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Making room

School district calls special meeting to discuss short-term answers to school overcrowding issues

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Location wasn't one of the reasons Northville residents Brian and Liz Rathsborg bought their Northville home two summers ago. It was the main reason.

Children walk to school in the Six Mile and Ridge roads area where the Rathsborgs' house sits, in the shadow of Ridge Wood Elementary School.

Now the couple fears their kids, or kids of their friends, may be ousted from nearby schools.

Liz Rathsborg said she and her husband were skittish when told by a builder that an elementary school would be built by their home.

"We went through that same issue in Canton, so we were wary," she said.

But despite their hesitation, they chose the Northville location not imagining a population boom could affect their neighborhood school dream.

Members of the Northville Public Schools Board of Education will hold a special meeting Tuesday, April 5 to hear four recommendations from a volunteer-based sub-committee charged with finding a solution to a student boom.

The short-term options committee was charged with formulating a

Special meeting

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education will hold a special meeting 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 in the Hillside Middle School auditorium, 775 N. Center St.

The meeting will be followed by two town-hall style gatherings focusing on the committee's findings. The town-hall style meetings will be held 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 6 at Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road and Thursday, April 7 at Hillside Middle School.

recommendation for the school board answering the question: Where will the district place about 300 new elementary-age students during the next two years?

David Bolitko, Northville Public Schools assistant superintendent for administrative services said the four options presented will be:

- Construct another elementary school;
- Relocate Ridge Wood Elementary School kindergarten students to another district school;

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Springing into action!



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Margret Fitzgerald spoons chocolate ice cream into the mouth of her son Ian, 2, Tuesday afternoon along Center Street. The pair joined other Northville residents, enjoying the first taste of spring.

Day, former Record editor, dies at 82

Community confidante hailed as Northville's insider

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

For 25 years, Jean Day Couse was the community's confidante and conscience.

The former Northville Record columnist and editor died suddenly Monday morning due to complications from recent cancer surgery. She was 82.

A memorial service will be at Casterline Funeral Home at Couse's request, said her daughter, Laurie Egeland. It is set for 2 p.m., Saturday, April 16.

"She always had a positive outlook," Egeland said. "She raised my sister and me to believe that

we could do anything in life that we put our minds to, there was never a doubt that we would both go to college.

"We were very loved by her."

'A newspaper gal'

On Monday, friends and former colleagues recalled Couse's dedication to her profession and connection with the people of Northville.

Bill Sliger, former Northville Record owner, hired Jean Day in 1963 as a part-time reporter. A former daily newspaper writer, she turned her attention to Northville's "society news."

"She was a dedicated newspaper gal," Sliger said. "She loved the newspaper business."

"Jean believed in keeping the paper local — that was our phi-

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Reading Month!

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Noah Huggins, a Winchester kindergartner, looks at a classmate during a March Is Reading Month where all the kids put on their pajamas and grabbed a good book. See how students around the district celebrated, Page 7A.

Northville tries to clear a path

Proposed path may link city, township in two years; railroad cooperation still uncertain

By Kim Kovellev
RECORD STAFF WRITER

It takes careful navigation for Dave Duffield to get from his Northville Township to downtown by mountain bike.

From Six Mile Road, he steers a rough road through Cass Benton Park, crossing bridges and hills before winding his way to Cady Street.

But soon that may change. A path along Northville Road may curb the maneuvering — and connect city and township.

"Once this is completed, it will be the most straight-forward way to get into Northville," Duffield said. "I would take it."

Last Friday, the Michigan Department of Transportation granted \$350,000 for the project. When complete, the path would snake along the west side of Northville Road from Six Mile.

At Seven Mile, it would jump the street and trace the east side of Northville Road, passing the Chamber of Commerce and veer behind the Water Wheel Health Club.

Ford Field is the destination for a 9,000-foot long asphalt path, funded by city, township and Wayne County.

Work on the \$572,500 effort needs to be done in two years under the grants, said Jennifer Frey, township community development director.

"It's an area where we have a lot of population," Frey said. "We don't have another north-south connection until Haggerty."

"From a safety standpoint, it will separate the vehicular and the pedestrian traffic."

Paths will meander alongside the road, she said, and likely cross several waterways via bridges.

The county is responsible for a

cross signal at the Northville Road "jump," Frey added.

But first, Northville needs permission from CSX Railroad to build on an easement running along the east side of Northville Road.

"That is the most, in my mind, the most critical thing," Frey

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Dave Duffield, director of the League of Michigan Bicyclists, hopes he and fellow riders will soon have a bike path along Northville Road near Seven Mile Road.



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PATHS: Northville works to link city, township

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said. "Everything is dependent on that." If not, she said, alternate plans, time and money will be needed.

To start engineering and plotting the path, permission is needed in about a month.

Connectivity

Recently retired township planner Maureen Osiecki applied for the state grant last February.

She also helped secure \$65,000 in county grants from the GreenWays Initiative last March, geared at environment surveys.

"There's always been a need for walking and bicycle transportation into the city," Osiecki said. "It's been on the books for a long, long time."

Northville Road seemed most logical to connect people, parks and buildings, she said.

"Anyone who travels that has to travel on the gravel shoulder, and it's not safe," she said.

Plus, proposed paths stand better odds of getting grants if they lead to a destination.

"When my children grew up here there was no safe way for them to get to school from one point to another," she added. "It's always been something that I felt very important."

The city and township will each contribute about \$52,500 to the 10-foot wide paths, as will Wayne County. Other costs will be covered as they arise.

Frey said the goal is to begin the project next spring — pending GSX approval.

Though he prefers road shoulders, Duffield's looking forward to the addition.

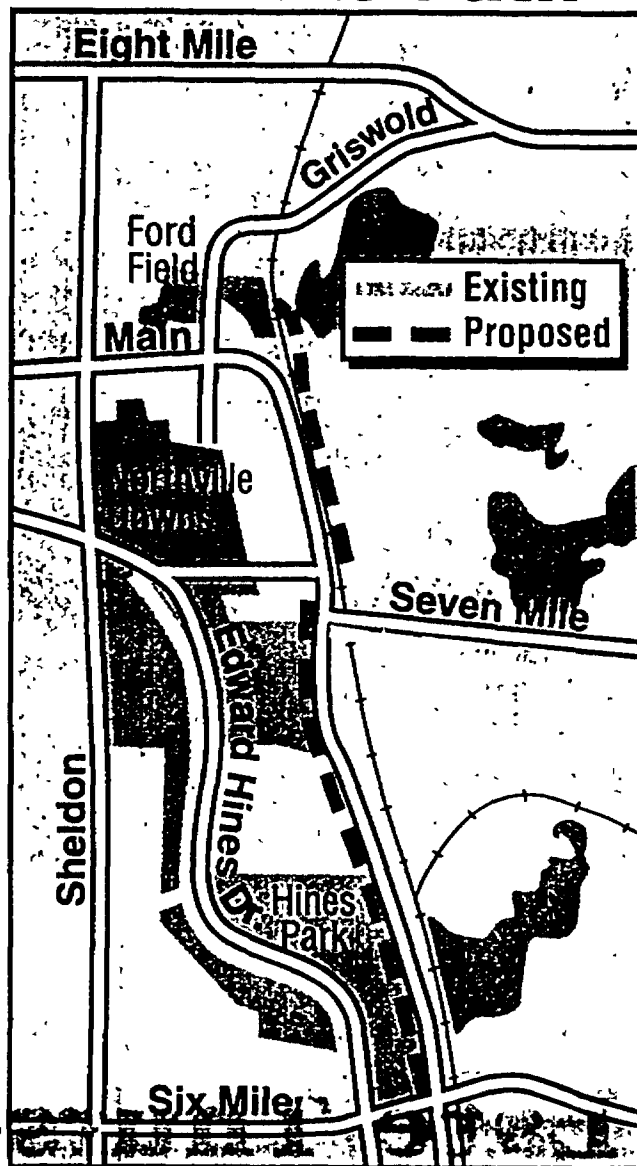
"Even if you were to use the shoulder, there is one squeeze point in it," he said. "I'm happy they're doing it."

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Maureen Osiecki
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Future Northville Road Bike Path



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Maybury supporters wary of 'progress' at vintage farm

Group offers different 'Voices'

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

When the Maybury Farm burned two years ago, a grass-roots group named Voices for Maybury Farm immediately formed to help rebuild it.

Now founder Susan Greenlee said it's time the group speaks up about the plan currently unfolding on the 50-acre site inside located along Eight Mile Road.

Her concern: what was previously an affordable, close-up look at a historic family farm will soon become a profit-focused exclusive attraction.

Greenlee said the 150-member Voices group wants to see the regional attraction restored to it is charming, sedate existence.

"It was affordable and very accessible," she said, "even to the poorest inner-city schools who otherwise might not see a farm in action. We'd like to see that continue."

Shari Peters, president of the Northville Community Foundation leading the rebuilding effort, said the vintage-flavor farm opening to the public later this year still will appeal to all ages and focus on education.

"Maybury Farm will be everything it was and everything it wasn't," Peters said. "It will remain as charming as ever."

"It will now include more educational programs for our children — something that was dearly lacking in the past."

Collective effort

Greenlee said her group understands the restoration effort requires time and money, but hopes the end result will mirror Maybury's past.

Today, animals are back in the pens and stalls. Vintage buildings are in place and nearly repaired. Trickles of youngsters in guided groups have returned

to the grounds.

"Farmer Beemer is on board, the barns are there — for that Shari Peters deserves credit," Greenlee said. "My concerns are more for the future eventualities over there."

During the 19 months since the foundation leased the farm land from the state, Peters spent time fund-raising and networking with donors and suppliers and recruiting workers.

"There have been such an enormous amount of people that have been making this happen," she said. "It takes time. The bills have to be paid first."

"This is not a one-year or a two-year project."

A frequent park visitor, Greenlee said the fate of the entire state park is tied to the healthy return of a working farm.

If Northville residents covet Maybury's fish ponds, horse paths, skiing trails and working farm, then they will need to play an active role, she said.

"I understand the need to keep the farm in the black now that it's an unsubsidized operation," Greenlee said. "I understand that's going to be a challenge, but we're up to it."

Common goal

Greenlee said her core group of 50 farm supporters is looking for ways to help.

Bring them on, Peters said. "I'm not a person who sits back and waits... I've always felt if you stay on the straight and narrow — you don't veer for this group, you don't veer with this group — you're OK."

Peters said she can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Aside from the physical preparation of the farm, education and finance experts have helped shape planned curriculum. Private companies and organizations have also provided time, money and materials.

Greenlee said she has not yet discussed with Peters volunteer opportunities or how the farm can best use the \$10,000 the Voices have raised through T-shirt and calendar sales.

"We're hoping to put our name on a single, tangible lasting project," Greenlee said. "I

Voices for Maybury Farm

The group will host an hour-long meeting at 4 p.m., Sunday, April 17 in meeting rooms A and B in the Northville District Library, 215 W. Cady St., meeting rooms A & B. Discussion will focus on the future of the Maybury Farm and the Voices' role in it. Anyone interested can attend. For information, call Susan Greenlee at (248) 380-5924.

Help Rebuild the Farm

For ways to join the effort to return the farm, contact the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200.

"I hope that we can put all our shoulders to the same grindstone and push this effort forward as a community."

Susan Greenlee
Northville Resident

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As the weather breaks, the pace will pick up at the Maybury Farm. The largest hurdle: a new place to park for farm visitors.

"The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is in the process of putting in a parking lot for Maybury Farm," Peters said. "At this time, we can only take controlled groups because the farm is still under construction."

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Susan Greenlee, president of Voices for Maybury, said her group wants to contribute time and money to rebuilding Maybury Farm.

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Right-to-die: Who's right is it really?

Local residents ponder Florida woman's fate

By David Aguilar
RECORD EDITOR

Mark Einem measures daily the quality of his daughter Joelle's life in subtle ways: a simple smile, recognition of a distant voice and progress at school.

And for that he and his wife, Jane, are grateful.

Still, the Northville resident empathizes with the parents of Terri Schiavo, the 41-year-old Florida woman whose feeding tube was disconnected by doctors two weeks ago and who without legal intervention is expected to die.

"As a parent, I really hurt for her parents," Einem said. "They know the value of her life."

Einem and his wife, Jane, know the value of Joelle's life.

Unlike Schiavo, their 16-year-old daughter, though severely multiply-impaired, is healthy and thriving at Cooke School in Northville.

That's a far cry from the moments when, hours old, she was pronounced dead, resuscitated back to life following a transfusion. Since then, her parents and family members have fused life and hope with commitment and non-ceasing medical attention.

The challenges have been

great, Einem said, including at-home care and continued support from family and friends. But it's been well worth it.

"Joelle's life is too precious," he said. "It's not necessarily easy, but it's a joy. She is my daughter."

Einem said it's not uncommon to wonder about a different fate for his daughter, one where complete sentences and clearly spoken words replace outward grunts and long moments spent within medical devices and time spent sprawled on the floor so atrophied muscles can stretch properly.

"You always think about it, you are always confronted with it," he said. "But just because her life is not the same as someone else's doesn't mean it doesn't have value."

Einem, a pastor at a Redford church, said he has received many questions from curious, well-meaning parishioners since Schiavo's case has made the news worldwide.

"They will ask about Joelle because they know her," he said. "They ask how she is doing."

Einem said deciding whose life is expendable is a slippery story riddled with Constitutional, medical and personal implications. He's watched media reports of the

Schiavo case and winced.

"If you look at the love her parents are showing her, that says a lot," he said. He said increased scrutiny, though sad, casts a necessary spotlight on a serious debate: who has the right to preserve life?

"It's important for us to wrestle with this kind of thing," Einem said, adding quality of life issues are often difficult to gauge by an outside world peering momentarily in.

"In our case, people don't know how the connections are made between Joelle and the people around her — sometimes it's a smile, or a voice she recognizes in the distance," he said.

"Not enough people know the Joelles of the world."

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Properly preparing for life and death decisions is as simple as completing three forms, local attorney says

By David Aguilar
RECORD EDITOR

Marc Corriveau knows dying is a topic most people would rather not discuss, much less prepare for. But the Northville-based attorney said organizing your estate and outlining your wishes legally in case of medical incapacitation should take a married couple no more than one hour and cost no more than \$500.

Corriveau said getting things in order is as simple as filling out three forms: a durable power of attorney (\$125), a durable medical power of attorney (\$125) and a living will (\$250).

His charge for tacking all three at once: \$450.

"I know it's something people don't always want to think about," Corriveau said, whose Main Street private practice has about 150 clients. "But if you want your wishes respected, you really have to step out. You have to force yourself to do this."

Corriveau said Terri Schiavo, an incapacitated Florida woman whose feeding tube was removed by doctors March 18 and who is now expected to die, has raised people's consciousness locally. He's received more calls from people asking how their final wishes would best be outlined legally.

"It's been a little nudge for people: 'I really gotta do that,'" Corriveau said. "And not only can people do this, but they should."

Corriveau said the process is much simpler than people think and often requires a one-hour initial consultation, document preparation and the signatures of a mentally competent client.

He said though legally a power of attorney docu-

ment can by itself outline a client's final wishes, his firm uses a special medical power of attorney form to ensure there will be no doubt if a judge someday has to make a ruling.

Here's what's needed:

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2. Durable Medical Power of Attorney: This easily customized document lists specifically what your final wishes are medically and could also include organ donations.

3. Durable Power of Attorney (optional): If a medical power of attorney document has already been filed, then this document is an option of convenience for most people. It allows someone to sign legal forms in your absence. Common in business, power of attorney status allows another person the legal authority to sign as your legal representative. Yes, that makes you vulnerable in certain ways — financially mostly — which is why some attorneys advise clients to grant this blank-check designation to someone other than a spouse.

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DAY: former Record editor dies at 82

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osophy, for all of us for that matter. She wanted it to be about Northville."

After her first husband of 25 years, Douglas Day, died suddenly in 1973, Couse began reporting full-time. She later became editor. A plaque still hangs in the Record's 104 W. Main St. newsroom commemorating her career, 1963-1988.

Egeland said she admired her mom's integrity and intelligence. Couse put herself through the University of Michigan.

"She worked hard, was an incredible role model for us," her daughter said. "She had very close friends that she valued deeply."

Betty Allen, who worked as a receptionist during Couse's newspaper tenure, recalled her involvement in numerous clubs and organizations.

"She was just a good person, a good friend," Allen said.

Groups Couse was active in included: the Northville Women's Club, Mothers' Club of Northville, American Association of University Women, Quilters, First Presbyterian Church of Northville and the University of Michigan Alumni Association.

'A touch of class'

As a local journalist, Couse chronicled local events in regular features "Our Town."



Jean Day, 82.

"Garden of the Month," "Newcomer's Corner" and a home tour section.

Phil Jerome, who worked alongside Couse off and on for 18 years, said her connection with the community refuted conventional newspaper wisdom the front page is read first.

"She was totally in tune with Northville and the women of Northville," Jerome said. "I'm sure the women's section was read first."

"I think she knew every woman in town."

Jerome recalled how Couse could turn stories about the travels, accomplishments and daily life told to her by acquaintances and neighbors into stories people loved to read.

"Her column — there was a touch of sophistication, a touch of class to it," he said. "If you



Northville resident and former Northville Record editor Jean Day was known as a good friend, caring friend and an active member of the Northville community.

Memorial Service

A memorial service for Jean Day Couse will be held 2 p.m. Saturday, April 16, at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap St.

were mentioned in Jean Day's column, you were at the top of the list in Northville society.

"She knew all these stories about people in town," Jerome said. "She knew what was important to the people of Northville."

"She helped make it impor-

tant."

Couse and her husband of 22 years Blake last November moved in with Egeland and her husband Eric when she became ill. She also is survived by her daughter Roberta (Robin) Day of Washington. Her brother, Robert MacMain, died in January 2004.

Since Couse's retirement in 1988, she and her husband enjoyed spending time with their Northville friends, Egeland said. During their extensive travels, she continued writing about places they visited and antiques, she said.

The couple in 2000 moved

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Phil Jerome
Former Northville Record Editor

their year-round residence to East Tawas, the location of a family vacation cottage for years.

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Plymouth sewer line breaks, leaks wastewater; does not impact Northville, officials say

By Kim Kovel
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A sewer line that's apparently been leaking wastewater into the Middle Rouge River didn't impact Northville, officials said.

The broken line was found March 11 in downstream

Plymouth, east of Edward Hines Drive and South of Wilcox Road.

Western Township Utilities Authority Director of Operations Aaron Sprague said damage to the 480-foot line was a few inches and likely caused by settling.

"This happened right at a bend in the river," he said. "Once we found

it, we immediately ceased it and repaired the line."

Wastewater was temporarily diverted to a parallel pipe until repairs were made between March 15 and 16. A plastic liner was added.

"It's rare," Sprague said of the incident. "We inspect and clean all of our sewers on a five year rotation. This sort of pipe is actually inspected a little more often."

The amount of discharge is unknown, but river samples are

pending.

A stretch of Northville Township pipe along the Maybury Sanitarium Interceptor near Beck and Seven Mile roads is slated for repairs that should be complete by July, Sprague added.

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PAGETURNERS

Northville elementary students embrace Reading Month

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Local meteorologist Chuck Gaidica was one of more than 20 celebrity readers visiting Ridge Wood Elementary last week for the school's Reading with the Stars event.

Gaidica read "Wild About Books" by Judy Sierra to a group of wide-eyed third-grade students at the March 23 program celebrating March is Reading Month.

Northville police and firefighters, school district administrators, pilots, karate instructors and members of the U.S. military added to the guest list alliterating kid-friendly stories and sharing personal anecdotes.

WJBK-TV (Channel 2) sports director Dan Miller read "My Teacher Likes to Say" by Denise Brennan-Nelson.

"Do you guys ever put your thinking caps on?" Miller asked the group. "What does the early bird gets the worm mean?"

The event concluded a long list of activities at the Six Mile Road

school, culminating March is Reading Month.

"In March I learned it is fun to read and you can learn a lot of stuff," said third-grade student, Sean Cain. "I read for the whole three weeks."

Each building in the district joined Ridge Wood Elementary School, reveling in reading activities.

Following the theme Oh My! It's Sci-Fi, students at Winchester Elementary School were rewarded with a movie for their reading, goal-reaching efforts.

The students traveled to AMC 20 Theater in Livonia on March 24 to see the movie "Robots," tying in with the sci-fi theme.

"The movie is getting great reviews," said Jacquelyn Hillard, Winchester Elementary School learning consultant/teacher. "And because science fiction is a new genre to have in our elementary schools, we thought the outing would be very exciting."

Parents at Thornton Creek Elementary School donated their time, decorating the school as a

tropical rainforests collaborating with the school's March theme Let Reading "Rain" in Your Life!

Thornton Creek Elementary School Principal Cheryl Casterline said students curled up under tropical trees and read away before heading off for spring break.

And every elementary school in the district, along with Our Lady of Victory School, received a special March is Reading Month visit by author Jane Kurtz.

Kurtz shared with Northville students stories of growing up in Ethiopia and other world views.

The month kicked off with a declaration by Gov. Jennifer Granholm declaring March as the official reading month for the State of Michigan.

Granholm toured the state throughout the month, sharing books with students and declaring every month in Michigan should be reading month, not just March.

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- 2001: "A Year Down Yonder" by Richard Peck
- 2000: "Bud, Not Buddy" by Christopher Paul Curtis
- 1999: "Holes" by Louis Sachar
- 1998: "Out of the Dust" by Karen Hesse
- 1997: "The View from Saturday" by E.L. Konigsburg
- 1996: "The Midwife's Apprentice" by Karen Cushman
- 1995: "Walk Two Moons" by Sharon Creech
- 1994: "The One" by Lois Lowry
- 1993: "Missing May" by Cynthia Rylant
- 1992: "Shiloh" by Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
- 1991: "Maniac Magee" by Jerry Spinelli
- 1990: "Number the Stars" by Lois Lowry
- 1989: "Joyful Noise: Poems for Two Voices" by Paul Fleischman
- 1988: "Lincoln: A Photobiography" by Russell Freedman
- 1987: "The Whipping Boy" by Sid Fleischman
- 1986: "Sarah, Plain and Tall" by Patricia MacLachlan
- 1985: "The Hero and the Crown" by Robin McKinley
- 1984: "Dear Mr. Henshaw" by Beverly Cleary
- 1983: "Dicey's Song" by Cynthia Voigt
- 1982: "A Visit to William Blake's Inn: Poems for Innocent and Experienced Travelers" by Nancy Willard
- 1981: "Jacob Have I Loved" by Katherine Paterson
- 1980: "A Gathering of Days: A New England Girl's Journal, 1830-1832" by Joan W. Blos
- 1979: "The Westing Game" by Ellen Raskin
- 1978: "Bridge to Terabithia" by Katherine Paterson
- 1977: "Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry" by Mildred D. Taylor
- 1976: "The Grey King" by Susan Cooper
- 1975: "M. C. Higgins, the Great" by Virginia Hamilton



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Sean Cain

Third-Grade Student, Ridge Wood Elementary School



Photos by John Heider/Northville Record

TOP-LEFT: Author Jane Kurtz holds up one of her books as she talks about growing up in Ethiopia. Kurtz visited all of the district's elementary schools during March, including Amerman Elementary School.

TOP-RIGHT: FOX-TV sports director Dan Miller was one of the many participants in last week's "Reading with the Stars" at Ridge Wood Elementary School. Miller read "My Teacher Likes to Say."

TOP-MIDDLE: Thornton Creek students Averie Dickinson, Alexa Kennedy, Stacy Lis, Taylor Turner and Joey VanHouten read books in front of a sign stating their school's theme for the month: "Let Reading Rain in Your Life."

ABOVE-LEFT: Moraine students Glynn Robitaille and Amber Hyde read while standing in front of the school's "Storyteller's Necklace."

LEFT: Winchester Elementary first graders hold up boxes of popcorn before they head off to see the movie "Robots" as part of "Oh My! It's Sci-Fi."

BOTTOM-LEFT: Silver Springs students clap as they learn an Ethiopian song from author Jane Kurtz.

BOTTOM-RIGHT: Winchester Elementary School kindergartners Maya Sankaran, left, and Melissa Bruckman curl up in their pajamas with a good book during last week's "March is Reading Month" activities.



Class NOTES

Senior Citizens prom

The 15th annual Hillside Middle School Senior Citizens Prom will take place 4-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 20 at the school. This year's theme is Lights, Camera, Action: Hollywood at Hillside. Many Northville and Novi senior citizens are invited to attend and spend the afternoon dancing with Hillside students to the sounds of the Northville High School Jazz Ensemble. A puppet show and choral concert will also be a part of the event. For more information, call (248) 344-8493.

Driver education

Applications for Segment 1 Driver Education classes will be available in the Northville High School office beginning April 1. The enrollment fee of \$320 covers both Segment 1 in the summer 2005 and Segment 2 in the fall/winter 2005-06. The application deadline is Friday, April 22. For further information, call Kelly Covert at (248) 344-8427.

Kindergarten screening

Wayne County technicians will be visiting the Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center Kids' Creative Corner and Child Care classrooms to conduct vision and hearing tests for children entering kindergarten in the fall. The free screening will take place Wednesday, April 20 at Thornton Creek Elementary School; Friday, April 22 at Main Street; and Wednesday, April 27 and Friday, April 29 at Ridge Wood Elementary School. Vision screening is required by the State of Michigan for all children entering kindergarten. Screening may also be performed by a family physician.

Science Fair

Hillside Middle School will be holding its 2004-05 Science Fair 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 13 in the Hillside Media Center, 775 N. Center Street. The event is open to parents and the entire community. For more information, call Yvonne Hughes at (248) 344-8598.

Open enrollment

The open enrollment deadline for the Northville Public Schools' 2005-06 year is Thursday, April 7. Parents desiring their children attend a public school other than designated by attendance area, must submit letters to Casey Reason, assistant superintendent, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. Copies of the letter must also be sent to building principals. Final decisions regarding open enrollment are not made until one to two weeks prior to the start of the school year because of summer enrollment fluctuations.

School board meeting

The next Northville Board of Education regular meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 12 at Old Village School, 405 W. Main Street. A special school board meeting will be held 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 5 at Hillside Middle School, 775 N. Center Street. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

New scholarship

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

NHS senior party

Tickets are on sale now for the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Beth Duman of the Howell Nature Center shows a redtail hawk to an assembly of Meads Mill students last week. Duman brought six different types of hawks and owls to the school from the center where they're cared for. Students learned hawks kill their prey with talons and consume mice, voles, rabbits and snakes.

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 Ct., 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 Stille-Stevenson at (248)

348-9608 or cecstimm@aol.com.

Class of 2005 graduation

The Northville High School Class of 2005 graduation ceremony will take place 7 p.m. Saturday, June 4 at Computware

Arena. District officials said the later time will help accommodate student athletes and allow graduates to proceed directly to the all-night party.

Compiled by Record education reporter Victoria Sadlocha.

ON CAMPUS

Miami University

Northville residents, Christopher Jacobs, Genna Baidas, Matthew Cornelius, Lindsay Dunnead and Bradley Stoner were named to the dean's list for fall 2004 semester at Miami University.

Northwood University

Eric Pfefferte, of Northville, has been named to the dean's list for winter term at Northwood University.

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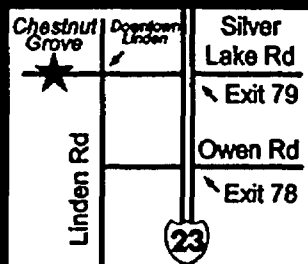


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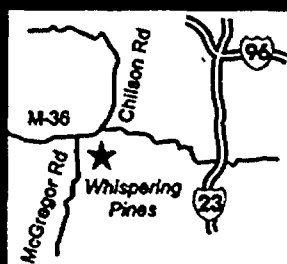


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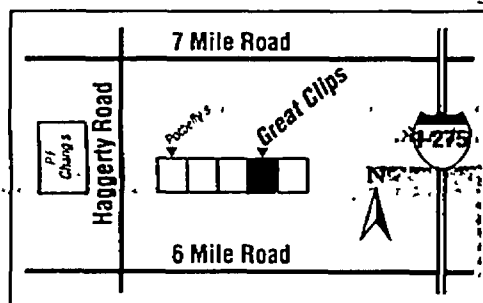
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Trekking the Oregon Trail

Studies take Meads Mill students into the mud

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The eighth-grade students at Meads Mill Middle School were stuck in the mud last week.

Mud covered boots, dirty skirts and sore shoulders were part of the children's March 24 studies of the Oregon Trail.

For the second year, eighth-grade teachers at the Northville school abandoned the classroom in exchange for hands-on learning.

"I think the biggest benefit is they will always remember this lesson and it will be strongest in their minds," said Stacey Goodrich, Meads Mill Middle School enrichment teacher.

Dressed in 1850s garb and carrying homemade prairie schooners, the students invaded Northville Waterford Bend recreation area, simulating the journey settlers made centuries ago in search of opportunity and an uninhabited frontier.

The park gravel road served as a dry river bed and the children's play area became an Indian reserve during the lesson.

Four 10-pound water jugs were placed in the students' sneakers so they could feel the weight settlers endured.

"It feels like 40 pounds on each shoulder," said student Nick Gumina. "I just need to take a break after so many paces."

Gumina was part of the Goodrich Gang, a group of students making up his family heading west.

In order to make it to "Oregon," the students calculated paces to strategically placed route markers throughout the park.

Using skills learned in math class, the students converted miles to paces before determining their way to the next correct mark.

One wrong calculation by a family's pacer meant a dooming message written on a wayward marker.

Meads Mill Middle School

math teacher James Chabot, plotted the route markers the day before using a satellite picture of the park.

"This is fun, but a lot of work goes into it beforehand," Chabot said.

As the students plotted, traveled and headed west they wrote in their journals assigned by their English teachers. Diseases settlers encountered along the way were studied in science class.

Students also square-danced in the school gymnasium and sampled recipes from the mid 1800s as part of the Oregon Trail social studies unit.

"It was fun. I just wish we did more stuff like this," said student Joline Smith. "This is something I will never forget, and I will never forget the Oregon Trail."

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Photo by VICTORIA SADLOCHA/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Eighth-grade students at Meads Mill Middle School carry homemade prairie schooners during the class trip to Waterford Bend recreation area in Northville last week. The students exchanged the classroom for the muddy grass while learning about the Oregon Trail.



Photo by VICTORIA SADLOCHA/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Meads Mill Middle School student Jenny Burke directs her students to travel west last week during the school's Oregon Trail studies at the Waterford Bend recreation area in Northville. The eighth-grade student used a compass to make sure her team stayed on track.

TAKE A BOW

Students

Northville student Shamik Ganguly was chosen by the National Geographic Society as a semi-finalist in the 2005 Michigan Geographic Bee. The event will take place tomorrow at Central Michigan University. Bees were held in schools with fourth-through eighth-grade students throughout the state to determine each school's Geographic Bee winner. School-level winners then took a qualifying

test submitted to the National Geographic Society. Each state winner and teacher will represent Michigan in the national finals at the society's Washington, D.C., headquarters. Ganguly is a student at Northville Montessori Center and the son of Anik and Rashmi Ganguly.

Winners

The Hillside Science Olympiad Team finished third overall out of 23 teams in the regional tournament held earlier this month. The team also received medals in 21 out of 23 events with first place honors going to Christy Mueller and Kinza

Ahmed for Bottle Rockets; Rajeev Vadhavkar and Robert Hsu for Experimental Design and Sean Hadley and Ben Naber for Robo-Billiards. The team will now compete in the State Science Olympiad tournament on Saturday, April 30 at Michigan State University.

Alumni

Justin Button of Northville was named to the Dean's list for the fall 2004-05 academic year at the University of Dayton. To be named on the list, a student must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher. Button is a finance major at the Ohio university.

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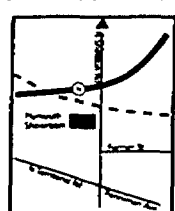
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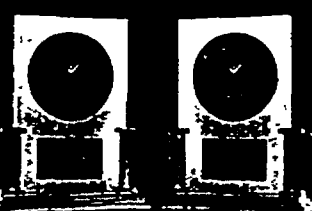
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Stepping in

When do school pranks and bullying become punishable by law enforcement officials?

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Ten days ago 10 people died on the Red Lake Indian Reservation in northern Minnesota after a troubled teen allegedly grabbed a gun and went on a shooting rampage before killing himself. Eight of the victims were killed at Red Lake High School.

The incident has been compared to the 1999 Columbine massacre.

Last week, a 14-year-old White Lake Township student was arrested in connection with violating the Michigan Anti-Terrorism Act, charged with one count of threatening terrorism after a "kill list" was found in his possession.

The Holly High School teen allegedly had the list in his backpack and included classmates he wanted to kill.

At the beginning of the month, two students at Kearsley High School in Flint were expelled and arrested, charged with sending Internet threats to fellow students.

The two girls are accused of sending instant message threats, creating a 65-person hit list and threatening to blow up the school.

Some details in the cases are similar. Many details are different. One question remains: When should adverse teen behavior be taken seriously and become punishable by school or law enforcement officials?

"If it was like one of those incidents it would have been handled the same, but it wasn't, and I believe the school did a good job on their end."

Off. Larry Demeter
Northville Township School Resource Officer

What would Northville do?

Northville Public Schools superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said the district does not have a specific intervention policy.

"We handle each case unto itself. It is not cookie-cutter," Rezmierski said. "We do look at every instance in-depth and review it and take nothing for granted."

As reinforcement, the superintendent said the district's code of conduct is reviewed on an annual basis and when otherwise necessary or directed by the state.

The district's policy was put into practice in February when a group of Northville teens admitted to police they downloaded a sound byte of the movie "Phone Booth" threatening death as a

prank phone call to another student.

According to police reports, the teens said the act was a joke. The phone-call recipient's parents pulled their child out of the school.

It was later deemed by Northville Township police and school administrators the offense was not punishable, especially considering the phone call happened over the weekend.

Northville Township School Resource Officer Larry Demeter said the situation was handled appropriately. He said if the same incident happened today, in light of the Red Lake and White Lake Township incidents, it would not be handled any differently.

Demeter said the Northville episode was more emotional and not the same as White Lake Township.

"If it was like one of those incidents it would have been handled the same, but it wasn't, and I believe the school did a good job on their end," he said.

If police do not step in, then county prosecutors are removed from bringing charges against a teen.

A spokeswoman from Wayne County Prosecutor Kym L. Worthy's office said the county only acts when prompted by local law enforcement agencies.

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Northville Public Schools Projection vs Capacity

YRS: 2004/05-2010/11	K Projection	Over/Under K Capacity 349*	1-5 Projection	Over/Under 1-5 Capacity 2484*	6-8 Projection	Over/Under 6-8 Capacity 2084*	9-12 Projection	Over/Under 9-12 Capacity 2200*	Total K-12
04-05 (Actual)	410	+21	2471	+87	1578	-507	1946	-254	6405
*Projected Increase	+8		+126		+17		+139		
05-06	418	+27	2597	+193	1595	-489	2085	-115	6693
*Projected Increase	+15		+133		+58		+52		
06-07	431	+42	2730	+326	1653	-431	2137	-52	6951
*Projected Increase	+13		+63		+90		+134		
07-08	444	+55	2783	+339	1743	-341	2271	+71	7251
*Projected Increase	+11		+68		127		+43		
08-09	455	+66	2861	+457	1870	-214	2314	+114	7500
*Projected Increase	+11		+84		+112		+36		
09-10	466	+77	2955	+551	1982	-102	2350	+150	7753
*Projected Increase	+9		+76		+45		+164		
10-11	475	+86	3031	+627	2027	-57	2514	+314	8047

*Capacity figures include the Ridge Wood and Meads Mill additions

SOURCE: Northville Public Schools

MAKING ROOM: Tuesday meeting will outline Northville public school overcrowding options

continued from 1A

- Relocate Ridge Wood fifth grade students to Silver Springs and Winchester; and
- Change attendance boundaries to schools where capacity exists.

The committee mulled more than 30 concepts before reducing the list to four, including switching to a 45/15 year-round schedule, creating a fifth- and sixth-grade house, marketing in-district open enrollment more aggressively and increasing class sizes at the elementary level.

"It is a very tricky situation," Rathsburg said. "And once it is pretty much stated that these are the options, things could get pretty heated."

According to an enrollment forecast study conducted by Education Service, Inc., one of the hardest hit attendance area will be Ridge Wood Elementary School.

"We will open by necessity and by schedule a six-classroom addition by August 2005 and will still be over capacity," Bolitho said. "That is pretty significant."

Ridge Wood is expected to grow by 42 students next year.

As of March 7, the district had 6,457 students enrolled with long-term projections of more than 8,000 kids.

Last month, Northville Township officials reviewed a

"We will open by necessity and by schedule a six-classroom addition by August 2005 and will still be over capacity."

David Bolitho

Northville Public Schools Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services

concept plan from Bloomfield Hills-based developer Real Estate Interests, detailing 1,100 residential units.

Northville Public Schools superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said students resulting from the proposed development were not factored into future student estimates.

"If the planned unit development is finalized, then we would have to go in and refactor how many more students are coming because the numbers we have are clearly excluding, but pending, the finalization of the Seven Mile psychiatric property," he said.

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Restoring a fire fighter's final farewell

Northville shop helps convert old fire engine into hearse

By Kim Kovel
RECORD STAFF WRITER

When he first laid eyes on the red, rotting, 1937 Seagrave Sedan Pumper fire engine, Ricke Rosselle's reaction was, "What a project."

Currently housed at his R&R Fire Truck Repair shop in Northville, Rosselle is donating manpower to help the Detroit Firemen's Fund Association restore the antique's mechanics.

When complete, the old engine will carry fallen fire fighters in funeral processions.

"This is firefighter for a firefighter," said Rosselle, a 28-year firefighting veteran. "A firefighter's funeral or even a police officer's funeral, it's a pretty big tear-jerker when you're done with it."

A project in the works for about three years, Detroit Fire Sgt. Arnie Nowicki said the goal is to keep the custom alive statewide.

"One of the things that fire fighter tradition has is the person that dies in the line of duty is carried in a rig for the final ride," Nowicki said. "That has been going on for years and years."

"Unfortunately, the new fire engines are huge and it doesn't work out all that well."

Another issue: engines must be taken out of service for about a day. Though mutual aid fills in, Nowicki said, that makes it tough for smaller departments.

Hence, the firemen's fund — the 139-year-old benevolent association for Detroit's fire department — set out to find the right-sized rig and ample help.

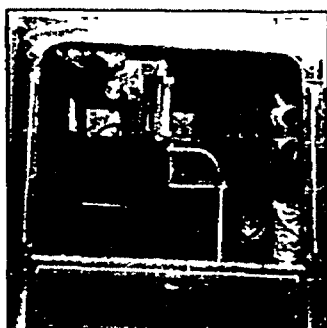
Fire truck collector Jimmie Dobson donated the 1937 Detroit engine, sold for scrap metal in the 1960s. Another Michigan engine buff, Mike Adams, donated a 1936 model for parts.

The list of painstaking restorations is long, but so is the list of those pitching in.

Restore the Seagrave

The Detroit Firemen's Fund Association is restoring a 1937 Seagrave Sedan Pumper fire engine to carry fallen fire fighters to their final resting place. To donate or find out more:

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Submitted Photo
A casket will fit into the back of the old fire engine.

An original black roof, fire-engine red body and black pin-stripes with gold leafing will be painted in Warren. New roof bows will be fabricated in Westland.

Hearse rollers and tie-downs will come from Canada, as will chrome plating.

Once a \$26,000 chassis system rolls into town, Rosselle will tend to axle, transmission and engine upgrades.

Currently, the rig moves at about 45 mph; a new turbo diesel engine will permit 70 mph.

"My guess is 60-70 hours," said Rosselle of his company's work. "The total project, I'll almost bet, is going to be 3,000 man-hours."

Nowicki said to date, about \$75,000 has been donated, and help has been pledged.

In Northville Township, the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

R&R Fire Truck Repair in Northville is restoring this 1937 Seagrave Safety Sedan, which will be used as a firefighter's hearse.

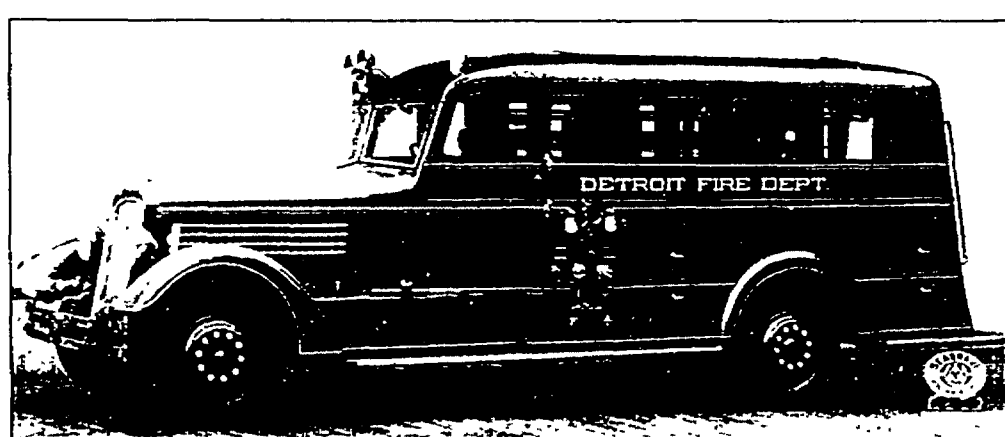
firefighters' professional union also donated \$100 to the cause.

The aim is to have the Seagrave ready to serve by Memorial Day 2006, Nowicki said. During non-use, it will be displayed at the Great Lakes Fire Apparatus Museum in Ypsilanti.

Northville Township Fire Chief Bill Zimendak said he supports the effort.

"You kind of start your career on the back of the fire truck helping people, making their worst day a little bit better," he said. "I can't think of a better way of ending your career than riding in the back of a fire truck."

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Submitted Photo

A view of an original 1936 Seagrave engine. During three decades of use, one was stationed at the former Wayne County Detroit House of Corrections in Northville Township. This truck later was crushed by a falling wall.

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NORTHVILLE

Firefighters challenge continues

With four competitions under their belts, township firefighters will continue "shift challenges" in April.

Response times will be tested April 11-13. Vehicle extraction, including Jaws of Life, will occur April 21.

Of the department's three shifts, Shift C currently leads with 45 points. Shifts A and B have 40 each.

Prior challenges included donning turn-out gear and breathing apparatus, changing air tanks and ice water rescue.

REI subcommittee to meet

Developer Real Estate Interests will meet with a township subcommittee April

7 to discuss its plan for Seven Mile Road's former state hospital property. The subcommittee, which includes trustees and planning commissioners, was formed at a March 7 meeting, where the developer pitched its plans for the 415 acres.

Youth director sought

The Northville Youth Assistance hopes to have a permanent director by May 1. For the past several weeks, Sue Campbell

has served as interim director after Mary Ellen King retired. Northville Youth Assistance is located at 775 N. Center St. Those interested in the position should call (248) 348-5800, ext. 10488.

Harley up for raffle

Northville Township's police and command officers are offering the chance to win a 2004 Harley Davidson Police Special Road King Motorcycle. The bike will be raffled off at 8 p.m.,

Saturday, May 7 at Sheehans on the Green restaurant in Plymouth. All proceeds will go to the Northville Township Police and Command Officers Association.

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Missing identities

Identity thefts rising; recent township frauds surpass 2004 totals

By Kim Kovel
RECORD STAFF WRITER

While trying to sell their home last December, the Lamach family's life was turned upside-down in just a few hours.

A real estate agent and prospective client arranged to look around the township home in a private showing.

When the family returned to their home after the appointment, though, they found the door ajar and jewelry missing. That was just the beginning.

"They opened up the cabinet where we keep all our files," said Mary Lamach. "They removed the insides of our 2003 tax returns. They had all five of our social security numbers."

"As soon as we realized... sensitive information was missing, we were just sick and panicked."

They took action in an hour. But meanwhile, a credit card account was opened using their name, and \$4,000 was charged.

The scam is unusual, police said, but identity theft in the township — and region — is not.

According to police, 28 frauds were attempted or completed this year as of March 17.

Already, that's higher than last year's 24. Police said most were identity thefts.

"It's an opportunity crime and it's more prevalent today than it has been over the past," Werth said. "Identity theft is the fastest growing crime that we have."

Det. Sgt. Matt Mayes assigns and investigates cases.

Even when thefts take priority, they often jump jurisdictional lines and are difficult to track.

"It just depends," Mayes said. "A lot go unsolved because a lot of things are done over the Internet or... by telephone."

Moving quickly

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Robberies on the rise

Two banks, a pharmacy and a smoke shop. What do they have in common?

In the past six months, all three places have been targets of attempted or successful robberies. As of March 17, there have been 11 burglaries or home invasions this year. That compares to 24 total last year, and 13 in 2003.

Police Chief John Werth said a slow economy coupled with rapid township growth are reasons. "Desperate people do desperate things," he said.

Large purchases in short order are common.

"They know that it's going to catch up," Mayes said. "Usually they're trying to do some quick purchase and move on before it gets flagged for possible fraud."

Officials said one key to preventing identity theft, or catching it fast, is scanning credit reports.

As of March 1, Michigan residents can check credit status for free with each of the three major consumer credit agencies: Equifax, Experian and TransUnion.

Reports from each source are available once a year. They can be ordered all at once, or staggered throughout the year.

"We've had several people call in and found something just from checking," Mayes said. "Once they find it then they can put a fraud alert on."

Flags can last from six months to seven years.

Werth also said anything with a name, address or social security number should be destroyed.

"People get requests for credit cards in their mail, and they're coming constantly," he said. "Those are the type of things you

"These are crimes of opportunity." Construction sites, another theft hot spot, has brought more traffic, Det. Sgt. Matt Mayes said.

"We are close to the freeway system so I think that makes it more accessible," added Mayes.

A prevention seminar was hosted in Canton last month to discuss the issue with builders.

Werth said businesses should let police know when shipments are made. "We make sure that we have extra patrol," Werth said. "Officers keep an eye on it."

Calling Crime Stoppers at (800) SPEAK-UP to report suspected thefts is as another option.

For resident safety, precaution is vital, he said.

"More than not, people here in this community don't turn their alarms on and leave their doors open," Werth said. "Don't get too comfortable."

"We enjoy a low crime rate here in Northville. We're very proud of that. You still have to do things that will protect yourself."

need to shred."

Coming together

When identity theft does strike, police often coordinate with departments regionally.

"We're putting our heads together," Werth said. "Each of us can't do this alone."

The Detroit Metro Identity Fraud Task Force further pools federal, state and local authorities throughout southeast Michigan.

But most often, victims end up having to do most of the proving — a process that can take years — while savvy criminals slip away.

In the Lamach case, a Canton man allegedly involved will face a circuit court jury this May.

Even if he's sentenced, though, it's not over for Mary Lamach, her husband and three sons.

"We're very careful," Lamach said. "If it could happen to us, it could happen to anybody."

"It's never really over."

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Mary Lambach and sons Nick, 10, Jamie, 15, and Michael, 17, stand in the doorway of their Northville Township home. The Lambach family were victims of identity theft.

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Township police will stick with Crown Victorias

Car explosion lawsuits don't concern officials

By Kim Kovel
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Despite class action lawsuits nationally alleging they're unsafe and prone to fuel tank explosions, Crown Victorias are the police car of choice in Northville Township.

Police Chief John Werth said the department stands behind the cars, staples since the 1990s.

"I'm supportive of our use of the Crown Vics," Police Chief John Werth said. "We have not had any incidents. They've served our fleet, served our officers and our community well."

Not involved in the lawsuit, the township has 11 patrol vehicles, and 10 are the Ford product.

The same holds for the city, which has four marked and three administrative Crown Victorias in use since about 1989, Chief James Petres said.

They're not alone. According to Ford Motor Company,

350,000 such cars are on the road.

Starting with Louisiana and Illinois in 2002, dozens of state class action lawsuits have been filed nationally. Michigan isn't among them.

At issue were safety concerns over fires resulting from high-speed collisions.

Fourteen officers in different locales died from such accidents between 1994-04, Ford reported.

While there have been similar crashes, township officials said, there have been no explosions.

Lt. Ray Garbarino, who oversees the fleet, has been with the department 21 years.

Crown Victorias replaced Chevy Impala models about 15 years ago.

"I've never had a problem with one of the vehicles," Garbarino said. "We've had fender benders. We've never had an explosion."

In one case, he recalled, a drunk driver who was speeding

was the cause.

Paired with high speeds, that's one of the main reasons behind the explosions, said Kathleen Vokes, Ford spokeswoman.

"There is not a single vehicle made that can withstand those forces," Vokes said. "We have never claimed that that was the case, that a vehicle could withstand all impact."

Werth said 70 mph-and-up speeds aren't typical in the township, where speeds top out at 55 mph.

'Intercepting' cars

Several departments dropped out of the suit when Ford refused to sell them the Interceptors.

"We said, 'If you're part of the lawsuit, you obviously don't believe the vehicle is safe,'" Vokes said. "If you don't believe the vehicle is safe, then don't buy it."

Still, two new safety devices



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville Township Police utilize the Police Interceptor, a type of Ford Crown Victoria, for their main patrol cars.

were included in the cars: fuel tank and trunk shields.

Phased out after 75,000 miles, the township's cars all are standard equipped with the items.

No car is older than three years old, Werth said.

Since Northville's McDonald Ford closed, the three newest Interceptors came from the Lansing area. Each cost

\$20,499.

Werth said there's no plans to phase out the vehicles, which are used by 85 percent of departments nationwide.

Space for video cameras, computers, radar units, shot guns and, of course, prisoners is one reason.

"There's more and more equipment that we're placing

within the vehicles now," Werth said. "There's much more room in there."

"I'm supportive of our use of the Crown Vics. We haven't changed now over the years."

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POLICE REPORT

Good Friday fire doused

No one was injured during the second Northville Township apartment fire to occur this month.

The Innsbrook Apartment blaze began at about 4:39 a.m. on March 25, according to fire officials. A loud popping noise from the bathroom reportedly awoke the 23-year-old owner.

The woman told police she saw flames in the vent, called 9-1-1 and left the apartment. Taking fire officials an hour and eight minutes to extinguish, the cause was linked to an electrical ceiling fan.

Estimated damages were about \$1,000, officials said.

Driver shirks fuel bill

After fueling his truck at a township Sunoco gas station, a man left without paying, police said.

At around 12:17 p.m. March 23, the man reportedly drove into the station at Five Mile and Haggerty roads, a red tag over his license plate.

After pumping \$37.16 in gas, he sped off, police said. The vehicle

was followed into a Plymouth Township subdivision at speeds up to 80 mph.

The man escaped, however, and the case closed.

Stray dogs found

Two dogs were found without owners in the township last week, police said.

At about 12:45 p.m. March 25, a brown and white basset hound was found roaming Fry and Seven Mile roads. Police said it was blind and deaf.

A tagless cocker spaniel was discovered at Old Bedford and Brandner roads.

Both were taken to a Plymouth veterinarian. Call township police at (248) 349-9400 for details.

Neighbors' cars both robbed

On the night of March 23, two township neighbors' vehicles were robbed in the 44500 block of White Pine Circle, police said.

Having packed the family van for a trip the night before, a 51-year-old

mom told police X Box video game items, cash and a check were gone the next morning. The door reportedly had been unlocked.

Nearby, a 21-year-old woman said her iPod music player and purse were missing from her car. The door may have been unlocked, she told police.

Neighborhood kids said they saw a silver car the evening of March 22, but no suspects were found.

Machinery taken for joy ride

A John Deere construction vehicle housed at the township's Ward Presbyterian Church apparently was taken for a joy ride last week.

Borrowed from a parishioner to plow snow, the front-end loader was driven off into nearby woods sometime between March 15-20.

In its path, a metal trash can, bleachers and fence had been damaged, police said. On the machinery, only a \$30 left-turn signal was broken.

Police suspect juveniles are behind the joy ride. The case was closed.



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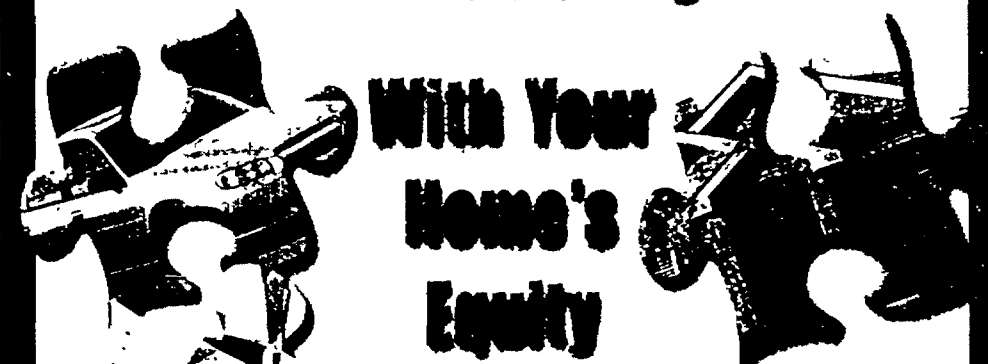
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NORTHVILLE'S OFFICIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

— To submit information about local events to "What's Going On?" please e-mail to nrevents@ht.homecomm.net. —

Local Events

Art Exhibit

Studio 427 is presenting a watercolor exhibit. Opening night will be 5-9 p.m., Friday, April 1 at 141 N. Center St. It is open to the public and there is no charge. Mark Dabney of Northville is one of the featured watercolorists. For more information, call (248) 449-6501.

Northville mentor training

Northville Youth Assistance matches youths from our community with volunteer mentors. The volunteer mentor meets with his or her assigned youth one-to-two hours per week. Volunteers receive 15 hours of training.

Future trainings will be 6:30-9:30 p.m., Thursdays through April 7 at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road. For more information, call Sue Campbell at (248) 344-1618 or e-mail youthassistance@twp.northville.mi.us.

Marquis Theatre

Marquis Theatre is presenting "Peter Cottontail," 2:30 p.m. on Saturdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30; Sundays, April 3, 10, 17, 24 and May 1; and weekdays, March 31 and April 1. Tickets are \$7.50 for all shows. No children admitted under age 3. The theater is located at 135 E. Main St., Northville.

Community Healing Service

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

Grief Support Workshops

This free workshop is open to the community. Meetings are 7-8:30 p.m. for seven Tuesdays, beginning April 5, at Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main St. For information about other grief support groups offered or to register for this series, call the New Hope Center office at (248) 348-0115.

Genitti's Attractions

Come see "Michigan Hold 'Em" at this Northville interactive dinner theater, Fridays and

Saturdays through June. The cost is \$45.

"The Dragon of Elderberry Castle" will run at the children's lunch theater, Saturdays and Sundays through June. The cost is \$14.95 for kids and \$16.95 for adults.

Presenting "The Reflections," 6:30 p.m., Saturday, May 7. The cost is \$35 per person and includes dinner and dancing.

Call (248) 349-0522 for times and reservations. Genitti's is located in downtown Northville at 108 E. Main St.

Michael Farrell Lectures

This lecture is titled Art and Architecture — Japan and the Shinto Shrine. It will be 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 19 at the Art House, 215 W. Cady St. The fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information, call (248) 449-9950.

Dance Lessons

Center Stage Dance Company is offering free dance lessons, 2-7 p.m., Friday, April 22. Lessons will be available for all ages. Center Stage is located at 43334 W. Seven Mile Road, Ste. 250, Northville. For more information, call (248) 380-1666.

First Presbyterian Church Concert Series

The Christa Grix Trio will be performing at 7 p.m. on Sunday, April 24 at the First Presbyterian Church in Northville, 200 E. Main St. Tickets are \$14 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students.

"The Little Mermaid"

Center Stage Dance Company will present "The Little Mermaid" Saturday, April 30, at the Northville High School Auditorium. The 1:30 p.m. show will feature dancers between 9-18 years old. Tickets are \$7 each; groups of 10 or more are \$5.50 each. For more information, call (248) 380-1666.

Golf Outing

Young Life is sponsoring a golf outing on Thursday, May 19 at Links of Novi, 50395 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi. For information, call Paul Anker at (248) 349-8425 or Mike Neville at (248) 449-8234.

Library Lines

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

Northville Genealogical Society

Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members in the local history room 1-3 p.m. on Monday afternoons at the library located at 212 W. Cady St. For more information, call Grace Wilfong at (248) 349-9079 or visit www.rootsweb.com/~mings.

"The Book Cellar"

Friends of the Northville District Library invite members and the public to visit "The Book Cellar," the used book store located in the library, 1:30-4 p.m. Sundays; and 6:30-8:30 p.m., Mondays and Tuesdays. The library is at 212 W. Cady St. For more information, call (248) 349-3020.

Investment database

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Spring Tot Storytime

Designed for 2- and 3-year-olds with a parent or caregiver, this library experience is a six-week series of half-hour sessions. Bring only age-appropriate children who are registered. There are four sessions and each includes 13 children accompanied by a caregiver.

Register for one of the following: 10:15 a.m., Mondays through May 2, 10:15 or 11:30

a.m., Wednesdays through May 4; or 10:15 a.m., Thursdays through May 5. To register, call (248) 349-3020.

Stories for Children

Children ages 4, 5 or in kindergarten and comfortable attending without a caregiver may join this six-week series of 45-minute storytimes. Younger or older children or non-registered siblings may not attend. Each program features stories and creative activities, so children should also be able to use scissors, glue, etc. Each session includes 20 children.

Register for one of the following sessions: 4-4:45 p.m. Mondays, April 11-May 16; 10:15-11 a.m. or 2-2:45 p.m. Tuesdays, April 12-May 17. Register by phone at (248) 349-3020 or in person.

Kids Club' for 1st-3rd Grade

The Kids' Club is an after-school program for first, second and third graders featuring stories, games and crafts. It is offered 4:30-5:15 p.m., Thursdays in the library's meeting room. Each session includes 20 children. Register for individual sessions at (248) 349-3020.

Between the Lines

Between the Lines is an adult monthly reading group that alternates between fiction and non-fiction books. Discussion on "The Jane Austen Book Club" by Karen Jane Fowler will be 7 p.m., Monday, April 11, Northville Library, 212 W. Cady St. Contact the library for information at (248) 349-3020.

Family Fun Storytime

Wear your pajamas for this family program, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, April 19, and May 17 at the library. No registration is required; drop-ins welcome.

Library Board Meetings

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

Seniors

Mail Shopping Trips

Bus pick-ups for shopping trips begin 9:30 a.m., Thursday, April 14, Twelve Oaks Mall; Thursday, April 28, Westland Mall. The cost is \$4 per person. Non-residents are picked up at the MAGS parking lot, 133 W. Main St., Northville. Call (248) 349-4140.

Dementia Series

This four-part series will be 10 a.m., Tuesdays, April 19-May 31, at the senior community center, 303 W. Main St. Susan Thorpe, Business Development Specialist, Alzheimer's Assisted Living, is the speaker. There is no cost. For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

Mixed Golf League Meeting

This meeting will be 10 a.m., Wednesday, April 6, at the senior community center, 303 W. Main St. The cost is \$25 and the league rotates partners each week. Regular play begins Thursday, May 5 at Riverbank Golf course, 24095 Currie Road, South Lyon. To register, call (248) 349-4140.

Friday Movies

Movies will be shown 1 p.m., Fridays, April 1, Ray; April 8, Shark Tale; April 15, Without a Paddle; April 22, Fat Albert; April 29, Alfie, at the senior community center, 303 W. Main St.

Board Games

Players will meet 1 p.m., Tuesdays, at the senior community center, 303 W. Main St. Call (248) 349-4140.

Tax counseling services

Volunteer tax counselors will prepare taxes 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Thursdays through April 14. There is no charge for this service, but you must make an appointment.

ment. Contact the Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main St., at (248) 349-4140.

Annual Senior Prom

This event will be held 4-6 p.m., Wednesday, April 20 at the senior community center, 303 W. Main St. It will include a free dinner, entertainment by the Northville High School Jazz Band and dancing. For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

Mill Race

Mill Race Historical Village

The Northville Historical Society is in need of discarded treasures for their annual auction, July 4, at Mill Race Village. Contact the office for information at (248) 348-1845.

Scheduled events are as follows:

Thursday, March 31: archives open, 9 a.m.; rehearsal, 6 p.m.

Friday, April 1: archives open, 9 a.m.; wedding*, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 3: Mill Creek, 10 a.m.

Monday, April 4: Service Unit C Scouts, 9 a.m.; Cub Scouts, 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, April 5: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.; Country Garden Club, 11 a.m.; Daisy Scouts, 4 p.m.

Wednesday, April 6: Mill Race Basket Guild, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 4 p.m.; Mill Creek, 7 p.m.

Thursday, April 7: archives open, 9 a.m.; Service Unit B Scouts, 9:15 p.m.; Brownie Scouts, 3:30 p.m.; Eclipse Hot Stove, 6 p.m.

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STUDY: DIET MAY DECREASE ASTHMA SYMPTOMS

A diet rich in omega-3 fatty acids may decrease the development of a cough in children at high risk for asthma, according to a recent study. Appearing in the Journal of Allergy & Clinical Immunology, the study measured the impact of supplementing the diets of high-risk children with omega-3 fatty acids. The children consumed tuna fish oil capsules with each meal and were given foods prepared with canola-based oils and spreads. The control group received placebo capsules and ate food prepared with soybean-based polyunsaturated oils and margarines. Levels of omega-3 fatty acids were found to be higher in the intervention group after three years, and the subjects in this group were significantly less likely to develop a cough.

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Downtown opens its doors

Stores begin 'open' campaign this Sunday

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

In the mood to try on spring fashions, slurp coffee or ice cream and admire some artwork?

Blocks of shops in downtown Northville will welcome you — both days — this weekend. Sunday, April 3, more than 40 stores will kick off the Northville Central Business Association's "Northville, We're Open" campaign.

"The majority of the merchants downtown recognize the need to be open and available," said merchant association president Sherr Mewha. At recent public forums about what local residents want from their shopping district, store owners heard the collective call for additional hours, she said.

Many of the same businesses also will start staying open later on Thursdays as well as on Sundays, Mewha said.

"Extended hours mean increased convenience for busy shoppers that prefer the cozy, small town atmosphere of Northville to the larger malls and shopping centers," she said. Northville offers convenient parking, a variety of restaurants, unique shops and galleries, she said, and a great shopping experience for everyone.

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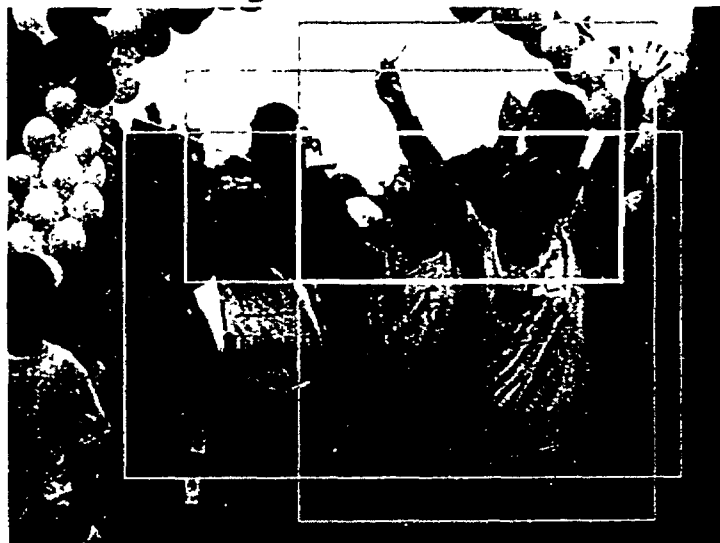
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Paths lead to Northville's future

Credit township officials past and present whose hard work may soon result in a much needed north-south bike path linking the township with the city of Northville.

When complete, the 10-foot-wide path will snake along the west side of Northville Road from Six Mile Road. At Seven Mile Road, the path would jump the street and trace the east side of Northville Road, passing the Chamber of Commerce and the Water Wheel.

Last week the Michigan Department of Transportation approved \$350,000 worth of necessary grants for the \$572,000 project. Another \$65,000 worth of county grants have already been secured.

The city and township will contribute \$52,500.

It's money well spent for a Northville community joined in more ways than by zip code.

For too long the lack of a safe north-south pathway has pushed pedestrians and bicyclists into

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harm's way as they've tried to reach downtown locations from township residences. City residents have been equally stymied when trying to safely access the township's open terrain.

"Anyone who travels that has to travel on the gravel shoulder, and it's not safe," said recently retired township planner Maureen Osiecki.

who helped get bike path project rolling years prior.

But the project, slated for construction next spring, still faces a few obstacles, not the least of which is approval from CSX Railroad officials for an easement along Northville Road.

We hope railroad officials recognize the community value offered by this project.

Likewise, we hope local residents and business owners recognize and appreciate the commitment it's taken to get this project to this point.

Thanks to all those who've made it a community priority.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Northville resident Nicholas T. Mitchell recently returned safely from the war in Iraq.

Soldiers returning is always good news

Before he left for war, the young man on the other side of the store counter received two things from the small town store owner: a hug and a silver dollar.

The hug was a final blessing of sorts, an open-armed good-bye expressing one simple thought: "If I could only go in your place, I would. Please, come home safe."

The silver dollar was a token — half good luck piece and half reminder that someone back home was always waiting for a safe return.

Through the top of the silver dollar the store owner had drilled a hole. He wanted the coin to be special, stand out, never get lost amid life's pocket change — or extra bullets.

He'd been passing them out to all the young men in town who were on the verge of leaving for some overseas assignment. They were being asked to carry some flag and defend some broad ideal: liberty, freedom.

For some, the coin became an instant rabbit's foot. For many, it was a Communion wafer.



David Aguilar
RECORD EDITOR

What do you expect, peace?

In reality, there is no way around sending Nicholas to war. We send him because he's young and willing. We send him because we have to send someone, and neither you nor I are willing to go.

We send Nicholas to war and we stop thinking about him until he shows up as one of the more than 1,500 American soldiers who've already died in Iraq. Or until he comes home safe and we each, for a moment, breathe normally again.

But Nicholas' family never stopped thinking about him. They counted days, wrote letters, sent care packages and waited by the phone. Then they hugged him when he finally stepped safely back onto U.S. soil.

Nicholas came marching home again: Hoo-ah! Hoo-ah!

War, to what end?

And maybe that's all there is. Youth gets traded for a patch of earth and settlement of an old grudge. Then we move on and grumble about

some clunky military plane and dropped him down in the middle of a desert. Defend this flag, we told him, and all it stands for. In return, we'll take your youth. And maybe your life.

The tradeoff

That's the deal when you join the military, right?

our next modern-day inconvenience — a bad cell phone, a barking dog, not enough time being celebrated in the local spotlight.

Meanwhile, soldiers head to and from war, broken in ways we can never fathom; matured in ways we may never appreciate.

What should we do? Maybe nothing more than simply be grateful Nicholas Mitchell went away to war, then came home safely. Take a moment and remember the many young fathers and mothers who've also left for some war.

Father's time

One father comes to mind. He made it through a war once, then years later returned to the dusty, old town where he grew up. The local store owner didn't recognize him at first. After all, so many young men had gone away to World War II. So few had come back.

