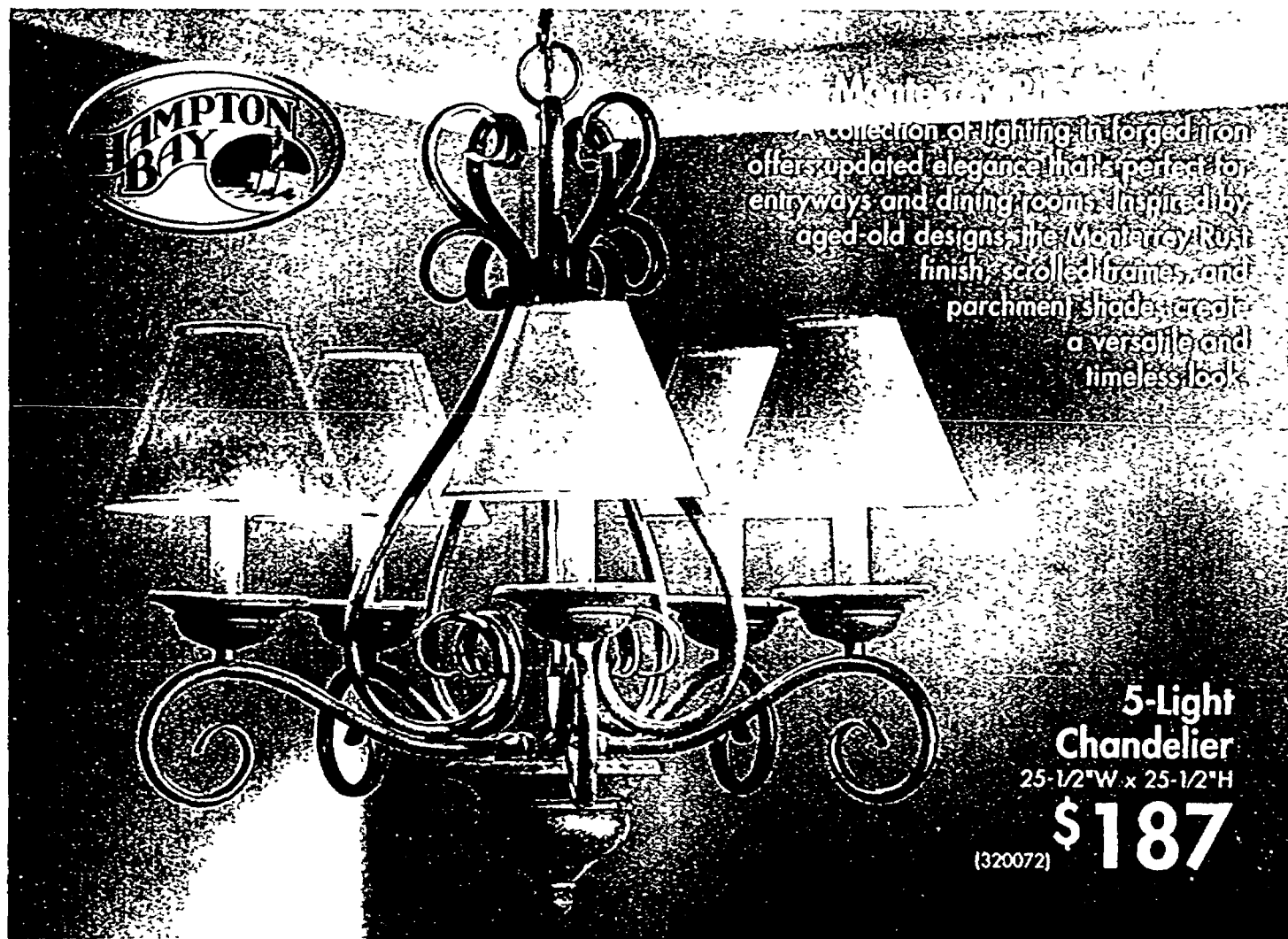
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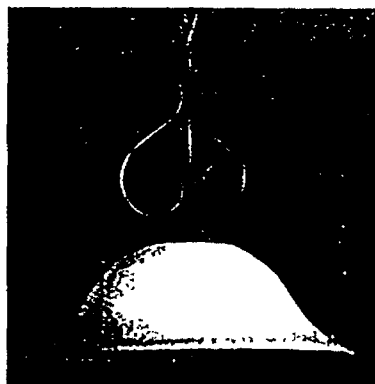
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Chandelier
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(320072)

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finish, scrolled frames, and
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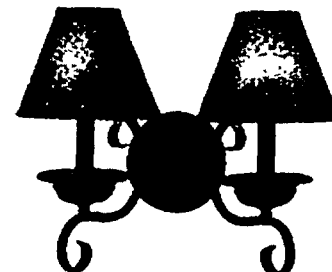


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(320067) **\$29⁸⁰**

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(469790)
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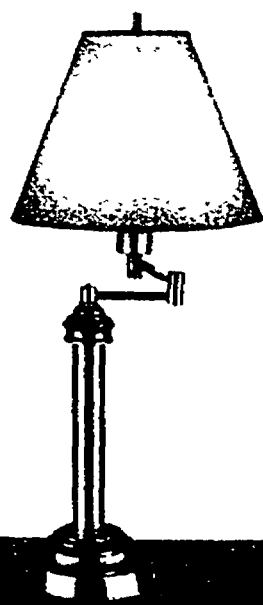
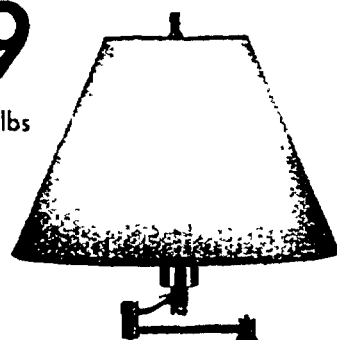
14"W x 56-1/2"H

Table Lamp Features:

12"W x 26-1/2"H (596903)

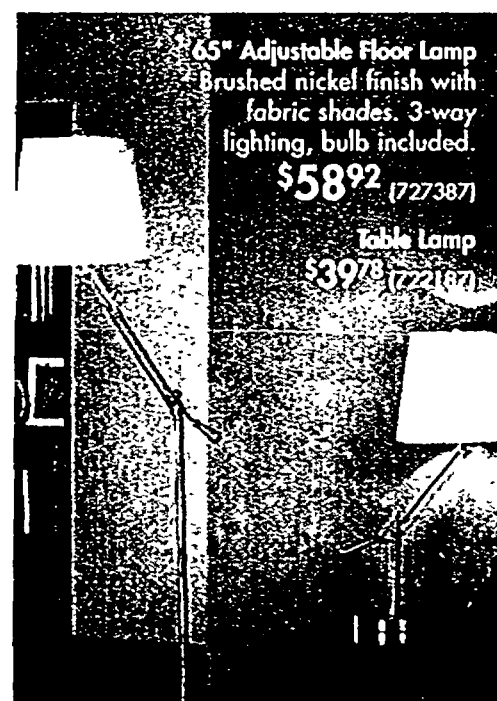
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Includes Bulbs



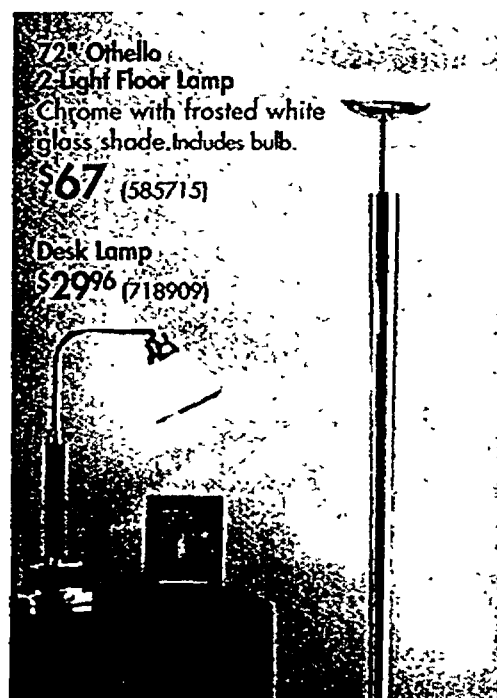
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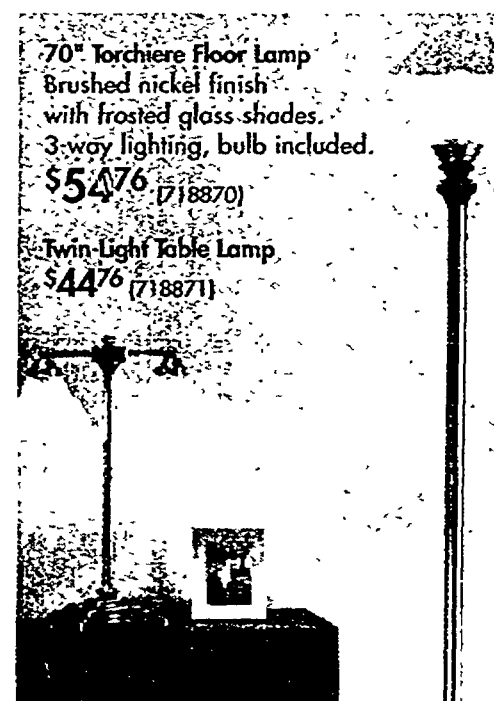
65" Adjustable Floor Lamp
Brushed nickel finish with fabric shades. 3-way lighting, bulb included.
\$58⁹² (727387)

Table Lamp
\$39⁷⁸ (722187)



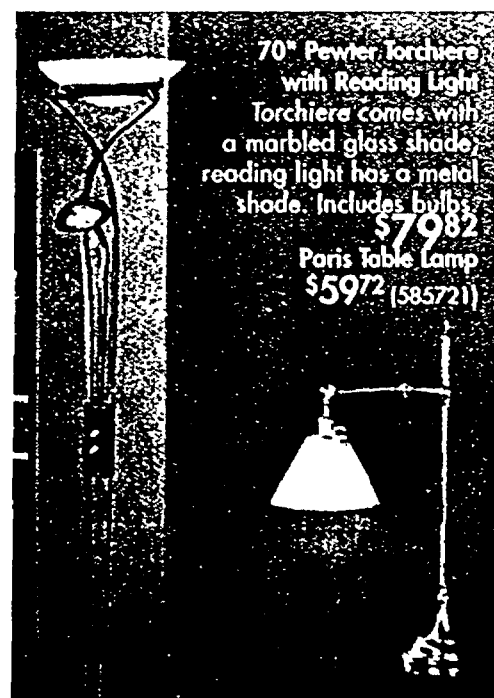
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Chrome with frosted white glass shade. Includes bulb.
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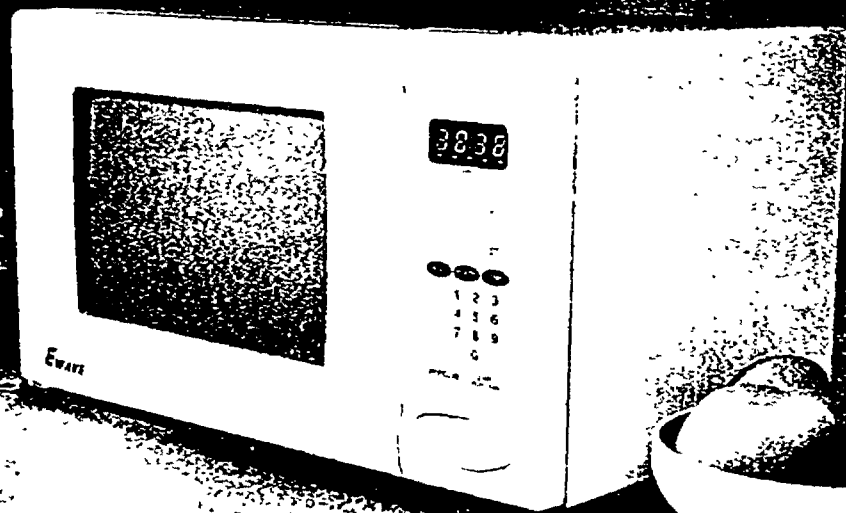
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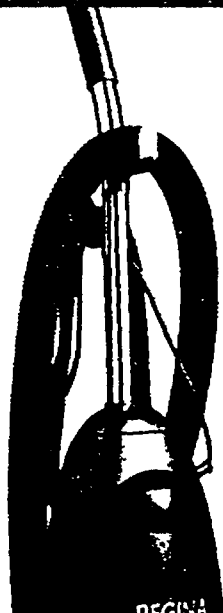


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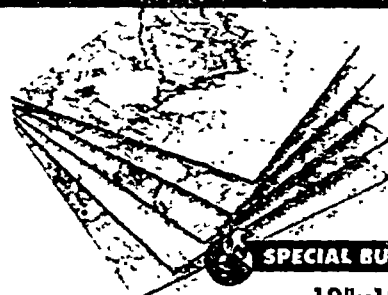
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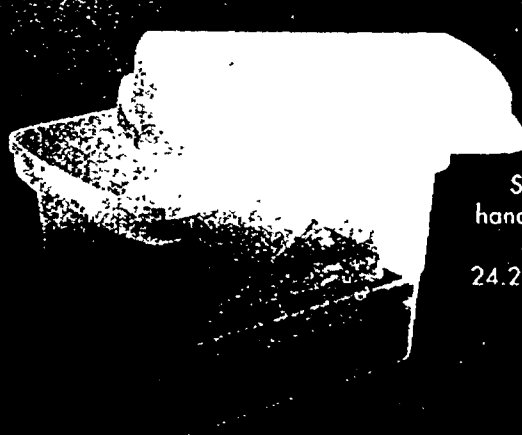


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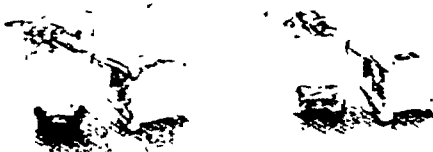
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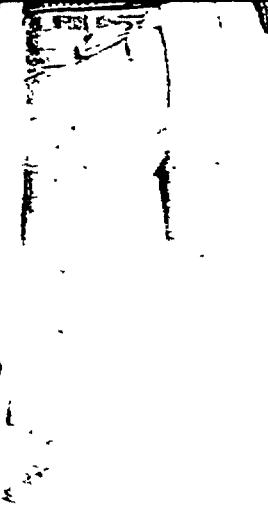
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Pair of 14k gold 1/4 ct. T.W. princess cut diamond stud earrings. reg. \$225 pr., sale 84.99 pr.

