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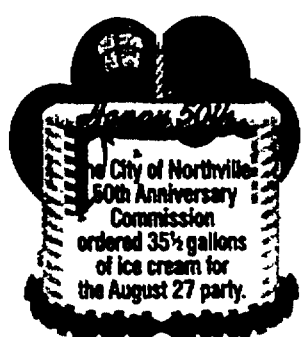
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Part of the trumpet corps of the Northville High School marching band performs a theme from a Harry Potter film by composer John Williams as they walk in formation during a Thursday afternoon practice.

Marching Mustangs

■ Loud and proud, Northville marching band ready for season

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Junior Meredith Zingle will spend the next nine days marching along side Harry Potter and musical composer John Williams.

The trumpet player and nearly 220 of her classmates must master musical selections from both before kicking off the Northville High School 2005-06 marching band season Aug.

Band on the run

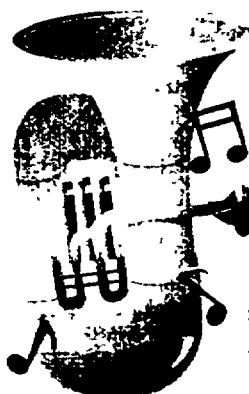
An amnesty program for former band members who have not returned uniforms is now in effect. Page 13A.

27 at Eastern Michigan University.

"It is exciting we will be playing at Eastern," Zingle said. "It will be our first show. I really like the half-time shows and getting it all together."

This is the first year the band will perform at Rynearson Stadium where the Northville Mustangs will face the Saline Hornets in the inaugural Big Day Prep Showdown.

"It is really a great way to



Watch the Northville High School Marching Band at these Home Games

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME
Sept. 1	John Glenn H.S.	7 P.M.
Sept. 9	Wayne H.S.	7 P.M.
Sept. 23	Franklin H.S.	7 P.M.
Sept. 30	Canton H.S.	7 P.M.

start the year," said marching band director, Michael Rumbell

The band's real season begins with a two-week band camp amid sweltering August heat.

Practice makes perfect

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'Veils' of hope

■ Local resident shapes personal experience into book

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Shahla arrived in the United States clutching two things: \$28 and a 10-month old son. The year was 1963, and her heart was full of hope.

Northville Township author Vageehe Steele for years doubted Shahla's story would have reader appeal because it's her own.

Hits on her Web site, book sales and personal reviews are confirming her friends' encouragement she indeed had a unique tale to tell.

Her book, "Iran, Parade of Veils," describes a woman scorned for promoting women's equality, who flees to England from her womanizing husband. After a 10-year wait, she is granted a visa to come to America, a land she longed for



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville resident Vageehe Steele wrote "Iran: Parade of Veils" about her experiences growing up. Steele lived in Iran from 1934-1952.

as a child.

"The girls around here say 'When can we see your second book?'" said Steele. "We couldn't put it down." "One read it in two days."

More to come

Steele's publisher, Publish America, is editing her second manuscript. "Tehran and

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Downtown special events: What's the payoff?

DOWNTOWN

Who's buying it?

■ Opinions vary about the value of closing streets for annual festivals

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The first of a two-part series about the business of downtown Northville. Next week, a look at brand identification.

Ron Bodnar said downtown doesn't need to party all the time.

Northville plays host to festivals, parades and special events throughout the year. While thousands flock to watch, browse and mingle, Bodnar said service businesses like his stand still.

There is no proof of a return on the investment in closing streets two or three days 10 times a year, the owner of Copy-Boy Printing said.

"There are several businesses that take it on the chin on those days," Bodnar said. "Mine's one of them. 'You put them out of business for a full month — that may have gotten out of hand.'"

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Budget remedy

■ Former Seven Mile hospital sale will be welcome medicine for laboring state budget

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

State Representative John Stewart would like to see the money from the possible sale of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital go toward education.

"By Sept. 30, I would like to see additional funding go toward higher education and possible rebates toward tuition," said the 20th District representative, which includes Northville.

"Our priorities should be higher education and medical services."

The state-owned former hospital is up for an Aug. 30 public bid. If the sale goes through, the state can bank on at least \$33 million in its budget.

In years past, such a windfall would have been crucial to balance Michigan's short-funded budget, but now the state legislatures have a bit more leniency.

According to state projections, the states estimated collected taxes have been above \$140 million for the past two months.

"Revenue for the state is stable and anything from the sale will be extra," Stewart said.

"We do look forward to it, but

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Extreme makeover

■ Meads Middle School is one of several schools facing pending deadlines

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

It is an extreme makeover worthy of making even the most ardent home improvement addict drool.

And Northville public schools assistant superintendent for administrative services, David Bolitho, has exactly one week to pull it off.

He must take a ripped apart, disordered and in some areas barren Meads Mill Middle School out of a hard-hat-only zone and into a building worthy of a Thursday, Aug. 25 opening.

No easy task. The 1,550-square-foot addition consisting of seven classrooms and three science labs looks like a bomb shelter. Empty walls line the hallways where lockers should be and lights and technology fall in the category of dream finish items.

And if interior havoc isn't enough of a challenge, gravel lies in place of new six-lane track and the exterior of the building is dirt, mud and more dirt.

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Ice cream, socially

■ Fattening or not, residents scoop up summertime favorite

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Ever look back at summer's end and wonder where the time went? The final in a series about how to make the most of warm weather while it's still around.

Nicole Montilla and Jacek Tkaczyk weren't thinking fat content when they dipped spoons into their frozen treat.

During a recent downtown Northville stroll, the couple spotted the "ice cream" sign in American Spoon's front window. Their relief from the nearly 90 degrees outside: a shared cup of blueberry/strawberry sorbet, inside.

Sorbet, ice cream, frozen yogurt, gelato, sherbet — going out for a summer treat isn't the single-choice experience it used to be.

But it is an undeniable warm-weather ritual.

"When the kids are out of school, our ice cream traffic really picks up," said Amy Rauner, scooper at Rebecca's Family Restaurant the past two years.

"July is our busiest month." Demand peaks around 8 p.m., Rauner said.

"Usually we get a swarm of people in here right when we're trying to close," she said. "Usually, it's an after-dinner thing."

"Our waffle cones are popular — they're very big."

The favorites

Big is frequently better, Rauner said. But there are those who consider the confection's content.

"We do have a lot of requests for the low-carb, reduced-sugar, reduced-fat ice cream," Rauner said. "I think that's kind of silly."

"If they're going to have ice cream, just go for it."

Most frequently ordered at Rebecca's: one scoop on a cone, Rauner said. Children ask for Blue Moon or Superman; the adults, butter pecan. "Nothing can beat Guernsey's Butter Pecan."

Vanilla is Rebecca's only soft-serve flavor, Rauner said.

"Usually if they want that kind of ice cream, they'll go somewhere like Custard Time," she said. "It's fat-free frozen yogurt — it's really good. It's an employee favorite."

The choices

Local ice cream lovers can choose from the community's oldest tradition — family-made on-location since 1940 — to the latest craze for their sweet treats — chunky bits individually folded into ice cream on a granite surface.

Summer evenings are portraits of Northville eating ice cream: families gathered around the

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SOURCE: USDA 2004

"If they're going to have ice cream, just go for it."

Amy Rauner
Rebecca's Family Restaurant

rock under the tree at Guernsey Farms Dairy, sports team line-ups at Custard Time on Seven Mile Road, walkers crowded along the cooler in Rebecca's and youngsters neatly cordoned to wait at Maggie Moo's.

Tongues, ready for cold, must spell out choices for the server: low-fat, no-fat, sugar-free, low-carb, regular, mix-ins, toppings, soft-serve, hand-dipped, cup or cone — and dozens of flavors.

Sorbet is an alternative for people with milk allergies seeking frozen refreshment, said American Spoon clerk Merry Schimeck. It's mostly fruit with sugar and water, she said.

"The children love that because there are so many kids who can't do that anymore," she said. "They can come downtown for something, too."

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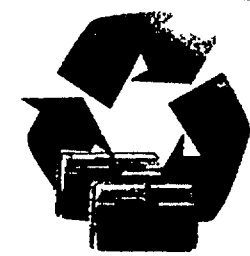
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Traffic shift

Griswold Street between Eight Mile and Main Street remains a one-way street as the Wayne County Division of Roads continues reconstruction.

Crews shifted work to the southbound side, so only the northbound lane is open.

Completion is targeted for early September.

Box lunches wanted

The Parent Teacher Student Association coordinating council will again host the Box Lunch Auction fundraiser during the Victorian Festival Sept. 16-18. They currently are seeking donations of baskets to auction. For more information, call (248) 348-4049 or (248) 347-1954.

Marine grill

The public is invited to the Marine Corps League Detachment 162 August Steak Grill Out 5-7:30 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 20, at the VFW Post 4012, 438 S. Main St.

Current and former Marines are hosting the event to raise money for active and non-active veterans and their families. The cost is \$8 for a 10 oz. steak and \$12 for a 16 oz. steak, while they last. Dinners include salad, bread, dessert, baked potato, water or iced tea.

For more information, visit www.semperfi162.org or call Mark at (248) 477-6377.

Starting tonight

First Presbyterian Church is hosting a divorce recovery workshops 7:30-9 p.m., Thursdays, Aug. 18-Sept. 29.

The Single Place Ministry workshops meet at the 200 E. Main St. church. The cost is \$35.

Topics covered include networking, stages of grief, putting your ex into focus, legal aspects of divorce, spiritual help and forgiveness, helping children through divorce, old and new relationships and passages of divorce.

For more information, call (248) 349-0911.

Best ever!

The garage sale hosted by Senior Girl Scout Troop #132 and the Northville Historical Society last Thursday, Friday and Saturday netted the groups \$6,400.

The seventh annual fund-raiser topped last year's take at \$6,000. Proceeds will go toward historical society publishing and Gold Award projects for the scouts.

Cute dog quest

Northville's Pendleton shop is hosting a "Doggie Days" contest through Saturday, Aug. 20.

Local pets are invited to pose for a photo with the 117 N. Center St. store's mascot, Sir Wooliam, any time during regular store hours. Pendleton is open 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday through Saturday, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday.

A panel of judges will decide which pup is the cutest. The winner will receive a Pendleton dog coat. For more information, call (248) 596-9820.

Party coming up

On Saturday, Aug. 27, the community will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the incorporation of Northville Village into the City of Northville.

Events are scheduled 2-6 p.m. In addition to free ice cream and cake, live music and games, participants can be in a giant "50" photo.

Local artist Caroline Dunphy designed a commemorative watercolor poster depicting Northville's past 50 years. To learn more about the anniversary celebration and how you can purchase the commemorative poster, visit www.ci.northville.mi.us/Community/50thAnniversary/50thAnniversaryOverview.asp.

Photo exhibit

The Northville Camera Club will open its first-ever exhibit, titled "Now and Then" featuring Northville photos, to coincide with the city's 50th anniversary celebration Aug. 27.

The show will be at the Art House, 215 W. Cady St. For more information, call (248) 449-9950.

Sing along

The Northville VFW Post 4012 is inviting adults to join karaoke fun 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Dan Da Man is featured Friday: Karaoke Fever, Saturday: There is no cover charge to enter the 438 S. Main St. club and membership is not required.

For more information, call (248) 348-1490.

Dating workshop

"Strategies for Successful Dating" is the topic of a three-week workshop Sept. 13, 20, 27 hosted by First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St.

Tara Alexandra Kachaturoff, certified relationship coach, will lead the three sessions 7:30-9 p.m., Tuesdays. The cost is \$35 by Sept. 8 and \$39 after that date. For more information, call the church at (248) 349-0911.

Maybury reopens

The Maybury Farm — accessible from the Maybury State Park main entrance — is offering hayrides noon-7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

Groups may schedule tours for days during the week by calling the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200.

Final items still needed by the farm include: sand, concrete and electrical supplies. The foundation has been overseeing the reconstruction of the farm since it was destroyed by fire in February 2003. To donate or for more information, call the foundation office.

Farmers' Market

Stop today to pick up your flowers, fresh produce and other interesting items at the corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads.

The Northville Chamber of Commerce through the summer hosts the Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursdays.

Golf for a cause

The annual "Good Grief Golf Outing" will begin with a 10 a.m. shotgun start Saturday, Sept. 17, at St. John's Golf and conference Center in Plymouth.

Proceeds from the outing will benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, 113 E. Dunlap, a bereavement outreach center that provides free grief support services to children, teens and adults throughout southeastern Michigan.

The cost for the four-person scramble, including 18 holes with a cart, lunch, dinner and prizes, is \$125 per golfer. Dinner only is \$50 per person. For information about sponsorship or registration, call New Hope at (248) 348-0115 or visit: www.newhopecenter.net.

Concert tomorrow

The Northville Arts Commission's summer Clock Concert series at the Main Street bandshell wraps up Friday night. One Flight Up will appear 7:30-9 p.m., Aug. 19.

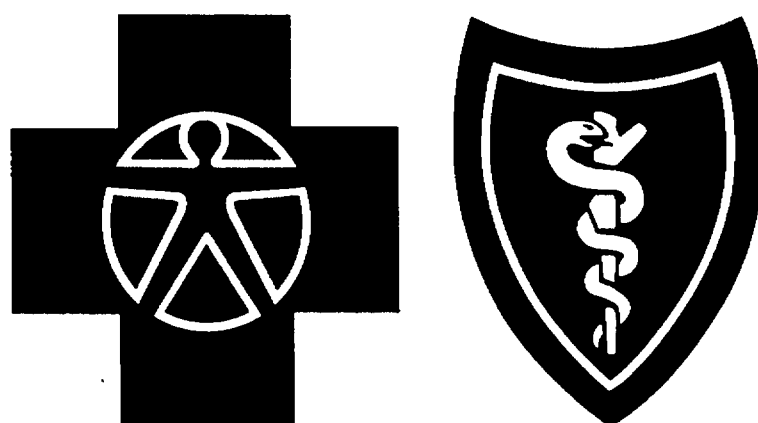
Water reminder

The following water restrictions are suggested for Northville city and township residents: If you have an odd numbered address (ending in 1, 3, 5, 7, or 9), water only on odd numbered days. Addresses ending in an even number, including 0, are asked to water on even numbered days. At this time, this is a voluntary program. Also, outdoor water use 10 a.m.-4 p.m. or during the night is suggested. Residents are asked to avoid watering 6-9 a.m.

48168 in effect

Effective July 1, mail for about half of the 17,400 addresses in the 48167 zip code area changed to the U.S. Postal Service designation of 48168. Homes and businesses south of Seven Mile Road, not including Seven Mile, changed to 48168. The post office will ensure delivery of mail with the old zip code for one year. For more information, contact Postmaster Tony Hubbard at (248) 349-2062.

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An Important Message for Medicare Beneficiaries

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On August 17, 2004 left this world to be with GOD one year ago after a short illness in St. Petersburg, Florida. She was born October 16, 1949 on Center Street - Northville, MI. The family lived on Woodhill Drive until 1975 when they moved to Novi. Kathy graduated from Northville High School in 1967. Married Daniel Collins, had daughter Shannon Collins Wagner of Seminole, FL and six grandchildren. Married Ronald Jones, had son Thaddeus Jones of Brighton, MI and one grandson. Married Thomas Harris had Michael, Christina and Joseph, all of St. Petersburg, FL. Surviving also are parents James and Ellen McNeiece formally of St. Petersburg, FL now in Fowlerville, MI. Sister Donna Konopaska of Fowlerville, MI - brother James McNeiece, Jr. of Howell, MI and sisters Cynthia McNeiece and Sheila Morse of St. Petersburg, FL - and many nieces and nephews.

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PAYOFF: good feelings, few figures chart festival value

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On the other hand, Corrine Yoho wishes downtown streets were closed once a month.

The special events Northville hosts throughout the year are essential boosts to local commerce, said the owner of Changing Seasons.

Yoho said downtown businesses "absolutely benefit" from promotions like Flower Days, the Christmas Walk and the annual sidewalk sale held last weekend.

"Those are wonderful days — when you graph your profits," she said. "It would be nice if they could have a monthly thing, something always going on."

Long-term return

The Northville City Council at least 10 times a year supports community organization requests to block Main Street for parades, festivals and special events.

Everyone knows a lot of people show up; no one knows for certain whether they return to spend money.

"Right now, they all kind of tell us about their sales," said Northville Chamber of Commerce president Jody Humphries. "There's nothing technical or official."

Therein lies the problem, Bodnar said. No proof.

Businesses have to participate to benefit, Humphries said. She conceded that a downtown full of temporary tents can obstruct the view of the permanent merchants.

But, the payoff is deferred.

"The more you can showcase your product, the more they come back. They have a comfort level of coming into the community, knowing where to park, knowing how to get here."

"It can be overwhelming, but you don't want a downtown with tumble weed blowing through it."

Jody Humphries
President, Northville Chamber of Commerce

"To me, it's product sampling on a larger scale." Bodnar said the issue is not that simple. Even when businesses move their own products to the street to sell, they incur additional staffing costs to man a booth.

"They don't look at the businesses, they look at the booths," he said. "You can be a gypsy or be out of business for three days."

Opportunity knocking

The chamber staff is stepping up pursuit of sponsors, aside from downtown merchants, to support special events, Humphries said.

"It's not strictly a donation," she said. "It's still a good advertising opportunity for them." Meanwhile, local businesses have to budget for special events as part of a promotional strategy, Humphries said.

"If you look at it financially and look at it from your objectives, there is a return on investment," she said. "I think it comes down to whether they take advantage of it or not, whether they coordinate promotional materials or with advertising."

People choose to visit or reside in Northville

because of the pedestrian-friendly streets. The downtown draws people looking for a leisurely stroll, some window shopping and a community ambience.

It's an opportunity for businesses, Humphries said.

"It brings foot traffic in, even if they don't buy," Yoho said. "Even if they're pre-occupied with what's happening in the street, they come back."

More to come

Hosting special events is a proven method to draw people to downtowns, Humphries said.

"I'd be hard-pressed to find a community that doesn't do events," she said. "We want people to say, 'We love Northville, there's always something happening in Northville.'"

Discussion among chamber, Northville Central Business Association and Downtown Development Authority members indicate a common desire to have a regular schedule of events throughout the year, Humphries said.

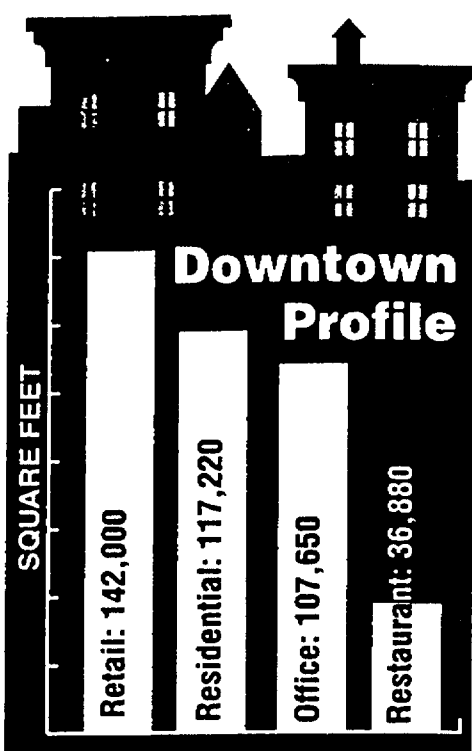
Long-term events may need re-tooling. The July addition of the Grub Crawl, sampling menu items at local restaurants, was a big hit, Humphries said.

"There probably will be an event added in February," she said. "That was something the merchants very much wanted — it's slower then."

"It can be overwhelming, but you don't want a downtown with tumble weed blowing through it. 'Can we overdo it? Yes, but we're not there.'"

Bodnar said the 35-40 percent of businesses providing services rather than goods bear the brunt of streets closed for two or more days. The events do increase awareness, he conceded.

"I always say it's worth it — bringing people into the city — for the overall good in the long-run."



SOURCE: Carlisle Parking Management Plan
Chart By DIANA WELLS

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ENGAGEMENTS

Bondie-Welch

Deanna Bondie and Rich Welch announce their engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Daniel Bondie of Plymouth and Susan Bondie of Redford. She is a 1998 graduate of Ladywood High School and a 2002 and 2004 graduate of Grand Valley State University. She is employed by Plymouth PT Specialists.

The groom-elect is the son of Richard Welch of Redford and Mary Ann Kaniewski of West Branch. He is a 1994 graduate of St. Agatha High School and a graduate of Wayne State University. He is employed by Northville Public Schools.



A December 2005 wedding is planned.

AROUND TOWN (CONT'D)

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Shop tonight

The Northville Central Business Association's "Northville, We're Open!" campaign continues with extended hours Thursday evenings and Sundays.

More than 50 downtown Northville businesses are open Thursday evenings until 8 p.m., as well as Sundays, many noon-4 p.m.

For a list of participating businesses, visit the Northville Downtown Development Authority site www.downtownnorthville.org.

Tunes on Tuesday

The Northville Downtown Development Authority and Northville Parks and Recreation Department are co-hosting their final, free family concert 11 a.m.-noon Tuesday.

All are welcome at the Main Street gazebo in Bandshell Park. This Tuesday, Aug. 16, is the Instrument Petting Zoo by Strings in Our Schools. The rain location for Tunes on Tuesdays is Genitti's Little Theatre, 108 E. Main St.

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Plugging into annual Victorian Festival no simple task

■ Popular festival tests the limits of city's electrical capacity

Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Jim Hawn used to string an electrical cord over downtown street lights to reach his corn dogs.

For six years at the Victorian Festival, the Northville Masons supplied power from their second floor Main Street headquarters to their non-profit booth on Center Street.

This year, Lodge #186 will serve corn-on-the-cob and homemade French fries, Hawn said, former lodge master.

Powering up the community's huge three-day celebration continues to be a challenge for the city, said Northville Department of Public Works director Jim Gallogly.

"What invariably happens is vendors plug into the street lights," he said. "This year, we're really

putting our foot down."