It was hot. A Coke was purchased, using change. A special silver dollar. The store owner looked up immediately, beamed and hurriedly came out from behind the counter. Two grown men hugged. A bridge to the heart reopened.

"You came back home! Look at you! You came back safe!"

Sometimes returning home safe is all there is. And even a silver dollar with a hole drilled through it, carried for a lifetime by a father who never once forgot the meaning of sacrifice, is nothing more than a token.

It's not the dollar in your pocket that makes the difference. It's having good sense enough to appreciate its value that makes us all somehow better.

Welcome home, Nicholas!

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE

Record mantra: Day, by Day

The death of Jean Day Couse marks the symbolic end of an era for the Northville community.

As columnist and editor at the Northville Record for 25 years, Day Couse lived among her readers and dedicated herself to delivering stories valued by them. To this day, if you ask a local long-timer: nobody covered local news the way Jean Day did.

Equally important, she rolled with the circumstances in her life and succeeded, serving as a role model for her young daughters.

As Laurie Egeland said, "She raised my sister and me to believe that we could do anything in life that we put our minds to..."

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

Keep county connection alive

Last Thursday, Northville Township residents questioned their Wayne County Executive, Robert Ficano. Taxes, potholes, traffic lights, bike paths, regional planning and even waste from Canada all were addressed, and residents posed follow-up inquiries. This is a solid start, but it's just the beginning. Since many township issues hinge on county involvement, future efforts by local government — and individual citizens — to reach out for answers shouldn't stop here.

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Where to put all the kids?

Next week members of the school board will hear suggestions about where to put more than 300 elementary-school children expected to flood the community during the next two years.

The suggestion will come from the short-term options committee, a volunteer-based group of parents, educators, administrators and community members who've spent many late-nights and weekend hours deliberating a solution. Out of more than 30 recommendations considered during a brainstorming session, every option will affect at least one child. No parent wants to see their child pulled from a school or have their new neighbor attend a different school.

But the "I" word poses an equally troubling concern for parents: increased class sizes. So where will the district put all the children in Northville? We may find out on Tuesday, April 5. The special board meeting will be followed by town-hall style meetings on April 6 and 7.

NORTHVILLE ATHLETICS

Mustangs will join 'Showdown'

We've always believed some of the best athletes in the state play sports at Northville High School. Now others are beginning to recognize that as well. The Northville Mustangs football team will be a part of the inaugural Big Day Prep Showdown Aug. 27 at Eastern Michigan University's Rymerston Stadium. Northville (7-3 overall in 2004) will play Saline (5-4) in the opening contest at noon. The Novi Wildcats (9-3) will play Chelsea (10-1) in the final game at 7 p.m.

LETTERS

Welcome home!

Welcome home, Spec. Nicholas T. Mitchell!

Spec. Mitchell was deployed to Iraq on March 8, 2004. With his mission in Iraq finally over, Nick, among 270 1st Cavalry soldiers, arrived at Fort Hood, Texas on March 10, 2005. Nick's proud father Ted, mom Kathy, and sister Jeannie flew to Fort Hood to welcome their beloved Nick back home. The 1st Cavalry welcome home ceremonies were emotional and uplifting, and very fitting for

our brave soldiers just back from the war. Throughout his deployment in Iraq, Nick did convoy surveillance for D Battery, 4-5 ADA, 1st Cavalry Division.

Welcome home, our son. We are proud of you.

Nick and his entire family are extremely thankful to our friends and neighbors for their prayers and love and support. God bless you all.

The Mitchell Family
(Kathy, Ted, Jeannie)
Northville

Thank you, Eagles!

On behalf of Northville Youth Assistance, I would like to offer a sincere thank you to the Northville Eagles Club. Due to their generous donation, volunteer mentors and their mentees were able to enjoy a wonderful evening at the Bees Knees exploring their creative side and having a pizza dinner. The adults and children painted ceramic items while get-

ting to know other mentors and mentees. This was such a help to our wonderful volunteers who give of their time and often spend their own money to entertain their youth. Cooperative efforts between community organizations are part of what makes Northville a great place for families and children. Thank you, Eagles.

Sue Campbell
Interim Director
Northville Youth Assistance



Photo Courtesy of NORTHVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Historically Speaking

The Interurban, or Detroit Urban Railway, was a street car running between Northville, Plymouth and Detroit. Residents living along the rail lines could hail a five-cent ride from their front door. The car stopped running in the 1920s.

COMMENTARY

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Thursday, March 31, 2005

State cuts focus on higher ed —again

Here we go again: Gov. Jennifer Granholm and the legislature agreed last week on mid-year spending cuts to erase a \$380 million deficit in the state budget. State universities took a \$25 million hit, supposedly offset by a deal that gives higher education first dibs if tax revenue comes in above projections. (Don't hold your breath.)

Sound familiar? It should. It's been the same sad story for years. State support for higher education was once considered something society was just supposed to do; something that, in addition, benefited not only students and their families but the citizens and the economy of the entire state. Now, however, it has evolved, or degenerated, into a system of private user fees, accompanied by a gradual deterioration of what used to be one of Michigan's most wonderful assets.

Thirty years ago, state appropriations covered roughly 75 percent of the operating revenues of Michigan public universities. Today the proportions are nearly reversed, with tuition and fees accounting for a bit more than 60 percent. Think about this: Michigan now spends more on warehousing felons in our prison system than in educating our young people at college.

Talk about misplaced priorities! Unless, of course, we want to be known more for the size of our prisons than the quality of our work force.

Frankly, for a state whose economic base in brawn-based manufacturing is evaporating before our eyes, the policies we are following are nuts. And this trend is a road sign on the route to economic disaster.



Phil Power
HOMETOWN CHAIRMAN

ment functions in Michigan — precisely those activities that require university degrees. It is perfectly clear that the agile manufacturing techniques of the future will require a college-educated work force.

And if we have any hope of generating a diversified economy — life sciences, homeland security, information technology, whatever — we must attract highly educated entrepreneurs who can translate the discoveries of university research labs into the reality of high-tech start-up companies.

But you don't get there by inflicting on your best schools the slow death of a thousand cuts. Michigan for years has had a state budget that is chronically and structurally unbalanced by more than \$1 billion each year. This has been aggravated further by the bad economy of the past few years.

If we are to have a future, the health of our great universities is paramount. If we are going to maintain our historic base in auto-related manufacturing, it will be only by keeping research, engineering and upper management

What to do? The obvious remedy is to conclusively address the core of the problem, the structural budget deficit. My own preference would be to radically reduce business taxes and at the same time broaden the state sales tax to include services and at the same time reduce the rate.

A general sales tax pegged at 5 percent, for example, would nearly wipe out the structural deficit, while also aligning our tax system with the increased service base of our economy.

Frankly, I doubt if the occupants of our political system have either the guts or the far-sightedness to adopt such a step.

Instead, the politicians have been relying for years on a policy that can only be described as remorseless incrementalism, in which the legislature and governor make numerous little cuts, year after year, throughout the entire state budget. The result? Overall priorities are seldom respected and the most important things in our state's future — our great universities, for example — are subject to death by slow bleeding.

They are doing that, of course, because they think it is the best course politically for them. Intellectually, the only way you can rationally justify such an approach is to argue that Michigan is merely experiencing a cyclical decline in our economy, and everything will turn around if we just hold out for a while longer. That argument made sense in 1955.

Sadly, there is no evidence that it is true in 2005. Our real economic problems are deeper, caused by fundamen-

tal changes in technology and overall economic conditions, not mere oscillations in the business cycle.

All this has produced the worst of all possible outcomes for our state universities. Simultaneously, they face budget cuts year after year; they are prohibited from managing their income by arbitrary caps placed on tuition increases; and they are asked by the Cherry Commission and others to double their output of graduates during the next decade.

As my old philosophy professor used to say, these are "mutually exclusive and jointly exhaustive." As for the future — readers might remember the old story about the frog in the pot of cold water on the stove. You put a frog in the pot and you slowly turn up the heat, a degree or two at a time. Supposedly, the frog will sit quietly until, yep, he's poached.

Based on the way we are going, the combined effect of our present policies will leave our signature universities well and truly poached. As the governor and legislature consider this, they might also investigate how much it will cost to repair our universities once we discover our goose is, well, cooked. What is clear is that the costs, and the grief, will be far higher than doing the right thing now would be.

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

Case evokes memories of Kevorkian

There was something virtually unnoticed, but really quite odd about the debate that raged last week in courts, offices and living rooms over the fate of Terri Schiavo, the severely brain-damaged woman whose husband removed her feeding tube in an effort to allow her to die.

What was odd was the name that was never mentioned, the little man who everybody remembers but who in this right-to-die debate, wasn't there.

Jack Kevorkian.

Ten years ago, the former pathologist was among the most famous people in the nation, thanks to his crusade to make physician-assisted suicide widely accepted and legally tolerated. For a time, he actually succeeded, helping, by his count, in more than 130 suicides between 1990 and 1998. Courts refused to convict him, and after a time, prosecutors stopped charging him.

Then, in September 1998, he moved from physician-assisted suicide to the euthanasia of a middle-aged man with Lou Gehrig's disease. He videotaped himself doing it; sent the tape to Mike Wallace, who aired it on "60 Minutes."

Wham. Kevorkian got himself convicted of second-degree murder in 1999, and sentenced to 10 to 25 years. Today, he sits in the Thumb Correctional Facility in Lapeer. Soon after his sentencing, the Michigan Department of Corrections stopped allowing prisoners to give broadcast interviews.

And Jack Kevorkian vanished from the national consciousness. Today, he is



Jack Lessenberry
EDITORIAL VICE-PRESIDENT

Schiavo?

"He thinks it's outrageous that the politicians and the courts are meddling in what should be a private family and medical decision," said Dr. Stanley Levy, a friend, supporter and Kevorkian's own physician.

Does Kevorkian support Michael Schiavo's decision to remove his wife's feeding tube? I am sure that he does; for five years, I saw him frequently, talked at length with him about every conceivable end-of-life issue.

Putting it bluntly, would Kevorkian help end Terri Schiavo's life if he could?

What if Kevorkian were free and Michael Schiavo came to Jack Kevorkian and asked him to help his wife, as he has helped so many others?

Terri Schiavo, every doctor who has examined her agrees, is in a persistent

nearly 77, and, his lawyers say, in declining health. He won't be eligible for parole for another two years, and there is no guarantee he'll get it then.

So what does he think about Terri

vegetative state with no hope of recovery.

According to her husband, Terri was deeply affected when doctors kept her brain-dead grandmother alive despite her wishes, and made Michael vow he would never let that happen to her.

But it did, after her heart stopped in February 1990, less than four months before Jack Kevorkian leapt out of obscurity by performing his first assisted suicide on an Oregon woman in the beginning stages of Alzheimer's Disease.

For years, Terri's husband was in denial and sought every treatment and therapy for his wife he could find. But in the end, he was forced to admit the person he had loved was gone, and only a shell remained behind.

So what would Kevorkian do?

Nothing. The man in prison for committing euthanasia, probably for the rest of his life, would not help Terri Schiavo die. "He couldn't help her because he only helped mentally competent adults who could decide for themselves," Levy said. "He never knew her when she was mentally competent."

The husband's word wouldn't have been enough.

"He believes very firmly that there have to be safeguards."

Incidentally, last week I talked to Mike Wallace, who is still working full-time for CBS News at age 87. He is still the very model of a skeptical, hard-charging investigative journalist — and wants to get Kevorkian back on

the show.

Without any doubt, Jack Kevorkian was the person who did the most to spur debate over the issue of how long medical science should prolong existence when any quality of life has long since disappeared. He is a scholar, a linguist and an intellectual. While I haven't talked to him in years, friends tell me that he is finishing a book on the Ninth Amendment to the Constitution in his cell.

In a sense, Kevorkian is a political prisoner who knowingly violated a law he felt unjust and risked jail for it. It is easy to understand why he is in jail.

It is much harder to understand why he should be prevented from discussing his ideas with a national audience. Almost weekly, shows like "60 Minutes" have mobsters and child molesters behind bars, discussing their crimes.

But Mike Wallace told me that Gov. Jennifer Granholm won't even take his phone calls. Some in Lansing say she has her eye only on the next election, and that she fears offending the religious right. Others say she is conflicted herself, as a pro-choice Catholic. Whatever the case, just let's say that nobody is arguing that any new edition of Profiles in Courage ought to include her.

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First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

Northville 'shocked' by resident's death

100
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.

March 30, 1905

SOUGHT DEATH AND FOUND IT

Miss Olive Shepard Died Friday By Her Own hand

Whole Community Surprised and Shocked at Rash Deed

Our entire community was inexpressibly shocked on Saturday morning to learn that one of its respected and well known older residents, Miss Olive Shepard, had passed into eternity by her own act on the previous night. The terrible fact was so hard to reconcile with the entire life and character of the deceased that the many friends of the unfortunate lady refused to believe it until they could no longer avoid doing so.

Early Friday evening, March 24, Mrs. Gorham, who shared Miss Shepard's home, went out for an hour or two and on her return found her sister so frightfully ill that he hurriedly telephoned for her physician Dr. J.M. Burgess, who at once pronounced it a case of strychnine poisoning. He summoned his

son, Dr. Claude Burgess, to his assistance, but nothing could be done and the end came about nine o'clock, shortly after the arrival of the physicians.

It is generally believed that a spinal and nervous trouble of long standing which had for years caused Miss Shepard to suffer constantly and often intensely must, with her advancing years, have slightly unbalanced her naturally strong mentality and, coupled with domestic difficulties and the cares of her financial affairs, forced her into a morbid state of mind which made possible an act so utterly at variance with her normal character and long Christian life. Those who had known her during the thirty-seven years she has passed in Northville can find no other solution of the deed possible.

Among her effects was found a sealed letter to her physician and valued friend, Dr. Burgess,

which he stated explains the reasons which, to her, probably seemed sufficient for thus rashly compelling the gates of death to swing aside and liberate her from the life she had come to regard as an unendurable prison.

The deceased was 67 years of age and is survived by the sister mentioned and two brothers who reside in Battle Creek.

The funeral services, conducted by Rev. W.G. Stephens of the Methodist church of which Miss Shepard had long been a communicant, were held from the late home Monday afternoon and were largely attended. Over twenty members of the Woman's Relief Corps, to which she belonged, were present in a body and formed in line on each side of the walk as the casket was carried from the house. The interment was in the family lot in Rural Hill cemetery.

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Township passed on purchasing former hospital property

By Maureen Johnston
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A recently submitted concept plan that would add 1,100 residential homes and about 300,000 square feet of commercial activity to the southwest corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads has raised one persistent question: why didn't the township buy the 415 acres when it had the chance?

And if given the chance now, would they?

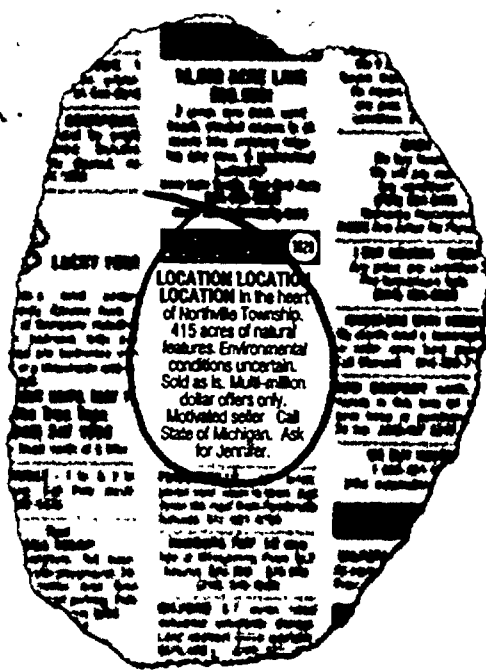
Following closure of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital two years ago, township officials decided that the \$65 million asking price for the state-owned property was simply too much and the process was too complicated, said Township Supervisor Mark Abbo.

Township residents would not have supported the necessary increased tax burden, Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said. Instead, officials drafted a plan detailing how they felt the land should be developed.

But Bloomfield Hills-based Real Estate Interests, which has until June to close on its purchase agreement with the state, has a different plan.

Last month, the development partnership which also includes Schostak, Inc., presented to township officials a residential-commercial plan for the property.

That plan has renewed one underlying question: did the township actively pursue the option of purchasing the property itself and maintaining for its own use the future of the wetlands, woodlands and rolling hills found on the largest undeveloped site left in Northville?



Too costly

Township officials said the decision came down to money.

"There was never real serious consideration," of buying the land, Abbo said. "It would have been extremely

What's next?

Northville Township's board of trustees and planning commission both appointed three individuals to a joint subcommittee to further assess Real Estate Interests' Belmont Park proposal. An initial meeting is set for April 7.

difficult"

He said he is comfortable with the board's decision not to pursue a purchase.

"We didn't really believe we could get the community's support for such a large expenditure," Abbo said. "Just to cover the interest on the debt would have been over 3 mills."

That would have hiked the annual property tax bill of a \$400,000 home owner by \$600, he said.

Hillebrand said the state's timetable for selling the property prohibited a township poll of support for the concept.

"I've always been a proponent of 'take it to the people,'" she said. "I would have asked the voters if we would have had the time."

Hillebrand said the homeowner association members she did ask said the price sounded too high.

Trustee Marv Gans said the state's asking price at the time was \$65 million; a township appraisal targeted its value at \$38 million, not including demolition and expected contamination cleanup costs.

Real Estate Interests will purchase the land for \$55 million.

"You want to get value out of it," Abbo said. "The

state was just asking too much at the time. We would have been bidding against the public sector."

Gans said in July 2002, township officials wrote a letter of interest for purchasing the parcel. But legislation enacted the same year dictated state-owned property must be sold to competitive bidders.

The township would have preferred to negotiate directly with the state, Abbo said. The state put the property up for public bid in May 2003.

What's different?

Abbo said the size of the potential purchase posed a number of challenges, including site evaluation, cost and uncertain public support.

"At that time, nobody understood the complexities of the property over there," he said.

Rules dictating the township's use of the land for municipal purposes would have been another consideration, Abbo said. The municipality would have had to acquire the land through its economic development corporation in order to qualify to sell it, he said.

"That would have created a whole additional set of issues," he said. Abbo said he does not have any regrets "at this point."

Trustee Christopher Roosen, who was not part of the board's 2002 decision, said he would have supported pursuing the property. He said he is philosophically opposed to the township getting into the land development business.

"It seemed to be beyond our reach financially," he said. "I'm very hopeful the project with REI will work out."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

St. Joe's to honor Washburn

Elaine Washburn of Northville Township will be honored April 21 for two decades of volunteer service at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Joining Washburn are volunteers from Plymouth, Canton, South Lyon, Ann Arbor, Belleville, Dexter and Ypsilanti. An open house will occur at the hospital's auditorium.

ZF names a vice president

Ed Frutig recently was named vice president of customer strategy at Northville Township-based ZF Group.

Frutig, 45, previously served a global customer director for Ford and General Motors. With ZF, he will be responsible for axle systems business acquisitions and planning strategy.

The Ann Arbor resident has also been involved with engineering and sales during his automotive career.

ZF is an automotive supplier

located at 15811 Centennial Drive.

BWA Gallery hosts artist

Northville's BWA (Beautiful Wall Art) Gallery is showcasing Novi artist Staci Miron's "Remember" display, featuring murals and oil paintings.

Running until April 30, works include cityscapes, "spinal canals" and tribute to the events of Sept. 11 in the title piece.

An artist reception will run 6-9 p.m., April 1. BWA is at 43133 Seven Mile Road in the Highland Lakes Shopping Center. Call (248) 449-6833 for details.

St. Mary Mercy news

St. Mary Mercy Hospital, located in Livonia, announced that it is accepting M-CARE patients for inpatient and outpatient services as of Jan. 1.

In addition, the hospital will host a discussion on diabetes and arthritis from 7-8:30 p.m. on April 13 in the auditorium. Dr. Joseph Weiss of St. Mary will speak. For adults with diabetes and their family members, the group meets on the second Wednesday of each month.

St. Mary is located at 36475

Five Mile Road. For more information, call (734) 655-8961 or visit www.stmarymercy.org.

Businesses host MS benefit

Local businesses, including three from Northville, will host a benefit for multiple sclerosis research April 7.

Inspired by Fiona Cini, a Dearborn hairstylist with the disease, the benefit accompanies "Mom's Spring Break Extravaganza."

Northville's V Elements of Home, Lithari Productions and Stoned & Wired will be present. Gift certificates for Charisma Salon, where Cini works, will be given away.

The event runs 4-9 p.m. April 7 at Livonia's Laurel Park Marriott, off Six Mile Road, east of Haggerty Road.

Money smarts for kids

For April's Youth Financial Literacy Month, the Michigan Credit Union League, based in Northville Township, is partnering with state legislators to educate kids. In its third year, the program challenges credit unions and lawmakers to visit classrooms and teach kids about managing finances.

Credit unions reportedly reach 35,000-55,000 students yearly, and offer student-run credit unions branches, teen savings, newsletters and membership benefits.

A "JumpStart" survey, conducted by the National Institute for Consumer Education, also gauges students' knowledge. For more information, visit www.mcul.org.

Compiled by Record Staff
Writer Kim Kovel



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Betsy Basowkeas, of Northville's V Elements of Home, helped with a charity fund-raiser for multiple sclerosis patient Fiona Cini last week at Livonia's Marriott Hotel.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CITY OF NORTHVILLE

The City of Northville Planning Commission will consider a text amendment to the Zoning Ordinance regarding regulations for sexually oriented business establishments within the PR-2 (Performance Regulated Industrial District No.2). The proposed regulations include:

- PR-2 Regulations which would allow a sexually oriented business as a special use (Section 14.03)
- Regulations regarding the special use (Section 16.16)
- Definitions (Section 26.02)

The proposed text amendments will be considered by the Planning Commission at the April 19, 2005 meeting at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the City of Northville Municipal Building Council Chambers, 215 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167. (248) 349-1300. The purpose of this hearing will be to consider public input on the proposed changes. Written comments will also be received. The complete text of the proposed zoning ordinance text amendments can be reviewed at the Building Department during normal business hours.

RICHARD STARLING, BUILDING OFFICIAL
(3-31-05 NR 201561) DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE CHAPTER 170

Article 23 Tree and Woodlands Replacement

The Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees approved an Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance on Thursday, March 17, 2005 at Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167. The amended ordinance reads:

Protected trees include all trees eight (8) inches DBH or greater within a woodland area and 12 inches DBH or greater a woodland area.

provided they are not classified as historic or landmark trees. A complete copy of the changes is available at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday and this amendment becomes effective upon publication.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND
(3-31-05 NR 201780) CLERK

CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOTICE MAY 3, 2005 ELECTION

All electors are hereby given notice that an Election will be held Tuesday, May 3, 2005, in:

- Northville Township (Wayne County, Michigan)
 - Northville City (Oakland and Wayne County, Michigan)
- Electors who wish to vote in this Election must be registered no later than Monday, April 4, 2005. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the County clerk's office or local Clerk's office.

Contact information for the local clerk is as follows:

Charter Township of Northville: 44405 Six Mile Road
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(call ahead for business hours)
www.twnorthville.mi.us
215 W. Main Street
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Electors may also register by mail by completing and forwarding their Mail-In Voter Registration Application to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Electors who register by mail are required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the State of Michigan, are at least 60 years of age, or are handicapped.

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Around Town

Starting tonight

The Single Place Ministry at First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., is hosting a seven-week divorce recovery workshop starting March 31.

The topics presented 7:30-9 p.m. each Thursday will include networking, stages of grief, putting your ex into focus, legal aspects of divorce, church and divorce, helping children through divorce, relationships: old and new and passages of divorce.

The cost is \$35 per person. Call (248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org.

Coming soon

The Northville Central Business Association kicks off its "Northville, We're Open" campaign tomorrow. Participating merchants will remain open late on Thursday evenings; many will start to stay open Sundays. Future advertisements and window fliers will identify businesses with extended hours.

First, First Friday

The first Friday of each month from April through October will be designated as an evening to celebrate the arts downtown.

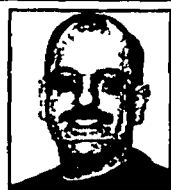
Local galleries, the Art House, local artists, arts-related business and restaurants will be featuring art exhibits, arts and crafts demonstrations and various "artsy" treats to entice Northville residents to enjoy a downtown walking tour of the arts.

Finding Joy

First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St., will host its annual women's retreat Saturday, April 9.

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By: Mike Riley

Choosing a Flooring Store That's Right for You, Part 2

Last time I discussed what to look for in a retail flooring specialist. But what if you are like most of us and are just too busy with work, kids and other commitments to visit the retailer you have chosen? A Mobile Design Center, when supported by a "bricks and mortar" retail location with a solid commitment to customer satisfaction, may be the best choice for you.

Let's consider a Mobile Design Center, where you will select from an entire showroom of samples. You can see the samples in your own home, on your schedule, in your lighting, with your accessories and wall colors. Remember...Some important decisions are better made at home.

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Keynote speaker, author and coach Sadie Bolos will lead the session, "Finding Joy On the Journey." Her philosophy: "It's not what happens to you in life, but how you handle what happens to you that makes all the difference."

The schedule includes: 8:30-9 a.m. continental breakfast, gathering and conversation; 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. morning sessions; 12:30-1:30 p.m. luncheon; and 1:30-3:30 p.m., afternoon session, closing worship and communion.

Pre-registration cost through April 3 is \$25 per person. Registration after April 3 is \$30. E-mail registration inquiries to fpcc@firstpresnville.org or call (248) 349-0911.

Voices meeting

Voices for Maybury Farm will hold a meeting 4-5 p.m., Sunday, April 17, at the Northville District Library, meeting rooms A and B, 215 W. Cady St.

For more information, call Susan Greenlee at (248) 380-5924.

Closed for opening

The Atrium Center Gallery, 109 N. Center St., closed Monday in preparation for a grand re-opening April 8. New owner Sherri Mewha will host an open house 6:30-9 p.m., Friday, April 8, to introduce her new Sherris Gallery of Fine Art. Artists and patrons will mingle while enjoying wine, cheese and a dessert buffet.

Spring into fashion

Chris Van Dam, owner of

VanDam's women's boutique, is once again hosting a show of spring and summer fashions.

The fund-raiser begins with luncheon at noon, April 16, followed by the show, at Geniti's Hole-In-The-Wall restaurant, 108 E. Main St. Proceeds from the \$25 per person tickets will benefit the New Hope Center for Grief Support, 113 E. Dunlap St.

The center reaches out to adults, teens and children throughout southeastern Michigan who are grieving the death of a loved one. Tickets are available at VanDam's, 111 E. Main St., or by calling (248) 449-4282.

Grab those gas tanks

The 2005 household hazardous waste drop-off opportunities for Wayne County residents only begin Saturday, April 16. Hours are 9 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Romulus Civic Center, 11111 Wayne Road.

The next opportunity will be 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 7, at Livonia's Ford Field at Farmington Road and Lyndon Street. Livonia, Northville City and Northville Township residents are eligible.

Wildflower walk

Naturalist Selena Browne will host a walk through the spring wildflowers at Maybury State Park April 27.

The Friends of Maybury have arranged for transportation from the Michigan Gift Mart, 133 W. Main St., to depart at 10:30 a.m. that Wednesday. The tour will start at shelter inside the Eight Mile Road park entrance at 11 a.m.

The 3/4-mile walk will be over paved trails and will last about one hour, weather permitting. There is no charge for the event. The transportation fee is \$5.

Extra jewels?

The Northville Senior Community Center is asking local residents to sort through their old jewelry boxes in search of an item to donate for an upcoming jewelry sale fund-raiser.

The staff will collect donations of gently used jewelry through Friday, April 29. Proceeds will help cover the cost of senior programming at the 303 W. Main St. center.

The sale will be 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursday, May 5 at the senior center. For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

Two weeks left

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) again this year has arranged for six volunteer counselors to assist local seniors with tax return preparation. Pre-registration is required.

Appointments at the Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main Street, are still available. The hour-long slots are 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Thursdays, through April 14.

For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

Next stop, Japan

The Art House, 215 W. Cady St. will host Michael Farrell at 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 19.

The latest two-hour installment in the travel lecture series on ancient cultures will focus on Japan and the Shinto Shrine. 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.

Maybury Friends

The grassroots groups supporting Northville's state park, the Friends of Maybury, will meet at 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 13, at the Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St.

All are welcome. For more information, call (248) 347-0899.

Budget time

The city's 2005-6 budget process is under way, scheduled to conclude May 16 with budget adoption and establishment of the 2005 operating millage rate. The new fiscal year begins June 1.

The budget plan calls for:

• April 4 — Budget document presented to the council at a regular meeting

• April 6, 11, 12 — Council

will host budget review sessions.

• May 5 — Notice of budget's availability and budget hearing.

• May 16 — Council to host second budget hearing and adopt the budget.

Meet at Tuscan

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.

History and nature

A subcommittee within the Friends of Maybury State Park volunteer organization has taken on the project of developing a historic marker trail.

The stations tentatively identified for markers include sites of the former main hospital, doctors' quarters, children's hospital, water tower and old main entrance. Anyone interested in working on the project can call (248) 374-9928.

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Detroit mayoral candidate would review water rates, if elected

Crime, growth and suburban support top Freman Hendrix' campaign priorities

By David Aguilar
RECORD EDITOR

Northville residents tired of paying escalating municipal water bills would benefit from having a Detroit mayor who is willing to rethink the city's rates, Freman Hendrix said.

The 54-year-old Democratic mayoral candidate outlined his election platform Monday during an interview with HomeTown Newspaper editors in Livonia.

Hendrix said he needs \$2 million to get elected, suburban partners to help sculpt his vision of the city into reality and two four-year terms to get the job done.

In exchange, Hendrix said he'll keep an open mind about escalating water rates to Detroit's suburban neighbors and make crime prevention a top priority. Northville receives its municipal water supply from the city of Detroit.

"I would be willing to look at different options," he said.

Hendrix said streamlining a "corrupt" city government facing possible state receivership next year, reducing crime, spurring economic growth and pushing for regional transportation are pillars upon which a revitalized Detroit can be built, if he is elected this November. "The 1990s showed us a leader can really make a difference in the region," Hendrix said, who has 23 years of public service experience and served as deputy mayor for former Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer.

Hendrix said current Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's first term in office has been hamstrung by inefficiency and controversy, plagued by poor management and riddled with unethical decision-making, including nepotism.

"The manner in which the city is being run, there is a lot of corruption," Hendrix said. "I call it soft corruption."

Hendrix said southeast Michigan residents who live within 100 miles of Detroit are directly affected by the city's future. He said moving forward with projects such as a regional public bus and a light-rail train system and improving the Cobo Convention Center are best done under a city-suburb partnership.

The cost of such public partnerships should be borne by the city and its suburban neighbors, Hendrix said.

He said the cost of inaction is too great, especially when it comes to public transportation. Hendrix said even recently developed suburban areas will soon face the same challenges Detroit faces now: outdated infrastructure in chronic disre-

pair.

"I think we need a regional transportation system; we have to bring the system together," Hendrix said. "I think the time is right. The suburbs are where we were 20 years ago. The future is south of Eight Mile."

Crime, schools

Hendrix said other key planks along his election platform include crime reduction and re-establishing Detroit neighborhoods as places where residents raise families and send kids to solid public schools.

To get the job done Hendrix said he will reassemble specialty crime units disbanded by Kilpatrick and have those units focus on guns, drugs and gangs.

"Detroit has a guns and drugs problem," he said.

Hendrix said he would also promote community policing, re-establish neighborhood police mini stations and focus on police recruitment, including a junior cadet program aimed at seventh grade students.

Hendrix said fulfilling his campaign promises will be challenging, especially in the wake of the city's current budget shortfall. But the prospect of a possible financial takeover by the state next year may also provide him with a unique tactical advantage, he said.

"The specter of receivership gives the next mayor more clout in some ways," Hendrix said, referring to union contract bargaining leverage meted out by take-it-or-leave-it receivership status.

Less hype, more hope

Hendrix said his campaign offers less hype and more hope than those waged by his two opponents, Kilpatrick and city council woman Sharon McPhail and is based upon the pro-growth strategy he helped formulate for Archer during the 1990s.

The strategy brought \$17 billion worth of investment capital into the city, he said.

Hendrix said his volunteer-based campaign will require \$1 million worth of funding by June and \$2 million overall. His campaign differs, he said, from his opponents in two distinct ways: integrity and positive name recognition.

"I try to offer the voice of a grown-up," Hendrix said. "My campaign is about integrity and straight-talk."

David Aguilar is the Northville Record editor. He can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 102. Or by e-mail at daguilar@ht.homecomm.net.

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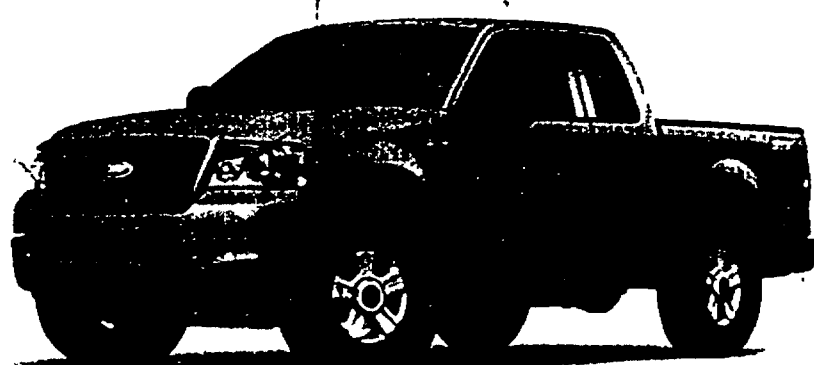
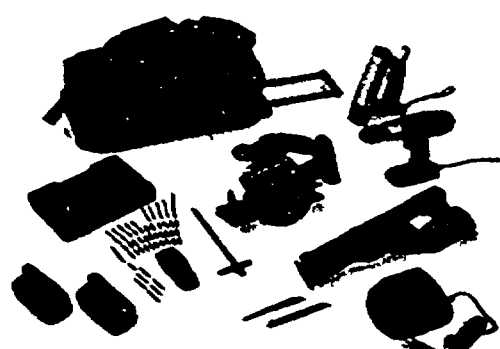
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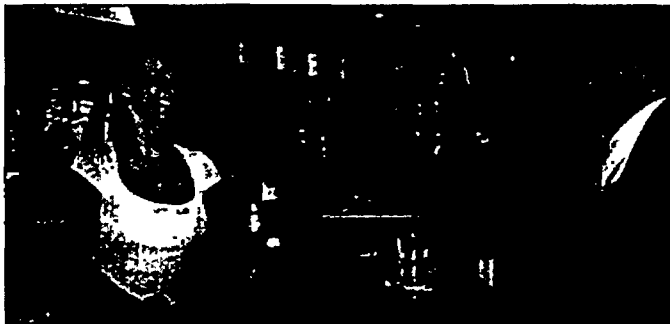


All-Area Volleyball

The Northville Mustangs volleyball team had plenty of big hits this season. See who made the All-Area team this year!

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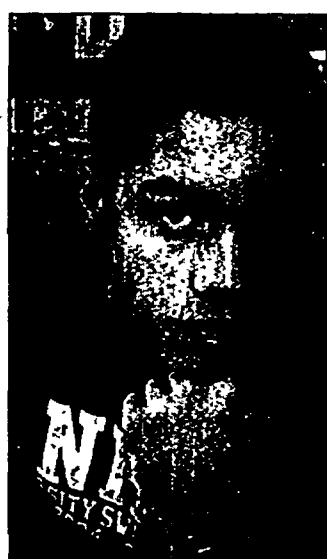
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All-Area swimming

The Northville Mustangs did just fine in the first-ever All-Area swimming and diving team. In fact, they dominated the squad with their talented tankers.

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MISS HOCKEY

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

It was a hard lesson for Northville senior Amy Cauzillo to learn but it was one she'll remember for the rest of her life: no matter how good she is, there's a political side of everything to deal with.

Even hockey.

Cauzillo has found herself the second-place vote getter for three-straight years in the race for girls hockey's greatest award — Miss Michigan. At first it probably bothered her, but now she just shrugs it off.

"It's frustrating on a level that it's so political, but all of the girls who've gotten it are very talented players," said Cauzillo. "I'm sure other factors have given them the edge, but they're still extremely talented players."

And, really, what's a girl to do? Cauzillo knows where she ranked among the state's elite. Always the bride's maid and never the bride? It still means she's been the second best hockey player for three years. None of the Miss Michigan recipients can say that.

In her sophomore season — the inaugural year for girls hockey at Northville — she earned All-State status. The same award was passed down her junior year and this season.

"I didn't expect to get that kind of recognition so early," she said. "Quite frankly, the team wasn't doing that well my first year but Mr. (Bill) Holden always pushed me to do my best. He'd introduce me to the other coaches after the game and it must have worked."

No matter how much elbow rubbing Holden could do, it didn't match the play Cauzillo brought to the ice. It was the way players reacted when she got the puck that got the attention of the other coaches.

"We were at Arctic Pond and there's no place for the coaches to stand to be above the players," Holden said. "When the girls stand up, they're as tall as me with their skates on. As the game went on the girls just kept standing up from time to time and I couldn't see anything. Finally I asked why they kept doing it and one of them turned to me and said it was because Amy had the puck."

When Cauzillo had the puck, good things happened for the Northville Mustangs. Few games ever went by that didn't have her name on the scoreboard. She did what she had to do to make the other girls better.

It's an example she has left behind for others to follow. Quiet talk in the stands at the games has sophomore Andrea Soloko stepping into Cauzillo's shoes but no one sits back and thinks about just how big those shoes are.

Cauzillo doesn't mind. She hopes Northville ends up with a player that has the respect and admiration of opposing coaches as she has had. In fact, she hopes Soloko can fill the role.

"She just has to keep doing what she's doing," the Northville senior said. "All the other girls on the team look up to her and respect her. She's a great hockey player that sometimes is overworked and gets frustrated. That's how it goes. She just has to roll with the punches."

The future of Cauzillo's

hockey career is still in question. She knows she'll be attending the University of Michigan and hopes to get on the A-level club team there. Rumor has it the Wolverines will be starting a Division I program soon and will draw most of their talent from that club.

"I'd love to play for them," she said.

"I've always wanted to go to U of M.

It's kind of my dream school. If I can

play for them and balance it with my studies, I'll do it."

In four years, the name Amy Cauzillo probably won't be one discussed in coaches meetings or on the ice during Northville girls hockey practice, but the senior can graduate knowing she's influenced an entire generation of hockey players.

"There are girls out there wonder-

ing if they should play volleyball or basketball or hockey," said Holden.

"Then they hear about Amy

Cauzillo and they want to play. They

want to be like her. She's made a dif-

ference in this program and it will be

felt for several years."

Cauzillo just wants those girls to

know that no matter what others

say about hockey they should play it if they love

it.

"Don't let what

other people say or

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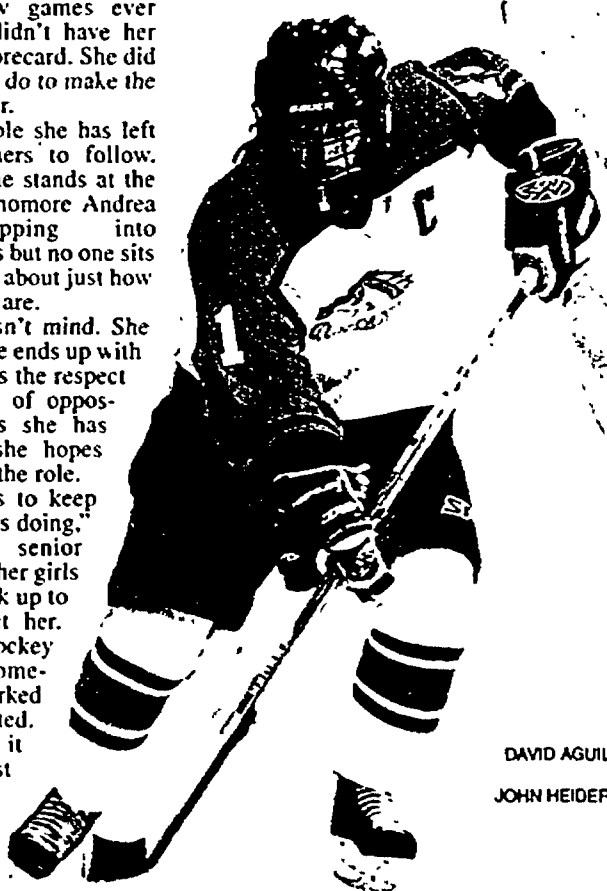
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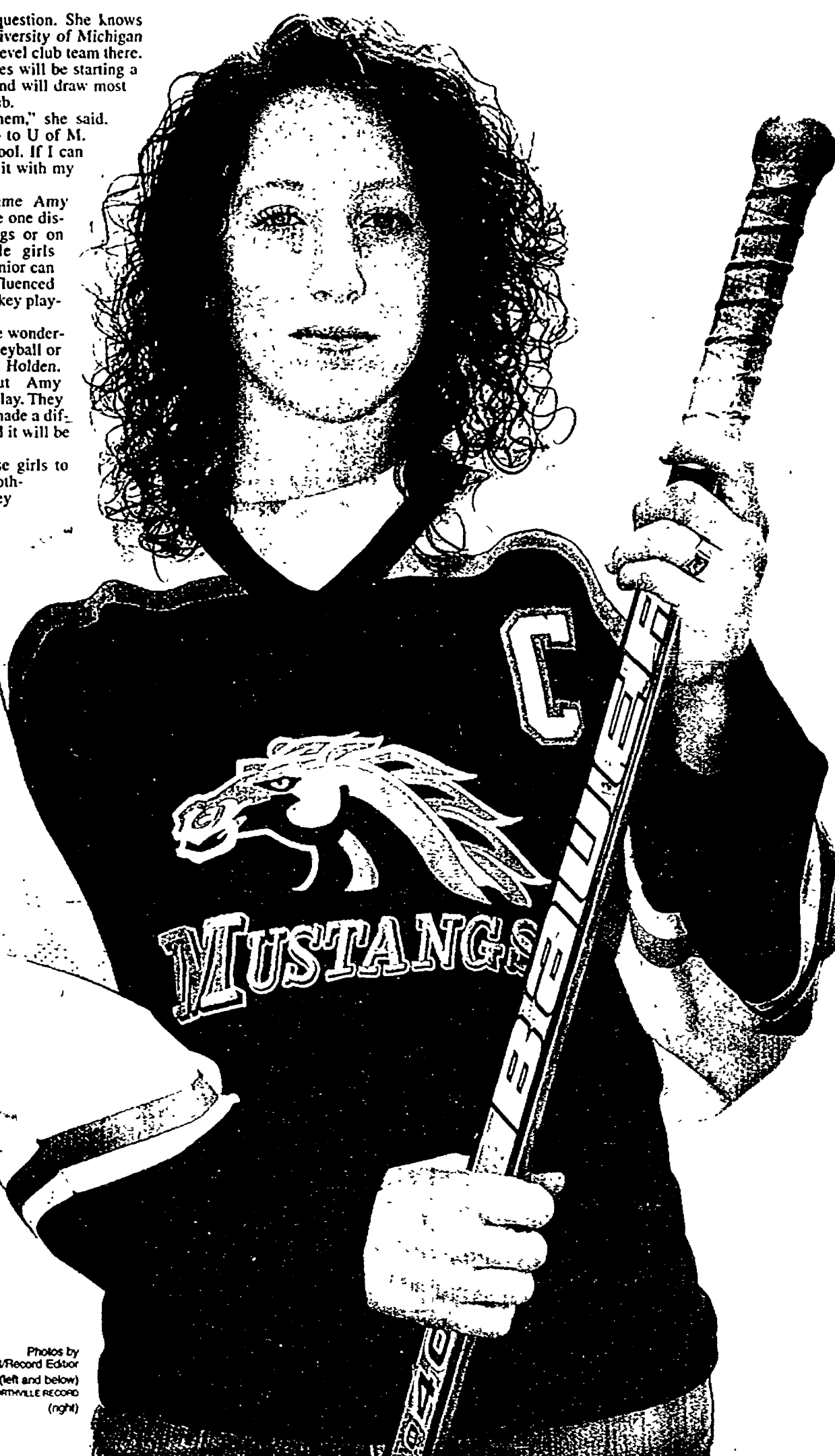
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OTHER ALL-AREA HOCKEY PLAYERS WHO WILL BE HARD TO REPLACE



Jimmy Gates, Goalie



Nick Guerro, Defenseman

Gerblick earns nod

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

It was a remarkable year to follow basketball in the area through the 2004-05 season. Wins, losses and some amazing players helped add to the excitement of a great year.

The Novi Wildcats and the Northville Mustangs found themselves boasting some note-worthy talent. Both teams had their fair share of impressive players and both earned recognition from the coaches in their respective leagues.

Anthony Harbin Novi Senior

- Averaged 15.4 points per game
- Was third on the team in rebounds with an average of 5.8 and second on the team with four assists
- Was selected as the All-KVC Player of the Year

When it comes to Harbin, the question has never been how much he can score, but when will he decide to do it?

Quick off the dribble and a crowd-pleasing shooter, Harbin grew into a tough role of leader this season. He followed in the footsteps of guys like Matt Emmenecker and Brad Simpson and showed he knew exactly what it took to get the other players to follow him.

"He really helped the team by adding confidence to our guys," said Novi coach Pat Schluter. "He drew a lot of attention from defenses and was very good at being very unselfish. He made the other players better by being on the court."

Harbin cleaned up when it came to his ability to score at will. He often put numbers up into the 20-point range. He was also capable of freezing an opponent before driving and pounding home the shot.

"He was hard to guard, that's for sure," said Schluter. "He could handle the ball, post-up, rebound, hit the outside shot and the three. There really wasn't much Anthony couldn't do this year."

J.D. Gerblick

Northville Senior

- All-Western Division
- Scored team-leading 247 points while averaging 11.8 per game
- Pulled down a high 141 rebounds for 6.7 per game

The Northville Mustangs were

well aware of one thing when they entered the season this year: they needed an inside presence. Gerblick was happy to accept that job, stepping up and turning himself into a fierce post player despite some disadvantages.

"J.D. is a short post player that played so much bigger than he is," said Northville coach Darrel Schumacher. "He just has such a big heart and it showed when he played."

Gerblick was a force to be reckoned with throughout the season and especially so when the Mustangs came out of the starting gates in full gallop. They tore through several of their early-season games before running into a few hard snags before things were through.

While playing at their best, it wasn't uncommon to see the senior center leading the charge for Northville on both ends of the court.

"We counted on his scoring, but his defense on guys that were so much bigger than him was outstanding," Schumacher said.

Mark Moore Novi Senior

- Fourth-overall selection to All-KVC first team
- Led team in rebounds and blocks this season
- Averaged 10 points per game and eight rebounds

Moore is the kind of athlete that can be deceiving if someone looks at his career too closely.

The senior, who Novi coach Pat Schluter said is the best big man he has ever coached, made his mark on high school athletics as a long-distance runner. To think the transition to dominating basketball force would be so smooth for the Wildcat was on the verge of absurd.

But Moore didn't care what his career pointed to. He was determined to lead and determined to be recognized as a force on the hardwood.

"He's a tremendous player," Schluter said. "He's the best big guy I've ever coached because he's so versatile. He could score, play defense, shoot outside and handle the ball."

Moore also made his mark as a leader on the team as one of two players with true playing experience that returned to the Wildcats this year.

"He had to do a lot of things

to help us be successful," said Schluter. "He helped lead this team to two school records (in points allowed in a season and per game). We couldn't have won 18 games this year without him."

Alvin Storrs

Northville Sophomore

- Scored 219 points this season with a 10.4 per-game average
- Collected 4.4 rebounds per game as a point guard and collected 3.1 steals per game

The future is bright with this one. The Northville sophomore point guard didn't come out of the gates firing on all cylinders, instead letting the older, more experienced players step into the limelight as the Mustangs jumped out to some impressive victories. It wasn't until the team hit a few roadblocks that the point guard came into his own, taking control of the team and pouring in the points.

Despite a late start in wowing the opposition, Storrs made an impact on his coaches.

"Alvin is young, but growing into the position of point guard," said Northville coach Darrel Schumacher. "His future is bright and we expect some big things from him in the coming years."

Todd Janer Novi Junior

- All-KVC second-team selection
- Averaged seven points per game and went 52 percent from the free-throw line throughout the season

Novi coach Pat Schluter knows he is losing a lot to graduation this year with two All-Area first-teamers graduating, but he's also well aware of the potential of the player looking to lead the Wildcats next season.

Janer grew tremendously as a player this season, from a quiet role player to a convincing long-range shooter.

"He's a very hard worker and is very unselfish," said Schluter. "He's a great defensive player and improved throughout the year offensively. He knows how to shoot a three pointer. He's a great all-around kid and someone we expect to step up next year."

ALL-AREA BASKETBALL

FIRST TEAM

- Anthony Harbin (Novi senior)
- Mark Moore (Novi senior)
- Nathan Kunst (Milford junior)
- Omeed Firoozgan (Lakeland junior)
- Austin McMullen (South Lyon senior)
- J.D. Gerblick (Northville senior)

* Player of the Year

SECOND TEAM

- Dana Pitcock (Milford senior)
- Mike Petrucci (Milford sophomore)
- Brett Briggs (Lakeland junior)
- Nathan Spurgess (South Lyon senior)
- Alvin Storrs (Northville senior)
- Todd Janer (Novi junior)

HONORABLE MENTION

- Chris Lorente (Northville junior)
- A.W. Stanek (Novi junior)



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Northville's JD Gerblick has his shot bothered by Novi's Mark Moore.

Northville gets three All-Area grapplers

ALL-AREA WRESTLING

FIRST TEAM

- Shawn LaChance (South Lyon senior)
- Tony Acree (Milford senior)
- Andrew Burdick (Milford sophomore)
- Dave Johnson (Milford senior)
- JJ Rhorer (Milford senior)
- Brett Donal (Milford freshman)
- Jason Rhodes (Milford freshman)
- Glenn Evans (Lakeland senior)
- John Favorite (Novi junior)
- Bharat Saran (Novi senior)
- Dan Sprys (Novi junior)
- Tim Resnick (Northville junior)
- Justin Swanon (Northville senior)
- Jason Sierra (Novi senior)

* Player of the Year

HONORABLE MENTION

- Al Vellethotam (Novi sophomore)
- Justin Cameron (Novi senior)
- Nick DiDia (Northville senior)

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Wrestling is the kind of sport that you're either good at, or you're good at being beat at.

This year's All-Area wrestling dream team is full of those who've learned the value of beating others on the mat. They've mastered techniques and have the drive to push themselves to the very brink. They know how to wrestle and they're darn good at it.

Tim Resnick

Northville Junior

Few wrestlers brought the same excitement to the mat as Resnick did in his senior season.

The tenacious grappler knew what it took to beat an opponent using a combination of technique and pure and brutal power.

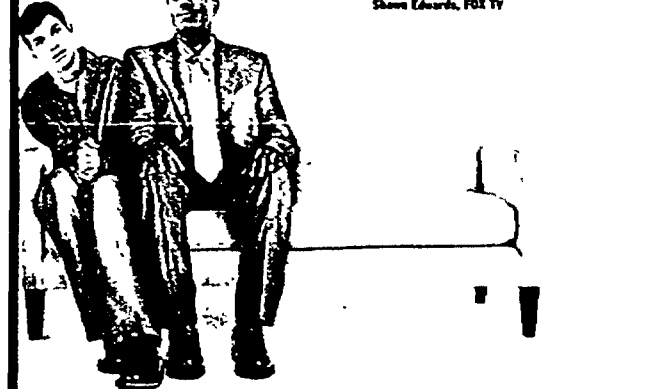
"Tim brought a lot of excitement to the sport," said Northville coach Matt Thomas. "He has great upper body throws and is

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Northville dominates All-Area tanker squad

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

They say there's a first time for everything, and this year HomeTown Newspapers has decided to prove it with the first-ever All-Area boys swimming and diving dream team.

This year's squad was a good way to start things off thanks to some amazing swimmers. The entire team was selected with state meet berths and was dominated by the Northville Mustangs, who finished seventh in the state this year.

Chris Keady

Northville Sophomore

- Finished fourth in the state in the 200 freestyle (1:43.41) and the 500 freestyle (4:40.36) and was a part of the 400 freestyle relay team that earned a school record in the state finals (3:12.59)

- All-State in the 200 and 500 freestyle events and All-America considerations in both events

Player of the Year

Keady is the kind of swimmer who just dives into the pool and does his best, no matter what event he's swimming. Not to mention he treats every practice like a meet, pushing himself to be his best no matter what.

"He is an extremely hard worker," said coach Rich Bennetts. "He leads by example and is a great kid to have on this team. He's shown everyone that hard work does pay off."

Keady is living up to the potential and the hype and doesn't show any signs of slowing down. Bennetts said the sophomore is still climbing toward the peak of his potential.

"I have no reason to believe that he's reached a plateau at all," he said. "I expect him to be one of the best swimmers in the state next year. If we plan on accomplishing the goals we've set as a team, we need him to be a big part of it."

Chris Culkin

Northville Sophomore

- Qualified for state meet in 200 freestyle and 500 freestyle and finished 13th in the latter (4:50.03)

Every team needs the guy who is capable of firing up his squad with his own energies. Culkin is that guy.

"He's our team's rah-rah guy," said Bennetts. "He gets so fired up at times you don't want him to hurt himself behind the blocks."

Culkin isn't just there for support, he's there to compete as well. His swims, and his cheerful demeanor, have a way of getting the rest of the squad going.

"He's always positive and he's definitely a team guy," Bennetts said. "He's a great guy to have around."

Joe Hogan

Northville Senior

- Qualified for state meet as a member of the 200 medley relay team and the 200 freestyle team

- Set a school record with a time of 1:28.34 in the 200 freestyle and finished 11th in the 200 medley in 1:40.59

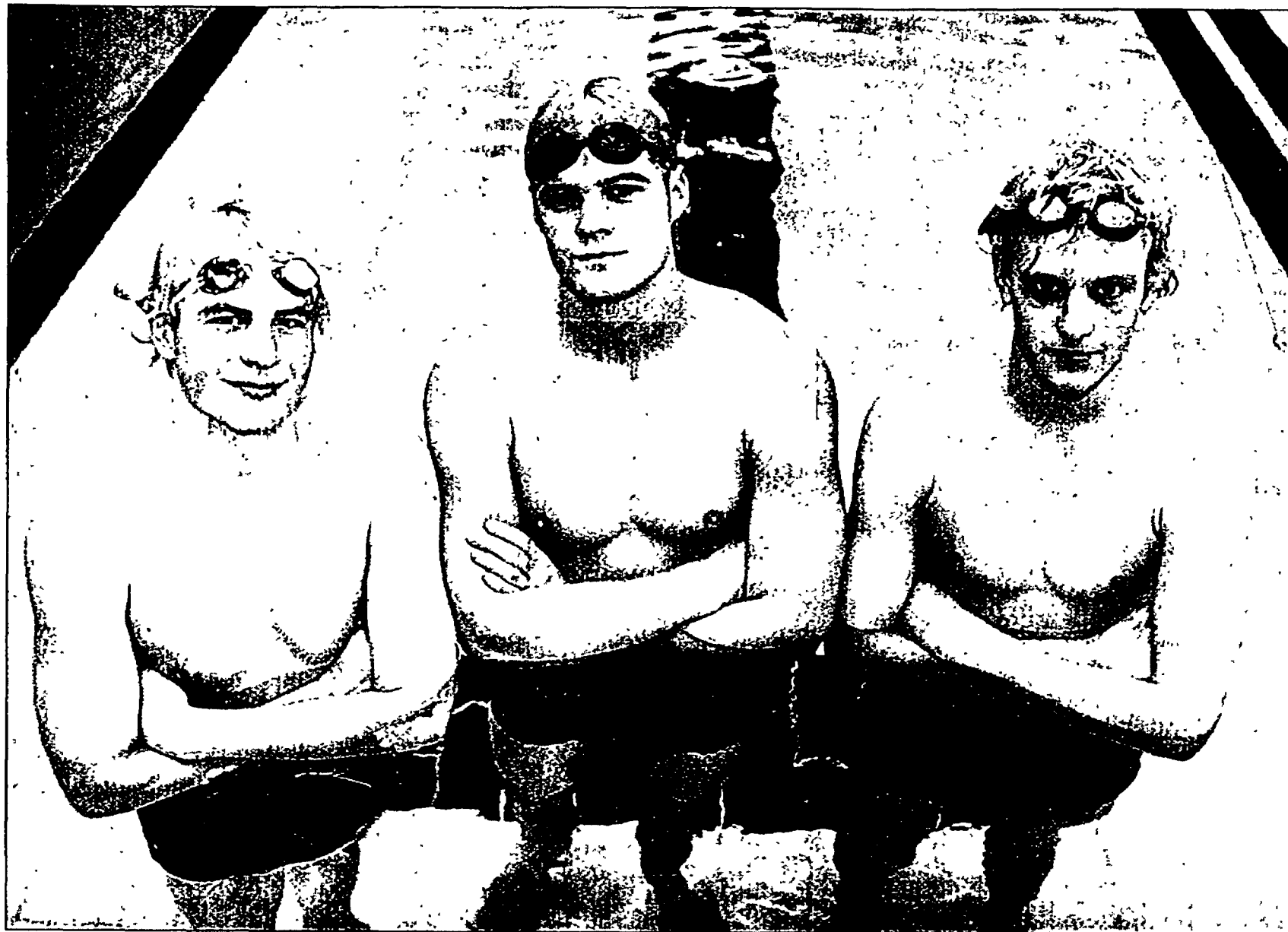


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Mustangs swimmers Hunter Schwartz, Joe Hogan and Brody Blickle are just a few of the multiple Northville All-Area selections.

Hogan knows how to tough things out. His freshman year, the team had 13 swimmers and, quite frankly, wasn't very good. At the end of his time at Northville, the Mustangs were conference champs for the first-time ever and finished seventh in the state. His name sits on the board with a record-setting performance.

"Joe was the best captain I've had," said Bennetts. "He and I have been through the wringer and it felt real good for us to win the league meet with Joe as a senior. He really knows how to tough it out."

Bennetts said being able to take Hogan to the state finals was icing on the cake.

"He's always helped keep this ship pointed in the right direction for all four years," he said. "It was nice we were able to do something for him in return."

Brad Farris

Northville Junior

- Qualified for the state meet in the 100 freestyle, the 200 freestyle and as a member of the 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams

- Placed in every event, set a school record in the 100 freestyle with a time of 47.51 seconds and is an All-American consideration and All-Stater with his time of 1:43.54 in the 200 freestyle

- Took fifth in the 200 freestyle and 10th in the 100 freestyle

Despite having several accolades as a junior, Farris hasn't

reached the peak in his performances yet.

"He has a lot of potential," said Bennetts. "I don't know if he realizes how fast he can be. I think he may have got a couple of glimpses of that this year."

Farris was hampered by illness for several weeks this year, but came back to show signs of his ability in the state finals.

"He stepped up huge for us," said Bennetts. "He'll be a big part of our team next year. I'm looking forward to seeing what he can do."

Brad Lempke

Northville Senior

- Qualified for the state finals as a diver and finished 14th

It was a season that almost didn't happen and a career that almost wasn't started.

Lempke wasn't on the swimming and diving team for the Mustangs when the season started his junior year but his friend, Hunter Schwartz, was. The team didn't have any divers and, as luck would have it, Lempke had tried his hand at it in middle school.

"Hunter asked him to come out for the team because we didn't have any divers," said Bennetts. "That's how it happened. He showed up his junior year and started diving and did great."

Lempke considered not coming out his senior year, but the competitor in him pushed him to the board once again.

"He was huge for us all year," Bennetts said. "He was a great

addition to this team and we were happy he stuck it through his senior year."

Chris Alberty

Novi Junior

- Qualified for state finals as a diver and finished 10th in the state

Talk about an up and down year for Alberty. The junior came into the season ranked second in the state before a back injury forced him to the sidelines for six weeks.

He fought back though, pushing himself the final four weeks of competition to come out as a top-10 finisher in the state.

"When you have a bad back you just can't dive," said coach Larry Teahan. "You can bounce on the board, you can't dive and coming off that injury is a difficult thing to do. I think Chris did a great job."

The comeback kid will have to keep his work ethic strong if he hopes to show what he's really capable of next year.

Will Blickle

Northville Sophomore

- Qualified for the state meet in the 500 freestyle and the 200 individual medley

- Finished 11th in the 200 IM (1:58.81) and 10th in the 500 freestyle (4:44.28) as well as helping the 400 and 200 freestyle relay teams to school records in the finals

Blickle isn't afraid to step up to challenges, which is why

ALL-AREA SWIMMING

FIRST TEAM

- Chris Keady (Northville sophomore)
- Chris Culkin (Northville sophomore)
- Joe Hogan (Northville senior)
- Hunter Schwartz (Northville senior)
- Ryan Smith (Northville senior)
- Brad Lempke (Northville senior)
- Brad Farris (Northville junior)
- Weston Laabs (Northville junior)
- Will Blickle (Northville sophomore)
- Brody Blickle (Northville freshman)
- Chris Alberty (Novi junior)
- Ryan Fulkerson (South Lyon senior)
- Josh Gale (South Lyon senior)
- Kevin Grinnell (South Lyon senior)
- Matt Witkowski (South Lyon junior)
- Jason Wykes (Milford senior)

* Player of the Year

Bennetts wonders just how much potential he has.

"He has a ton of potential and always seems to rest up really well and swim fast at the end of the year," said Bennetts. "He struggled mid-season because of a couple bouts with sickness but went into the state meet and had two lifetime bests. I couldn't have asked more from him."

Hunter Schwartz

Northville Senior

- Qualified for the state meet in the 100 backstroke and as a member of the 200 medley relay team

Whenever things got tense in the Northville swimming and diving program, Schwartz was the guy who lightened the mood. Every team needs a guy like that.

"He's a fun guy that can break up the monotony of a practice," said Bennetts. "He always has a good joke and is by far the comedian of the team."

Schwartz, it just so happens, is a good swimmer too. His performances this year led to a berth to the state meet and an 11th place finish in the 200 medley relay.

"You never have to worry about him stepping up," he said. "He gets the job done."

Ryan Smith

Northville Senior

- Qualified for the state meet in the 100 butterfly and as a member of the 200 medley relay team

What if, Bennetts has wondered, Smith would have been a member of the Northville swimming team for four years instead of just one?

"Ryan moved in from Connecticut this year and was an absolute joy to coach," said Bennetts. "He figured swimming was a good way to meet new people in the school. Every day he showed up to practice and worked as hard as he could possibly work."

Bennetts promised him that if he worked that hard every day, he'd earn his state cut. He did and also helped his team score

points in the 200 medley relay.

"I wish I had him for four years," said Bennetts. "He was a great kid and a great swimmer. He's a kid I would have loved to have seen as a freshman."

Brody Blickle

Northville Freshman

- Qualified for the state meet in the 200 individual medley, the 100 backstroke and was a member of the 400 and 200 freestyle relay teams that set school records in the state finals

Who would have guessed that swimming ran in the family? Brody Blickle followed in the footsteps of his older brother, Will, to be a solid contributor to the Mustangs this year.

"He was a pleasant surprise," said Bennetts. "He still has a lot of work to put in but he still gets where he's going. He's just a freshman but it's obvious that he's one of the best freshmen in the state."

Though some of Blickle's swims aren't pretty, he gets the job done. Bennetts, and the rest of the Mustangs, are looking forward to seeing just how good the young tanker can be.

Weston Laabs

Northville Junior

- Qualified for the state meet in the 100 breaststroke and was a member of the 11th-place 200 medley relay team

Bennetts said he was happy that Laabs knew how to do something that not many other kids knew how to do — the breaststroke.

"It's nice to finally have a breaststroker," he said. "I haven't had once since I got here. Weston has been improving since he was a freshman and has been a big help to us, especially on that medley relay."

Bennetts said that Laabs was disappointed he was the first alternate in the state finals, but is looking forward to next year.

"We think he'll have a good senior year," said Bennetts. "He's improved every year and next year shouldn't be any different."



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Northville swimmer Chris Keady was the top Mustang at the recent state meet.

Hockey team boasts plenty of Northville talent

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

It was a season of potential for the Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats hockey teams. Unfortunately, that potential ran into the wall known as Brother Rice — a team both the Mustangs and the Wildcats lost to in the regional tournament.

Despite the season-ending losses in the first tournament of the playoffs, both teams were able to showcase plenty of talent this year.

This year, the All-Area Dream Team is defensive heavy. Why? Because defense wins championships, especially with the ability of these players.

Jimmy Gates Northville Senior Goalie

- 15-7-2 record
- Had a .909 save percentage and a 1.91 goals-against average this year

- Selected All-State Division II and All-WLAA

Teams, they say, should be built from the back and work their way forward. A squad with good defense and a strong goalie usually ends up being the team that wins championships.

The Northville Mustangs had the right recipe with their goalie in place. Gates, who has the most wins in the school's hockey team history, proved himself to be one of the top goalies in the state this year.

"Jim was one of the top-notch goalies in the state this year," said coach Brad O'Neill. "He's a very high-skilled goalie and a team leader."

Gates led in more ways than just keeping goals out of the net. He showed the other players what it meant to be a critic of their own play and to look to constantly improve themselves.

He had the right combination of sight, speed and agility to make himself a standout this season.

"Jim had all the tools he needed to be a successful goalie," O'Neill said. "He's a fierce competitor and his own worst critic. That separated him from the other goalies in the state. You can't replace a player like him. He was a pleasure to coach."

Brett Jaussi Novi Senior Forward

- Scored 17 goals and six assists for 23 total points
- Tied for 10th for Novi's all-time scorers with 68 career points
- Had 60 penalty minutes, a team high

Though statistics may try to prove otherwise, Jaussi wasn't the kind of player that just skated onto the ice looking to crush someone and get sent to the penalty box for it.

Instead, he was a victim of cir-



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Mustang netminder Jimmy Gates squeezes a practice shot to his chest.

cumstance. In the wrong place at the wrong time when the official would look his way. But, quite often, he was in the right place at the right time when the puck headed his way.

"Brett is the kind of kid that's not the most highly-skilled players individually," said Novi coach Dan Phelps. "He brings an energy and a will to win to the team though and he brightens the heart of the team because of it."

Jaussi may have earned a few penalties along the way, but Phelps said no one looks at that portion when a player is as valuable as the Novi senior was this season.

"I always use the line that there are no marks for neatness," Phelps said. "Brett had key points and key goals and key plays when we needed it the most. His impact helped bring us over the top in some big games this year."

Amy Cauzillo Northville Senior Defenseman

- All-State first team selection and second in Miss Michigan voting for three-straight years
- 14 goals and 10 assists

- Three year total of 60 goals and 81 assists

Who says hockey is just for boys? Cauzillo has been a member of the girls All-State team for the past three years with her impressive play and a member of the HomeTown Newspapers All-Area Hockey Dream Team all three as well.

She can skate, she can score and she can play ever facet of the game. She's a hockey player, pure and simple.