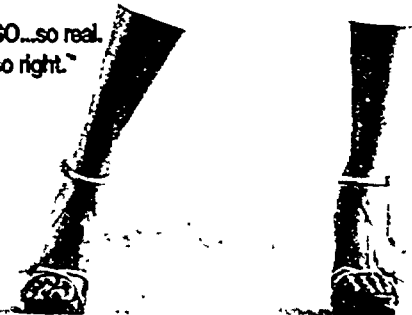
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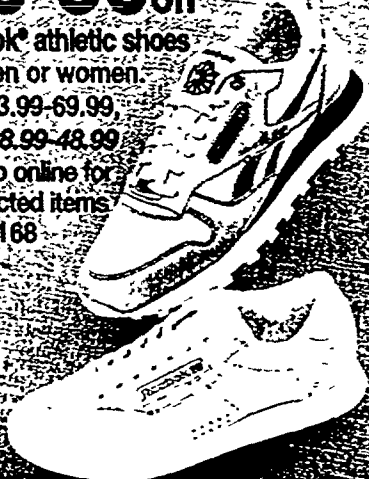
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infants &
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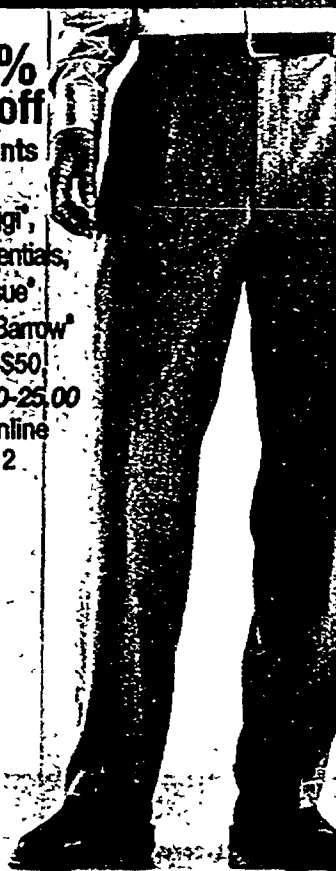
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from Reebok®, Russell® Athletic & TekGear®
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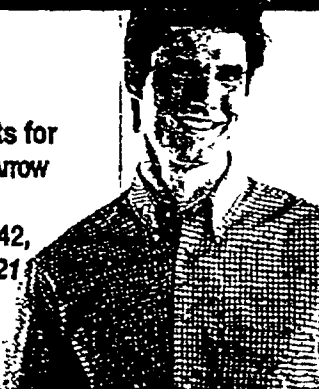
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for men
from Braggi®,
Axis® Essentials,
Natural Issue®
& Croft & Barrow®
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P021614



2/\$12

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for boys 8-20.
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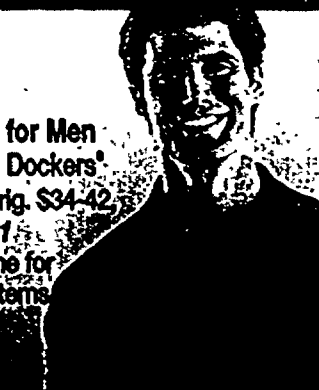
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& Hagger® orig. \$34-42,
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selected items
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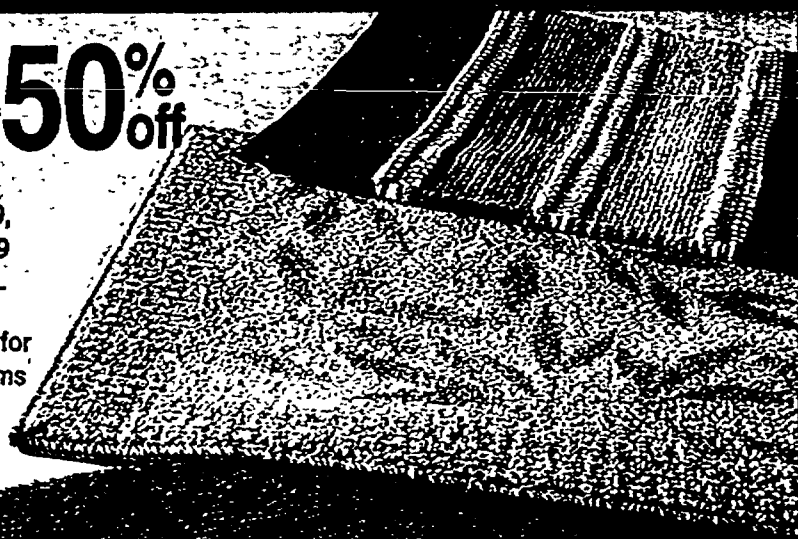


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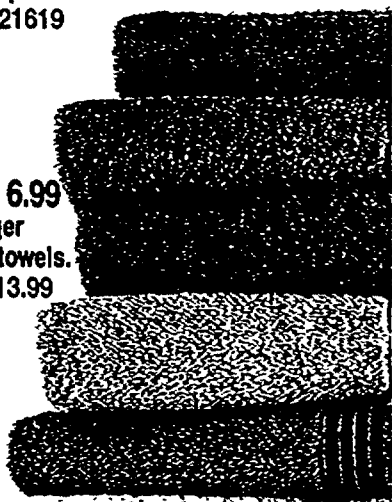
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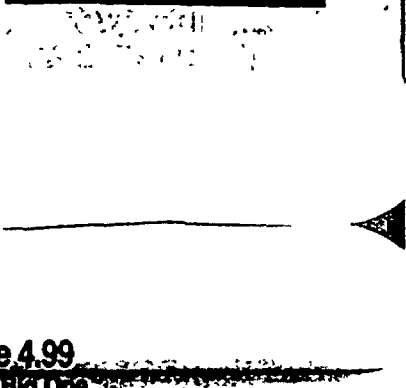
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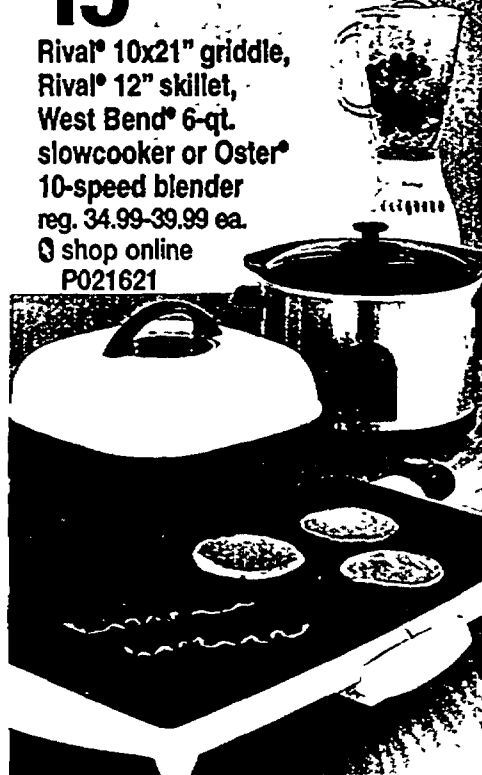
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The Big One
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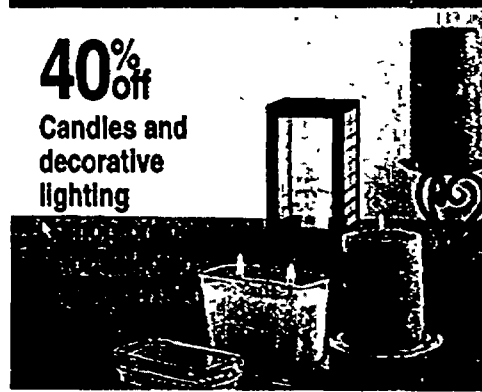
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& women

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for men &
women


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24⁹⁹
Unionbay®
jeans and
pants
for young
men.
Relaxed Fit,
Low Loose
Boot Fit and
cargo styles.
orig. \$46-\$50



UNIONBAY

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24⁹⁹
U.S. Polo
Assn. jeans
for young men.
Relaxed Fit,
Low Rise &
carpenter
styles. orig.
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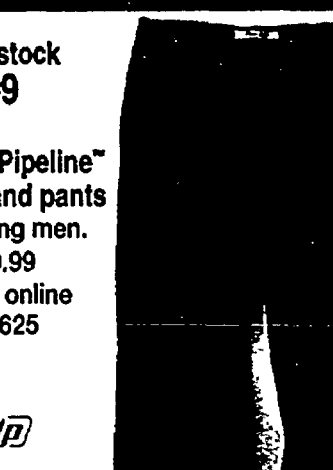
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Entire stock
19⁹⁹
Casual pants
for men
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Natural Issue®
orig. \$40-\$45
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P021624



SONOMA
NATURAL ISSUE

Entire stock
21⁹⁹
Urban Pipeline™
jeans and pants
for young men.
orig. 39.99
shop online
P021625



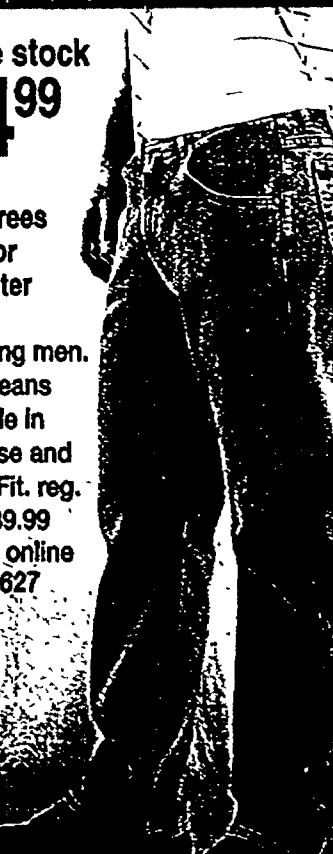
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Entire stock
24⁹⁹
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chino Pants
for Men.
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online
P021626



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carpenter
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for young men.
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Loose Fit. reg.
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Save on
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jeans, pants, scooters,
shorts & crop pants

styles for men, women and kids



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JNCO®
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for boys 8-20.
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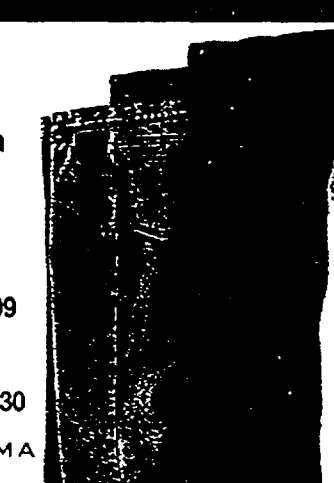
JNCO

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17⁹⁹
Urban
Pipeline™
belted cargo
shorts
for boys
8-20.
orig. \$28




urban pipeline

11⁹⁹
Sonoma
5-pkt.
jeans
for boys
8-20.
reg. 19.99
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online
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for girls 7-16.
orig. 29.99-\$20.00



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Novelty
scooters
for girls 7-16.
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12⁹⁹
Twill and
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scooters
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orig. \$22-\$24



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24⁹⁹

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27⁹⁹

Havana Jack® capris for misses & petites. orig. \$30

21⁹⁹

Sonoma® denim jeans & twill pants for misses & petites. orig. \$34



17⁹⁹

SO... shorts for juniors. orig. \$26

18⁹⁹

SO... crop pants for juniors. orig. \$26

24⁹⁹

Crop pants for juniors from Unionbay® & Dollhouse®. orig. \$34

21⁹⁹

SO... casual pants & jeans for juniors. orig. \$34

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16⁹⁹

Sonoma® shorts for misses. orig. \$24

24⁹⁹

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27⁹⁹

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27⁹⁹

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19⁹⁹

Shorts for juniors from Paris Blues®, Angels, Dollhouse® & Bongo®. orig. \$26

24⁹⁹

Crop pants for juniors from GLO®, Bongo® & i.e.i.®. orig. \$34

21⁹⁹

Fashion skirts for juniors from GLO®, Angels & Paris Blues®. orig. \$34

29⁹⁹

Fashion jeans & casual pants for juniors from Bongo®, Mudd®, i.e.i.® & Paris Blues®. orig. \$40