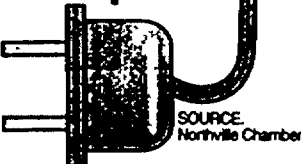
Off-limits outlets

Electrical overload can pop a breaker or melt wires in the power line, Gallogly said. The city pays with down lights, repair materials and employee overtime.

"It's serious," Gallogly said. "If it's something that's burned out, it could be more significant."

Victorian Festival host the Northville Chamber of Commerce is alerting groups putting up tents on closed off streets: bring your own power or ask

Victorian Festival Electricity Options



- Bring your own power source.
- Contact a local business and ask for access to their power source.

a nearby business if you can tap into theirs, said Janet Bloom, marketing and events director.

Operators of the children's inflatable rides bring their own generators. Business who set up booths in front of their stores supply their own power.

Still, others need juice.

The city has an electrical power supply behind the building on the northeast corner of Main and Center streets, Gallogly said. Some of the non-profit organizations lining Center Street will be able to tap in there.

Down the road

The only real solution would be increasing the capacity of the city's underground power lines, Gallogly said. That would have to coincide with a street reconstruction project, like when the cables first were buried during MainStreet '78.

"It's always been under-designed for this kind of event," he said. "What needs to happen is when these streets are redone, we need to plan for more power supply."

"In the meantime, we have to deal with what we have."

"This year, we're really putting our foot down."

Jim Gallogly

Department of Public Works director

Hawn said the Masons are adapting by changing their menu from corn dogs and French fried candy bars, which required refrigeration.

"There are so many things you have to do if you're following the health department requirements," Hawn said. "It is a problem."

"We finally decided — 100 feet of cable stretched from the window — it worked, but it was quite an effort."

"This year we'll only be doing the two items so it won't require refrigeration"

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Mayor seeking re-election; councilman Mittman opts out

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

One's in, one's out and one remains undeclared.

The race for Northville City Council has begun.

Mayor Christopher Johnson announced Monday he will seek a 10th 2-year term in November. Councilman Jerry Mittman said he will not run, creating room for three residents who have expressed interest in council seats.

Councilman Kevin Hartshorne remained publicly undeclared, despite previously pulling nominating petitions.

Furthermore, the four-year terms of Mayor Pro-tem Carolann Ayers and councilman Tom Swigart expire in November 2007.

City residents Michele Fecht, Michael McClish and Jim Allen have expressed interest in council positions. Fecht and McClish have pulled petitions, due by 5 p.m., Oct. 3.

"I think it's time to turn it over to a new generation," Mittman

■ Candidate guidelines

The filing deadline for the mayor's seat and the two council seats is no earlier than Sept. 1 and no later than Oct. 3.

Candidates must submit nominating petitions with a minimum of 50 and a maximum of 75 signatures of qualified and registered City of Northville voters, along with several required affidavits. For more information, visit www.ci.northville.mi.us/services/clerk/elections.

said. "I feel good about the candidates running."

Mittman has served on councils, committees and commissions for 25 of the 29 years he has lived in Northville. This is his third turn at the council table, appointed twice and elected three times.

"I'm 60 years old now," Mittman said. "There's other things I'd like to do in life."

Mittman said his decision is not related to the recall election threatened last year or other criticism of recent council decisions.

"I think it's time to turn it over to a new generation."

Jerry Mittman

Northville City Councilman

"I really will miss what's going on downtown," he said. "The next five years will be very interesting."

"There will be other ways I can contribute."

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POLICE REPORT

Facing charges

A 42-year-old Northville man is facing an Aug. 25 court date after his arrest for drunk driving Sunday.

Northville police officers reported stopping the driver of a green Explorer exceeding the speed limit west-bound on Eight Mile Road. After a preliminary breathalyzer test showed the man's blood alcohol content at .14, officers arrested him and took him to the Northville Township Police Department.

He was assigned an Aug. 25 appearance in 35th District Court.

His bike's back

A 27-year-old Novi man shopping for a new bicycle found the one stolen from his garage at a bike store.

Northville police were called July 7 to a Center Street store after the recent bike theft victim spotted his \$934 bike in the store's repair area. Police were then notified four days later when the man who dropped off the bike returned to pick it up, police reports said.

The 20-year-old suspect, also from Novi, told police he had purchased the bike from a friend of his younger brother for \$50. The suspect refused to name the friend but told officers he knew the bike was stolen.

The suspect remains free, pending possible charges.

Not the repo man

A 30-year-old Northville Township woman parked her Silver Grand Am in her driveway, then returned the next

day to find it missing. The woman said her car was locked and she did have possession of both sets of keys. She was concerned that her bank may have repossessed the car due to late payments, but her bank did not. Police have not found the woman's car and do not have any witnesses.

Hide and seek

Two Northville men tried to flee Meijer Aug. 8 on Haggerty Road, after allegedly attempting to steal four bottles of liquor. The first man was caught, but the second fled to the marshy area behind Uno Chicago Grill and hid from police. Later that night, witnesses spotted a suspicious man outside the REI building and called the police. The man fit the description of the Meijer suspect and he was arrested and charged with retail fraud. The man was released on a \$500 bond and his court date is set for Aug. 25.

Busted

A routine traffic stop on Haggerty Aug. 9, landed a 37-year-old Detroit man in jail, according to police reports. The arresting officer stopped the man because his license plate was expired, and found the man had a suspended drivers license and an outstanding warrant for his arrest. The man was charged with driving while on a suspended license and his expired plate was confiscated.

Robber still at large

Employees at Phil's Towing in Northville were surprised when they arrived to work Aug. 9 and found they had been robbed. An employee unlocked the front door and went into the businesses office, where she noticed the cash register was open. The owner said he left the building about midnight the night before and did not see anyone suspicious. Police said there was no forcible entry, but a window was partially open. Fingerprints were taken and a security camera was obtained, but police have found no other information.

Drunken swimmer

A 33-year-old man was arrested Aug. 9 after allegedly breaking into the Country Club Village community pool with a friend. Police said the man was intoxicated and when asked for identification, he lied several times about his name. Police said the man had several warrants and personal protection orders against him in different cities. The man was charged with interference with police and trespassing. His court date was set for Aug. 25.

Bike found

A brown Schwinn bicycle was found. Now the bike is parked at the Northville Township Police Department waiting to be claimed. The bike was found parked on the walkway on Lyonhurst Circle for than a week on Aug. 5.

-OBITUARIES-

MARIOARA PAVEL MANICA

Age 89, August 14, 2005. Of Northville and Southfield, MI. Born to Nicholas and Maria (Baciu) Pavel in Detroit on March 12, 1916. Married John Joseph Manica (deceased) on May 16, 1942. Dear mother of John Pavel and Renee (Tarrow) Manica; Marioara (Manica) and Michael Yavello; and Diane Manica. Dearest grandmother of John Randall Manica, Nicholas Edward Manica, Michael John Yavello, Timothy Peter and Libby (Harper) Yavello and Gregory Nicholas Yavello. Sister of George and Florence (Suci) Pavel. Marioara also leaves many other loving family members as well as a host of friends at St. John the Baptist Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church, St. George Romanian Orthodox Cathedral, University of Detroit Mercy and multiple additional organizations. Visitation at Lynch & Sons Funeral Home, 1368 N. Crooks Road (Between 14-15 Mile Rds.) Wednesday 5-9pm and Thursday 2-9pm. Prayer Service and Saracusta, Thursday 7pm. The Divine Liturgy and Funeral Service will be held Friday at 10am at St. John the Baptist Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church, 2371 Woodstock Drive, Detroit (near 8 Mile & Woodward). Memorials in Marioara Manica's name to St. John the Baptist Church Memorial Fund are appreciated. Visit obituary at lynchfuneraldirectors.com

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Help wanted: volunteers needed for safety program

Community Emergency Response Team relies on local residents

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Grace Williams dreamed of one day becoming a police officer.

That's why the 62-year-old Northville Township resident was happy to hear the township was introducing the Community Emergency Response Team program into its public safety program.

The program educates willing volunteers about hazards that can occur in their area, and trains them in basic disaster response skills, including fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations.

"I would love to be on the

More info

For more information about the Community Emergency Response Team program in Northville Township, contact Detective Sgt. Matthew Mayes or Officer Samantha Bowlin at (248) 349-9400 or apply online at www.northvillemich.com/docs/employapp.pdf

team," Williams said. "I can't be a volunteer due to health reasons, but it's good to know that we'll have more people to help during bad times."

The program, introduced in 1993 by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is already enforced in several communities across the county and is funded by congressional grants.

Northville Township police are currently looking for volunteers to take part in their program beginning Aug. 31.

Volunteers will take part in a 10-week training class on

Wednesday nights from 6-9 p.m., with exercises including disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, search and rescue and issues on terrorism.

Detective Sgt. Matthew Mayes said volunteers are never put in dangerous situations.

"They'll be support and extra help for the police department," he said. "This is a good program for more people to help in an emergency situation."

Mayes said classes are not physically demanding and are aimed toward walking volunteers through different scenarios.

Disasters can happen at any time and training is not a one-time event.

"Awareness, commitment and skills must be reinforced through follow-up training and repeated practice to maintain the edge necessary for effective response in the face of a disaster," according to the program

handbook.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to get to know members of the Northville Police Department and have the opportunity for a voluntary ride-along with an officer.

The program welcomes men and women over 18 seeking determination and commitment.

Volunteers will receive a cer-

tificate and an identification card upon completion of the classes.

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VEILS: Northville author weaves life experience into book

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Yonder," which picks up where "Veils" left off. Told in third-person narrative style, Steele's first book is set in a time earlier than her actual experience, but recounts with historical accuracy conditions under Reza Shah's regime.

To buy the book

"Iran: Parade of Veils" is available at Barnes & Noble, Amazon.com and Publish America. For more information, visit www.vmssteel.com.

Timeless story

A prevalent "Parade of Veils" theme is the independent spirit of Steele's main character, Shahla. She describes life-changing decisions, painful consequences and fresh beginnings.

When Shahla learned of her

diplomat husband's infidelities, she planned her departure. But Islam custom dictated her first son must stay with her husband. The boy who by his third birthday learned three languages under her tutelage, now has learned eight. He also lives in the U.S.

"I was a fighter," Steele said. "Any other woman would have stayed over there and married another Iranian."

There are lessons for today's women on the pages of her book, Steele said.

As much as she stresses the importance of independence through her character, Shahla, the author said many modern women go to the opposite extreme in placing a career before their children.

Forty-two years ago, the author arrived in the U.S. with her second son and an uncertain future.

The 70-year-old is now divorced, twice widowed and delighting in her published author identity, quite a turn from the medical career as a nurse

anesthetist she forged for herself.

Early on

Steele said her father's family time ritual fostered her love of story telling.

"Veils" recounted how the heroine from age 7 on did not wear traditional Iranian garb, with her father's blessing. Instead of bending to custom, Shahla embraced the western cultural influence. "My father imported clothes and toys," she said. "That built a liking to America. The neighbors wished they had the same life."

When Steele was 18, she applied for permission to enter the United States. She waited 10 years.

Throughout her life, friends and acquaintances encouraged Steele to write her own story.

In 2003, following the death of her third husband, Steele began writing her book.

"After he died, I was so lonely, I started to take it more seriously."

"I was a fighter. Any other woman would have stayed over there and married another Iranian."

*Vagheeha Steele
Northville Author*

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Looking for Extra Help

Dear Looking,

The new Medicare prescription drug benefit, which begins Jan. 1 will offer extra help to older Americans with limited incomes, but just because you don't get an application in the mail doesn't necessarily mean you're not eligible. Here's what you should know.

Extra Help

From last May through August, the Social Security Administration has been mailing out application forms to millions of Medicare beneficiaries (with limited income) who may be eligible for extra help paying for their out-of-pocket Medicare prescription drug costs. More than 14 million Americans will be eligible for this extra help, which will pay between 75 and 100 percent of their drug costs.

Do You Qualify?

Nearly seven million of the Medicare beneficiaries eligible for the prescription drug extra help (the very low income) are automatically enrolled and don't need to apply. But there's another seven million people out there with slightly higher incomes that may also be eligible, and need to apply. Here's how the extra help eligibility breaks down:

- Automatically Enrolled: If you are receiving Medicaid, Supplemental Security Income

(SSI) or assistance with a Medicare Savings Program, you are automatically enrolled and don't have to apply. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) should have sent a letter explaining this to you. But in late fall you will still be asked to enroll in a drug plan of your choice. If you don't, CMS will enroll you in one.

- Must Apply: If your 2005 monthly income is below \$1,197 (\$1,604 for couples) and your assets are below \$11,500 (\$23,000 for couples), you qualify for extra help but you must apply. Even if your income or assets are above these limits, you may still qualify (and should apply) because certain types of income and assets are not included. Also, know that receiving an application in the mail from Social Security doesn't necessarily mean you will get extra help, and not receiving an application doesn't mean you're not eligible. If you don't receive an application by late August and think you may be eligible, you should apply either by phone at 800-772-1213, online at www.socialsecurity.gov or you can apply in person at your local Social Security office.

Income and Assets

People who are automatically enrolled don't have to worry about figuring their income and assets since the government has already been deemed them below the limit. But for those who must apply, income means any money from work, Social Security, pension, annuity, interest, dividends, etc. Assets that are counted include bank accounts, investments, additional real estate and the value of life insurance policies. They do not include your home, vehicles, personal possessions, burial plot and up to \$1,500 intended for funeral

expenses.

Confused?

If you're feeling confused or overwhelmed with all this Medicare madness and have questions or need help applying, contact your local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) for free counseling

and assistance. To find your nearest office, call the Medicare hotline at 800-633-4227 or visit www.shiptalk.org.

Savvy Tips: Remember that applying for extra help is separate from signing up for Medicare's prescription drug coverage. To get drug coverage, you'll still need to enroll

in a Medicare drug plan between Nov. 15, 2005 and May 15, 2006. Also, if you get turned down for Medicare's extra help, you may still qualify for assistance from your state. Some state programs have higher income limits or may not require an asset test. Your SHIP counselor can advise you. For more information on the new Medicare

prescription drug plan visit www.medicare.gov.

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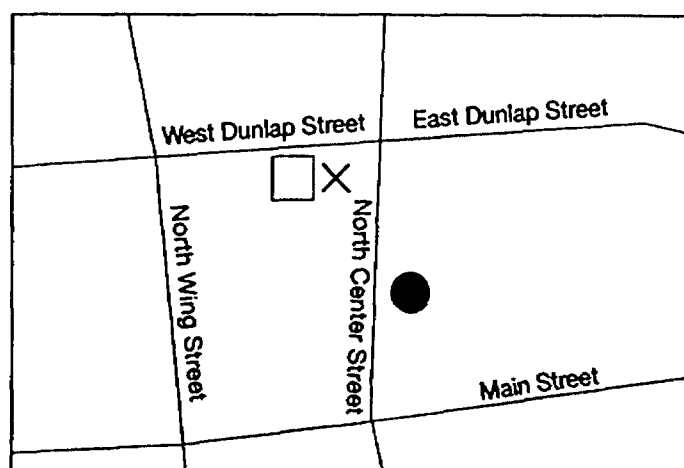
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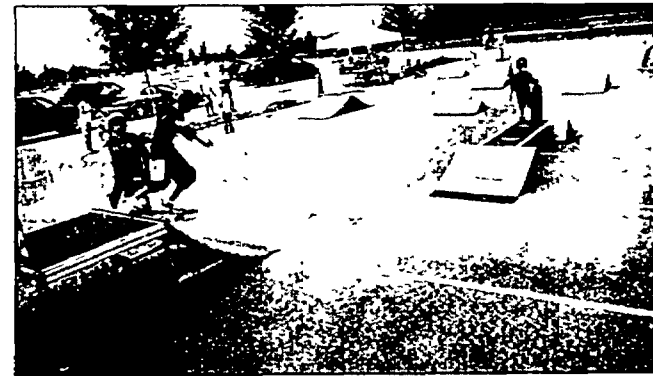
Skateboarders deal with sport's ... ups & downs



Eric Budd, 7, becomes separated from his skateboard after flying off a ramp at Millemnium Park last Saturday.



Knee and elbow pads and helmet cinched tight, Jonathan Holt, 9, zips down the ramp during last Saturday's "Northville Extreme," held at Millennium Park. Kaegan Maddelein, 9, waits his turn at the top of the drop.



Skateboarders and in-line skaters take to the ramps and jumps during the "Northville Extreme" held last Saturday at Millennium Park. The portable skate park, jointly operated by Northville and Plymouth parks and recreation departments, was open for fun from noon to 4 p.m., and featured free snacks, drinks and a give-away.



Matthew Hyde, 11, takes to the air during Saturday's skateboarding event.



Ian McBroom, 7, gets some help on with his skates from his dad, Mark.



Eric Budd, 7, bashfully acknowledges a good skateboard jump he made last weekend.

— Photos by John Heider/Northville Record —

MAKEOVER: officials charting Meads Mill renovations

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Bolitho is confident the dirt piles will turn into a new bus driveway out to Bradner Road.

Laborious tasks such as cleaning and classroom arranging are far-off blips on the radar.

"We're closer than it looks, but not as far along as we want it to be," Bolitho said.

Skanska project manager, Rob Rankin said a near three-week

power outage delay put a crimp in the plans.

Now crews are working six days a week, and often seven.

Meads Mill improvements were included in a \$35.7 million bond proposal approved by voters last year.

Bond-funded projects are taking place at all district schools throughout the summer.

A \$3.5 million dollar 6-acre roof replacement at Hillside Middle

Meads Mill amenities

- Timed, efficient lights
- Brighter building, gymnasium
- Lockers
- Counseling office, conference room

- Mechanical controls
- Refurbished phys-ed lockers
- Recreational area with grass, benches and basketball
- Six-lane running track
- Bleachers and scoreboard
- School marquee
- Exit-only bus drive
- Rear motion lights and security cameras

School wrapped up last week.

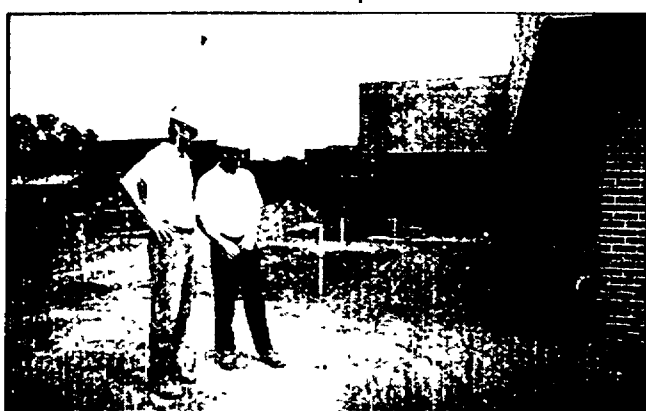
Nearly 50 men from Lutz roofing braved the roof-top temperatures of 114 to 117 degrees, completing the expansive job started in May.

Blue tiles lie in place of carpeting and final touches are underway for a new security room near the entrance door.

Somewhere between the disarray of Meads Mill and the near completion of Hillside Middle School is Ridge Wood Elementary.

Two wings of three classrooms and an extended learning area are under construction for the first day.

"I have absolute confidence they will be ready," said Nancy Raynes, Ridge Wood principal.



Project manager Rob Rankin, left, and Northville Public Schools assistant superintendent David Bolitho review progress of a Meads Mill Middle School addition.



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Project manager Rob Rankin, center, leads a tour through the east wing of Meads Mill Middle School, as part of a taxpayer-funded bond issue.

The additions are moving along, but not nearly ready for kids.

Raynes said the hardest part of the construction is displacing 16 teachers eager to set up their classrooms.

All district projects are being

managed by Skanska construction services group.

Skanska project superintendent Scott Ellis is in charge of Ridge Wood and Hillside.

"They are all their own little monsters and challenging in their

own way," Ellis said.

His overall impression?

"We'll get it done," he said.

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Local Events

Single Place Street Dance

DATE: Saturday, August 20
TIME: 6 p.m., picnic; 7-8 p.m., classic car display; 8 p.m., dance
LOCATION: Parking lot on Cady St. near First Presbyterian Church
DETAILS: \$10 for dance only includes DJ, snacks and soft drinks; RSVP picnic dinner, \$5 per person.
CONTACT: Nancy "George" O'Donnell, (834) 459-1386

Marines Grill Out Dinner

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 20
TIME: 5-7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: VFW Post 4012, 438 S. Main St.
DETAILS: Marine Corps League Detachment 162 will be hosting this event to raise money for needy veterans, both active and non-active veterans and their families. The cost is \$8 for a 10 ounce steak and \$12 for a 16 ounce steak dinner, including salad, bread, dessert, baked potato, water or iced tea.
CONTACT: Visit www.sem-perfil62.org or call Mark, (248) 477-6377.

Northville 50th Anniversary

DATE: Saturday, August 27
TIME: 2-6 p.m.
LOCATION: Main events at parking lot on S. Wing Street, across from post office
DETAILS: This event celebrates 50 years since Northville Village incorporated and became the City of Northville and includes food, games, and

events.
CONTACT: City of Northville, (248) 349-1300

Photography Show

DATES: August 27-September 24
TIMES: 5-9 p.m., Fridays; 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturdays; 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Sundays
LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
DETAILS: The Northville Camera Club will be exhibiting member's photographs and older photographs from the archives of city organizations and commissions.
CONTACT: (248) 449-9950

Book Signing Event

DATE: Thursday, Sept. 15
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Barnes and Noble, 17111 Haggerty Road, Northville
DETAILS: Bob Schwartz, a metro Detroit resident, will be signing his new book, *Would Somebody Please Send Me To My Room*.
CONTACT: (248) 449-9950

Golf Outing

DATE: Saturday, September 17
TIME: 10 a.m., shotgun start
LOCATION: St. Johns' Golf and Conference Center, Plymouth
DETAILS: The proceeds from this outing benefit New Hope Center for Grief Support, a bereavement outreach center located in Northville. The cost is \$125 per golfer and includes 18 holes of golf with a cart, lunch dinner and prizes. Dinner

only is \$50.00 per person.
CONTACT: For information about sponsorship opportunities or for registration information, call (248) 348-0115 or visit Website, www.newhopecenter.net.