"Amy Cauzillo joined the team as a right wing, but because she was the only one on the team with hockey experience was asked to play defense, the objective was for her to rush the puck and then get back to stop the other teams attack," said Northville girls coach Bill Holden. "She has been the team leader from the day she stepped on to the ice, focused and absolutely committed."

Nick Guerro Northville Senior Defenseman

- All-State Division II and All-WLAA selection
- Collected 21 assists and 10

goals this season

Guerro has made a career out of being a well-rounded player but has gained recognition as a goal-scoring defenseman.

The senior skater has plenty of moves under his belt and an eye for the back of the net. When the puck hits his stick, goalies start to get nervous.

"Nick was our best defenseman for the past two years," said Northville coach Brad O'Neill. "He's always been an offensive threat who was constantly on the ice."

Guerro was the guy most people wanted to see with the puck if the going got tough for the Mustangs.

"He's a terrific skater and a playmaker," said O'Neill. "He's the best defenseman Northville has ever had."

This year, the coaches across the state recognized that fact as well. Guerro was selected to the first-team All-State squad. His ability to play also rubbed off on his teammates, making him an ideal leader for the team.

"He was one of the best defensemen in the state and a terrific captain for our team," O'Neill noted. "We're going to

ALL-AREA HOCKEY

FIRST TEAM

- Jimmy Gates (Northville senior)
- Nick Guerro (Northville senior)
- Derek Mohacsi (Northville senior)
- Amy Cauzillo (Northville senior)
- Brett Jaussi (Novi senior)
- Justin Ruccolo (Novi senior)

* Player of the Year

SECOND TEAM

- Travis Adams (Lakeland senior)
- Mark Eberline (Novi senior)
- Max Bluestein (Milford senior)
- Joe Snook (Milford senior)
- Cory Gazdecki (South Lyon senior)
- Chad Wright (South Lyon sophomore)

HONORABLE MENTION

- Sam Pope (Northville senior)
- R.J. Makoski (Novi Senior)
- Rob McTavish (Northville Senior)
- Donny McKinnon (Northville Senior)

miss him next year. He's going to be hard to replace."

Justin Ruccolo Novi Senior Goalie

- Earned All-State Division II status this season despite missing several games with an emergency appendectomy
- Collected a 2.5 goals-against average and a save percentage of 91-percent

Normally the All-Area team has trouble finding a solid first team goalie and a solid second team goalie. This year, it wasn't hard to decide on two first-teamers. Why? Ruccolo was just too golden to deny.

Despite missing several games with an emergency surgery to remove his appendix, Ruccolo made an impact on his team by being a solid contributor every time he was on the ice. The coaches noticed, giving him a most-valuable player award before he earned All-State status thanks to his play.

"He was the kind of player that could steal a win for us as he did three or four times this year," Novi coach Dan Phelps said. "His impact as a player on our team has been tremendous. He was a factor, if not the factor, in a lot of our success this year."

Derek Mohacsi Northville Senior Forward

- All-State Division II honorable mention and an All-Western Division selection
- Scored 18 goals and had 26 assists for 44 points

Mohacsi made more than an impact on his team this year, he made an impact on the league.

The Mustang senior not only led his team in total points this season, but he was a top-10

scorer in the Western Lakes Activities Association. He can skate and score with the best of them, which helped the Mustangs stay an offensive threat.

"He is a very gifted player with great vision and play-making skills," said Northville coach Brad O'Neill. "He played in every situation for our team."

Be it short-handed or on the power play, Mohacsi was skating. Though he was quite capable of scoring, he wasn't afraid to let his unselfish nature show through, which explained his 26 assists on the year.

Mark Eberline Novi Senior Forward

- Had 16 goals and 10 assists for a total of 26 points on the year
- Tied for 10th for Novi's all-time scorers with 68 career points

Eberline was a three-year player for the Novi Wildcats this season and had the ability to see the ice and contribute to victories with hard shots and smooth assists.

"Mark is an extremely talented and gifted player," said Novi coach Dan Phelps. "He has a knack and a touch around the net, especially in the offensive zone."

Though Phelps didn't want to use the term "perfect high school athlete," he said Eberline showed the other players how to succeed over the years.

"He started as a role player as a sophomore and built himself up through his junior year to become an impact threat for us," Phelps said. "He was a big part of our team and when the games were tight and tough, you could always see his name in the score box because he always found some way to get on it."

Mustangs get three wrestling All-Area Dream Team nods

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one of the best pinners."

The key to wrestling Resnick, which most people found out too late, was to never count him out. No matter what the score was or what the situation was, Resnick was sure to fight until the bitter end.

"You could never count him out," said Thomas. "He was a great example for everyone to follow and was a force to reckon with."

John Favorite Novi Junior

Few coaches can say they've had the pleasure of working with a pure athlete. Novi's Brad Huss is now one of them.

"He's the best athlete I've ever been around," said Huss. "Being that I've spent my whole career at Novi gives me a unique perspective. There have been some great athletes that have come through here, but Johnny Favorite is the best."

Favorite is the kind of athlete that has an unlimited amount of potential. In wrestling, he's just starting to realize it.

A three-sport athlete, Favorite has focused on football and lacrosse in the past. Now, he's coming into his own on the mat. This year, he even advanced to the individual state finals.

"He has the potential to be a state champion," said Huss. "We don't go around here blowing smoke at the kids. We tell them we'll make them the best they can be. For Favorite, that could

be a state championship."

Nick DiDia Northville Senior

Former President Theodore Roosevelt once said a man should speak softly and carry a large stick.

DiDia is a quiet leader and quite often there was an opponent on the wrong end of a strong wallop from the impressive senior grappler.

"He's one of those guys that has a lot of quiet leadership about him," Thomas said. "He's somebody that you could never count out of a match either."

And don't bother trying to break free of his headlock either. "It's a really nasty headlock," said Thomas. "He could hit from anywhere and catch anyone."

Bharat Saran Novi Senior

Saran is a great story in the fact that he's the fourth wrestler in his family to win a district title.

The senior grappler, who transferred from Northville to Novi earlier in his career, made his mark in the books of wrestling notables with a district title this year. The odd thing was, he really hadn't become the wrestler Huss and the other Novi coaches wanted him to be.

"He hadn't earned a place in our line-up this year," said Huss. "Then Adam Ballantyne got hurt and he got his chance. He just went off like wild fire after that."

Saran proved his ability, cru-

ing through opponents on his way to the individual state finals. His abilities and his dedication pushed him to rise to the challenges.

"He's a unique kid," said Huss. "We were really proud of what he did this year. He deserved it."

Justin Swanson Northville Senior

You can always tell which athletes are the intense ones. They step onto the mat, eyes blazing and cold and calculating at the same time.

Swanson was one of those athletes. "He's just an intense guy," Thomas said. "He's a great leader though. You couldn't ask more out of a wrestler."

Beyond his ability to earn victories through his work ethic and never-give-up attitude, Swanson was just a pleasure to watch at work.

"He's fun to watch because he's so good at what he does," Thomas said. "He was one of our best wrestlers on his feet and was known for his takedowns this season."

Dan Sprys Novi Junior

Sprys is the athlete that every coach wants on their team. He never quits, he learns his techniques and, quite frankly, he is oozing with talent.

"Dan is an extremely talented wrestler," said Huss. "He just bulls over the guys in front of him. He does it better than



PHOTO BY JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Novi's Bharat Saran seems to have the upper hand on Northville's Jonny D'Anna.

almost anyone I've ever coached."

Sprys was a captain this year and his leadership was invaluable to the team.

"He's talented but he's very coachable," Huss said. "This year he was just one match away from going to the state meet. He's good and he's quick to learn. That's a huge advantage for us."

Justin Cameron Novi Senior

Cameron didn't have the luck of the draw this year, having an illness that prevented him from participating in all-day tournaments.

Had he been able to compete, Huss said he's confident the senior would have advanced to the state finals.

"The kid he beat from Lakeland, who made it to the state tournament, he beat in 22 seconds the last time they wrestled," said Huss. "I have no doubt if he could have been able to wrestle all three of his matches in a row, he would have been

unstoppable. Unfortunately, having to wait all day, with his condition that wasn't going to be possible."

Cameron was a good addition to Novi's team, having come in from Orchard Lake St. Marys.

"He was a great leader for us," said Huss of the captain. "He has come a long way in just two years."

Jason Sierra Novi Senior

Sierra, quite possibly, is the most talented wrestler to never have made the state tournament.

"He's one of those kids that other coaches wonder if they'll ever graduate," said Huss. "He's been starting for us since he was a freshman."

During his four years, Sierra has picked up a record of 95-33. Considering about 10 of those losses came in the post-season, Sierra showed he was one of the top regular-season wrestlers around.

"He had a great career," said Huss. "He's an outstanding

wrestler. It's a shame that he never made it to the state meet. Sometimes that happens."

Al Vellathottam Novi Sophomore

Just one more win — or at least one more arm.

For two years straight, Vellathottam has been on the wrong end of a broken arm in the post-season. This year, it stopped him from going to the state finals by just one win.

"I've seen 1,000s of matches in my 15 years and hope to see 1,000s more," said Huss. "Big Al was going to win that match. The problem is, the final two minutes he was wrestling with one hand. The guy he was wrestling saw that and took advantage of it."

Vellathottam, unfortunately, wasn't able to continue on thanks to the broken hand. On the other foot, he's got two years left to wrestle.

"He's got two more chances," said Huss. "I think he can make the best of it."

Karchon, Deaibes some of area's best

Seniors' selections come on heels of Northville's history-making season

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

What a year for exciting volleyball! The Novi Wildcats and the Northville Mustangs both had seasons for the history books with the former winning their league for the first time and the latter winning their division for the first time. Both teams had a slew of talented players with some familiar faces coming back from years past.

Evonna Karchon Northville Senior

- Earned 48 aces on the year and served at 80 percent
- Collected 145 kills this season

- Had 146 digs and 29 blocks
- All-Western Division selection

"Evonna's biggest attributes were her pure athletic talent and her raw speed," said Northville coach Steve Anderson. "She's an explosive style of athlete."

Anderson noted Karchon's ability helped her match-up

against volleyball players that would have normally dominated the net.

"Though Evonna was good on offense, she really shined on defense," he said. "She can't be any taller than 5-foot-8 and yet she was going against big girls all season and holding her own."

Karchon isn't going to be easy to replace. Beyond her volleyball skill, Anderson said such athletes are rare to find.

"Few athletes come through with her kind of ability," he said. "No matter what element you put her in, she's going to adapt to that situation and succeed. We're going to miss that."

Jenna Kuhn Novi Junior

- All-KVC first-team selection

When Kuhn smiles, she looks like one of the sweetest girls anyone might have the pleasure of meeting. When she's on the volleyball court, she looks anything but nice.

Kuhn is a competitor. She hates to lose and she plays to

win. It's that simple.

"Jenna has been valuable to us all year," said Novi coach Julie Fisetite in an interview earlier in the season. "She's aggressive at the net and plays a lot bigger than she is."

Kuhn is one of two All-Area volleyball players that will return next year from Novi and Northville. The other is teammate Megan Miller. Combined, they hope to lead the Wildcats to another Kensington Valley Conference title.

But it will take plenty of work and a lot of determination. Thankfully, Kuhn has both.

"She never quits," said Fisetite. "No matter what the score is, Jenna is always looking to get the next point for her team."

Nicole Barndt Novi Senior

- All-KVC second-team selection

As a captain, players are expected to find ways to lead their team no matter what. Barndt was the embodiment of

that role this year, leading her team to the school's first-ever KVC title against Milford despite taking concussion in the second game.

"Nicole's tough," Fisetite said following that game. "She wasn't going to let that stop her from playing."

Barndt did what all good captains do, leading her team on and off the court and pushing them to be their best. At times she's aggressive and other times she's calm with a smile on her face. But when all is said and done, she's all business.

"She's a great competitor," Fisetite said.

Sarah Schmitt Novi Senior

- All-KVC second-team selection

Competitive nature must be in the Schmitt bloodline. Not only are her older sisters as competitive as they come, Schmitt knows how much it stinks to be on the losing end of a contest as well.

Schmitt turns her competitive edge into an edge for her team, scoring points and defending with the best of them.

"Sarah is a very talented player," Fisetite said this season. "She is good both defensively and offensively."

The senior doesn't let score slow her down any. Her team can be down two games and she'll be the first to try and fire everyone up.

The key for Schmitt is leaving it all on the court.

"I want this to be my best year," she said. "I just want to do my best and not regret any of it."

Diana Deaibes Northville Senior

- 458 assists and a setting average of .280
- Had 102 digs on the year
- Collected 34 aces and served at 88 percent
- All-Western Division

ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL

FIRST TEAM

- Alex Prieditis (Milford junior)
- Marissa Bober (Milford senior)
- Shannon DeRusha (Milford senior)
- Christa Dominick (Lakeland senior)
- Jenna Kuhn (Novi junior)
- Nicole Barndt (Novi senior)
- Sarah Schmitt (Novi senior)
- Evonna Karchon (Northville senior)

Player of the Year

SECOND TEAM

- Emma Hurst (Milford senior)
- Kera Dukic (Lakeland sophomore)
- Audrey Sabourin (Lakeland junior)
- Mary Pelligrino (Lakeland senior)
- Alison Scoffins (South Lyon senior)
- Diana Deaibes (Northville senior)
- Amanda Toffoli (Novi senior)
- Megan Miller (Novi junior)

Selection

Playing at setter for the Northville volleyball team is comparable to being a play-caller on another high-intensity squad. Deaibes was a natural at it though.

"Being a setter in volleyball is equal to being a quarterback in football," said Anderson.

"You don't easily replace your best quarterback, do you?"

Deaibes' ability to lead her team with her experience, knowledge and natural leadership ability is going to be difficult to find a replacement for.

"We're going to miss that," Anderson said. "She was a solid contributor to this team."

We were glad Diana and the other seniors were able to at least leave with the school's first-ever division championship. She gets to take that with her."

Amanda Toffoli Novi Senior

- All-KVC honorable mention

The Novi Wildcats were blessed with some impressive senior leadership this year and the familiar sight of Toffoli giving it her all on the court reminded plenty of fans of another historical year. Last season, Toffoli helped her team to their first-ever district championship. This year, she helped them to their first ever KVC title.

"Amanda may not be a captain, but she leads like one," said Fisetite. "All of our seniors do. That's what's great about having them together. They know how each other plays and each one is a leader for this team because of it."

Toffoli will be missed next year when the Wildcats try to capture the magic of a league title again.

"She'll be hard to replace," said Fisetite. "All of the seniors will be."

Megan Miller Novi Junior

- All-KVC honorable mention

The Wildcats volleyball team is in good hands next year when Miller takes over the controls as a senior leader. Of course, it won't be much different than this year when Miller was one of the most dominant players in the league.

"Megan is a great defender," said Fisetite. "We're lucky to have her in the middle."

The junior middle blocker is a presence on the court, creating a wall of height for the opposition to have to work around. She is usually the one responsible for stuffing the top player on the other side of the net.

"Megan knows where to be and when to react," said Fisetite. "We're expecting big things from her next year!"



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Mustang volleyballers Evonna Karchon, left, and Diana Deaibes are Northville's captains and All-Area selections.

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Weigh pros, cons before taking that second job

Janelle, a friend and fellow full-time communications professional, recently took a part time job at a women's clothing store.

"My second job has been really good for me," she said. "I get a great discount on the clothes. Plus, I get the opportunity to deal with people face to face, which allows me to hone my communication skills."

Over the past months Janelle has had to contend with long hours spent on her feet, and weekends away from her spouse, but she's OK with that - for now.

"Right now the benefits clearly outweigh the disadvantages," she said.

In 2003, over 7 million people held multiple jobs, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Many worked multiple jobs to make ends meet or pay off debt, while others moonlighted to save for a down payment on a house or for a big ticket item, like a car.

If you're like Janelle and want an extra job, consider trying your hand at another profession, one that enables you to garner new skills. By diversifying your professional skills you make yourself more attractive to employers and you also build personal confidence. You may also wish to find a job that offers secondary benefits, like the opportunity to make new friends or network.

Be realistic about the time involved in a second job, and consider the impact it might have on family. Pets, too, are a consideration. Think about any hobbies that you may have to forgo, and what else you may have to reshuffle in order to meet all of your obligations.

If you think you need a second job, but have reservations about moonlighting, be sure to consider all options before making your decision. If you're trying to pay off credit card debt, think about how you might accomplish this with the income you have now. To do this you've got to have a good understanding of where your money goes each month. Take a piece of paper and divide it into two columns. Note your monthly income at the top. Write down your basic monthly expenses in the left column. These should include rent or mortgage, student

loan, utility and household bills, credit card bills, your car payment, gas, and any work related expenditures. You should also note in this column the money you put in savings each month. If you have a separate emergency fund, include the amount you deposit into that account as well. Total it up and subtract that amount from your income. What's left over is your disposable income - the money you can use to pay down that credit card debt.

Next, track your spending for a few weeks to get a good idea of how much you spend on things other than your basic expenses and what you deposit into savings. Write everything down, even if it's as insignificant as a pack of gum. Note those items in the right column of your page and add them up.

Now, think about how to reduce your expenses. Review your list and decide what you can live without until you've paid down your debt.

You might also consider transferring your credit card debt to a low-interest credit card, but beware. Some offers look great on paper - "a fixed low-rate for 12 months" - but, if you make one late payment, your interest rate shoots up to 15 percent. Be sure and read the card's terms carefully. Also, look for card with no balance transfer fees and no annual fees. Consider applying for credit card from a credit union. The interest rate can be several percentage points lower than bank-issued cards.

If after you assess your financial status you determine that you've got to take a second job, try to approximate the wage or salary you'll earn and then figure out how long you'll have to work to meet your goal. Always keep your goal at the front of your mind. And who knows, a second job you may lead you to another, more fulfilling career.

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O'Tooles Bar bartender Shannon Raney serves up a cheeseburger to a patron on a recent Monday afternoon.

O'Tooles is popular place for food, fun, sports

By Duane Ramsey
SPECIAL WRITER

O'Tooles is the place for fine food, friendly service, fun, entertainment and sports activities in a casual atmosphere with "A Touch of Irish" at locations in Novi and Royal Oak. O'Tooles in Novi is located on Novi Road just north of 10 Mile.

Spring has arrived and O'Tooles has planned lots of new food items and specials, live entertainment and sports activities for the spring and summer months, according to owner Steve Wadle.

"We want people to come here to enjoy the good food and have fun playing games and sports or watching their favorite sports on TV," Steve said.

Sports are not just a theme at O'Tooles but softball and volleyball are actually played on the baseball field and sand volleyball court at the Novi location. They have co-ed leagues in Chicago-style softball and sand volleyball for their competitive customers.

Wadle said it's time to sign up for the co-ed softball and volleyball leagues that will play this summer. Individuals and teams may sign up now by calling 248-348-8217.

"It's a great opportunity to have fun, meet new people and stay in shape playing softball or volleyball this summer," Steve said.

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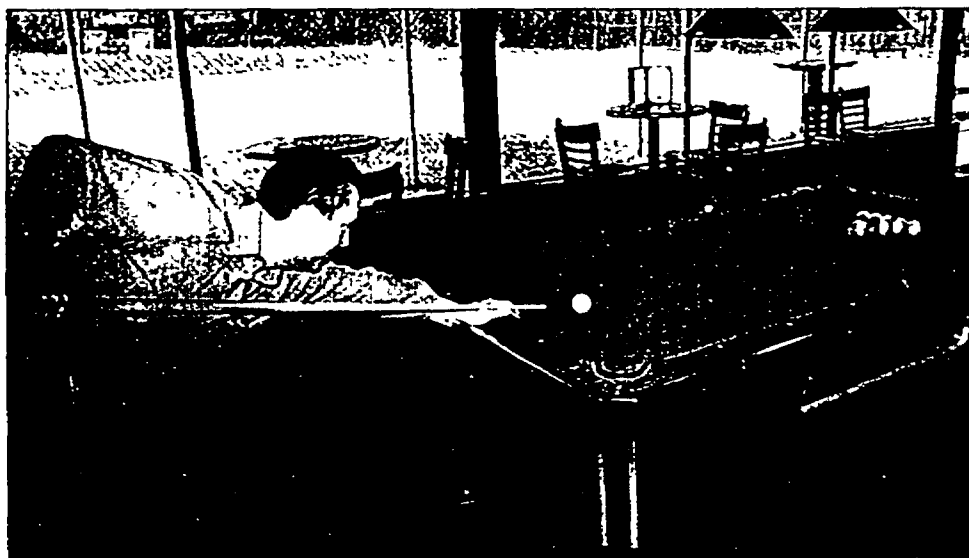
O'Tooles is holding a Deck Opening Party on May 20 in Novi with a live one-man band that will perform every Friday throughout the summer. They will introduce a new patio drink menu with tropical concoctions for the summer season.

The deck is also available for banquets or private parties, Wadle said.

O'Tooles will have live entertainment every Tuesday and Wednesday night beginning around 9:30. In addition, a DJ plays music on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights with mechanical bull riding available Sunday night.

Patrons may play Club Keno through the Michigan Lottery at O'Tooles daily. The spacious game room features darts, pool tables, video games and a large screen TV.

The eating and sports establishment has 26 screens, including



Manager Steve Wadle's O'Tooles bar offers inside sports both inside (billiards, mechanical bull riding) and outside (softball). The Novi bar is located on Novi Road south of Main St. on the west side.

two 46-inch, high-definition plasma televisions behind the bar and 24 other TV monitors located around the restaurant and game room for watching your favorite sports event or team.

Along with the fun and sports, fine food is served for lunch, dinner and late-night diners. O'Tooles has a new menu with additional sandwiches and pizza coming out soon.

O'Tooles offers daily food specials for lunch and dinner. The lunch specials include a \$3

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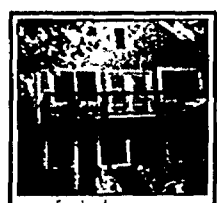
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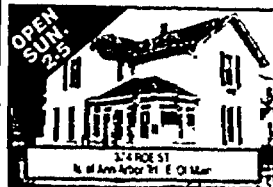
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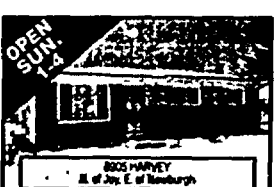
ENVIED SETTING - Upgraded Oxford model surrounded by a 16 acre nature preserve. Many upgrades - circular stairway, hardwood & ceramic, side entry garage, fireplace & cherry kitchen. \$324,999 (C-859D0)



PHEASANT RUN CONDO - Fully loaded with extras. Tastefully decorated, ceramic floors, maple kitchen, deck, pool, 2 car garage and a clubhouse all in a golf course community! \$254,900 (P-494K1)



POPULAR MAYFAIR VILLAGE - 4 beds, 2.5 baths, formal living & dining kitchen w/hook & ample cabinet space, family rm. w/fireplace and wet bar. Nicely updated & beautifully maintained. \$249,900 (P-629MA)



COMPLETE PACKAGE - This Livonia beauty has everything you need for peace of mind. New maple kitchen, new roof, carpet, cement work, doors, fixtures and updated baths. 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths. \$204,900 (C-905HA)



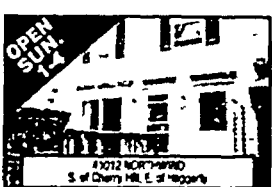
GARDEN CITY'S BEST! - Completely updated with hardwood floors, finished basement w/bar & office, deck, new windows, roof, water heater and a new kitchen w/appliances. Immediate occupancy. \$167,500 (C-520FL)



BEST DEAL IN CANTON - Builder is offering seller concessions on this brand new home 2200 sq ft. with many quality upgrades. Award winning schools, backs to a nature preserve, basement & garage. \$289,900 (P-200W1)



SUPER CUTE - Plymouth bungalow with 3 beds, 2 baths. Inviting entry, hardwood floors, covered ceilings, finished basement w/cozy fireplace, huge corner lot w/deck & many updates. \$199,900 (P-195GA)



SPOTLESSLY CLEAN - Townhouse condo with many updated items including roof, windows, kitchen cabinetry, flooring, furnace and Berber carpeting. Huge master with dual closets - even a rec room! \$126,900 (C-012ND)



PICTURE PERFECT - Built in '95 and in perfect condition, this 3 bedroom beauty has all the features you desire. Great location, oversized garage, fireplace, formal dining & more. \$279,900 (C-907R1)



STROLL TO THE PARK - Updated ranch in downtown Plymouth with a remodeled kitchen, hardwood floors, paver patio & walk, updated furnace & ac, garage & basement all on a tree and fenced lot. \$229,900 (P-625SU)



SIMPLY STYLISH LIVING - Situated on one of the largest lots in the sub, this home offers it all. You must see for yourself to fully appreciate the tender & expensive care the owners have lavished on this home. \$439,900 (P-601WA)



SHOWCASE HOME - Stunning Woodlure home on a premium lot built in 99. Formal living areas, huge kitchen w/isle & built-ins, walkout basement, brick pavers, a sumptuous master and 3 car garage. Superb. \$469,900 (P-020W0)



BEST BUY - Garden City Ranch with 3 beds formal dining, family room w/fireplace, appliances, newer windows & doorwall new carpet and decor. 2.5 car garage and a large floor plan. \$159,900 (C-359AL)



GLEAMING CAPE COD - Beautifully updated and glowing with pride, offers skylights, remodeled baths, hardwood floors, fresh paint & a long list of updates. Quiet wooded setting. Livonia schools. \$239,900 (P-317HU)



PACK YOUR BAGS! - 3 beds, 1.5 baths. Newer big ticket items like furnace, AC, HWH, tear off roof and fresh paint inside & out! Finished basement too! Get ready to move in on this great value. \$139,900 (P-820EU)



THINK WARM - Enjoy the comforts of a family room with a fireplace & wet bar, or the awesome deck w/hot tub. Updated roof, carpeting, kitchen and windows. Built to entertain on. \$249,900 (C-012SP)



BRAND NEW! - Lowest priced new construction colonial in the Plymouth-Canton school district! Inviting entry, 9 ft ceilings, oak kitchen, great room w/fireplace, nice master & wooded backdrop. 2 homes available. \$214,900 (C-556W1)



HARD TO FIND - Such a meticulously cared for and tastefully done home. 4 beds, 2.5 baths, finished basement, garage and practically everything is new or updated. This is an absolute must see. \$319,900 (P-614LE)



IMMACULATE INSIDE AND OUT! - Walk to the elementary school. Nice open floor plan. Cathedral ceiling in great room, new windows & doors, awesome fin. basement w/brick fenced yard w/new deck. Nice. \$179,500 (P-654FA)



A BUYER'S DREAM - Huge floor plan with 4 bedrooms, 2 full baths and a 2.5 car garage in Dearborn. Roof and furnace only 1yr old. Partially finished basement and nice kitchen. \$179,900 (C-344W1)



DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH - Charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow with many updates. Hardwood floors, fireplace, finished basement and new deck off of the 3 season rm overlooking the pool! \$269,900 (P-644AL)



QUANT PLYMOUTH CHARM - 1924 charmer with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths situated on a tree lined street. Newer roof and windows, original Cherry wood and main level bedroom. Walk to downtown. \$279,000 (P-861W1)



THE SEARCH IS OVER - This 4 bedroom, 2 bath beauty is just what you are looking for. Private master w/bath & walk in, newer Berber carpet, full basement, 2 car garage and in move in condition. Nice price too. \$158,000 (P-742E1)



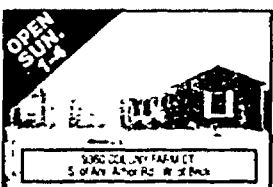
WIDE OPEN SPACES - 4 bedroom colonial backs to a city park with basketball, tennis and more. Family room with fireplace, formal living area, nice master and more. Immediate occupancy. Better hurry! \$253,000 (P-685FA)



BROOKFIELD VILLAGE - New 4 bedroom colonial with many upgrades: cathedral ceilings in master w/window in master bath, central vac, air cleaner, additional electric outlets, marble fireplace, sprinkler system and over 2000 sq ft. \$274,500 (P-348ET)



PURE PERFECTION - Stunning Plymouth colonial with 4BR/1.5BA. Open floor plan, neutral decor, and gorgeous updates including the kitchen and baths. Walking distance to the elementary school. Better hurry! \$224,900 (C-833TA)



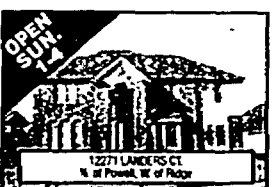
ONE OF A KIND - Custom sprawling ranch on a private wooded lot. Hardwood floors, custom kitchen w/built ins, superbly finished walkout w/in-law quarters. Nice view & dual sided fireplace. \$469,900 (P-360CO)



NEW ENGLAND VILLAGE - Custom updates include a sub zero fridge, hwd floors, birch cabinetry, crown moldings, newer windows (3 bay), fireplace vinyl trim, private yard with a cedar deck & much more! \$309,900 (P-712GL)



LIKE NEW! - You won't find a nicer home in this price range. 3 beds, 1.5 baths, over 1200 sq ft. and so loaded with updates you would think it's new. Finished basement, garage and appliances. \$184,900 (P-954HE)



ITS NO LONGER A DREAM - Make your dream for the perfect home a reality in this stunning 4 bedroom colonial. Formal living areas, plus a library, dramatic 2-story foyer, hardwood floors, luxury master, a princess suite, & 3 car garage. \$484,900 (C-271LA)



NOVI COLONIAL - Built in '02, with 4BR/3.5BA and 3375 sq ft! Nestled deep in the sub with ceramic & hardwood floors, huge island lot, 3 car garage, spacious formal areas plus a huge family rm. w/fireplace. \$485,000 (P-473CA)



PREMIUM LOT - Overlooking a pond & beautiful landscaping is this wonderful 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath home. Master w/balcony, newer flooring throughout, island kitchen, covered cedar deck and a finished basement. \$319,900 (C-111TR)



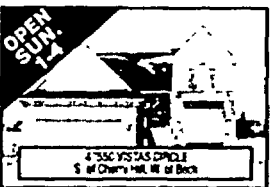
BACKS TO A PARK! - Nothing to do but move into this sharp 4 bedroom colonial with many nice features. Newer oak kitchen, updated baths, newer roof, siding, carpet and paint. Fenced yard backs to a commons. \$254,000 (P-601B0)



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 fireplace, 3 sided porch, custom baths. 1st floor master and French doors. \$449,900 (C-654SH)



ROYAL OAK BUNGALOW - Gorgeous new kitchen and a spacious master suite both with granite and marble. Add a new furnace, air, roof and siding and you have the perfect house! Nicely landscaped yard. 3 bedrooms & 2 baths. \$244,900 (P-906AM)



LUXURIOUS DETACHED CONDO - Professionally decorated and beautifully appointed with 3BR/3.5BA and totally maintenance free living. Spectacular great room, gourmet kitchen, 1st floor master and an outstanding fin. basement. \$399,900 (P-550V1)



WOODED PARADISE - Stunning 4 bedroom cape cod on almost 4 acres in Canton. Beautifully finished walkout, gourmet kitchen, luxury master and a huge floor plan. Come see for yourself or call for an appointment. \$299,900 (P-656CH)



PULTE PRINCETON - Move right into this beautiful Canton Colonial with 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths and many nice features. Hardwood floors, large master with soaking tub, brick paver patio and a quiet cul-de-sac locale. \$299,500 (P-115P0)



PARK LIKE SETTING - Backing to a huge commons lies this 4 bedroom colonial just loaded with updates. New kitchen, baths, sun room, siding, windows, carpeting, wood floors, finished basement and gorgeous landscaping. \$359,900 (C-251N0)



INDULGE YOURSELF - 4 bedroom, 3 bath Canton condo. Skylights in cathedral ceiling, fireplace, maple kitchen, hardwood floor in foyer, tons of storage, neutral decor, daylight basement, deck w/awning & a lovely view of the woods! \$264,900 (P-352CH)



CUSTOM HOME - Large lot set back far from street. Circle drive plus 2nd drive to garage provide generous parking. Newer roof, windows & deck overlooking the garden. Extra deep side entry garage & extensive wood floors. \$260,000 (C-447S1)



YOU'LL LOVE THIS! - Cute newer condo with a huge great room & fireplace. Finished basement, gourmet kitchen, large master w/walk bath, garage and an excellent location. \$194,900 (P-315WY)



WEST DEARBORN - Full brick colonial a short walk from elementary school. Furnace, central air and kitchen cabinets have been updated. 2 car garage. Appliances, hardwood floors under carpet. \$179,900 (C-426E1)



PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP - Gorgeous colonial close to downtown with many updates, neutral decor, newer windows, hardwood floors, x-large master, finished basement, huge 4 car garage and backs to a large open space. \$334,900 (P-218AP)



CONTEMPORARY COMFORT - In the heart of Canton lies this breathtaking home. Great room w/soaring ceilings, spacious flowing floor plan, formal dining & den. Prof. fin. basement w/wet bar. \$359,900 (C-269SA)



BEST UNIT IN THE SUB! - Desirable and affordable 2 bedroom condo in Novi with Berber carpeting, an updated kitchen w/Pergo floor & Jenn-Air appliances, open floor plan, garage, pool and clubhouse. A must see. \$129,900 (P-872V1)



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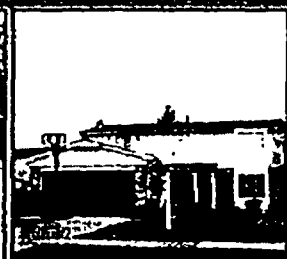
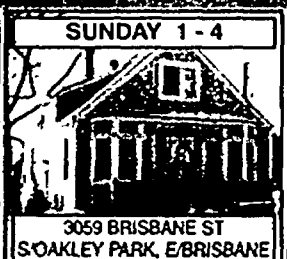
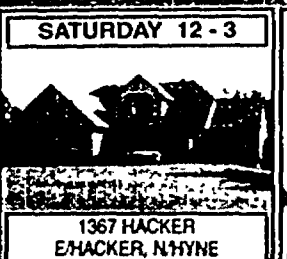
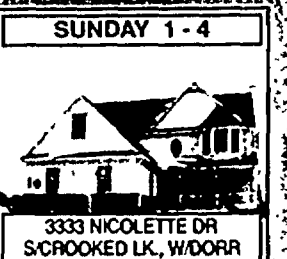
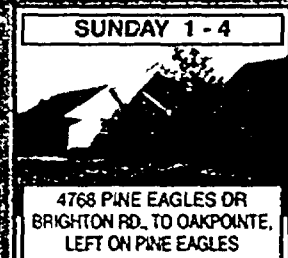
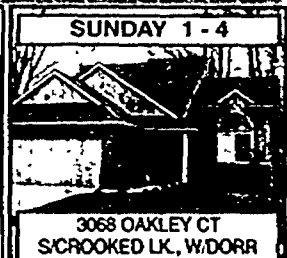
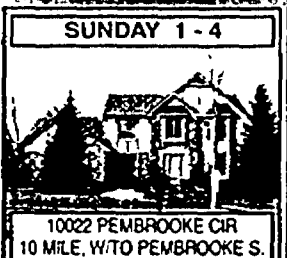
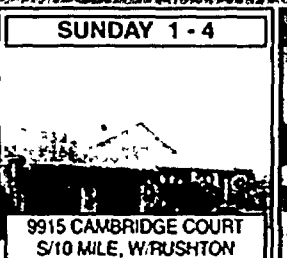
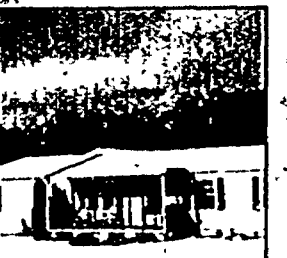
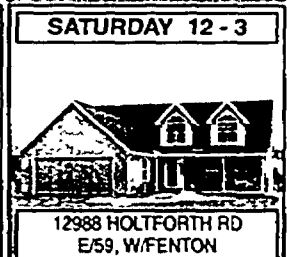
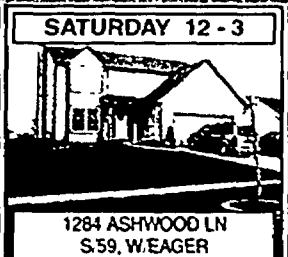
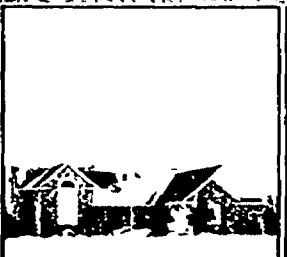
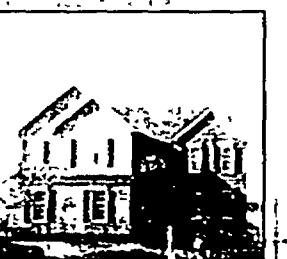
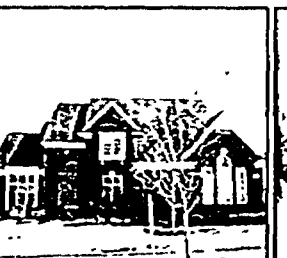
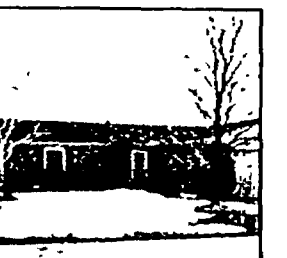
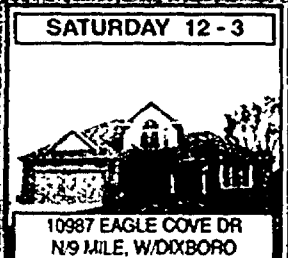
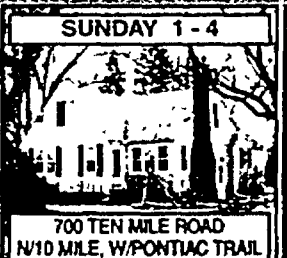
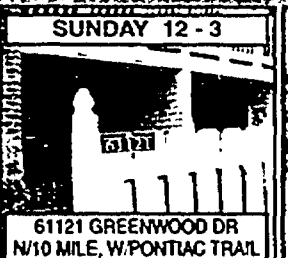
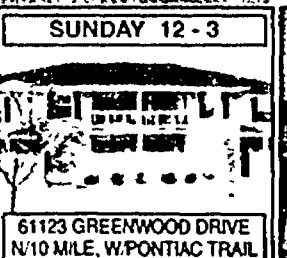
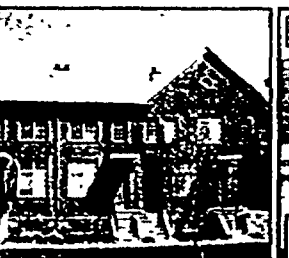
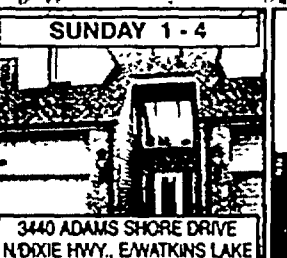
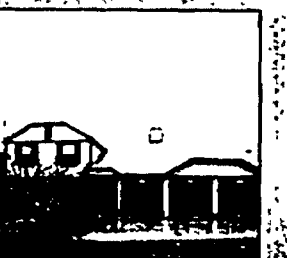
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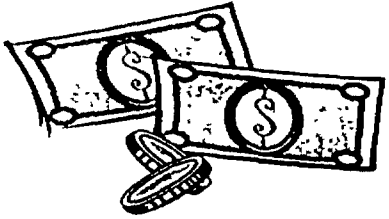
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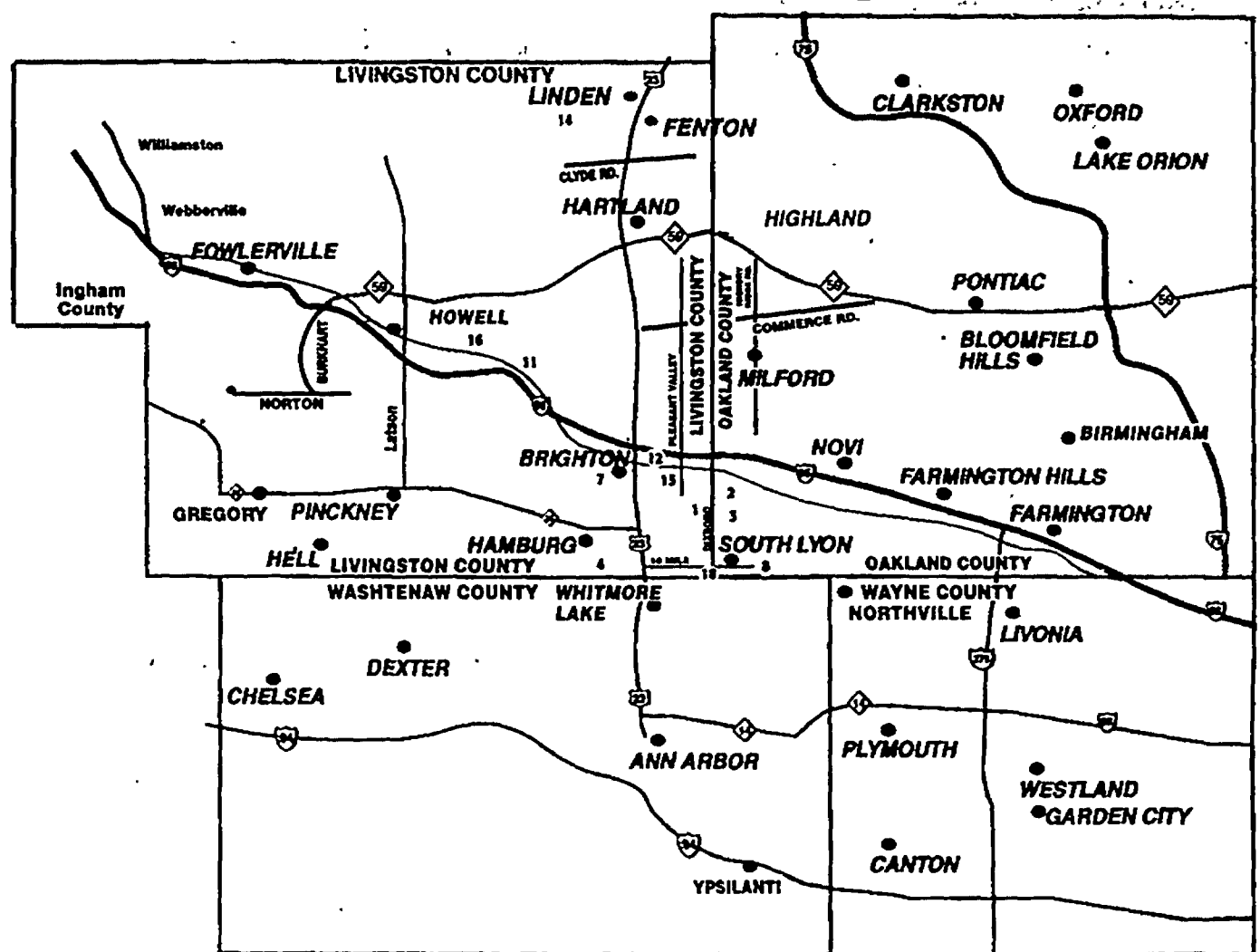
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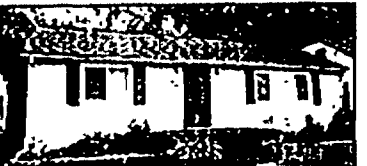
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TAYLOR Meticulously Maintained
Perfect townhouse condo w/2 BR, 1.5 BA, newer furnace, A/C, carpet, windows, appliances. Updated kitchen w/ceramic floors in foyer and bath. Gas and H2O included in association fees-clubhouse, pool & tennis.
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SOUTH LYON Tanglewood Golf Community
Proudly presents this magnificent custom home w/exceptional quality T/O Grand foyer w/stone floor. T/O Gourmet kitchen w/wherry cab-granite GR-DR w/beautiful hardwood floors. FF master ste. Must see.
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FARMINGTON Wonderful
4 BR, 2 BA home in popular Farmington Meadows sub. Home boasts lots of updates: kitchen, carpet, roof, furnace, C/A and HWN. Hardwoods under carpet on upper level. Fenced-in yard w/perennial garden.
(F30ROB) 248-349-5600 \$218,900



REDFORD Cute Updated Bungalow
2 bedroom home offers 2 car garage, newer carpet, roof, vinyl windows, furnace, HWN and updated bath. Formal dining room w/French doors leading to large deck with deep lot.
(F95CHE) 734-455-5600 \$107,900



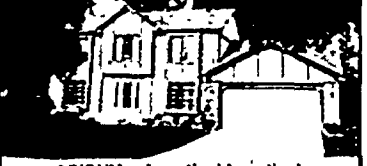
WESTLAND Delightful Clean Condo
Remodeled kitchen and bath highlight this wonderful 2 bedroom home. Located in back of complex. Offers large living room, separate dining room and separate laundry room. Livonia Schools.
(F15MAN) 734-455-5600 \$95,000



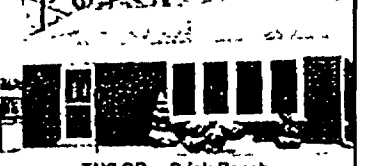
SOUTH LYON Upper End Unit
Beautiful 2 BR, 2 BA ranch unit w/volume ceilings in the LR & DR, master laundry updated, tiled, enclosed balcony, den, MBR suite w/bath & WIC, more. Motivated seller is offering to pay \$2,000 of buyer's closing costs.
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LIVONIA Location! Location!
Exceptional lot on cul-de-sac. Newer wood flrs. 5 BA, lead glass entry door, downspout, roof tear-off, gutters, kitchen floor & counters. Huge FF laundry could be 10 lg MBR ste, WIC & BA. Bsm't w/glass block. Huge deck.
(F53SHE) 248-349-5600 \$339,900



TAYLOR Brick Ranch
3 bedroom, 2 car garage, lots of updates, full basement, dining area w/bow window, corner lot. Spacious ranch with immediate occupancy. Hardwood floors. Clean and neat. Great value.
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CANTON Gorgeous Colonial
Beautiful curb appeal, 1st owner. Very clean open floor plan, 4 BR, 3.5 BA, office, w/ingliding 1st floor laundry, professionally finished LL w/kitchen, loads of storage. 3 car gar lg stamped concrete patio upgrades.
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SOUTH LYON Colonial Acres
Walkout ranch condo. Large family room & pabo. Extra sink/vanity in master dressing area. Bright kitchen with skylight. Clean and neutral. All appliances stay. Great pond view.
(F07JEF) 248-349-5600 \$95,000



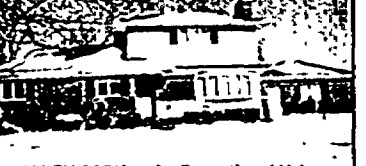
GARDEN CITY Mechanics Dream
Wonderful 3 BR ranch with finished LL and full bath. Newer carpet, windows, roof & furnace '94. Copper plumbing, updated electrical & glass block windows. Close to schools. All apps. Steel entry doors. A cute.
(F81FLO) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



WESTLAND Absolute Cream Puff
Wow, you won't believe your eyes when you step into this awesome 3 BR ranch. New dream oak kitchen in '04, most of interior painted, carpeted & ceramic flooring in '04, upgrade windows, C/A, 2 bered deck.
(F66SOM) 248-349-5600 \$117,900



NEWPORT Endless Upgrades
4 bedroom, 2.5 bath built in 2003 offers 3 car garage side entry garage. Large corner lot, upgrades incl. 3-D roof, 50 gal HWN, 1 ton C/A, 200 amp electric, large master w/2 WIC, cash ceiling, bath, full bsm't, FR w/triple.
(F96STO) 734-455-5600 \$259,000



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 attached garage, inground pool, updates.
(F10BEV) 734-455-5600 \$274,500



BLOOMFIELD HILLS Fabulous Lakefront Home
Remodeled 2005 lakefront ranch condo. Watch the sunset from newer balcony. Also for lease. Updated baths & kitchen. Newer carpet, Pergo flooring & paint. T/O Newer appliances. Gas & water included.
(F54KLI) 248-349-5600 \$169,900



WIXOM Amazing Home & Lot
Fabulous 4 BR, 3 BA home on approx. 5 acre wooded lot. Huge country lot w/hearth area. 2-story GR, FF MBR, FF, screened-in porch, pates landscaped, brick paver walkways, sprinkler plus 1 yr warranty.
(F64HED) 248-349-5600 \$394,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Beautiful Wood Creek Farm
1.5 story cape on 1+ acre wooded lot. Additions, in-home prof office, art studio poss in-law ste. 3 car mechanics gar, FF mstr ste w/WIC & BA, formal DR & LR, FR w/triple, full fin bsm't, 2 furn & C/A, warr.
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GROSSE ILE Elegance At Its Best
Spacious custom built 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath colonial on approx. 1/2 acre lot, offers 2 car attached garage and finished basement w/bath and bath. Updated kitchen w/Corian counters, furnace, C/A & roof. Plus all apps.
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LINCOLN PARK Move Right In!
1.5 story 3 bedroom, 2.5 car garage, large lot, updated kitchen and bath. Updated siding roof, furnace C/A, copper plumbing, breakers, newer carpet T/O. Garage built in 1991. Freshly painted.
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DEARBORN Great Location
Well maintained 3 bedroom brick bungalow. Close to school and park. Finished basement. Updates include vinyl windows, carpet & fresh paint. 1.5 car garage, ceiling fans & C/A also.
(F35BIN) 248-349-5600 \$129,900



CANTON Light, Bright Colonial
An open flowing floor plan w/windows galore highlights this 3 bedroom home. Updated kitchen, family room w/natural fireplace, finished lower level, pabo and deck for entertaining.
(F62HER) 248-349-5600 \$199,500



NOVI Well Maintained Condo
2 bedroom, 3 bath w/basement, GR w/natural fireplace. Newer water heater & humidifier. Neutral decor & vaulted ceiling in GR. All garage, private wooded setting in the back. Condo is on golf course. Tennis, pool.
(F81WAV) 734-455-5600 \$197,500



INKSTER Absolutely Stunning
Nicely remodeled with awesome oak kitchen, 3 bedroom bungalow. Finished basement, garage, cozy front porch. Come see it today. Tomorrow means sold.
(F32WES) 734-455-5600 \$95,000



PLYMOUTH Elegant Woodlore South
2 story on cul-de-sac! Full brick front. Foyer w/curved staircase, hewed fir in GR w/cash ceiling, full windows, gas FR, formal DR & LR, French drs to lb, lot w/cherry cabs. Bright area to sun rm, master w/ste area, 3 car garage.
(F99MAR) 734-455-5600 \$539,900



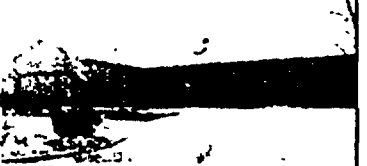
COMMERCE Extreme Quality
New construction, 3 BR, 2.5 BA ranch w/brick in GR. Extra deep basement w/daylight windows-plumbed for additional bath, cash ceilings ceramic and hardwood FF laundry. All on approximately 1 acre. 4 car garage.
(F45CAR) 248-349-5600 \$314,900



NOVI Entertain In Style
Elegant 4 bedroom, 2.2 bath colonial w/formal LR & DR, open floor plan w/lakefront kitchen opens to FR w/fireplace, den, prof fin LL. First floor laundry. Siding in sub and Novi schools.
(F11MUL) 248-349-5600 \$439,900



REDFORD Cozy Home On Double Lot
3 bedroom, 2 bath bungalow w/2 car attached by breezeway finished basement w/2nd kitchen and bath. Newer roof, windows, kitchen and carpet.
(F18BRA) 734-455-5600 \$113,900



NOVI Absolutely Stunning Ranch
Has circle drive, open foyer to GR w/tumble stained flrs, vaulted ceiling, hardwood flrs. Lib has bl-in desk, newer lat cabs, ceramic flr, counter & apls. Dimensional roof, newer vinyl siding, FF, paver pabo, private yard.
(F11SIE) 734-455-5600 \$329,000



GROSSE ILE In A Choice Neighborhood
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath rambling brick ranch w/2 car attached garage, basement, formal dining room, library w/bay window, vaulted ceiling in great room w/fireplace, FF laundry, oak kitchen w/appls. 4 season sun rm.
(F36LAS) 734-455-5600 \$449,900



SOUTH LYON Beautiful Brick Colonial
Like new Spacious open floor plan in this 4 BR brick carriage club home. Serene view of natural pond. Gourmet kitchen, black appls, maple cabs. Basement plumbed for bath. Many upgrades. Neutral, very nice.
(F59CAR) 248-349-5600 \$321,900



DEARBORN HEIGHTS Spacious Colonial
3 bedrooms, full of charm from the covered front porch to the money door. Updates include: newer roof, oak kitchen cabs, bath floor and more. Hardwood floors T/O formal LR & DR. Deep backyard w/shed C/A and FF.
(F03NEW) 248-349-5600 \$95,000



NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
With open floor plan, 2 story foyer w/hardwood floors, formal LR & DR, FR w/fireplace, professionally finished basement, spacious master suite has glamour bath, 3 car attached garage, 4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths.
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GARDEN CITY Wow! Move Right In
This 3 bedroom brick ranch has it all! Newer furnace, A/C, air filter, copper plumb, 200 AMP elec. Basement kitchen w/2nd bath, baseboard heat, power generator hook up. Clean eat-in kitchen, great landscape & BBQ.
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PLYMOUTH Beautiful Country Home
5 bedroom, 3 full and 1.5 bath 19th century colonial on approximately 2.9 acres. Great master bedroom hardwood floors, country kitchen and formal dining room. Pond, deck and gazebo. A must see!
(F55HOW) 734-455-5600 \$519,900



NOVI Immaculate Colonial
4 BR, 2.5 BA home w/updated kit, brickscape patio. Newer windows, garage door, roof & sprinkler. Natural fireplace, park-like backyard. Walk to schools & historical downtown. One year home warranty.
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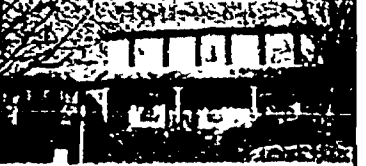
WEST BLOOMFIELD Spectacular Location
5 BR, 3 BA w/fin W/O from FR to private wooded yard & perennial garden. Lake privileges on Middle Straits Lake w/assoc. beach. Great room w/fireplace, vaulted ceiling & corner windows. Deck, newer furnace & roof.
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REDFORD Spectacular Home
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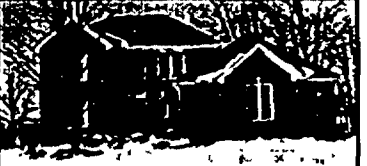
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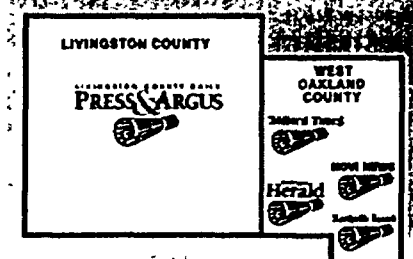
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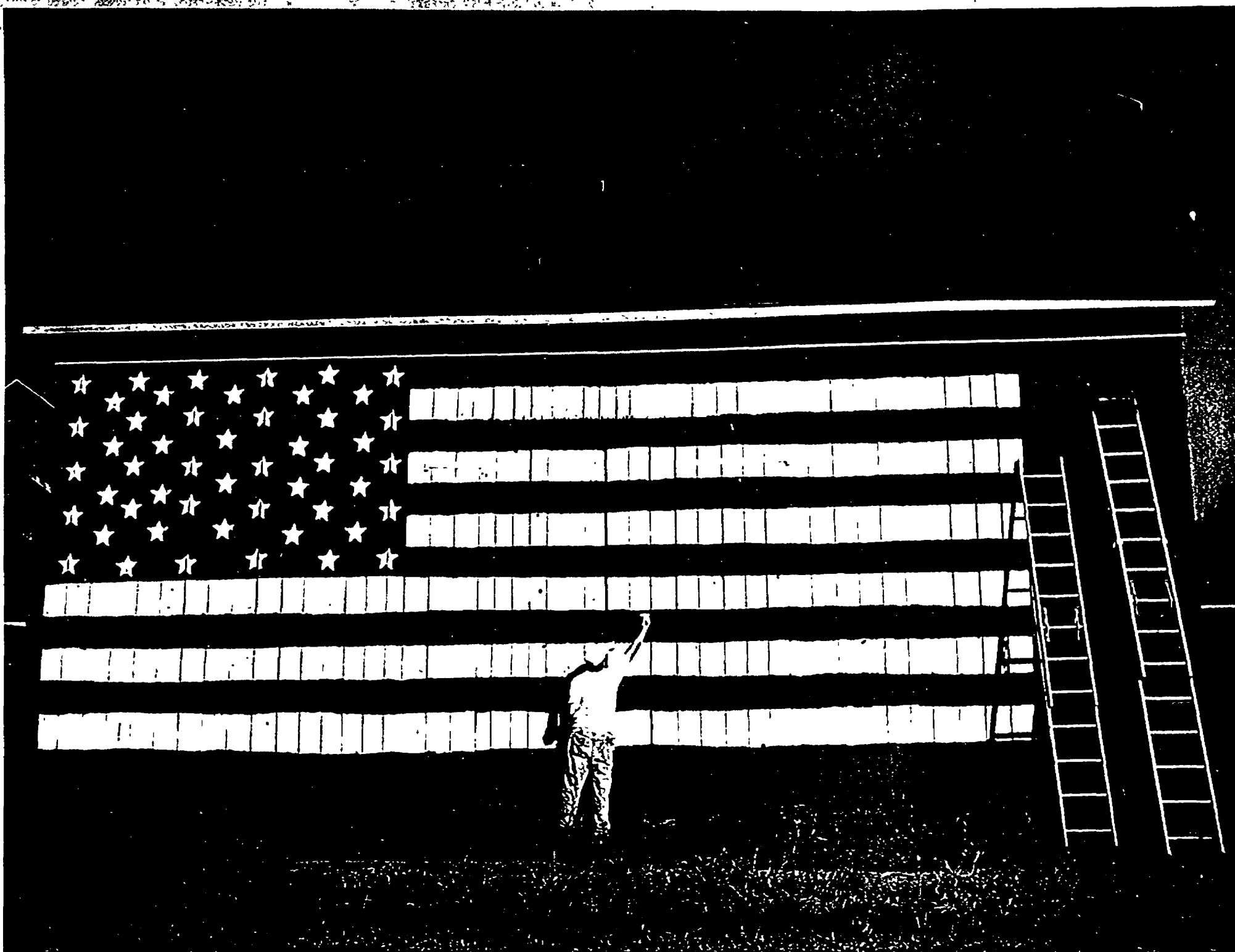
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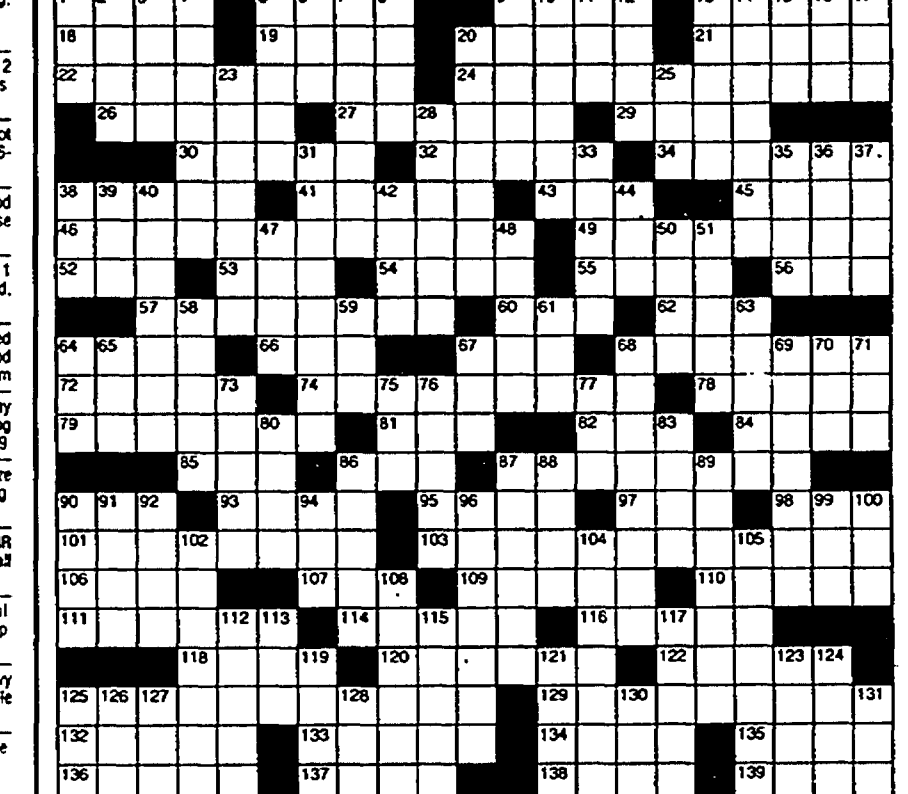
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27 "American Pie" singer
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97 Myriad of moons
98 — Jima
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103 What Martha Stewart drank
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107 Eyebrow shape
109 The sky, at times?
110 Beginning
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17 Sanger
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28 Endured
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33 Storch or King
35 Punta del —
36 Actress Anna
37 Wary one
38 Flock o' docs
39 Wordless greeting
40 Grinds
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44 Herd word
47 Interstate exit
48 Dwight's competitor
50 Cry of distress
51 "Later, Later"
58 Remove a brooch
59 Sault —
61 Pangolin's morsel
63 Dutch export
64 Possessed
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67 Dell choice
68 Kind of clasp
69 Makes money
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SOUTH LYON - RUMMAGE & ANTIQUE SALE
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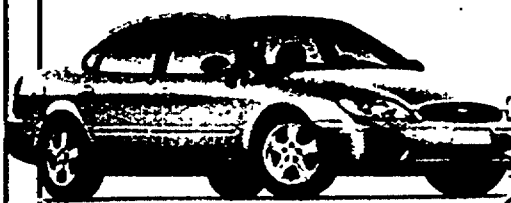
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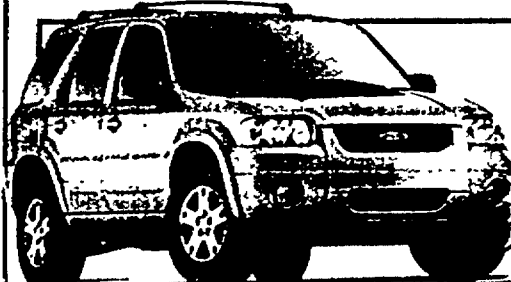
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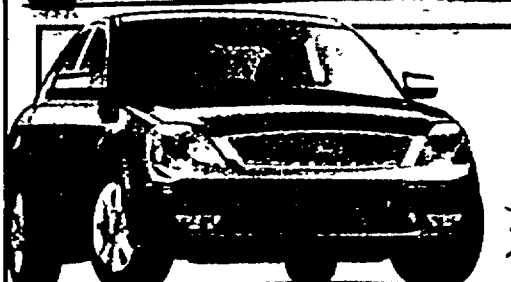
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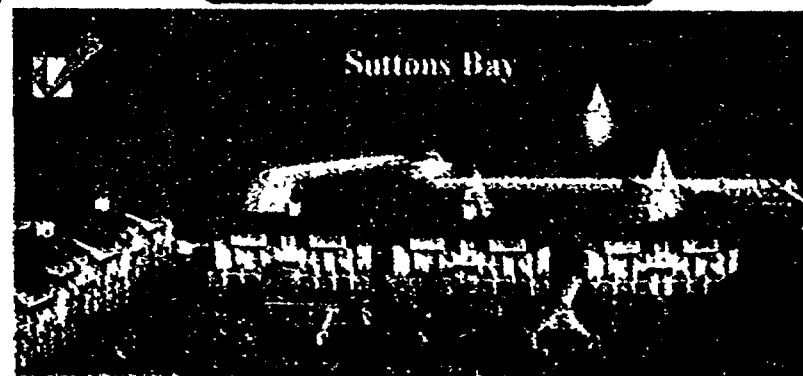
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"There are hundreds of different programs," Jim Paradise, a mortgage consultant with www.needamortgage.org, a division of Home Loan Specialists, Inc., said. "Each lender offers different programs and each one has different requirements."

For example, Paradise said one lender may offer a mortgage with no money down, but they require a high credit score. Another may offer a similar program and allow a lower credit score, but require a specific amount of money in savings.

A mortgage consultant looks at the different options available and matches the future homeowner to the best program they qualify for.

Of course, it helps to know what some of the mortgage terms mean when shopping for a mortgage. Paradise offers this list of basic definitions. Detailed information depends on the specific program offered.

■ **Adjustable-Rate Mortgages** — Referred to as an ARM, the rate on the mortgage changes over the life of the loan, depending on the performance of a financial index. Fixed-period ARMS remain at a fixed rate for a specified period of time before becoming adjustable.

■ **Balloon Mortgages** — Fixed-rate loan with monthly payments for a specific number of years and the balance of the mortgage due in one payment at the end.

■ **Bi-weekly Mortgages** — Half the month's mortgage is paid every other week, rather than once a month. This allows the loan to be paid off quicker and may save interest payments.

■ **Fixed-Rate Mortgages** — Interest rate stays the same for the life of the loan. Monthly payments only change if taxes or insurance are included in the payment. Typically, the shorter the length of the loan, the lower the interest rate. The longer the term of the loan, the lower the monthly payments will be.

■ **Reverse Mortgages** — Senior citizens can receive payments on the equity in their home. When they move, transfer ownership or die, the loan must be repaid — often from the proceeds of the sale of the home.

Other mortgage programs available include:

- Little or no money down
- Combine renovation with cost of new home
- First-time buyers
- Poor credit
- Pay only interest for a specified time
- Rural areas
- Interest only payments
- More

For detailed information, visit www.needamortgage.org or call Jim Paradise at (877) 340-0400 ext. 141.



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First-time homebuyer statistics

- Average age of homebuyers: 32
- Homebuyers in 2002 who were first-time: 40 percent
- Average household income: \$54,800
- First-time homebuyers who were single: More than one-third

Source: 2003 National Association of Realtors Profile of Home Buyers and Sellers

Follow this construction timeline

By Candy Spiegel
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Building a home takes a lot of time and energy.

Many factors can determine how long it takes to actually complete the job. Iverson's Construction Loan Management, located in Milford, says it can take six months to a year, with most taking 10-12 months. The timing depends on the size and complexity of the house, the number of workers, unexpected delays, Mother Nature and other variables.

However, the company has compiled a seven-month timetable to help potential homeowners understand what needs to be done and when.

Depending on the area where the home is being built, various inspections will have to be completed along the way. Check with the local building department and municipality for details.