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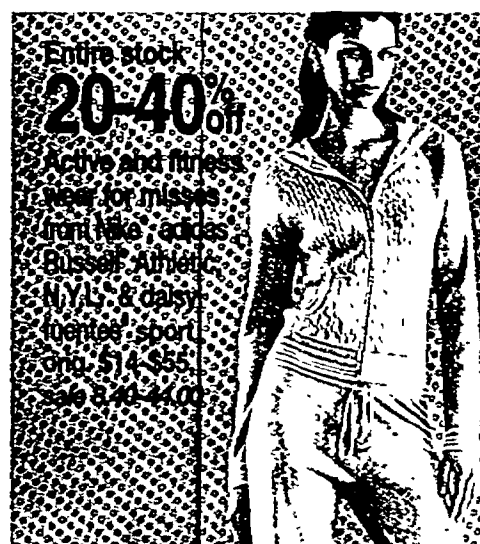
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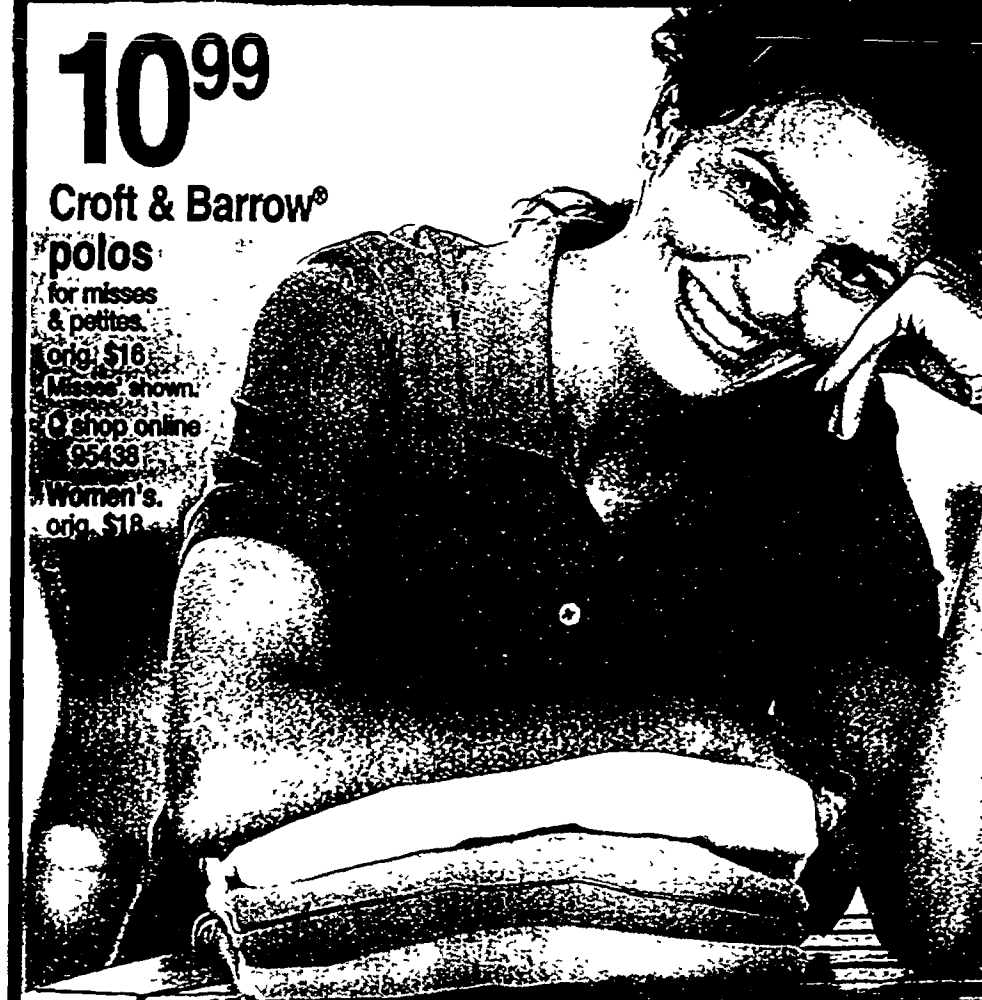


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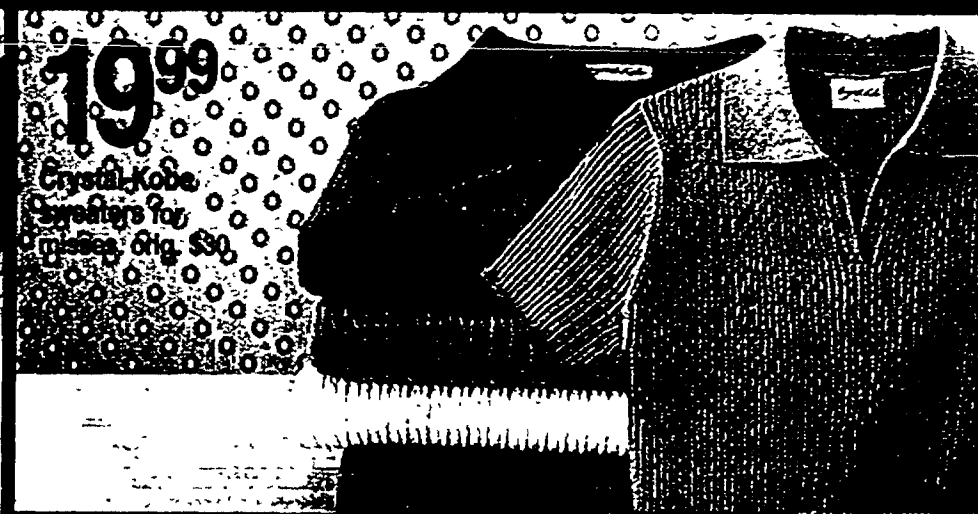
Croft & Barrow®
polos
for misses
& petites
orig. \$16
shop online
P021633
Women's
orig. \$18



19⁹⁹

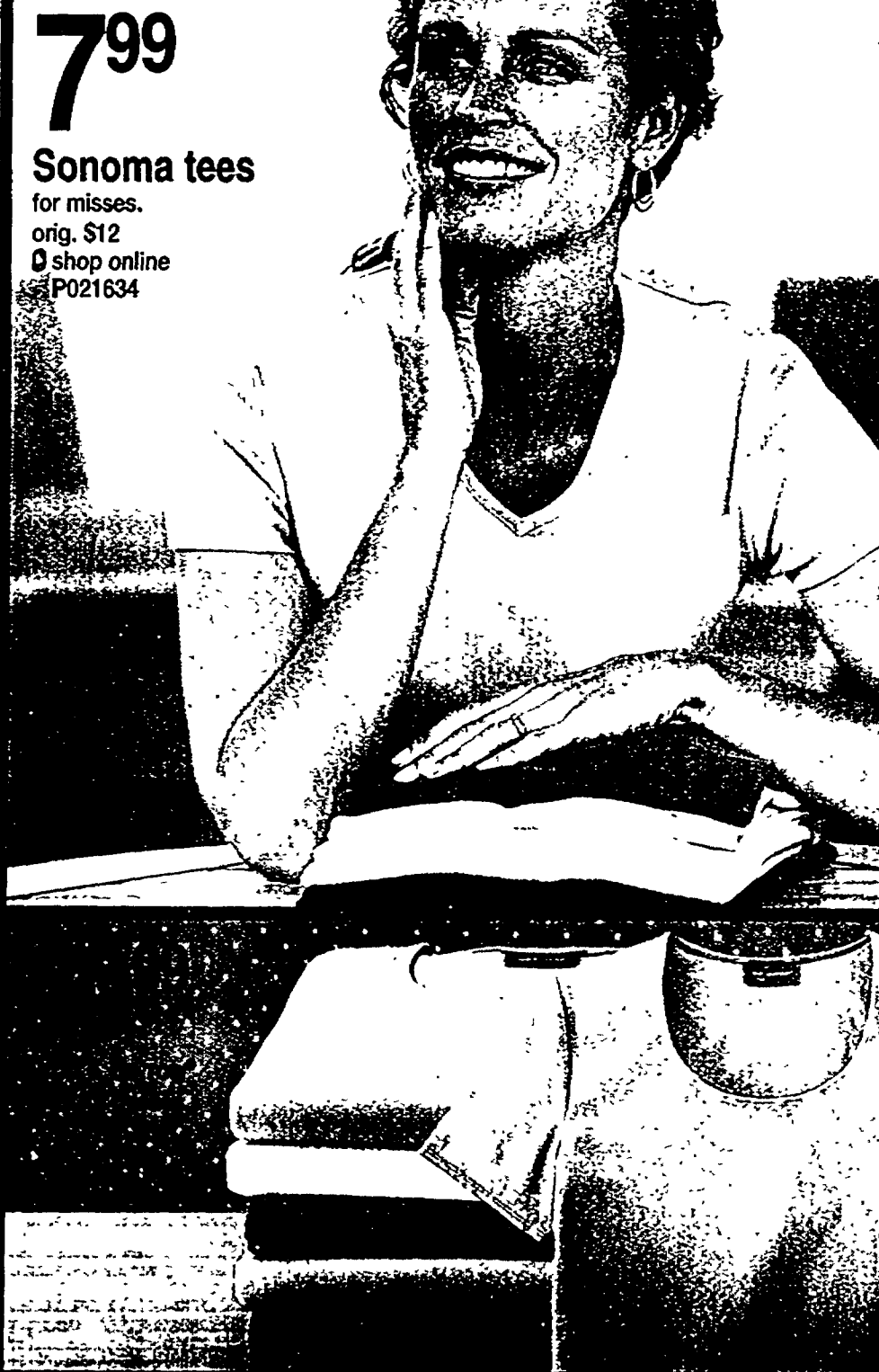
Sonoma
capris
for misses
& petites
orig. \$24
shop online
P021633

fits your size. fits your color.



19⁹⁹

Crystal Kobe
sweaters for
misses orig. \$30



7⁹⁹

Sonoma tees
for misses.
orig. \$12
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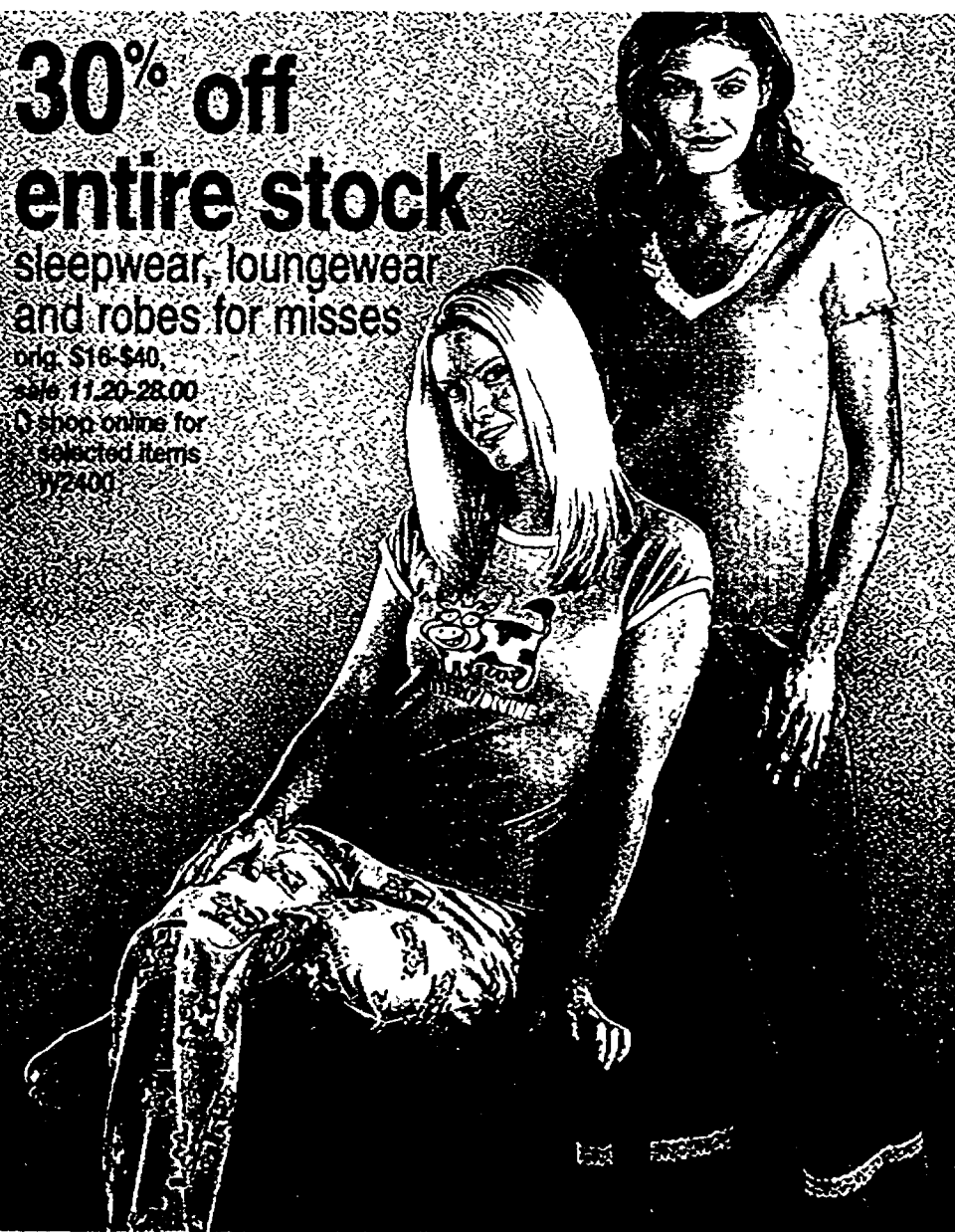
reg. \$15-\$49, sale 10.05-32.83



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and robes for misses

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Shop online for
selected items
1/24/00



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Panties and
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Socks
for her.
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round diamond
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princess cut
or round diamond
stud earrings.
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for her & sunglasses

for him or her

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F2200

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50... flip-flops

for her.

orig. \$14

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15 all active shorts & skirts

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11⁹⁹

Polo for juniors from Unionbay® & Energie® orig. \$18



UNIONBAY

11⁹⁹

Energie® tank tops for juniors. orig. \$16 shop online P21601



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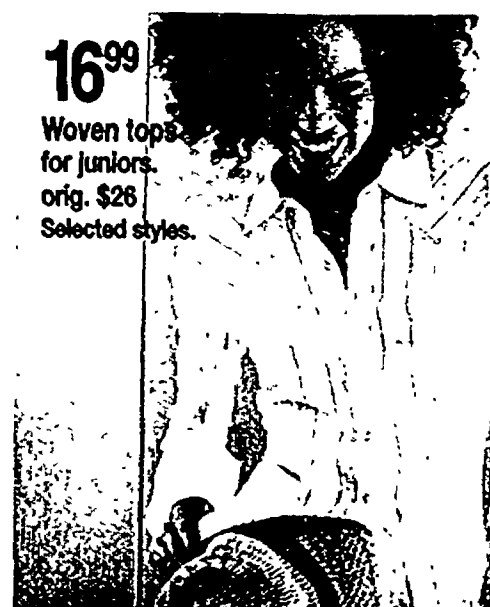
17⁹⁹

Track jackets for juniors. orig. \$30



16⁹⁹

Woven tops for juniors. orig. \$26 Selected styles.