Divorce Recovery

Workshop
TIME/DATES: 7:30 p.m., Thursdays, today-September 29
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St.
DETAILS: The cost is \$35 and includes the book "Growing Through Divorce." Childcare is available.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or www.singleplace.org

Karaoke with Veterans

TIME/DATES: 9 p.m.-2 a.m., Fridays and Saturdays
LOCATION: Northville VFW Hall, Post #4012, 438 S. Main St.

Downtown Farmer's Market

DATE: Ongoing, May-October
DETAILS: Featuring Michigan-grown annuals, perennials, vegetables, fruits, Michigan-made crafts, garden accessories and baked goods.
CONTACT: Northville Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-7640

Cooking Classes

DATE: Ongoing
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Kitchen Witch, 134 E. Main St.

CONTACT: (248) 348-0488

Art Walk

DATE: First Friday of every month
TIME: 5-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
DETAILS: Northville's art galleries, arts and crafts stores and restaurants will be open; also art demonstrations and exhibits available in shops.
CONTACT: Tom James, Northville Camera and Digital Imaging, (248) 349-0105

Eclipse Baseball Club

DATE: Most Sundays through September
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Ford Field, next to Mill Race Village
DETAILS: The Northville Eclipse Baseball Club is an adult "vintage" ball club and social group.
CONTACT: For more information, call Wayne Titus, (248) 305-5572, ext 101.

Marquis Theater

LOCATION: 135 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110

Pooh and Friends Performances

DATES: Various times/days now through September 25
DETAILS: Tickets are \$7.50 each, no children under age 3

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com

"The Teen Angels" Concert

DATE: Friday, August 22
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
DETAILS: \$35 per person including dinner and show

Acting Workshops

DATES: Saturday, Sept. 10; other dates for 10 or more people
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: Enjoy family style meal, then learn the stage, voice, body movement, backstage tours and theater games.

Children's Lunch Theater

TIMES/DATES: 11:30 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 29
DETAILS: "The Dragon of Elderberry Castle", an interactive comedy. The cost is \$16.95 per adults and \$14.95 per children.

Dinner Theater

DATES: Various Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays
DETAILS: The theme for this dinner theater is "Spaced Out", \$45 per person, includes dinner and show.

Maybury Park Programs

LOCATION: Maybury State Park, Eight Mile Road between Beck and Napier roads.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8390

Library Lines

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall; parking off Cady Street
CONTACT: For information about programs, services or to request or renew library materials, call (248) 349-3020.

Library Information

TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Mondays-Thursdays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays; and 1-5 p.m., Sundays

Friends Book Sale

DATE: September 30, October 1 and 2
DETAILS: Donations of gently used books are welcome and may be dropped off during regular library hours. Friends of the Library support programs with volunteers and funding.

Library Board of Trustee Meetings

DATE: Fourth Thursday of the month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Public is welcome.

Church Events

Single Adult Ministries

DATE: Sundays, ongoing ministry
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road
DETAILS: Special events including ice cream and movie night, 7 p.m., June 10; newcomers luncheon, 1 p.m., June 26
CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

Healing Service

DATE: First Monday of each month
TIME: 4 p.m.
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, just west of Taft Road

Seniors

Thursday, August 18
9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly class
9:30 a.m.: golf
9:45 a.m.: Cranbrook Tour
12:30 p.m.: pinochle
1 p.m.: Computers I
By appointment: massage
Friday, August 19
9 a.m.: Canoe Trip
10 a.m.: strength training
10:30 a.m.: Live Longer, Stronger Program
11 a.m.: Computers II
12:30 p.m.: Euchre
1 p.m.: Friday Flicks
By appointment: massage
Monday, August 22
10 a.m.: Oxygise
noon: Blood Pressure

12:30 p.m.: pinochle
Tuesday, Aug. 23
10:30 a.m.: Diabetic Shoe Presentation
12:30 p.m.: pinochle
1 p.m.: Computers I
4:30 p.m.: Cruise Kensington Lake
Wednesday, Aug. 24
10 a.m.: Oxygise
noon: bridge
1 p.m.: Computers II

Cruise Kensington Lake

DATE: Tuesday, August 23
TIME: 4:30 p.m., leave MAGS parking lot, 5 p.m., dinner at Baker's of Milford, 7 p.m., cruise
DETAILS: The cost is \$15 for transportation and cruise.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Ford Museum Presentation

DATE: Tuesday, August 30
TIME: 10:30-11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: Janet Kosick from Henry Ford Museum will lead discussion on the history of the museum and Greenfield Village.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Board Games

DATE: Tuesdays, ongoing
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Ongoing Card Games Bridge

TIME/DAY: noon-3:30 p.m., Wednesdays

Pinochle (double deck)

TIME/DAY: 12:30-4:30 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays

Pinochle (single deck)

TIME/DAY: 12:30-3:30 p.m., Fridays

Euchre

TIME/DAY: noon, Fridays
LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Friday Movies

TIME: 1 p.m.
DETAILS: August 19, "Beyond The Sea"; August 26, "Cellular"

Healthy Walking

DATE: Monday through Friday
TIME: 8-10 a.m.
DETAILS: Monday-Friday
LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center gym, 303 W. Main St.

Computer Courses

TIME/DAY: 1-3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Beginning Computers I; 1-3 p.m., Wednesdays and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Fridays, Intermediate Computers II
LOCATION: Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St.
CONTACT: Pre-registration advised, call (248) 349-4140

Senior Olympics

DATE: September 12-16
DETAILS: This is the first annual senior olympics hosted by Van Buren Township, including sports, a baking contest and a 3K fun run. Registration packets available at the Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main St.; deadline is Aug. 1 to register.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Visiting Nurse Program

DETAILS: The Visiting Nurse Association Home Support Services is offering a complementary in-home falls prevention program to individuals 65 and older who are residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.
CONTACT: Call Visiting Nurse Association Home Support Services for appointment at (800) 882-5720, extension 8755.

Mill Race Historical Village

LOCATION: Griswold Ave., north of Main Street, near Ford Field
CONTACT: (248) 348-1845
Scheduled events are as follows:

continued on 15A



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Children can visit "Pooh and Friends" at the Marquis Theatre in downtown Northville through Sept. 24.

Pooh, you and Tigger, too

Marquis offers popular children production

By Michael Melvin
SPECIAL WRITER

She's only 15 years old and this is her 28th show. Ashley Shamoon has been a part of the Marquis Theatre family since the age of 9 and she, like many others, just can't get away from the stage.
"I think what's really brilliant about this place, or Northville," said Ernie Nolan, director of over six productions at the theater, "is there is not a major children's theater in Detroit. And now, for almost thirty years, (Theatre owner Inge Zayti) has run the Marquis and has been devoted to only family audiences."
"Pooh and Friends" began last month and will be playing through Sept. 25.
The cast is made up almost entirely of young actors like Shamoon. Pooh, played by Patrick O'Reilly, is the only adult performer.
"I think what's really cool about this is that this production is it's highly interactive," Nolan said, "the audience is really the friend in the title, 'Pooh and Friends.'"
Audience members can help Pooh discover honey, gather all of Pooh's friends, get Piglet and Pooh out of the forest and assist in finding Tigger.
"What Mr. Ernie does so well, is he takes everything about 'Pooh and Friends,' exactly as you remember it, and then he takes a little

bit of the dust off and throws a modern shake onto it," said O'Reilly.
"But there's something new about his 'Pooh and Friends' rather than just yes this is something we've all seen."
Directing younger actors isn't a new experience for Nolan. He's come to appreciate their unique perspective.
"Working with kids, they are the first ones that will tell you if something is funny or if it is not," Nolan said. "If the kids really laugh at the first read through, then I know we have something strong."
Don't let the young cast fool you. This show is for everyone.
"Most people will think it's Pooh, it's only for the little tiny kids," O'Reilly said, "but we're getting audiences in here of all ages that are having a great time."
"I mean grandparents are chuckling, the adults have a grin on their faces and the kids find it hysterical. Kid's of all ages, we just had a group of 12 year olds in here who loved it, loved it. They thought it was hysterical."

Michael Melvin is a journalism student at Albion College and a Northville Record intern.

"Pooh and Friends"

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MARCHING: band readies for Eastern debut

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Each day students stretch the Six Mile Road parking lot filled of yard markers from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., memorizing music and formations while dressed in cut-offs and tank tops, a sharp contrast to the traditional band uniforms.

"It gets a little tiring because of the heat," Zingle said.

Senior Scott Bowdich said by the end of camp he should know what was covered. If not, he has a little band trade trick: the tenor saxophone player writes the marching steps on his sheet music.

"It is always helpful to mark the music," he said.

Once school begins, the kids will take band class every day, practice after school and weekends through September.

Toe tapping

This season the half-time show features the music of composer John Williams, including selections from Harry Potter films.

"All the Harry Potter is really cool," said drum major, Jake Hoernschmeyer. "I think it is a really strong program this year. All of the freshman are learning very quickly."

Rumbell said with pre- and post-game performances along with community parades, band members will learn many songs ranging from Metallica to Motown to John Phillips Souza.

The marching season is paired with an active parade season.

Down Note

An amnesty program for former band members who have not returned uniforms is now in effect. **Page 13A.**

spanning the year.

The band's dedication to having a different program for every community parade, replaces competitions.

"We'll have a blazing season from the beginning to the end," the director said.

The years march on

As Rumbell stands atop his watch tower at camp, dictating commands through a microphone while looking at his version of a playbook, he welcomes another year.

"I always look forward to it," he said. "If I need to be up at 6:30, I'm up at 4."

His wife accompanies him everyday to camp, serving as a ground-level watchdog along with assistant band director, Joanne Ray-Hepp.

Rumbell has led the high school marching band since 1972, and never tires from the rigorous schedule or unfavorable weather.

"I won't retire for another 20 years," he said.

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CLASS NOTES

Transition

Transition Day for students attending Meads Mill Middle School is scheduled for Monday, Aug. 22 in the cafeteria of Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road. Eighth graders A-K will meet at 8 a.m. and L-Z at 8:45 a.m.; Seventh graders A-K will meet at 9:30 a.m. and L-Z at 10:15 a.m.; and Sixth graders A-K will meet at 12:30 p.m. and L-Z will meet at 1:30 p.m. Students will receive class schedules, however locker assignments will be issued after the first day of school. Meads Mill Middle School is currently being remodeled.

School

The first day of school for the Northville Public School

District is Thursday, Aug. 25. The first day will be followed by Labor Day recess, Friday, Sept. 2 through Monday, Sept. 5.

The first day for Kids' Club, Wondergarten and Child Care for the 2005-06 school year is Thursday, Aug. 25. Kids' Creative Corner and Parent/Child Classes will begin Tuesday, Sept. 6.

EGC

Today is the last day for the Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center Summer Child Care.

Benefit

The Old Village and Cooke School fund-raising golf outing

will take place 8 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 24 at St. John's Golf and Conference Center, 44045 Five Mile Road. Hole sponsors and participants are needed for the annual golf scramble event. The cost of hole sponsorship is \$100 and is tax deductible. The name of each sponsor will also be posted at each hole and publicized. Proceeds will be divided evenly between both schools and used to support music and art programs, leisure and recreational activities, special events and student equipment needs. Old Village and Cooke School serve handicapped students from 17 school districts in Wayne County. For more information, call (248) 344-8460.

Meeting

The next Northville Board of

Education regular meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 23 at Old Village School, 405 W. Main St. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

Enrollment

St. Paul's Lutheran School in downtown Northville is now enrolling for preschool-eighth grade. St. Paul's School is located on 201 Elm St. behind Hiller's Market. For more information, call (248) 349-3146.

Compiled by Record education reporter Victoria Mitchell.

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Missing: Band on the Run

■ Parents, high school officials still looking for missing band uniforms

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Lynne Fowlkes wants Northville neighbors crawling under beds and searching closets for a valuable commodity.

The hot item: missing band uniforms.

The vice president of the Northville High School music boosters said beginning today uniform amnesty is being offered to anyone turning in marching or concert band apparel.

"No questions asked," Fowlkes said. "Some uniforms could be out there. Someone could have them in their closet and be too embarrassed to turn them in, but we need them."

The office staff at the high school on Six Mile Road is ready to accept submissions without a

■ Band Uniform Amnesty

Music uniforms may be turned into the Northville High School office, 45700 Six Mile Road.

No questions will be asked. Accepted are marching and concert band uniforms belonging to the high school.

For more information, call Lynne Fowlkes at (248) 449-1688.

disparaging glance, she said.

Why precisely the uniforms have disappeared is something the band mother can't definitively answer.

Forgetfulness? Loss? A childhood prank?

Stealing for sport is not a new phenomenon.

From roadblock to street signs, setting aside the law for a bedroom or dorm room adornment isn't a surprise.

In November 2004, NBC News reported dozens of 9-foot-tall SpongeBob SquarePants balloons were stolen from Burger King rooftops across the country allegedly by teens and young

adults.

The 50-pound balloons valued at \$500 were reportedly stolen for fun.

Northville High School drum major Jake Hoernschemeyer said he has never heard of anyone taking a marching band uniform as a prank or souvenir.

"I seriously doubt that would happen," he said.

His band mates concurred, saying they have never heard of someone keeping uniforms, including hats as a memento.

Fowlkes speculates the shortage is a combination of one or two uniforms withheld throughout the years, coupled with bad records.

"At one time, record keeping was not a high priority and uniforms slipped away without recourse," she said.

A Northville High School marching band uniform costs \$500, not including the hat. And the group does not have enough uniforms for the nearly 220 members this year.

Fowlkes said last year, marchers in the pit percussion wore black pants and tops because

of the lack-of-uniform dilemma.

"So if we had 10 people out there that didn't think it is a big deal, it is," she said. "Kids are already going without. It doesn't have to be an adornment in their closet."

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Northville High School sophomore Chris Fowlkes models the uniform worn by members of the marching band. Amnesty is being offered to anyone turning in marching and concert band uniforms to the Six Mile School office.



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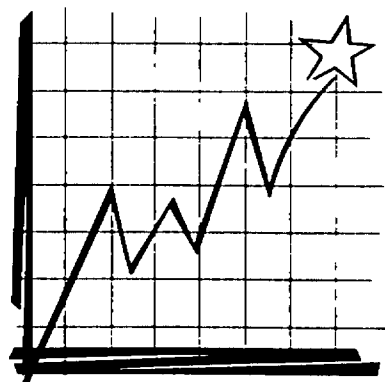
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Discount days

■ Resale shopping can cure end-of-summer boredom

Final installment of a summer-long series focusing on children's activities.

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Virginia Kricz is ready to tackle end-of-summer boredom by showing off some back-to-school clothes.

The nine-year retailer at Baby Baby in Northville said the store's lower level, called The Cove, is a perfect place for young adults to spend their last days of vacation boosting their wardrobes.

"We sell hip, up-to-date clothes, like cool jeans," Kricz said.

The downtown resale shop known more for its baby gear and clothes, sells the gently used, name-brand clothing in sizes 10 through 16. Sizes generally fitting kids fifth through 10th grades.

Kricz said the shop sells shoes, coats and clothing in brands like Tommy Hilfiger, Abercrombie & Fitch, Hollister, Gap and Old Navy.

The Main Street store also sells a selection of new Northville High School athletic wear.

Spending the last week of vacation hunting for treasures in resale shops is a trend more families are embracing.

According to a survey conducted by the National Retail Federation, Midwest shoppers are expected to spend about \$167 less this year, down from an average of \$572



■ Resale Shopping

• Baby Baby
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• New 2 You
120 E. Main St.
Northville
(248) 735-2968
• Plato's Closet
43440 West Oaks Drive
Novi
(248) 374-8075

"I think resale shopping is popular because you are basically getting whatever you find at the mall, but at reduced prices."

Jennifer Diaz
Plato's Closet, Novi

spent last year.

The survey showed more than three-fourths of parents polled will head to a discounter for back-to-school items ranging from computers to pencils to clothes.

Economics aside, resale shopping is a fun way to spend an afternoon.

Resale shoppers say the hunt for a quality, name-brand item at a bargain price is just as fun as it is thrifty.

Jennifer Diaz, Plato's Closet sales associate, said the Novi store has been very busy with back-to-school shoppers.

"I think resale shopping is popular because you are basically getting whatever you find at the mall, but at reduced prices," she said.

The West Oaks II store carries gently used clothing for teens and young adult in just about every brand found in a mall.

"We are very picky too about what we except, so the clothes are

basically brand new, but at a discounted price," Diaz said.

The teen clothes retailer said the Novi location has already doubled last year's August sales, proving a keen interest in resale clothes.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Amy Nabozny and her daughters Jessica, 6, left, and Alexia, 2, look at a Northville Mustangs sweatshirt at "The Cove," the basement section of the Baby-Baby store in downtown Northville. The Cove caters to younger shoppers.

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Thursday, Aug. 18: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Rehearsal, 5 p.m.; Rehearsal, 6 p.m.; Northville Historical Society Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 19: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Rehearsal, 3:30 p.m.; Wedding*, 4:30-6:30 p.m.; Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 20: Wedding*, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Wedding*, 1:30-3:30 p.m.; Wedding*, 4-6 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 21: Brunch Party, 8 a.m.; Mill Creek, 10 a.m.; Village open, 1-4 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 22: Lions Club, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 23: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.

Thursday, Aug. 25: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Luncheon Party, 11:30 a.m.; Rehearsal, 6 p.m.

*Grounds closed to public

Looking for You

Senior Fest Sponsors

DATE: Wednesday, September 7
TIME: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

LOCATION: Waterford Bend Park, on Northville and Six Mile roads

DETAILS: Sponsors are needed for this event, including door prizes, gift certificates, and cash to purchase food items and other expenses.

CONTACT: Northville Senior Community Center, (248) 349-4140

Parasol Ladies Needed

DETAILS: Uptown Ladies Parasol Promenade is looking for new members. This group, dressed in Victorian clothing, participates in various parades around the Northville area.

CONTACT: Tracy Sincok, tsincok.comcast.net

Home Tour

DETAILS: Northville-Nowi branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) needs additional homes for the home tour, September 17, during the Victorian Festival. Homes with historical interest in Northville and/or decorated with antiques are requested.

CONTACT: Joan Cotton, (248) 344-8162

Meals on Wheels

DATE: Ongoing
TIME: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Permanent and substitute drivers needed

CONTACT: Eileen at Allen Terrace (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday or Judy LaManna at (248) 348-1761

Volunteers Wanted

DETAILS: There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available for all age groups. Assignments include Northville Senior Community Center front desk, special assistance and special park projects. Northville High School volunteer hours and scout badge projects are welcome.

CONTACT: recreation@ci.northville.mi.us

Camera Club

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northville-camera@sbcglobal.net; Ken Naigus of the arts commission at kdn@comcast.net or Northville Arts Commission at (248) 449-9950

Arts Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

Beautification Commission

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St., Meeting Room B

Housing Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

TIME: 6 p.m.

LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

Youth Assistance

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

TIME: 8 a.m.

LOCATION: Northville Youth Assistance office, 775 N. Center St.

CONTACT: Northville city clerk, (248) 349-1300

Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline Road

Parks and Recreation

New Residents

DETAILS: Northville Parks and Recreation invites new Northville residents to visit its parks and community centers to learn about activities and facilities. The fall 2005 Northville Parks and Recreation

Activities Brochure is now available on-line. This activity guide is mailed to all Northville Residents.

CONTACT: Visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org or call (248) 349-0203.

Methall Players

DATE: Fridays, ongoing, June-end of September

TIME: 7:30-9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: For ages 15 and over, a popular team sport imported from the United Kingdom.

CONTACT: Sarah Weyburne, (248) 344-2828

Lap Swimming

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

CONTACT: For times and information, call (248) 349-0203

Open Badminton

DATE: Tuesdays and Fridays

TIME: 7-9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

DETAILS: Competitive style badminton is available. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$7 per night, including bird fee.

Table Tennis

TIME/DAY: 6-10 p.m., Mondays and noon-4 p.m., Saturdays

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

DETAILS: Eight tables are available. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$4 per day.

Open Basketball

TIME/DAY: 7-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays

LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

CONTACT: (248) 449-9947

Golf Lessons

TIME/DAY: Times vary: Adults, Saturdays, Tuesdays or Thursdays; Youth, Saturdays

LOCATION: Salem Hills Golf Club, 8810 Six Mile Road

DETAILS: Classes are for beginners with little or no experience.

CONTACT: Visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org or call (248) 349-0203

Open Swim

TIMES/DAYS: 7:30-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays; noon-1 p.m., Wednesdays; 1:30-2:30 p.m., Saturdays

LOCATION: Northville High

School, 45700 Six Mile Road

DETAILS: The fee is \$2.50 per person.

Regional

Lakes Area Alano Club Pig Roast

DATE: Saturday, August 27

TIME: noon-1 a.m.

LOCATION: 1485 Oakley Park Road, Commerce Township, Ralph C. Richardson Community Center, across from Walled Lake Central High School

DETAILS: This is a fundraiser for Alano Club building and includes bike show and prizes, dunk tank, moon walk, petting farm, various speakers and 9 p.m., dancing with a DJ.

CONTACT: (248) 366-0785 or (248) 807-6121

Waterford Oaks Wave Pool

TIMES: 11 a.m.-7 p.m., August

LOCATION: Scott Lake Road, between Dixie Highway and Watkins Lake Road in Waterford

DETAILS: This venue offers a wave pool, group raft ride, giant double waterslide and children's playground with a giant tipping bucket. Also concessions, free lounge chairs and parking, swim lessons, bathhouses with lockers.

CONTACT: (248) 858-0918

Novi International Festival

DATE: Saturday, August 20

TIME: 2-6 p.m.

LOCATION: Fountain Walk, 12 Mile Rd.