Months 1-2

- Obtain permits
- Site work and excavation
- Pour foundation
- Frame floors
- Rough in electrical and plumbing under floors
- Install first floor subfloor

Months 2-3

- Frame walls, roof and ceilings
- Install remaining subfloors
- Apply exterior wall and roof shethings
- Rough in remaining electrical and plumbing in wall, ceiling and floor

Months 3-4

- Apply roof flashing and shingles
- Install windows and exterior doors
- Apply exterior trim and wall material
- Install drywall

Months 5-6

- Install cabinets and countertops
- Apply ceramic tile
- Install sinks, tubs, etc.
- Install lighting fixtures
- Paint and wallpaper
- Install finish flooring

Months 6-7

- Install appliances
- Install hardware
- Complete final touch up work
- Install landscaping

For more information, contact Iverson's Construction Loan Management at (248) 685-8765 or visit www.iversonslumber.com.

Staying on budget

By Cynthia Grochowski
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

You have the building site. Now you want to build a house. How do you budget your dollars for each portion of the house?

Iverson's Construction Loan Management helps homeowners stay on track with the following budget worksheet.

Be sure to include both labor and materials in the budgeted amount.

Expense	Budget
Foundation/excavation	\$ _____
Concrete floors	\$ _____
Steel beams & Stanchions	\$ _____
Lumber & Materials, Trusses	\$ _____
Roofing	\$ _____
Siding/Brick	\$ _____
Windows, Doorwalls, Exterior Doors	\$ _____
Garage Doors	\$ _____
Heating	\$ _____
Fireplace	\$ _____
Plumbing	\$ _____
Bathroom, Kitchen Cabinets & Counter Tops	\$ _____
Drywall	\$ _____
Shell Package	\$ _____
Finish trim materials	\$ _____
Ceramic tile	\$ _____
Painting, Caulking & Staining	\$ _____
Floor Covering	\$ _____
Insulation	\$ _____
Electrical	\$ _____
Light Fixtures	\$ _____
Appliances	\$ _____
Miscellaneous	\$ _____
Septic Field & Tank	\$ _____
Well	\$ _____
Rough Carpentry - labor	\$ _____

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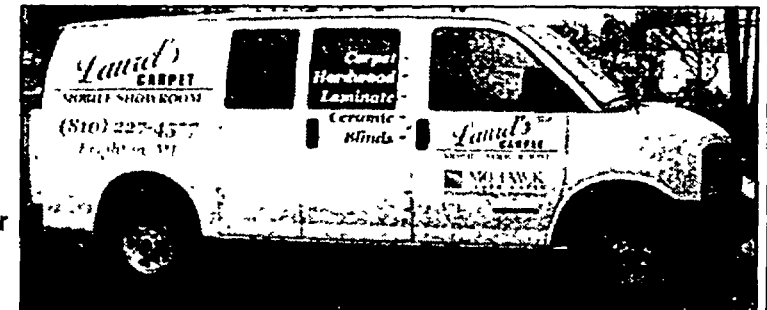
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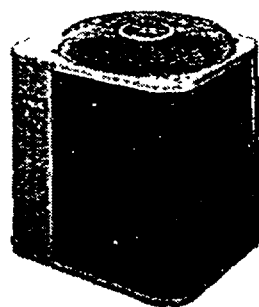
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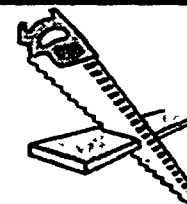


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Finding a builder

By Tresa Erickson
Multi-Ad

You found an architect and finalized the blueprints, and now all you need to do is find a builder.

That's not as easy as it sounds, though. Finding a builder takes some work.

■ **Start first with referrals from friends and relatives.** However, keep in mind that just because a builder worked well for your brother does not mean they will work well for you.

Builders have niches. Some specialize in high-end homes, while others specialize in three-bedroom tract homes.

Although they can probably build any type of home you request, you will have better results if you choose a builder who specializes in the style of home you have chosen.

■ **Gather names from other sources as well.**

Drive around town and look for newly built homes. Most will have a builder's sign in front. If they don't, call the county assessor to find out the builder's name.

Watch the real estate section of your paper for a list of builders that appear regularly in a positive light.

■ **Once you've got a list of names, start narrowing it down.**

Call your local homebuilders' association and cross off any on your list who are not

members.

Contact your state department of labor and eliminate those who are not registered.

Ask to meet with the builders left on your list and mark off any who refuse. If they don't have time to meet with you now, they probably won't have time to meet with you later when they're building your home.

Be wary of those who have marketing representatives. As public relations experts, they will put a good spin on the builder whether they deserve it or not.

■ **When meeting with a builder, ask for a complete list of the homes they have built within the past few years.** Follow up on the list by speaking to some of the homeowners. Most will be eager to speak to you, especially if they experienced problems with the builder.

■ **After you have met with the builder, visit one of their construction sites.** If the builder isn't there, ask the foreman how often they stop by. If the builder is present, study the way they deal with the crew and any homeowners present. Make sure the site is clean and well organized.

Choosing a builder takes time and effort, and unfortunately, the task doesn't end there. Once you've selected one, you need to make sure that everything is put into writing. This will save you headaches later. You also need to make yourself available should the builder have questions and periodically check in with them to ensure everything is going well.

Determine monthly payments

By Candy Spiegel
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Before shopping for a house, one must determine what they can afford.

Potential homeowners can get an idea of what their monthly mortgage payment will be by visiting www.needamortgage.org.

This site allows a person to type in the amount of the home, the down payment, the interest rate, the length of the mortgage, taxes and insurance.

Within seconds, the monthly payment and an amortization chart are available.

A ballpark figure can also be found by completing this simple math problem. Keep in mind that this process includes principle and interest only — insurance and taxes are not included.

Mortgage Calculation Table

Rate	10 years	15 years	20 years	25 years	30 years
4%	10.12	7.4	6.06	5.28	4.77
4.5%	10.36	7.65	6.33	5.56	5.07
5%	10.61	7.91	6.60	5.85	5.37
5.5%	10.86	8.18	6.88	6.15	5.68
6%	11.11	8.44	7.17	6.45	6.0
6.5%	11.36	8.72	7.48	6.76	6.33
7%	11.62	8.99	7.76	7.07	6.68

Information provided by Jim Paradise of www.NeedAMortgage.com

1. Choose the number of years the mortgage will be paid over.

2. Select the interest rate.

3. Find the amount for that interest rate and that number of years in the gray box on the chart to the right.

4. Multiply that number by the amount borrowed.

5. Divide that by 1,000.

For example, a \$200,000 mortgage at 6 percent interest paid over 30 years would be \$1,200 per month.

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■ **For a calculator providing monthly mortgage payments, including taxes and insurance, visit www.needamortgage.org.**

For more information, contact Jim Paradise, mortgage consultant, at (734) 524-0400.

Determine Mortgage Payment

$$\frac{\text{Amount financed}}{\text{No. from table}} \times \text{divided by 1,000} = \text{Monthly Payment}$$

Example:

$200,000 \times 6.00 \text{ divided by } 1,000 = \$1,200 \text{ per month}$

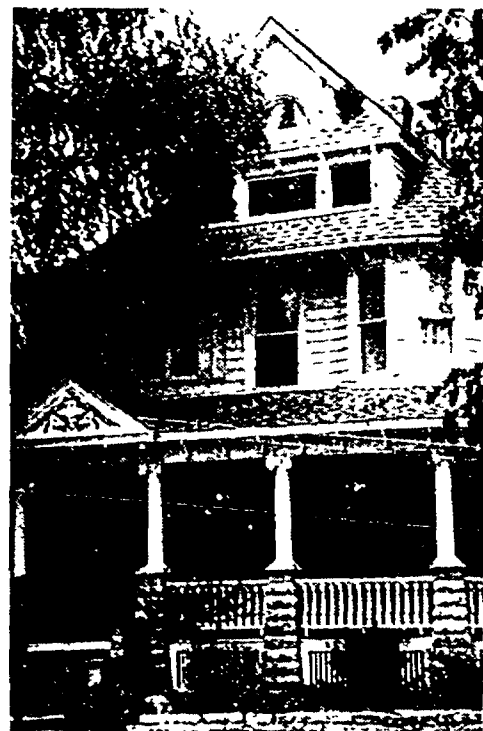
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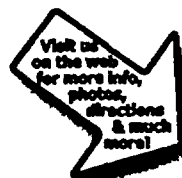
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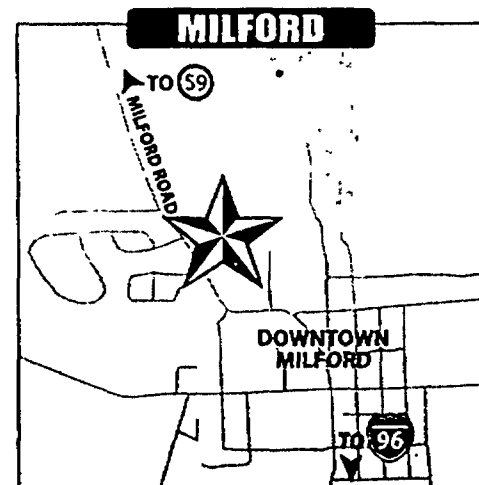
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Light wood, granite and other natural material are popular in today's kitchens.

What's new in kitchens and baths

By Cynthia Grochowski
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

To give a kitchen or bath that special finished look, more and more people are looking to natural materials and space-saving storage systems.

The bright colors and bold designs seen in magazines aren't what homeowners are actually choosing, Bill Fox of Quality Marble and Granite said.

"The majority of homeowners are going natural."

Oak is still the most popular wood found in kitchens and baths.

"Maple is seen more and more, and cherry," Fox said. "Hickory not as much, but it does give a unique look."

"There are so many shades of stain available anything is possible," Fox said.

The all-white kitchen touted in home magazines for years is no longer as sought after as in previous years. Also on the way out — wallpaper.

"Natural woods have a certain warmth and are usually stained lighter than countertops," Fox pointed out. "You see tile and paint more and more. There are thousands of shades of paint."

In the past, natural stone tended to be the most expensive. Consumer demand has since driven up the quantity available making for a competitive market.

"Granite is still, by far, the most popular natural stone sought after by homeowners," Fox said.

Granite's natural beauty is only bettered by its stain, cut and burn-proof qualities.

"It is the one investment in a home that will actually appreciate in value," Fox said.

Homeowners can now purchase the high-end

*Kitchens and baths are
"only limited to the imagination of the homeowner."*

— Bill Fox
Quality Marble and Granite

material pre-cut in counter and island size slabs which greatly reduces the initial cost.

Because many of the man-made solid surfaces are petroleum-based, their raw material price has actually increased in price along with the price at the world's gas pumps.

Natural marble in baths has been improved with better sealers to keep out moisture. Most homeowner choosing marble go the cultured route, which is four times stronger, much less expensive and mimics the real thing in looks.

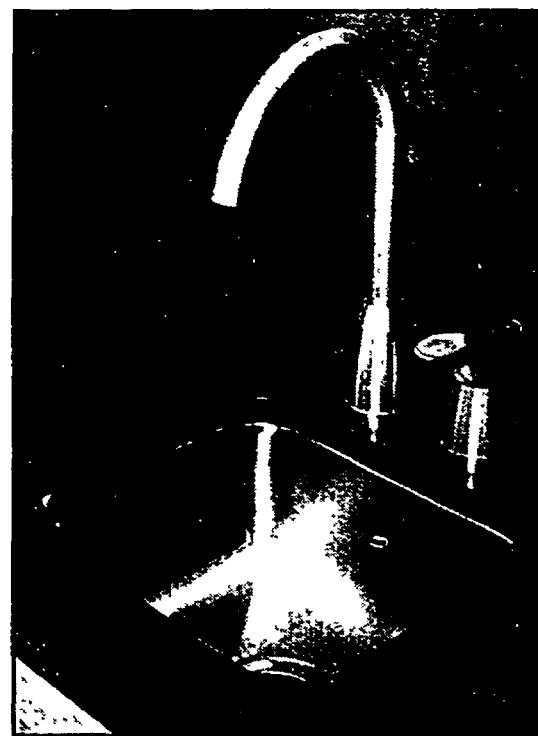
Formica is the biggest player, with thousands of choices and inexpensive cost. The material doesn't hold up as well and therefore a kitchen or bath done with laminate depreciates very fast.

Other natural countertops making a comeback include soap stone, a scratchable material which lends an old fashioned rustic look.

Stainless steel undermount sinks, pullout faucets with sprayers, in-counter soap dispensers and water-purification taps have all become mainstream countertop items.

Space-saving and multi-functional features are no longer considered luxuries either.

"Cabinetry with inside features, like Lazy



Undermounted sinks make cleanup easy.

Susans and pull-out drawers are becoming standard," Fox said. "Pantries, not so much walk-ins, but butler's pantries with a cleanup sink, are getting a lot of interest."

The laundry room reaps the bonus of innovative ideas from kitchens and baths with closed storage and nice countertops.

Fox, excited about the popularity kitchens and baths have been experiencing in recent years, says these days those areas of the house "are only limited to the imagination to the homeowner."

Experts say natural look popular trend in decorating

The glitz of the 1980s and the sleek modernism of the 1990s have given way to an entirely different trend in flooring — the Natural Look.

"Consumers' preference for natural and natural-looking materials is in full swing," says Joe Amato, vice president of Styling for flooring manufacturer Mannington Mills. "No matter what kind of flooring they choose, homeowners are looking for patterns inspired by nature."

Thanks to today's technology, the naturally inspired look can be achieved in any hard surface flooring material.

For example, the vinyl flooring on the market today (also called resilient) is nothing like what your mother and grandmother had.

"The patterns are much more realistic than ever. Advances in design capabilities, particularly with Computer Aided Design (CAD), have been key in helping us get such realistic looks," says Amato.

Some of today's most popular looks in vinyl flooring are patterns that resemble slate, stone, and even sisal and leather, he adds.

Laminate flooring has also benefited from advancements in technology. Three-dimensional looks are now trendy in laminate. Also, wood looks in laminate now boast texture and depth, which helps make them look even more like the real thing.

Hardwood, of course, is real wood. But new staining and finishing techniques allow for a brand new wood floor to look worn and lived-in.

Many homeowners are decorating in a casual or rustic theme and these handscrapped and distressed floors go perfectly with that decor.

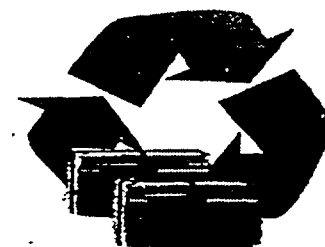
You may not know that porcelain tile is another type of floor that is made from naturally occurring materials (primarily clay), but can be fashioned to look like something else.

Popular tile looks today are dramatic slates, elegant marbles, and rustic terra cottas.

And tile floors can be personalized by incorporating various sizes of the same tile, or using different colors and decorative accents for borders and insets.

So whatever your flooring preference, there's a natural look that will suit your life and your style.

— By Metro News Service



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When choosing floor plan, look at needs

By Candy Spiegel
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Use this worksheet to determine which features of a home are the most important.

Mark wish list items with a "W" and necessary items with an "N."

Fill in additional details and take it to the builder. From this, they can help select the floor plan that will work best. And, they can make sure extra monies in the budget are spent on what is most important to the homeowners.

For example, if a fireplace in the master bedroom isn't important, but a large dressing room is, they can take the money from the fireplace and put it into building a dressing room.

Items to consider when designing or selecting a floor plan:

Outside

- ☐ Number of stories
- ☐ Garage
 - Number of cars: _____
- ☐ Shed or outbuildings
 - Description: _____
- ☐ Pool or spa
- ☐ Deck or large porch
- ☐ Walk-out basement
- ☐ Basement

Rooms

- ☐ Number of bedrooms
- ☐ Number of full bathrooms

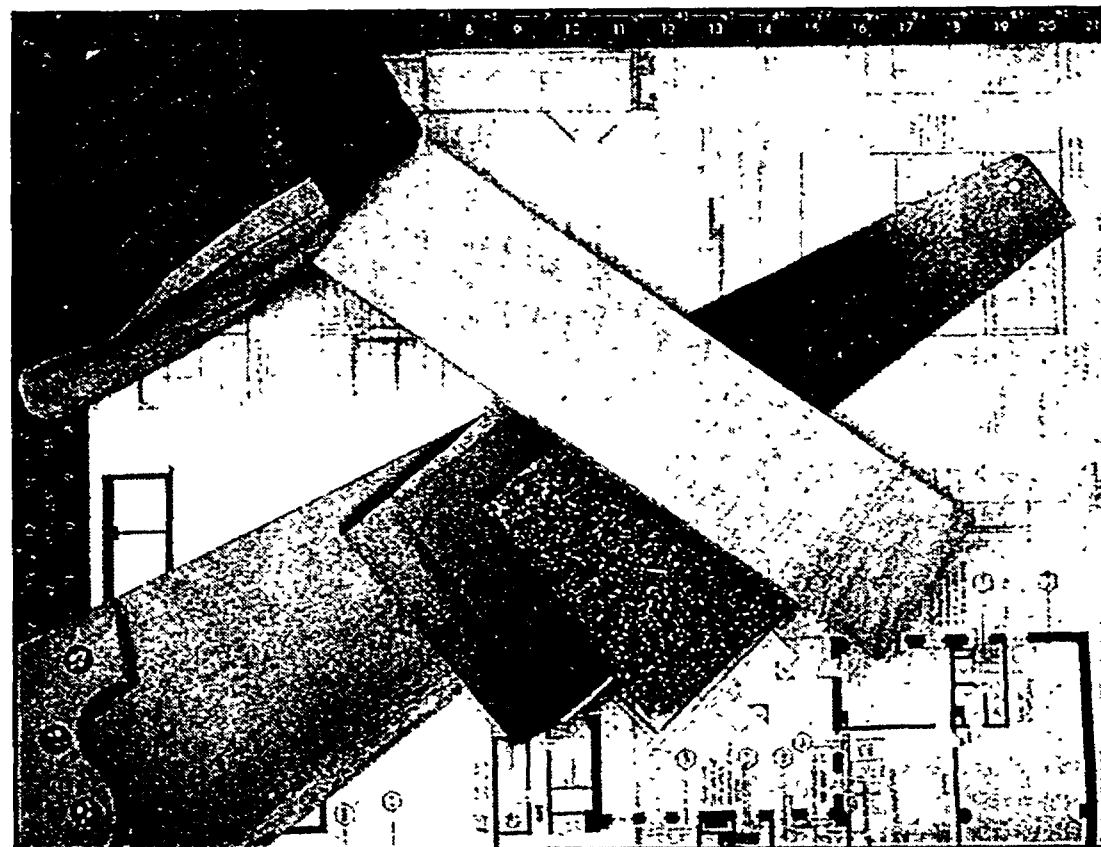


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A builder or architect can help homeowners design a dream home within the budget.

- ☐ Number of half bathrooms
- ☐ Formal dining room
- ☐ Formal living room

- ☐ Family room
- ☐ Home office
- ☐ Library

- ☐ Bonus room
- ☐ Hearth room
- ☐ Additional master bedrooms
- ☐ Mother-in-law Suite
- ☐ Great room
- ☐ Exercise room
- ☐ Morning room
- ☐ Theater or media room
- ☐ Laundry room
- ☐ Room for unique or special furnishings
 - Explain: _____

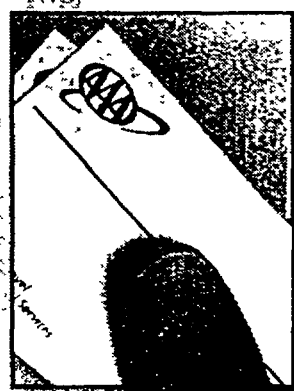
Details

- ☐ Eating area in kitchen
- ☐ Sitting room in master suite
- ☐ Walk-in closets
 - Where? _____
- ☐ Fireplaces
 - Where? _____
- ☐ Bar
 - Where? _____
- ☐ Special considerations
 - Explain: _____

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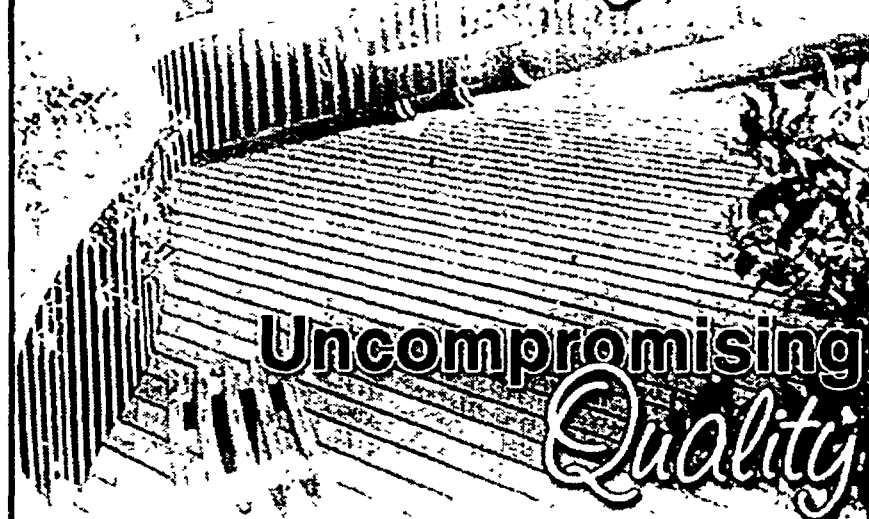
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Consider furniture needs when designing house

By Tresa Erickson
MULTI-AD

You found an architect and you're in the process of designing your home plans.

So far you like what you see. Consider how your current furniture will fit into the rooms. There is nothing worse than moving into a new home and discovering that your extra-long couch will not fit on the wall you planned or that your dining room table is too wide for the room.

Before you finalize any plans, pre-arrange your furniture and make sure it will fit into your rooms. There are four areas you need to take into consideration when pre-arranging your furniture: room size, scale, wall space and ceiling height.

Room Size

Bigger rooms are not necessarily better. While you may have plenty of room for your existing furniture, you may have to buy several more pieces to fill up the room. If you tend to buy oversized furniture and you have several pieces, bigger rooms may work well for you. However, if you are a minimalist and opt for a few nice pieces for each room, smaller rooms might be a better fit. Get a copy of your home plans, pencil in your furniture and make sure you can fill up the rooms.

Scale

When it comes to pre-arranging furniture, room size and scale go hand in hand. Large furniture pieces can dwarf small rooms, while small furniture pieces can look even smaller in large rooms. An oversized canopy bed, for example, will dominate a 10-by-10 guest room and make it look crowded. Make certain the scale of your furniture is in proportion to the room size.



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Homeowners should be sure their furniture will fit in the home before construction is complete. It is less expensive to make changes to blueprints than to a finished home.

Wall Space

Wall space can make or break a furniture arrangement. If you're planning to make a focal point out of an heirloom chest by placing it in a bay window, then you'll want to make sure it is going to fit within that space. Decide what's

going into each room, measure each piece and make sure it will fit on the wall where you want it.

Ceiling Height

Study the dimensions of your current furniture. If you've got some tall pieces, you'll want to

make sure they will fit into the room and be easy to move there. If you have a bedroom with 10-foot ceilings and a 9-foot armoire, the armoire will fit, but it may be tough to actually get the piece in there.

Make certain the ceiling height in each room provides ample space to move in and place taller pieces.

In addition to room size, scale, wall space and ceiling height, you will also have to take these factors into consideration.

• **Outlets.** Don't forget about the placement of outlets when you're pre-arranging your furniture. If you plan to place your sofa in the middle of the room, you'll want some outlets in the floor next to it for lamps.

• **Windows.** Pre-arranging your furniture will give you insight into the proper window size and positioning. You may have to adjust window sizes and placement for certain pieces of furniture.

• **Wiring.** Wiring during construction is often easier than after, so figure out where you're going to put your home theater system, TV and other electronics and have the wiring done during construction.

After taking all of these factors into consideration, you may discover that your furniture does not fit the design. If this occurs, you have one of several options. You could rearrange some furniture, buy new furniture or ask the architect to make some modifications.

If the problem is severe, you may have to ask the architect to do a major overhaul of the plans. However, keep in mind that a complete redo will cost you more and take more time.



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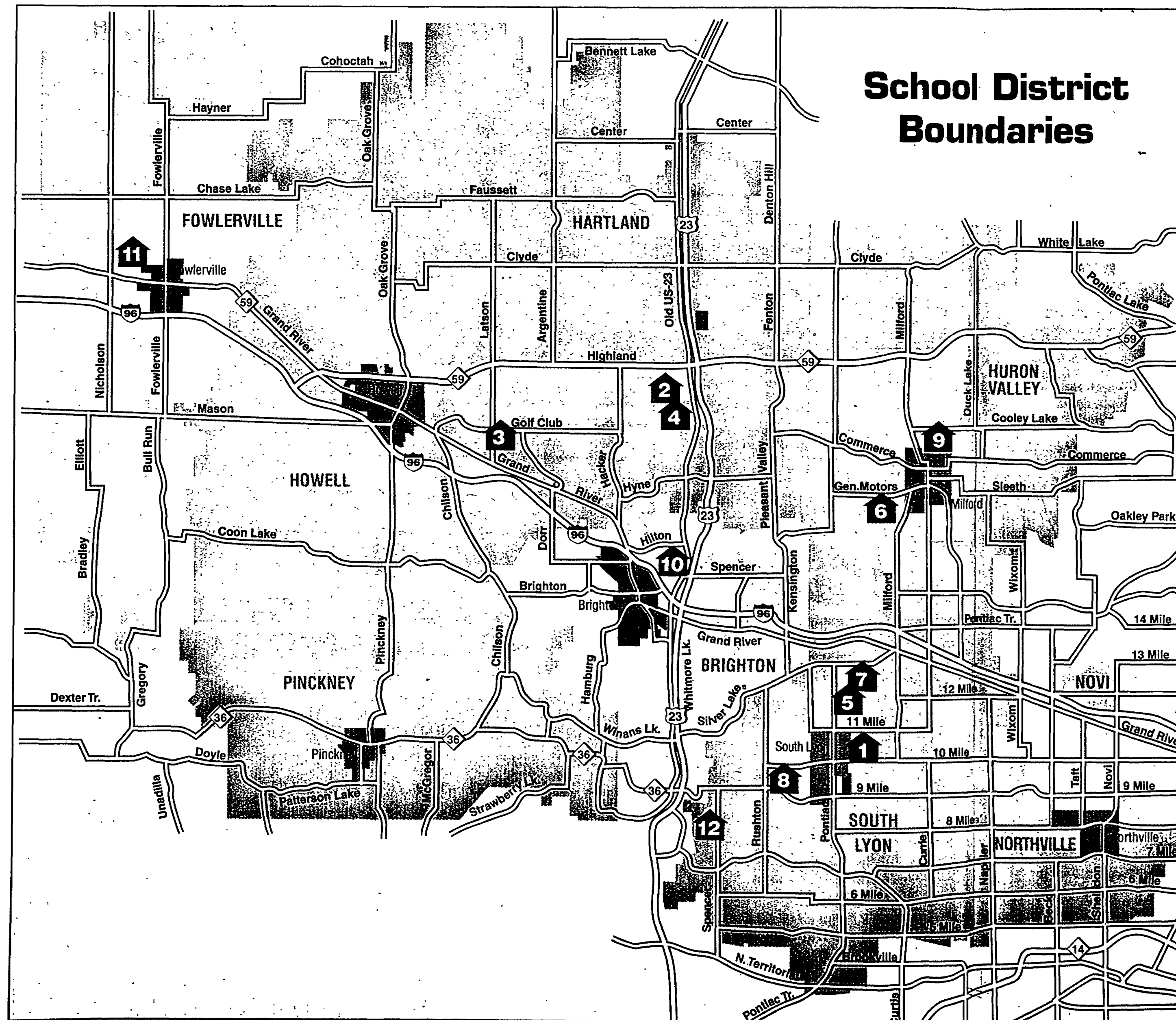
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Today's families also consider which school district their new home will be located in. Although all of these area schools offer exceptional learning environments, parents may have a preference of one school over another.

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Do homework before purchasing

By Cynthia Grochowski
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Researching the school district their new house will reside in is a wise idea for prospective buyers.

"It is something that will come up," Linda Barnwell, a Realtor with Keller Williams Realty in Brighton, said. "The school district definitely comes up in resale."

Whether they have children or not, most people do consider the school district their future home will be situated in, Barnwell said.

"It's usually the first question people ask if they have kids," John MacLeod, Realtor and Barnwell's partner, said. "We are fortunate in this area to be blessed with desirable school districts."

"The majority of buyers just want to know about the districts in general," Barnwell said.

All schools have the general information buyers need, like test scores, available for prospective buyers. The school district associated with a parcel or house is disclosed on property tax information.

"If a particular school is desired, not just a district, the buyer should call the school and ask for the boundaries," Barnwell said.

Barnwell cautions buyers to look into a

school's redistricting plans to see if the property in question would be affected.

"Call the school and get a direct answer," she emphasizes.

Prospective buyers are encouraged to do some homework so they can make an informed decision. They may wish to visit the schools in session, look over the quality of the facilities and talk with the principal.

Other things to consider:

■ **Identify needs**
Is a school with a particular academic or arts program needed? Sports? Special needs curriculum? Transportation? Is after-hours supervised care available?

■ **Research**
Search the online edition of the local newspaper for articles about the schools. Visit the official Web site of the schools. Each school and district office has detailed information available about test scores and curriculum.

■ **Visit**
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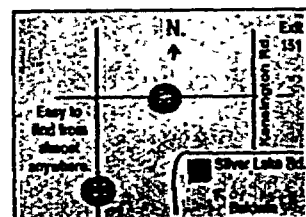
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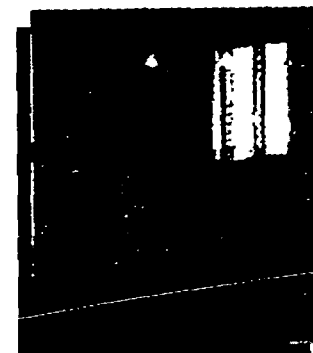
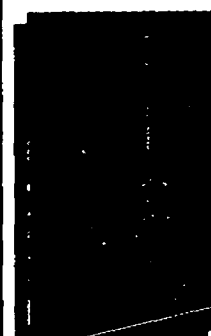
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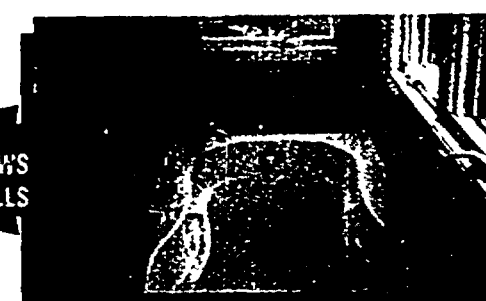
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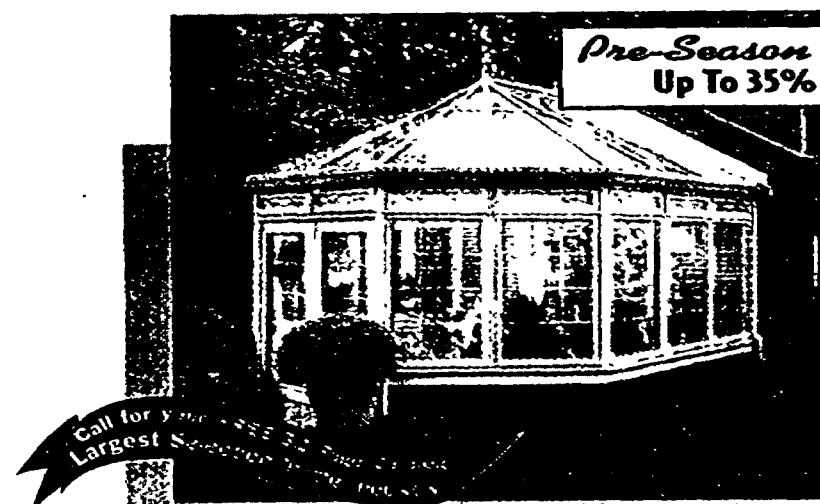


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A well-manicured lawn doesn't just happen by itself. But it doesn't need to be backbreaking work, either.

Landscaping pros — and in-the-know neighbors — understand that a little extra effort can produce a beautiful, healthy turf all season long.

If you follow these three simple tips this season, you'll have a thriving backyard in no time, without a ton of extra effort.

1. Aerate — Just like it needs water and nutrients, grass needs air to thrive.

Aeration removes plugs of soil from the lawn, which loosens areas that may have become compacted by heavy use, and lets air get down to the roots.

Whether you use a power machine or a hand tool, keep in mind that an aerator that removes plugs is much more effective than one that just pokes holes (which can actually make soil compaction worse).

Depending on the type of grass in your yard, you'll want to aerate in spring, early fall, or both.

2. Top dress — After you aerate, top dress your lawn by spreading $\frac{1}{4}$ inch to $\frac{1}{2}$ inch of peat moss over the grass with a rake.

The top dressing of peat helps gradually

condition the lawn throughout the growing season, strengthening the grass to resist disease and thatch, and reducing the amount of water and fertilizer it needs.

Peat moss absorbs moisture and reduces the leaching of nutrients by holding and releasing them slowly over time.

3. Repair bare spots — Discolored patches on the lawn can ruin the look of your whole backyard, but they're often easy to fix. It doesn't matter if the culprit is disease, animal urine, or soil compaction; a repair job takes just a few minutes, and it works wonders on a backyard's overall look.

Spring or fall are good times to tackle reseeding; the cooler temperatures help the grass grow.

First, loosen the top 6 inches of soil in the affected area. (Throw away the top inch or so of soil if Rover is the reason for the bare patch.)

Then, work 2 inches of peat moss into the soil.

Scatter grass seeds on the soil, add fertilizer, and water with a fine spray.

You can sprinkle a thin layer of peat moss over the new growth to add an extra measure of conditioning, and keep the area moist until it germinates.

For more information on peat and the environment, visit the Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss Association's Web site at www.peatmoss.com.

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The walk through is the time to make sure everything is finished before moving in.

Before signing off, get it in writing

By Cynthia Grochowski
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Go beyond how the new build or remodel looks.

Before signing off with the builder or contractor, take steps to be assured a few things won't come back to haunt.

"The most important thing to do is make sure a waiver of lien is signed," Carl Curtis, of Curtis Builders in Highland, advised. "This

insures that a lien cannot be put on the house if the contractor did not pay his creditors."

"Go through the house and make sure everything requested has been done, color choices, built-ins," Amanda Stamper of Livingston Building Company said. "Make sure everything works, like the light fixtures, appliances and plumbing."

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Moving timeline helps stay organized

By Ronda Addy
Multi-Ad

Six weeks before moving day

- Start searching for a moving company. Get estimates from at least four companies. Ask around for recommendations.

- Take an inventory of your possessions and decide what you want to keep and what you want to get rid of.

- Make a list of everyone who needs to be notified of the move—relatives, friends, doctors, vets, schools, banks, magazines, etc.

- Get a change-of-address kit from the post office.

- Start using up perishable items, like frozen foods and cleaning supplies, that won't move well.

Five weeks before moving day

- Select the mover and make arrangements for moving day.

- Find out from your insurance company what belongings of yours are covered and from the

moving company what its insurance covers. The basic insurance of most moving companies is by the pound. This will not be enough, so find out what other types insurance they offer. Have your more expensive items appraised before the move.

- Start notifying schools, dentists, vets and doctors about the move and get copies of all your important records.

- Send out change-of-address forms, especially to magazines.

Four weeks before moving day

- Start getting rid of all unwanted items.
- Collect boxes for packing, along with packing material, tape and markers for writing on each box where the contents go.

- Start packing any nonessential stuff. Look in the garage, attic and other storage areas and pack whatever you can there.

- Check with the post office to make sure they have received your change-of-address card.

Two weeks before moving day

- Arrange to have the utilities and phone shut

off or transferred the day after the move.

- Make arrangements to have the utilities and phones turned on at the new house on moving day.

One week before moving day

- Get all your important items out of the safety deposit box. Keep them with you when moving.

- Get all prescriptions refilled.

- Confirm the moving date and time with the movers.

- Defrost and clean the refrigerator.

- Start packing everything but what you will need up to moving day.

- Prepare snow blowers, lawn mowers and the like by draining the oil and gas. Hire a professional to empty and seal propane tanks.

- Moving companies won't take any paint, flammables or chemicals, so properly dispose of them. They also won't take plants.

On moving day

- Make sure there is someone around to supervise the movers.

- Give the house a final look to ensure nothing has been left behind.

- Carefully check the bill of lading and make sure the movers have a phone number at which to reach you.

- Lock all the doors and windows, set the thermostat on low and shut off all appliances left behind.

- Let the local police know the house will be vacant.

On move-in day

- Make sure someone is there before the movers arrive who can direct the movers where to put everything. Make sure the movers place the boxes out of the way.

- Check that the phone and utilities have been turned on.

- Have the payment for the movers on hand, which they will want before they begin unloading.

- Check for any damaged items. Make sure all boxes and furniture are accounted for before signing the bill of lading.

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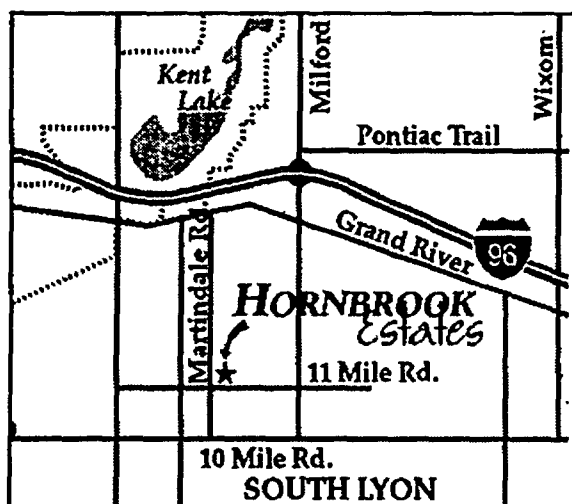
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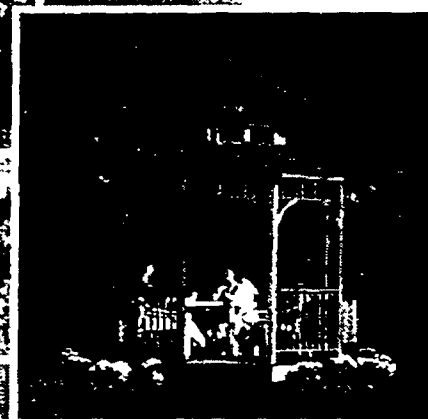
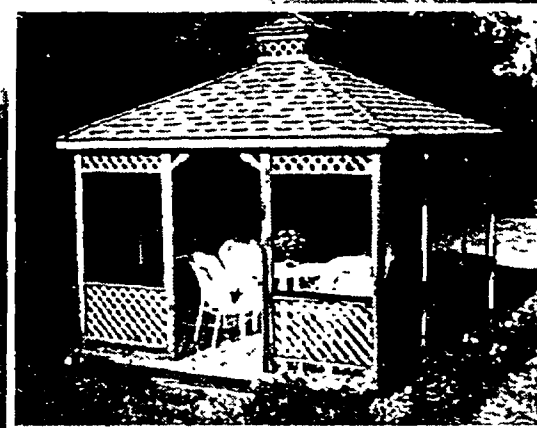
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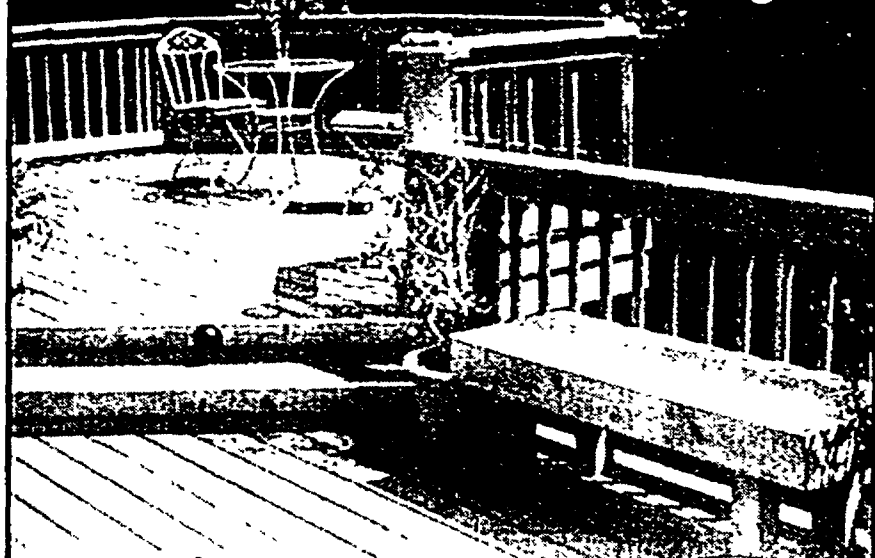
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Follow tips to start garden

Gardening is a wonderful pastime that adds beauty to your home and value to your property.

For many beginners, however, starting a garden can be intimidating and daunting. Often, people are scared to devote the time and energy to start a time-consuming project that may have some failures along the way. But by taking a few simple steps, any novice can easily sow his own successful garden.

When starting your garden, consider its environment — the quality of the soil, the temperature and the amount of sunlight and water plants will receive. Every garden is different, but there are a variety of plants available that can suit the most diverse conditions.

Soil Quality

Soil quality is one of the most important parts of a successful garden. Is your soil dark and loose, does it retain moisture, and is it free of weeds? If so, you're off to a good start. If not, the best thing to do is start from scratch. Dig up the existing dirt and replace it with quality topsoil mixed with organic humus from a local nursery. Doing this will ensure that you're starting with a base that is nutrient rich and weed free.

Plant Selection

When it comes to plant selection, it's important to understand the difference between annuals and perennials.

Annuals, such as marigolds, pansies and daisies, grow over the course of one season, and then die.

Perennials, such as alyssum, hollyhock and lavender, grow over the course of a season and can return for many years. They can be less work because you don't have to re-seed or re-plant



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Gardening not only offers a beautiful touch to your home, it is a hobby that can be enjoyed by all age groups.

each season, and the soil has time to nurture its inhabitants. But perennials often don't reach maturity the first season they're planted. So it's often best to mix your first garden with annuals and perennials. Mixing the two will set up your

garden for a great future, while delivering variety in the present.

Light

Gauge the amount of sunlight your garden gets. Different plants thrive in various levels of sunlight. If you're unsure, look for hardy plants that do well in a variety of conditions. Pansies, for example, grow well in direct sunlight or partial shade.

Plants vs. Seeds

When it comes to purchasing plants, gardeners often have to choose between grown plants and seeds. Seeds are cheaper, but note that the process can be difficult. Many types of seeds need to be germinated indoors, and young sprouts can be vulnerable to weather and insects. It's wiser to start with hardy plants that were grown in a nursery. Weather is also important. Southeast Michigan is in USDA Zone 5B; buy plants that are appropriate for that region.

Tools

Every job requires the right tools. Go to a local nursery or garden center and purchase a hand trowel, rake, pickax and pruners. Before planting, rake the soil and water it thoroughly. Lay in your plants according to their care instructions at the right time of the season (often after the last frost), in a section of the garden that will provide adequate sunlight. Make sure they receive the recommended amount of water, and inspect them regularly to make sure they are free of insects and other pests. Be on the lookout for weeds and pluck them weekly.

Don't let minor setbacks distract you from enjoying your hobby. If you run into trouble, ask an employee at your local nursery for some help.

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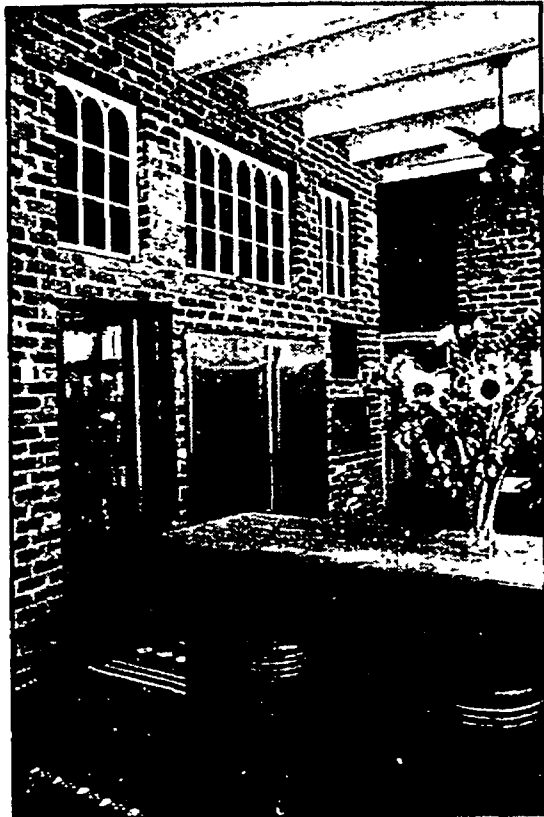
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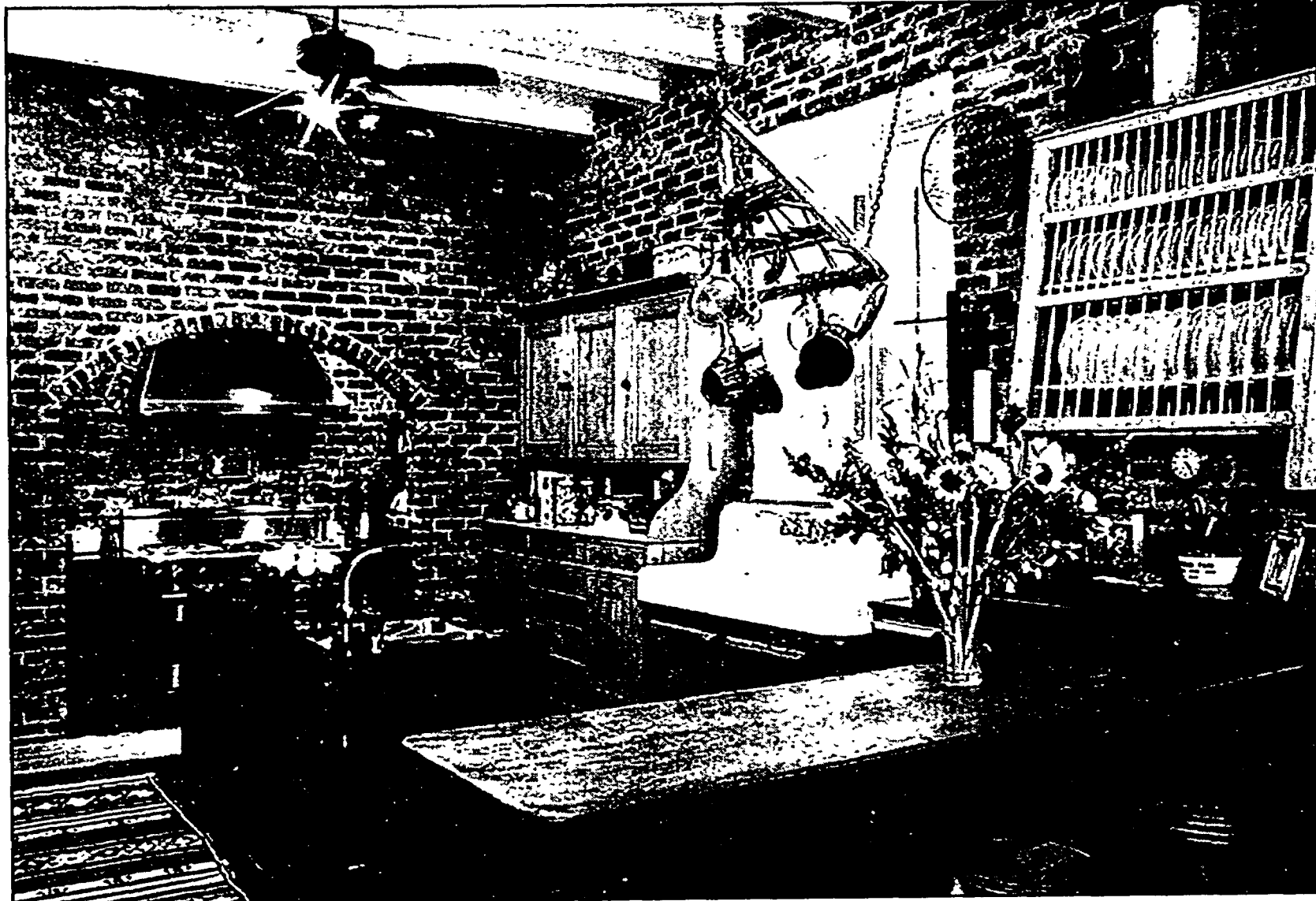
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What's hot in home design?

By Candy Spiegel
HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Say goodbye to the impressive two-story great room. Today's families want intimate,

cozy and functional homes.

Tom Sonk, owner of Omega Homes, Inc., of Milford, says homes with hip roofs, 18-foot ceilings in the foyer and a wall of windows in the great room are not as popular as

they once were.

Although they are breathtaking and impressive, he says some homeowners have trouble figuring out how to decorate the massive rooms. Others are choosing to spend their money on rooms for the family's comfort, rather than on wasted space.

European-style homes are popular today. Sonk says many houses feature French Country or Tudor designs. Exteriors have a combination of brick, stone and shakes and it is popular to carry the look inside with stone fireplaces and beamed ceilings. A modern take on the Craftsman and Arts and Crafts styles is also popular.

"It's really a nice change," Sonk says.

Inside, Sonk says homeowners are creating smaller living rooms and foyers so they can create larger libraries and a hearth room. The hearth room, he says, is the most popular feature in custom homes today.

The hearth room is a combination of a kitchen and family room. Generally, the room includes enough space for eating, an entertainment center and a fireplace. Earthy materials are generally used to furnish the room with granite countertops, a stone fireplace and even beams on the ceiling.

"It's more intimate," Sonk says. "It's still big, but the ceilings aren't as high."

Other trends in today's houses include extensive woodwork throughout the home, a library that can be used as a home office or as a media room, four-car garages, and plenty of fireplaces. A Jack-and-Jill bath-

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18-foot ceilings
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Large foyer
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Jacuzzi tub



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Impressive homes like this one are not as popular as they once were. Many homeowners are putting their money into intimate, cozy spaces for the family to enjoy.

room, a bathroom off the mud room and a formal powder room near the foyer are also popular.

In the master bath, showers have taken the center stage. Many homeowners are trading the whirlpool or Jacuzzi tub for a larger shower with multiple body sprays. In the master bedroom, large closets are a must. Many of Sonk's clients choose a bay window with seating in place of a separate sitting room.

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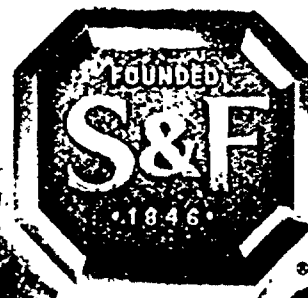
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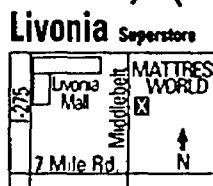
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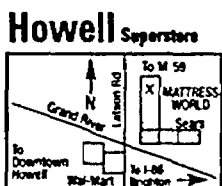
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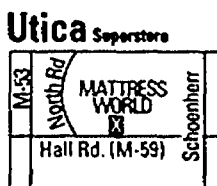
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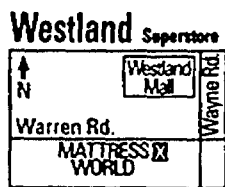
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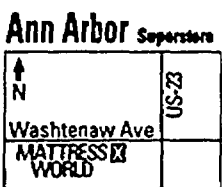
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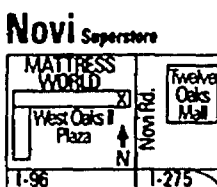
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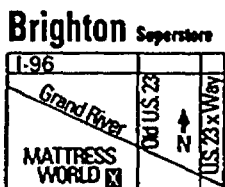
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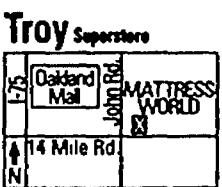
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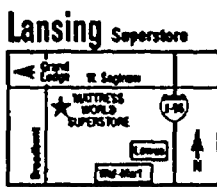
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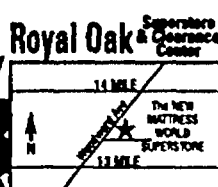
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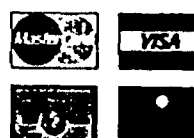


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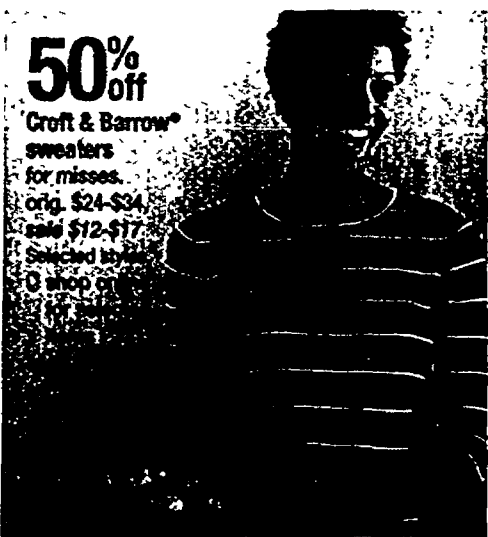
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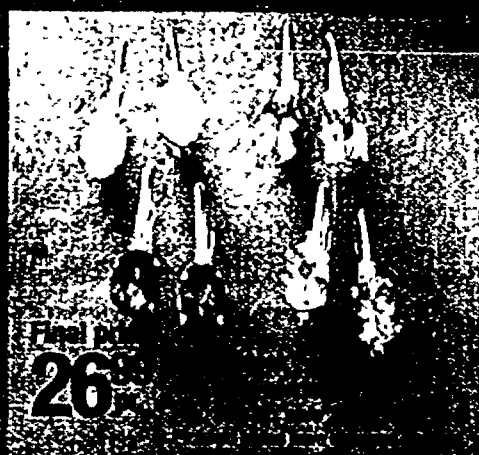
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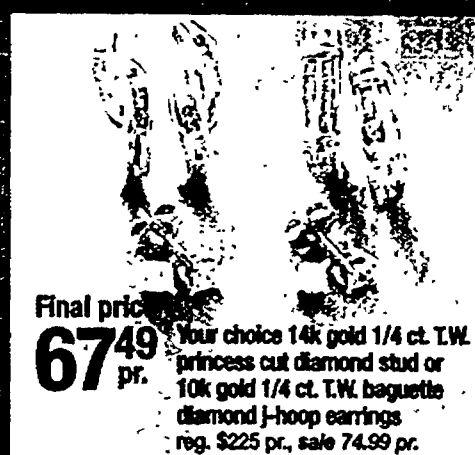
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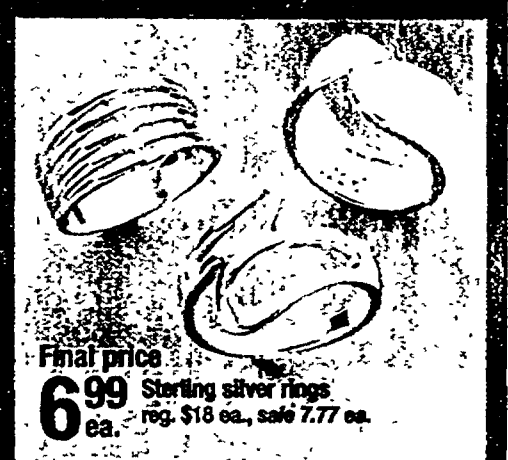
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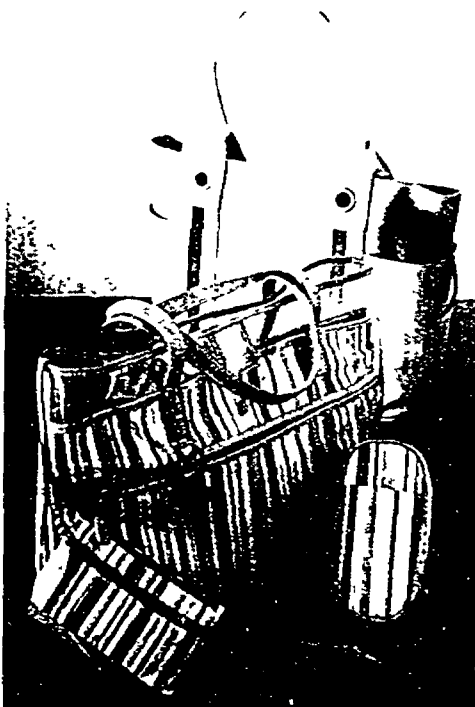
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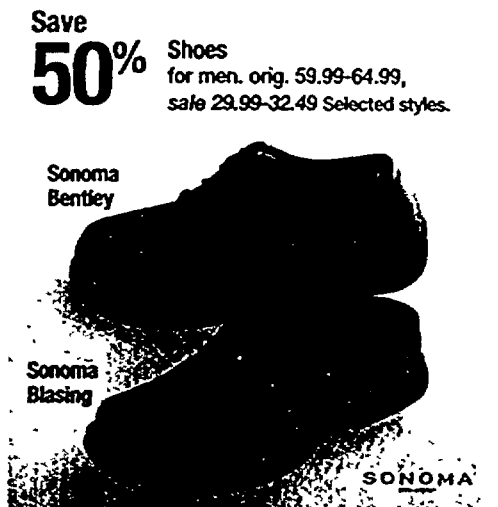


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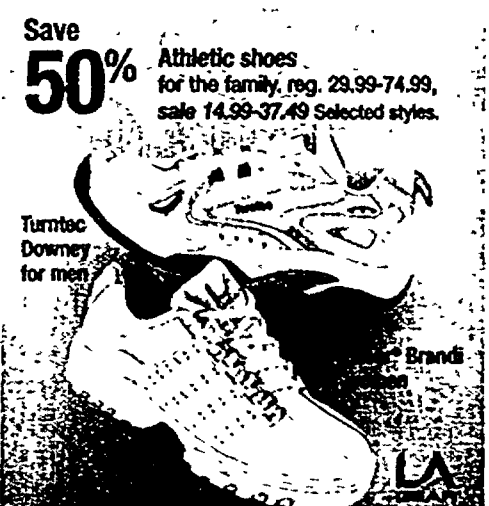


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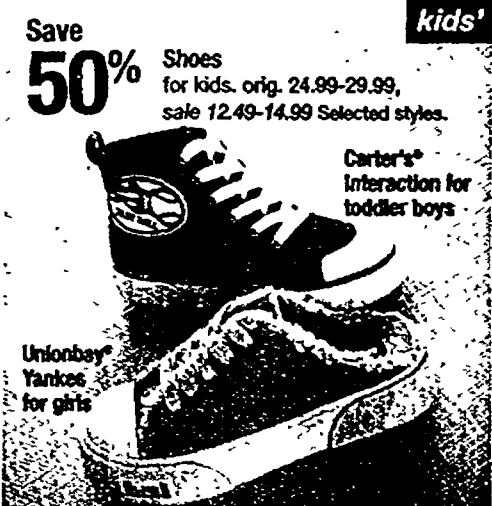


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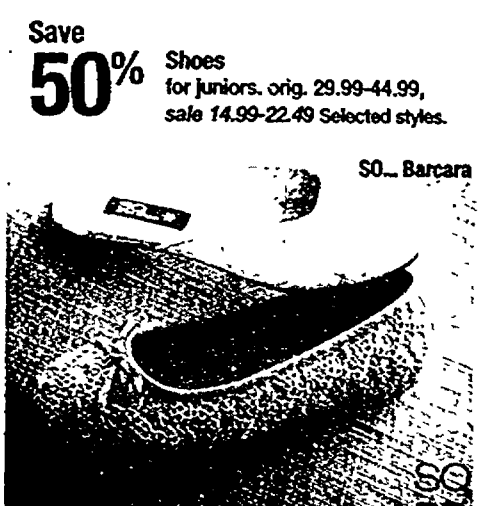


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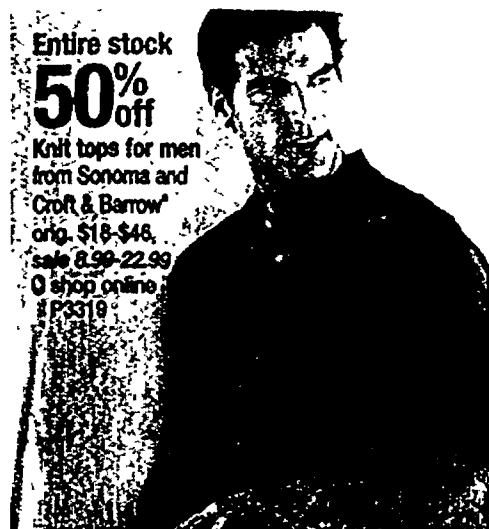
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men's



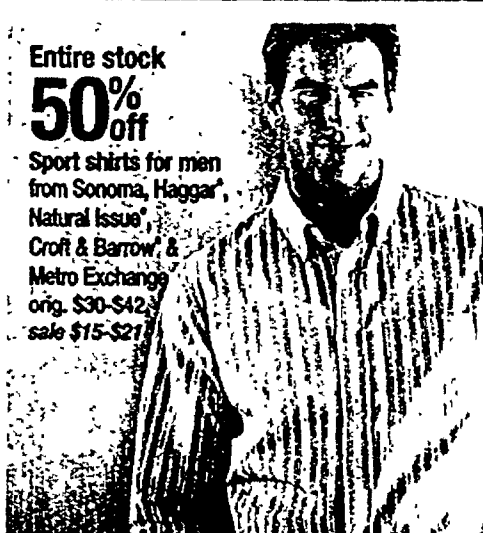
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50% off
Knit tops for men
from Sonoma and
Croft & Barrow®
orig. \$18-\$48,
sale 8.99-22.99
Q shop online P3319



Entire stock
50% off
Croft & Barrow®
dress shirts
for men,
orig. \$28-\$40,
sale \$14-\$20



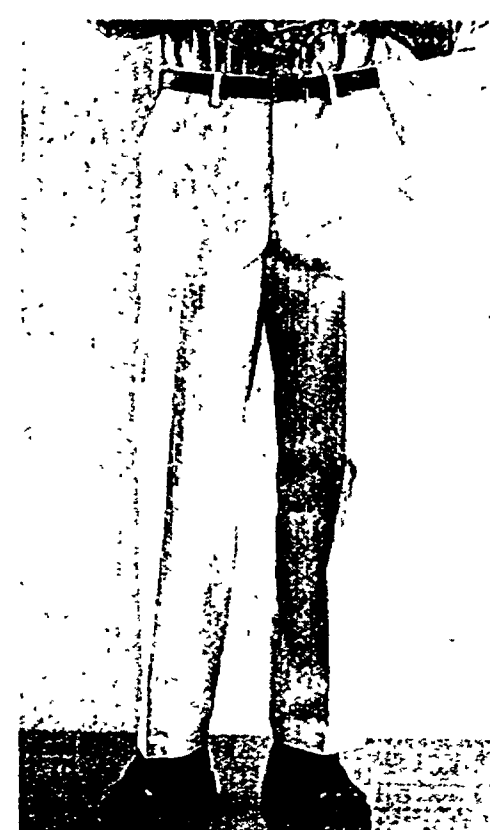
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Golf tops for men
from Haggis®,
Arrow & Wedge
orig. \$24-\$42,
sale 11.99-20.99
Q shop online
for selected
items P33110



Entire stock
50% off
Sport shirts for men
from Sonoma, Haggis®,
Natural Issue®,
Croft & Barrow®, &
Metro Exchange
orig. \$30-\$42,
sale \$15-\$21



Entire stock
50% off
Shorts for men
from SONOMA life+style
and Croft & Barrow
orig. \$26-\$34,
sale 12.99-16.99
Q shop online P3317



Entire stock
50% off
Casual pants for men
from Croft & Barrow®,
Sonoma & Natural Issue®
reg. \$40-\$45,
sale 20.00-22.50
Q shop online P3318

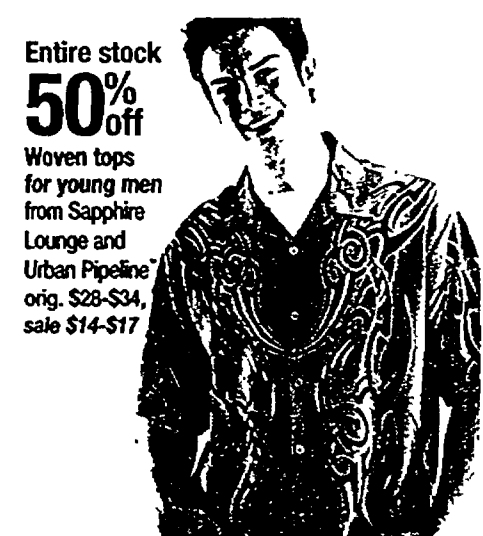
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open 8am-10pm

men's & young men's



Entire stock
50% off
Urban Pipeline™ apparel
& Machine® tops
for young men. orig. 14.00-
39.99, sale 7.00-19.99
Q shop online for
selected items P33111



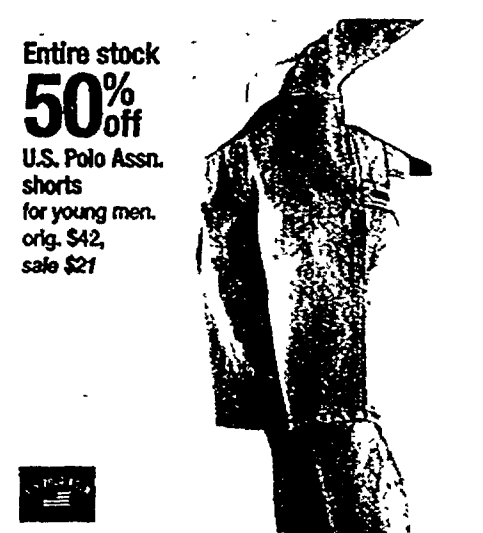
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Woven tops
for young men
from Sapphire
Lounge and
Urban Pipeline®
orig. \$28-\$34,
sale \$14-\$17



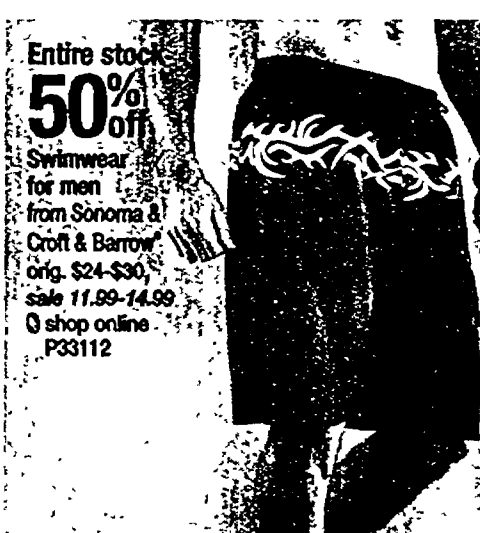
Entire stock
50% off
TekGear®
athletic apparel
for men.
orig. \$18-\$28,
sale \$9-\$14
Q shop online
P33113



Entire stock
50% off
Dress pants
for men
from Natural Issue®,
Bragg® & Axist®
Essentials
orig. \$45-\$50,
sale 22.50-25.00



Entire stock
50% off
U.S. Polo Assn.
shorts
for young men.
orig. \$42,
sale \$21



Entire stock
50% off
Swimwear
for men
from Sonoma &
Croft & Barrow®
orig. \$24-\$30,
sale 11.99-14.99
Q shop online
P33112



Entire stock
50% off
Boxers for men
from Sonoma &
Croft & Barrow®
orig. \$12,
sale \$6

and more on original prices when you take an additional 70% off our already- reduced yellow ticket clearance prices

Q shop online: clearance

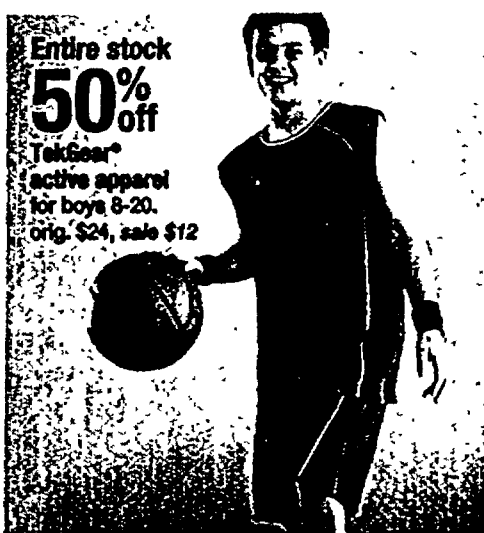
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50% off all swimwear
for boys 4-20, girls 4-16, toddlers & infants
orig. \$14-\$40, sale \$7-\$20 Q shop online K3300



Entire stock
50% off

TekGear®
active apparel
for boys 8-20.
orig. \$24, sale \$12



Entire stock
50% off

Tank tops or tees
for girls 4-16
from \$0...
& Sonoma



Entire stock
50% off

Urban Pipeline™
shorts
for boys 8-20.
orig. \$24-\$32,
sale \$12-\$16
Q shop online
P33114



Entire stock
50% off

Graphic tees
for boys 8-20.
orig. \$12-\$17,
sale \$6.00-\$8.50



50% off Sale

kids'



Entire stock
50% off

Shorts and scooters
for girls 4-16 & toddlers
from Sonoma & \$0...