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SONOMA life+style™ and Croft & Barrow®
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for men. reg. \$6-\$18, sale 4.20-12.60
shop online for selected
items P021655



Entire stock
19⁹⁹

Croft & Barrow®
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29⁹⁹ your choice

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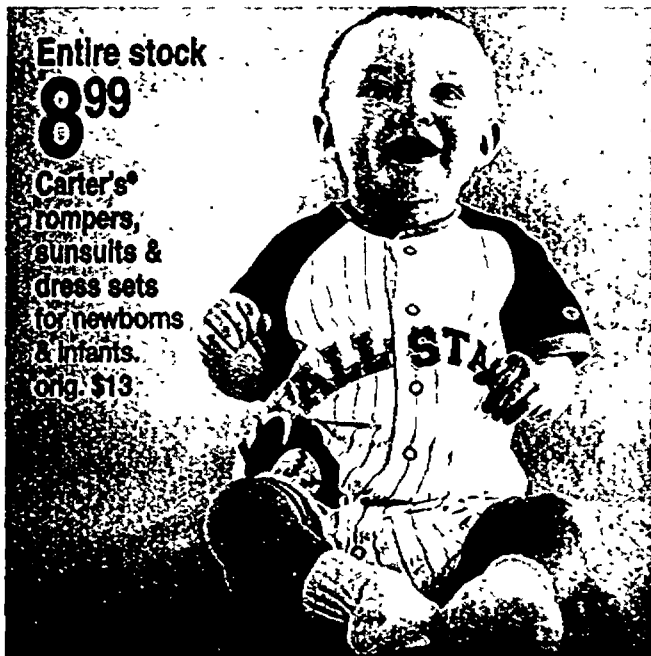
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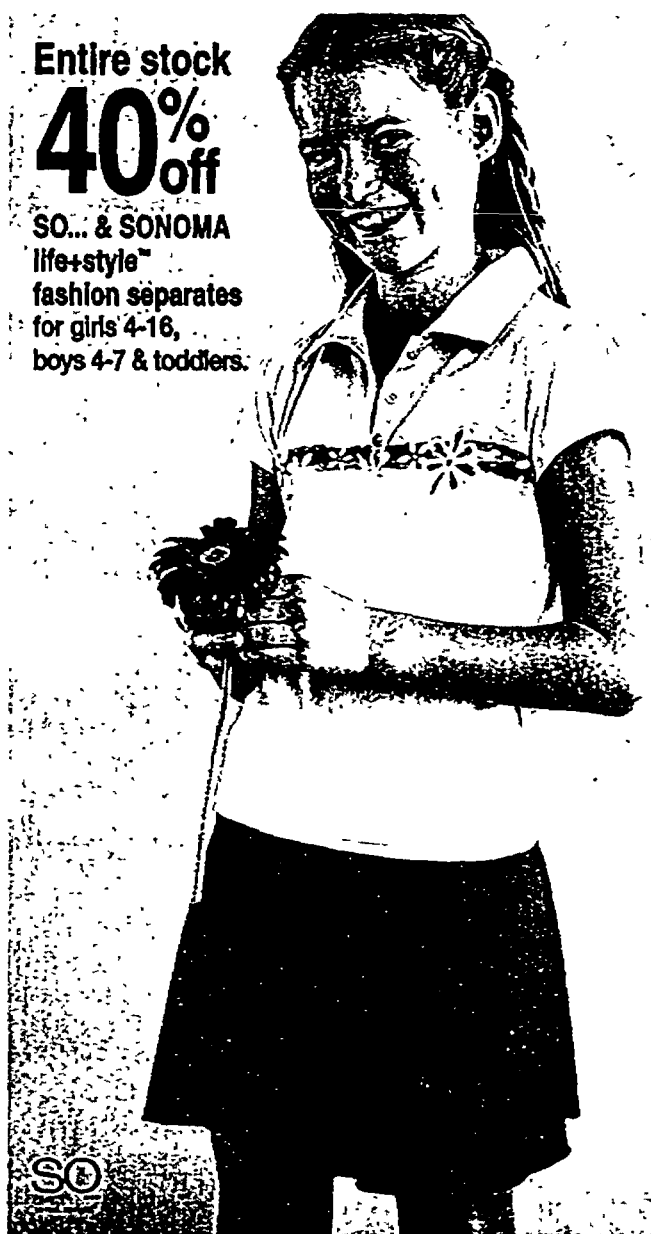
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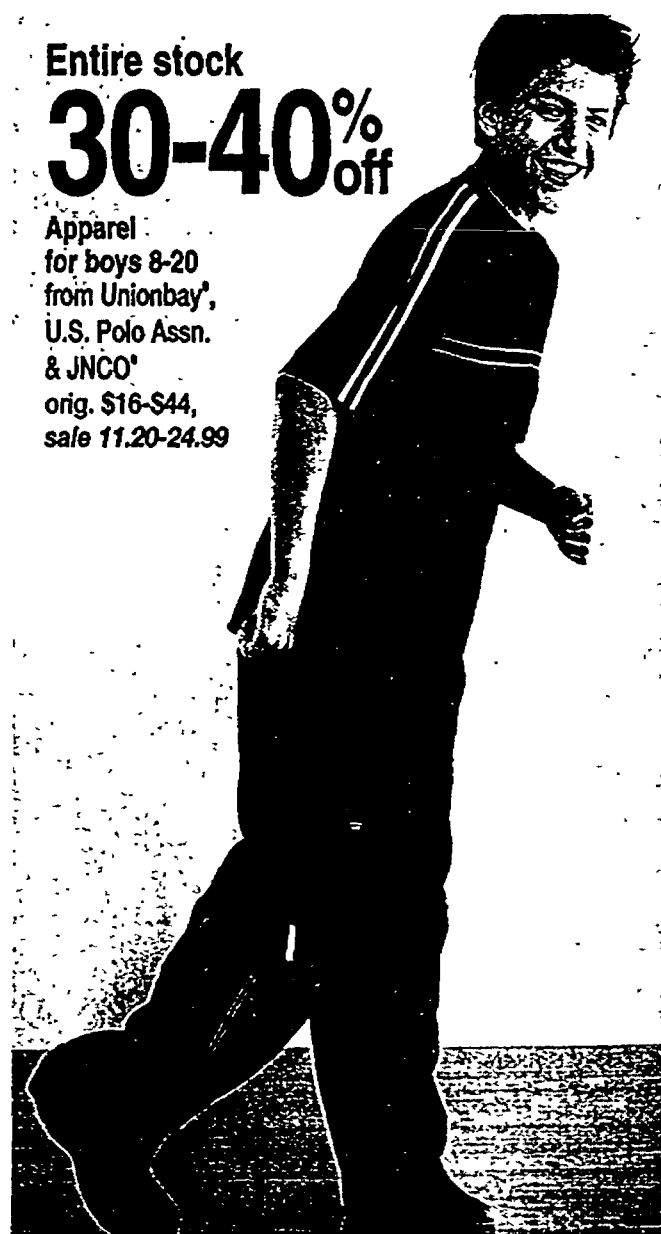
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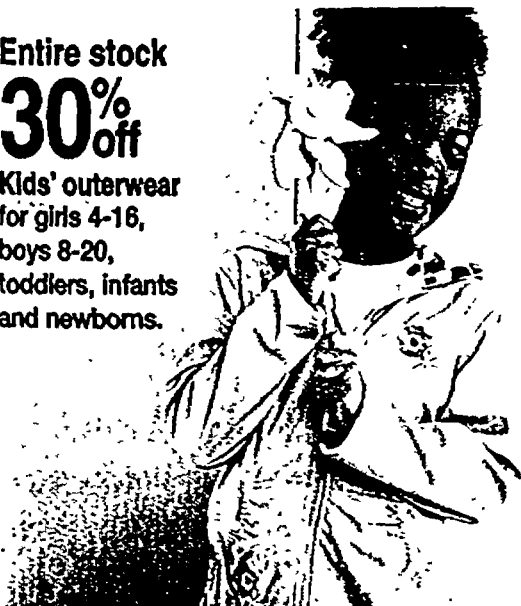
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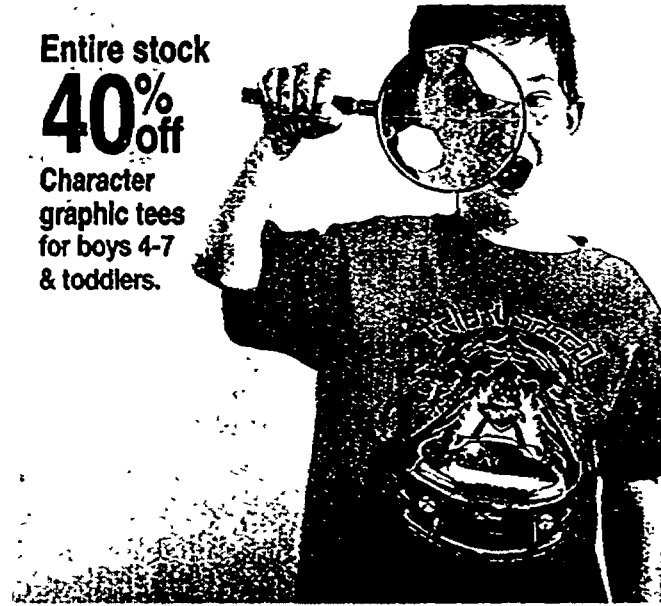
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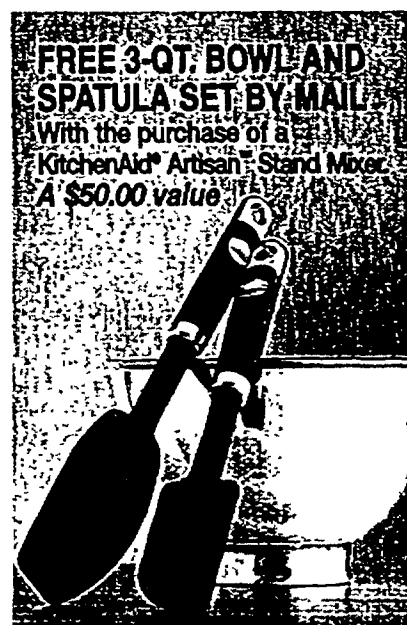
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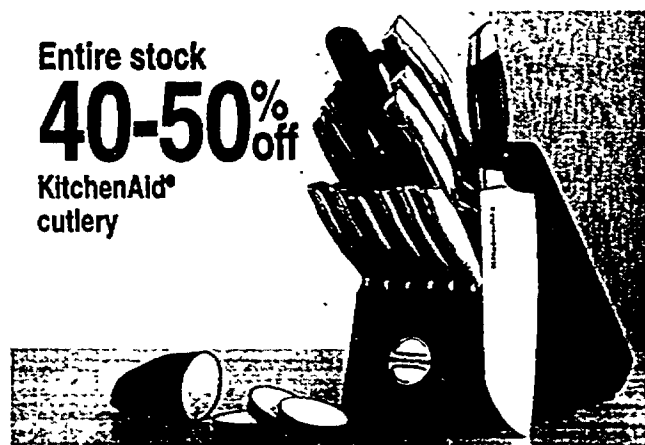