DETAILS: Free event including 12 countries represented with ethnic foods, games and crafts.

CONTACT: Novi Parks and Recreation, (248) 347-0400

Flea Market

DATE: Sunday, Sept. 11

TIME: 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

LOCATION: Greenmead Historical Park, Newburgh and Eight Mile roads

DETAILS: Livonia Historical Society is hosting this event with proceeds going to preserve Greenmead. The cost is \$10 for adults and children under 12 free. Food and refreshments will be available.

CONTACT: (248) 477-7375

Walk for Diabetes

DATE: September 24 and 25

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CHAPTER 170 ARTICLE 21, 7 MILE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT

The Charter Township of Northville Board of Trustees will conduct a First and Second Reading and Adoption of Amendment to the Zoning Ordinance on Thursday, August 18, 2005 at Northville Township Municipal Building, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M.

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

SUE A. HILLEBRAND
CLERK

(8-11/18-05 NR 231915)

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NORTHVILLE HOUSING COMMISSION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TERRACE TUCKPOINT PROJECT

The City of Northville - Northville Housing Commission requests sealed proposals for the terrace wall tuckpoint/repair project.

Proposal details may be received by contacting: Joanne Inglis, Housing Director, 401 High Street, Northville, MI 48167 (248) 349-8030.

ATTENTION: This is a Federally funded project. The Contractor and Subcontractors on this project must comply with the Davis-Bacon Act, Nondiscrimination, Equal Employment Opportunity, Affirmative Action, Section 3 requirements, Anti-Kickback Act, Federal Operational Safety and Health Act and Department of Labor Standards and Regulations as set forth in the Contract Bid Documents.

An original proposal and three (3) copies must be submitted by Friday, September 9, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. at which time they will be opened and read to: Dianne Massa, City Clerk, 215 West Main Street, Northville, MI 48167. Proposals must be sealed in an envelope marked "Allen Terrace - Terrace Tuckpoint Project." Faxed and emailed proposals will not be considered. The City of Northville reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities in the proposals that are in the best interest of the City of Northville.

JOANNE INGLIS, HOUSING DIRECTOR
(8-18-05 NR & 8-21-05 PCO 233514)
DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

Ann Arbor Museum

TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays-Saturdays; noon-5 p.m., Sundays

LOCATION: 220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor

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CONTACT: (734) 995-5437

Mothers of Multiples

DATE: Second Thursday of every month

TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon

DETAILS: Kensington Valley Mothers of Multiples provides information, support and social activities for mothers of multiple birth children and their families.

CONTACT: Jackie, (248) 437-5496

Detroit Zoo

DATE: Ongoing through Sept. 30

LOCATION: Detroit Zoo, 8450 W. 10 Mile Road, Royal Oak

DETAILS: This is a motion-based film simulation called "The Deep Sea-The Ride"; passengers experience beneath the ocean's surface in a submarine.

CONTACT: For more information and times, (248) 398-0903 or www.detroitzoo.org

Farmington Farmers Market

DATE: Every Saturday through October

TIME: 9 a.m.-2 p.m. crafts

LOCATION: Downtown Farmington, Grand River Ave. and Farmington Road

DETAILS: Featuring seasonal fruits, vegetables, flowers and bakery goods.

CONTACT: www.DowntownFarmington.org

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DETAILS: America's Walk is an event of the American Diabetes Association. Funds raised are used toward diabetes research, advocacy, programs and events.

CONTACT: (888) DIABETES or visit www.diabetes.org

Michigan Opera Theatre

LOCATION: 1526 Broadway, Detroit

DETAILS: This is the 35th anniversary season of the Michigan Opera Theatre.

CONTACT: Tickets to the season will be available Tuesday, Sept. 6 in person or call, (313) 237-7464, single tickets will be available online at www.MichiganOpera.org on Monday, Aug. 29.

Master Gardener Association

DAY: Second Thursday of every month

TIME: 7 p.m.

DETAILS: Meet at the Environmental Interpretive Center at the northwest corner of the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, 4901 Evergreen Road, between Ford Road and Michigan Avenue.

Parks Pass

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees of the Northville District Library, County of Wayne, Michigan, will hold a public hearing on Thursday, the 25th day of August, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. in the Carlo Meeting Room of the Northville District Library, Northville, Michigan, to consider the approval and adoption of the operating budget of the Northville District Library for the fiscal year 2005-2006.

Copies of the proposed budget are on file with the Library Director at the Northville District Library, 212 West Cady Street, Northville, Michigan, for inspection during regular library hours. At the public hearing, all citizens, taxpayers and property owners of the Northville District Library District, comprised of the City of Northville and the Charter Township of Northville, shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the budget.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Trustees of the Northville District Library, Counties of Wayne and Oakland, Michigan.

ROBERT SOCHACKI
SECRETARY
NORTHVILLE DISTRICT LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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TOWNSHIP NEWS

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Sound system: Can you hear me now?

■ Residents struggle to be heard during public meetings at new \$8 million township hall

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Chip Snider said he thinks the sound system at Northville's township hall is fine.

Although there were many complaints during a special township meeting last week, Snider said the problem has to do with the air ducts in the room drawing out the sound, not the actual system.

"We can't turn the air exchangers down, but if we close the doors it isn't as bad," Snider said. "I don't think the problem is the sound system." Snider said the round room where the board meets creates problems, but has been adjusted.

"We've adjusted (the sound) to the degree we can," Snider said. "There's not much more we can do."

Assistant Township Manager Thelma Kubitsky said her staff has been

"People need to learn to talk into the microphones. I've sat in back, and my hearing's not that great, and I didn't have a problem. Other times, you can't hear a word."

Dick Henningsen
Treasurer, Northville Township

brainstorming ideas to improve the sound system.

"It's not a matter of fixing it," she said. "There is nothing wrong with it. It's a matter of improving it."

"This is a whole new state of the art sound system and our board members are still learning it."

Kubitsky said it cost an estimated \$150,000 for the audio visual

aspects in the community room. She said the sound system budget was incorporated in the cost of the township hall.

Kubitsky said construction of a new township hall and fire station, along with renovations to the township police station, was about \$15.5 million.

She said township hall construction was the biggest expense, costing about \$8 million.

"There is no reason to seek a new sound system," Kubitsky said. "We did bring an expert in to configure the acoustics in the community room. He assured us there could be some tweaking done."

Treasurer Richard Henningsen is very disappointed with the sound system and is not sure the lapel microphones that Snider has offered will work.

"People need to learn to talk into the microphones," Henningsen said. "I've sat in back, and my hearing's not that great, and I didn't have a problem. Other times, you can't hear a word."

The new township hall opened on Six Mile Road and Sheldon in November, and Henningsen said, once all the bugs are fixed, everything will be fine.

"The building is not quite ready yet, but it will be," he said.

Tracy Mishler can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or via e-mail at tmishler@ht.homecomm.net.

BUDGET: sale could affect state budget

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there have been many problems selling this land in the past, that we're not going to the bank until the check clears."

Greg Bird, director of communications for the state budget office said, there is no way to tell what impact the potential sale will have on the state budget until the property is sold.

"The fiscal year doesn't end until Sept. 30 and it's hard to say how one item would impact the budget," Bird said. "We're not sure if the \$140 million is still accurate since that amount is a month old."

All money from the auction will be put in the state general fund, which will then go toward paying for Medicaid, family services, higher education and the Department of Corrections.

Bird said the states general fund has over \$8 billion and is divided

The state originally hoped the hospital would sell for \$50 million. Now, Bird said the state may have to look toward other areas to make up for the lost revenue from the sale.

"We've been waiting to sell this piece of property for quite some time," Bird said. "I wouldn't qualify the lower sale as a problem for the state though."

Township perspective

Northville Township will also benefit from the sale, but it may not be for quite some time.

"Eventually when the land gets redeveloped, it will increase our tax base," said Thelma Kubitsky, assistant township manager and director of finance for Northville Township. "Basically we will receive more money for township operations."

Kubitsky said she thinks it could be a year or more before the township sees any tax revenue from the hospital property.

"If the property is bought and left undeveloped, we'd still have tax revenue coming in - just a lower amount," she said. "Everyone will benefit in the long-run with this sale."

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TOWNSHIP BRIEFS

Back to the drawing board

The Northville Township Board of Trustees held a special meeting Aug. 11 to discuss recommendations for the property at Five Mile and Sheldon Road.

The board agreed to have the plan for mixed use development go back to the planning commission for revisions.

Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand recommended the township keep the land in reserve. Hillebrand is against a new residential development on the property and said she would like to see a community center built. She said more residential housing units will put a great deal of stress on the townships schools.

The board voted 4-3 to have the planning commission consider other options. The board will meet again at 7:30 p.m., Aug. 18 for their regular scheduled meeting.

Waste day

It's time to get rid of all your household hazardous waste.

Residents from Northville, Northville Township and Livonia can dispose of all hazardous waste items Saturday, Sept. 24 during the 2005 household hazardous waste day. The event will be at the Northville Department of Public Waste yard at 650 Doherty Dr. and will be open from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. For a complete list of accepted hazardous items in Northville Township, visit www.northvillemich.com/community.htm or call (248) 348-5820.

Happy trails

Northville Township was a gracious host Aug. 8 to over 80 officials and trail users concerned about a 40-mile bikeway along I-275. The trail, owned by the Michigan Department of Transportation, was built in the 1970s and stretches from Novi to Monroe County. The trail is scheduled for a facelift, thanks to a \$42,000 foundation grant received from the National Trails Conservancy, which sought

help from neighboring communities. MDOT will fund the renovations and future maintenance in order to keep the trail alive.

Fall cleaning

The Northville Senior Community Center is asking for donations of purses and accessories for their senior citizens program.

The donated items are due by Dec. 6 for an all-day sale. Wallets, belts and scarves are also acceptable donations and will be welcomed. For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

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



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Swap ideas first, then land

The township board of trustees took a prudent step last week by asking the planning commission to review again development options for a township-owned 15-acre parcel at the northeast corner of Five Mile and Sheldon roads.

What could it hurt?

Currently, the board is entertaining an ambitious plan which would essentially allow Farmington Hills developer Grand Sakwa to develop the township-owned land, in exchange for 153 acres near Five Mile and Sheldon roads and another 15 acres in the eastern portion of the township.

The City of Detroit owns the land now.

Grand Sakwa wants to capitalize on bustling traffic counts surrounding the township-

What do you think?

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owned land.

The rub: the township would yield to what will likely become a commercial corner.

Doing so, some board members contend, is short-sighted and tantamount to passively surrendering to developers with only bottom-line interests.

Maybe so. But unless the planning commission, or any dissenting

board member, can come up with a better plan, the land swap idea bears serious consideration.

Without a practical alternative, simply holding tightly to a corner destined for commercial development one day, at the expense of acquiring more land throughout the township, is irresponsible.

Having the planning commission take a look is a good idea.

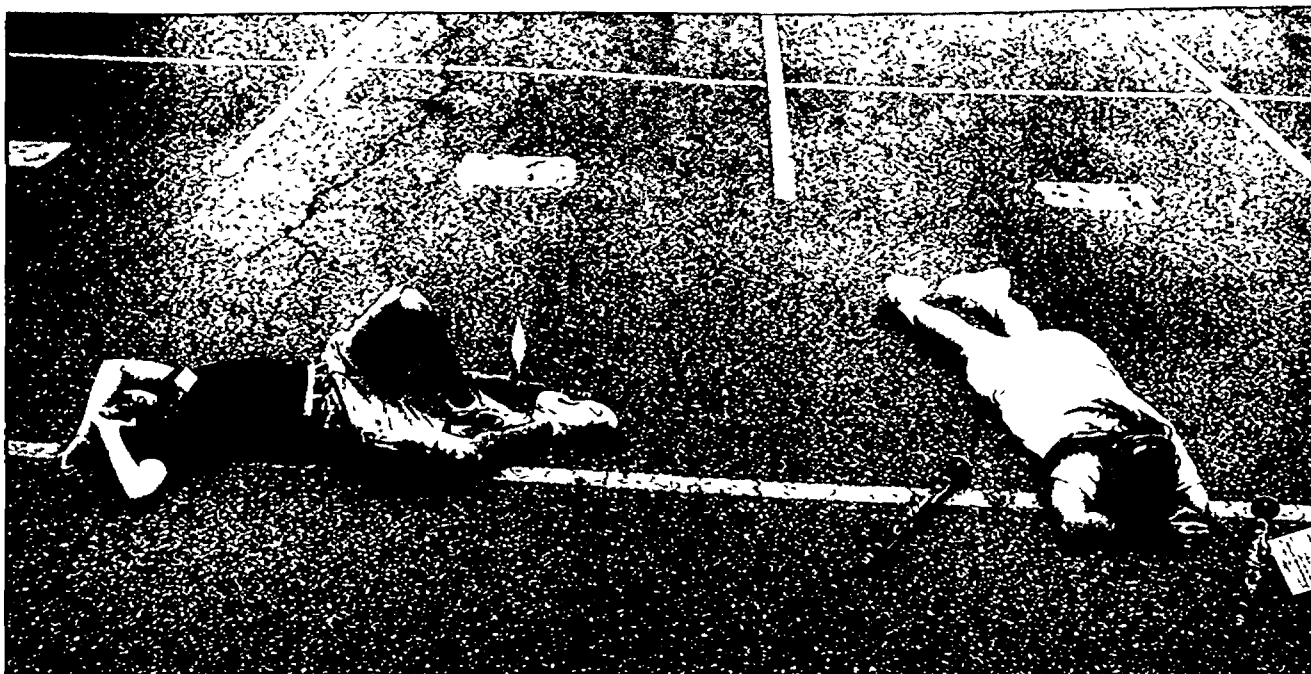


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Intermission!

Northville High School marching band members David Movesian, left, and Bridgett Burgett take advantage of a 20 minute mid-afternoon break from their marching drills. The pair, along with the rest of the band, began practicing before 8 a.m.

Tough series, life go up in smoke

Down three games to one and facing elimination in the best-of-seven series, Roger Harrison didn't flinch.

He'd beaten more improbable odds.

Maybe that's why also being down 4-0 to start Game 5 also didn't phase him. His face was a stone. He'd taken the first game at the outdoor Our Lady of Victory basketball court Tuesday, then climbed to a 6-5 advantage in Game 2.

But a turnover cost him the lead and later allowed his 29-year-old son, Ryan, to tie the score. Remember, it's win by two, Dad.

Yeah, yeah. Just play.

Then Ryan dropped an 18-foot jumper on his father's head. And the avalanche began. Game over. 12-10. Games 3 and 4 were blowouts, breathers for the old man who'd once spent so much time teaching his son how to dribble and shoot with proper form.

That was a long time ago, though, back when Dad still drove a white horse to work and could move mountains with his bare hands.

That was before cancer. Roger was smoking back then, a pack per day, Winstons. One to start

the day. One to finish the day. He smoked the rest in between shifts at the General Motors plant where he worked for 33 years before retiring.

Then came colon cancer, followed by a heart bypass operation. Through it all, Roger never wavered. And he never once considered quitting smoking.

"Never gave it a thought," he said between Gatorade gulps. "That shows how addicted I was."

Seven years ago, his wife, Maggie, died. Lung cancer. She'd been a smoker, too.

"That's when I went from one pack a day to almost two packs a day," he said. "It was the only way I could cope."

He tried hypnosis. That worked for a while, but he gained 30 pounds. So one day he lit up. And it was like coming home. He lost the weight, most of it anyway, then met someone who stole his heart. She wasn't a smoker, though, and he didn't want to mess up what felt like a good thing.

After all, there was already an age difference to contend with, she so much younger than he was, nearly five decades. But she was all he

could think about.

She reminded him of the wife he'd lost. Granddaughters do that.

"I quit the day she was born," Roger said. "I took one look at her and realized God was giving me a second chance to spend more time with Maggie ... so I decided to take it."

He never looked back. He's never smoked again. "It wasn't easy, but it was worth it," Roger said, before climbing back on defense.

Yes, his jumpshot suddenly stopped working at some point Tuesday evening, sputtering to the roadside where it heaved and backfired in a cloud of white cumulus. Even the hook shot — the quirky, distant trademark of a father's bygone era — had called in sick.

The basketball, by the way, was a rock. Dribbling was an adventure, like driving a Hummer through the Hiller's produce aisle. But it didn't matter.

Roger Harrison, down 3-1 in the series, long ago won the title he relished most. He'd caught a break, maybe one he didn't even deserve, and cashed in big.

There are no life lessons. Wisdom is fish food wasted on those who can't tell the difference between being hungry and being fed.

Roger Harrison knew the score.

He learned that when life's shots start rimming out, the smart players wait on defense for a son's best ball-fake, then corral him in the lane, just like when he was seven and it was finally time to come inside.

They hug. And together they laugh.

"Call it a day?" the old man said, not needing a response, not needing closure for some meaningless best-of-seven series.

The son nodded, then gathered two water jugs before gently elbowing his father's ribs.

At home, dinner is waiting, and a shower. There will be time spent on the porch. At some point, Grandpa will get a kiss from his granddaughter, maybe two. Maybe more.

Not a bad payoff for a player now best known as being a quitter.

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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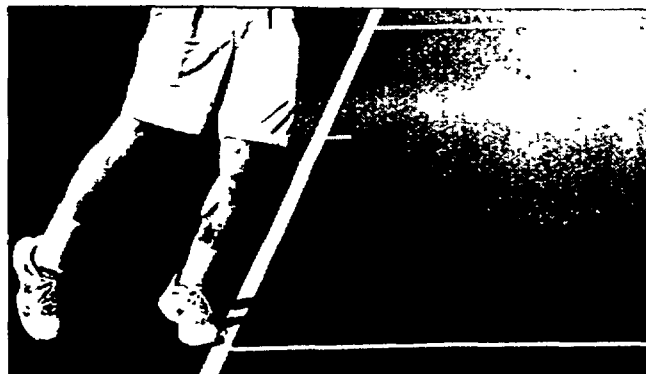
Grudge Match

Have an ongoing athletic duel with a family member or a friend? Northville Record editor David Aguilar wants to hear about. Call (248) 349-1700, ext. 102.



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Jim Robinson plays doubles tennis last Wednesday morning at Northville's Fish Hatchery Park with friends David Petway, Bob Chene, and Eric Hall amid temperatures reaching 84 degrees by 10 a.m.



LETTERS

Get a pass!

I would like to encourage all Northville residents to take advantage of a wonderful family opportunity by purchasing a Northville High School Family Pass or Super Pass for athletic events. The Family Pass (\$60) provides entry into all NHS athletic events (except hockey) for your entire family while the Super Pass (\$75) allows entry into all events including hockey. Both passes carry Booster Club membership privileges as well. The passes are the major fundraising tool of the

Northville High School Athletic Boosters. The Northville High School Athletic Booster's Club is a volunteer parent organization dedicated to promoting and enhancing the NHS athletic program so as to encourage each student-athlete to achieve their own goals in a safe and healthy environment. Each year the Athletic Boosters contribute thousands of dollars in support of NHS Athletic programs and scholarships. Whether you have a child who participates in high school sports or not, attending high school sporting events is a great

family value and wonderful entertainment.

Due to the increased popularity in attendance from the senior members of our families, Northville Public Schools will now be admitting, for free, any senior citizen over the age of 60 to any high school sponsored activity. The first football game is just days away, so don't delay. Get your application in immediately. Contact our Membership Chair, Kathy Harkness 46940 Elmsmere Dr., Northville 48167 or call (248) 348-1492 (h) for an application. The

Athletic Boosters meet at 7 p.m. on the first Monday of every month in the High School. If you have a child who is currently participating in an athletic activity or thinking of participating in one, your help is needed. Please consider attending one of our meetings and becoming involved. It's a great way to meet new friends and to contribute to Northville High School and to our community.

Michael Paciorek, President
Northville High School Athletic Boosters

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

Naysayers, the ballot awaits

Soon the race will be on for two Northville City Council seats as well as the mayor's chair. A couple of petitions have been pulled from the city clerk's office. There was quite a racket about job performance ratings about this time last year, to the point of a threatened recall election. The deadline for filing petitions with a minimum of 50 registered voter signatures is 5 p.m., Oct. 3. The clock is ticking and the spotlight awaits for those who last year bemoaned their government had failed them. Let's see who steps up.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

Can you hear us ... yet?

Township taxpayers paid \$15 million to build a new township hall and fire station, and transform the previous township hall into an updated police station. Why then, after spending all that money, must taxpayers still struggle to be heard at public meetings? The new Community Room sound system is abysmal. Officials say the \$150,000 audiovisual expense was money well spent and with "tweaking" can become functional. So, get to it. It's insulting and embarrassing to have taxpayers show up to public meetings, hoping to voice their concerns, only to be rendered practically mute because of a malfunctioning sound system. Enough excuses. FIX THE SOUND SYSTEM.

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School projects face deadline

Northville Public Schools has quite the task in front of them. Have all school buildings ready for the first day, Aug. 25. With voter-approved improvements underway throughout the district, the task may seem harder than it seems. But officials and contractors are working seven-day work weeks to make sure the district is ready for the community's children.

NORTHVILLE ATHLETICS

Welcome, new coaches

It's never easy being the new kid on the block. Northville's athletic programs have plenty in the way of incoming freshmen, but it's new coaches who have to develop their own style to fit into an existing program. Ryan Hockman, and several assistants, will be taking the role of leaders for the football program while Matt Stetson adds boys golf to his coaching resume following a successful boys tennis season in the spring. Brad Brockway has taken the lead as the school's new girls swimming and diving coach. We wish the best of luck to all of these new coaches in their inaugural seasons in their respective sports at Northville High School.

COMMENTARY

David Aguilar, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 102 daguilar@ht.homecomm.net

Love match: local tennis player battles father's loss

For so long, Diana Ticu associated tennis with her father.

Playing without him was unthinkable.

But now, due to a screech of tires and the crunch of metal, she doesn't have a choice.

Ticu lost her father, Liviu, after a car accident last fall. She said he was out drinking and then crashed into a tree.