Entire stock
50% off

Dresses
for girls 4-16,
toddlers and infants.



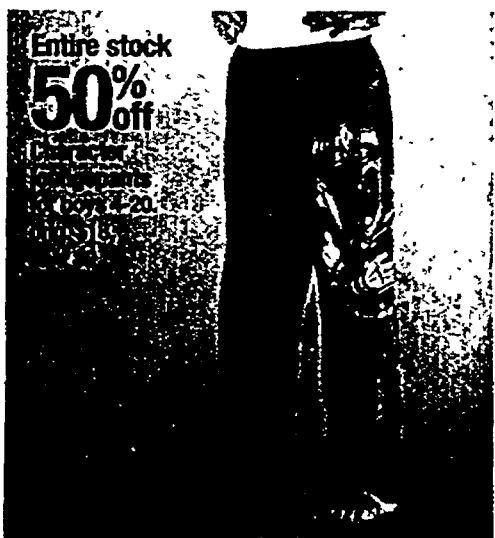
Entire stock
50% off

Kids' sets
for boys 4-7, girls 4-6x
& toddlers.



Entire stock
50% off

Sonoma separates
for toddlers and boys 4-7.
Q shop online P33115



Entire stock
50% off

Carters®
separates
for boys 4-20.
orig. \$14-\$24, sale \$7-\$12



Entire stock
50% off

Sonoma
separates
for infants
& newborns.



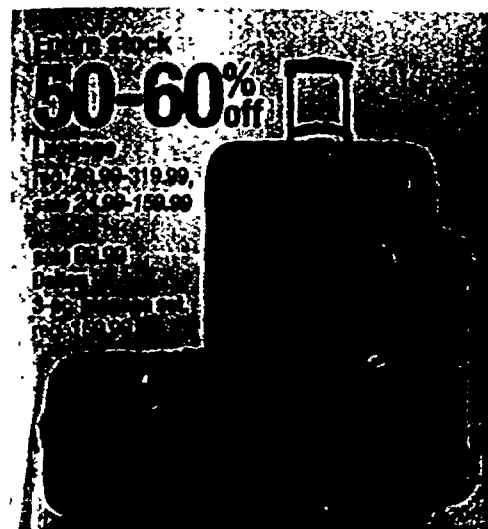
Entire stock
50% off

Sleep & plays
for newborns.
Excludes Carters®.



Entire stock
50% off

\$0... underwear
& socks
for girls.



Entire stock
50-60% off

sale 39.99-119.99
reg. 79.99-199.99
Q shop online
H2800

Save
50%

Coordinate bedding
Choose from
comforter sets,
coordinating sheet
sets & accessories.
Selected styles.



50% off entire stock sold sheet sets
from Home Classics & Sonoma

Queen
sale 39.99

Home Classics 100% cotton sheet set, 100% cotton flat and fitted sheets & pillowcases, reg. 89.99

Queen

sale 49.99

Sonoma 400 thread count sheet set, 100% cotton flat and fitted sheets & pillowcases, reg. 109.99

SONOMA
Masterpiece

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50% off

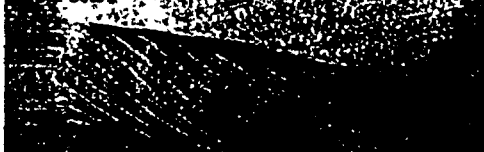
Slipcovers
Q shop online
H2800

sale 69.99
Loveseat size
slipcovers,
reg. 139.99

Entire stock
50% off

Blankets &
throws
Q shop online
H1250

sale 19.99
All sizes Marlex
cotton blanket,
reg. 39.99



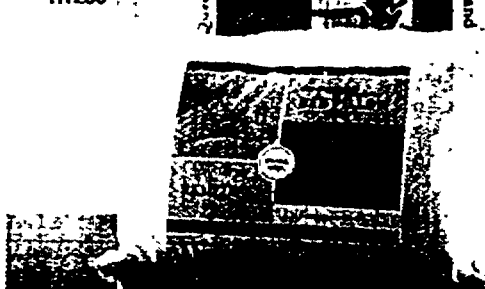
Save
50%

Quilts
Choose from quilt
sets, cotton and
embroidered quilts.
Selected styles.



Entire stock
50% off

Bed pillows &
mattress pads
Q shop online
H1230



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for the home

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Personal care
Selected styles.

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Your choice
HoMedics®
SQUSH neck
or foot
massager,
orig. 39.99 ea.



Save
50%

Cutlery
Selected styles.

sale 19.99
Basic
Essentials®
13-pc.
cutlery sets,
reg. 39.99



59⁹⁹ price break

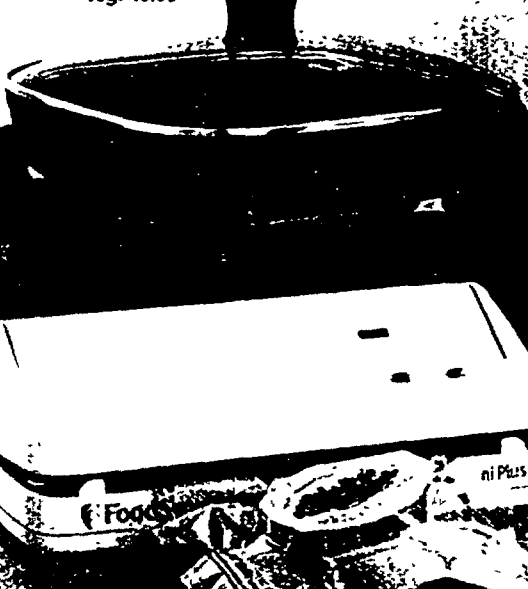
Farberware® Classic Series 10-pc. cookware set,
reg. 119.99 Q shop online 88993



50% off kitchen electrics

Selected styles. Q shop online P33116

sale 24.99
Black & Decker® 12" skillet,
reg. 49.99



sale 24.99
Black & Decker®
thermal coffee maker,
orig. 49.99



sale 14.99
Hamilton Beach® Iron,
reg. 29.99

sale 49.99

FoodSaver® Mini Plus food sealer,
reg. 99.99

50% off entire stock tableware

choose from dinnerware, flatware, glassware & pantryware



50% off sale

Friday & Saturday,
April 1 & 2
8am-11pm
Oxford Valley, PA store open 8am-10pm

50% off entire stock

solid bath towels
Excludes ROYAL VELVET®
Q shop online
for selected
items H1111

sale 6.99
Villager ring
spun cotton
bath towel,
reg. 13.99

50% off entire stock

accent & area rugs
and doormats
reg. 5.99-299.99, sale 2.99-149.99
Excludes ROYAL VELVET®

Entire stock 50% off

Beach towels

sale 9.99
34x64" printed
beach towels,
orig. 19.99
Q shop online
for selected
items H3830

Entire stock 50% off

Solid bath rugs
Excludes ROYAL
VELVET®
Q shop online
H1121

Entire stock 50% off

Table linens and
kitchen textiles

Entire stock 50% off

Decorative
pillows
Q shop online for
selected items H1310

50% off entire stock Summer Living® patio shop

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planters, outdoor furniture & more.

50% off entire stock frames

79⁹⁹

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assembly
required.
orig. 159.99
Q shop online
104970

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and accessories

Entire stock 50% off

Wall frames,
collages
and mirrors

Entire stock 50% off

Decorative art

Q shop online for
selected items H4150

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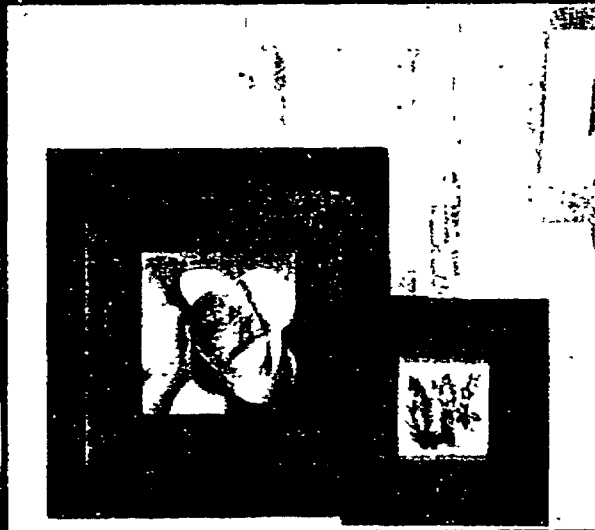
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Savings

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LIMITED EDITION
Pottery
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50% off

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Sale 2.99-114.99 ea.

40% off

Fleece/Prints
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\$1 off

SENSATIONS
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See page 6

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Order by April 18 to guarantee Mother's Day delivery!
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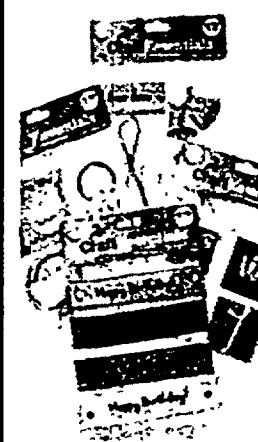
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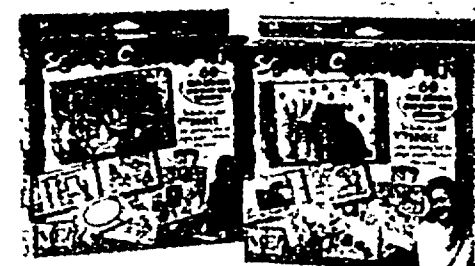
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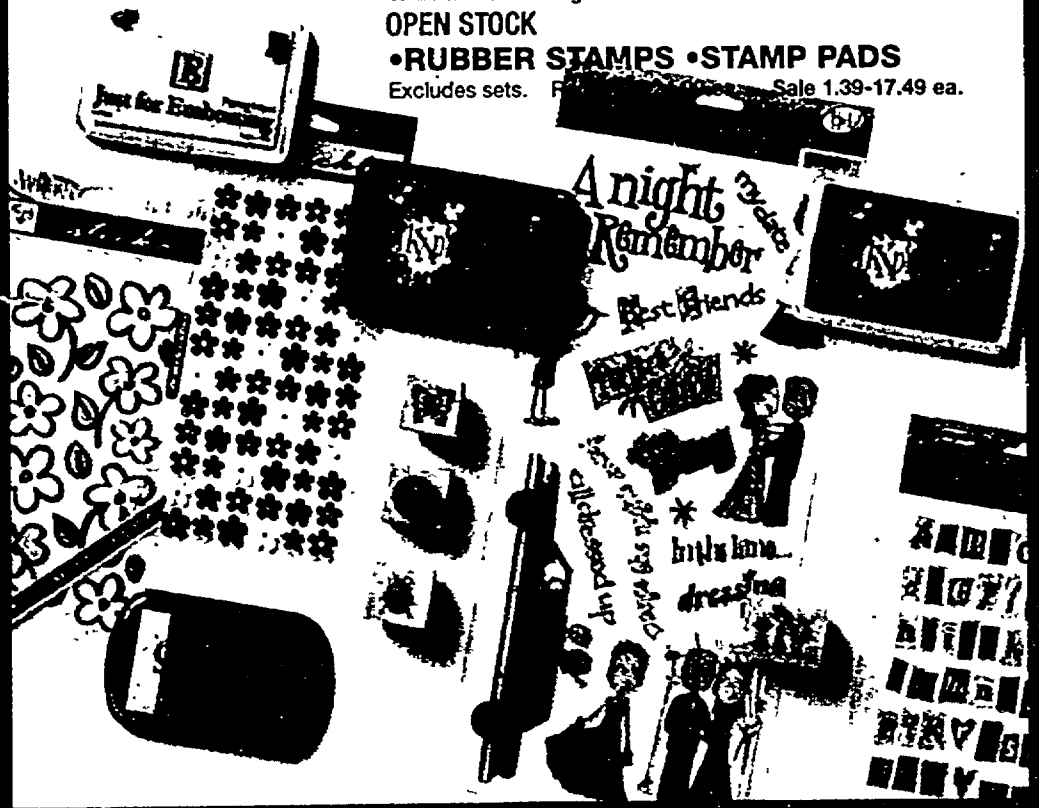
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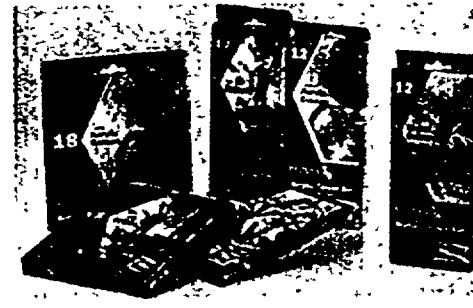
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Brightly colored feathery accents are great for apparel or crafts. Reg. 3.99-14.99 ea. Sale 2.99-11.24 ea.



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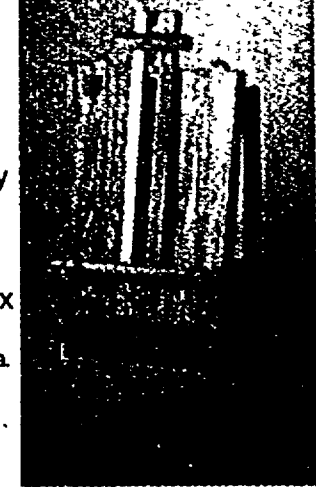
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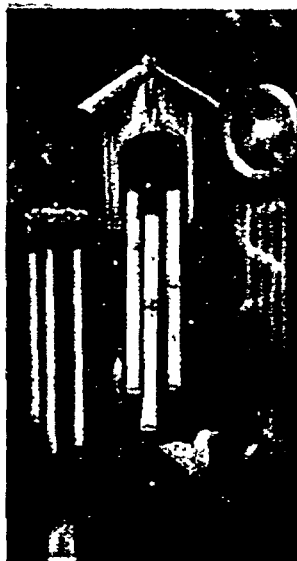
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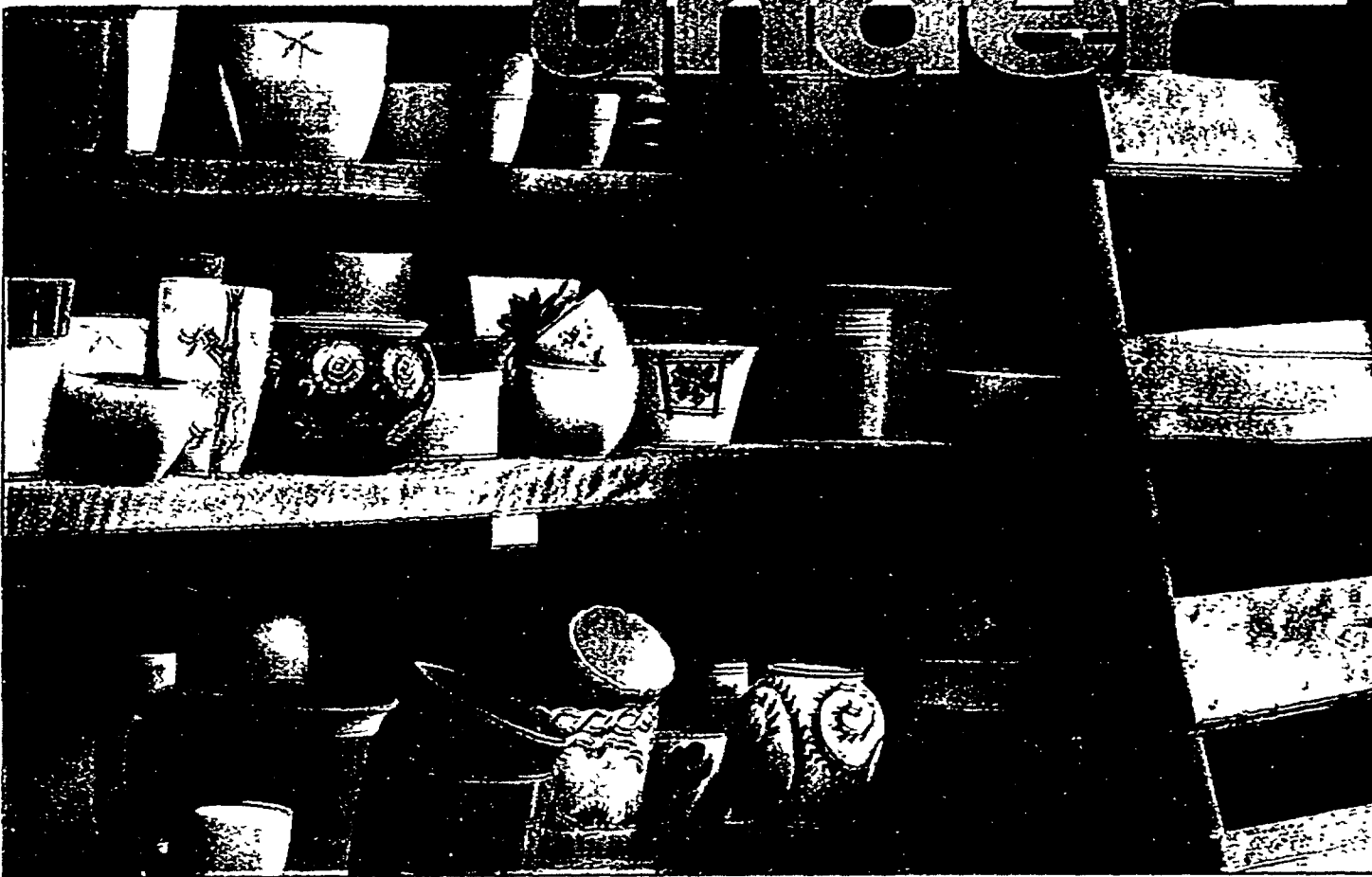
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- ◆ Hundreds of sizes, styles & colors ◆ Many Jo-Ann exclusive designs

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Sizes & styles to suit any decor.
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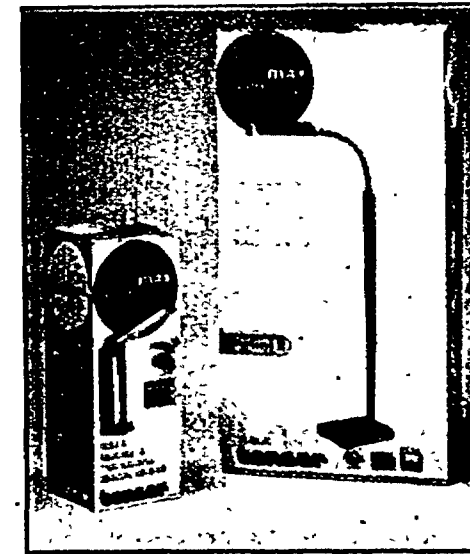
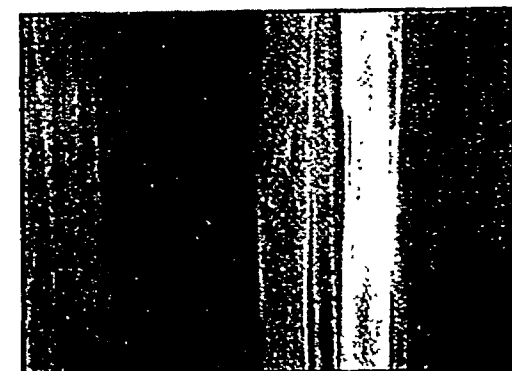


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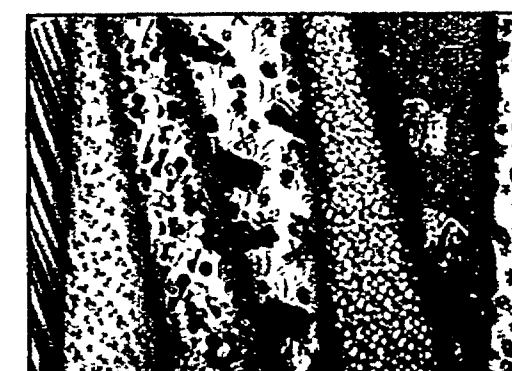
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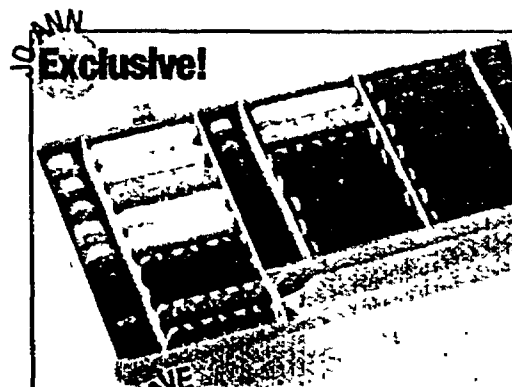
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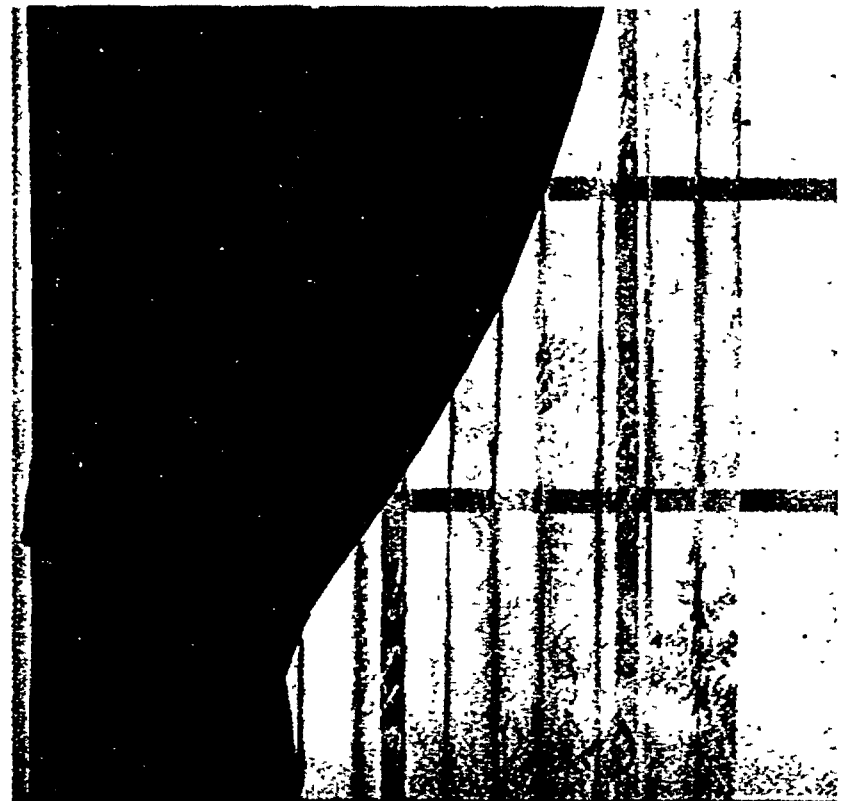
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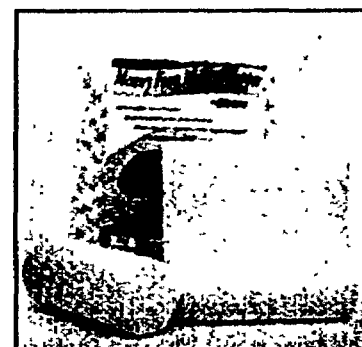
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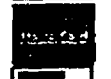
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Crafts



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32¢ reg. retail
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7⁹⁹

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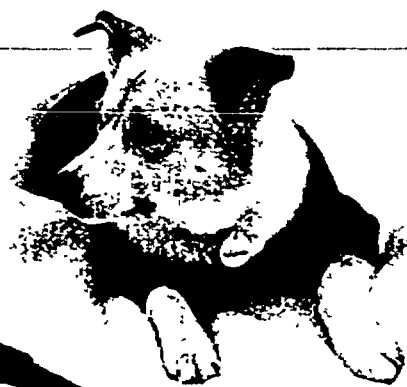
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Choose from
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or tennis toy
from Canine
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with card

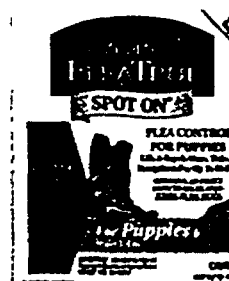
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Three month supply.

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with card

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16⁹⁹
after savings

\$17.99 - 18.49 reg. retail
Purina Puppy Chow
Select varieties
35.2-37.5 lb. bags



PetPerks **save \$1**
with card

13⁴⁹
after savings

\$14.49 reg. retail
**ALPO Beef Dinner
Dog Food**
50 lb. bag



ALPO Cans
13.2 oz. can..... **45¢** after savings

PetPerks **save \$2**
with card

21⁹⁹
after savings

\$23.99 reg. retail
**Authority
Dog Food**
Select varieties
40 lb. bag



Authority Cans
14 oz. cans..... **83¢** after savings

PetPerks **save 10%**
with card

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10⁷⁹ ea. after savings

\$11.99-21.49 reg. retail
Nature's Miracle Products
Kit includes a 3 oz. of PetMess Clean Up, 8 oz.
of Stain and Odor Remover, and 8 oz. of Pet Training Aid.



PetPerks **save up to \$3⁵⁰**
with card

starting at
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after savings

\$26.99-28.49 reg. retail
Pro Plan Dog Food
Select varieties
37.5 lb. bag

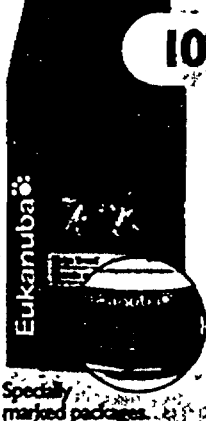


**Pro Plan
Cans**
13 oz. cans..... **79¢** after savings

10% more free*

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**Eukanuba Large
Breed Dog Food**
Select varieties
33-44 lb. bonus bags

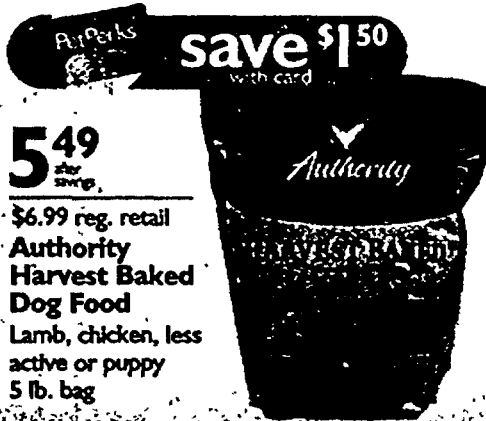


**Eukanuba
Cans**
10 oz. cans..... **99¢** after savings

PetPerks **save \$1⁵⁰**
with card

5⁴⁹
after savings

\$6.99 reg. retail
**Authority
Harvest Baked
Dog Food**
Lamb, chicken, less
active or puppy
5 lb. bag



PetPerks **save \$2**
with card

27⁹⁹
after savings

\$29.99 reg. retail
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Save on IAMS dog
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Multi-Pack**
6-14 oz. cans..... **4⁴⁹** after savings

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Just for Cats
by Nature's Miracle
24 oz. spray bottle



PetPerks **save \$10**
with card

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Littermaid Self-Cleaning Litter Box



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with card

7⁹⁹ after savings

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Food-18 lb. bags, litter-40 lb. box



starting at
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Spring Toys
3-pc or 6-pc
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Spring Bed.....**14⁹⁹**

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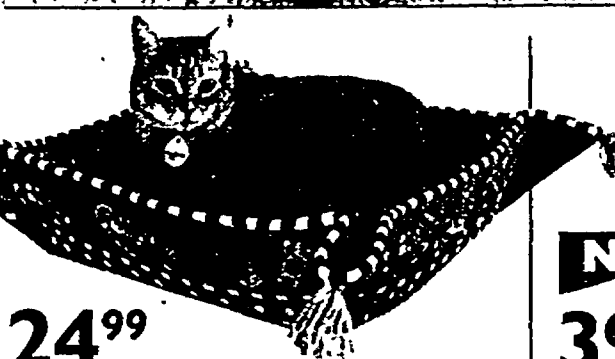
\$9.99 reg. retail
Purina ONE
Cat Food
Select varieties
7 lb. bag



PetPerks **save \$3**
with card

starting at
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\$12.99-\$13.99 reg. retail
Eukanuba
Cat Food
Save on all
Eukanuba cat food
4.75-6.5 lb. bags.



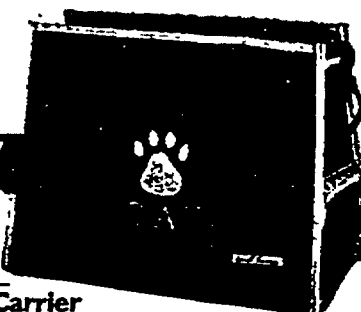
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Kitty Hoots Purple
Cat Bed

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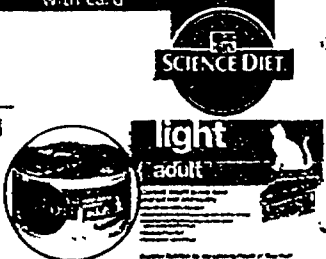
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Nutro Natural
Cat Food
Save on all Natural
Choice cat food
formulas 8 lb. bags.



PetPerks **save \$3**
with card

13⁹⁹ after savings

\$16.99 reg. retail
Science Diet
Cat Food
Select varieties
8.5-10 lb. bag



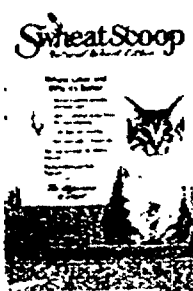
Science Diet Cans
3 oz. can.....

save 19¢ each can with card

PetPerks **save \$1.50**
with card

6⁹⁹ after savings

\$8.49 reg. retail
Swheat Scoop
Natural Cat Litter
14 lb. bag



PetPerks **save \$1.50**
with card

5⁹⁹ after savings

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with card

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with card

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⇒ *How much does it cost if I itemize deductions using Schedule A?*

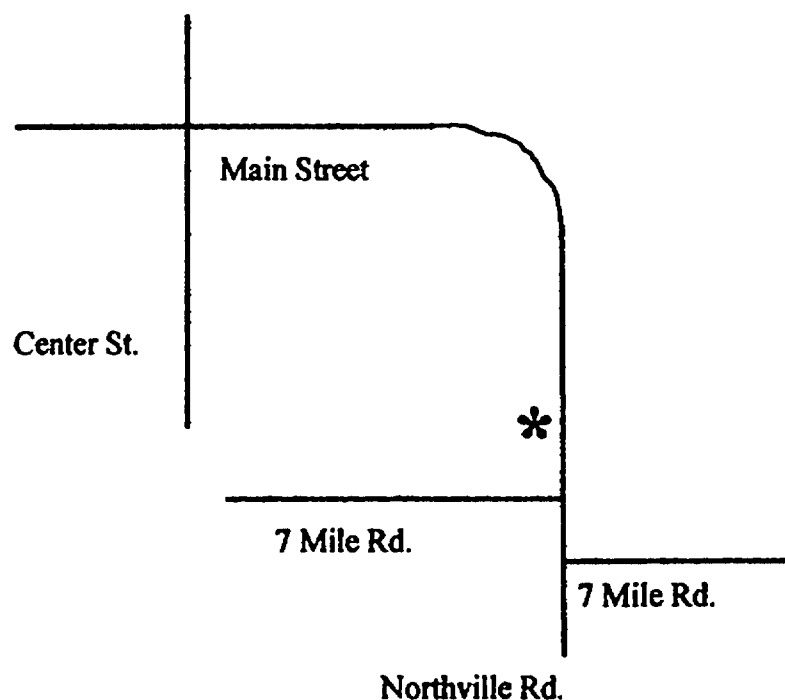
Answer: You pay **\$125**

⇒ *How about if my tax return requires additional schedules, such as capital gains/losses, or rentals, or unreimbursed employee expenses, or the Michigan Homestead Credit, or I want to efile, etc.?*

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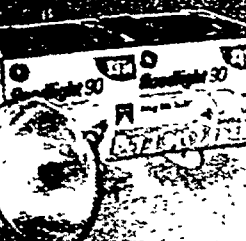
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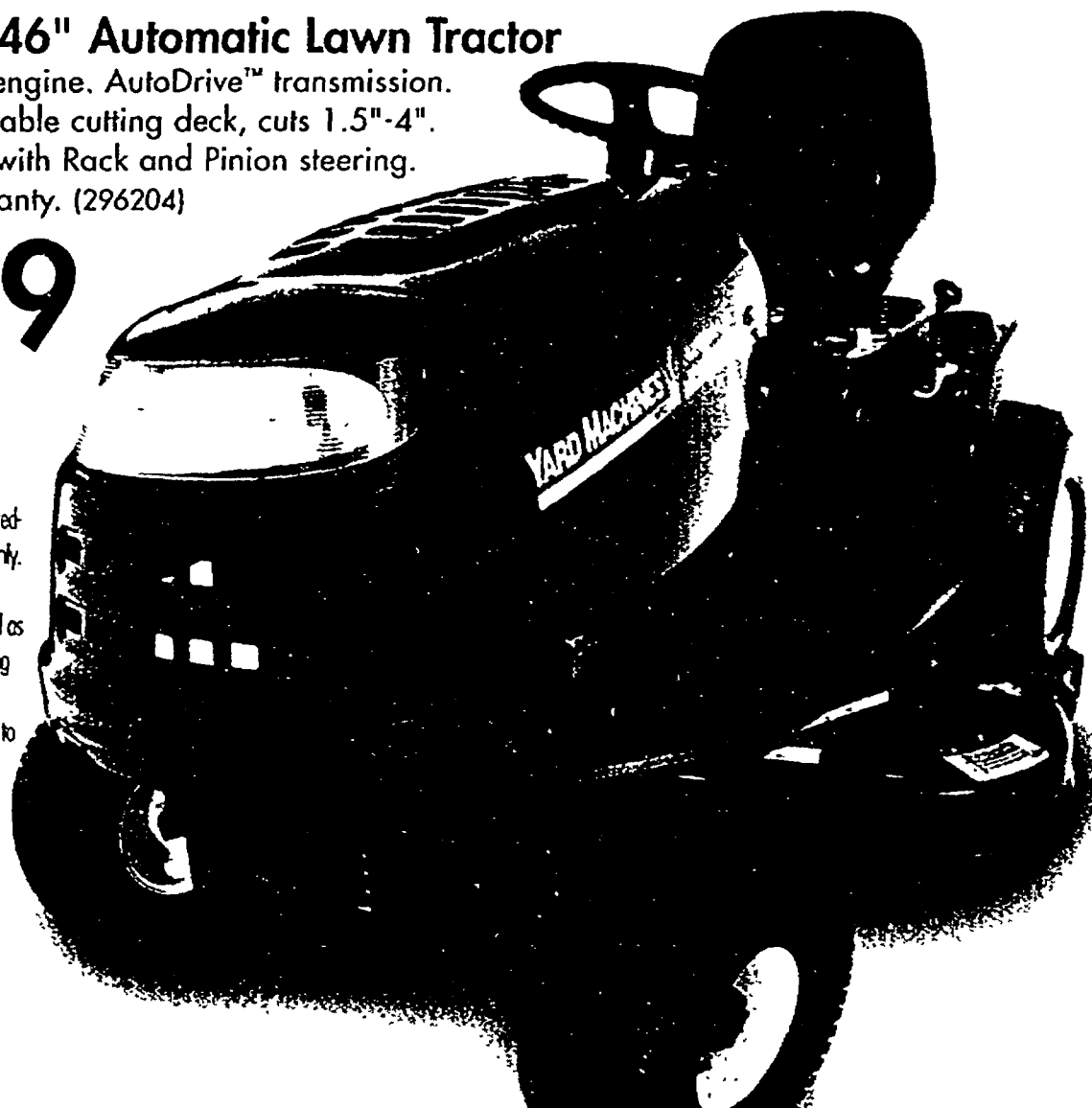
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Warranty†



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engine. Self-propelled
/single speed
drive. 2-in-1:
mulch and bag.
(227040)
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nearly as
much as you'll
appreciate your
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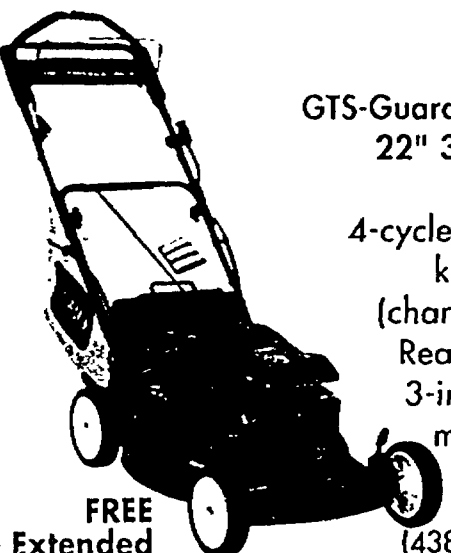
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Only \$13
per month*



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22" 3-in-1 Personal
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3-in-1: rear bag,
mulch and side
discharge.
(438569)
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Warranty†



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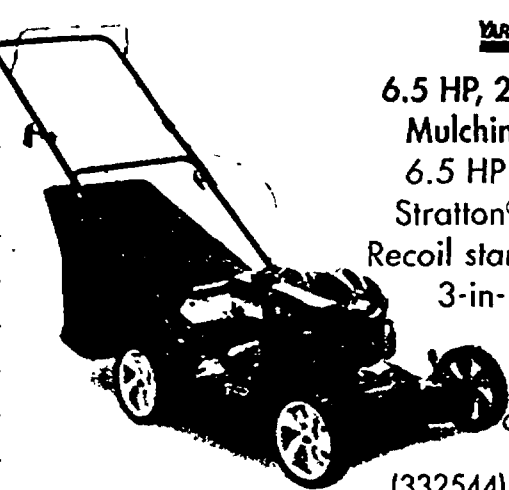
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Warranty†



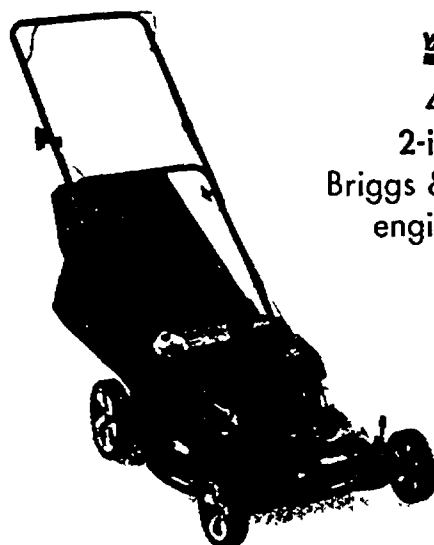
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GTS-Guaranteed-To-Start
22" 3-in-1
High Wheel
Self-Propelled Mower
4-cycle GTS® engine.
Front wheel drive.
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mulch and side
discharge
(444741)
\$299
Only \$13 per month*

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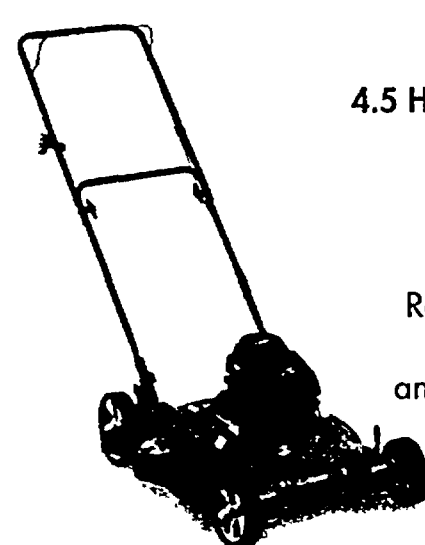
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6.5 HP, 21" 3-in-1
Mulching Mower
6.5 HP Briggs &
Stratton® engine.
Recoil start system.
3-in-1: mulch,
rear bag
and side
discharge
(332544)
\$199



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2-in-1 Mower
Briggs & Stratton®
engine. 2-in-1:
mulch and
rear bag.
(407896)
\$159



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Discharge Mower
4.5 HP Briggs
& Stratton® CARB
certified engine.
Recoil start system.
2-in-1: mulch
and side discharge.
(407875)
\$139

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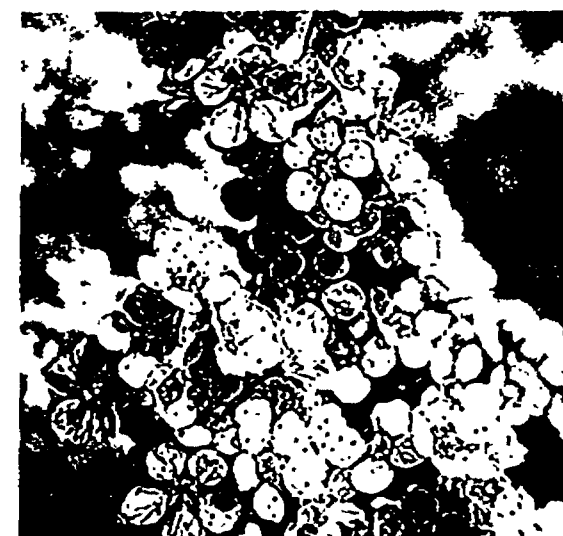
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fall color.

(848185)

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5 Gallon Assorted Fruit Trees

Select from apple,
peach, pear, plum
and prune.

(709212)(974594)

(322713)(473230)

(473258)

\$16⁹⁶



3 Gallon Pink
Flowering Dogwood
Deep pink flowers
bloom in spring. Red
foliage in the fall.

(231324)

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7 Gallon (255315)

\$39⁹⁶



5 Gallon Assorted Dwarf Cherry Trees

Blooms in spring.
Great fruit
and flowers.

(709182)

\$17⁹⁶



5 Gallon
Assorted Flowering
Crabapple Trees
Select from an assort-
ment of climatic
hardy varieties.

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15 Gallon

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5 Gallon
Flowering Cherry
Profuse
white/pink blooms
in early spring.
(473180)

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10 Gallon
(950948) **\$49⁹⁶**



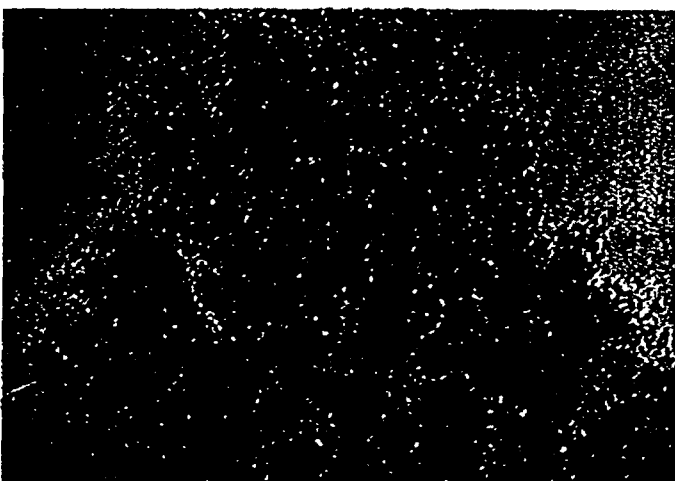
7 Gallon
Weeping Cherry
Pale pink blossoms
bloom in the
spring. Graceful,
weeping habit of
branches make this
an ideal specimen.
(520568)

\$59⁹⁶



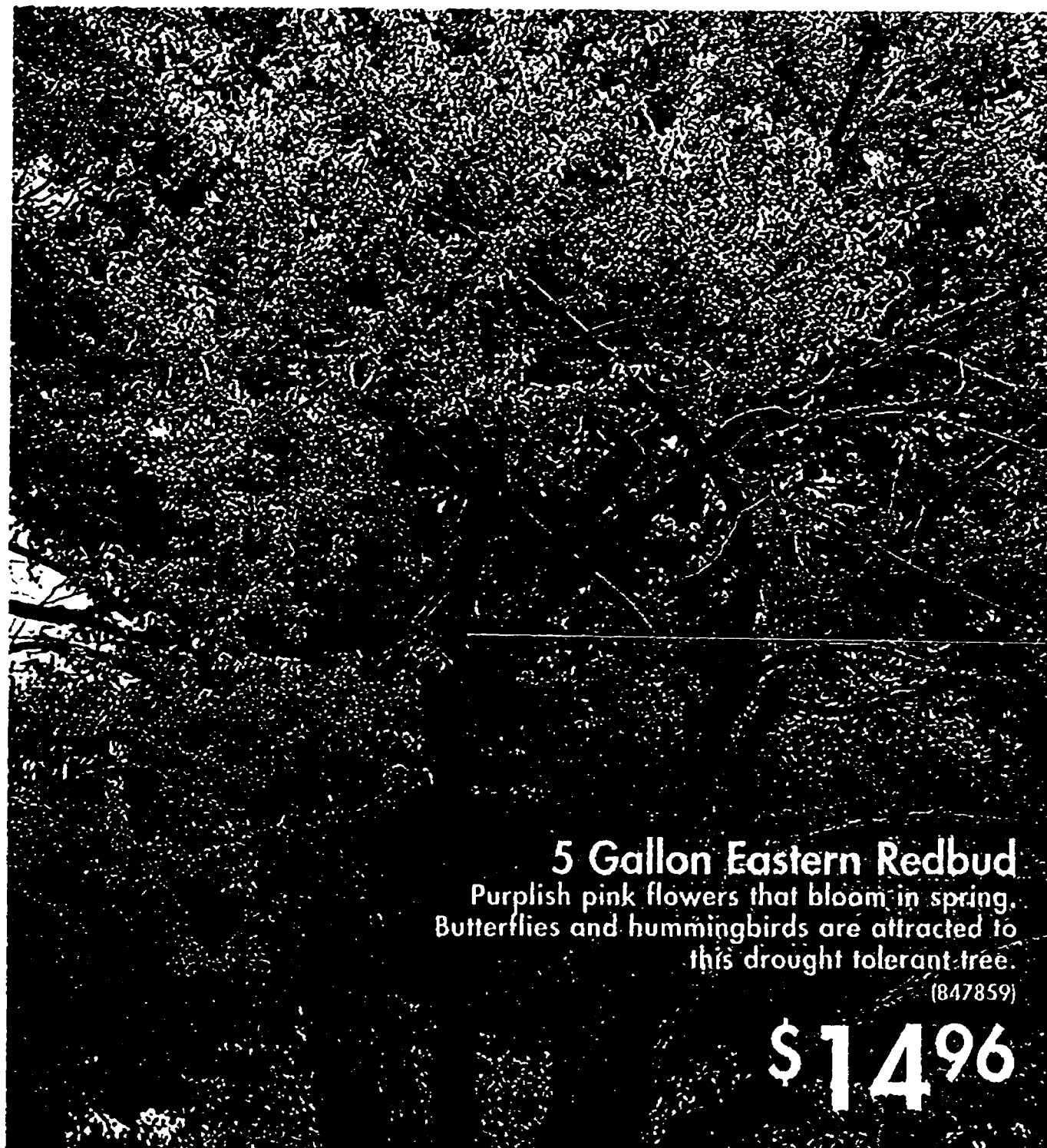
3 Gallon Southern Magnolia
Fragrant white blossoms bloom late spring.
Stately evergreen foliage.
(534841)

\$14⁹⁶



5 Gallon Red Maple
Blooms in spring. Gorgeous fall foliage.
Excellent shade tree.
(560829)

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5 Gallon Eastern Redbud
Purplish pink flowers that bloom in spring.
Butterflies and hummingbirds are attracted to
this drought tolerant tree.
(847859)

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**8-Light
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Produces an
amber glow that
is ideal for
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required. (343620)
\$37



**Solar Tiffany
Die-Cast Lantern**
Includes
rechargeable
batteries. Table
top, post or
shepherd's hook.
(577588)
\$34⁹⁷

**Convertible Plastic
Solar Light**
Super bright
white LED. 3-way
mounting. Table top,
post or shepards
hook. (428274)
\$16⁹⁷



**Die-Cast
Solar Light**
Aluminum
construction.
Brighter, longer
lasting light.
(428529)
\$22⁹⁷

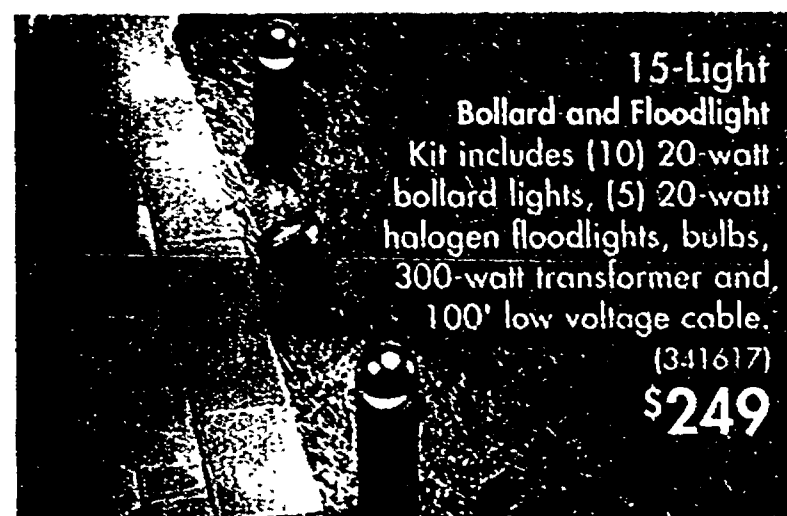
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Solid Metal Lantern
Accent pathways, driveways and
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wedge base bulb.
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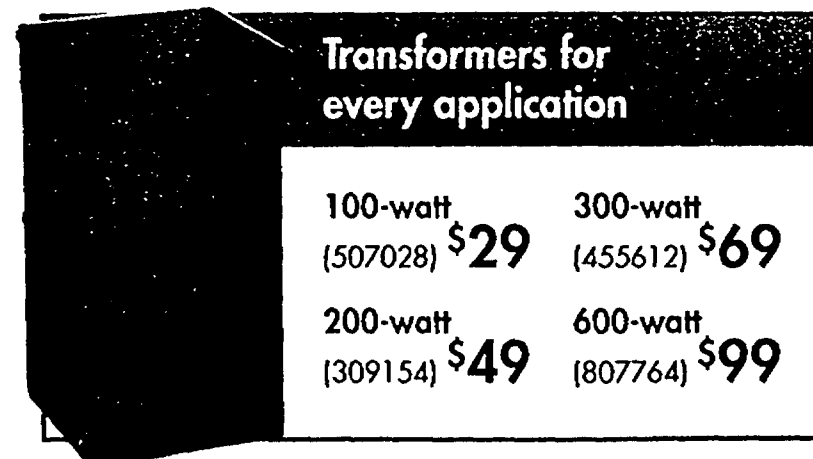
Your Choice
\$25⁹⁷



**15-Light
Bollard and Floodlight
Kit** includes (10) 20-watt
bollard lights, (5) 20-watt
halogen floodlights, bulbs,
300-watt transformer and
100' low voltage cable.
(341617)
\$249

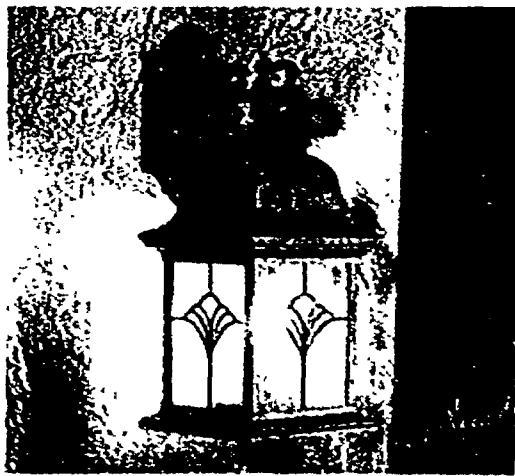


**4-Light
Floodlight Low-Voltage System**
Cast metal construction with a
non-corrosive, long-lasting finish.
Kit includes (4) 20-watt halogen
floodlights with bulbs. Select and
add your choice of decorative lanterns.
(501504)
\$79



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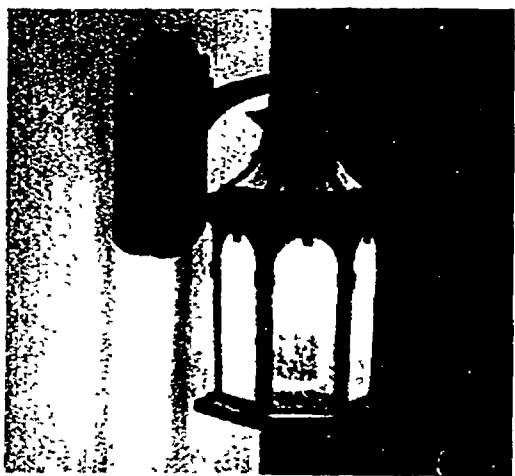
100-watt (507028) \$29	300-watt (455612) \$69
200-watt (309154) \$49	600-watt (807764) \$99



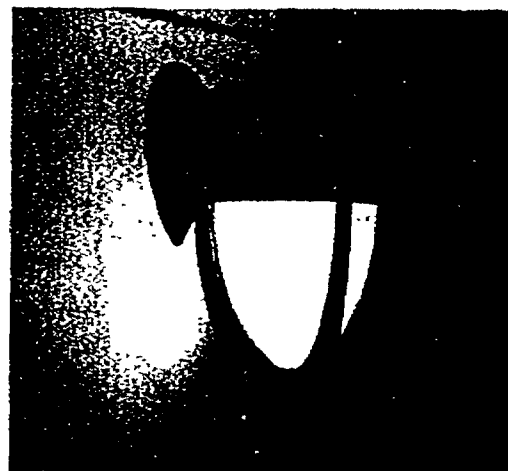
6" Tiffany Wall Lantern
Golden baroque finish
with Tiffany glass panels.
6"Wx15"H, extends 7".
Uses (1) 100-watt medium
base bulb.** (413928)
\$49⁹⁰



Coventry Wall Lantern
Cast-aluminum construction
with textured black finish.
Clear hammered glass.
8"Wx17-1/4"H. Uses (1)
60-watt standard base bulb**
(151135)
\$49⁹⁰



**1-Light Oxide Silver
Wall Lantern**
Wall lantern with silver
finish. Features frosted
seedy glass. Includes bulb.
5-1/2"Wx9-7/8"H. (821335)
\$29⁹⁷



1-Light Outdoor Wall Lantern
Burnt sienna finish outdoor
wall lantern with frosted
glass. Includes bulb.
8"Wx 13-1/2"H.
(303992)
\$49⁹⁷

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8-1/2"Wx15-3/4"H (150113)
- B. Hanging Lantern
8-1/2"Wx15-3/4"H (150114)
- C. Post Lantern
8-1/2"Wx15-3/4"H (150086)

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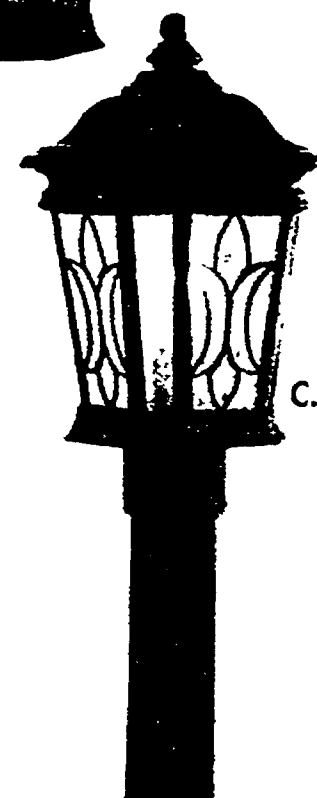
D. Wall Lantern
6-1/2"Wx12-3/4"H (150241) **\$59⁹⁰**



B.



D.



C.

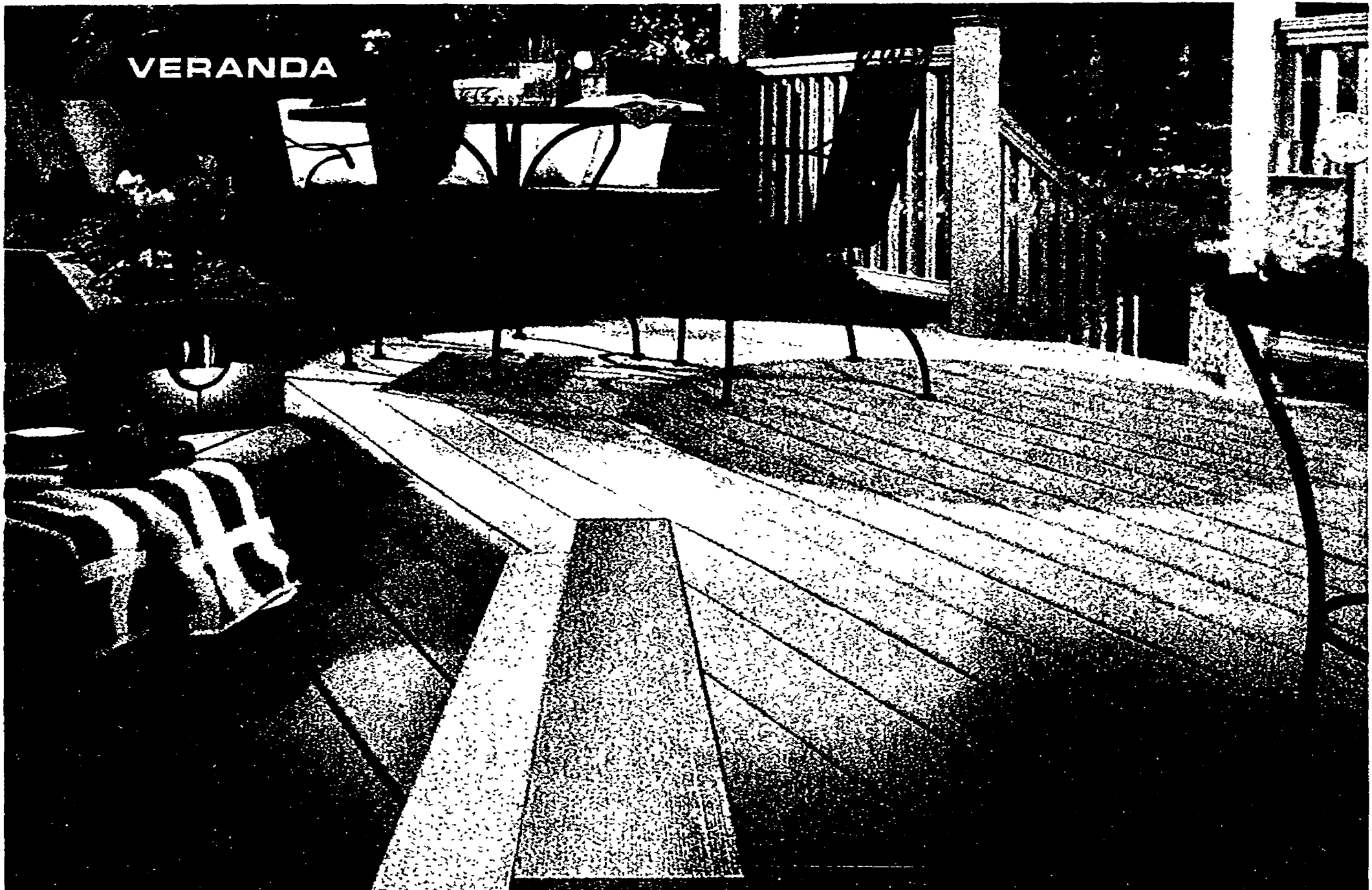
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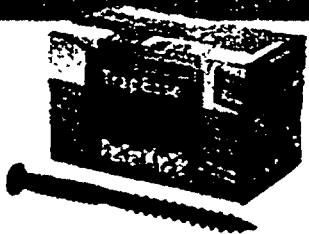


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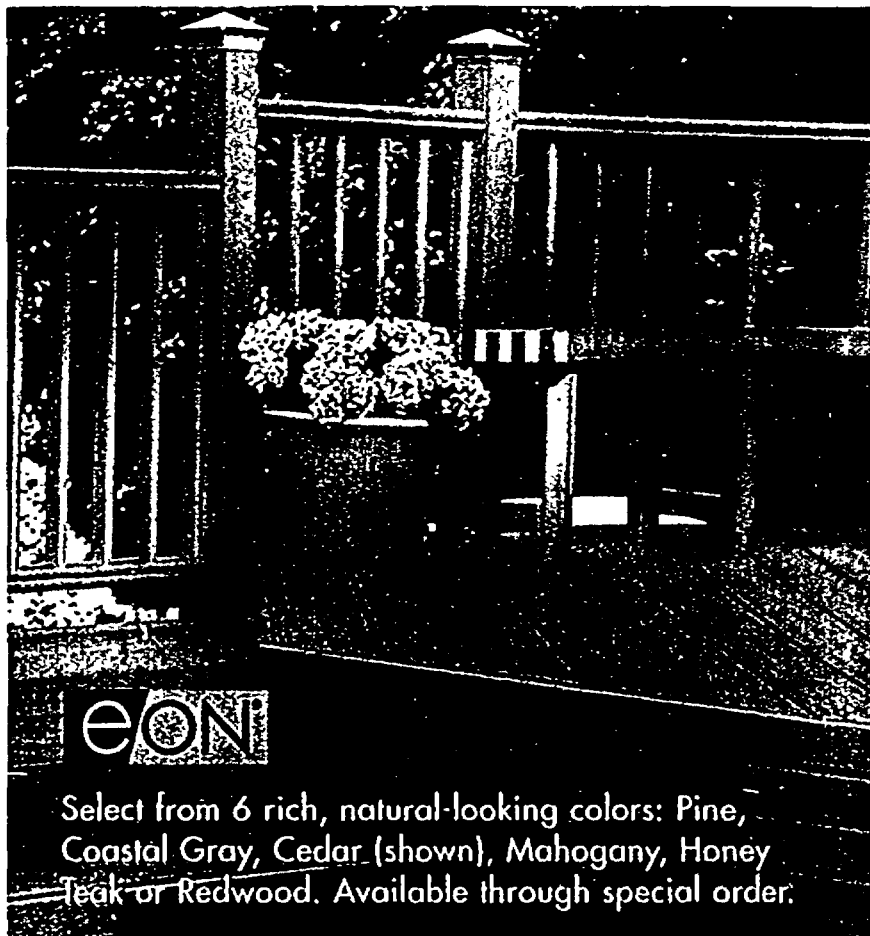
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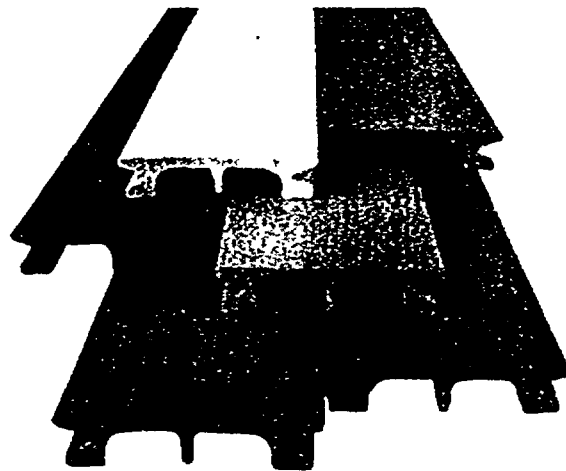
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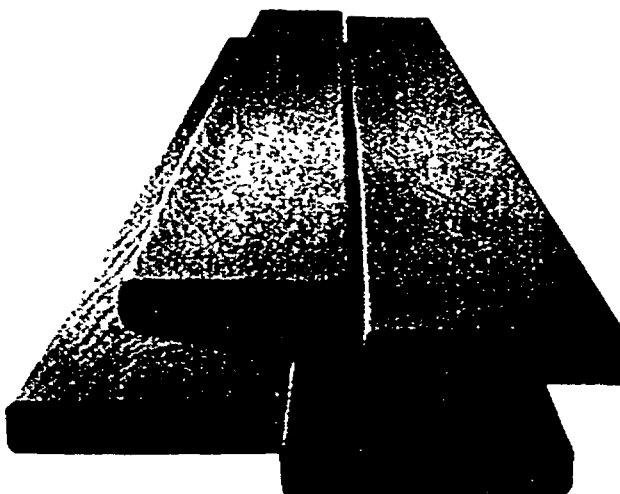
Select from 6 rich, natural-looking colors: Pine, Coastal Gray, Cedar (shown), Mahogany, Honey Teak or Redwood. Available through special order.



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Top-quality eON® is a remarkable alternative decking system that provides the beauty of natural wood.