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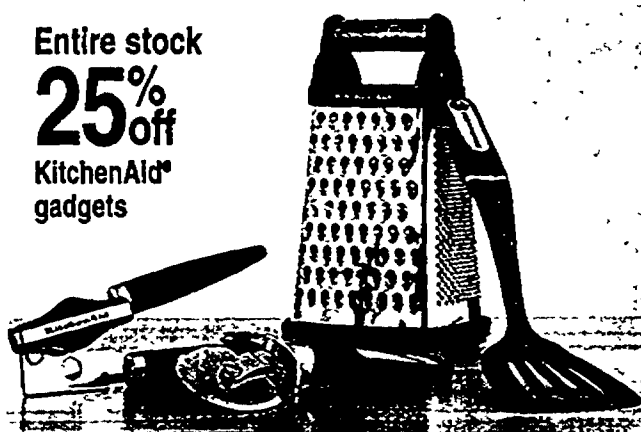
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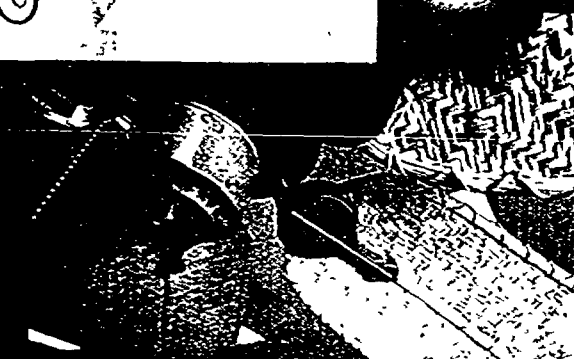
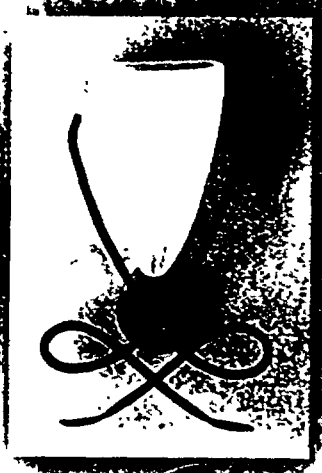
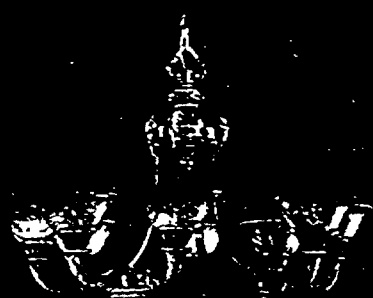
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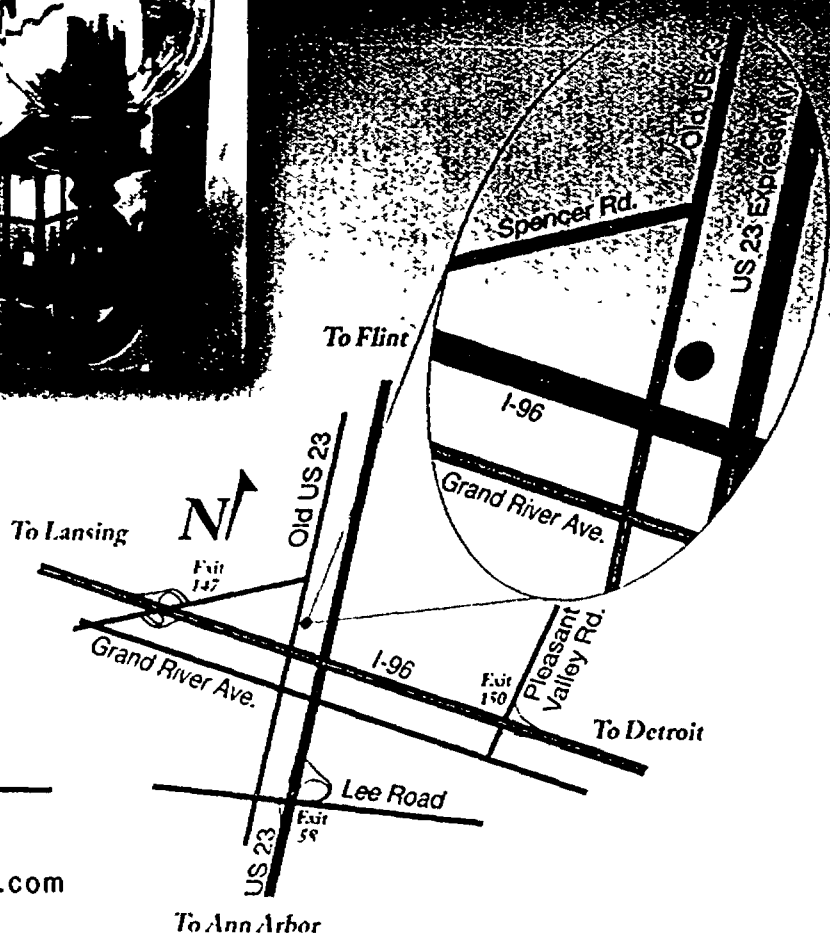
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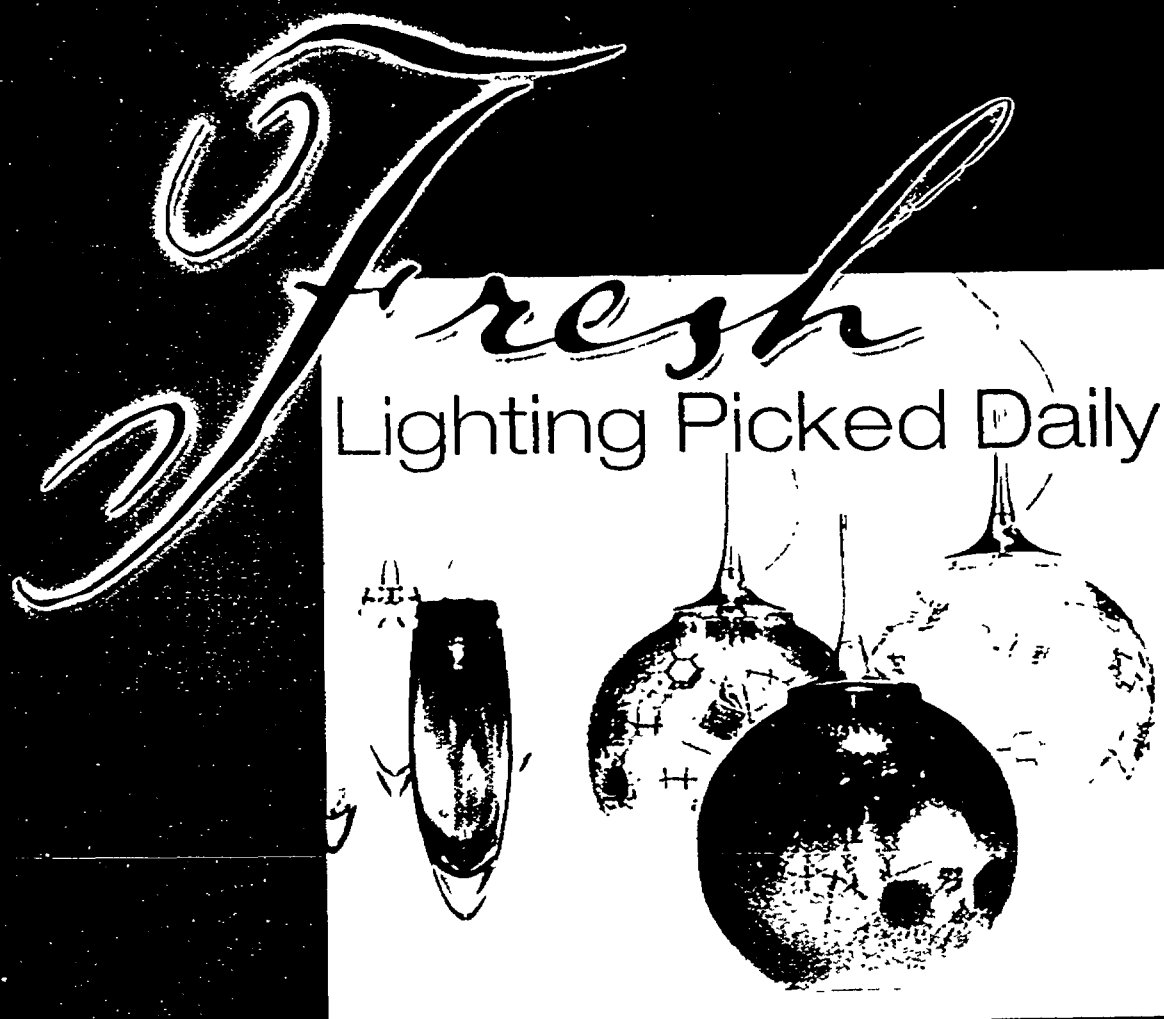


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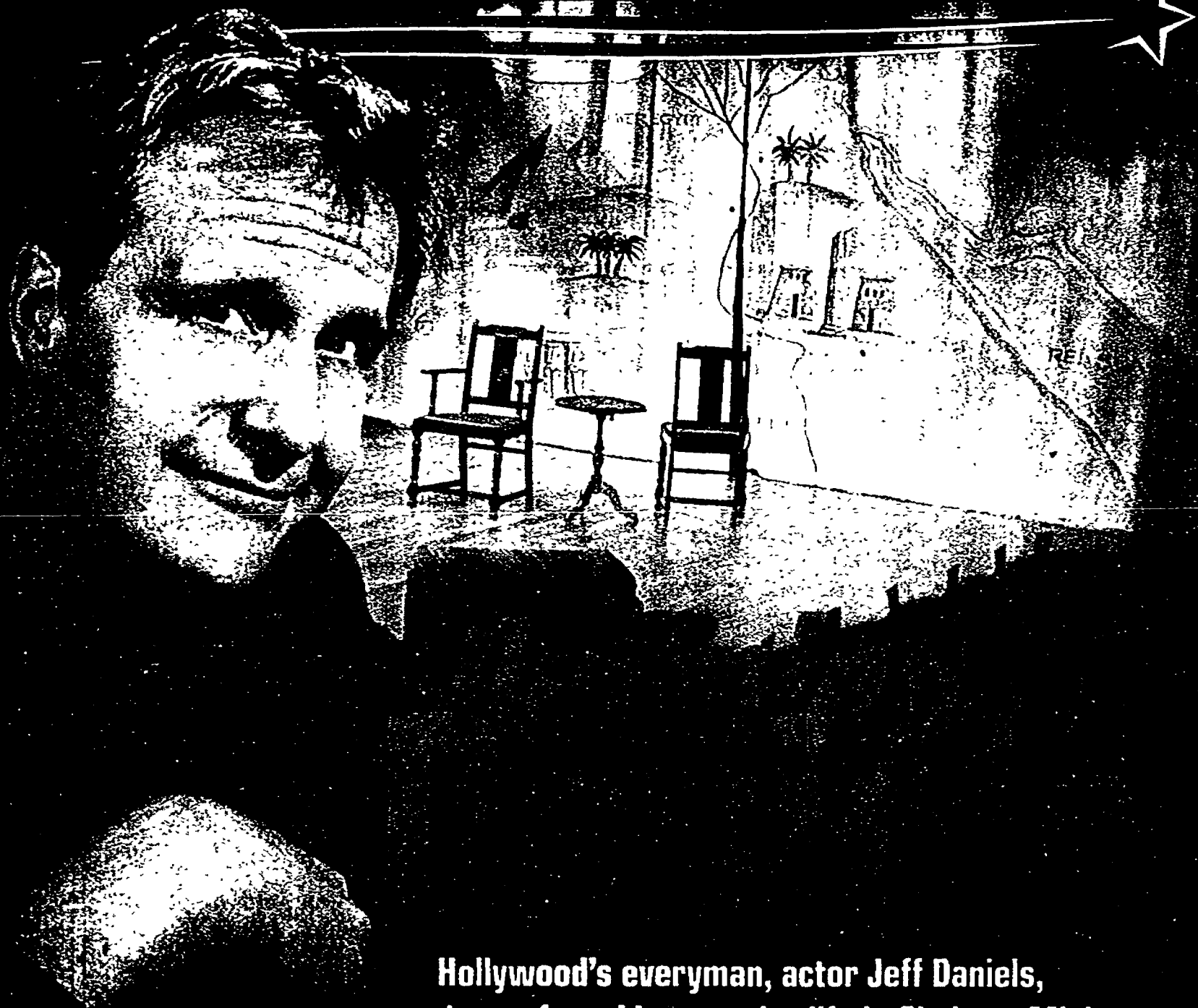
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American Profile



Hollywood's everyman, actor Jeff Daniels,
draws from his everyday life in Chelsea, Mich.

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Kid's Sleepover!

Ask American Profile

Q Please tell me if John Enos, who plays Bobby Marsino on *The Young and the Restless*, is the same guy that played Jesse on *Full House*.

—Hilda W., North Carolina
You've got your Johns confused. The character of Jesse on *Full House* was played by John Stamos, 41, who started his career on *General Hospital* in 1982. The often-bearded John Enos, 42, has worked steadily in television and films since 1992, beginning with *Death Becomes Her*. He joined *The Young and the Restless* in 2003, and also has appeared on the TV series *Melrose Place* and in the movie *Phone Booth* as the trouble-making Leon. His most recent film was 2004's *The Kings of Brooklyn*. A native of Boston, he attended Bentley and Salem State colleges. Enos, who lives in Los Angeles and is engaged to Jennie Lee, enjoys bowling, exercising and traveling.



Actor John Enos from *The Young and the Restless*.

Blaine Larsen Releases First Major-Label CD

Less than a year after graduating from high school, country singer Blaine Larsen has released his major label debut, *Off to Join the World*, on BNA Records. Larsen, 19, who was raised in Buckley, Wash. (pop. 4,145), started singing at age 10 after his stepfather introduced him to country music. "He brought home some karaoke tapes, and we

Blaine Larsen launches a singing career.

would all just have fun with them," Larsen says. "That's when I started singing. I was pretty bad at first, but I didn't care, because I just loved it. So I kept on singing and I got better." During high school, Larsen performed at sporting events, weddings and local jam sessions. He put out an independent album at age 15, which helped him land his major label deal. He co-wrote six of the 10 songs on his major-label CD. "I would describe my album as multi-emotional," he says. "It has songs that will make you cry, songs that will make you laugh and songs that will make you think. This album also tells a lot about me. I feel like it's a very personal record, with many of the songs being inspired by actual events that I have lived."