"The entire season he was there every match," Ticu said. "And when I wasn't playing he would spend hours feeding me balls. It was so strange when he wasn't there. I just didn't want to believe it."

It was a Saturday morning around 2 a.m. when Liviu died. When Ticu woke up that day her mother, Adrianna, sat her down and told her the dire news. She didn't believe it. She couldn't.

"I just kept telling myself it wasn't true," she said. "I didn't believe it."

But it was. It was a life lost that could never be returned. Her season quickly careened downhill. Her first game back, a match she pushed herself into, Ticu broke down crying on the court.

She finished her junior year. She was a first singles player and she played to the

best she could.

Her career slid steadily downhill from there. Instead of playing through the summer, she couldn't bring herself to the court.

Ticu just couldn't stand the hole in her life where her father once stood.

Sitting on a bench next to the Novi High School tennis courts, Ticu forced a smile. Liviu wasn't a topic of conversation very often for her. She kept her feelings bottled inside, writing only in her diary when her innermost feelings tried to surface.

"I know, it's kind of stupid," she said. "I write things down in there. I just don't talk about it much."

But she doesn't forget either. She has visited her father's grave at Glen Eden Cemetery despite it not having a headstone until September.

She also carries a photo of her family with her. Her father was smiling in that picture. That's how she likes to remember him.

"I'll miss him most when graduation comes," Ticu said. "Family and friends will come to my party and we'll have pictures. I'll really miss him then."

And every time she gets on the court, Ticu knows she'll remember. She'll catch herself glancing to where Liviu always stood at the fence,

"I really miss him. It's going to be hard without him, but I'm going to try."

Diana Ticu
Student, Novi High School

barking instructions and encouragement to her.

This year, Ticu most likely won't be the best player on the team. Her summer off will find her in a lower flight. She doesn't mind. Tennis is just for fun now.

"I think about him when I play," she said. "I really miss him. It's going to be hard without him, but I'm going to try."

Ticu has never known tennis without her father, and with every serve she hits this year she'll think of him.

"I've got to keep working hard," she said. "He used to frustrate me when we practiced in the summer and he would tell me I would thank him one day. I'd scream at him and tell him that I wouldn't."

"He was right, though. He really helped me improve. I really do thank him for everything."

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SPOTLIGHT ON: ORTHODONTIC NEWS

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Presented by

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

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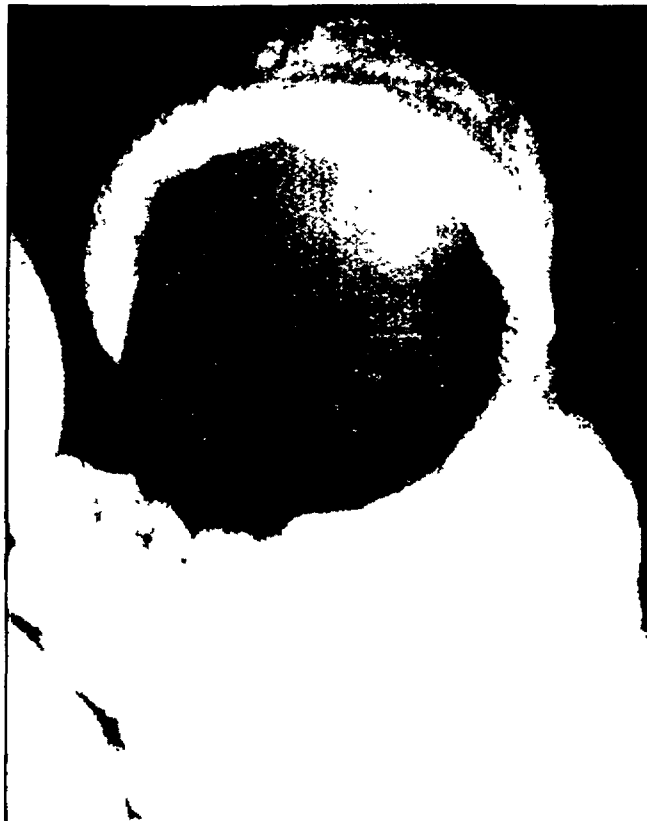
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The groom is the son of Mike and Cindy Abbott of Canton, formerly of Northville. He is a 1998 graduate of Northville High School and a 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is currently employed as a 5th grade teacher for Atlanta Public Schools, Ga.

The bride is the daughter of Jack and Phyllis Solberg of Ray, Mich. and the late Diane Solberg. She is a 1998 graduate of Romeo High School and also a 2003 graduate of Western Michigan University. She is employed as an occupational therapist for Henry County

Schools, Ga.

Stephanie Solberg (sister of the bride) of Ray was the maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Daniella Solberg (sister-in-law of the bride) of New Haven, Lisa Goossens of Cordova, Tenn., Sarah Woods of Howell, and Kate Prochaska of Clarendon Hills, Ill. Natasha Sloniker (cousin of the bride) of Gaylord was the flower girl.

Serving as best man was Bob Allan of Royal Oak, formerly of Northville. Groomsmen were Dustin Gress (cousin of the groom) of Rochester, N.Y., Mike Livanos of San Diego, formerly of Northville, Gabe Cristof of Northville and Jim Collins of Naperville, Ill. The ring bearers were Jedi, Rob and Stacey's dog.

The couple honeymooned in Negril, Jamaica and will make their home in Covington, Ga.

Lauren Katherine Corriveau

Stephanie and Matthew Corriveau of Northville are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Lauren Katherine Corriveau on July 28, 2005 at Huron Valley Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds and 12 ounces. Lauren joins big brother, Thomas Joseph, 18 months.

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- ▶ Be a role model for community youth and citizens

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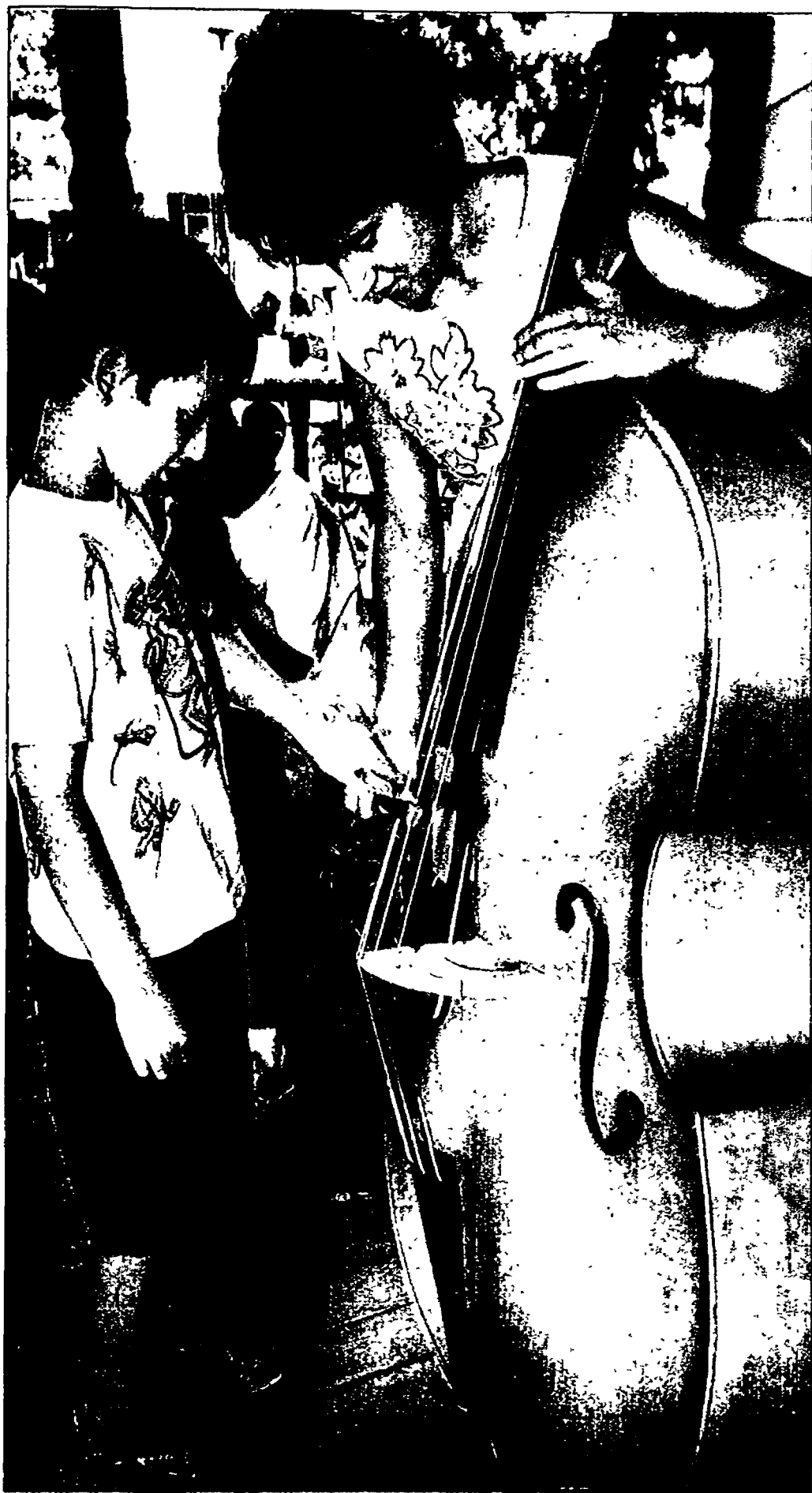


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String music!

Jennifer Watkins, right, a local string instrument instructor, gives Christoph Bartschat, 9, an introduction to the upright bass during the "Instrument Petting Zoo" held Tuesday afternoon. The event was part of the Tunes on Tuesday series held each week at the Northville bandshell. Tuesday Watkins' Strings in Our Schools was featured.

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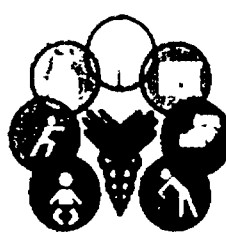
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By: Mike Riley

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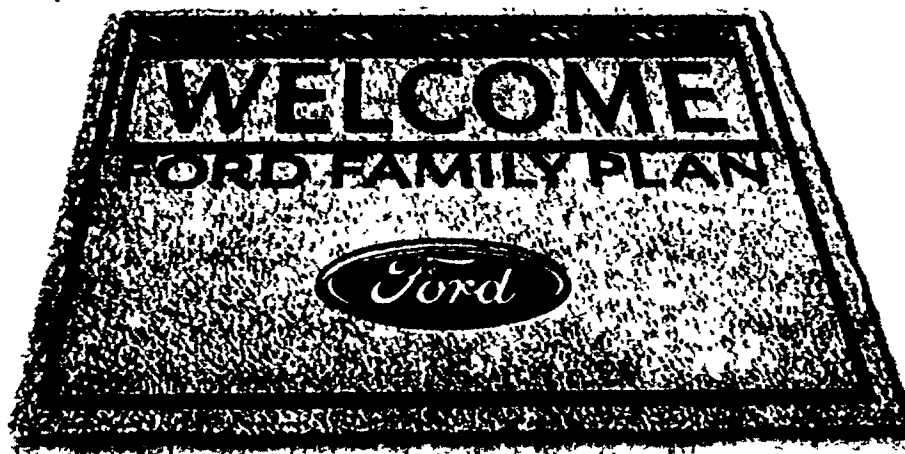
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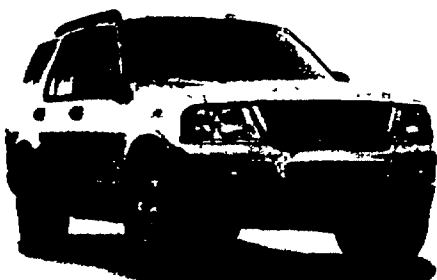
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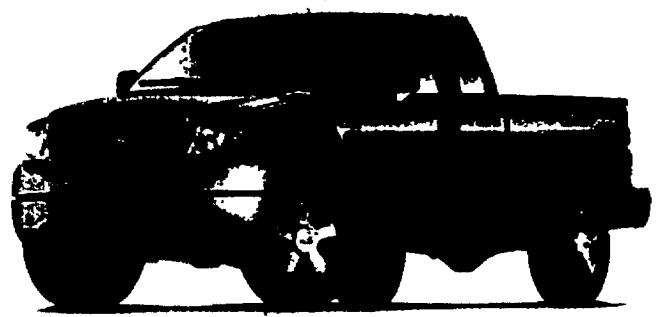
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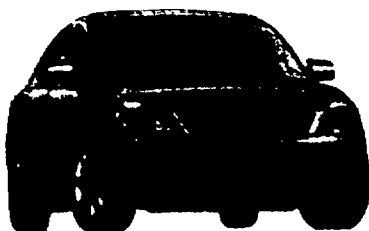
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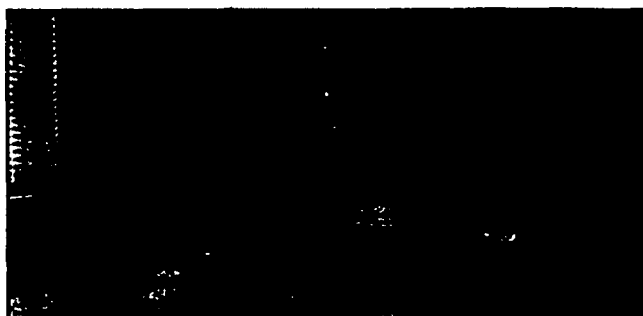
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RECORD SPORTS



Nick Kaldis fires a shot toward the net. The senior Mustang has set some lofty preseason goals.

Oh captain, my captain

■ Senior Nick Kaldis wants to make captain in three sports

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville's Nick Kaldis intends on being the best athlete he can be. And a captain while he's at it. Kaldis — who plays soccer, basketball and track — is hoping to showcase his talents while leading his squad throughout his senior year. "As a senior you've got to give it all for every practice, every game," Kaldis said. "Every time you're out there it might be the last time with your buddies." Kaldis would know. Last year he went up for a header and came down with a sudden twinge of pain at the back of his ankle. His Achilles' tendon tweaked, hampering the remainder of his season. He hasn't let it slow down his off-season workouts though and now he's expecting to go out with all of the gusto that made him so dangerous last year. "Nick was a tremendous player for us last year," said Henry Klimes, the boys soccer coach at Northville High School. "Hopefully he can give us the same type of performance, and maybe even better, this year." Klimes said if Kaldis can showcase the talents and the leadership he possessed last season, he'll most likely earn a place as a cap-

tain. Even if he doesn't, Kaldis will be expected to lead. "He's definitely a key member of our squad," Klimes said. "He has a huge role to play. We're not exactly sure where we're going to use him yet because he's so versatile, but we know he's going to be a big part of this year's team." Leading a team like Northville soccer won't be easy. The squad was ranked first in the state for most of the year last season but has now taken a dip in state polls. Kaldis said he doesn't mind where his team is ranked. He knows they want to win. "Our expectations are still pretty high," he said. "This year we're not ranked as high as last year, but we still have expectations of ourselves. There's a little less pressure, but we still plan on winning." The basketball team and the track team, however haven't fared as well as their soccer counterparts. The teams have struggled in the past, but Kaldis hopes he can earn a place to help lead them. "I'm going to give 110 percent every game," he said of all his athletic endeavors. "You never know when an injury can come up. I hope I don't get injured this year, but if I do I don't want to look back and say I should have played better when I was healthy." Leading by example is what every captain strives to do and Klimes said Kaldis has all the tools necessary for the job. "He's a tremendous young man," he said. "He's respectful and his teammates like him. He works very hard in practice as well, which you need." "He has a great chance at being a captain. He just has to show the leadership now that we're know he's capable of. We have high



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Mustang Nick Kaldis will be busy this fall with soccer, then quickly followed by basketball.

expectations of him and we know he'll live up to them." And high expectations are what Kaldis has thrived on his whole career. "You've got to have high expectations of yourself," he said. "Only you know how far you can push yourself and you've got to push if you want to be successful."

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Where's Watza?

■ Former Northville standout earns place with MSU football, but he can't play

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Matt Watza just shakes his head when he thinks about it. A standout linebacker at Northville High School, Watza always dreamed of playing football at Michigan State University. Following his high school graduation in 2003, he made his way to Western Michigan University to bring his grades up and then on to East Lansing. There, Watza worked out and then went to a walk-on tryout. Two weeks later, while on his way to work, he got a call on his cell phone and found out he earned a spot with the Spartans. "I just couldn't believe it," Watza said. "It was like it was too good to be true." It was. Watza was informed just prior to departing school in May that he had too few credits to continue as a member of the football team. "It was a combination of transfer credits and the fact that I wasn't full time when I first started at Michigan State," he said. "I thought they would have checked all of that out before I got a spot on the team. I didn't think it was going to be a problem." Watza said though he doesn't have a position on the football team right now, he plans on earning his place on the roster again when he gets the chance. Of course, he has to stay in shape and stay ready to tryout when the time comes. "I'm going to keep working out and staying in shape," he said. "It's encouraging because I made it once. I think I can do it again if I stay focused enough." That won't be easy when Watza watches the Spartans take to the field on each Saturday



this fall. He said his plan is to continue cheering on Michigan State, the team he's backed since he was just a little kid, and keep working hard in his classes. He took some summer classes this year and will take extra classes in the fall to get himself back on track for his shot at Big 10 football. But it still hurts when Watza think about where he might have fit in with the Spartans. He even was well on his way to learning some of the defensive schemes in a position he had never played before. "I wasn't near big enough to play linebacker with them so they moved me back to safety," he said. "I had to learn all the new schemes and coverage." He said he's not sure how he'll react when Michigan State is playing, but he still wants to see his team win. Watza also said he'll never forget the memories he's already made for himself with just the short amount of time he spent with the Spartans. "I have pictures of things like my name on my locker," he said. "I was just a few lockers away from guys like Drew Stanton. It was one of the greatest moments of my life." And Watza said he's not about to discourage any of the Northville graduates who are looking to try and walk on somewhere. "I wasn't the best football player," he said. "I wasn't the fastest or the strongest. I just loved playing football." "I think anyone who has the desire and the love for the game can walk on. They shouldn't just walk away without trying. I couldn't have lived with myself if I hadn't tried out. I wouldn't trade these memories for anything."

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Trying to 'Corral' donors for the NEF

To say Mike Poterala is happy with the beginnings of the new "Corral Club" is an understatement. He's thrilled. Poterala, who is one of the trustees for the Northville Educational Foundation, said that at last count about half of the sought after 50 members have already stepped up with their \$250 donation. "Northville is an extremely generous community," Poterala said. "They don't mind donating to help their kids or the other kids in this community." But \$250, in any community, isn't just pocket change. What do these founding members get in exchange? Well, a VIP parking spot for one. Everyone who donates will get a parking spot behind Cooke

School for every home football game this season as well as a family sports pass that will permit the members of a donor's immediate family to attend all regular-season Northville sporting events through the 2005-06 seasons with the exception of hockey. For \$15 more, hockey is included. "Hockey actually gets that money," said Poterala. "So if someone wants to donate the extra \$15, we'll make sure they get the hockey pass as well." Donors will also get membership in the Northville High School Boosters Club. "The boosters have worked with us on this and we're thankful for their help," Poterala said. "We think having them involved will help this fund-raiser and also help boost their participation." With about 25 spots already filled, the founding team of Corral clubbers is nearly complete. Poterala said there's still time to get in at the ground level, but noted there have been some very enthusiastic people

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Don't miss out on Corral Club

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who've come to see him personally regarding the club.

"I've had people come over and hand their checks to me in person because they're so excited about this," he said.

Anyone can become a member and those who do could possibly see some "surprise" benefits because of it. One such benefit may be a donor-recognition barbecue prior to one of the football games.

The Northville Educational Foundation, which was founded to help fund academic and extracurricular programs offered by Northville Public Schools, is just truly getting started, said Poterala.

"As a fund-raising entity, the NEF is in its infancy," he said. "We're really excited with how well the Corral Club has already been received and hope to possibly turn it into a yearly event. Maybe, eventually, we'll be able to use the entire lot at Cooke."

"Right now we're just going to see how well this works out and then make additional plans."

But founding club members have nothing to worry about. Not only will they have the chance to enjoy first-year benefits, they'll also have the first option to renew their memberships and parking spaces for future seasons.

Join the Corral Club

If you're interested in becoming a founding member of the Corral Club, a donation of \$250 makes it possible.

Send checks, made payable to the Northville Educational Foundation to:

Mustang Corral Club
300 Wing Court
Northville, MI 48167

Poterla would know. He's not only helping spearhead the new endowment fund-raiser, he's a member of the Corral Club too.

"There are a lot of prominent members of the community who have already joined," he said. "It's for a good cause and it's a great way to enjoy Northville athletics."

Donations can still be made with donations of \$250 made payable to the Northville Educational Foundation. The donations can be sent to the Mustang Corral Club, 300 Wing Court, Northville, MI 48167.

So don't wait. If you want to help out the Educational Foundation and enjoy some top-notch Mustang sports while you're at it, there aren't many better causes than this one.

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'Untamed' take second

The Northville Untamed sand volleyball team took second place behind the Sand Kickers of Plymouth High School during the first-ever High School Challenge 3-on-3 tournament hosted Aug. 14.

The team, led by captain Joanna Foss, found themselves losing their final three games of

the tournament against the kickers for second place. Joining her were Elise Fleishaker and Amanda Marquardt.

There were teams in division I and II brackets and teams came from Novi, Troy, Rockwood, Gibraltar, Wyandotte and several other surrounding cities.

Submitted photos

LEFT: Joanna Foss, Elise Fleishaker and Amanda Marquardt are the members of the Northville Untamed, a team that took second in the first-ever High School Challenge 3-on-3 volleyball tournament.

RIGHT: The sand volleyball tournament was full of high school talent. The Untamed took second in their division.



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Spring champions!