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SIZE	12'	16'	20'
Trex Origins™			
Trex Winchester Grey and Saddle			
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5/4"x6"	\$2773	\$3697	\$4622

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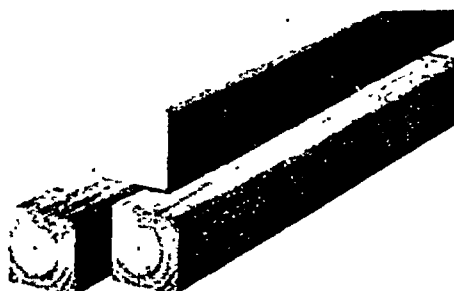


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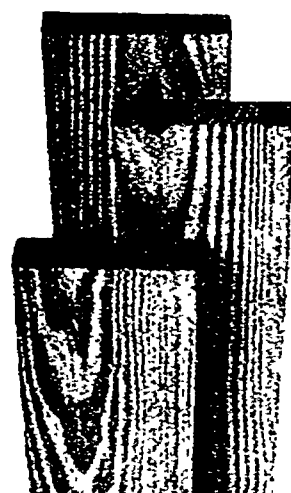
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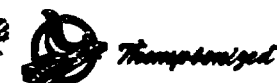
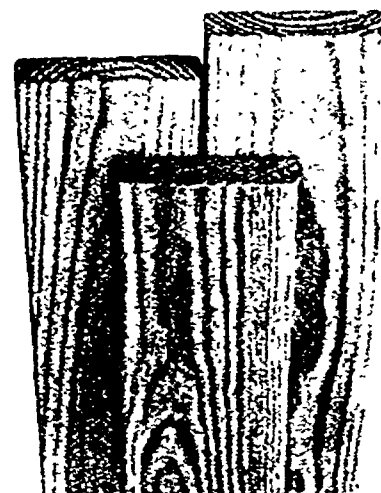


No. 2 Prime Pressure Treated Lumber

SIZE	8'	10'	12'	16'
2"x4"	\$369	\$597	\$649	\$939
2"x6"	\$669	\$839	\$959	\$1339
2"x8"	\$849	\$1039	\$1249	\$1669

No. 2 Pressure Treated Lumber

2"x10"	\$979	\$1369	\$1679	\$2397
2"x12"	\$1497	\$1797	\$2297	\$2997



Premium Pressure Treated Decking

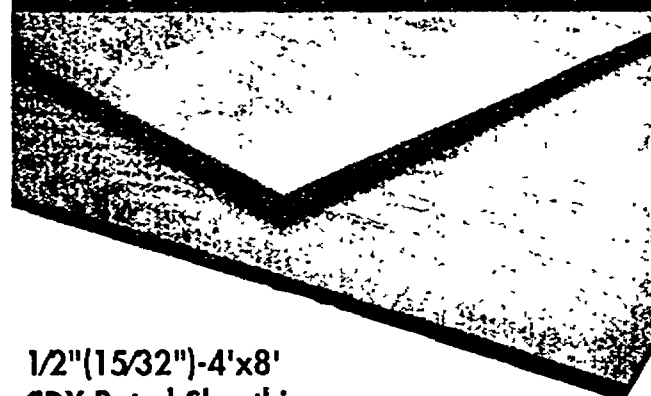
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5/4"x6"	\$739	\$969	\$1197	\$1497



Standard Pressure Treated Decking

5/4"x6"	\$549	\$879	\$797	\$1197
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Plywood



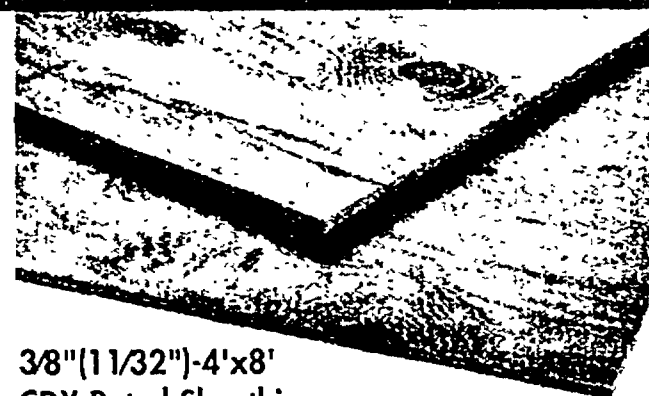
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CDX Rated Sheathing

3-ply for use in sheathing and outdoor projects. American Plywood Association Grade Stamp.

(166073)

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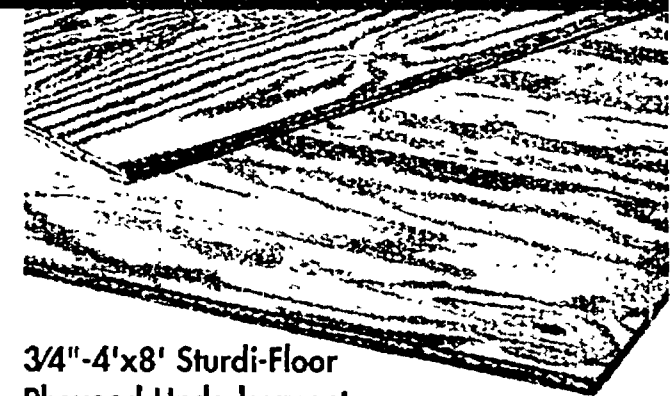


3/8"(11/32")-4'x8'

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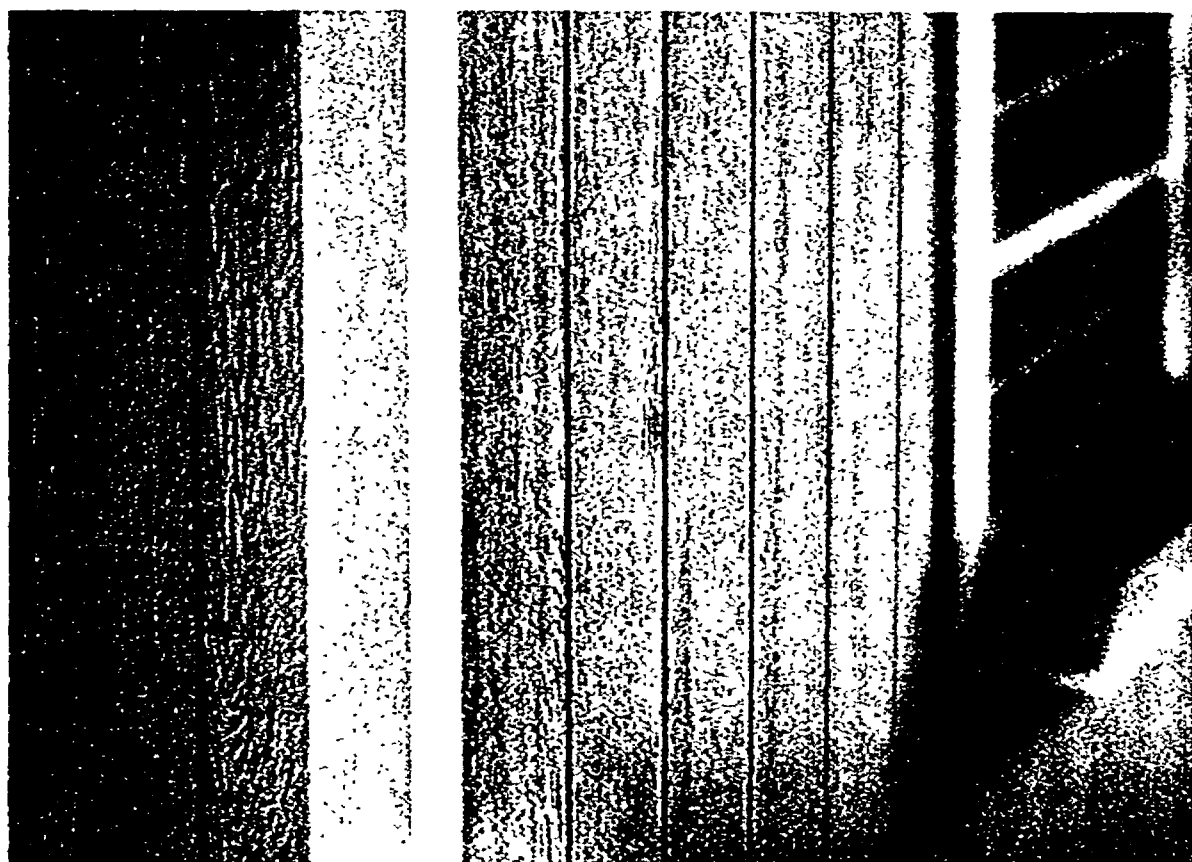


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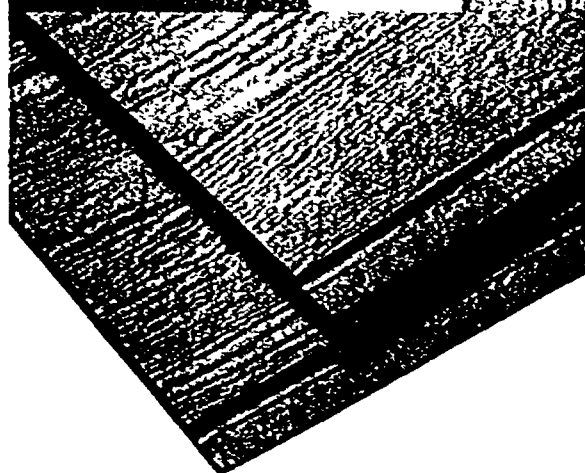
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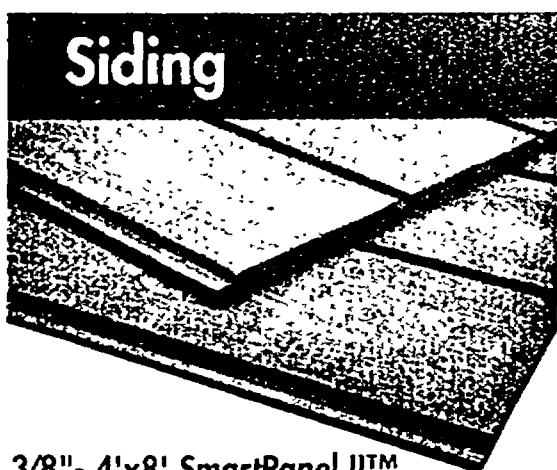
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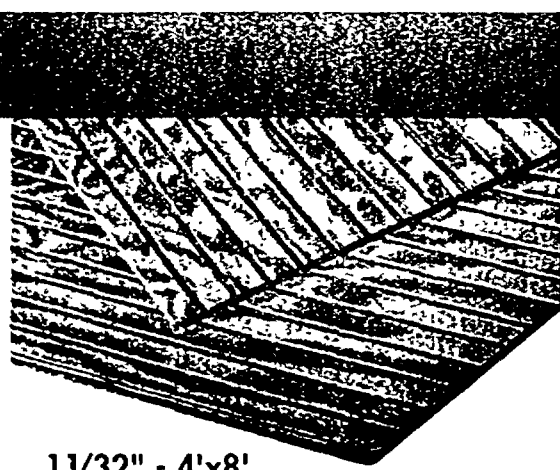


Siding



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Treated with SmartGuard™ to resist
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(915440)

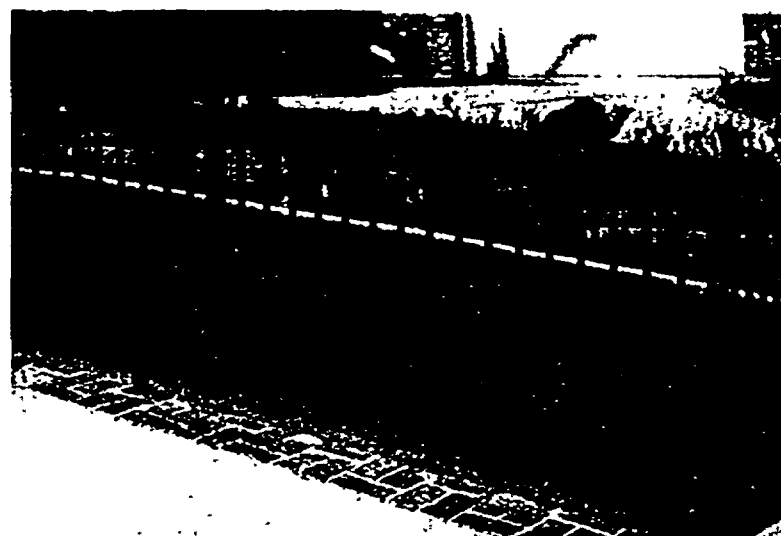
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1 1/32" - 4'x8'
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(178424)

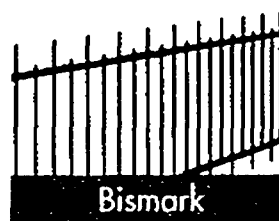
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Easy to Customize Your Fence

Create your ideal style with Master Halco 4-in-1 ornamental fencing. In the box, you'll find everything you need to assemble these four unique designs. Galvanized high tensile steel with polyester powder-coat finish for superior corrosion resistance.



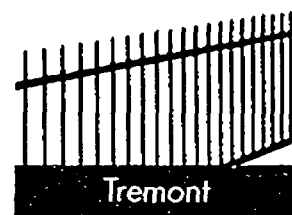
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3.5'x8' Mastercraft Fence Panel

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(123189) **\$57⁶⁵**



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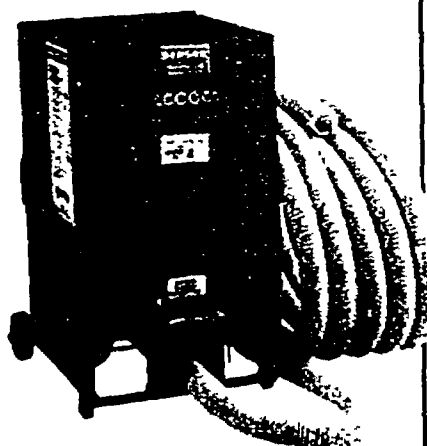
Ornamental fencing available in-stock or through special order. See store for details

Save Energy with Blow-In Insulation



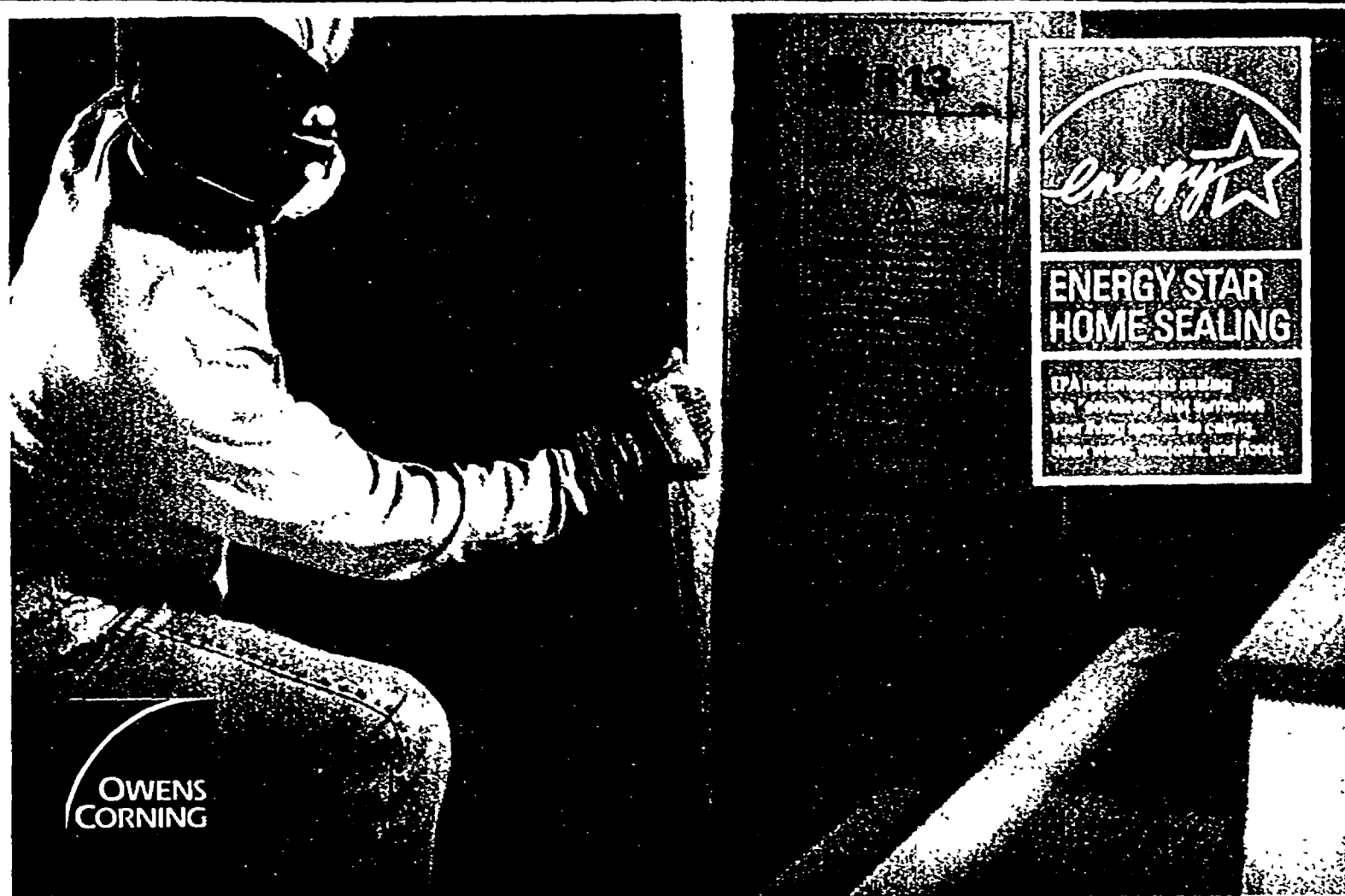
When you need an economical, convenient way to insulate hard to reach areas, blow-in insulation is the best choice. Retrofitting cellulose loose-fill into the walls and attics of older homes can save as much as 20 to 30 percent on energy costs.

- The easiest way to insulate
- Cut your energy costs 20-30%
- Free blower rental with 20 bags



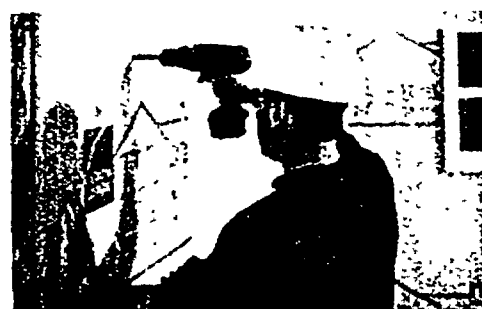
Blow-In Cellulose Insulation
Covers 40 sq. ft. when blown to R19 thickness (211904)

\$525^{ea.}



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R-13	15"	Kraft Faced Batts	106.56	(529258)	\$3623	34¢
R-19	15"	Unfaced Batts	77.50	(508177)	\$2925	38¢
R-19	15"	Kraft Faced Batts	77.50	(111861)	\$3080	40¢
R-19	23"	Kraft Faced Batts	118.83	(111875)	\$4723	40¢
R-19	15"	Kraft Faced Batts	48.96	(372620)	\$1958	40¢
R-25	15"	Unfaced Roll	33.13	(125140)	\$1822	55¢
R-25	23"	Unfaced Roll	50.79	(125828)	\$2793	55¢
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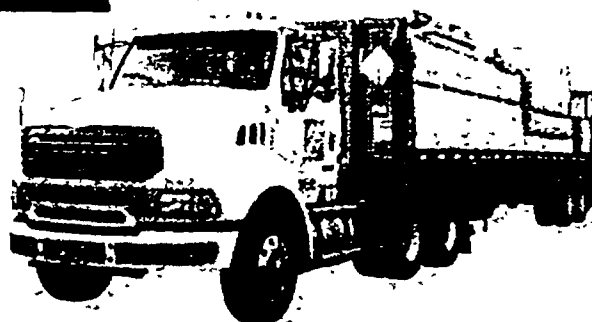
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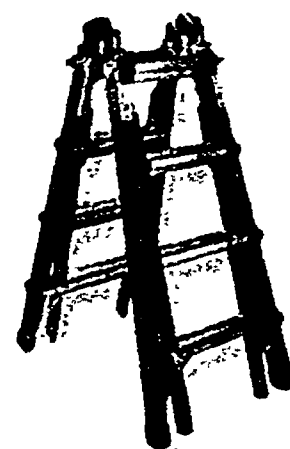
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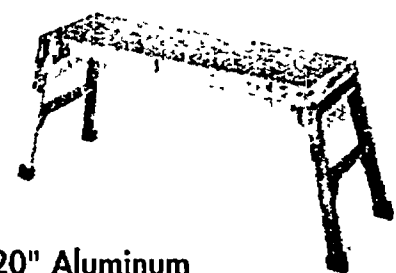


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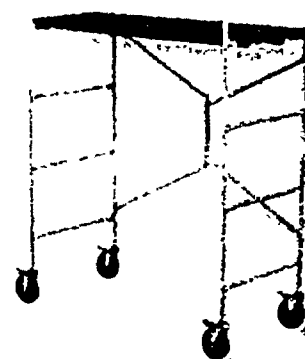
17' Fiberglass Multi-Position Ladder
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Slip-resistant feet and 39.5"x12" platform. (374054)

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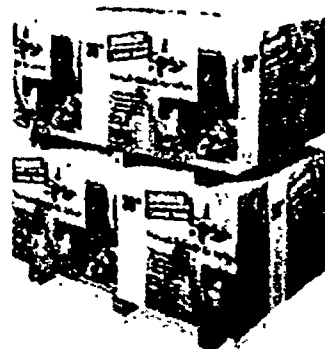
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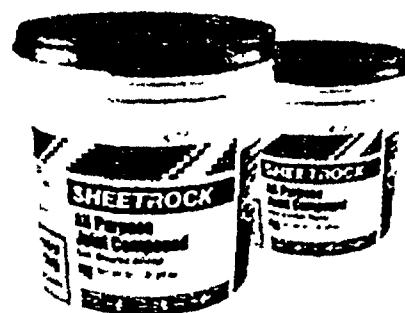
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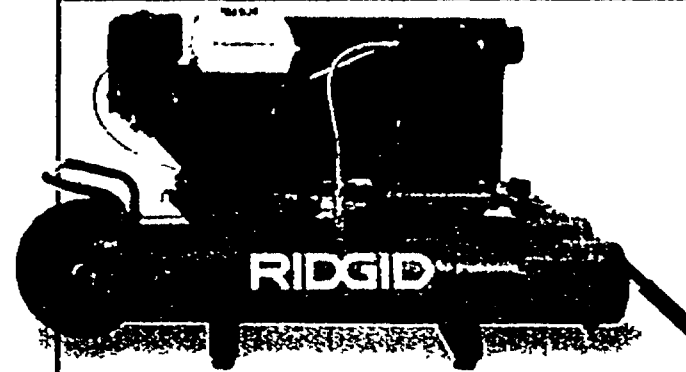
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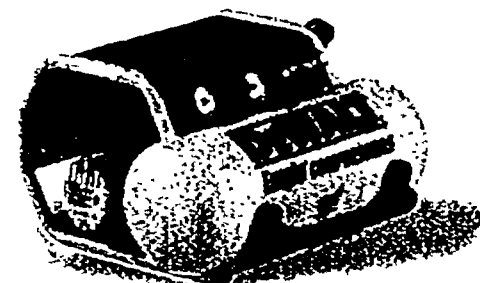


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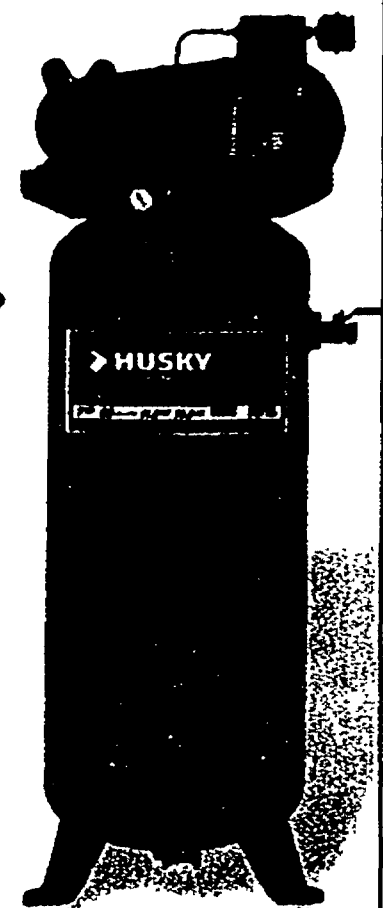


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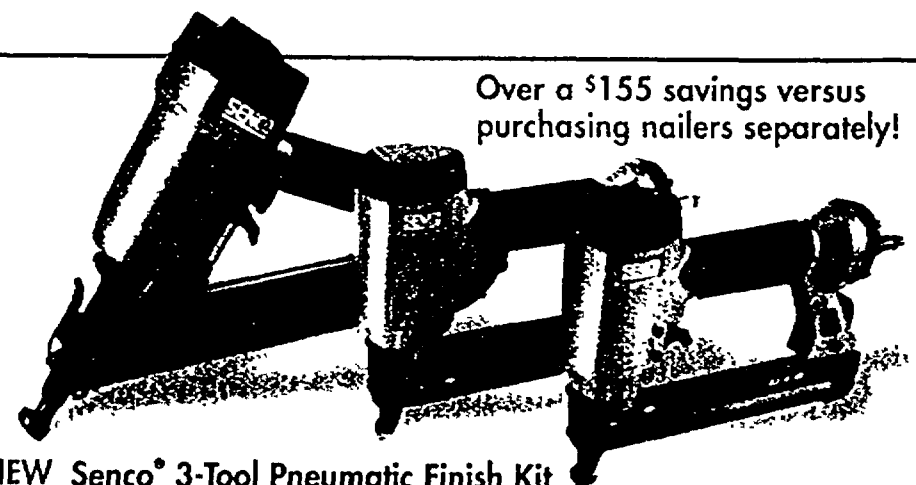
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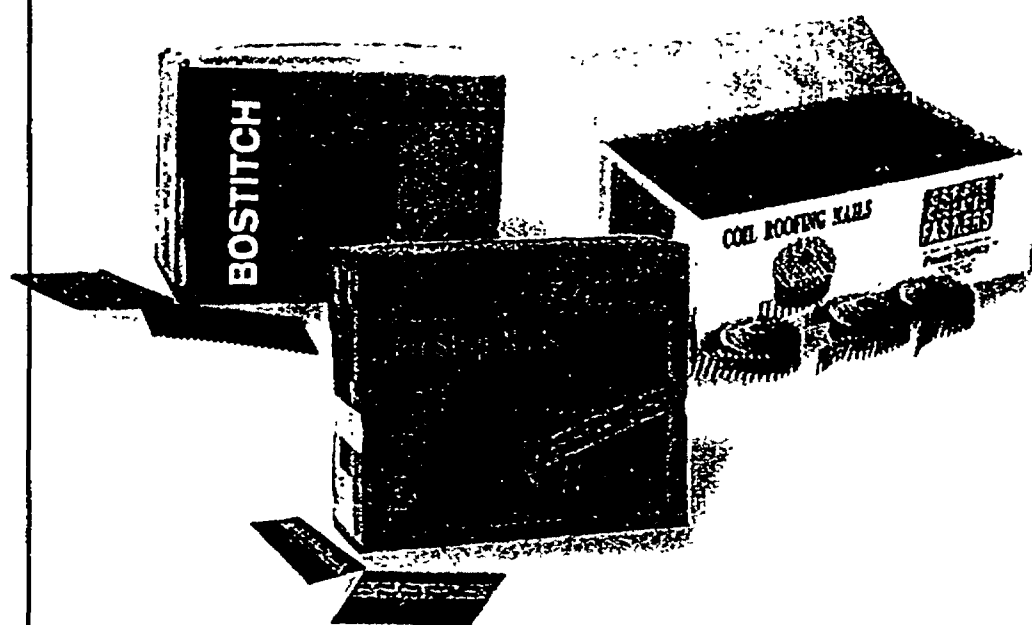
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Paslode Clipped Head Framing Nails			
3-1/4"x.131	Smooth	334543	\$34 ⁹⁰
3"x.131	Smooth	334350	\$35 ⁹⁰
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1-1/4" Galvanized	Smooth	112525	\$24 ⁹⁸
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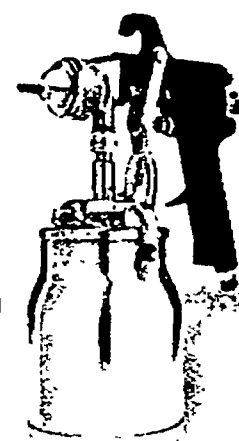
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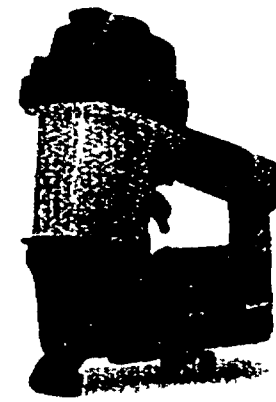
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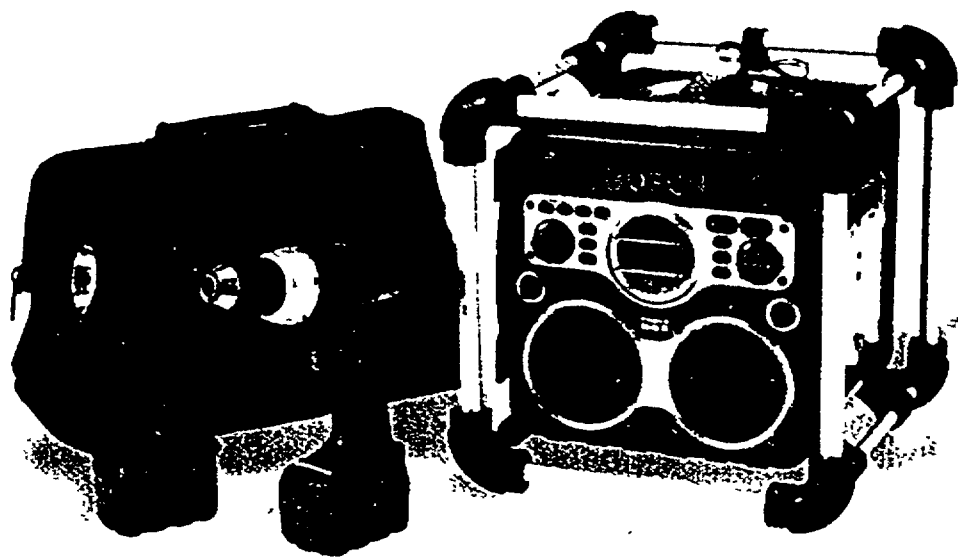
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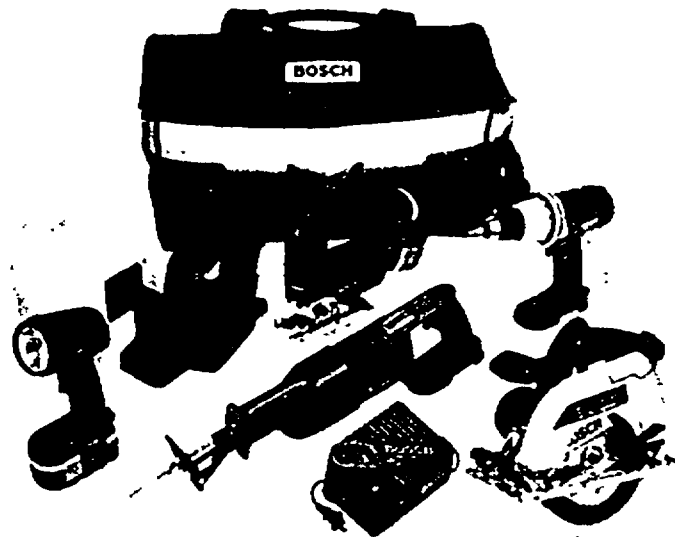
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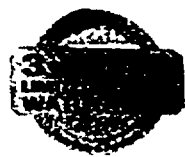
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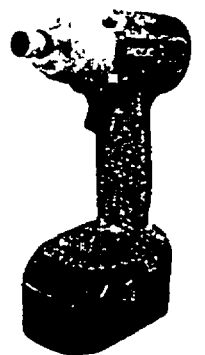
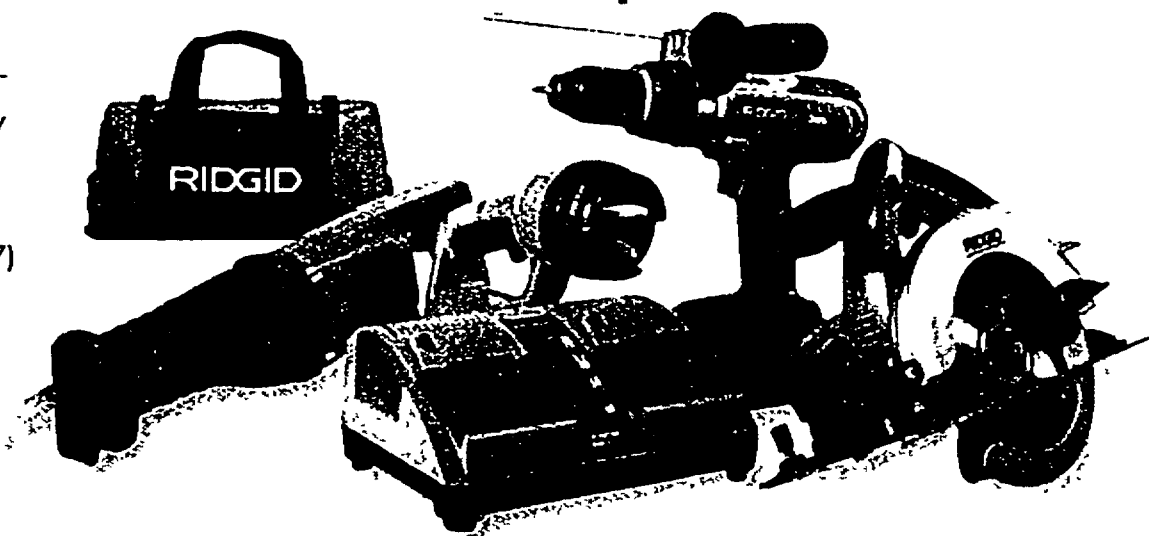
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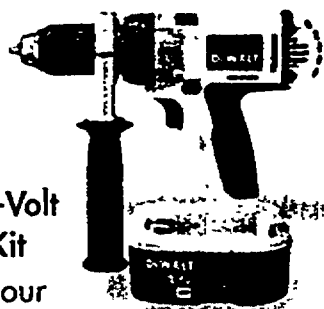
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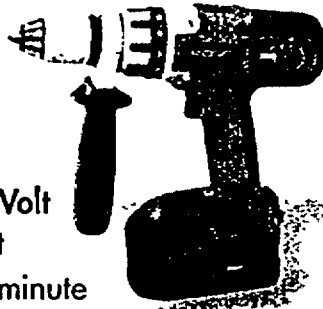
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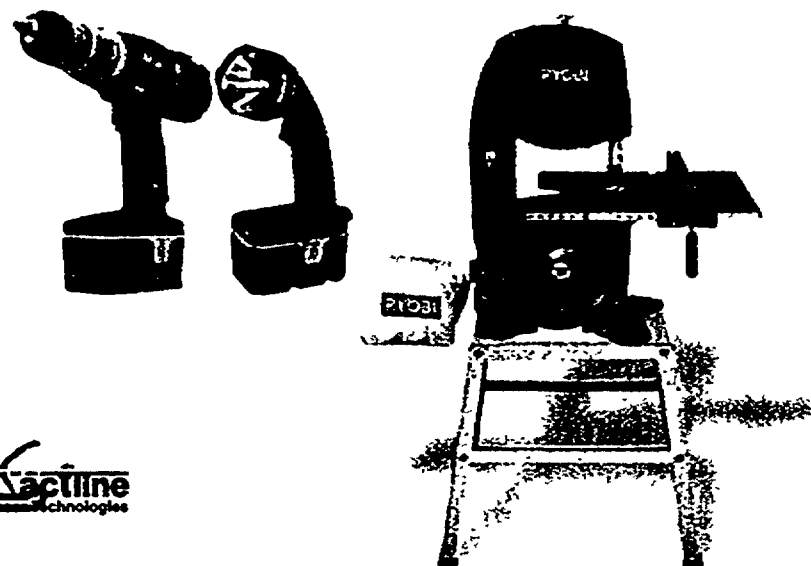
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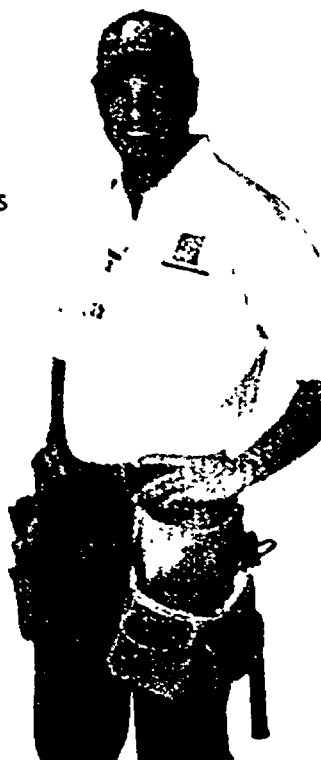
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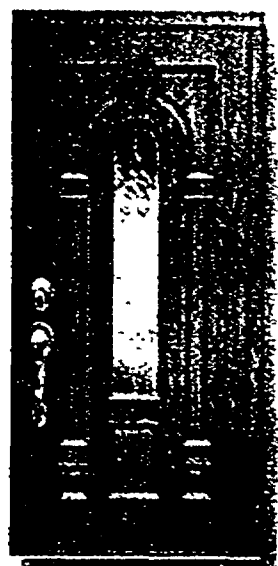
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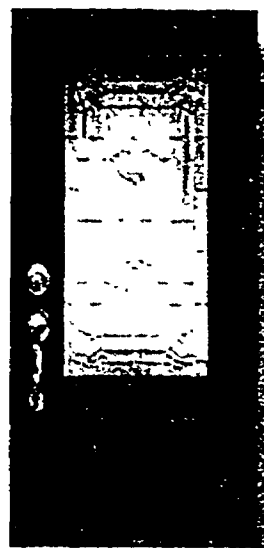
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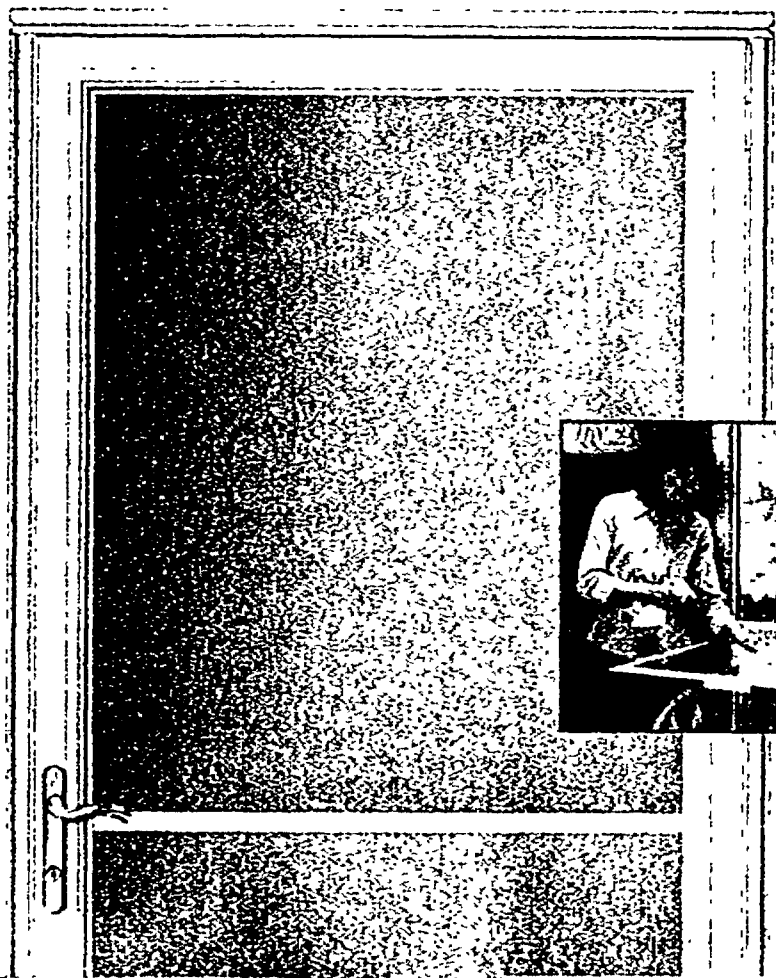
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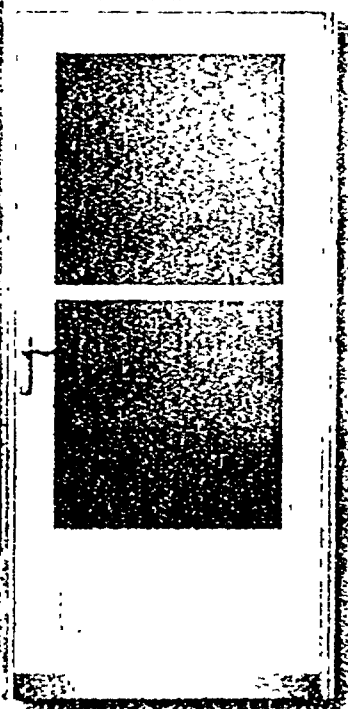
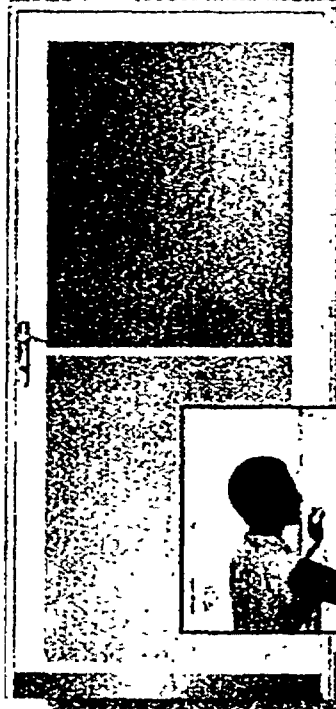
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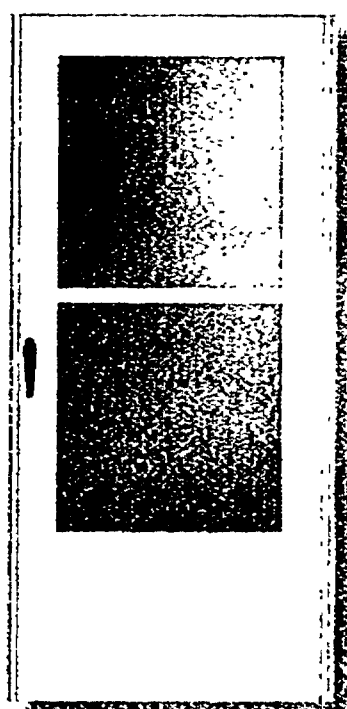
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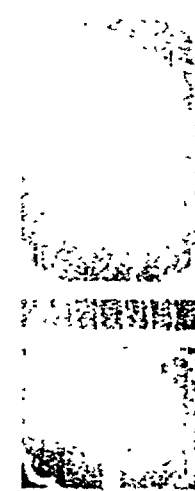
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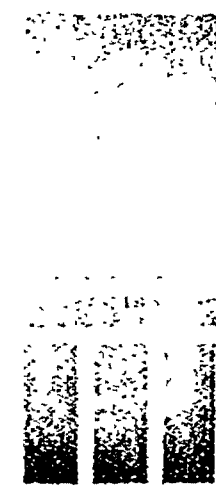


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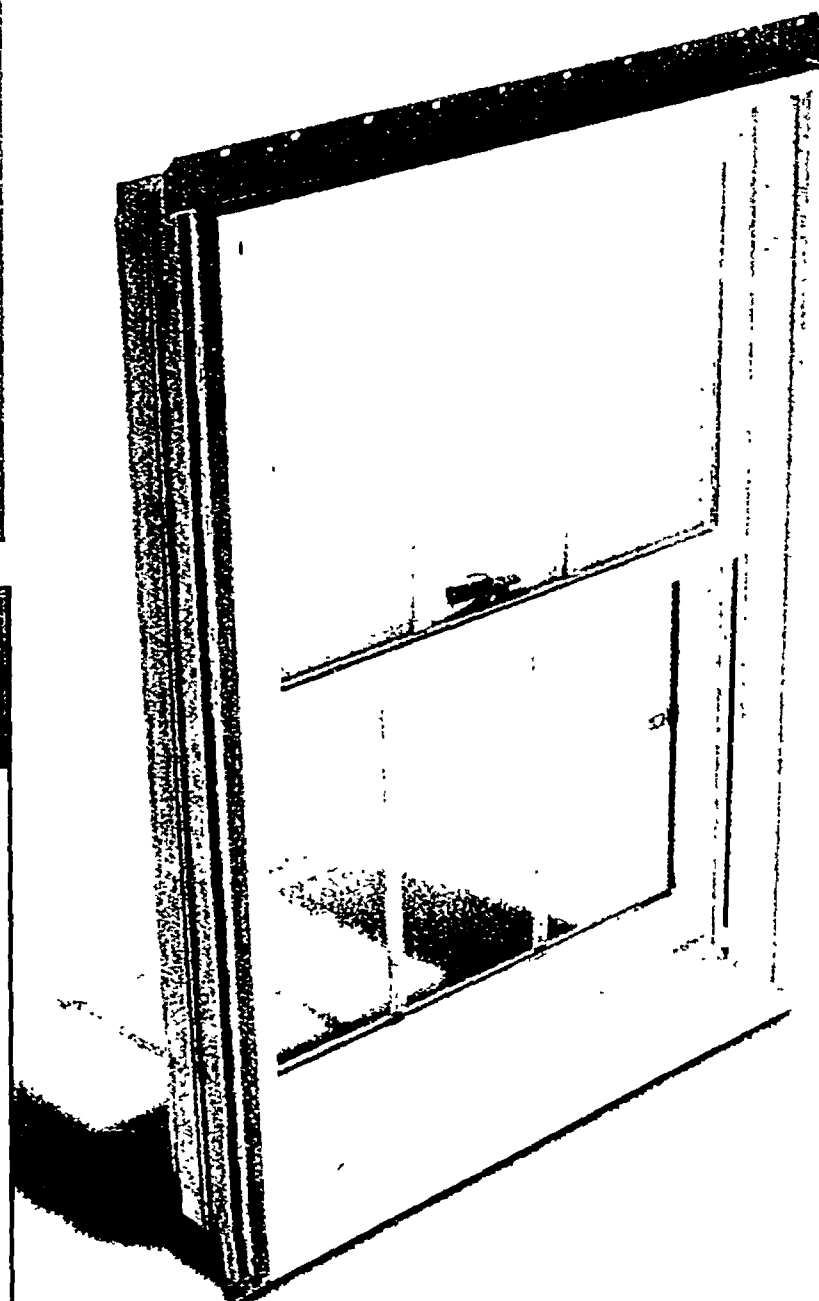
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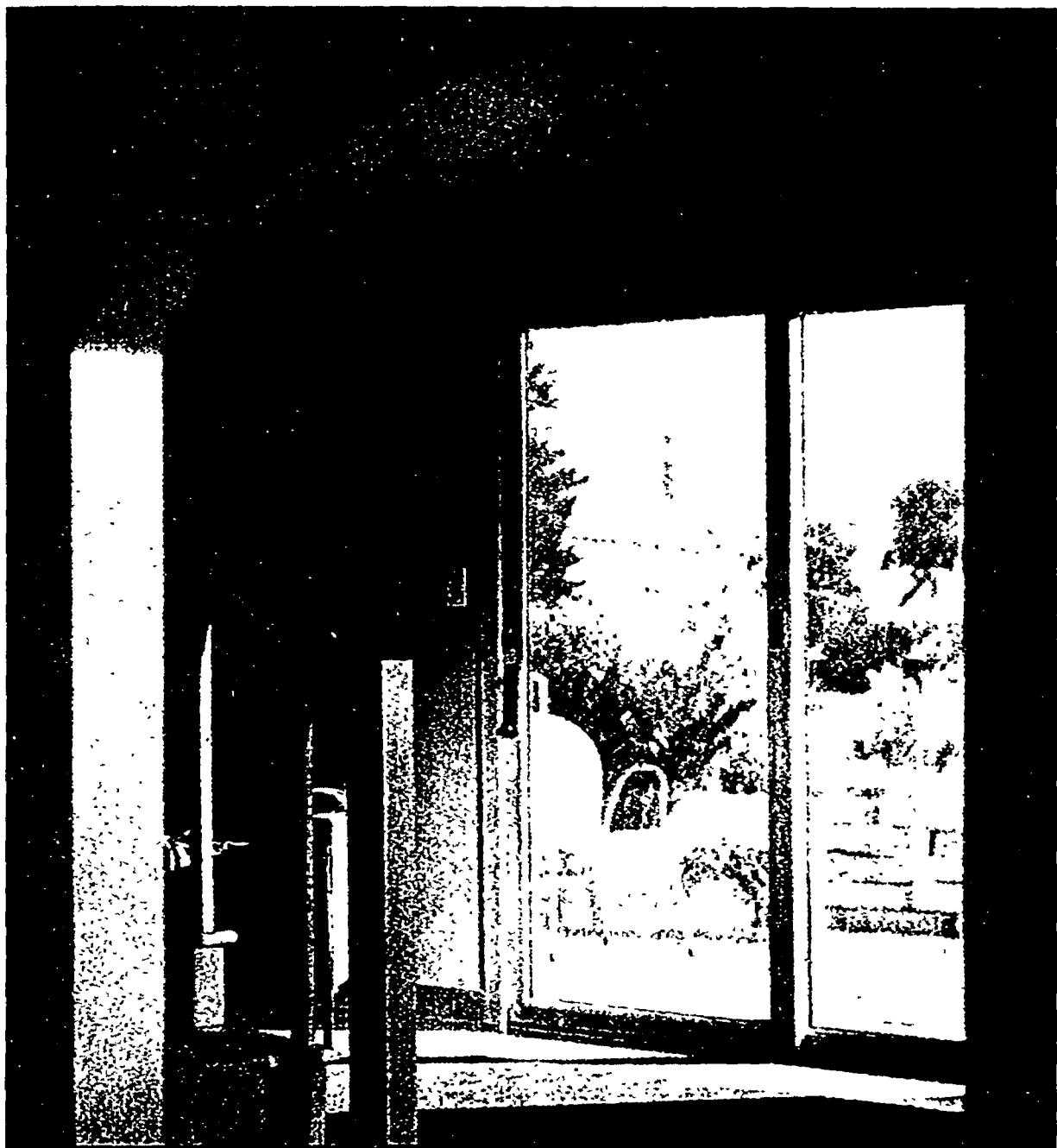


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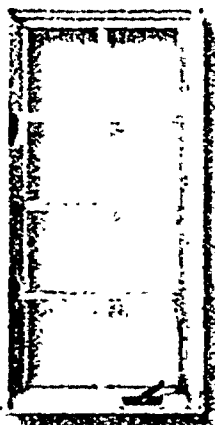
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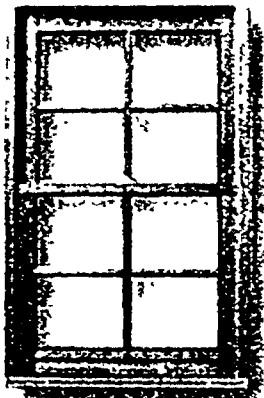
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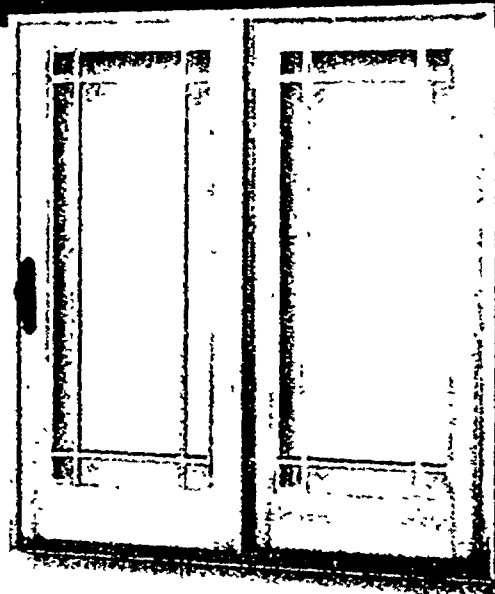


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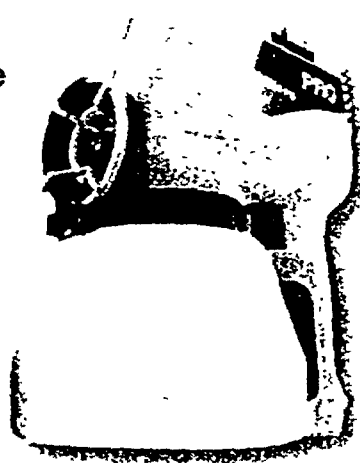


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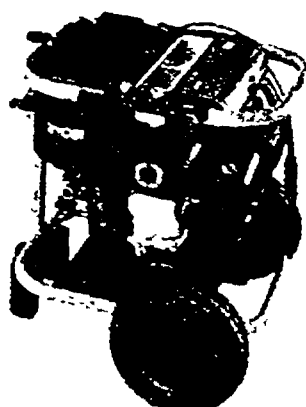
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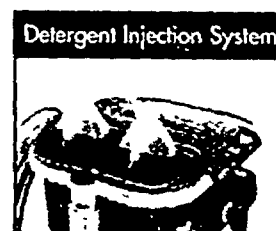


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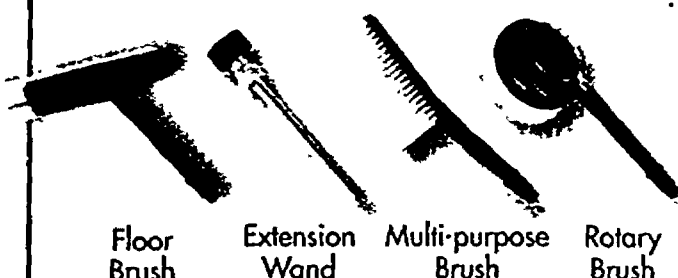


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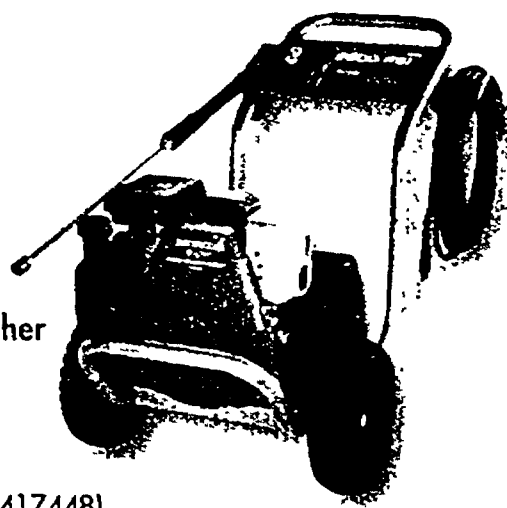
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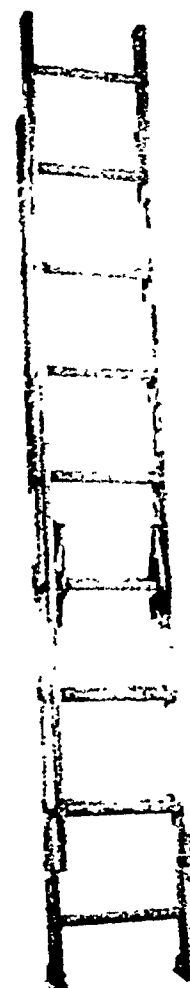
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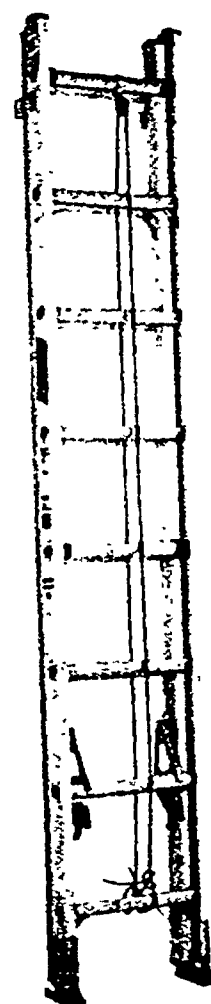
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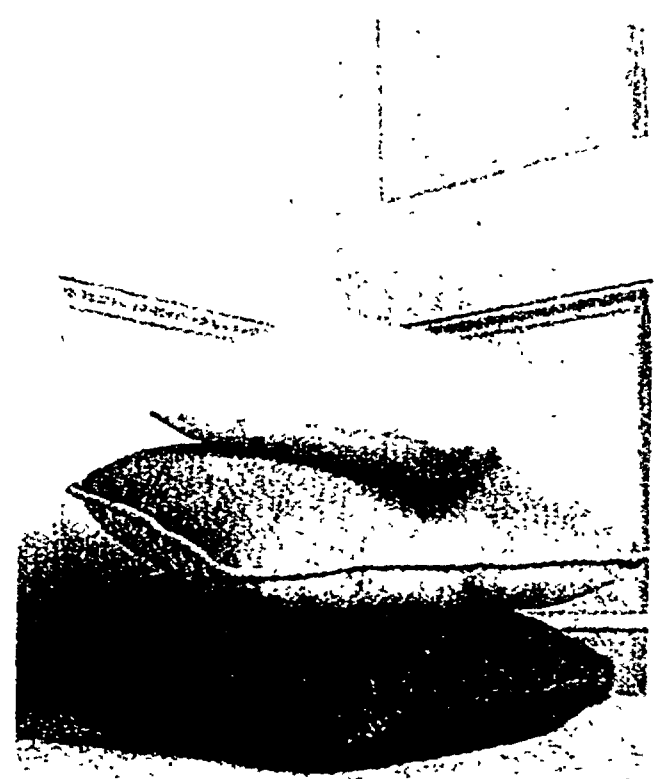
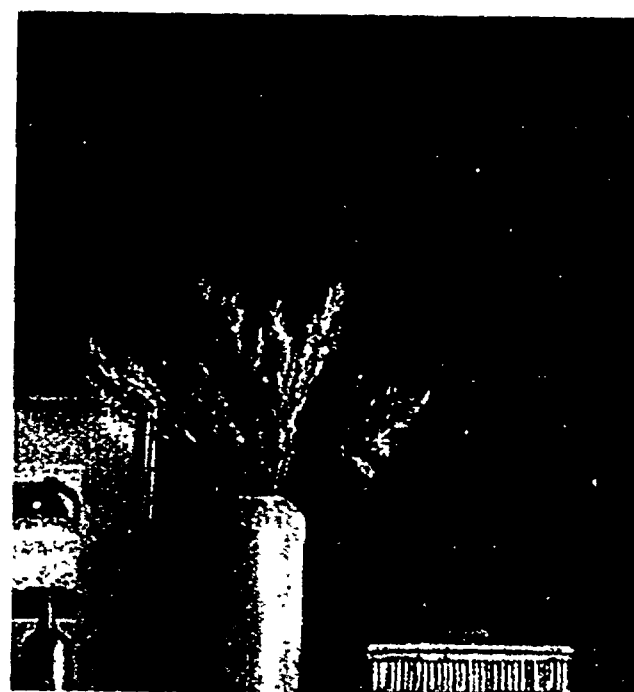
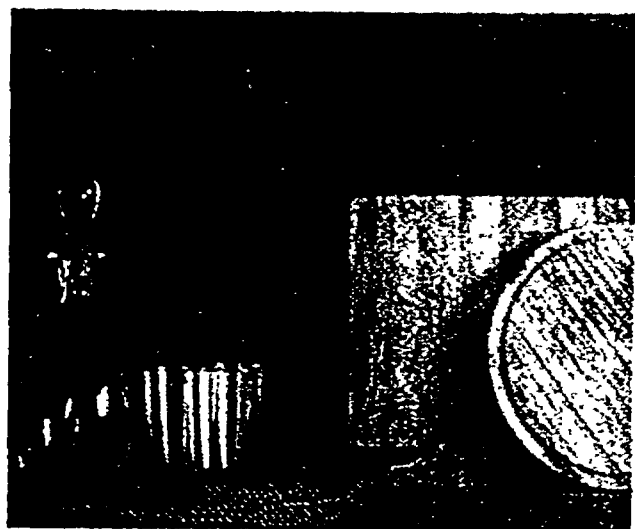
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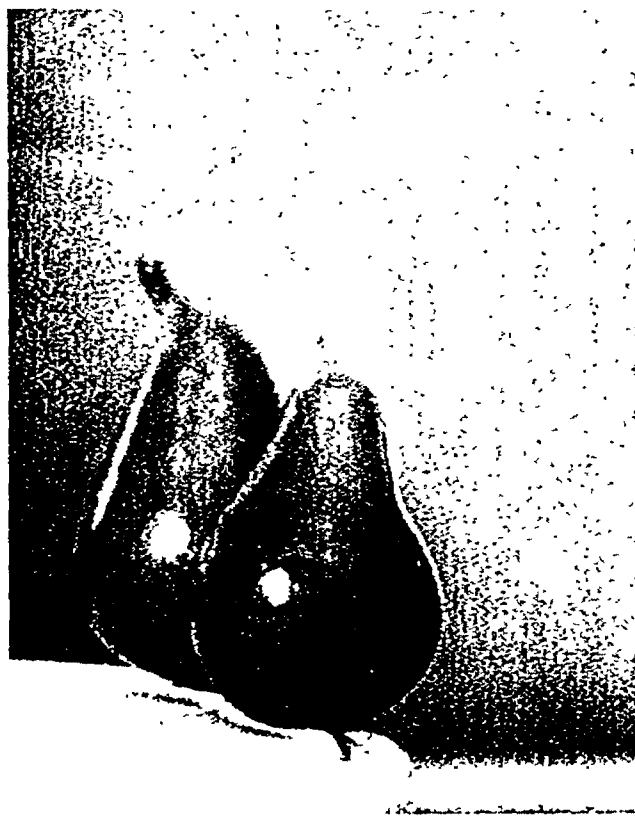
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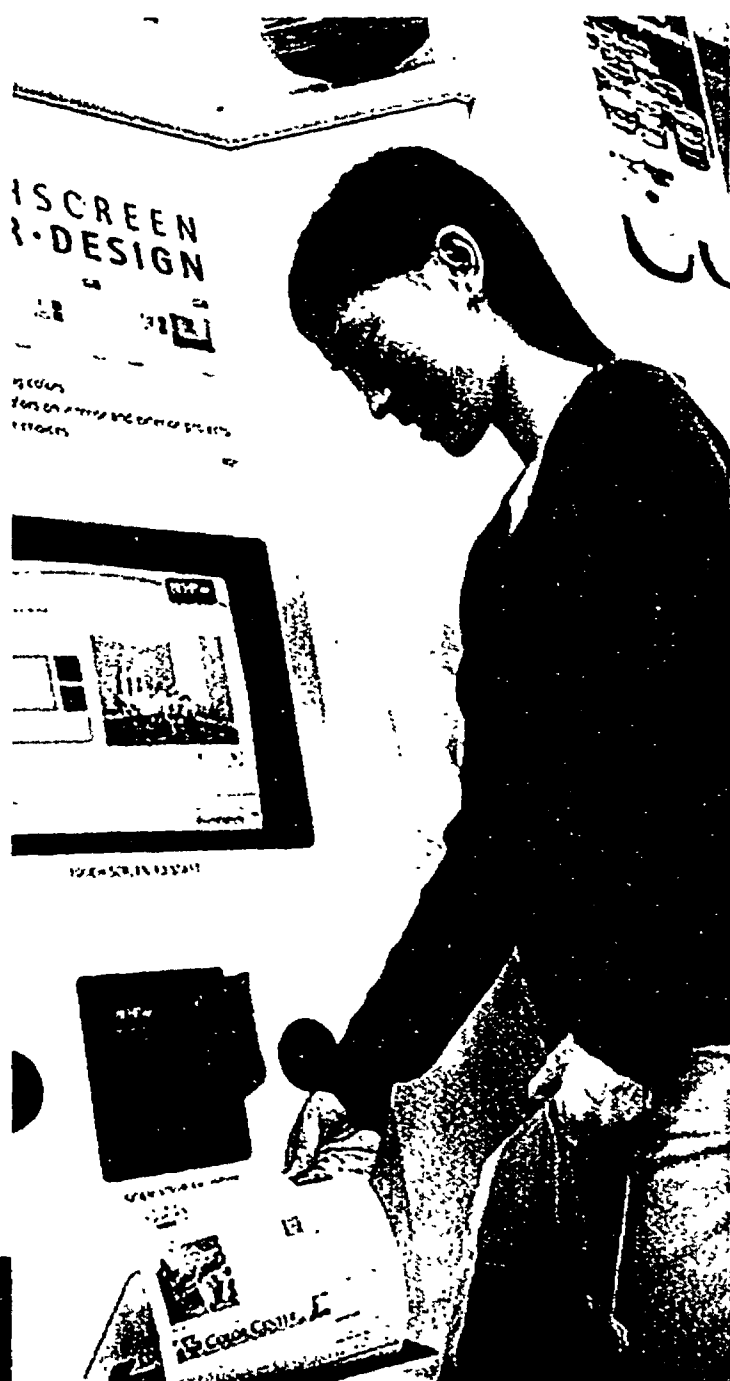
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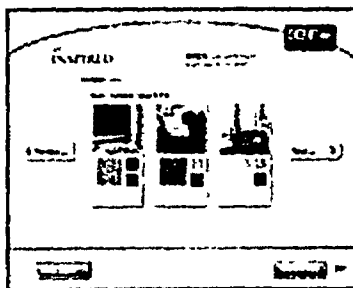
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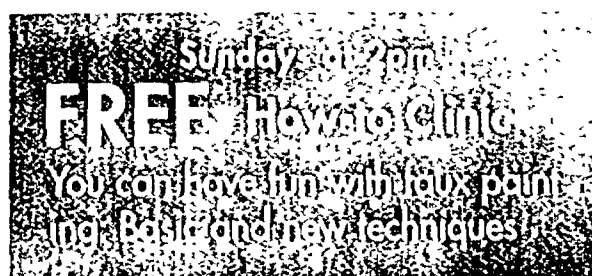


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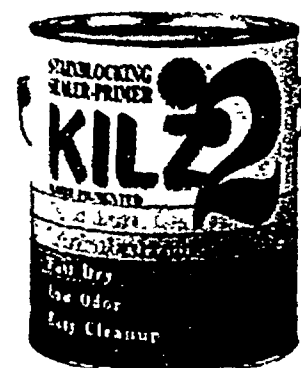