Actress Diana Lynn starred in more than 30 films.

Q Many girls born in the 1940s and 1950s were named after actress Diana Lynn. Could you please tell me what happened to her, what movies she acted in and where they might be available?

—Diana L., Illinois
Born Oct. 7, 1926, in Los Angeles, as Dolores Loehr, Lynn made some 30 films, including *Our Hearts Were Young and Gay* (1944), 1951's *Bedtime for Bonzo* (with Ronald Reagan), *The Kentuckian* (1955), and *The Philadelphia Story* (1959), reprising the Katharine Hepburn role for television. Many are available on www.amazon.com. Her last film was the 1970s TV movie *Company of Killers*. After that, she semi-retired to run a Manhattan travel agency. The mother of four was slated to play Anthony Perkins' wife in *Play It As It Lays*, which was released in 1972, but she suffered a stroke and died at age 45 in 1971.

Q Growing up, Ted Nugent was my favorite musician. Is he still touring and playing music? How can he be contacted?

—Monte J., New Mexico
Nugent, 56, who has sold more than 30 million records, is currently tour-

ing nationally with Toby Keith and lists his concert dates on his website, www.tednugent.com. He recently released a CD, *Craveman*, and a DVD, *Full Bluntal Nugity Live*. However, the National Rifle Association board member is equally passionate about hunting, saying he rocks about six months a year and hunts the other half of the year. The latter is something he explores in his television show, *Ted Nugent Spirit of the Wild*, and in his magazine, *Ted Nugent Adventure Outdoors*. The Detroit native is married to Shemane and has two daughters, Starr and Sasha, and two sons, Toby and Rocco. He has homes in Michigan and Texas. You can write to him through his website. ★

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Even after 27 years of
Hollywood calling, it's hard to
entice actor Jeff Daniels
away from his hometown
of Chelsea, Mich.

by PAULETTE COHN
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Daniels meets with his
assistant, Julie Black, at
a Chelsea coffee house.

It takes an offer as enticing as working with the likes of Meryl Streep or Clint Eastwood to lure actor Jeff Daniels away from his home in Chelsea, Mich. But even then, it won't be long before the fair-haired Midwesterner returns to his roots and the comfortable nest he has created in his beloved hometown.

"If Meryl calls, I ask, 'What time's the plane?'" says the actor, sitting in his office at the Purple Rose Theater in Chelsea (pop. 4,398), looking anything but Hollywood with tousled hair, a brown flannel shirt and a guitar at his feet. After a career that spans 27 successful years of feature films, including *Blood Work*, *The Hours* and *Pleasantville*, Daniels has the quiet confidence of a working actor. But it wasn't always so.

"I never thought the career would last," admits Daniels, who turns 50 on Feb. 19. "I thought after six or eight movies, like most people's careers, it would go away. I never thought, 'I'm going to be a star and I'm going to be famous.' That was never a goal. So, I just said, 'When it ends, and it will end, I will be home.'"

Home he is, but his career is still going strong. His versatility in moving from comedy to drama and good guy to bad has beaten the "who's hot" mentality of Los Angeles, where out of sight is out of mind. This week brings the release of Daniels' latest feature film, *Because of Winn-Dixie*, based on the best-selling novel by Kate DiCamillo. The movie, also starring Eva Marie Saint, Cicely Tyson and Dave Matthews, features Daniels as a preacher who moves to a small Florida town with his daughter to start a new church. His lonely daughter adopts a dog, named Winn-Dixie after the grocery store where she finds him, and their unique bond ultimately brings together the entire town.

Even though the movie set was some 1,200 miles south down Highway 55, Daniels decided to drive. "They couldn't believe it," he recalls of the film crew's response to his tooling down to Louisiana in his recreational vehicle. "Usually actors ask for a private jet or 27 first-class trips," he says. "I am asking, 'What time do you want me to pull in?'"

The sometime-guitar player loves his RV so much that he has written a song about it, which is included



Jeff with wife Kathleen at a 2004 movie premiere.

on the witty, slice-of-life *Jeff Daniels Live and Unplugged* CD (available only at www.jeff-daniels.com). He also has written songs about several other life-defining moments, including *Kathy*, which he wrote about his first date with Kathleen Treado, whom he married in 1979. "We sat on her porch swing for five hours at the same house right here on South Street where her mother and stepfather still live," he recalls. "It was obvious to me, and to her, that there was something going on."

Aspiring actor

Less than a year later, they married and she accompanied him back to New York, where he continued his pursuit of an acting career. Things didn't go well at first, so one night Daniels called his mother and said, "I want to come home." But his mother wouldn't hear of it. She told him, "Find a way to stay."

After all, it had been a hard decision for Daniels' parents to tell him to go to New York. His father had wanted his oldest son to follow him into the family lumber business, but when the aspiring actor was invited to join the Circle Repertory Theater in Manhattan, Dad said the magic words that changed his son's life: "I think you should go."

So when Daniels called, his mother knew that he wouldn't be happy if he came home to work in the family business. And if he were honest, Daniels knew it himself. He already had worked at the lumber business for four summers as a truck driver, hauling cement blocks, and found it less than fulfilling. "Personally, I just didn't care about wood," he admits, glad that his younger brother was able to fulfill their father's dream of a son taking over the business.

Then, in 1981, Daniels got his first big break with *Ragtime*, the first of several films that established his career. That was followed by *Terms of Endearment* (1983), *Marie* (1985), Woody Allen's *The Purple Rose of Cairo* (1985) and Jonathan Demme's *Something Wild* (1986).

Purple Rose Theater

In 1986, the 6-foot-3-inch actor and his wife knew there would never be a bet-

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ter time to return home to raise their then 2-year-old son, Benjamin. So they packed a U-Haul truck and returned to Chelsea. And while it was the perfect place for their family—which now includes another son, Lucas, and daughter, Nellie—the *Dumb and Dumber* star realized that he missed the high level of creativity found working on a play or on certain movie sets. His answer to filling the void was the Purple Rose Theater, which he purchased in 1989, renovated and named after the Allen film.

The Purple Rose Theater Company launched in 1991 as a nonprofit organization, providing education, script development and world premiere performances at an affordable cost. Its apprenticeship program, the only one of its kind in the state, provides hands-on training in all aspects of the theater.

The community theater also has a script-development team, a guest artist program and an educational outreach program that brings performances to area schools. The theater stages 42 weeks of performances annually. It has a minimum of six performances a week with at least an eight-week run of each show, with more successful shows lasting as long as 14 weeks. In 1999, the Purple Rose was the national winner of the American Theatre Critics Award for Best New Play for Lanford Wilson's *Book of Days*.

When the theater opened in 1991 after a yearlong renovation, times were tough in Chelsea. Daniels recalls that along Main Street, if there were 25 businesses, at least 10 of them were empty. But opening the theater helped revitalize the community.

It pulled in about 40,000 people a year who hadn't previously come to town, and as the local business community discovered, they had wallets. As a result, Craig Common, a friend of Daniels', opened the Common Grill, a four-star restaurant. Not too long after, a couple of art galleries, a coffee shop, another jewelry store and a bookstore joined it, and Chelsea became a destination spot.

"There clearly were some lean times, but he stayed with it to make it work," says Steve Daut, president of the Chelsea Chamber of Commerce. "I have heard more than once, 'Look at this guy. He can do anything he wants to do, and here he is back in his town and trying to make this theater work.' That clearly has not gone unnoticed, and he has some strong supporters in the town who are grateful for what he has done."

"But there is something else that happened behind the scenes and I don't know that Jeff talks about it that much,"



Daniels and Annasophia Robb, who plays his daughter, act in a scene from *Because of Winn-Dixie*.

Daut says. "One thing he did was become a catalyst for the other visual arts. He purchased an old school building and donated it to a group, which formed the Chelsea Center for the Arts, a nonprofit organization that promotes the visual arts, music, dance, painting and so forth."

"It is something that has also increased the visibility of the town. We now have three (art) galleries in town, and we had none before. Retail has picked up. In fact, the smart retailers have varied their hours, and they are now open in the evening so they get a boost from the theater traffic. Now it has gotten to the place where retail space is at a premium and the upper floors of all of those buildings are starting to fill up with rental space. It really has made a big difference in town."

The hard-won success of the theater has allowed Daniels to hire a full-time staff to handle the day-to-day business so he can be gone for long periods of time. And while he

A 1972 basketball star,



has written several award-winning plays for the theater, such as *Shoe Man*, *Across the Way* and *Escanaba in the Moonlight*, he never performs in them. That would tie him down and prevent him from taking roles in films such as *Because of Winn-Dixie* and *Imaginary Heroes*, which also opened this month, as well as the *Squid and the Whale*, co-starring Laura Linney, which debuted at this year's Sundance Film Festival.



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Daniels conducts business in his theater office.

The theme of *Because of Winn-Dixie*—sometimes goodness comes from the most unlikely places—is one that resonates with Daniels. After all, his theater, which he hopes will continue long after he is gone, has done a tremendous amount to help his hometown. And even as Daniels is making every effort to see that the Purple Rose survives for generations to come, for his part, he just wants to be one of the lucky actors who is able to keep working.

"Time marches on and we all get older," he says. "I am looking forward to the next 20 or 25 years. I want to be one of those guys where the phone rings for movies their whole lives. That would be great." ★

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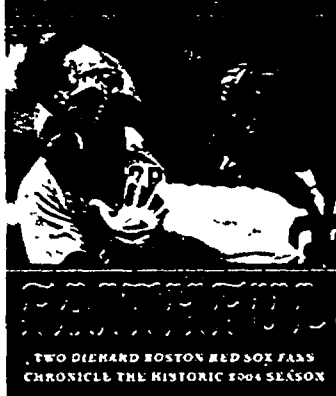
By Stewart O'Nan and Stephen King
Scribner Press

This is not a new Stephen King novel, but a non-fiction work that chronicles the unwavering baseball passion of noted authors King and Stewart O'Nan.

Early last year, the two men decided to document the upcoming Boston Red Sox season by sitting next to each other at Fenway Park, e-mailing each other their post-game analyses and writing about the games. They never could have predicted, or perhaps even dared dream, that they would write about the team during the first season in 86 years that the Red Sox would win the World Series.

They colorfully describe their rollercoaster ride from spring training to the final out of the Red Sox's World Series championship game against the St. Louis Cardinals. The real centerpiece of the book is the heated rivalry between the Red Sox and the New York Yankees. Like all Red Sox fans, the authors had suffered through countless near misses and lingering heartbreaks since the "Curse of the Bambino," when Boston sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees in 1920. Curse or not, this is a wonderful way to relive the season many are still talking about.

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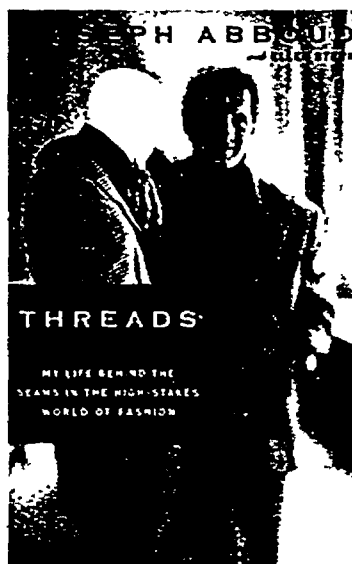
Threads

Joseph Abboud (with Ellen Stern)
HarperCollins Publishers

Clothing designer Joseph Abboud's autobiography is a fun, breezy read about the inner-workings of the fashion industry and his rise from Boston, where he fell in love with style at age 5, to the showrooms and catwalks of New York City, where he emerged as an award-winning designer who dresses celebrities such as Tom Brokaw, Bob Costas and Bryant Gumbel.

With the same skills he uses in creating an impressive outfit, Abboud uses the perfect blend of literary fabrics to make *Threads* an entertaining journey. There's a little bit of behind-the-scenes gossip about other designers, but not enough to be negative or catty. Although Abboud details his successes, he humbly devotes an equal amount of attention to his mistakes, which reveal some of the book's most rewarding insights.

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Dan Tyminski, best known for the remake of *Man of Constant Sorrow*, shines on Del McCoury's *Rain Please Go Away*, and tackles with conviction Woody Guthrie's *Pastures of Plenty*. He also belts an up-tempo downer, *This Sad Song*, co-penned by Krauss and Alison Brown. Heartache has never sounded so beautiful. ☆

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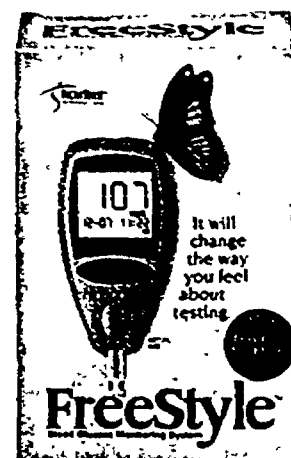


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Hometown Spotlight

Home on the Range

Clad in boots and cowboy hats, a procession of wide-eyed riders on horseback ambles along a foothill trail in the Sonoran Desert north of Wickenburg, Ariz. (pop. 5,082). It's not a scene out of an Old West movie, but rather a day in the life of the town that bills itself as the Dude Ranch Capital of the World.