The Northville Premier Football Club U10 girls Black soccer team, comprised entirely of Northville and Novi players, tied for top honors along with the Ann Arbor Arsenal with a 7-1 record this year. Pictured are: Front row (left to right): Grace DeRidder, Rebecca Martin, Alexis Mencotti, Clare Townsend, Lauren Santucci, Taylor Breault; Back Row: Cassidy Ebach, Vanessa Cousino, Alyssa Moulds, Samantha Jarrett, Elizabeth Sakorafis, Gina McNamara, Madeline Chiado and coach Mary Kay Hussey.



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A's win World Series

The Northville Baseball and Softball Association championship went to the A's, a G-League squad, June 30. The World Series champions earned a 9-5 victory over the Phillies in front of friends, family and spectators.

PARKS AND RECREATION

New Residents

DETAILS: Northville Parks and Recreation invites new Northville residents to visit its parks and community centers to learn about activities and facilities.

CONTACT: Visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org or call (248) 349-0203.

Netball Players

DATE: Fridays, ongoing, June-end of September

TIME: 7:30-9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: For ages 15 and over, a popular team sport imported from the United Kingdom.

CONTACT: Sarah Weyburne, (248) 344-2828

Lap Swimming

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

CONTACT: For times and information, call (248) 349-0203

Open Badminton

DATE: Tuesdays and Fridays

TIME: 7-9:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road.

DETAILS: Competitive style badminton is available. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$7 per night, including bird fee.

Table Tennis

TIME/DAY: 6-10 p.m., Mondays and noon-4 p.m., Saturdays

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

DETAILS: Eight tables are available. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$4 per day.

Open Basketball

TIME/DAY: 7-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays

LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

CONTACT: (248) 449-9947

Golf Lessons

TIME/DAY: Times vary; Adults, Saturdays, Tuesdays or Thursdays; Youth, Saturdays

LOCATION: Salem Hills Golf Club, 8810 Six Mile Road

DETAILS: Classes are for beginners with little or no experience.

CONTACT: Visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org or call (248) 349-0203

SPORTS SHORTS

Walk for a cure

The Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America, Michigan Chapter (CCFA) will host its Second Annual Heel to Heal walk on Saturday, September 10 at Maybury State Park in Northville. Proceeds will go towards research and programming to help find a cause and cure for Crohn's Disease and ulcerative colitis.

More than a million people throughout the United States suffer from Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis, known collectively as IBD. Both are painful diseases that affect the gastrointestinal tract, causing diarrhea, abdominal cramps, bleeding, and numerous complications including bowel obstruction and colon cancer. Most IBD sufferers are young when symptoms first appear. Crohn's disease primarily afflicts adolescents and young adults, with an estimated 10% (some 100,000) under the age of 18.

"Our annual Heel to Heal walk is a great way for friends, family and community members to support loved ones who are affected by Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis to support their loved ones," said Bernard Riker, Executive Director of CCFA, Michigan Chapter. "The event is growing each year, helping to increase awareness and fund the research of this worthy cause."

Participants can choose between a one-mile walk and a 5K (3.1 miles) walk. Registration is \$10 (free for children under 12) and includes a picnic lunch and free admission to the park. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. with the one-mile walk, and the 5K-walk begins at 10:30 a.m. The picnic lunch, sponsored by Outback Steakhouse of Novi, begins at 11:30 a.m.

Last year more than 350 CCFA members, patients and their families laced up their walking shoes to raise more than \$66,000 for the organization's research and programming.

To register for the event, or to become a volunteer or sponsor, call Gilda Hauser at (248) 737-0900 or e-mail michigan@ccfa.org. You can also register on-line at www.ccfa.kintera.org/mich/05walk.

Two players needed

The Michigan Wolves U14 travel baseball team will be holding tryouts the last weekend

in August. Needed are two solid players. The Michigan Wolves U13 team finished 43-6 for the 2005 season winning several tournaments, including a fifth place overall out of 40 teams in the AAYBA World Series in St. Louis. For more information, visit www.miwolves.com or call Tim at (734) 645-9033.

Baseball tryouts

The U18 Michigan Indians baseball club will be holding player evaluations Aug. 19-20 at Hillside Field on Eight Mile Road, just west of Center Street in Northville. The evaluations will take place 5:30-7:30 p.m. the first day and from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. the second.

Players are drawn from across the state and coaches ask for advance tryout notice from interested players.

For more information, please contact Carl Patterson at (248) 349-4973 or via e-mail at curveballcp@comcast.net.

Adult hockey leagues

The Novi Ice Arena will hold summer adult hockey leagues for adult teams, including 18 & Over "D" on Sunday nights, 18 & Over "C" on Wednesday nights, 18 & Over "B" on Tuesday nights and 30 & Over "C" on Thursday nights. League features include excellent game times, no checking, focus on fun and even competition, and trained scorekeepers.

The Sunday division will play a five-game schedule (plus play-offs) and Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday divisions will play a six-game schedule (plus play-offs), with one game per week beginning in early July. Games will consist of three 15-minute running time periods.

For information on adult hockey leagues at Novi Ice Arena, call (248) 347-1010 or visit www.noviicearena.com.

Girls netball players wanted

Want to be a part of a new and exciting game hitting the area? Then netball is the sport for you. Imported from the United Kingdom, netball is a very popular sport that is starting to creep into the United States.

Girls ages 15 and over are welcome to participate in the league. For more information, contact Sarah Weyburne at (248) 344-2828.

LEAGUE CHAMPS

'Butt Kickers' earn parks and recreation title

A Northville Parks and Recreation coed kickball team dubbed the "Butt Kickers" was crowned last week as 2005 champs.

The team defeated their opponent 10-1.

Offensively, Kelli List and Val Hamlin came out with big kicks, while Kelly See and Margie See kept their opponents off-balance, switching from bunts to hard kicks.

Shawn Demers registered a homerun to left field. Del Middleton, went 4-for-4.



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Ready for the Big Day Prep Showdown?

Much like the title of the high school football opening day event says, Aug. 27 is going to be a big day for Northville and Novi.

The two schools will participate in the inaugural Big Day Prep Showdown, scheduled to be held at Eastern Michigan University's Rynearson Stadium. Northville will kick the day off at noon against Saline while Novi is the night cap at 7:30 p.m. against Chelsea.

"I talked to the returning kids around the time of our banquet and asked them if they'd

be interested even though they'd be giving up a home game their senior year," said Novi head coach Tab Kellepourey. "They were in favor of it."

Many of the current Northville and Novi players haven't even stepped foot onto a field with the capabilities of the Division I college stadium.

"They have brand-new field turf, a way to shoot plays up on the screen and they estimate quite a few fans," Kellepourey said. "It's a pretty exciting environment."

Tickets are available at all of the participating schools with advance prices at \$9 for adults, \$7 for students and free to children under age six. Tickets on the day of the event are \$10 at the gate.

Northville's Main Street Bank will be a part of the Big Day event and be on hand at the event with a booth in the "Fan Zone" area. They will be hosting a fun football toss event for fans to raise funds that will be donated to the Northville and Novi High School football booster clubs.

IN THE KITCHEN

Alaska Salmon

So Wild It Practically Flips Over on Its Own

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Whether you dress up Alaska salmon with your favorite marinade or simply season it with salt and pepper, there's a reason why it always tastes wildly delicious — Alaska salmon is truly wild.

Born in the pristine waters of one of the world's last unspoiled coastlines, these hearty fish thrive in abundance in natural surroundings, developing the firm texture and superior flavor that make wild Alaska salmon the perfect fish for grilling and planking.

To make summer eating easy and delicious, try these simple grilling and planking tips and recipes — each recipe works great whether you use a plank or go for it straight on the grill. And you can feel good about serving Alaska salmon, as it is one of the best sources of heart-healthy omega-3 fatty acids.

Wild Alaska Seafood Grilling Tips

Preparing the Grill

- Fish cooks best over a medium-hot fire; shellfish require a hot grill.
- Make sure the grill is hot before you start cooking.
- Liberally brush oil on the grill just prior to cooking.

Grilling Fish and Shellfish

- Cut large steaks or fillets into meal-size portions before grilling.
- Use a grill basket or perforated grill rack to keep flaky fish or smaller shellfish from falling through the grill bars.
- Brush fish or shellfish with oil very lightly just before cooking.
- Always start to grill fish with the skin side up. (If the skin has been removed, the skin side will appear slightly darker.) This allows the natural fat carried beneath the skin to be drawn into the fillet, keeping it rich and moist. It's also easier to turn when the more delicate or "flesh" side cooks first.
- Turn fish/shellfish only once. For easy turning, use a two-prong kitchen fork inserted between the grill bars to slightly lift fish fillets or steaks, then slide a metal spatula under the fish and turn. Use long-handled tongs to turn shellfish.
- Cook fish approximately 10 minutes per inch of thickness. Fish/shellfish continues to cook after it's removed from the heat, so take it off the grill just as soon as it is opaque throughout. To check for doneness, slide a sharp knife tip into the center of the thickest part of a cooking seafood portion, checking for color. Remove from the heat just as soon as it turns from translucent to opaque throughout.



Plank Grilling Tips

Planking is a traditional Northwest-style of cooking using aromatic pieces of wood. It's a great way to add subtle flavors to your wild Alaska seafood.

Planking works best for thin foods like fish fillets or shellfish. The flavor comes from contact with the plank. Arrange foods in a single layer so that as much as possible touches the aromatic wood.

Easy Planked Seafood

Purchase pre-cut planks at barbecue and grill shops or some larger grocery stores. Or go to your local lumberyard and purchase untreated hardwood lumber. Do not use pine or other soft woods.

- The best wood choices for planking are cedar, alder and oak. Hickory and maple are also good.
- Presoak the plank in water for 30 minutes to 2 hours.
- Pat planks dry with paper towels and spray-coat or lightly oil one side (place seafood on oiled side).
- Season seafood lightly with an herb blend, a rub like Sunny Chipotle Rub or Terrific Taj Rub or just salt and pepper. Go easy, as you don't want to overpower the flavor you will get from the plank.
- Preheat one side of grill to medium heat and place the

planked seafood on indirect (nonheated) side and close lid.

- Turn the heat down to medium.
- Check the seafood frequently for doneness after 10 minutes.
- To glaze seafood, brush on Asian Glaze or an Asian-style barbecue sauce during the last 5 minutes of grilling or planking; cover and let it cook to a sheen on the fish.
- Seafood changes from translucent to opaque as it cooks and will continue to cook after it is removed from the heat. Cook just until opaque throughout.

Sunny Chipotle Rub

- 2 to 3 tablespoons white vinegar
- 2 tablespoons packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons fresh chopped garlic
- 1 tablespoon chopped chipotle chiles*

Sprinkle vinegar (1 teaspoon per portion or 2 tablespoons per side) onto Alaska salmon. Blend remaining ingredients in coffee grinder/blender. Spread rub on fish (1 to 2 teaspoons per portion or all onto Alaska salmon side).
*Canned chiles in adobo sauce (remove seeds, if desired, to reduce heat)

Terrific Taj Rub

- 1 tablespoon garam masala (Indian spice)
- 1 to 2 teaspoons packed brown sugar, to taste
- 1 teaspoon coarse kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder

Blend all ingredients. Rub on 1/2 to 1 teaspoon per portion or all onto Alaska salmon side.

Asian Glaze

- 3 tablespoons pure maple syrup
- 2 teaspoons fresh grated gingerroot
- 2 teaspoons lime juice
- 2 teaspoons soy sauce
- 1-1/2 teaspoons fresh minced garlic
- 1 bunch green onions, trimmed (for planking only)

Blend all ingredients. Rub on 1/2 to 1 teaspoon per portion or all onto Alaska salmon side. If planking, place green onions on plank; top with salmon.



For great year-round recipe ideas for Alaska salmon, whitefish varieties and shellfish, or for a video demonstration of grilling and planking, visit www.alaskaseafood.org.

Clockwise from left: Sunny Chipotle Rub, Asian Glaze and Terrific Taj Rub



The rich taste of roast chicken pairs well with white wine, herbs and an accent of aged Parmesan cheese.

Family Features Editorial Syndicate

Are you hungry for home-made meals but find cooking to be a hassle? A simple stop at the deli of your local supermarket or delicatessen can help you turn out great-tasting meals in minutes. There you'll find a range of foods to make quick and easy home-cooked meals that will fit into the most hectic lifestyles. Instead of spending hours tending roasts, you can order Boar's Head turkey, chicken, ham or roast beef, then use your kitchen time to create tasty gravies and sauces. Or order deli meat sliced thick, then cube it at home and stir it into noodles or layer it in lasagna.

Chicken Tetrazzini

- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine, divided
- 1 shallot, minced
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 cup dry white wine or white vermouth
- 1/2 cup half-and-half
- 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1/2 pound Boar's Head Aroastica Chicken, sliced 1/2 inch thick, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 1/2 pound egg noodles, cooked al dente
- 2 tablespoons Boar's Head Imported Grated

Parmesan Cheese

- 2 tablespoons bread crumbs

Preheat oven to 350°F.

In 2 tablespoons melted butter, sauté shallots 1 minute. Add flour, whisk over medium heat 2 minutes. Add stock, wine and half-and-half; then whisk until slightly thickened. Add mushrooms and remove from heat. Stir in seasonings and chicken. Pour mixture into bowl of cooked egg noodles, making sure to coat noodles thoroughly. Move noodle and chicken mixture into 2-quart casserole, sprinkle with Parmesan cheese and bread crumbs and dot with remaining tablespoon of butter. Bake until brown and bubbly, about 25 minutes.

Serves 4



Originally served in a Paris café in 1910, the Croque Monsieur sandwich was made of Gruyère cheese and lean ham between two slices of crustless bread, which was then fried in clarified butter (regular butter can be substituted). Today, many variations of this sandwich abound, although the original is still popular and is served as a casual meal in most bars and cafés throughout France and Switzerland.

Croque Monsieur

- 3/4 cup finely grated Boar's Head Gruyère Cheese
- 1 1/2 tablespoons sour cream
- 1/2 teaspoon Dijon-style mustard
- 4 slices white bread
- 4 thin slices

cooked Boar's Head Smoked Virginia Ham
1/4 cup unsalted butter, softened

In bowl, stir together Gruyère, sour cream and mustard, and spread mixture evenly over 2 bread slices. Top with ham and cover each with remaining bread. Spread tops of sandwiches lightly with 2 tablespoons butter. Invert sandwiches into large skillet; spread remaining 2 tablespoons butter on remaining 2 bread slices. Grill sandwiches over moderate to high heat, turning them once, 6 to 8 minutes, or until they are golden brown on both sides and cheese has melted.

Serves 2

Open-Faced Turkey Sandwich

- 4 slices crusty white bread
- 4 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 to 1 1/2 pounds sliced Boar's Head Oven-Roasted Turkey

Breast of Turkey

Brush breast with butter, then toast under broiler. Layer turkey on toasted bread. Serve with gravy, simple mashed potatoes, steamed vegetables and cranberry relish.

Serves 4

Easy Gravy

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 minced shallot or 3 tablespoons minced shallot
- 1 (14 1/2-ounce) can chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon dry white wine or white vermouth (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Melt butter, add flour and whisk 1 minute over medium heat. Add shallots and continue to whisk 1 minute longer. Whisk in broth until smooth, then wine and pepper. Simmer, stirring occasionally, until gravy coats back of a spoon, about 5 minutes.

Serves 4

Simple Mashed Potatoes

- 8 small round white potatoes
- 1/2 cup butter
- 2 tablespoons low-fat sour cream
- Salt and pepper to taste

Quarter and simmer potatoes until tender, about 10 minutes. Drain and return to cooking pot. Mash with large fork or masher. Add butter and sour cream a bit at a time, and continue to mash until reaching desired consistency. Add salt and pepper to taste.

Serves 4

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NFIB UPDATE

The Day the death tax died

September 6. If you're an American small-business owner, draw a red circle around this date on your calendar. It could be one of the most important dates of your life, the lives of your family and the future existence of your business.

In less than 30 days, on September 6, the United States Senate will reconvene in legislative session and is scheduled to take action on the Death Tax. Which means that between now and then, those elected lawmakers who can determine the survival of small businesses are not in Washington, D.C., but are back home in their states. Small-business owners need to take this unique opportunity to meet with their senators face-to-face to tell them to vote to repeal one of the most dangerous tax measures ever to see the light of day - the Death Tax.

Known by some as the estate tax, the Death Tax can literally mean the death of a family business. These enterprises are particularly vulnerable to the unfair tax because those who create small firms typically have the entire value of their business in their estate. If the owner dies, the heirs, who in a majority of cases have also contributed much of their time, energy and other resources to the building of the family business, are forced to stand back while the federal government rakes off between 45 percent and

55 percent of the estate. Even as the family mourns the death of a loved one, the pain grows greater as they watch helplessly as the survivability of the business he or she



Jack Faris

built is threatened.

The Death Tax does benefit some - mainly the accountants, lawyers or financial planners that small-business owners have to hire for help in translating confusing and complex tax regulations, instead of using those funds to expand and strengthen their business and hire more employees.

Congress almost killed the Death Tax once, but didn't quite put small-business owners out of their misery. It expires in 2010. But unless permanently repealed, this monstrous measure is scheduled to revive itself and come back in 2011 to haunt those who drive the nation's economy and worse, hang around to hover like the Grim Reaper over future generations of owners, their heirs and employees.

The House of Representatives, in April, voted to end the tax forever. President Bush has said he supports permanent repeal. Now it's up to the Senate, where S. 420, officially titled the Death Tax Repeal Permanency Act of 2005, is awaiting action. It already has 21 co-sponsors, so the task for small-business owners before September 6 is to talk to senators who have not yet committed to repeal and tell them why it is vital that they vote to kill the Death Tax.

Chasing after a senator might mean postponing a summer vacation, but by making repeal of this small-business-destroying tax a priority, American entrepreneurs will give their families something much more important and lasting. And when their hard work pays off, they can look forward to celebrating a true small-business holiday in September, the Day the Death Tax Died.

Jack Faris is the president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at www.NFIB.org.

ADVERTORIAL



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Tom Male, owner of The Carpet Change in South Lyon, believes in old-fashioned service. With over 25 years in the carpet business, his expertise is dealing one on one with the customer.

The Carpet Change

When it comes to carpeting, Tom Male, owner of The Carpet Change in South Lyon likes to think of himself as "old school."

When helping customers select their new flooring, the South Lyon resident believes in old-fashioned service. With over 25 years in the carpet business, his expertise is dealing one on one with the customer. It's his way of making sure they'll love their carpet.

"I'm the old school style; it's more personal that way. They're dealing with me just about all the way through the installation. A lot of people like

that," he pointed out.

The personal touch is often missing when dealing with larger companies, but Tom Male feels it's essential. Dealing one on one is a big reason he prefers to operate a small business. Part of the process is getting to know the customer.

"I find out about their lifestyle...If they have kids, pets, even where they work, because people can bring in a lot on their shoes," he added.

The Carpet Change offers top-of-the-line carpeting by two of the country's largest manufacturers of carpet, Mohawk and Shaw.

You'll find every color, every style including the popular Berber, trackless, plushes, commercial grades as well as indoor/outdoor.

Since they're a smaller business, with lower overhead, they're able to offer very competitive pricing, according to Male. Commercial carpeting is also an important part of their trade. No job is too large, he explained. In fact, they've installed carpet in many of the local South Lyon schools.

In addition to carpeting, they offer easy to clean linoleum or resilient flooring, laminate and hardwood floors - a favorite being oak.

For those who aren't looking for new flooring, The Carpet Change also offers repair service. He takes as much care in repairs as he would in helping a customer select new carpet. Many customers are so pleased they often call back when they're ready to purchase.

Repairs include bumps in the carpet, which can be taken care of by "re-stretching." Getting the "bumps" out will help the carpet last longer, he explains. They also repair seams that come apart. In addition, The Carpet Change also performs a lot of custom border work, binding edges and area rugs...all the services that require a little extra care.

As an expert in installation, Male realizes that doing the job right makes all the difference in the finished product.

FINDING THE PERFECT CARPET

- 1.) Lifestyle determines many factors in selection. For high traffic areas, or people with children and pets, consider a Dupont Stainmaster or Wear Dated carpet. They'll make cleaning easier, he pointed out.
- 2.) Consider how long you plan to be in your home. Invest more money if you plan to stay for a longer period, less if it's short term. "It should help them (the customer) determine a price point."
- 3.) Padding is a big thing, he adds. "I highly recommend going with the best pad period. It makes a big difference. It helps carpet last longer and feel better."
- 4.) Carpet with flecks is a great choice, its not only popular; it helps to hide dirt, wear and stains.

HANDY ADVICE FROM THE PRO

- 1.) Vacuum often and do a thorough job cleaning. "I always tell people when you get the vacuum out, you might as well just take the time to go over it twice."
- 2.) Use a quality vacuum and make sure the beater is working properly.
- 3.) Keep the garage clean. It's your first line of defense to prevent dirt from tracking inside.
- 4.) Move the furniture around to promote even wear. "Even if it's every six months, every three months is better."

"It's basically why I get a lot of return calls. Quality installation is so important," he added.

Customer loyalty is a big reason for his success in the carpet industry. He appreciates and thanks all of his faithful customers for the 19 years in business.

Contact The Carpet Change at (248) 437-3229 to schedule an appointment in their showroom. In home appointments are available upon request for customer's convenience.

The Carpet Change is a member of the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce. Find them at 10080 Colonial Industrial Drive in South Lyon. Serving Oakland, Livingston, Washtenaw and Wayne counties.