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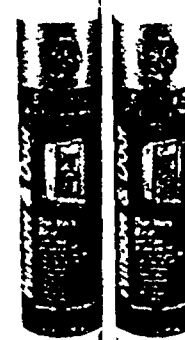
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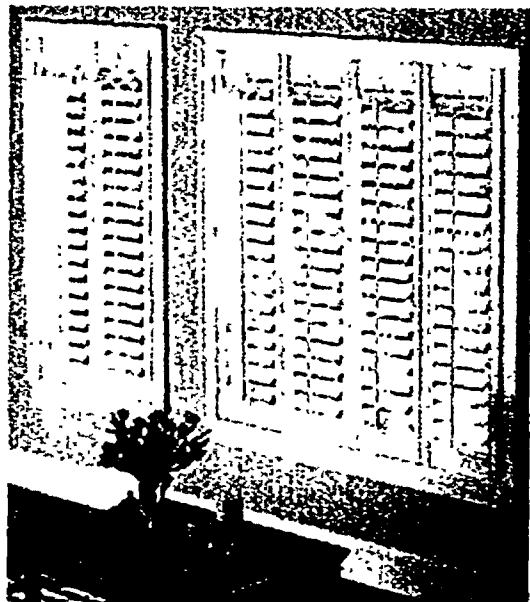
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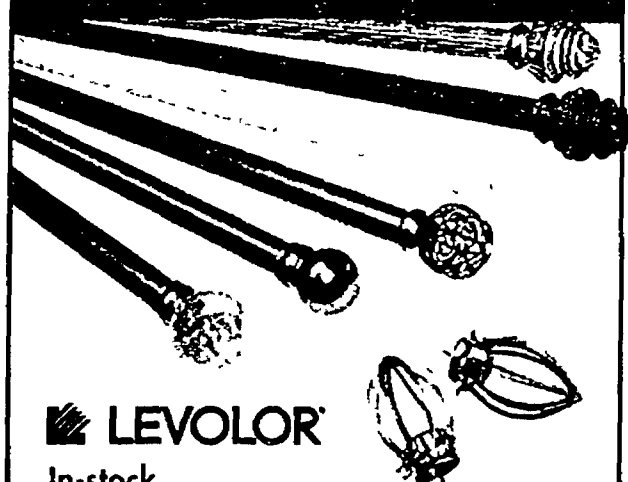
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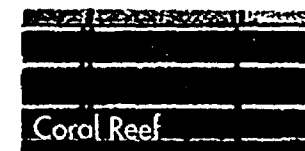
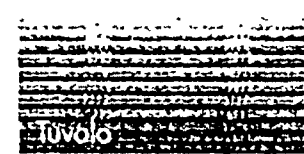
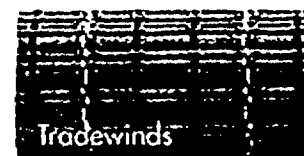
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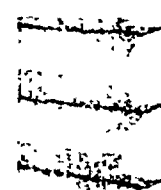
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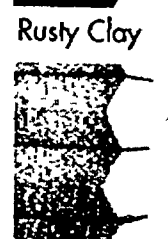
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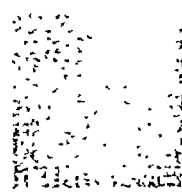


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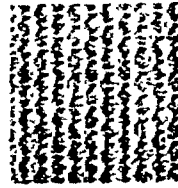
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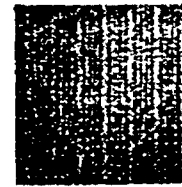
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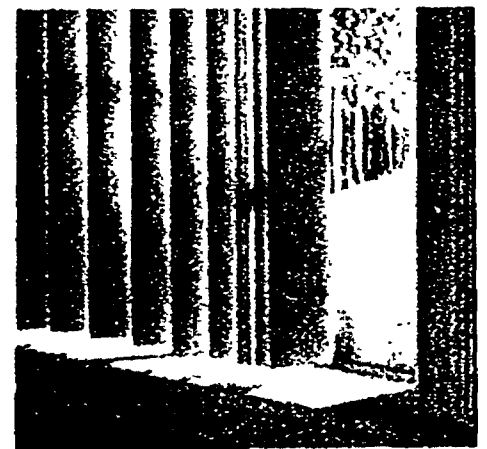
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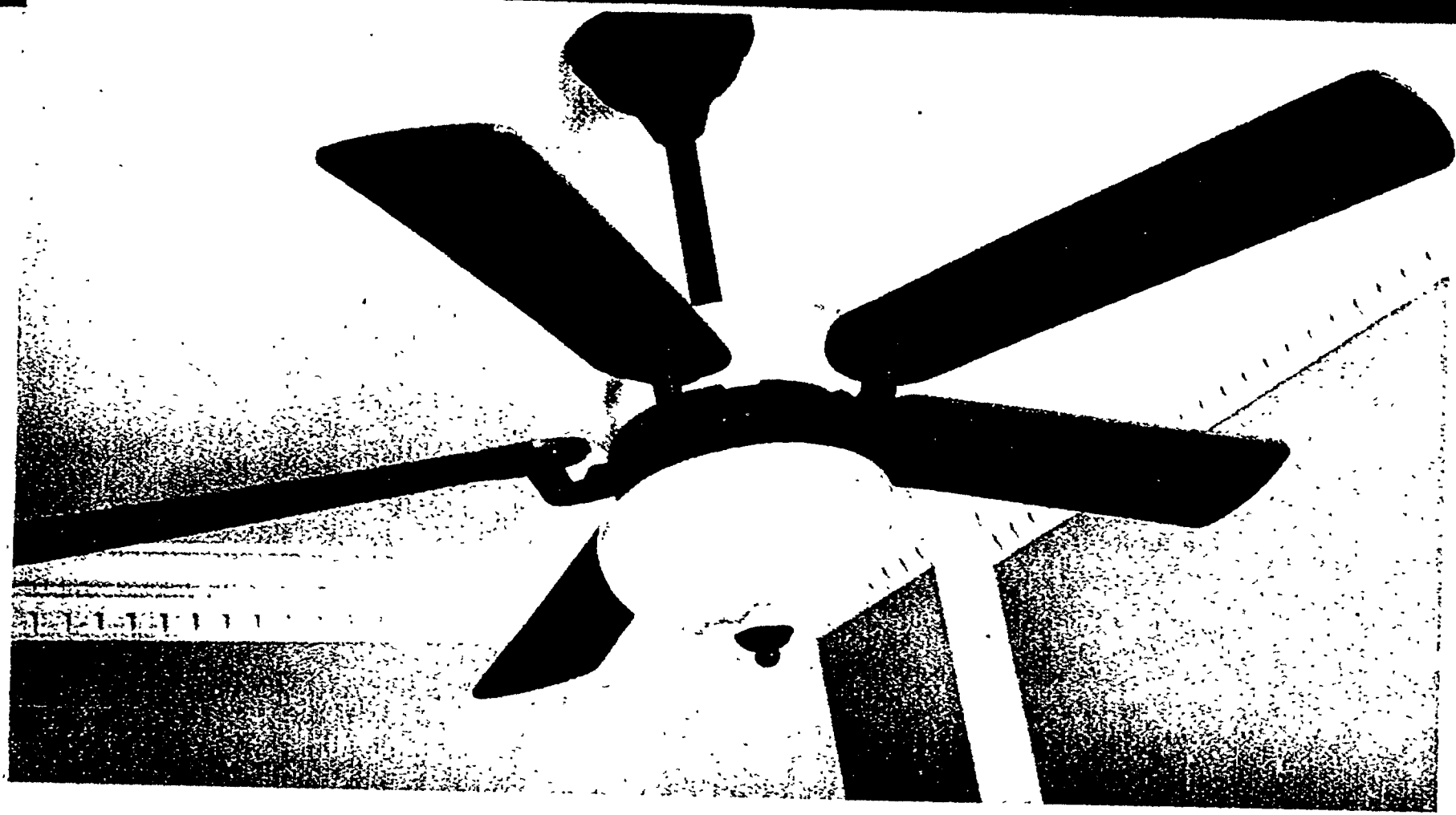


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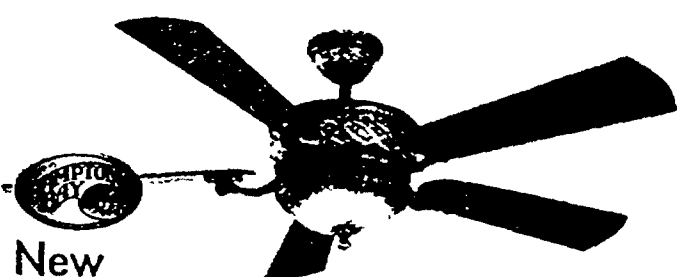
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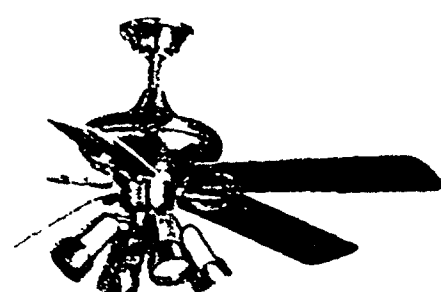
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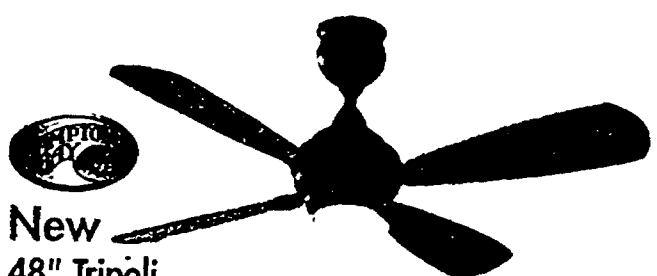


52" Redington III™ with Remote Control
Brushed-steel finish with adjustable spotlight kit. Reversible black/rosewood blades.* †† (523905)

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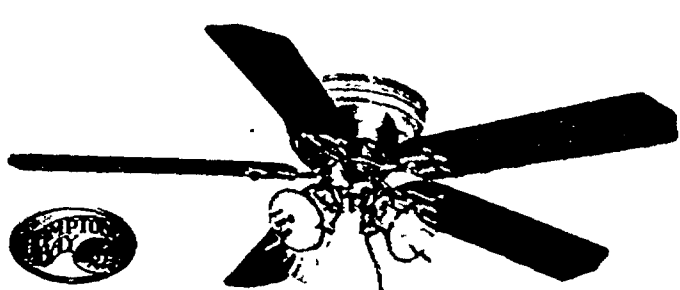


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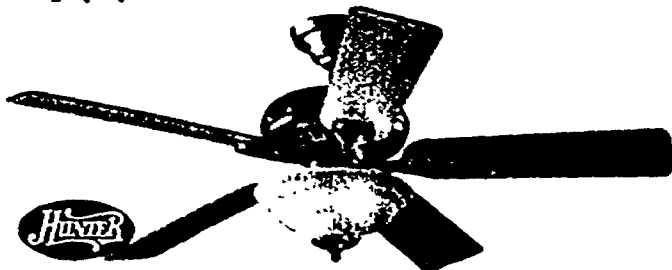
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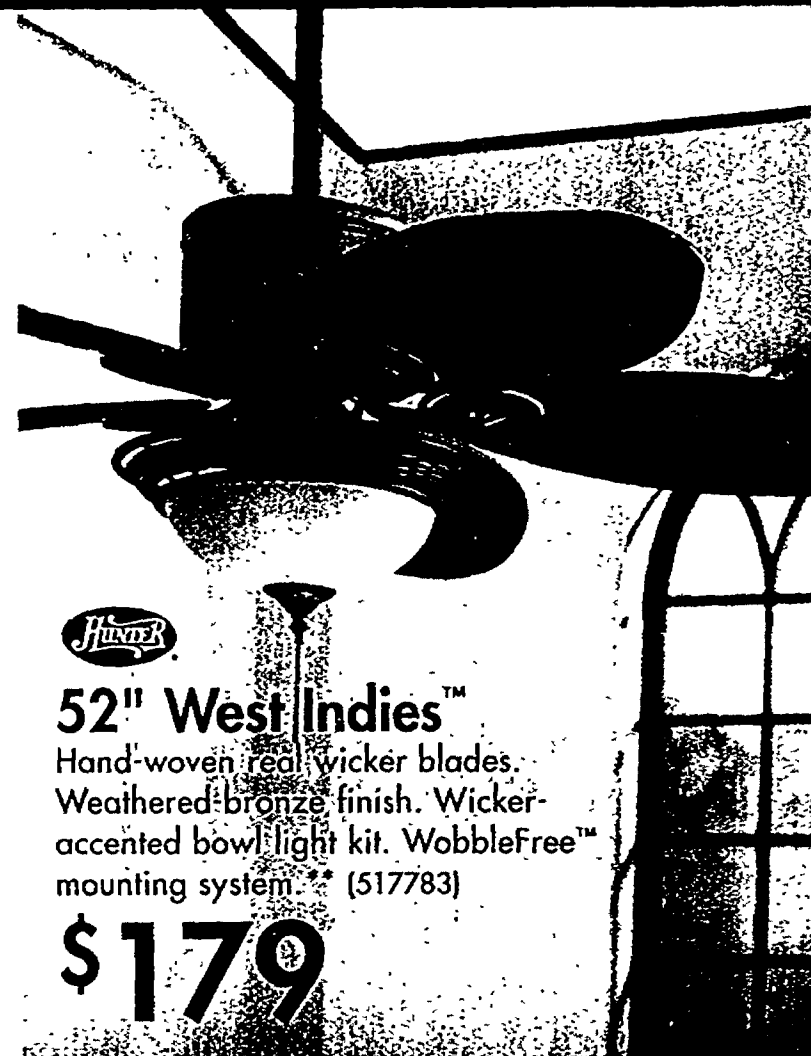
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White finish with reversible white/light oak blades. Frosted glass light kit.** (128731)

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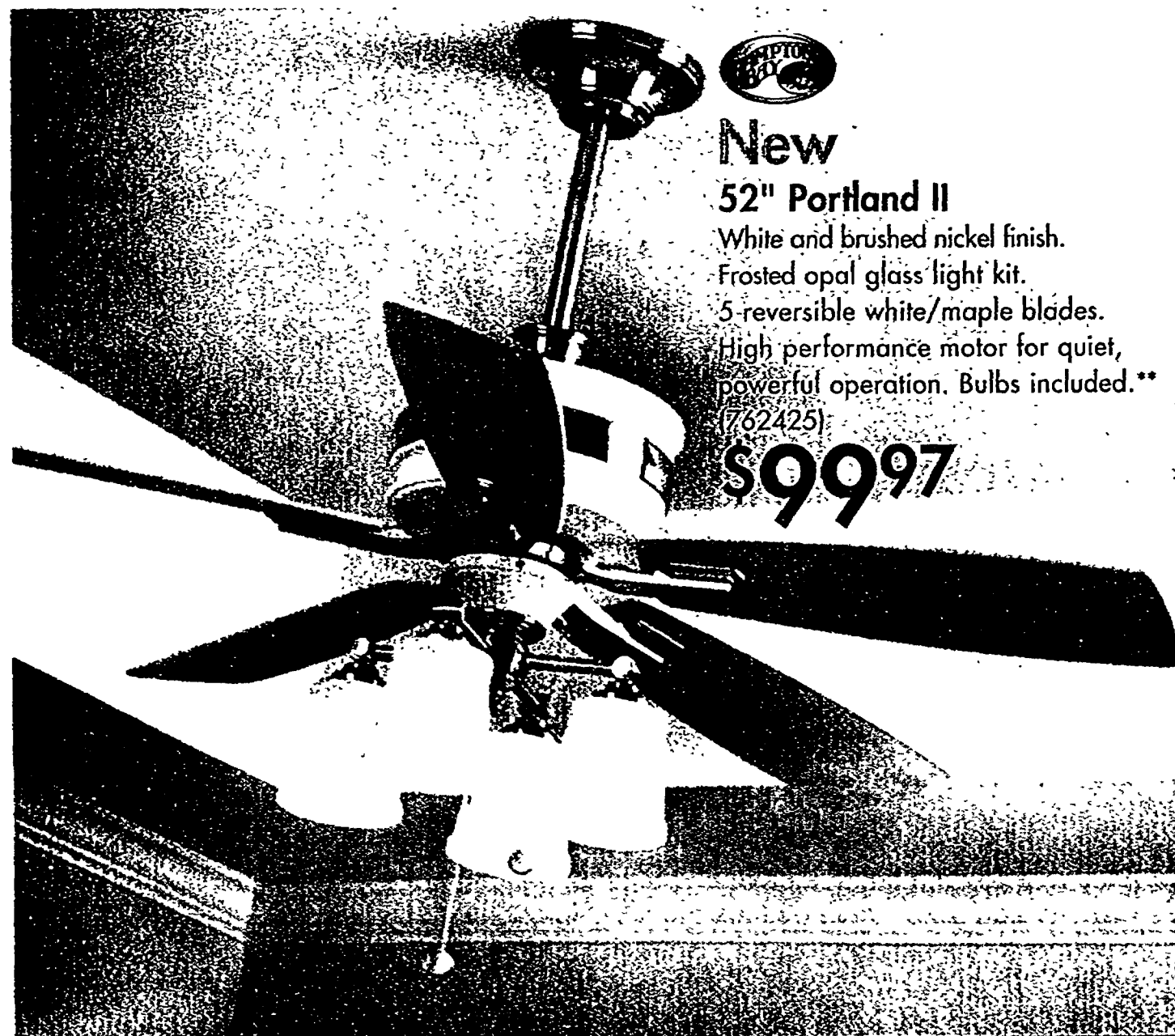
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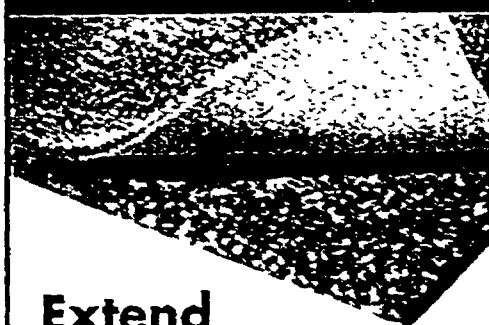




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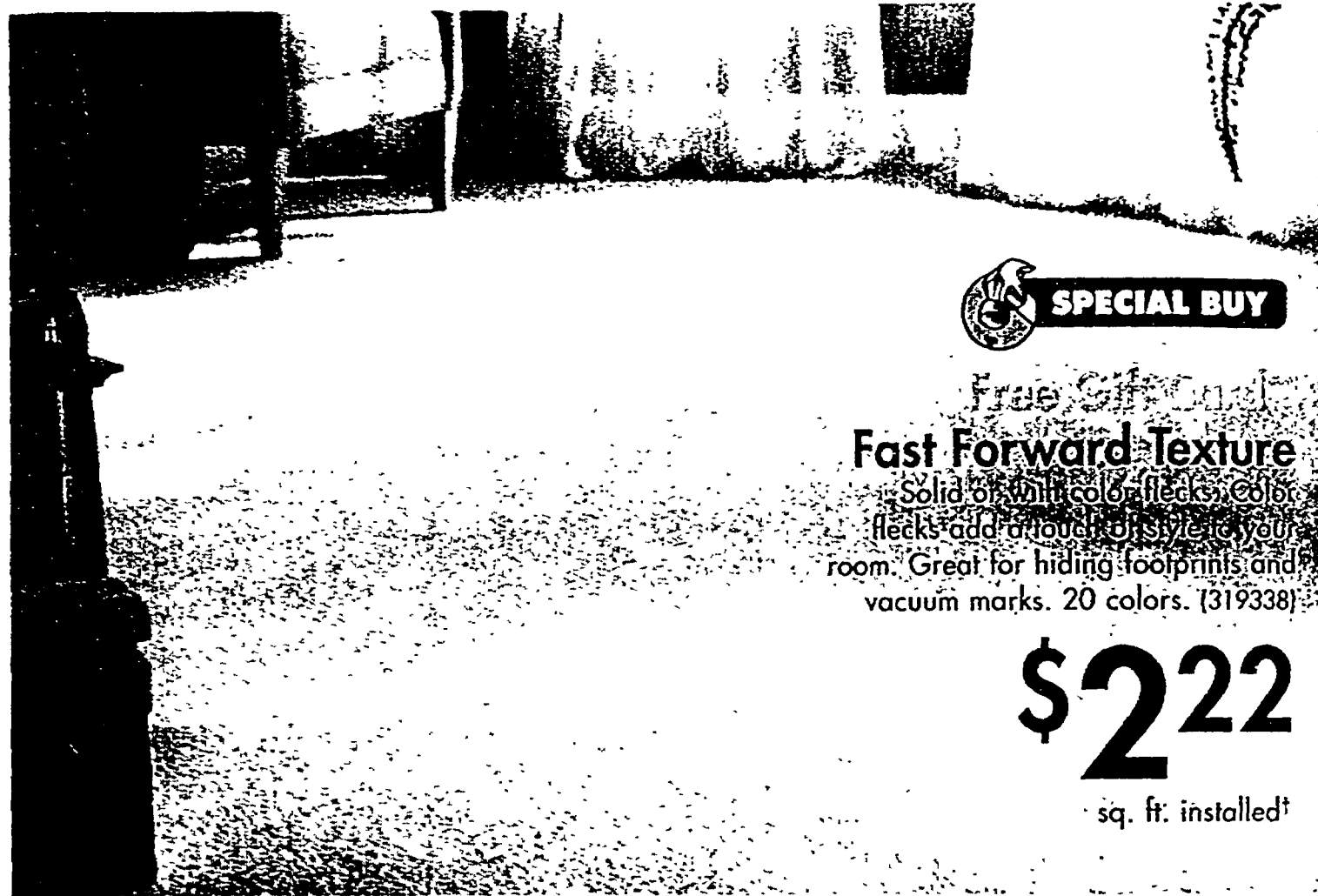
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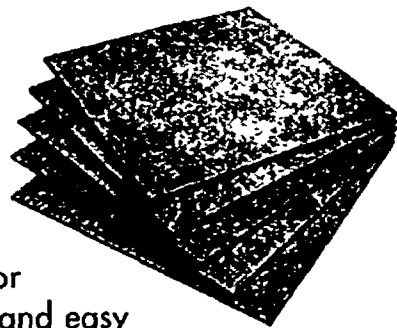
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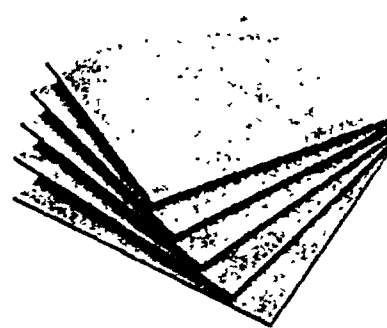
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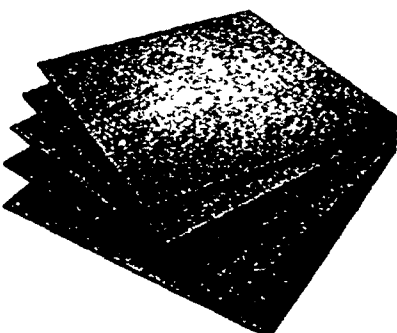
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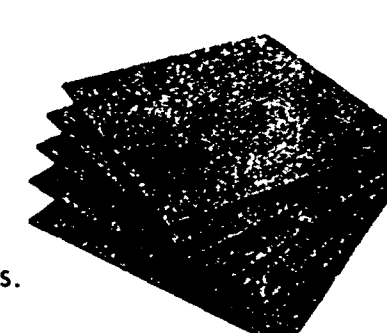
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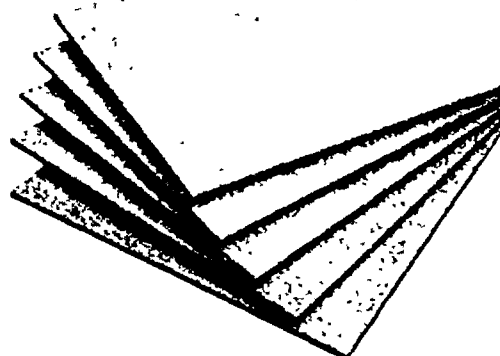
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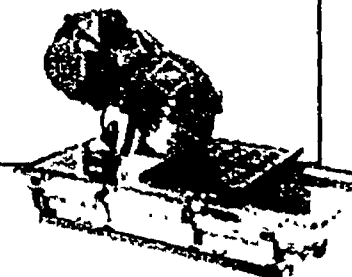
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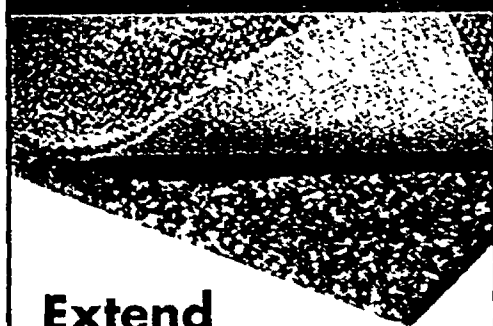
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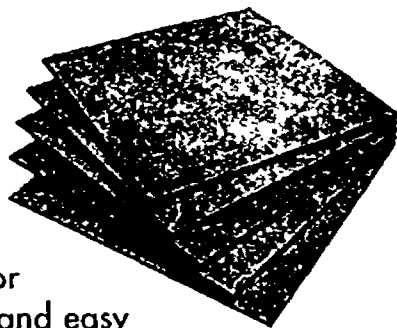
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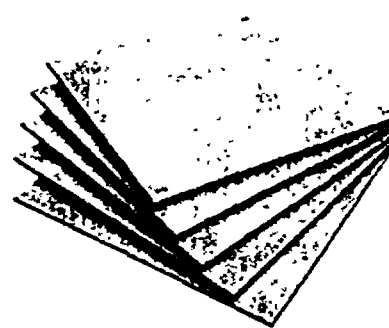
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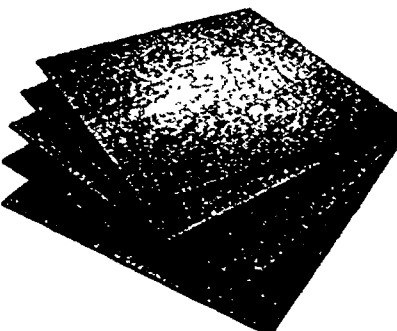
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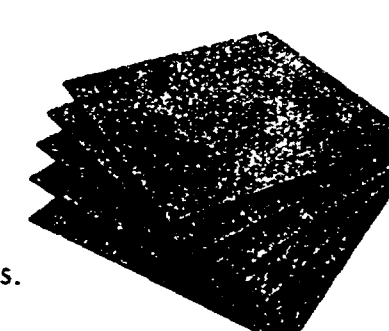
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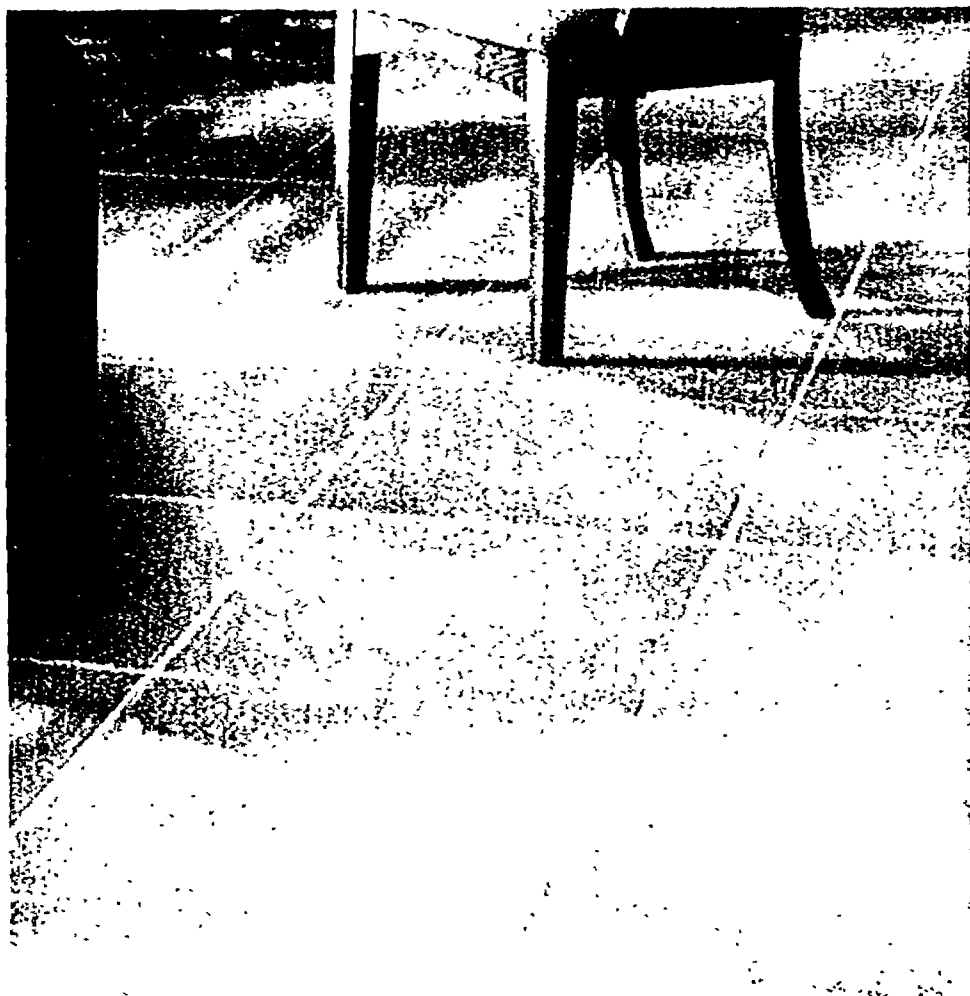
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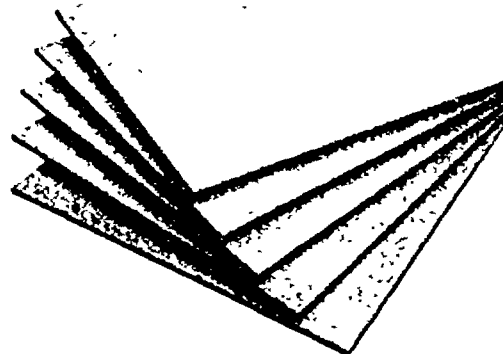
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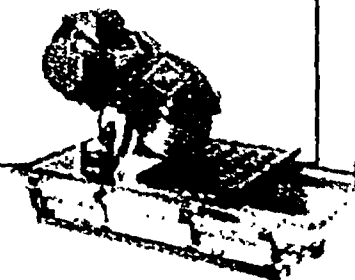
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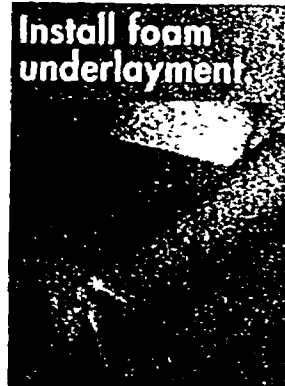


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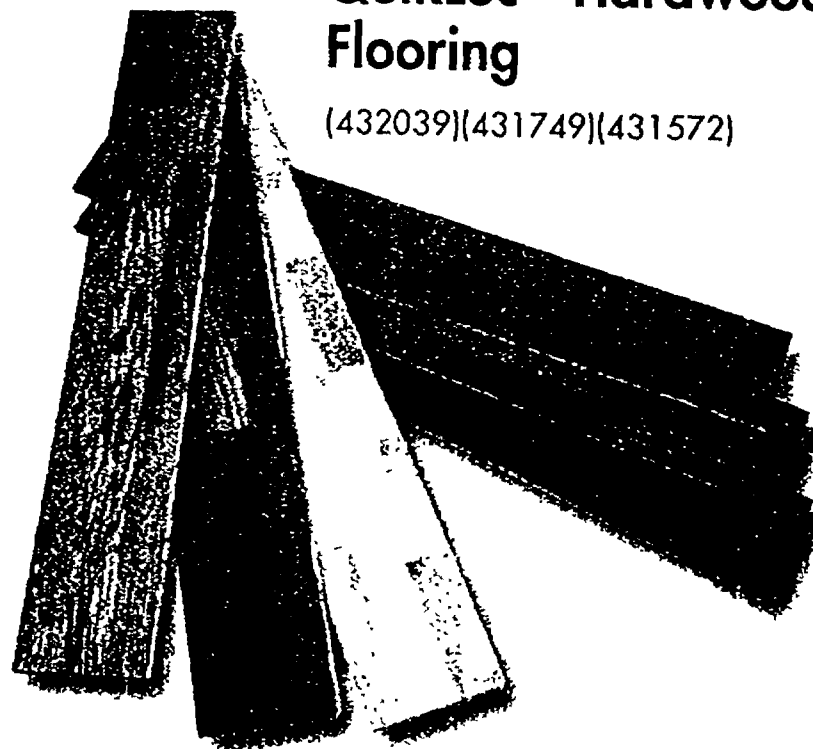
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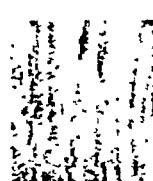
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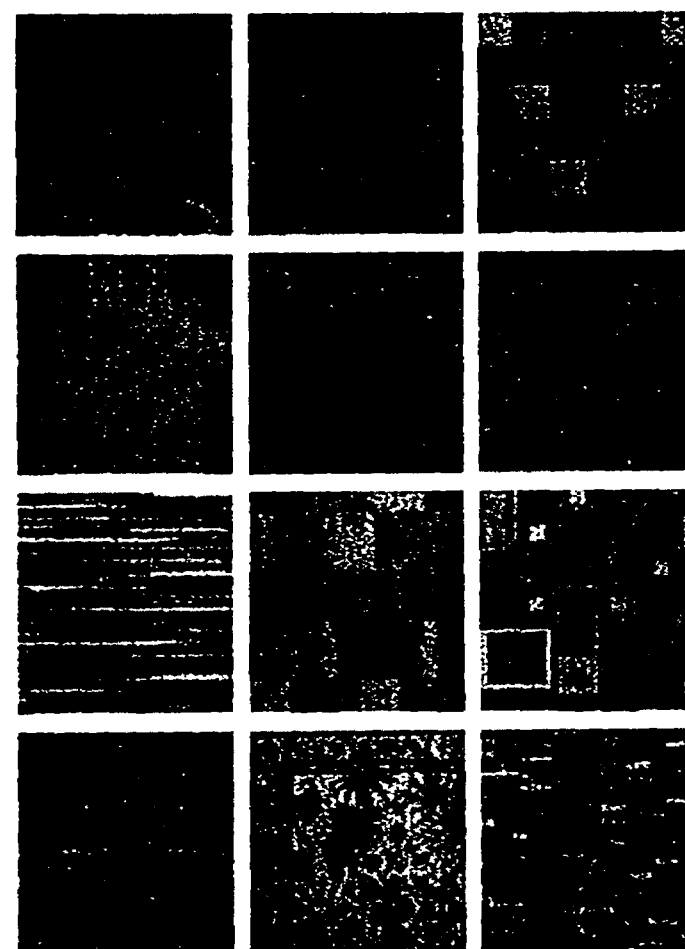


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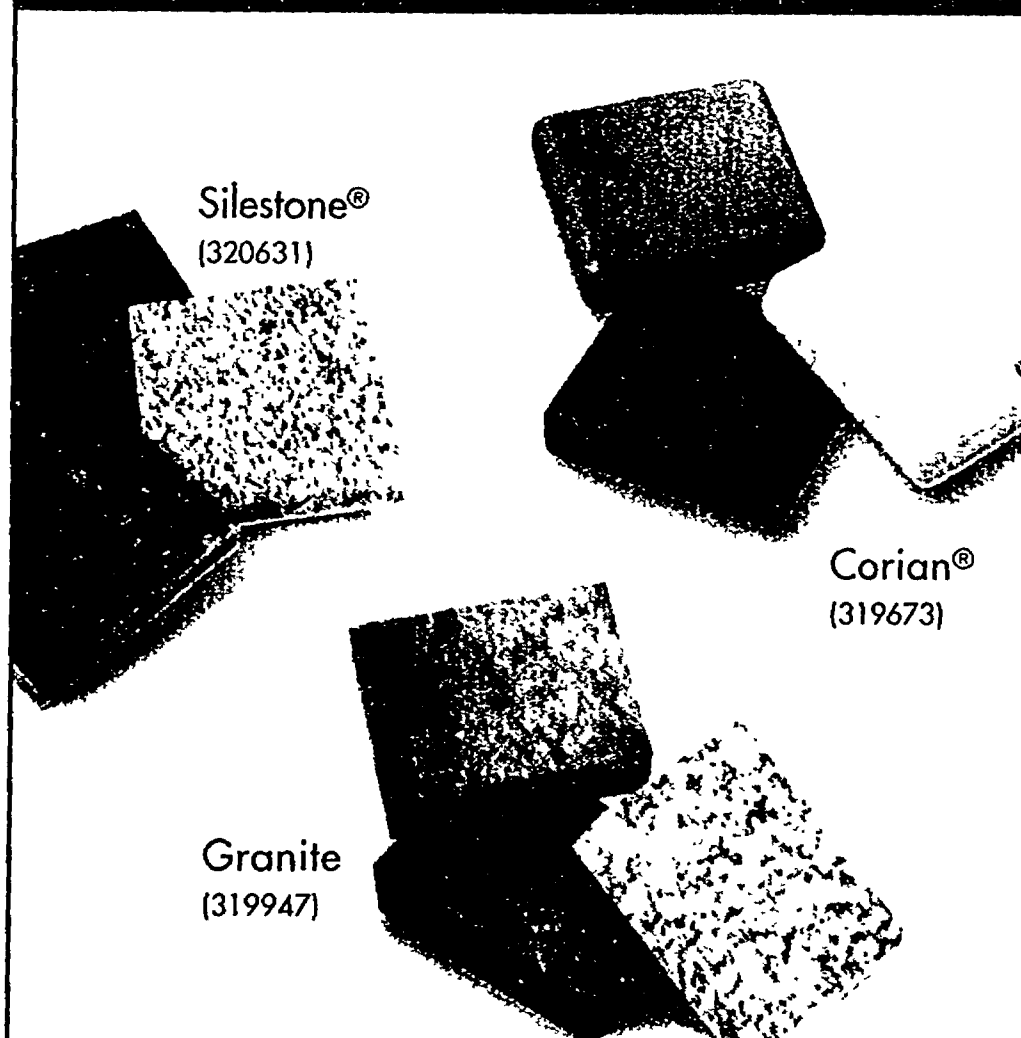


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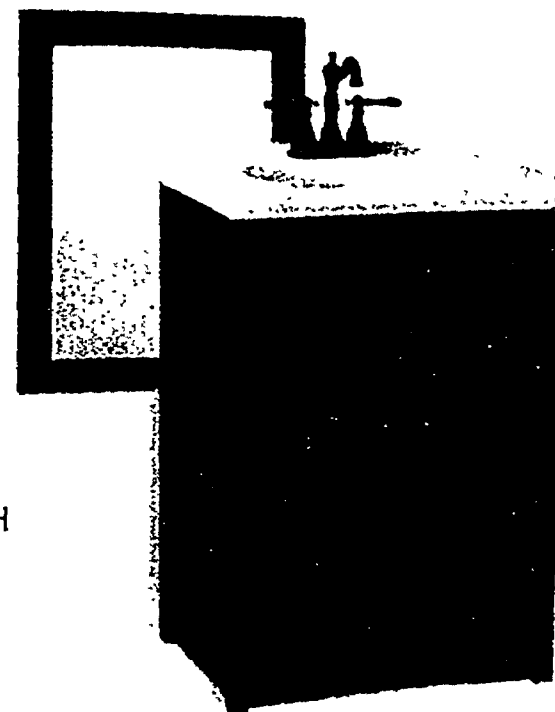
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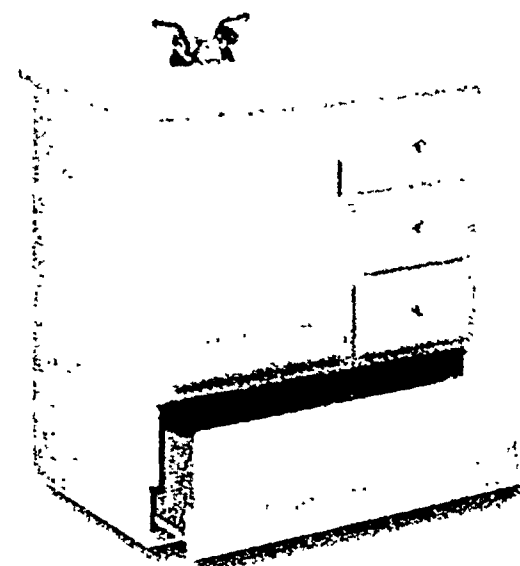


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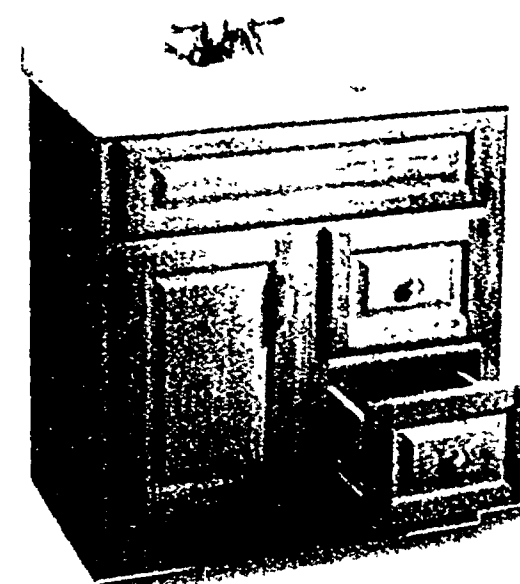


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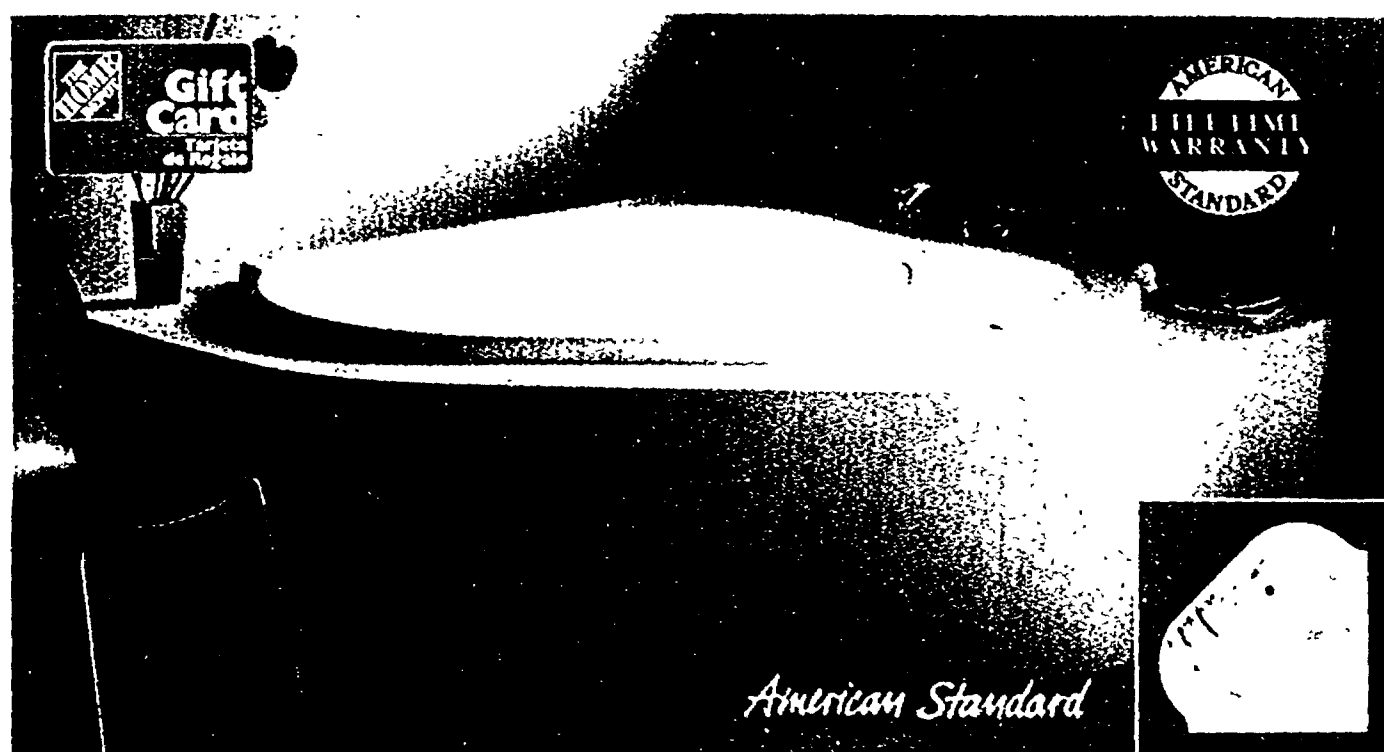
30" x 21" (526618) **\$195**

36" x 21" (526637) **\$225**

48" x 21" (526642) **\$299**



Faucets and accessories not included



Cadenza Elite™ Corner Whirlpool with Heater Included

An EZ Heater maintains water temperature. Enjoy two flow jets, eight flex-jets and three air volume controls. 85-gallon, two HP pump, standard grab bar, molded-in seat and electronic off/on switch with 20 minute safety shutoff. (711209)

\$947

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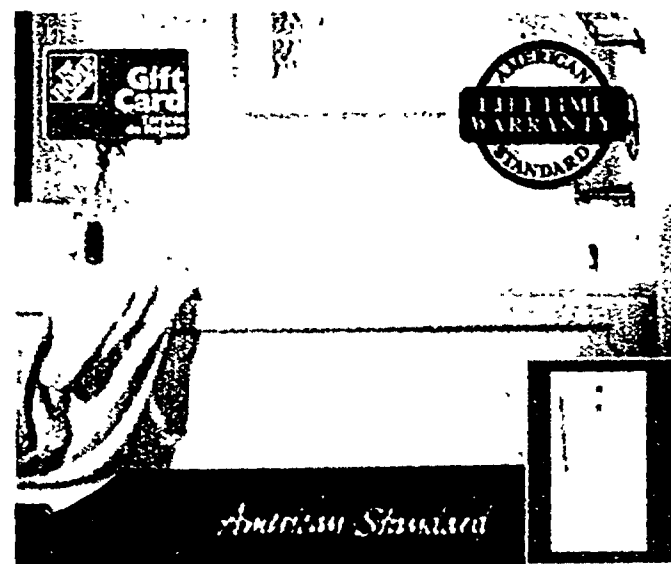
FREE \$100 Gift Card††

by Manufacturer Mail-in Rebate on Any American Standard Cadenza® Elite™ Whirlpool or \$75 Gift Card on In-Stock Williamsburg™ Elite™ Integral Apron Whirlpool

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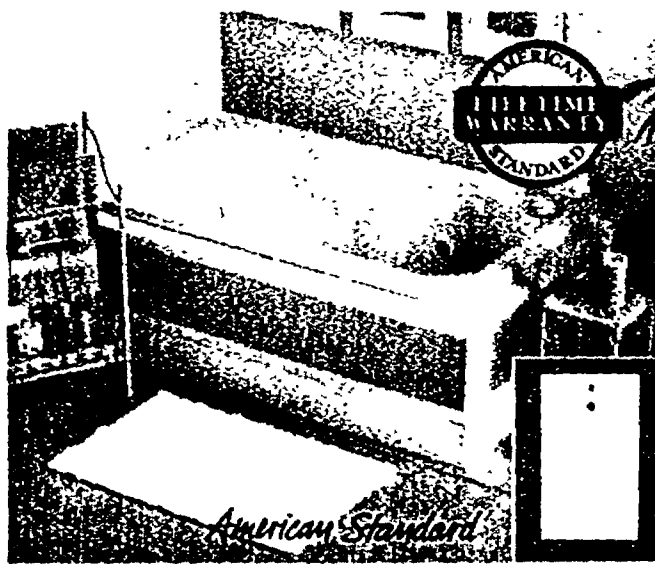
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Williamsburg Elite™ Whirlpool with Skirt

This 1.5HP, 55-gallon tub has a jet comfort system featuring six interchangeable universal flex-jets. Built-in apron means easy, attractive installation. Add an instant heater addition for only \$199. Available right or left hand. (711215) (711217)

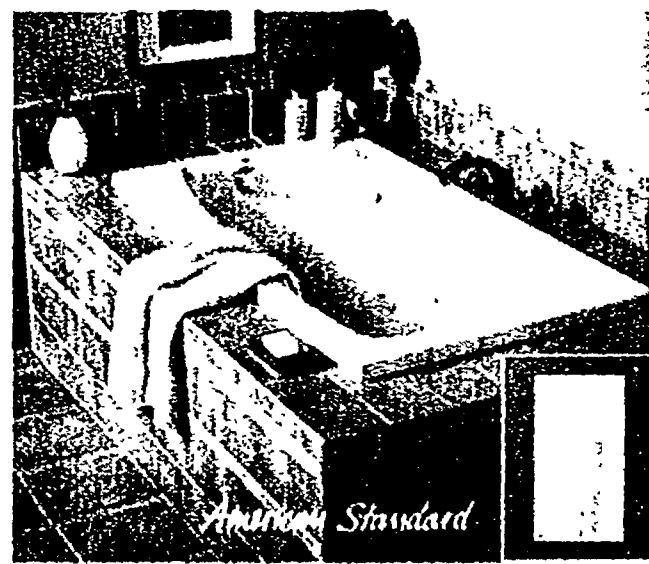
\$649 Only \$19 a Month*



Cadet Elite™ Whirlpool

59 gallon tub, made of white acrylic with fiberglass reinforcement. Enjoy 8 luxurious, multidirectional and flow-adjusted jets. Form-fitted back rest with molded-in armrests and elbow supports. Includes 1.5 HP pump. (711181)

\$599 Only \$19 a Month*



Renaissance Whirlpool

Relaxing 61 gallon tub with 1.0 HP pump. 6 jets, including 2 lumbar, an air volume control and a deck-mounted air switch for on/off controls. Also comes with a 5 year in-home service warranty. (351020)

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American Standard



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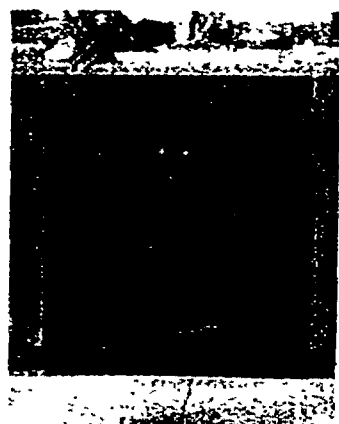


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Free Sink Base Up to a \$500 Value or 5 Free Roll-Out Trays

with Purchase of 9 or More Select Name
Special Order Kitchen Cabinets†



†Offer valid 3/31/05-5/4/05. Purchase 9 or more special order kitchen cabinets from the following manufacturers and receive a free sink base, up to a \$500 value or 5 free roll-out trays.

Manufacturers participating are Thomasville, KraftMaid, American Woodmark and Premier (offer excludes Mill's Pride Ready-To Assemble and the Super Sink Base by Premier and all bath vanity sink bases). The value of the sink base varies based on manufacturer's door style and finish selected. No credit applied if offer is refused. Offer available in 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 an Associate for details.



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**Kitchen Design
and Installation**



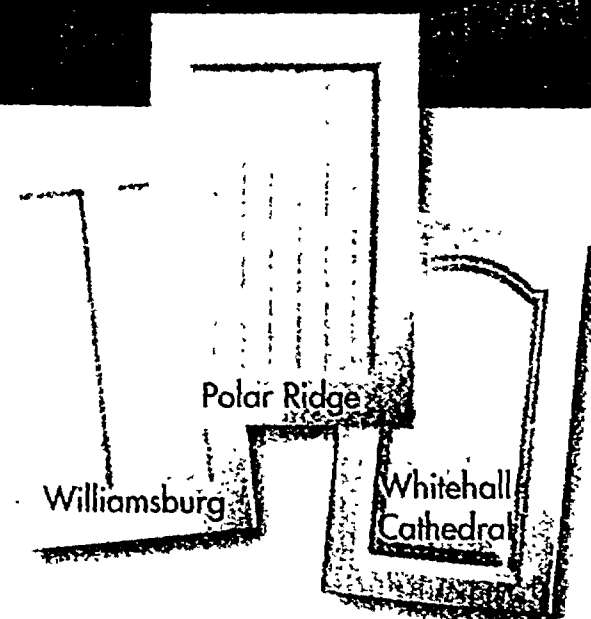
The Home Depot can coordinate your kitchen project. We handle all aspects of the job so you don't have to. Home Depot License: See page 18.

Polar Ridge White with Natural Finish Accents

Keeping it clean in the kitchen is always a breeze with our fresh, inviting collection of white door styles.

\$2726**

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**Based on our 10' x 10' sample kitchen. See store for details. Countertops, fixtures, appliances and installation sold separately. Prices may vary by door styles, wood species and finish.

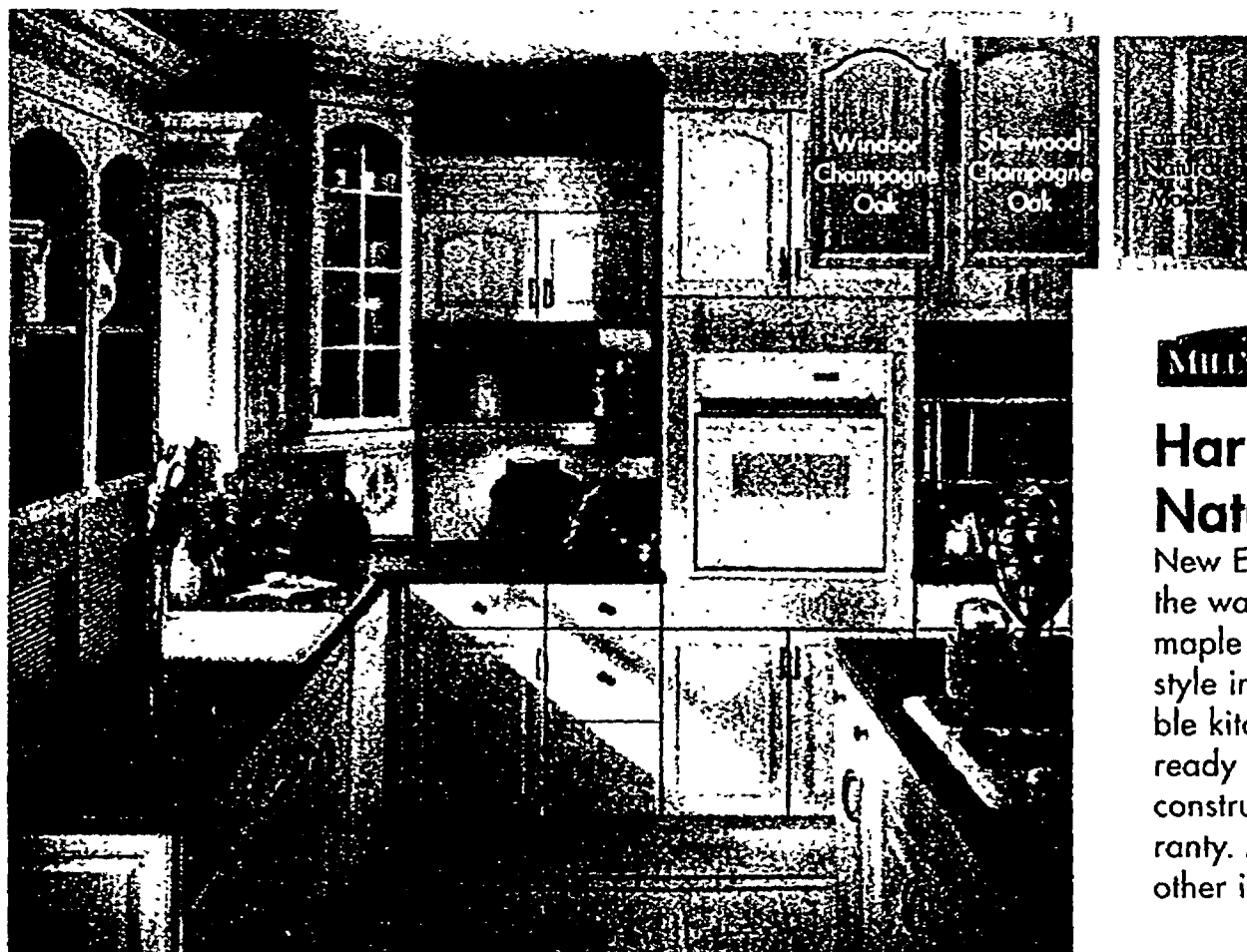
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^{††} Offer valid 2/3/05-4/27/05 with purchase of 10 or more Mill's Pride flat packed and ready-to-assemble cabinets including 1 sink base (with accompanying doors) and receive value of sink base by manufacturer's mail-in rebate. Value of sink base depends on door style selected. Offer excludes SB60CC, SB60BO, accessories and pre-assembled cabinets. Cabinets and sink base must be purchased and paid in full between 02/03/05 and 04/27/05. Completed rebate form and appropriate documentation must be postmarked and received by 05/31/05. Offer available at U.S. and Puerto Rico Home Depot® stores and EXPO® Design Centers. See rebate form for additional details.



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Choose from a large selection of materials, colors and edges. Our Kitchen Designer will help you make the best choices for style and function. And we'll even have it measured and installed for a perfect fit.



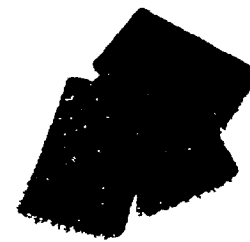
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**Offer valid through 9/5/05 by mail-in rebate with any appliance purchase of \$299 or more (excluding taxes, warranty, delivery and installation fees) delivered through DepotDirect. Normal DepotDirect and EXPODirect delivery terms apply. Delivery not available in some areas. Offer valid in U.S. (including Alaska and Hawaii) and Puerto Rico only. Not valid with any other offer. Offer only available at The Home Depot and EXPO Design Center stores. See rebate form for redemption details. Maximum mail-in rebate value is \$50.

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- Wrinkle release, delicates, and hand washables cycles
- Exclusive TurboClean Wash system
- Back-panel electronic touchpad controls

MAH55FLBWW

(185863, Depot Direct 185546)

\$799

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Maytag Neptune® Dryer

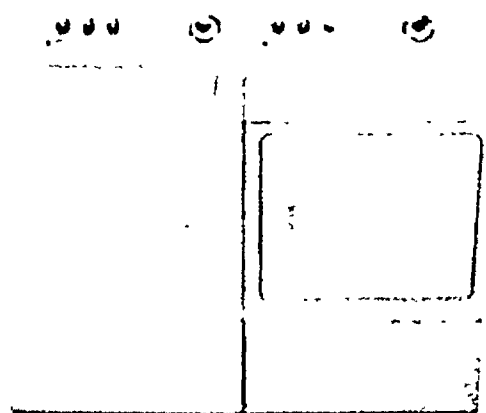
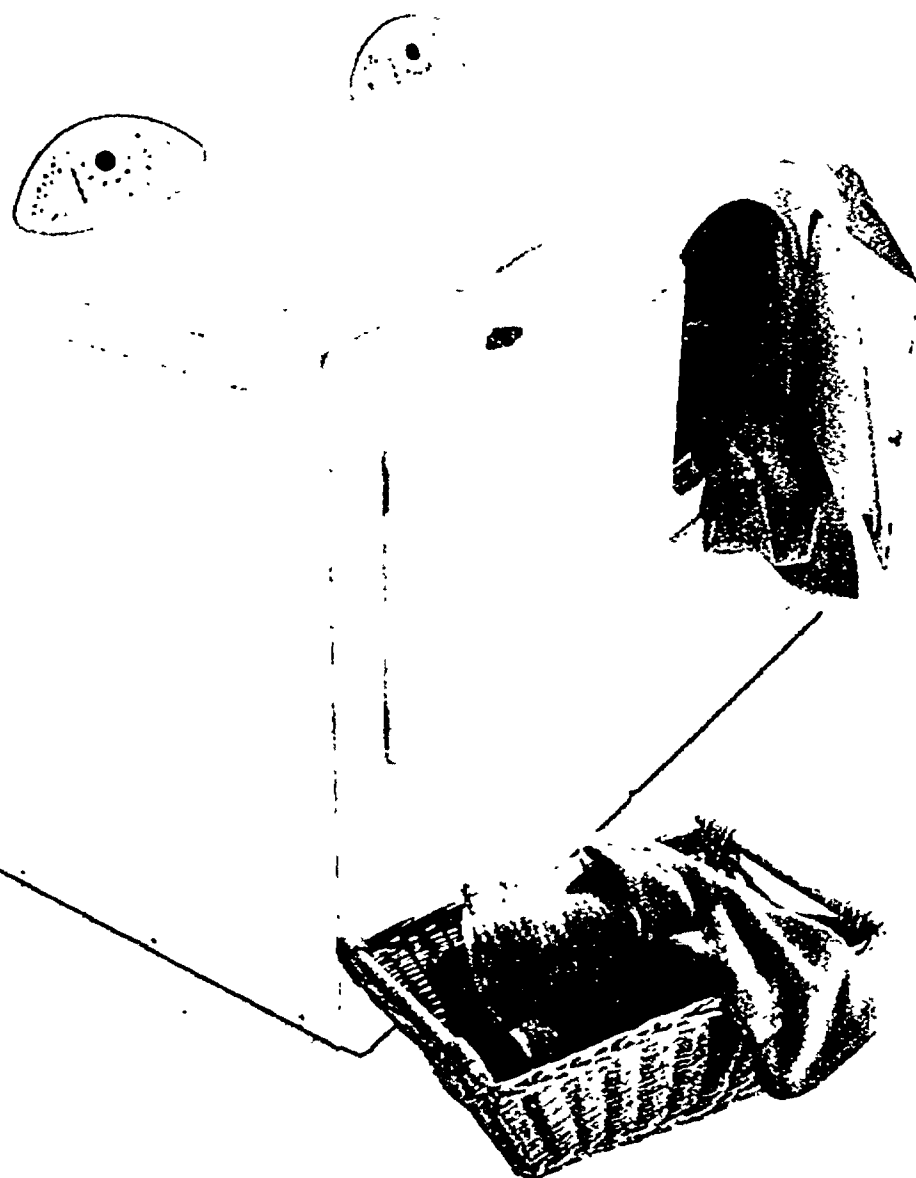
- Easy-to-use touchpad controls.
- Drying options to help prevent and release wrinkles.
- Dry clothes in the same time as it takes to wash them.

MDE5500AYW

(443638, Depot Direct 204396)

\$699

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Maytag Legacy™ Super Capacity Washer
Top-loading. Commercial quality. 11 cycles and extra rinse option. FlexCare™ agitator.

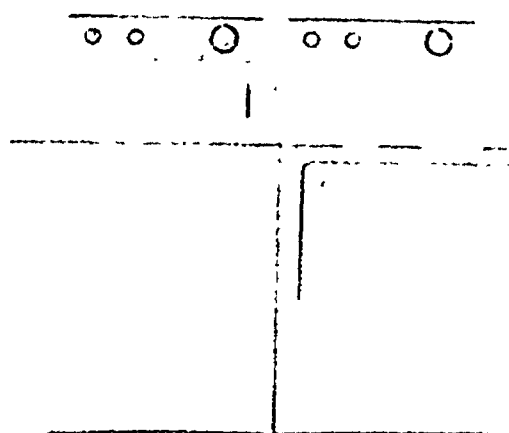
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Maytag Legacy™ Super Capacity Dryer†
GentleBreeze™ drying system. Commercial quality. 4 temperature settings.

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Admiral Super-Capacity Washer
3.3 cu. ft. super-capacity washer. 3 water temperature combinations.

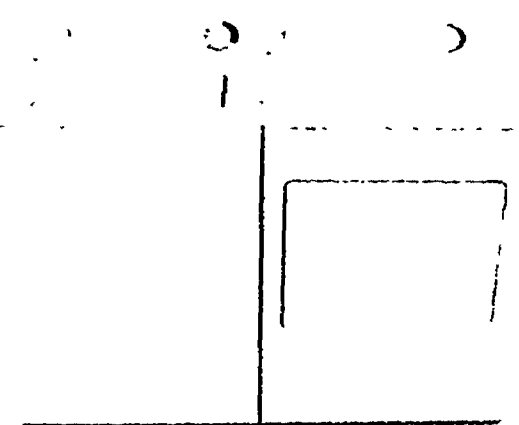
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(575292, Depot Direct 561986)

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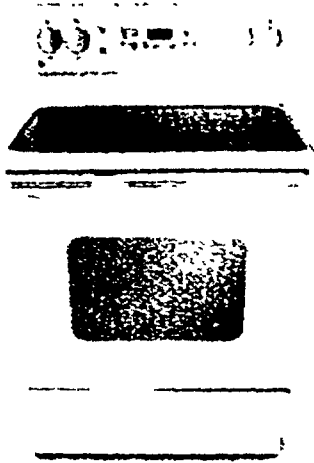


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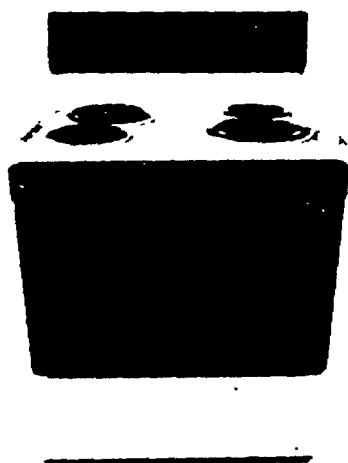
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GE 30" Self-Cleaning Electric Range†
Radiant glass cooktop.
Dual bake element.
JBP68HHWW
(Depot Direct 236279)

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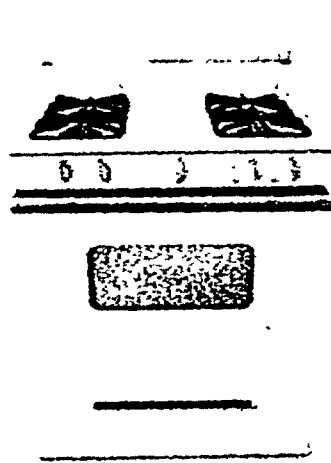
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Hotpoint 30" Self-Cleaning Electric Range
Electronic oven controls.
Standard window. Frame-less glass oven door.
RB757BHWW
(171016, Depot Direct 343264)

\$319

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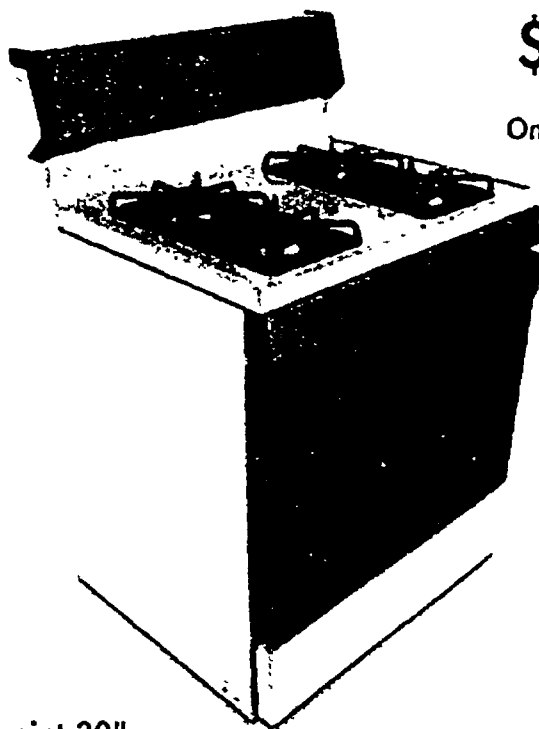
Only at The Home Depot
Americana 30" Gas Range
Extra large oven capacity.
All purpose burners.
AGBS300PJWW
(221203, Depot Direct 206939)

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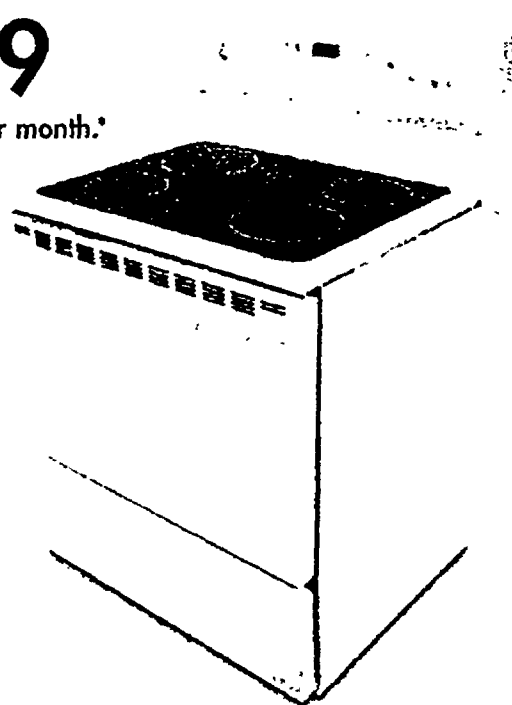
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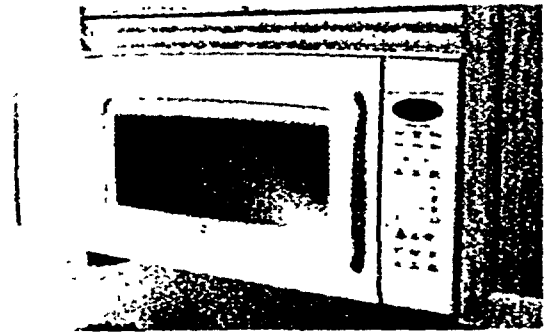
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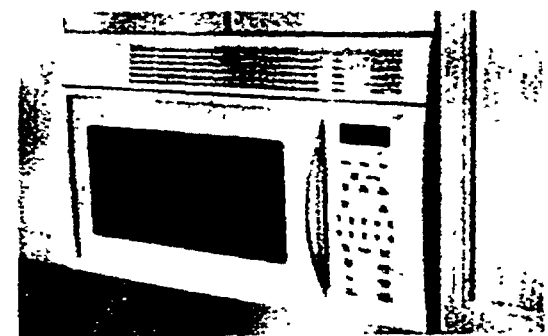
Hotpoint 30" Self-Cleaning Gas Range
Small window. Sealed burners.
Maximum output burner. Precise simmer burner.
RGB745BEHWW (172285, Depot Direct 314070)



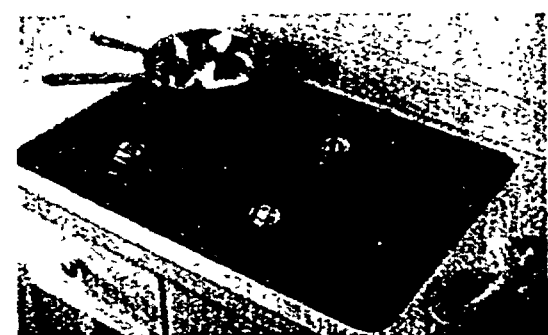
Hotpoint 30" Self-Cleaning Electric Range
Radiant glass cooktop. Super-large oven capacity. Monochromatic styling. Ribbon heating elements.
RB787WHWW (440055, Depot Direct 343825)



Maytag 2.0 Cu. Ft. Over-the-Range Microwave†
1,150 watts. Auto-Cook options.
Available in white, black, bisque.
MMV4205AAW (575351, Depot Direct 574987)
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Maytag 1.5 Cu. Ft. Capacity Over-the-Range Microwave†
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Available in white and black.
MMV1153AAW/B
(575326, Depot Direct 574901)
\$199



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Admiral 30" Gas Cooktop
Four gas burners with porcelain-on-steel burner grates. Available in black or white.
LGC1330ADB (576810)
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Vacuums



Dyson Animal Bagless Vacuum
Mini Turbine head to clean upholstery, stairs or the car. Low-reach tool to get under furniture. DC07 Animal (449096)

\$499⁹⁹

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Dyson All Floors Bagless Vacuum
Lifetime HEPA filter.