In fact, Wickenburg has been introducing the cowboy way of life to city slick-

ers since the early 1900s when local working ranchers opened their doors to out-of-town guests.

One of the first to do so was the Kay El Bar Ranch. Opened to guests in the 1920s, visitors could rent a room there for \$8 per day, with the promise of meals and hot and cold running water. Today, the accommodations have improved considerably, and rates average \$185 a day. For its 700 guests who visit from October through May, it's a small price to pay.

"When guests come to the ranch, they feel that they are just coming to your home," says Nancy Loftis, who bought the Kay El Bar Ranch eight years ago with her husband John. Its days as a working cattle ranch date back to 1909, and it appears on the National and Arizona registers of historic places. The Kay El Bar, which today is

purely a guest ranch, can accommodate up to 24 visitors, offering the standard dude ranch fare such as horseback riding, hiking, outdoor cookouts and even cowboy poetry around the campfire.

"Guests should not worry about being novices," Loftis says. "For beginners, we have an instruction-based riding program, and we supply loaner hats and boots for city slickers."

Wickenburg's ranching roots were planted in the mid-1800s, around the time that Henry Wickenburg—the town's namesake—discovered gold nearby in 1863. By the early 1900s, ranchers discovered the financial benefits of hosting visitors at their working cattle ranches, and people from all walks of life came to the area to sample the cowboy way of life. From the 1930s to the 1970s, a dozen dude ranches flourished around the town, earning Wickenburg the distinction as the Dude Ranch Capital of the World, according to Dana Burden, a Wickenburg native and local historian.

Today, four ranches remain, including the Kay El Bar Ranch, Flying E Ranch, Rancho Casitas and Rancho de los Caballeros.

The latter is the largest of the ranches, covering 20,000 acres with large conference facilities, a golf course, shooting range and restaurants. Since its inception 57 years ago, Los Cab, as it's locally known, has been a destination guest ranch. But the big draw for its 6,000 seasonal guests is getting into the saddle.

"Most people have never seen a cow from the back of a horse," says Jeff Deming, manager of the ranch. "Once guests get on the horse and participate



Trail riders enjoy the desert terrain of Wickenburg, Ariz., the Dude Ranch Capital of the World.

in team cow penning (a timed event in which cattle are herded into a pen), they concentrate on the cow, their natural riding style comes through, and they learn very quickly."

Wickenburg's Old West roots also extend into town. "The town is authentic, and horses have the right of way on all Wickenburg streets," says Julie Brooks, executive director of the Wickenburg Chamber of Commerce.

The town proudly displays its heritage in the 45-year-old Desert Caballeros Western Museum. "It is an amazingly high-quality museum for its size and the size of the town," says Nathan Augustine, the museum's registrar and exhibit designer. "We have extensive collections of Western art, cowboy memorabilia, a huge gem and mineral display, and a collection of bolavies, the official neck wear of Arizona."

Wickenburg is best described by Jim Herro of Merton, Wis. (pop. 7,988), who had his first dude ranch experience last year at the Kay El Bar Ranch. "The Sunday brunch ride out in the desert, the food and the atmosphere was great," he says. "The overall thing is that you come as strangers and leave as friends." ☆

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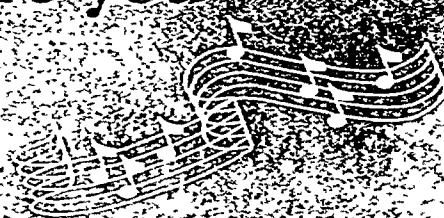
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Hometown Hero

Just Horsin' Around!

by JOSEPH BANETH ALLEN

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Amassing the world's largest collection of stick horses was the furthest thing from Dan Cavanah's mind when he and his wife, Lynn Ferraro, moved to Bell, Fla. (pop. 349), from Miami in the mid-1990s.

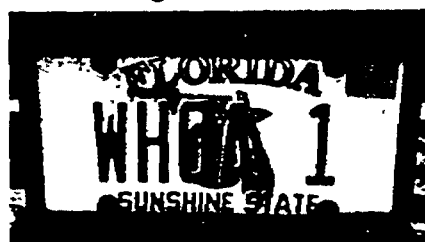
Newly retired as a director of operations for a sports optics company, Cavanah, 61, decided to take a local horse-riding course as a way to make friends as he and Ferraro, 55, settled into their new community. "There was only one flaw in my plan," Cavanah says with a laugh. "Even though I grew up around horses in Independence, Missouri, I didn't have a horse when Lynn and I moved here to Bell.

"As a joke, a friend gave me a stick horse," he says. "I took it to the next meeting of the riding club and proudly showed off my 'new horse.' All the children loved it and took turns riding it. So did some of the adults. I didn't have a stick horse when I was a child, but it was easy to see how much fun everyone was having with it."

That sense of fun clicked with Cavanah and his wife, and they decided to start collecting the lovable toy. As they traveled about the country, they stopped at antique stores, picking up stick horses along the way. With antique dealers spreading the word about their collection via the Internet and word of mouth, the couple soon found themselves receiving stick horses from all over the world.

Most of the collection—460 and growing—dates back to the 1940s and 1950s. One rare member is Samson, Prince Phillip's horse from Walt Disney's 1950 release of *Sleeping Beauty*. Hard-to-find antique toys, like the Samson stick horse, are valued in the hundreds of

Dan Cavanah of Bell, Fla., rides herd on a record-setting stick horse collection.



Cavanah's license plate hypes his hobby.

dollars. The collection also includes some prized "celebrity" stick horses: Roy Rogers' *Trigger*, The Lone Ranger's *Silver*, Gumby's horse *Pokey* and a Davy Crockett stick horse.

While restrictions by the insurance company prevent children from playing with their antique herd, the couple always has on hand some modern stick horses that kids who visit their home can ride.

In 2000, when their stick horses numbered 390, Cavanah contacted *Guinness Book of Records* officials and began the process of documenting that they had the world's largest stick horse collection. The collection was recognized in November 2002, and *Guinness* entered a stick horse category in its 2004 edition.

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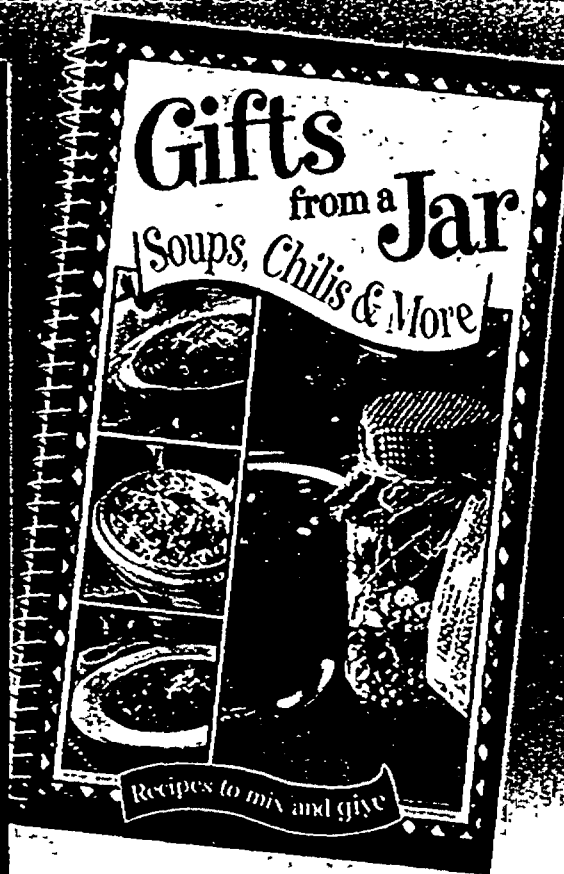
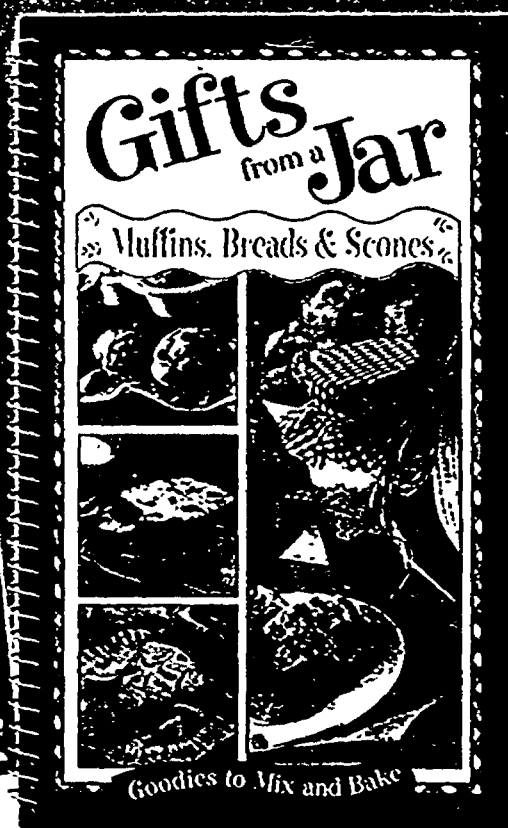
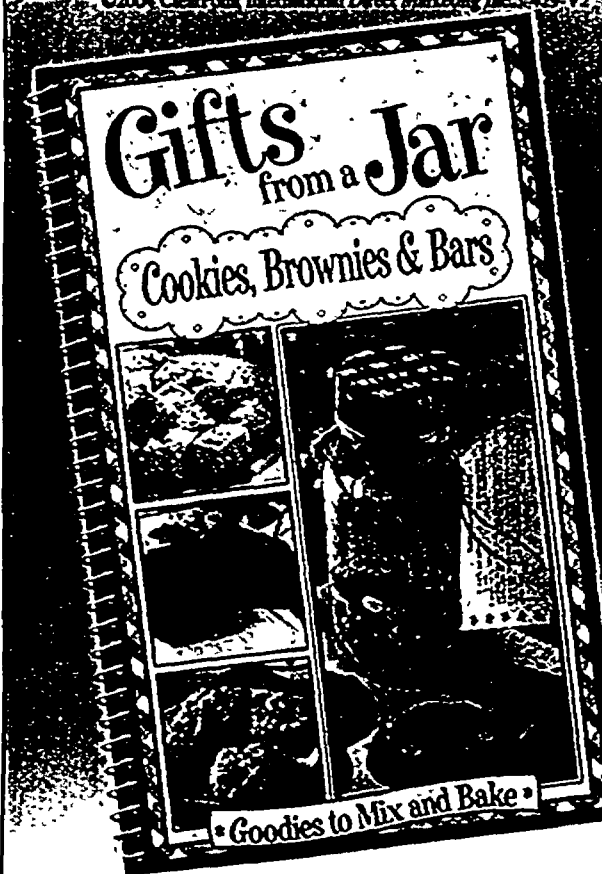
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A small portion of the ponies in Cavanah's cuddly corral

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Stick horses are not a unique American creation. "There are surviving drawings from the Roman Empire more than a thousand years ago of children riding what appear to be stick horses," Cavanah says. "Modern-day stick horses can trace their roots back to 16th-century America and Europe. There is no one region in the world you can point to and say, 'Here's where stick horses sprang up and why.'"

To remind the world of the fun that stick horses bring, the couple founded Woodin-Stick Horses of America Inc. (WHOA) in 1995 and launched a website, www.stickhorses.com, to promote the toy's history and preservation.

In their spare time, they are developing an animated series called *The Stick Horse World of Knotty Pine*. They also created and teach others to hold stick horse "WHOADEOs," in which children participate in a grand parade and compete in rodeo events such as arena and barrel racing and bucking broncos.

"Stick horses are a toy that enable children to use their imagination," Ferraro says. "The riders, regardless of age, will always put on a show and do some unexpected things," adds Cavanah, noting that a WHOADEO raised \$5,000 for Bell Elementary School's advanced reading program.

For now, Cavanah and Ferraro keep their record-setting collection in their home, although they hope one day to have a permanent site elsewhere to corral their herd for public viewing—and riding. For them, it's not just about having the most stick horses, but rather helping others discover the joy of saddling up and letting their imaginations run free.