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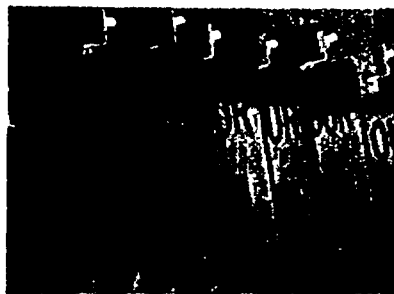
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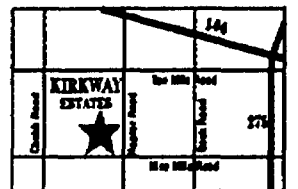
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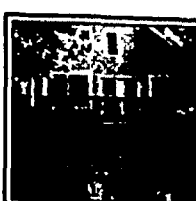
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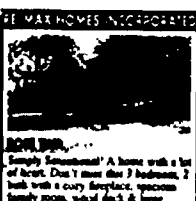


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Large corner lot located deep in sub. All Overlays (24x36), 2+ garage, cherry breakfast nook w/dining leading to nice size deck w/white ground pool & hot tub. Fox Lakes prvt, new windows '03, bath renovated '03. MLS# 25096189 248-347-3050

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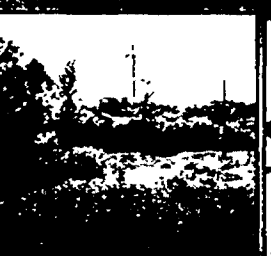
Newer one acre lot colonial on a quiet cul-de-sac. Lg bdrm, open fl plan, neutral, freshly painted. Ceramic tiled fl in bsmnt has closets for storage. 24X36 pole barn, cement fl, built in tannet, part fenced yard. MLS# 25113209 248-437-4500

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Premium location on golf course, 3 bedroom, 3.5 bath in prestigious neighborhood. Marble foyer, circular stairway. Professionally finished basement. MLS# 24135585 248-437-4500

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Newer built home on two acres - 2015 square feet! Plenty of room for a pole barn! 1st floor master suite with jetted tub. Open floor plan! Low township taxes! MLS# 25110102 248-437-4500

**MARION** \$229,500

Over 1990 sq ft total and gorgeous finished basement w/full bath, exercise rm & possible 4th bdrm. Open flr plan. Kitchen with upgraded lighting 2 car side entry garage. MLS# 25061591 248-437-4500

**MILFORD** \$389,900

Serene and tranquil wooded acre lot only minutes from downtown Milford. 1st floor master suite w/glamour bath. Spacious kitchen w/granite counters & hwd floors. 3 car gar and walk-out basement WOW! MLS# 25078647 Susan Witaszek 248-360-1425

**MILFORD** \$257,000

Detached Condominium on River Privileges. First Flr Mbr W/2 Closets, Mstr Bath & Downward To Deck. Gr W/Vaulted Ceiling, Door To Deck & Frpl Oak Kitchen W/42" Upper Cabinets & Dr W/bay Area. MLS# 25104540 248-347-3050

**MILFORD** \$159,900

Charming Milford village condo, 1200 sq ft, 2 bedroom, 2 bath upper level w/cathedral ceiling and 2.5 car garage. Newly renovated w/ceramic tile carpeting, oak trim, HWH and water softener. Easy access to I96. MLS# 25111409 248-437-4500

**NORTHVILLE** \$974,900

Mstr Suite W/Walk-in Closet, Dressing Area, Private Bath W/Dual Vanities & Granite Counters. Spectacular Off W/Cherry Paneling, 2 Sty Great Rm, Kt W/Granite Island, Maple Cabs, W/Pantry, Fin W/O U, 3+ Car Gar. MLS# 25113014 248-347-3050

**NORTHVILLE** \$675,000

Stonewater - Cape - Cod W/Open Floorplan Tree-lined Backyard W/deck, paver Patio & Stone Fp & Built-in Grill. 2-story Ceiling W/2 Skylights In Gr, hwd Flrs on 1st Fl, Unfin. W/O. MLS# 25108824 248-347-3050

**NORTHVILLE** \$399,900

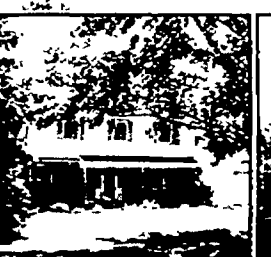
Fin. WOOL, new kitchen, new ceramic tiling, New 6 Panel Drs, Newer Roof, Furn/cv, Gutters, Window Glass, Cabinets, Frmly Rm Interior Multi-Brd, Dck, Gazebos, Sunken Hot Tub. Evergreens are Magnificent. MLS# 25104725 248-347-3050

**NORTHVILLE** \$399,000

Remodeled Kitchen W/Granite Counters, Newer Cabs, Hwd Foyer Mbr W/doorwall To Private Deck W/sauna. Vaulted Great Room, Dr, & Breakfast Rm To Second Deck. Prof Landscaped. New Driveway Tear-off Roof. MLS# 25113474 248-347-3050

**NORTHVILLE** \$339,900

Prof. Landscaped Yard, Hwd Flrs In Entry & Into Open Kitchen & Eating Area. Brck Fp Highlights Sunken Family Rm Fin Bsm W/office, cedar Closet, Deck. Updates Include, New Roof, Sump Capacitor, Dishwasher, Hwh. MLS# 25105339 248-347-3050

**NORTHVILLE** \$325,000

Kitchen W/Granite Counters, Complimentary cabinets, Neutral Ceramic Foyer, Kitchen, & Eating Area. Newer Furnace & Ca. Tranquil Backyard Landscaped Deck Area. Off Fr Hilly Acedamed Northville Schls. MLS# 25111532 248-347-3050

**NORTHVILLE** \$275,000

Immediate Occupancy On This Highland Lakes Colonial New Roof - Tearoff, Newer Furnace, Newer Windows, remodeled Baths, Newer Vinyl Siding, Deck, alarm, fin bsm. Remodeled kitchen. Possible lease. MLS# 25105899 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$1,050,000

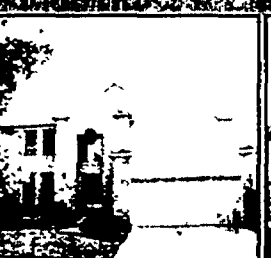
Stunning Cheltenham Brk Colonial Two-story Fam. Rm, conservatory, sun rm, 4 Fps gourmet Kt, 6 Bdrms, 5 1/2 Baths fin w/o lower level custom Brk Terrace/hwd Floors in Foyer, Fin W/O U, 3+ Car Gar. MLS# 25113340 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$625,000

Breckenridge Model In Broadmoor Park On Awesome Private Lot Backs to Wetlands. 9 Ft. Ceilings On 1st Fl, dual Staircases, bridge Overlooks 2-story Flr W/Pl. Mstr Suite 2-way Fp, cathedral Ceiling, euro Shower & Jacuzzi. MLS# 25105245 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$574,900

2 Str Foyer W/spiral Staircase & Custom Wainscoting, custom Features- Granite Counters In Kt, 42" Cabs, 2 Sty FR, Dual Staircases, Br's W/direct Access To Ba, Huge Mbr Ste W/dual Walkers, Fin W/O U, W/O. MLS# 25107281 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$420,000

Outstanding Location- Metabolously Maintained! Open Flr Plan, Spacious Kt W/ing L, Shaped Island, Newly Refinished Hwd Flrs, Large Deck, 2 Sty Foyer, 2nd Flr Laundry & Mstr Ste W/Vaulted Ceilings, Fin Bsm! MLS# 25111279 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$385,000

2 Story Foyer, Library W/frnch Drs, Kt W/direct Island, Hwd Flr, Family Rm W/Vaulted Ceiling & Frpl, Mstr Ste W/Vaulted Ceiling, W/O, Mstr Bath W/double Sinks, Jetted Tub, Brck Paver Walkway, Deck. MLS# 25114847 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$374,500

Northville Schools, 1/2 Acre Lot Overlooking Tranquil Pond. Agentowner. MLS# 25108574 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$359,900

Beautiful, pro decorated condo. Numerous upgrades, granite in lot, 42" maple cab, hwd flrs, greenhouse kit w/skylights, cultured stone fp, bsmnt w/full bath, 2 launches, 3rd bdrm is currently used as office. MLS# 25113289 248-437-4500

**NOVI** \$339,900

4 Bdrm 2 1/2 Ba Home! Neutral Decor Ind Chwn Midg, Bay Wn, Numerous Built-ins & Newer Carpet, Newer Roof, Wn's & Gar, Dr Lng Great Rm W/Vaulted Ceiling & Fp, Fin Bsmnt W/ Room, Office & Tons Of Stor. MLS# 25081142 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$325,000

Dunbarton Pines Ranch! Freshly Painted, new Carpet To 1st Flr, Laundry, 90+ Furnace, C/a W/hw compressor, In-fll Hwh, etc. Fan great Room, W/ Natural Fireplace W/gas Logs, Partially Finished Bsmnt, new roof. MLS# 25095300 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$260,000

Located Deep In Sub! New Pergo Floor In Living & Dining Rm's, Family Rm Addition W/Vaulted Ceiling, Natural Fireplace In Living Rm, Ceramic Tile In Foyer, Kt, & Hall Ba., Low Traffic Street, C/a & Part Flr, Bsmnt. MLS# 25098900 248-347-3050

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Quality thru-out in this beautiful 4 bedroom brick and vinyl ranch. Hardwood floors, cherry cabinets, marble fireplace, formal dining, prof finished walk-out basement, private yard. MLS# 25113430 248-437-4500

**OCEOLA** \$209,900

Older historic home with over 2200 sq ft on 13 acres in Howell Updates in 1996 incl kitchen, electrical, dry wall, etc. Home has hardwood floors, 4 bedrooms, 1st floor laundry, central air Warranty. MLS# 25068843 248-437-4500

**PLYMOUTH** \$185,000

Perfection! Plus! Dramatic 2 Story Foyer, Formal Living/dining Rm W/Vaulted Ceiling, Family Rm W/corner Frpl, Kitchen W/skylights, Vaulted Ceiling, Mstr Ste W/Vn'l Bath, Powder Rm w/pedestal sink, Finished bsm! MLS# 25092694 248-347-3050

**SALEM** \$185,000

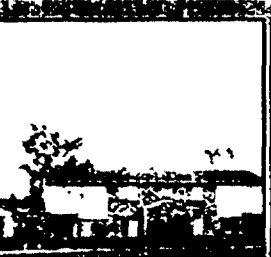
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**SOUTH LYON** \$69,900

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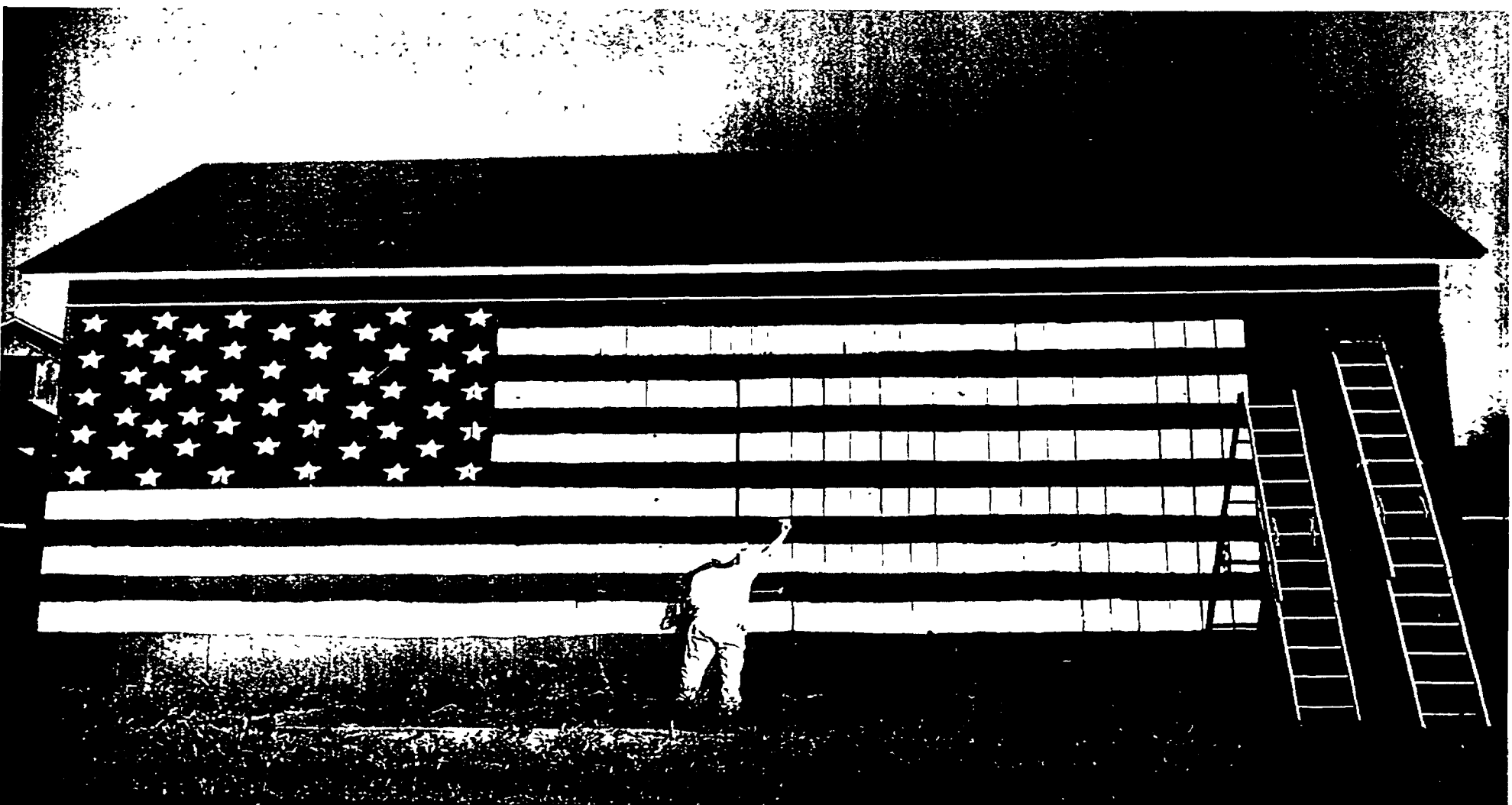
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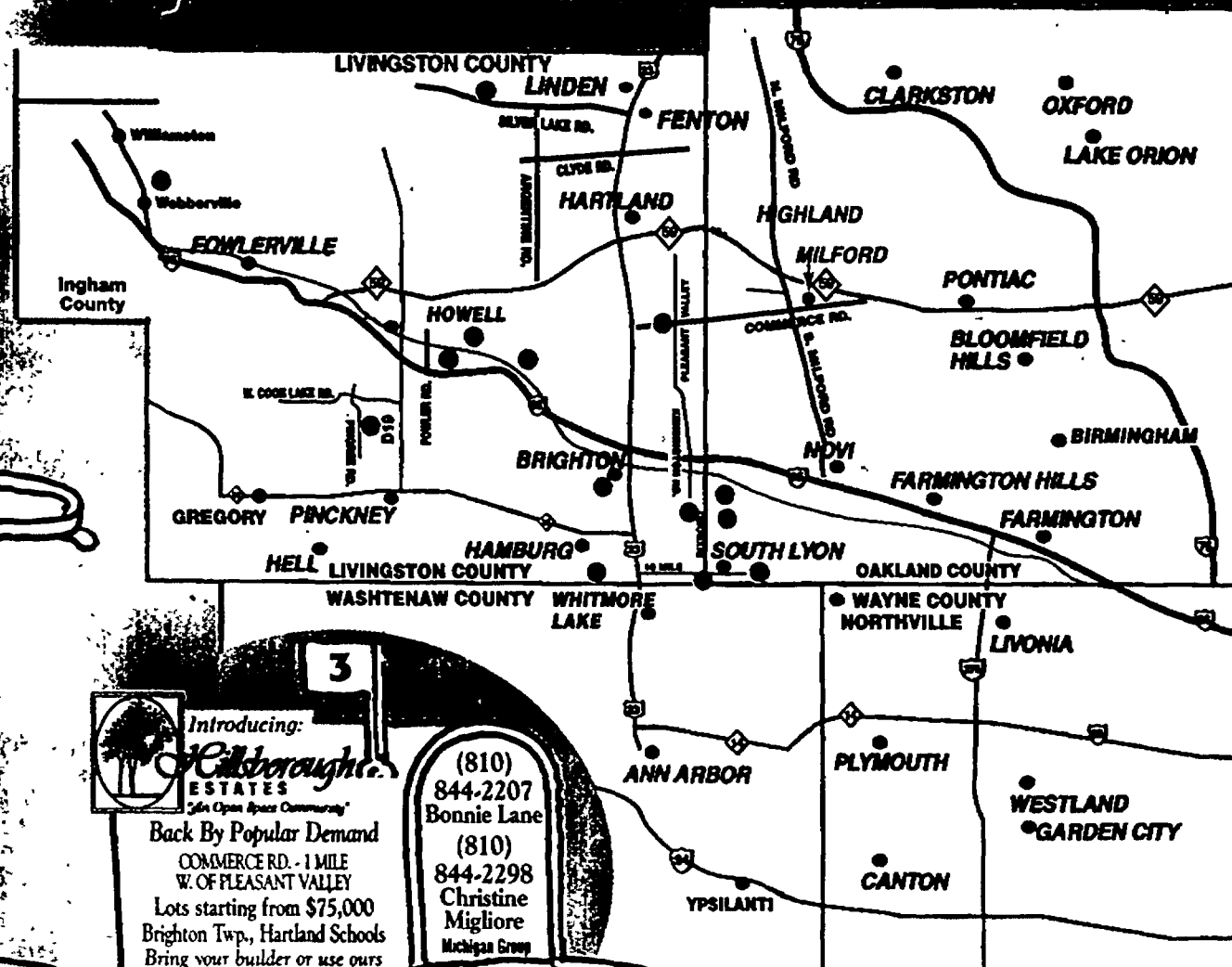
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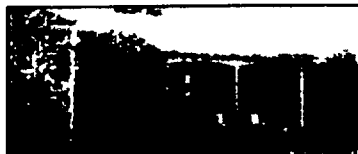
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SOUTH LYON 55+ Ranch Condo
W/2BR, 2BA, CA, Florida rail, finished lower level with fireplace. Clubhouse & beach on Crooked Lake. Neutral decor.
(T94CAM) 248-349-5600 \$135,000



ROYAL OAK Designed to Sell
Just move into this updated 3BR home. Numerous updates inc. newer roof, siding, furnace, CA, insulation, windows & more. Fresh paint & hardwood floors T/O. Updated bath. Full bsmt & 2 car garage. All appliances.
(T07KAL) 248-349-5600 \$165,000



COMMERCE Priced & Designed to Sell
City chic w/hippy barn floor. The spacious 4BR, 3.5BA home sits on a huge tucked away lot near lakes. Costly amenities & upgrades inc. HW floors, newer carpet, 2-tone paint, high ceiling, stone fireplace.
(T60STA) 248-349-5600 \$375,000



LIVONIA Trees, Trees, Trees!
Backing to gorgeous woods-private location in Blue Grass Farms. Many updates furnace, siding, kitchen appliances & more. Huge bedrooms. Some newer carpet, family room w/fireplace. Bright & cheery.
(T64KIN) 248-349-5600 \$294,900



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Updated & pride of ownership shows in this meticulous 3BR, 2BA 2-story home. Updates inc. Marblat kit cabinets, master BA w/large soak tub, free standing shower, Mohawk carpeting & so much more.
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NOVI 3 Bedroom Brick Ranch
Approximately 1/2 acre backing to woods. Nice open floor plan w/spacious LR, fresh paint, new 05 carpet & hardwood in bedrooms, partially fin bsmt, 2 car gar, large pabo + deck, great location & move-in ready.
(T02STR) 248-349-5600 \$214,900



WIXOM Amazing Home & Lot
Fabulous 4BR, 3BA home on approx. 5 acre wooded lot. Home boasts huge country kitchen w/earth area, 2-story GR 1st floor MBR, FFL, screened-in porch, professionally landscaped brick paver walkways.
(T64HED) 248-349-5600 \$384,900



NORTHVILLE Discover a Perfect Oasis
Amazing woodland lot w/creek shelters. Newly crafted home that gracefully blends historic w/contemporary in soothing comfort & style designed for the way you live. Beautiful stone, wood & granite in the heart of town.
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ROYAL OAK Pristine Inside & Out
Charming bungalow on tree lined street. 3BR, kitchen w/oak cabinets-01 bay window, 6 panel doors, windows & HWH. Newer carpet-01 2.5 gar-00 hwd, fenced yard. All kit appliances. One year home warranty.
(T34MID) 248-349-5600 \$183,000




WOLVERINE LAKE Hilltop View of Wetlands
Great peaceful area. Fantastic finished walk-out w/cozy gas fireplace. Tasteful decor. Newer H2O tank, softener, dishwasher, carpet, main bath & landscaping. Freshly painted. Well maintained home just waiting.
(T40TEL) 248-349-5600 \$174,000



LIVONIA Nothing To Do
Must see this clean, low maintenance, well-decorated home (no wallpaper). All major updates including copper plumbing, electric panel, new-04 furnace, decks, CA, toilet, sink, carpet, paint, landscaping.
(T29DEE) 248-349-5600 \$109,900



FARMINGTON Farmington Schools
Updated ranch w/oak kitchen, Pergo wood floors. Family room, DR, LR, large master BR. Gorgeous landscaping & paver patio in fenced yard. 2 car garage w/owner. Freshly painted & new vinyl siding.
(T79HAW) 248-349-5600 \$152,900




NOVI Treed Cul-De-Sac Lot
Rare find. 3BR ranch on approx 8/10 acre treed and private cul-de-sac lot with stream. Most of interior newly painted & carpeted in 05 oak kit. DR GR bsmt, 2 car att gar. CA & outstanding schools.
(T80BUR) 248-349-5600 \$204,900



LIVONIA Beautiful 2 Bedroom Condo
Many extras, custom paint, HWF in kitchen, newer carpet, open floor attached garage, possible third BR possible. It already looks like a model. You will love it.
(T02FAR) 248-349-5600 \$220,500