Automatically adjusts to varying flooring heights. 2-year limited warranty.

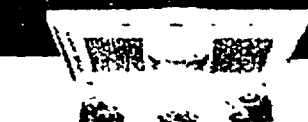
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Freezers



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**Maytag 14.8 Cu. Ft.
Chest Freezer**

Stores approximately 410 lbs. of food.
Adjustable temperature control.
2 removable baskets.

MQC1557AEW (453956, Depot Direct 453685)

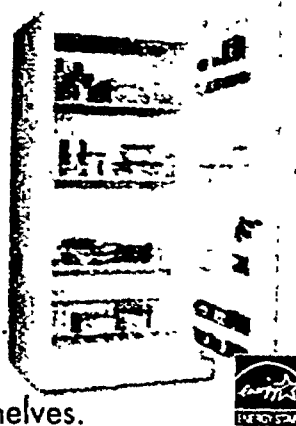
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Upright Freezer**
Adjustable
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3 cabinet shelves
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581717)

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Available in white, black, or bisque. Trimless door design. Deluxe lower rack accommodates large plates and broiler pans.

QuietPower™ motor.

HDA3400GWW/BB/CC

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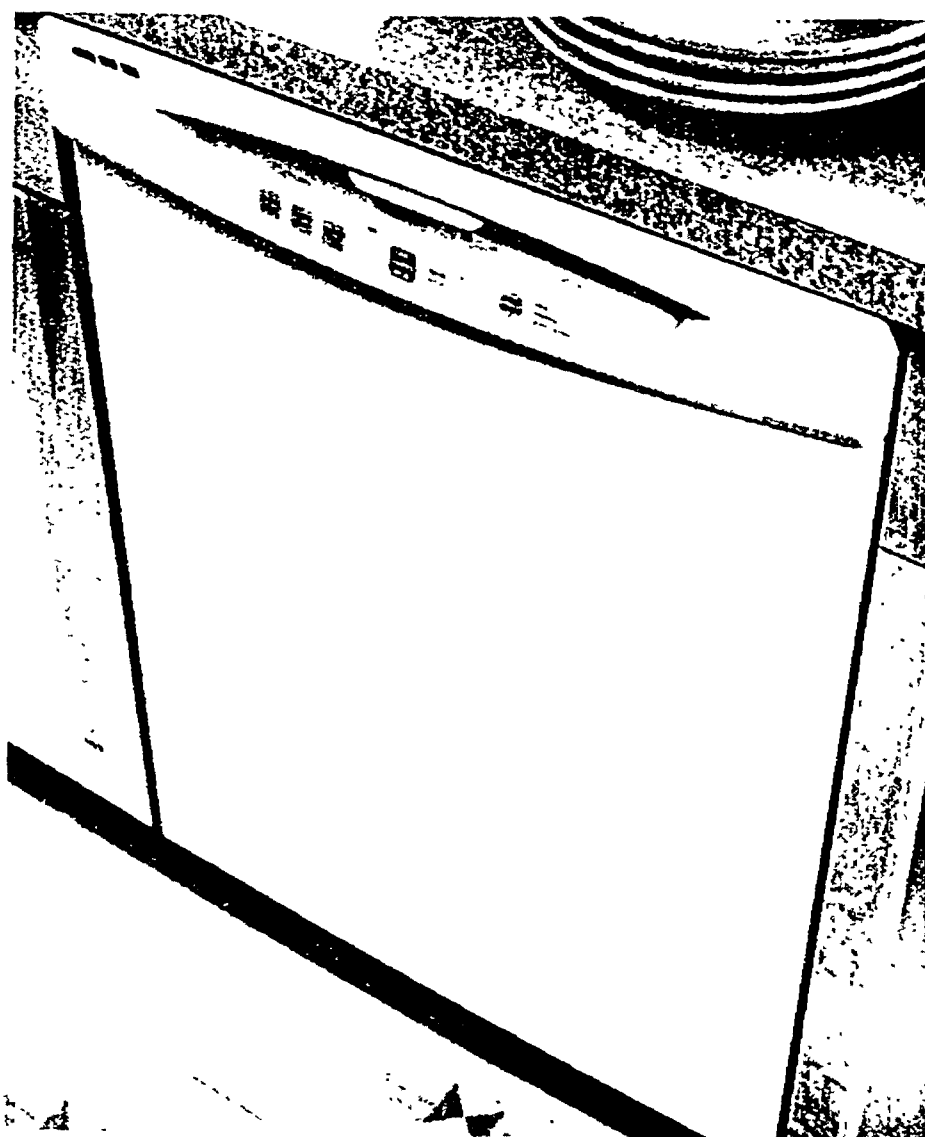
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Americana Built-In Dishwasher
Trimless door for a seamless look. Deluxe lower rack with curved tines for larger items. Hot pre-wash option preheats water before main wash.

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\$179



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**Admiral® Tall-Tub
Dishwasher**

Largest usable capacity† to handle extra-large loads. High-pressure, high-flow wash system for sparkling-clean dishes.

■ Advanced microprocessor control for precise operation.

■ 3 wash arms and 5 wash levels for complete cleaning. Available in white and black.

DWD1500AWW/B

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GE 24.9 Cu. Ft. Refrigerator
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GSH25JFRWW

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Get the most out of food storage with the Maytag® French Door Bottom-Freezer refrigerator. PuriClean™ filter and dispenser. Spill-Catcher™ shelves. Quiet Series™ 200 sound package. Electronic Dual Cool™ System.

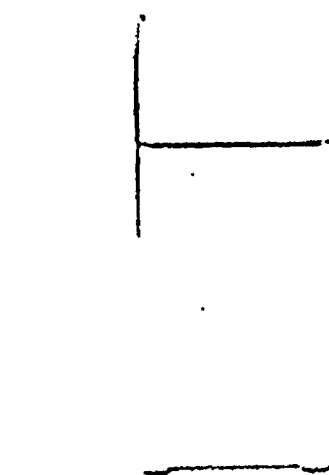
MFD2560HEW

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GE 17.9 Cu. Ft. Refrigerator
Upfront temperature controls. Vegetable/fruit crispers.
GTS18FBRWW
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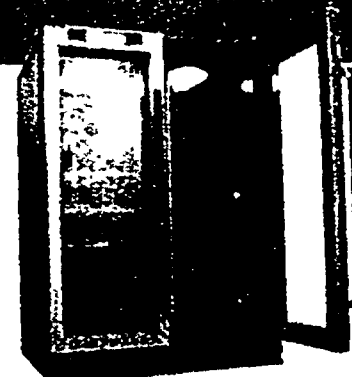


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Magic Chef 10.0 Cu. Ft. Refrigerator
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MCBR1000W (544474)
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Wine Coolers



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MCWC30MCG (162716)
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Built-in or free standing. Store reds and whites at perfect temperature.
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Stainless steel finish.
4-hole installation.
87770SL (582175)

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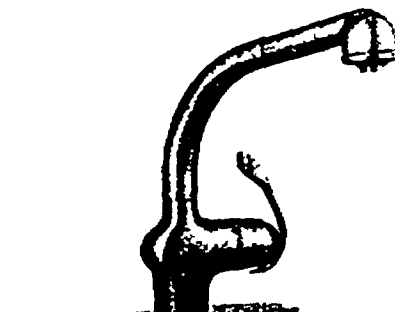
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Chrome finish.
1 or 3-hole installation.

\$79 564TCDFDHD (389959)



Pegasus

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\$139 USPW566TCHD (596740)

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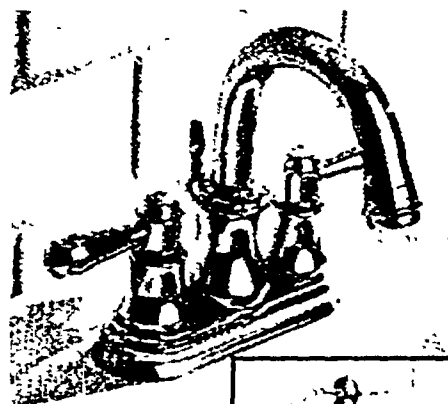
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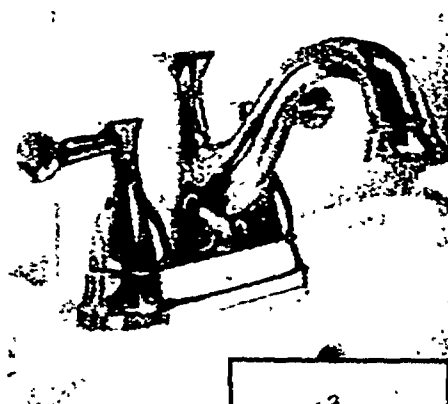


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Python
Bath Faucet
84451 (582155)

\$109

Python Tub and Shower Faucet
82450 (582113)
\$134

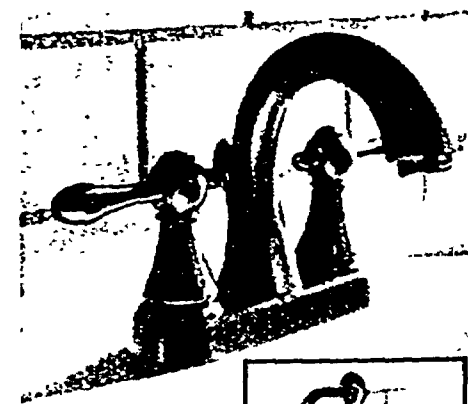


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Lockwood
Bath Faucet
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Lockwood Tub and Shower
Faucet 17440 (333495)
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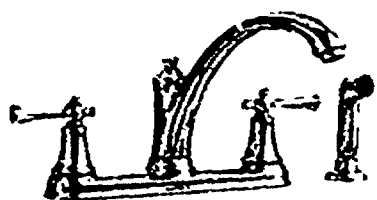
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Bath Faucet
F50A5602ND (566731)

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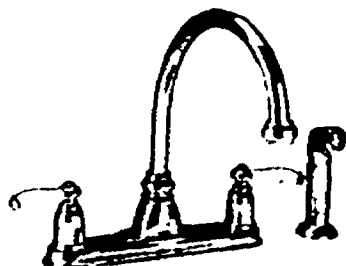
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Faucet 317D5BN (571521)
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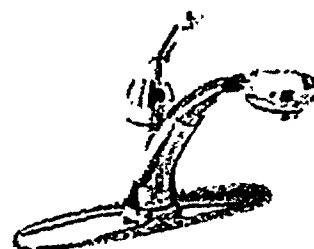
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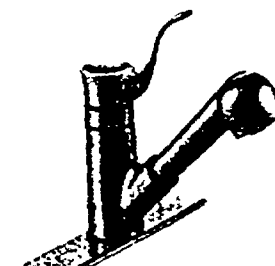
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Hamilton Kitchen Faucet
with Spray
Chrome finish.
4-hole installation.
\$79 4040 (566111)



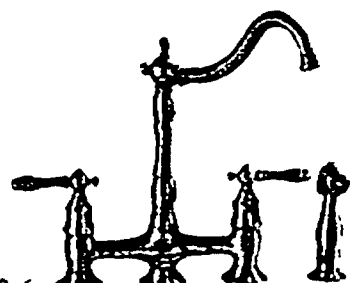
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Kitchen Faucet with Spray
Chrome finish.
4-hole installation.
\$84 87400 (575707)



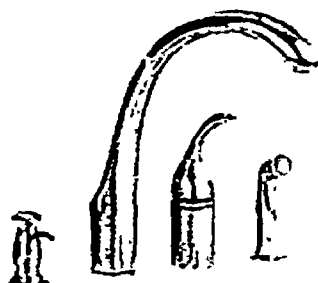
DELTA
Pull-Out Kitchen Faucet
Chrome finish.
1 to 3-hole installation.
\$128 470 (692833)



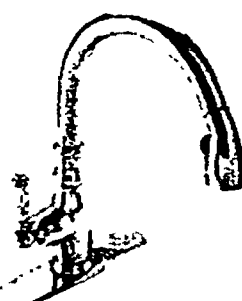
MOEN
Pull-Out Kitchen Faucet
Stainless steel finish.
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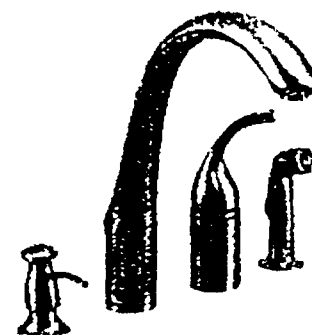
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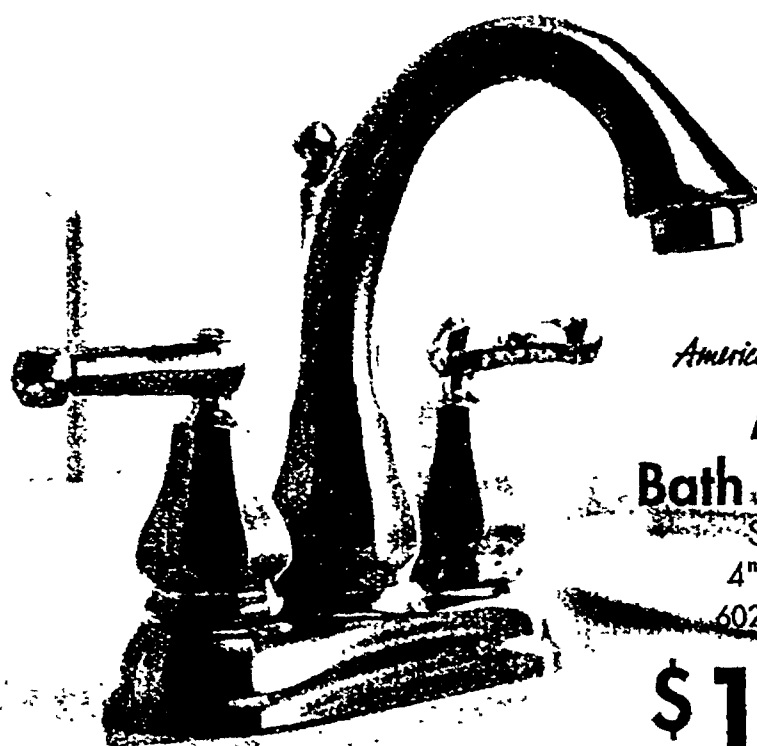
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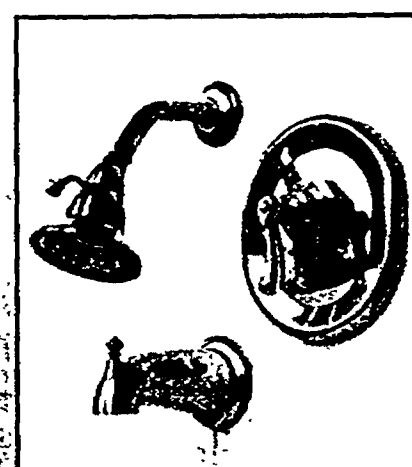


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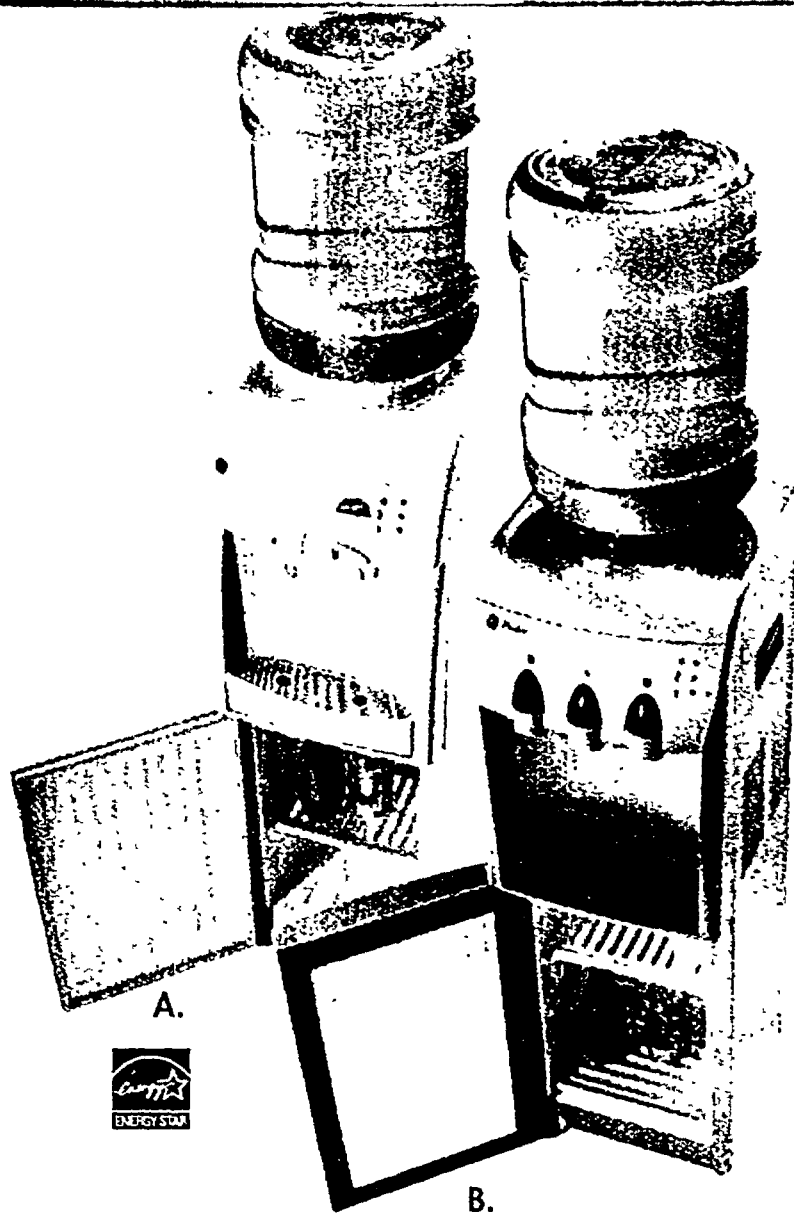
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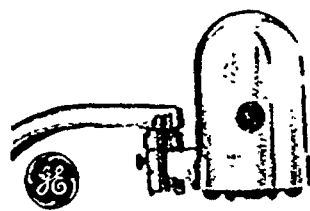


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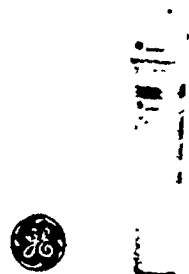
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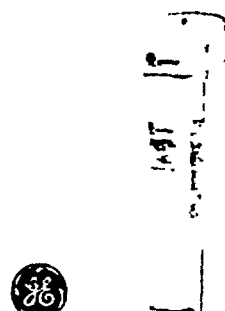
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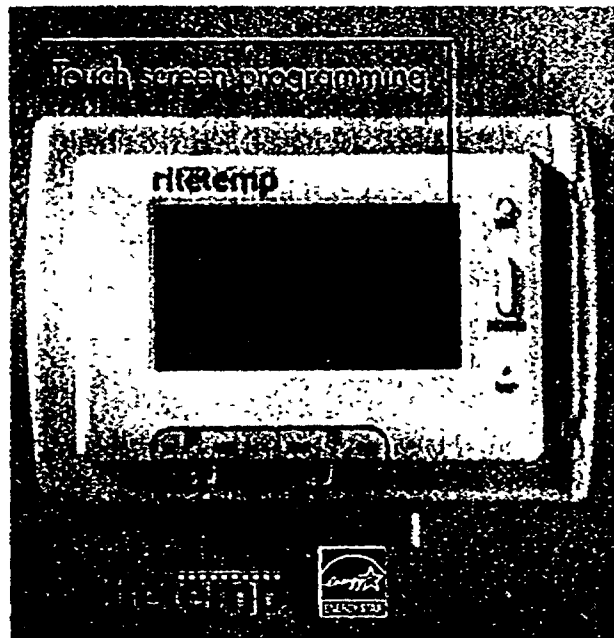


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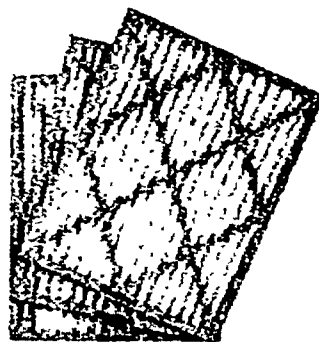


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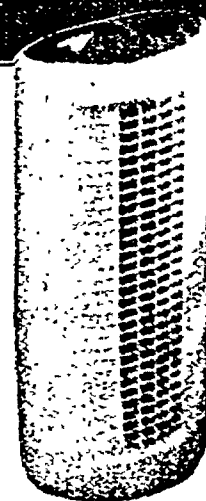
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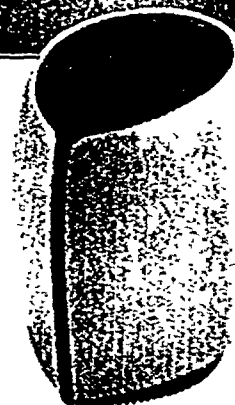
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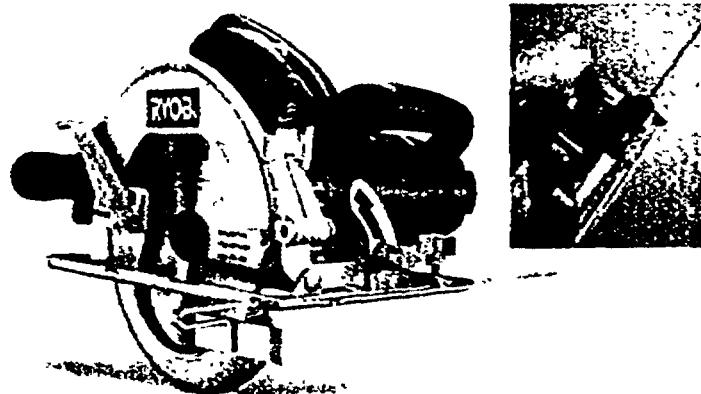


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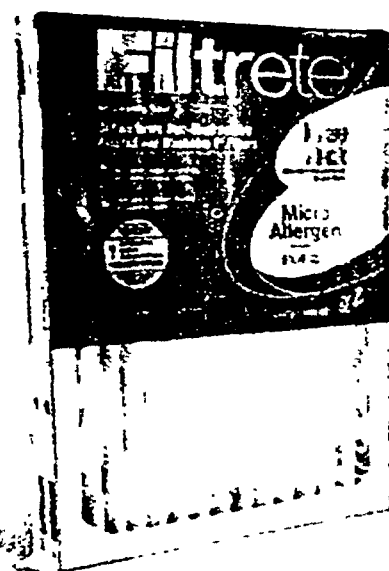


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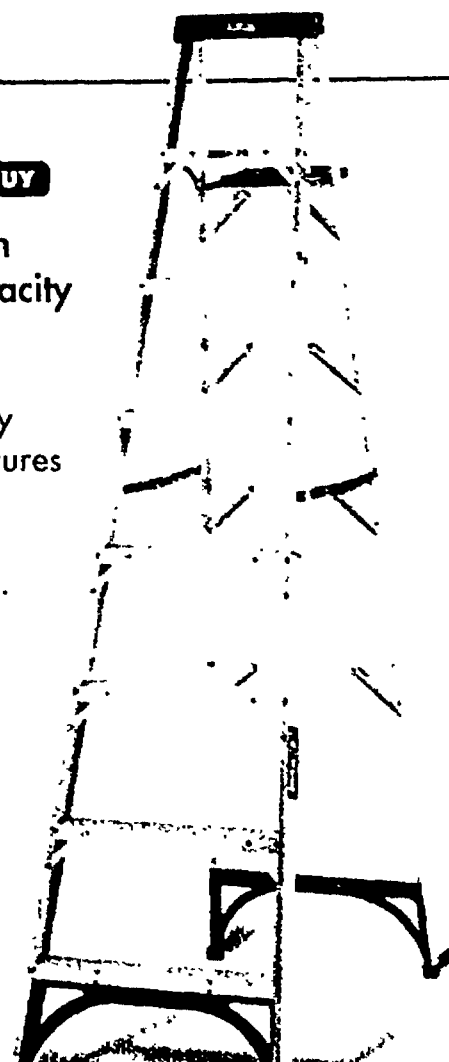
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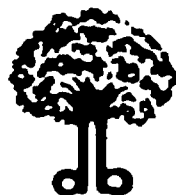
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Q Can you give me information on country singer Freddie Hart and where we can obtain his CDs?

—Albert R., Alabama

Freddie Hart, a native of Lochapoka, Ala., is doing little performing these days, but he's proud of his 2004 induction into the Songwriters Hall of Fame. The more than 400 recordings of his songs include *Loose Talk*, the "B" side of Patsy Cline's *I Fall to Pieces*. As an artist, Hart began recording in 1953 and went on to have 11 No. 1s and numerous Top Ten hits, including *Easy Loving*, *My Hang-Up Is You* and *Super Kind of Woman*. While Hart says not all his records are available on CD. *The Best of Freddie Hart* should be available at most record stores.

Freddie Hart

Hart also recorded a couple of gospel albums that have yet to be released. Hart and his wife, Virginia, who have four sons, live in Burbank, Calif. "My life has been a blessing," says Hart, 78. "I am very proud of everything I've done."



Fox News' Juliet Huddy



Actor Gardner McKay

Q Could you please give me some information on Juliet Huddy, who is with Fox News?

—Darwin M., Texas

Juliet Huddy, 35, was born in Miami Beach, Fla., but moved around quite a bit as a child because of her father's journalism career. When Huddy got into the profession, she was quite accustomed to changing locations, which she has had to do. After graduating from the University of Missouri, she began her career as a reporter/producer for KARO-FM in Columbia, Mo. For the past seven years, she has worked at various Fox stations, including the Miami bureau, then in Los Angeles and New York. Now she's the co-host of *Fox & Friends* weekend edition and *Entertainment Coast to Coast*. "It's a great job, despite the fact that I have to get up at 3 in the morning," says Huddy, who recently divorced. "One minute we'll be talking to Colin Powell and the next, it's *Tori Spelling*. It is great!"

Q What happened to the star of the 1960s television show *Adventures in Paradise*?

—Janet K., California

Gardner McKay, who played Adam Troy, died at his Hawaii home of prostate cancer in 2001 at age 69. *Adventures in Paradise* was the only role of note for McKay, who had a passion for sailing and a penchant for travel. When the series ended in 1962, McKay left acting to travel the world and escape Hollywood's pressures. In the 1970s, he wrote for the *Los Angeles Herald Examiner*, and in 1979 won the L.A. Drama Critic's Award for best play for *Sea Marks*. He wrote a dozen plays and the novels *Toy*, *The Last American* and *Tromp L'Oeil*.

He was married to Madeleine Madigan, and helped raise her daughter Liza. Together they had a son, Tristan. ☆

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Jeff Foxworthy Hosts CMT Awards on April 11

Talking about everyday stuff has made Jeff Foxworthy, 46, one of the most successful funny men in the United States with his *Blue Collar Comedy* tour, movie, TV series and comedy albums. That's why he's been invited to host the 2005 CMT Music Awards, airing live at 8 p.m. on April 11. And he doesn't plan to change his act one iota. "I have people all the time in the media that will ask, 'Are you offended by redneck jokes?'" he says. "And the answer is none. The more people are

guilty of it, the better they like it." Foxworthy, who lives in Atlanta with his wife and two daughters, is excited about hosting a show where the awards are given by the fans. (To cast your vote for your favorite country star, visit www.cmt.com.) He also was happy to recently be a part of *The Comedy Central Roast of Jeff Foxworthy*. "They tried to tell me it was an honor," he says. "I've never taken myself too seriously, so for me it was really fun. When it was over, people asked me, 'Are you OK?' I was, 'Yeah, it was funny.'"

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Piloting a Dream

Emil "Ace" Feroldi and Hank Anholzer never saw aviation legend Charles Lindbergh barnstorming around the country in his first airplane—a 1918 Curtiss "Jenny." Of course, that didn't stop the two friends from volunteering to restore the airplane five decades later, creating the nucleus of the 63 planes and spacecraft now on display at the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City, N.Y. (pop. 21,672).

Their journey began in 1973 when George Dade, a self-made millionaire and aviation buff from Glen Head, N.Y. (pop. 4,625), found the Jenny in a barn in Coggon, Iowa, transported it to his home, and set about recruiting volunteers to restore it in his basement.

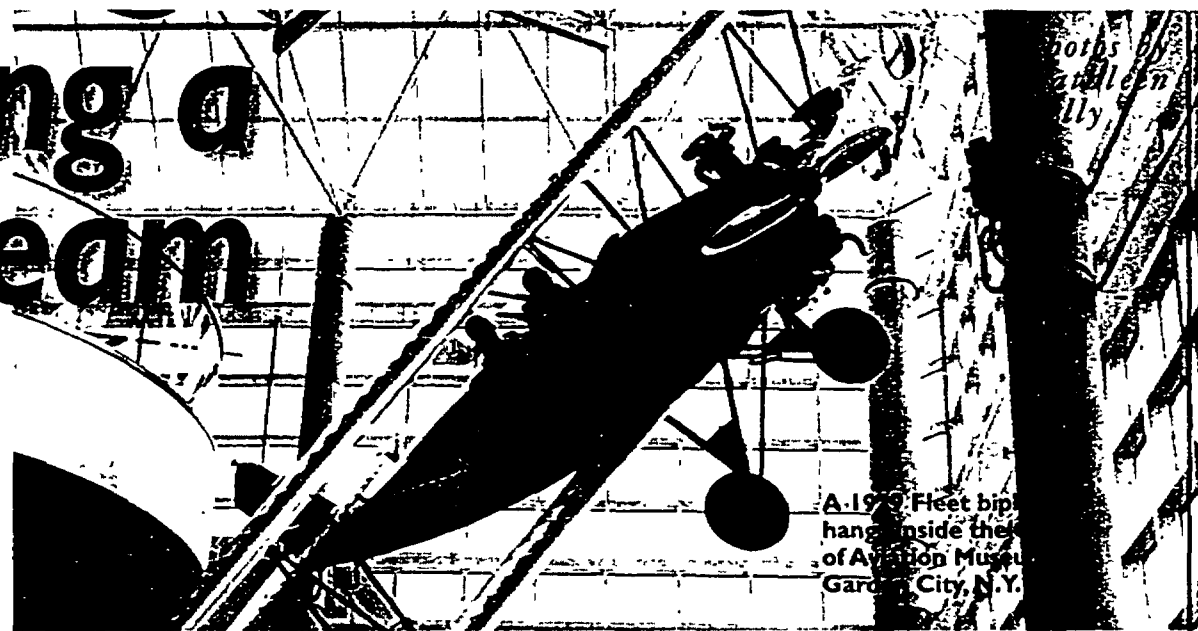
Feroldi and Anholzer were a perfect fit. They had more than 80 years of experience with Pan American airlines between them, beginning on a Long Island, N.Y., assembly line and later traveling the world as aviation troubleshooters and inspectors. One night a week for four years, they painstakingly brought the old bird back to its former self, even exposing a strut on which Lindbergh had carved his initials.

"It was in really sad shape," recalls Anholzer, who rebuilt the fuselage while Feroldi spliced and rigged all of the cables and lines by hand.

"Dade put in the milling machines, the lathes, everything we needed to build a plane," Feroldi says. "Where else would I get such a big erector set to play with?"

Eventually the restored Jenny was moved to a hangar in the old Mitchell Field Air Force base on Long Island, as Dade worked to create a museum to display the historical aircraft. New York's Long Island was a perfect

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Roberts, the first author inducted into the Romance Writers Hall of Fame, is one of the nation's most successful writers, with more than 280 million copies of her 160 books in print in numerous languages. She's had 115 *New York Times* best sellers, including *Key of Light* and *Dance Upon the Air*, and she's releasing five new books this year.

With her financial success and a job that allows her to work from home, she could live anywhere in the world, including those exotic destinations she's described in her books that would allow her to dine at the finest restaurants and shop for her beloved Manolo Blahnik shoes at the most exclusive stores. But those big-city conveniences pale in comparison to the peace and satisfaction a small town offers her soul.

"I never lived in a big city; I never want to," says Roberts, sitting in the lounge of the Ritz Carlton Hotel in San Francisco while on tour for the novel *Northern Lights*. "I love going to New York a couple of times a year. I like seeing my friends up there and the restaurants. I had a great time here today for a couple of hours because we don't have shops. At home, I can shop online."

But Roberts will gladly sacrifice shopping convenience for the warm sense of community and security offered by Keedysville. Her husband, Bruce Wilder, owns Turn the Page Bookstore, housed in a pre-Civil War townhouse on Main Street in nearby Boonsboro (pop. 2,803), just a few doors down from the Italian restaurant owned by her son, Dan. Another son, Jason, works for the Shakespeare Project in Frederick, Md. (pop. 52,767).

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Photo: Adrienne Starr

Roberts admires her son Dan's pizza-making abilities.

"I was thrilled when my son bought the little family pizza place," says Roberts, enjoying her son's cooking with his family.

The only bookstore in the area, Turn the Page serves as an unofficial community center, hosting a monthly story time for children and fundraisers for the local library. Roberts launches her book tours there and often is joined by local writers who also happen to be her close friends. Afterward, writers such as Mary Kay McComas, Mary Blayney and Patricia Gaffney follow Roberts to her house for a home-cooked meal.

"I like the interactions in small towns," she says. For instance, a video store employee buys books from Roberts' husband and then walks down the street to buy dinner from Dan. Dan returns the favor by visiting the video store on his way home.

"You go to the post office in Keedysville; there is one person working there," she says. "They know you by name, you chat a little bit, you buy your stamps or send your mail, go next door to the bank and do the same thing. That is very comforting that they know me and I know them: 'How are you and how's your kid?'"

Roberts fondly recalls the time her son Dan thought he could skip school to eat at the Red Bird restaurant without getting caught, forgetting that family friends would spot his car in the parking lot. "If the kids did anything wrong, I heard about it. They were always mystified, 'How did you know?' I know everything. That is comforting."

She's also comforted by living so close to her son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren—Kayla, 2, and Logan, 10 months. "Kayla is old enough now

to be doing the things that Dan did," Roberts says. "She likes to throw rocks in the creek like Dan did when he was 2 years old. That kind of continuity means a lot to me."

The beginning of the story

Roberts, who was born in Silver Spring, Md., inherited her gift for storytelling from her parents, both of whom told numerous family tales to their five children, embellishing the stories to make them more dynamic. So, when she began putting pen to paper in elementary school, she didn't think it was anything special. She believed that everyone lived inside his or her head the way she did.

"It is nurture and nature," she declares. "I grew up in a family of readers. That certainly influenced me. Also, my father was a movie projectionist and a stagehand when I was young, so I was not only Roberts takes a break on a trip to Ireland.



influenced by books, but by movies and plays. I don't know how you can write if you don't have a passion for stories."

However, rather than pursuing a writing career, she married soon after high school, moved to Keedysville and worked as a legal secretary while starting a family. But her life was changed forever in February 1979, when she and her sons were stranded in their house upon a hill for an entire week during a blizzard. After endless games of Candyland, she was hungry for something more creative to do. She picked up a pad and began to write, never dreaming of the incredible journey that would result. After a few initial bouts of rejection from publishers, her first book, *Irish Thoroughbred*, was published in 1981.

"I am sure that writing and I would have found each other at one point, but I think that the impetus with me was to be going just a little nuts," she says with a smile. "Before that I was doing crafts. I was insane when it came to crafts. I macraméd two hammocks. I can't pick up an embroidery hoop today. When I first started writing, I knew it was what I had been looking for."

Love of the land

Living in the foothills not only gives Roberts the quiet she needs to weave her tales, but access to a lot of land—a lot of incredibly rocky land. To satisfy another of her creative outlets, gardening, she's had raised flowerbeds built. Otherwise, she says, "You can't even plant a tulip without a pick."

To relax, Roberts escapes to her little piece of Eden after an eight-hour day of writing, crediting her discipline as the end

product of a Catholic school education. When the days are long enough, she loves to dig in the dirt, but even when that isn't possible, she will pour a glass of wine, head outside and check on what is blooming and, perhaps, pull a few weeds.

Most recently, she has incorporated her passion for growing things into a series of books dubbed the "Garden Trilogy." It began with *Blue Dahlia* and will be followed by the *Black Rose* in June, concluding with *Red Lily* in November.

While most writers strive to write one book a year, Roberts is so prolific that she has taken the pen name J.D. Robb (J for Jason, D for Dan and Robb for a shortened version of Roberts) to add a bit of science fiction to the romantic suspense genre. Her most recent, *Survivor in Death*, was released in February, and *Origin in Death* debuts in August.

"I still think writing is the greatest job in the world," Roberts says. "I love being able to have a job doing something that I really love. I didn't have to make the choice that a lot of women have to make, especially since I was a single parent for a while. I could be home and earn a living, plus I was doing something I loved to do. I feel very blessed. Not everyone has opportunities like that." ☆

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to Gaylord Entertainment Center in Nashville, Tenn.

"CMT gives fans the chance to express what they've enjoyed this year," says singer Julie Roberts. "Videos give fans a chance to put a face with the voice and songs. They also tell the story of the song in the artist's vision. It's very important to me because it gives me a chance to reach a broader audience through a different avenue, and to present my interpretation of the song's meaning. I meet so many people on the road who talk about my videos, so I know that I'm reaching a lot of people through CMT."

The excitement begins before the show, when country stars such as Faith Hill, Tim McGraw, Kenny Chesney, Toby Keith, Reba McEntire, and

"CMT gives fans the chance to express what they've enjoyed this year."

Julie Roberts

Gretchen Wilson walk down the red carpet as the noise swells from the screaming fans who line the street in Nashville. Viewers can get a close-up view of the festivities with the 2005 CMT Music Awards Pre-Party, hosted by Katie Cook and Lance Smith, which airs 5:30 to 7 p.m. CT. This will be the only country music awards show held in Nashville, Tenn., in 2005.

"The CMT Music Awards are already so much fun, anyway," Roberts says. "Since all of

the year's excitement will be packed into one Nashville night, I predict that it will be even more exciting!"

"This will be the fourth annual CMT awards show, and from the beginning it has been unique," Bowen says. "CMT Music Awards says it all: this is CMT's big annual awards show and it's about the music. It has it all—big stars, great musical performances, surprise guests, and features some of the biggest names from film, television and sports. Also, a country legend will be awarded the Johnny Cash Visionary Award."

With comedy kingpin Jeff Foxworthy hosting the show, laughter is definitely at the top of the line-up. Also on the evening's roster are performances by Alan Jackson, Reba McEntire, Kenny Chesney, Toby Keith, Big & Rich and Gretchen Wilson.

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...are paid by the fans. Singer Kerry Chesney says that when they vote for you, it's like saying, "Vote." When we're on that stage, we're listening for those screams. Because the louder the screams, the harder we rock. And this is kind of like a reward of that.

Then Buddy Jewell, who launched his career after winning the TV talent contest *Nashville Star*, says fan-voted awards mean the most to the performers. "It was the folks who watched and voted me the winner of the first *Nashville Star* that gave me my big break in the music business. I wouldn't be where I am today if it weren't for them."

The awards given out by the fans mean the most to me," Jewell says. "We all as artists owe these wonderful people a tremendous debt of gratitude because they are the ones who make it possible for us to do something that we

...and Kerry Chesney, who's been on the road for 10 years, says that when they vote for you, it's like saying, "Vote." When we're on that stage, we're listening for those screams. Because the louder the screams, the harder we rock. And this is kind of like a reward of that.

The semi-finalists for Female Video of the Year are Lynn McEntire, Wilson, Terri Clark, Martina McBride, LeAnn Rimes and Lee Ann Womack. "There's a real fan-based energy I feel at this show, like I am at a live-concert setting instead of a stuffy awards show ceremony," Clark says. "And having the fans cheering you on can certainly help in easing the butterflies a little."

The semi-finalists for Male Video of the Year are Chesney, Keith Urban, McGraw, Trace Adkins, Alan Jackson, Charlie Robison and Blake Shelton.

Trophies also will be awarded in the categories of Hottest Video of the Year, which honors the "sexiest video," Most Inspiring Video of the Year and Breakthrough Video of the Year, given to a new artist.

"The thing that's great about the CMT Awards is how that back is it," Chesney says. "Everybody's just kicked back. The fans are in full force. It gets rowdy and is almost more like a big party than a full-on grown-up awards show."

Adds singer Lee Ann Womack, "The CMT Awards are a little less reverent than others I've attended and that vibe just says, 'We wanna have a good time!'"

The 2005 CMT Music Awards is the only country music awards show held in Nashville this year because the Country Music Association Awards has moved its show to New York City for one year.

"Having the show in Nashville is great because, first, this is where CMT was born and where it becomes what it is today," Clark says. "Trying different things never hurts, but Nashville is the home of country music, so it's only fitting this show is taking place here. Plus, we can all go home to our own beds after it is over, and that is rare for a lot of us!"



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location for a museum devoted to aviation. If Kitty Hawk, N.C., can be called the Birthplace of Flight, The Hempstead Plain—where Garden City and several other Nassau County towns exist today—can be considered the cradle where aviation grew, developed and took its first steps. The plain, a long, wide, flat area next to the ocean, topographically lent itself to the testing and flying of airplanes during the golden years of aviation between 1918 and 1939.

The aircraft industry boomed there, and Pan Am shared the spotlight with manufacturers such as Grumman, Republic, Curtiss and Fairchild, which between them produced more than 45,000 aircraft during World War II, the height of aircraft production there. The crowning achievement was perhaps the building of the Apollo Lunar Modules by Grumman in the 1960s and '70s that first put men on the moon.

In 1979, Dade's dream was realized, and the Cradle of Aviation Museum opened its hangar doors. The Jenny was later joined by other restored airplanes, including the sister ship to the *Spirit of St. Louis*, a P-47 Thunderbolt, and one of the first jet fighters, a Grumman Tiger.

"I worked on every one of them, a little bit here, a little bit there," Anholzer says, standing in the museum's modern-day complex, which opened in 2002.

Today, the Jenny still is a popular attraction at the museum, where Feroldi, 84, and Anholzer, 82, continue to volunteer their time.

"They were a bunch of dusty old men working on dusty old planes in dusty old hangars," says Tom Gwynn, the museum's vice president of external relations, of the museum's early days.

Today, the museum's collection includes a 1909 Bleriot 11, the sister ship to the first plane to cross the English Channel, and the LEM 13, the Lunar Module that stayed home when the Apollo program was terminated.

"We have a diverse collection spanning 100 years here," says museum curator Joshua Stoff of the growing collection created and restored by Feroldi, Anholzer and more than 250 other volunteers.

"These guys are doing it because they love it," says Gwynn of Feroldi and Anholzer. "They are the superstars in that area. It is not only inspiring, it is contagious."

Ironically, neither of them ever learned to fly. "I just love fixin' 'em, building 'em," Anholzer says. Feroldi puts it more simply. "I just love old planes." ★

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New lure's catch rate may be too high for some tournaments.

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ORLANDO, FL—A small company in Connecticut has developed a new lure that mimics the motion of a real fish so realistically



by Charlie Allen

cally eight professionals couldn't tell the difference between it and a live shad when it "swam" toward them on retrieval. The design eliminates wobbling, angled swimming

and other unnatural motions that problem other hard bait lures. It swims upright and appears to propel itself with its tail.

Curiously, the company may have designed it too well. Tournament fishermen who have used it said it's possible officials will not allow it in contests where live bait is prohibited. They claim it swims more realistically than anything they have ever seen. If so, that would hurt the company's promotional efforts. Winning tournaments is an important part of marketing a new lure.

Fish would probably prefer to see it restricted. I watched eight veteran fishermen test the new lure (called The KickTail™) on a lake outside Orlando FL for about four hours. Four used the KickTail and four used a combination of their favorite lures and shiners (live bait). The four using the KickTail caught 41 fish versus 14 for the other four. In one boat the KickTail won 19 to 4. The KickTail also caught bigger fish, which suggests it triggers larger, less aggressive fish to strike. You can see why the company needs to get it into tournaments. An almost 3 to 1



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New lure swims like a real fish--nearly triples catch in Florida contest.

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Hometown Spotlight

Where North & South Reunited

John Hageman walks through Evergreen Cemetery in Fitzgerald, Ga. (pop. 8,758), reading the names of Civil War veterans who founded the town in 1895. "These are the Union troops," says Hageman, 79, motioning to the white tombstones in front of him. "The Confederates are over there."

Beneath the pine trees lay the graves of Rebel and Yankee soldiers—including Hageman's great-grandfather Adrian Hageman, a member of Indiana's 93rd Infantry—who overcame bitter John Hageman's Yankee ancestor built one of Fitzgerald's first homes in 1896.



sentiments and forged friendships with their former enemies in the town they built in southern Georgia.

"You won't find another city like Fitzgerald anywhere in the country," adds Hageman, a retired railroad conductor and current city council member. "It actually was born out of the Civil War."

Thirty years after the war ended, P.H. Fitzgerald, an Indianapolis newspaper editor and veterans' pension attorney, proposed a Southern colony where aging Union soldiers could escape bitter Northern winters and a prolonged Midwestern drought.

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Living in shacks and covered wagons, the colonists faced many hardships the first year. Food was in short supply, disease and exposure to the elements claimed dozens of lives, and the Northerners had to overcome the skepticism of their Southern neighbors.

Still, the colonists persevered. They surveyed and platted the town, named the streets after Confederate and Union generals and warships, built homes, schools and churches, and cleared pine forests to plant corn and cotton. In 1896, the state Legislature incorporated the colony as a city.

To honor their accomplishments, the colonists, who hailed from 38 states, organized a harvest celebration with separate Union and Confederate parades. However, when the band struck up a march, veterans in gray, recognizing the accomplishments of the colonists, stepped into formation with veterans in blue, and all marched as one beneath the Stars and Stripes.



Frances Heirs, born of a Northern/Southern union.

"They built for a future, and they expected it to be a big future," says Sherri Butler, a local historian and writer for *The Herald-Leader*, the community's weekly newspaper. "I think that kind of dream is something that carries on around here today."

Today, Fitzgerald thrives as an agricultural and industrial center, boasts a medical center and technical college, and serves as the seat of Ben Hill County.

While Fitzgerald has changed considerably over the last century, the town still honors its unique heritage of harmony and cooperation between former adversaries. The downtown sidewalks sport blue and gray concrete stones, and many of the original structures remain, including the 1896 Hageman home, the 1897 *Herald-Leader* Building; and the 1902 railroad depot, which houses the Blue & Gray Museum.

Chock-full of history, the museum tells the story of the town's founding, exhibits artifacts from its Civil War past, such as Yankee mus-



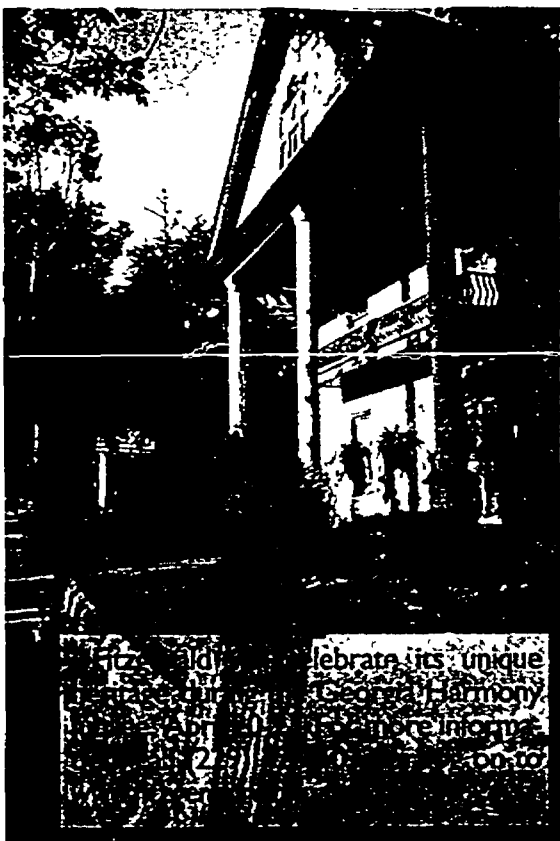


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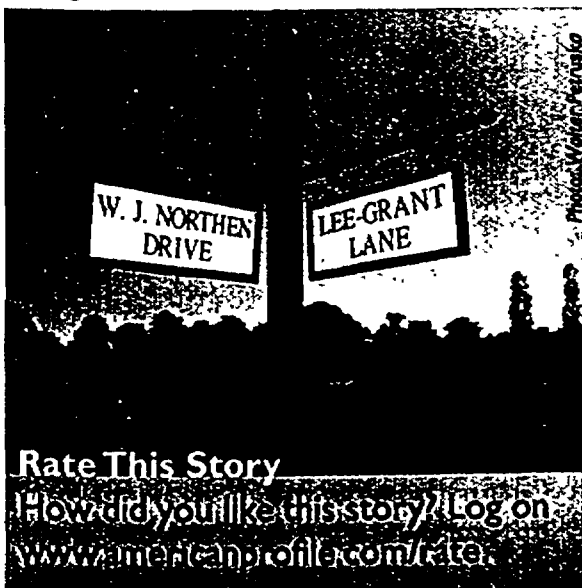
kets and Rebel swords, and contains a wall honoring the town's pioneers, some of whom married and formed a lasting bond between Northerners and Southerners.

Frances Heirs, 95, is a product of one of those unions. Heirs' mother, Bertha Twiss, arrived in Fitzgerald in 1895 from Minnere, Neb., and married Arthur Howell Denmark, a Quitman, Ga., pharmacist who moved to town in 1902. In 1909, they had Frances, who still lives in the home built by her father a century ago.

"I was born here. My father had a pharmacy here for 50 years, so I grew up here," says Heirs, a retired schoolteacher and jeweler. "I went to school here. I married here. It was my home and it still is."

Which just goes to show that the strong bonds forged by Fitzgerald's founders endure today through its people, all of whom have American blood coursing through their veins. ☆

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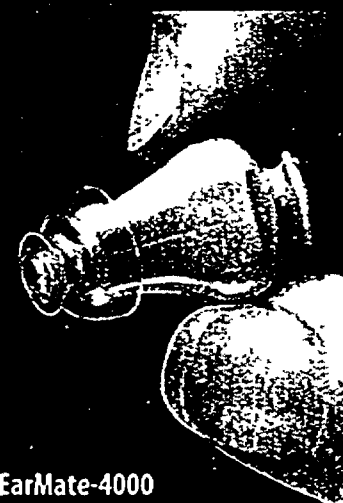
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Gardening

Start a Garden Club

by PAMELA KOCK

Avid gardeners can share their passion with others by starting a garden club, which can provide a great opportunity for sharing information and resources. They can swap plants and seeds, help each other with labor-intensive garden projects, and tour area gardens and nurseries. And don't forget about those group discounts.

In addition to sharing resources among club members, garden clubs can participate in community projects such as beautifying parks, roadsides, schools, nursing homes, and any other place that needs a pretty flower garden.

The 5 Seasons Garden Club in Marshall County, Ky, maintains annual and perennial beds at the county park. "We get the members to participate by dividing into groups, each caring for the beds for one month at a time," says Gary Brown, club president.

Service projects are big draws for garden clubs. "Our club maintains the public library grounds, plants flowers in areas around town, works with seniors and mentally challenged individuals," says Nancy Segall, treasurer for the Poplar Bluff (pop.16,651) Garden Club in Missouri. The club also has helped with planting about 2,000 crepe myrtles, making Poplar Bluff the "Crepe Myrtle Capital of Missouri."

Consider affiliating your club with a national, state or regional garden club, which can provide stability, support and advice. "Many national organizations are a non-profit under 501(c)(3) of the IRS code. This status can be extended to the affiliate club, usually with nominal paperwork," says John Hunt, former president of the First Men's Garden Club of Dallas, which is affiliated with The Men's Garden Clubs of America and The Gardeners of America.

"Publicity is the key to starting a club and getting it up and running with a very strong membership growth the first year or two. If that is not accomplished, the club could stagnate or even fail," says Hunt, whose club attracts new members by hosting seminars and plant shows.

Other considerations, he says, include choosing a good meeting place and determining the organization's focus. Whatever your club's main interest may be, it's important to stay on track. A resource such as *Robert's Rules of Order* can provide the information needed to establish officers and follow proper meeting procedures.

"Keep a good age mix in your club and try to attract people who like to work together," says Segall, whose group currently has 13 members but is always looking for new ones. "The biggest reward is feeling that you are



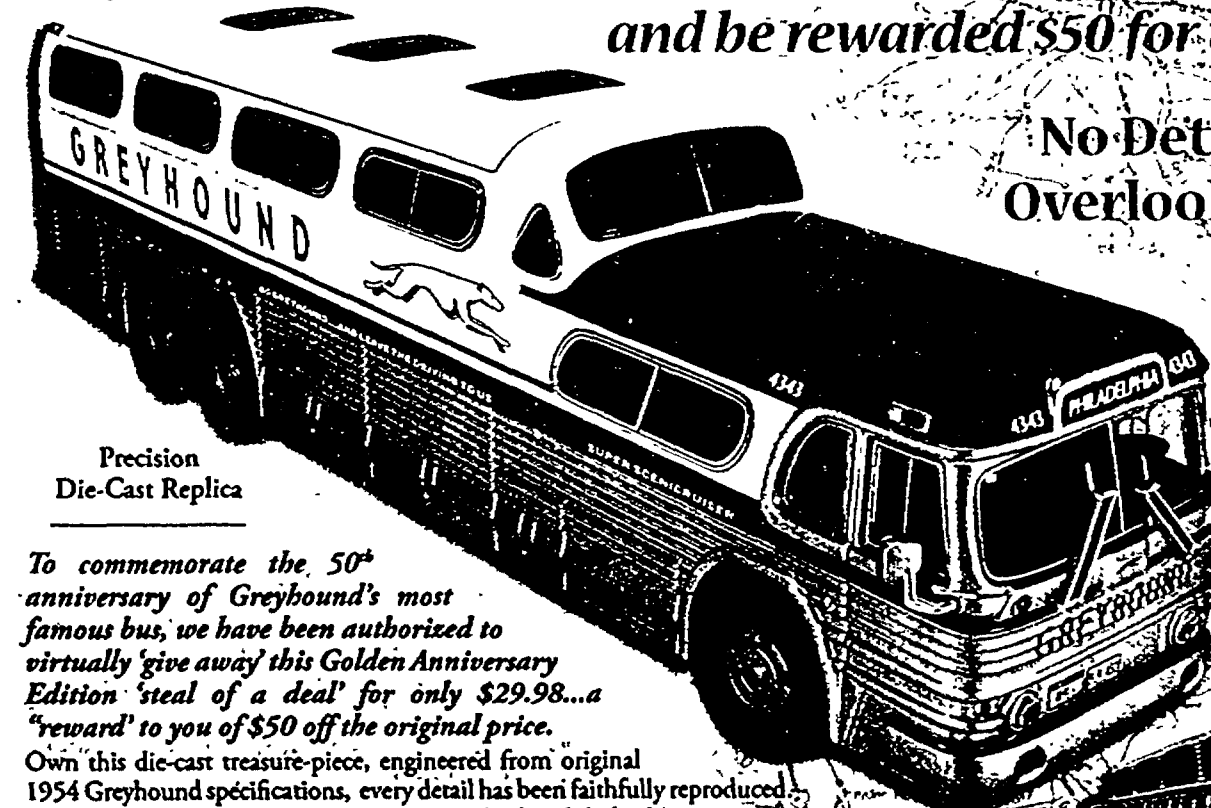
doing something for the community. It's also a nice way to meet your community."

Whether your club is a small group of friends or a large community service organization, a garden club is a great way to learn more about your hobby, educate others and socialize. When members come together with a common goal, there is no end to what your club can accomplish. ☆

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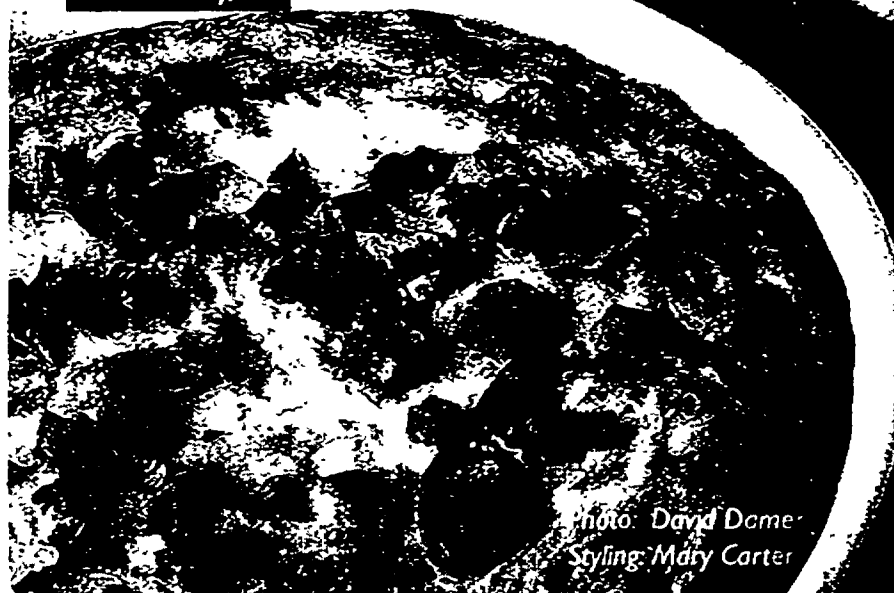


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Southwest Oven Omelet
1 4.5-ounce can green chilies
2 3.9-ounce jars mushrooms
16 ounces grated Monterey Jack cheese
1 pound diced ham
1 12-ounce can evaporated milk
8 eggs
2 tablespoons flour

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. Generously butter a 9-by-13-inch baking dish. In a medium-size bowl, mix together cheese, chilies, mushrooms and ham. Spoon the mixture evenly over bottom of baking dish. In the same bowl, whisk together evaporated milk, flour and eggs. Pour this over the cheese mixture and bake for one hour. Serves 6 to 8.

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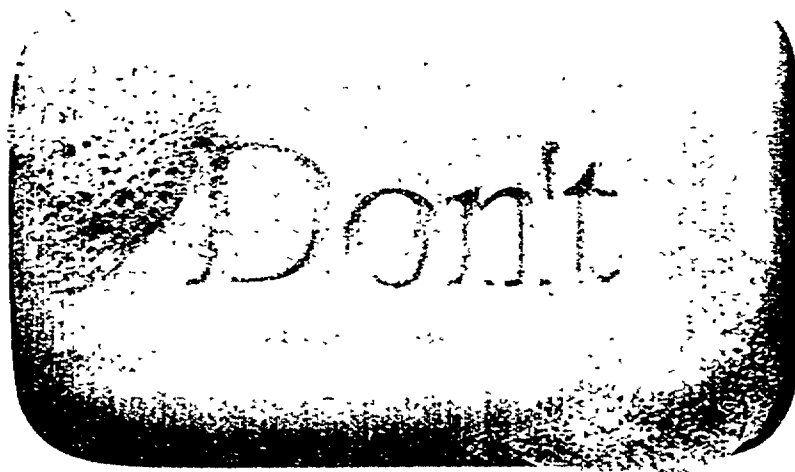
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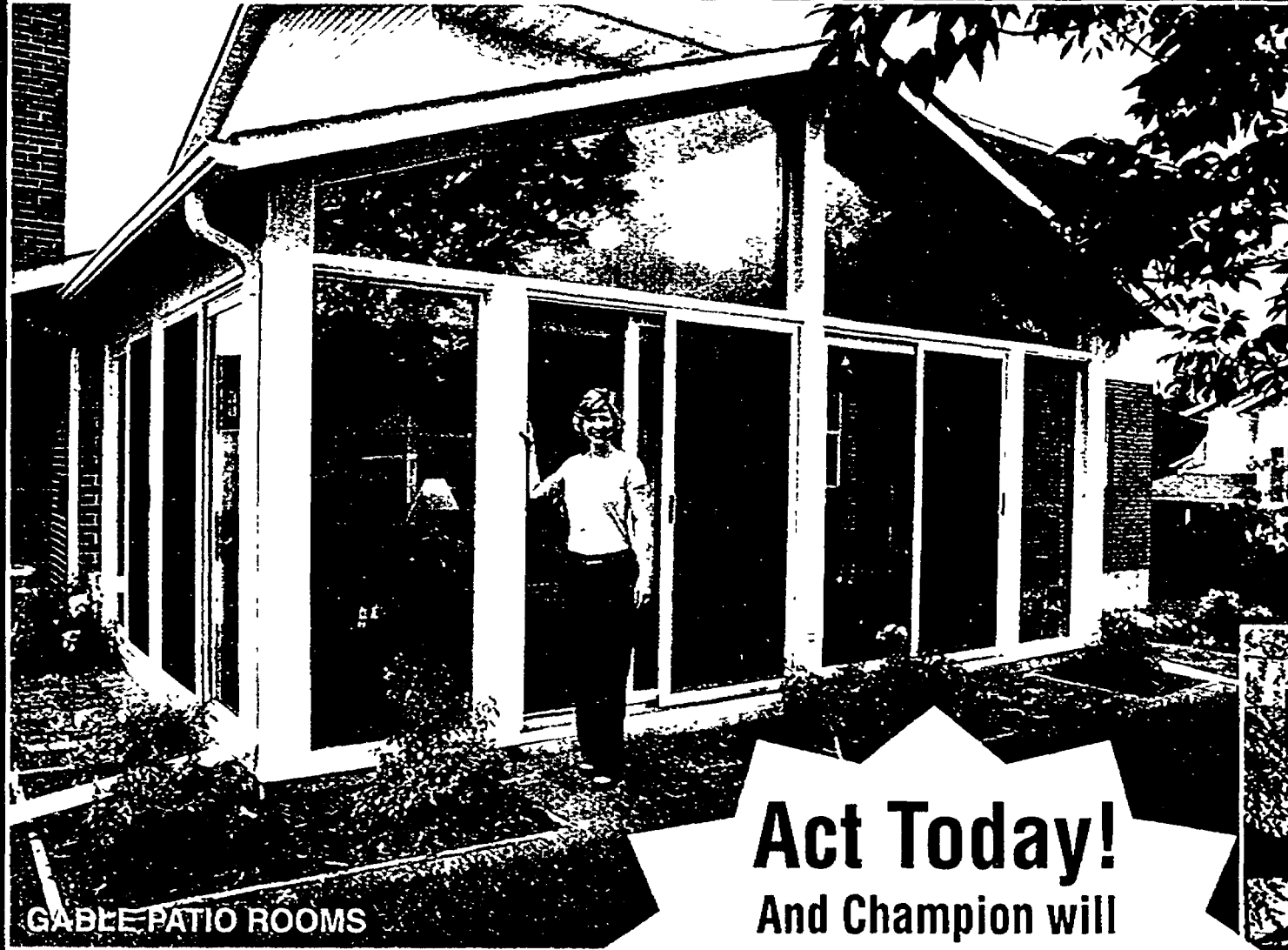
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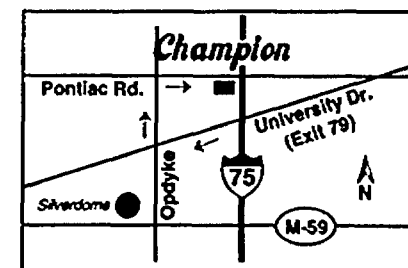
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