"The bottom line is this," Cavanah says. "No breed of horse has been enjoyed and loved by as many kids as the beloved stick horse." ☆

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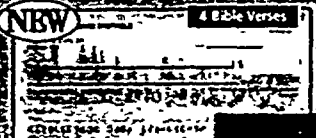
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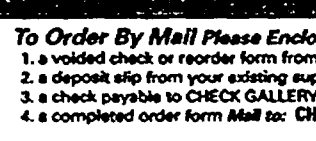
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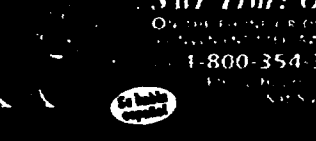
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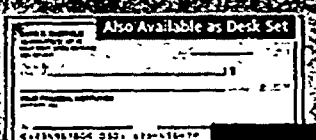
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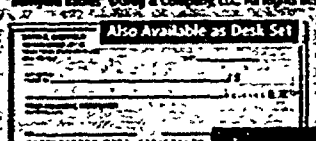
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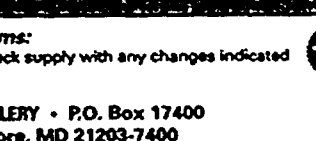
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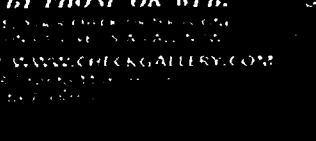
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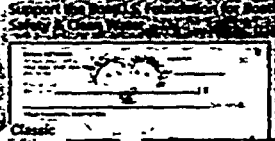
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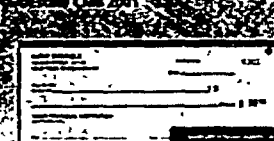
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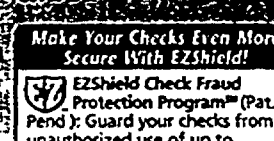
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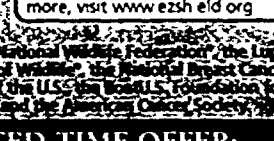
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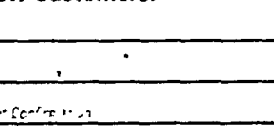
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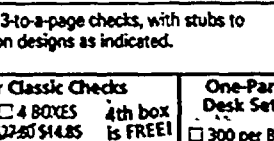
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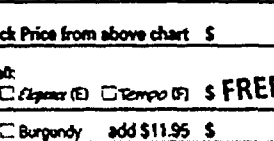
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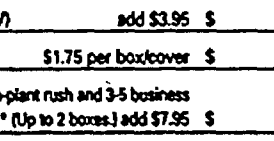
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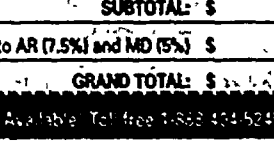
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IOWA—Bryan Berg of Spirit Lake (pop. 4,261) broke the world record in 1999 for building the largest structure from playing cards, a 25-foot tower in a casino lobby in Berlin, Germany.

KANSAS—Dennis Hopper, who starred in and directed the 1969 classic road film *Easy Rider*, took art classes as a young man from the noted American regionalist painter Thomas Hart Benton at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art in Kansas City, Mo. Hopper was born in 1936 in Dodge City (pop. 25,176).

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MISSOURI—In 1913, cartoonist George McManus (1884-1954), born in St. Louis, launched *Bringing Up Father* starring Jiggs and Maggie, one of the most popular cartoon strips of all time, while working for the *New York Journal* in New York City.

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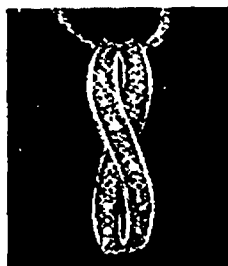
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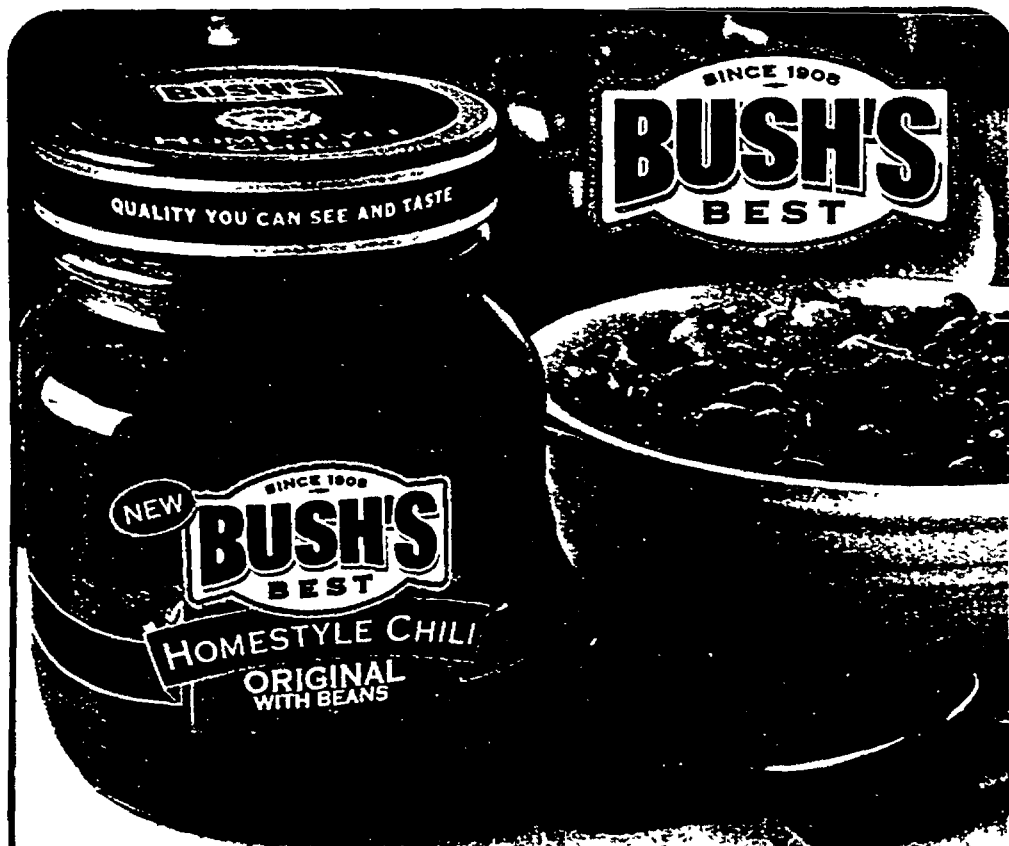
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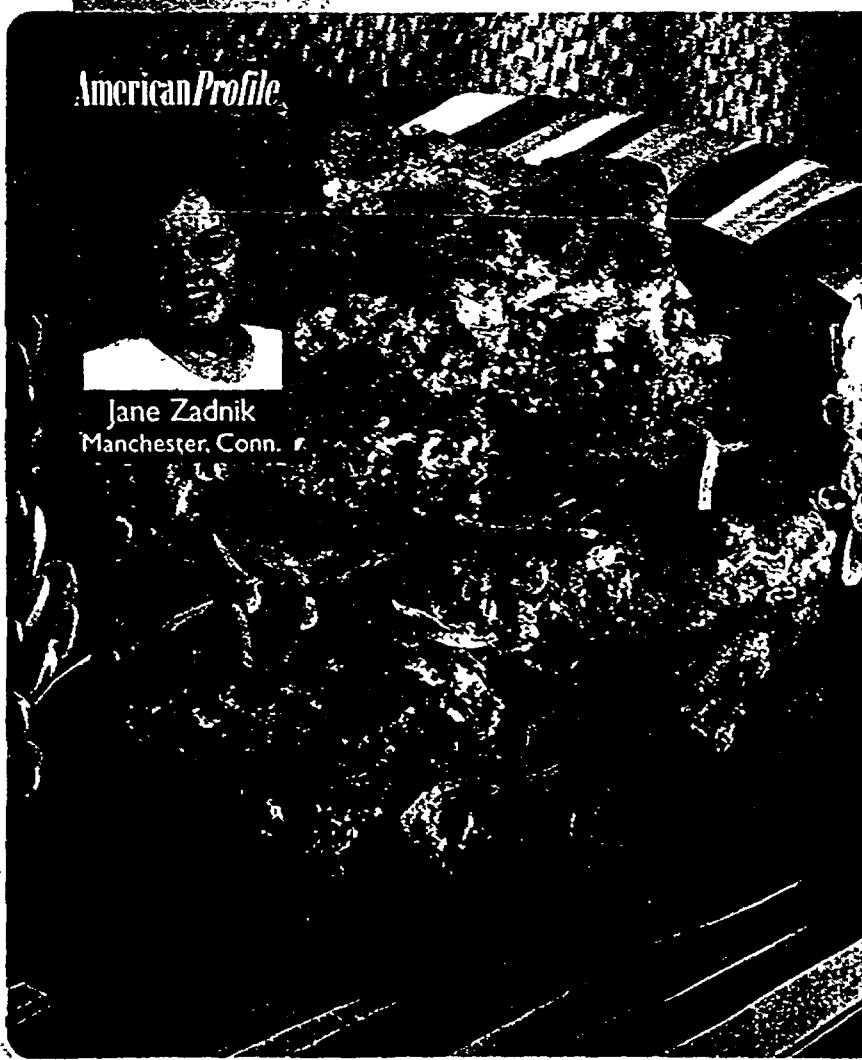
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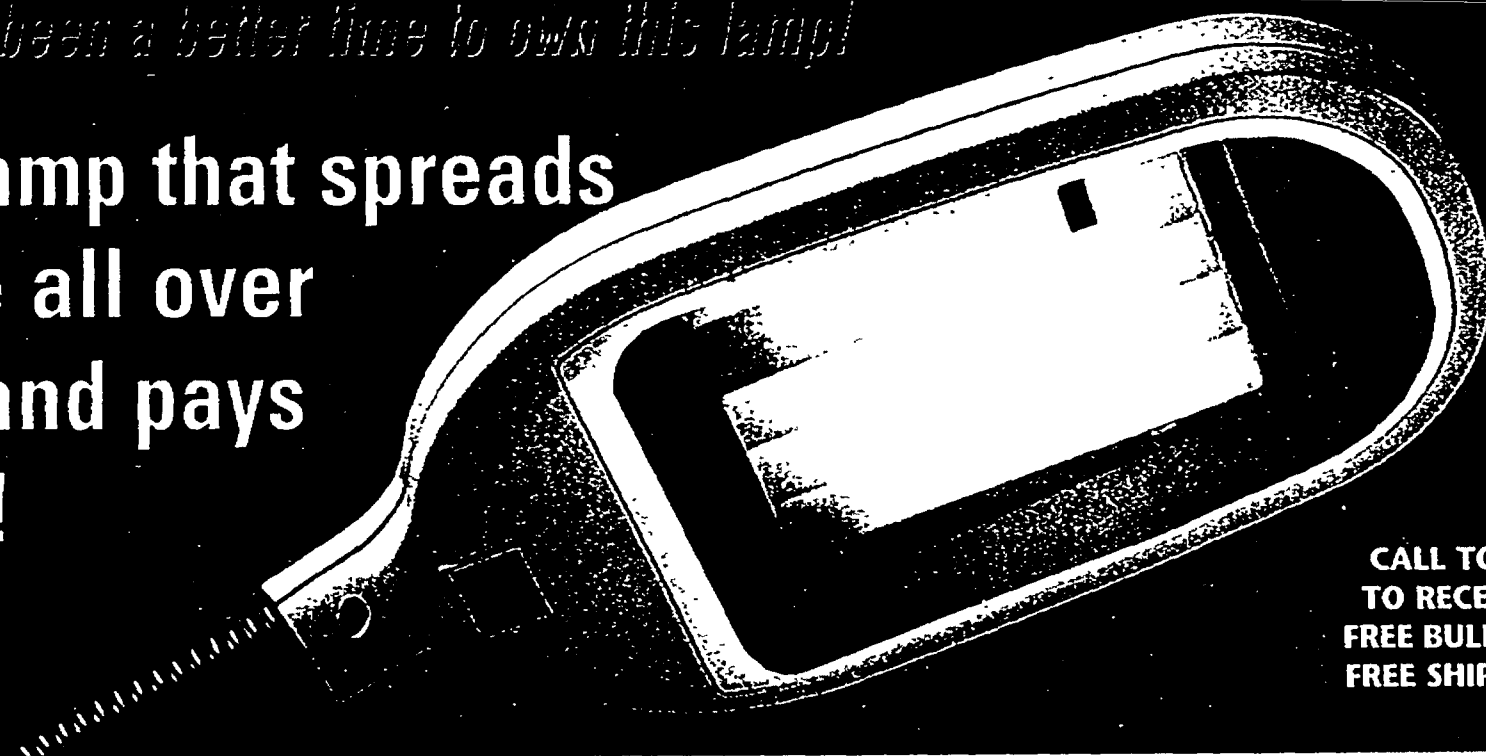
Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Melt butter in a 9-by-13-inch baking dish in the oven. Meanwhile, in a large mixing bowl, beat eggs with flour, salt and baking powder. Stir in milk. Add cheese and spinach. Spread mixture evenly into the baking dish. Bake 25 minutes, or until golden and set in center. Cool and cut into squares. Can be served warm or reheated. Serves 8 to 10.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen:

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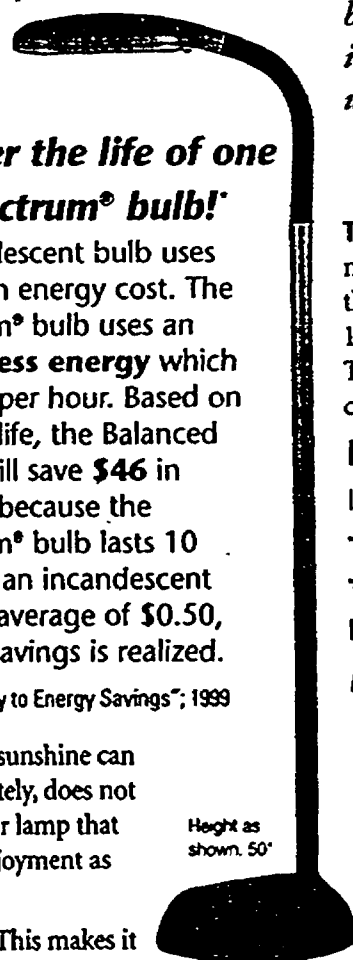
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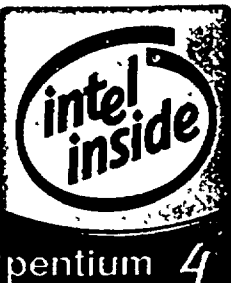
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