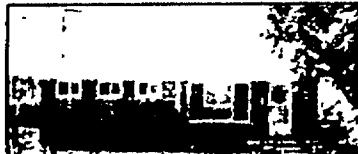
GREEN OAK Walkout Ranch
Beautiful 2BR, 2BA end unit W/O ranch. Remodeled kit, CA w/humidifier. Newer front door all flooring, redone BA. Mirrored FR closet storage. Florida room w/hot tub. Brick paver patio, clubhouse & beach on Crooked Lake.
(T6SSHE) 248-349-5600 \$159,900



CANTON Live In Luxury
Beautiful 4BR, 2.5BA cape cod. 1st floor master suite w/c WIC's. Upgrades throughout. Cherry kitchen w/granite. Premium lighting & carpet. Professional landscaping on approximate 1/2 acre lot.
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NORTHVILLE A Rare Opportunity
In-town location, hilltop, wooded setting, acreage, delightful views and peace shared only with the flora and fauna. This residence is a ranch with a walkout with absolute charm and potential.
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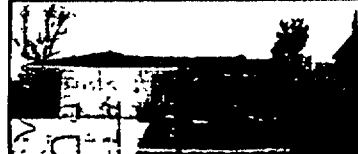
GARDEN CITY Brick Ranch Home
3BR, 2BA updated brick home. Vinyl windows, newer flooring. Finished basement, 1.5 car garage. Fenced yard, newer cement corner lot, garden window in kitchen.
(T55CLA) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



FARMINGTON HILLS Custom Brick Ranch
Cortyard w/rought iron gate, ceramic foyer, GR w/stone top & vaulted ceiling. Library w/cathedral ceiling. Huge kitchen with appliance center. Finished W/O LL w/natural fireplace. 2BR w/full BA.
(T05COU) 248-349-5600 \$474,900




FARMINGTON HILLS Spacious Colonial
Newer 4BR including large master suite, 2.5BA, Open floor plan w/fireplace in FR. Two car att garage. 1st floor laundry. Extra high basement ceiling. Two-tier cedar deck off kitchen. Excellent landscaping.
(T52EIM) 248-349-5600 \$374,900



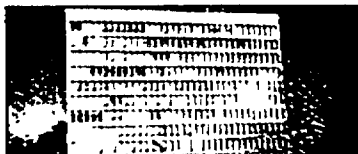
CANTON Ranch In Canton
Great value, updated 3BR, 2.5BA ranch w/open floor plan! Newer flooring, vaulted great room w/fireplace, formal dining room. Newer roof, finished basement. Convenient location w/one year home warranty.
(T30EDG) 248-349-5600 \$269,900




NORTHVILLE Spectacular Colonial
Huge 4BR, 2.5BA home w/stunning gourmet kitchen w/maple cabinets and hardwood floors. Winding staircase, MBR w/master BA & WIC. 2 fireplaces. 3 car garage. W/O basement and dual heating & cooling.
(T65HIL) 248-349-5600 \$664,900




FERNDALE Walk to Downtown
Cute as a button & walking distance to fabulous downtown Ferndale. Great location for this updated 2 bdrm vinyl ranch. Newer kit, bath, elec, windows, cpt, paint, deck & landscaping.
(T43SAR) 734-455-5600 \$119,900



DEARBORN Lovely City Views
Lots of light in this end unit, along with great layout, generous rm sizes & storage, 2 bdrm, 2 bath, beautiful common pool & pabo. All the comfort, ease & security you're looking for in tree setting.
(T00GAR) 734-455-5600 \$124,000




CANTON Look No Further!
Spacious 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/2 story foyer. Fin bsmt. 2 c att gar. hwd flrs T/O. LR, FR, Fam rm w/tripic. 2nd flr laundry. Extra high ceilings on 1st flr. Open fr plan from kit to fam rm. A real must see!
(T96FEN) 734-455-5600 \$369,900



PLYMOUTH Move Right In!
Excellent location in Plymouth. This 2 bdrm condo has newer cpt, kit, cab, DR flooring & windows in LR. Lg private bsmt & more.
(T99FHE) 734-455-5600 \$86,900



WIXOM Charming Brick Bungalow
Excellent location in Plymouth. This 2 bdrm condo has newer cpt, kit, cab, DR flooring & windows in LR. Lg private bsmt & more.
(T34AVO) 734-455-5600 \$112,000




DETROIT Curb Appeal Plus!!
This 3 bdrm 2 bath home will draw you in with it's gorgeous landscaping, dusk to dawn lighting and in-ground sprinklers. Newly in hwd floors, newer carpet & ceramic tile. 1 yr home warranty.
(T86APP) 734-455-5600 \$129,900




PLYMOUTH Quaint Bungalow
This home features a library off master bdrm, nice bath, vintage woodwork, alcove, hwd floors, wet plaster walls, covered ceilings, niche, archedways and so much more!
(T50PAC) 734-455-5600 \$229,700



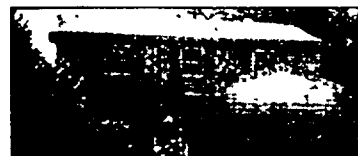
DEARBORN HGTS. Move Right In!
To this updated 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath condo w/fin bsmt, fresh paint, hwd flrs T/O, updated kit w/newer appliances included. A real beauty that you have to see!
(T37GAR) 734-455-5600 \$89,900




LIVONIA Enjoy the Tranquility
Original owners in this 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath home w/bsmt, 2 c att gar w/owner. Fam rm w/tripic & downwall. Lg master bdrm w/mstr bath. Many updates in this well cared for home. 1 yr home warranty.
(T30PER) 734-455-5600 \$221,000



DEARBORN Pay Attention to this One!
Wonderful 2 BR, 2.5 bath cape cod, offering 4 seasons rm w/newer windows & cpt. Extensive updating T/O open kit w/granite counters, remodeled upper level w/newer cpt & windows. Also part fin bsmt & gar.
(T25WAV) 734-455-5600 \$265,770




PLYMOUTH 4 BR Lakepointe Colonial
Gracious home on quiet mature tree lot. Generous rm sizes, cathedral 3 season rm. Newer Anderson windows. Furn, hwd flrs & ceramic flrs. Fenced yard. Close to elem w/school key program.
(T11NY) 734-455-5600 \$262,900



LIVONIA This Home is Fabulous
Gorgeous 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath ranch w/beautiful windows, flrs ceilings & walls, big closets, gas trap & recessed lighting in kit. 2 c att gar, bsmt & never lived in. Owner closed in 2005.
(T16WOO) 734-455-5600 \$299,900



LIVONIA Charming Brick Ranch
Nicely maintained 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath home w/CA, glass blk windows in 2004, new roof 2000, part fin bsmt w/lots of storage space & cathedral ceilings T/O.
(T15SAR) 734-455-5600 \$164,900



RIVERVIEW Lovely Riverview Colonial
Original owners in this 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath home w/bsmt, 2 c att gar w/owner. Fam rm w/tripic & downwall. Lg master bdrm w/mstr bath. Many updates in this well cared for home. 1 yr home warranty.
(T39WIL) 734-455-5600 \$185,000



SOUTH LYON Come Home & Relax
Updated & pride of ownership shows in this South Lyon meticulous 3 bedroom 2 bath 2-story home. Updates include: Marblat kit cabinets, master bath w/large soak tub, free standing shower, Mohawk carpeting & more.
(T86RUT) 248-349-5600 \$305,000




DEARBORN Lovely 2 Family Home
Spacious clean & updated 2 fam home offers 2 bdrms, furnished eat-in kit, lg liv rm, full bath + CA, newer furn & HWH & 1/2 of the bsmt for each unit. A wonderful income property.
(T48TER) 734-455-5600 \$189,900




CANTON Brick Ranch Beauty
This updated home offers open fr plan, spacious kit w/wood & Pergo flr, newer cpt, paint, bath, furn, CA & roof. Finished bsmt for extra space & a 2 c att gar.
(T22IRO) 734-455-5600 \$235,000



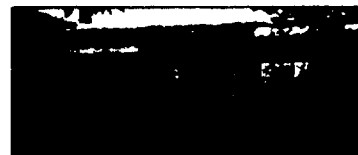
WYANDOTTE Spacious Wyandotte Home
Lg 2 bdrm, 2 bath, 1.5 c gar w/owner, updated kit, windows, roof, elec, p, a/c, & siding. Formal dia rm eat-in kit, bsmt w/full bath, lg lot, all apps & freshly painted.
(T405TH) 734-455-5600 \$117,900




CANTON Custom Built Home In 2005
On approx 1 acre lot offers 4 BR, 3.5 BA, 4 c att gar, full W/O bsmt. Foyer opens to formal DR & LB. open staircase to lower level. LR w/FP, mstr slr w/jetted tub. Granite in kit Plus much more.
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CANTON Outstanding Colonial
4 bdrm, 2.5 bath, 2 c att gar, fin bsmt, fam rm w/recessed lights, hwd flrs & built in entertainment center. Newer kitchen, ceramic flrs, newer windows, roof, siding & much more.
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PLYMOUTH 1st Floor Condo
This updated condo offers all apps, newer CA, windows, bath w/terrazzo tile & jetted tub, ceramic bsmt w/private storage & washer & dryer. Common pool & walking to downtown Plymouth.
(T99SHE) 734-455-5600 \$79,900



TAYLOR You Can Have It All
Charming 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath brick ranch offering 2 c gar, updated windows, cpt & kit flrs. Lg laundry rm, call Florida rail, all appliances & 1 yr home warranty.
(T43MON) 734-455-5600 \$109,897



TAYLOR Make It Your Own
The charming 3 bdrm, 2 bath ranch home has porous rear yard w/1/2 acre 0501, newer furn, CA, roof. Open floor plan w/tripic & hwd flrs. Used as residential but zoned comm.
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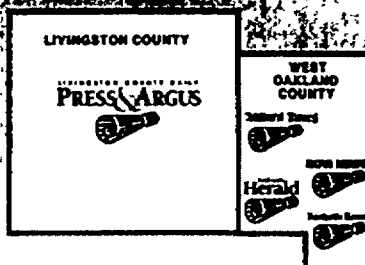


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GREEN OAK-MULTI FAMILY Aug. 28, 9-2 10670 Swallowtail Ct. (Sand Creek Sub), 9 mile & Marshall

HAMBURG TWP Fri. Aug 19 only, 9-4. No early sales. Coats, furniture, old golf clubs, household items. 6913 Wide Valley Dr.

HARTLAND Aug 18 - 20, 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. 13360 Hyde Rd. off Fenton Rd. Antiques & Toys

HARTLAND, HUGE YARD sale. Aug. 20, 9-4pm. 13909 Clyde. Multi-family. 1 day only. Toys, antiques, furniture, & more

HIGHLAND Sample Sale One day only. Aug. 19, 9-5pm, 1444 Pine Haron (M-59 to Tippecanoe Lk. Rd. N., follow the signs) Housewares, hardware, school supplies & plastics.

HIGHLAND Four Family Aug 18 - 19th, 9:00 - 4:00 p.m. Dunham Lake Sub 1335 Plover. North of M 59.

HIGHLAND - 980 Waterbury W of Duck Lk. off M-59 Thurs., Fri., & Sat., 9-4 Prom dresses, computer desks, kitchenware & many other items

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MILFORD Aug 18 & 19, 9-4 Household items, books, videos, kitchen items, misc. 606 Knobsdale, S of Summit, W of Commerce across from Milford Cinema

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NEW HUDSON Aug. 18-20, 9-5, 59150 Montego, Off Marlborough & Grand River. Window room air conditioner, 8,000 lbs. small truck tool box, some power tools, furniture, exercise equip & much more. Moving!

NEW HUDSON Fri. & Sat., Aug. 19 & 20, 9-4:30pm, 60477 Lamplighter - Dr. Cobblestone sub. off Pontiac Trail, bwn. Marlborough & Pontiac Trail. Bikes, kids stuff, clothes & furniture.

NORTHVILLE Multi-family, Aug. 18-20, 9-5pm, Aug. 21, 10-3pm, 42154 Farragut Ct., Highland Lk. Condos. Household items, clothing, toys & more.

NORTHVILLE Fri. & Sat., 9-1 21506 Summerside, N. of 8 Mile, E. of Beck. Baby clothing, ski's & misc. furniture.

NORTHVILLE Multi family sale. Dining room set, patio furniture, grandfather clock, household items, records, 7 1/2 ft. western piano, saller 40500 7 Mile, W. of Haggerty Aug. 18-20, 9am-4pm

NORTHVILLE Large Sale, Aug. 19-21, 9-5, 732 Carpenter, W. of North Rd., S. of 8 Mile.

NORTHVILLE - Aug. 19, 20 & 21st, Fri., 9-2, Sat., 9-4 Sun., 9-2, 19486 Inlet Ct., bet. 7 & 8 Mile, W. of Haggerty

NORTHVILLE - 2 Family Sale 410 Dubur Street, (Historic District) Fri. and Sat., August 19th and 20th, 9:00-5:00pm Tel: 248-922-6200

NOVI Estate/yard sale Fri. Aug. 19, 9am-7pm, 27072 Branton Furniture, household items, jewelry, many more items. W. of Haggerty, bwn. Grand River & 12.

NOVI - Multi-Family Sale Clothes, toys, misc. Thurs. - Fri., Aug. 18-19, 8-3pm, 45767 Sheffield Dr., 9 Mile & Taft, Lexington Green Sub.

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NOVI Island Lake Sub Aug. 18-20, 9-5pm 24402 Terra Del Mar (W. of Wixom off 10 Mile) Baby-kids-maternity clothes, toys, books, furniture & more.

NOVI OAK headboard, w/storage & mirror, glass curio, tires, Christmas craft supplies, wreaths, ornaments, misc. 23546 Hickory Grove, (Orchard Ridge Sub), S. of 10 Mile, W. of North Rd. Aug. 19-20, 9 to 4pm (248) 349-8154

OCEOLA Aug. 17-20, 3140 Gentry, Antiques, home decor, tools, lots of goodies, & don't miss this one!

PINCKEY Multi Family Fri-Sat, Aug. 19-20, 8-4 Furniture, collectibles misc household, seasonal & lg back items 11698 Pleasantview Dr M-36 to Whitewood, to Pleasantview Dr

SOUTH LYON - Whole Street Garage Sales Fall River Dr, Lakeside Estates, S. of 10 mile, E. off Rushton, 8/18-8/20, Thurs-Sat., 9-5

SOUTH LYON Multi Family Sale 21951 Lyon Trail North, Lyon Trail Sub Aug 20-9-3 Furniture, Little Tykes quality clothes, sports equip much more

SOUTH LYON Aug. 18-19, 9-5, 9745 Marshall Rd. Near Silver Lk. Small appliances, tools, bats, jewelry, crafts, cookbooks & much misc.

SOUTH LYON 4-Family sale, Nica furniture, 2 girls 16" Raleigh bikes, pabo set, baby items, X-box games, stained glass, 1219 DorralLn, Trotter's Point, Aug. 19 & 20, 9-3.

SOUTH LYON 6121 Farland Dr. off Pont. Trl. Tools, table saw, refrig, home goods, much more. Aug. 19-20, 9-4

SOUTH LYON Multi-family sale, Aug. 18, 19 & 20, 10-4 Baby clothes and toys, antiques and collectibles, '96 Jayco Eagle 5th-wheel, 11027 Seed Crane Way, off of 9 Mile, 1/4 Mi. E. of US-23.

SOUTH LYON Aug. 19-20th, 9:00 - 4:00 1195 Corral Lane, W. 11 Mile off Pontiac Trail. Baby items, toys, like new!!

SOUTH LYON Thurs. & Fri., 9-6pm, 2 Family Sale! Lots of old & new! 22080 Natcha Lane, W. of Corral, S. of 9 Mile

SOUTH LYON Aug. 18 - 19, 9:00 - 5:00 p.m. Furniture, toys, craft items, baby, basketball hoop, lots of stuff. Cheap Prices 57707 Ten Mile Rd. West of Midland Rd.

SOUTH LYON - Aug. 19 & 20, 9am-5pm Yard Sale Household items, furniture & clothes. 9377 Peer, off 10 Mile & 24th St.

SOUTH LYON - Fri-Sat., Aug. 19 & 20, 9-5pm, South Lyon Woods Park. 617 Poe Lane Furniture, misc., bargains.

SOUTH LYON - Sat., 8/20, 9-4 5am-5pm Yard Sale attachments, lawn mowers, pishers, clothes size 6, craft books & misc. 60825 Marjorie Ann

SOUTH LYON - Garage/moving sale 59378 Rogers Path (Carrage Club Sub) - corner Harbortdale & 11 Mile, Aug. 18-19-20, 9-4pm

SOUTH LYON - Community wide yard sale at Northville Crossing located off 8 Mile between Pontiac Trail & Beck Rd. Aug. 20 & 21, 9am-5pm.

SOUTH LYON - Aug. 18, 19, 5, Aug. 20, 9-2, Antiques, 60's & 70's furniture, office cubicle, 9615 Marshall Rd., ext 155, off US23, Silver Lake Rd. E. to Marshall, 1/4 Mile S

SOUTH LYON Moving sale 4488 Seven Mile/Earhart Rd. Aug. 19 thru 21, 8am to 5pm.

SOUTH LYON Aug. 18, 19, 20, 9-4pm 21795 Dabors Misc., exercise equip., lots of stuff!

WHITMORE LK. HUGE Garage sale benefiting the leukemia & lymphoma society Fri. & Sat. Aug. 19 & 20, 9-4pm. 9281 Hillcrest Dr. take Jennings off Main St. watch for signs Many families contributed too much to list! New items put out thru out both days Food & drinks also avail. for purchase

WOLVERINE LAKE - Moving Sale Everything must go! Furniture lighting appliances, books tools etc Sat., Aug. 20, 9am-4pm 677 Laguna Drive

ANN ARBOR Country to condo, Aug. 18, 19 & 20, 9-6, 7200 N. Oxford at 5 Mile.

BRIGHTON Aug. 20 & 21, 9-4, Hyne Rd. to 1900 Woodcreek. Large-screen TV, furniture, etc.

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SOUTH LYON - Moving Sale at 11850 Crooked Lane across the street from Moose Ridge golf course Antiques, dishes, oriental rug from Grand Hotel, red sofa sleeper, a little of everything! Fri., Aug. 19, 9-5 & Sat., Aug. 20, 9-3

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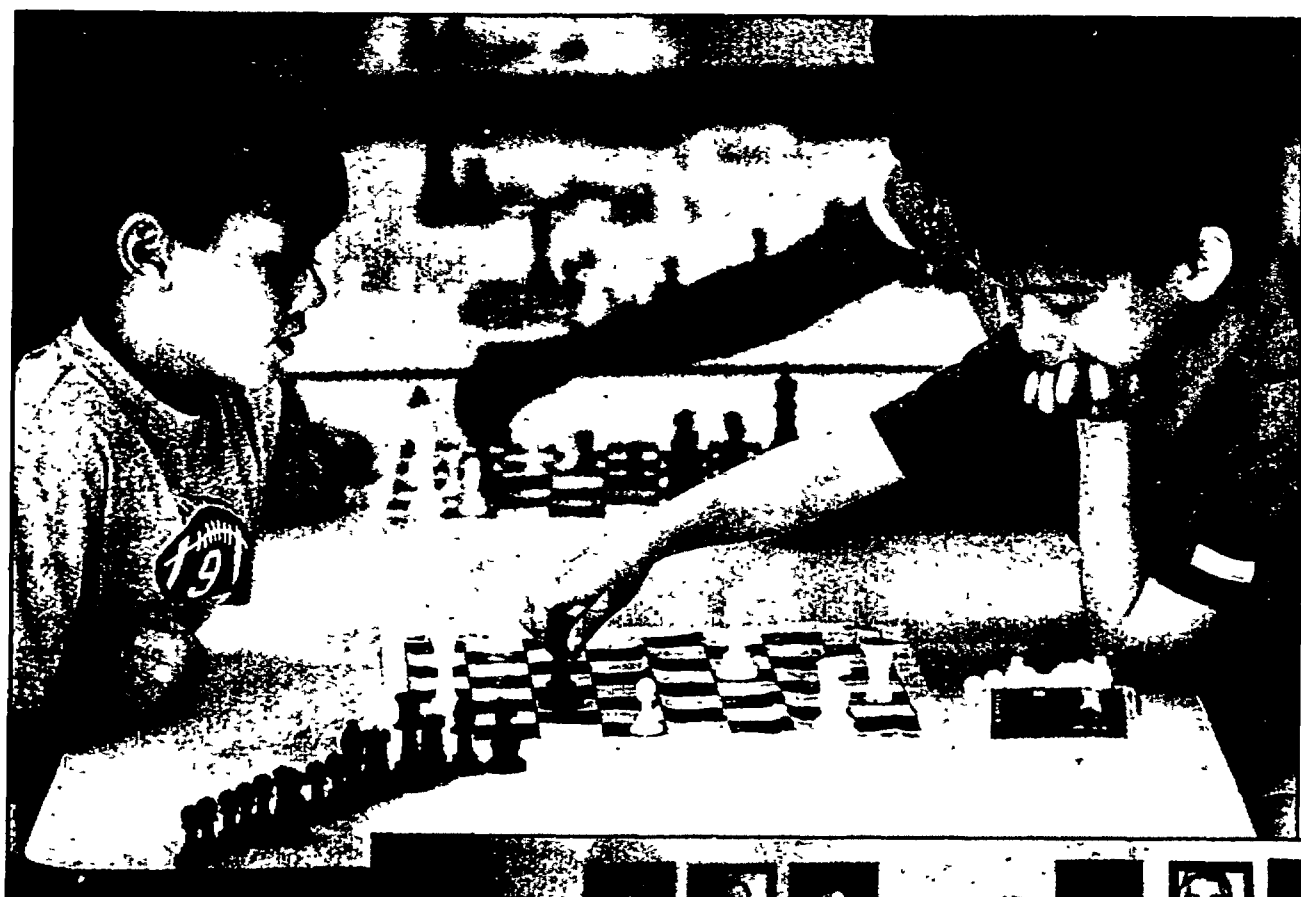
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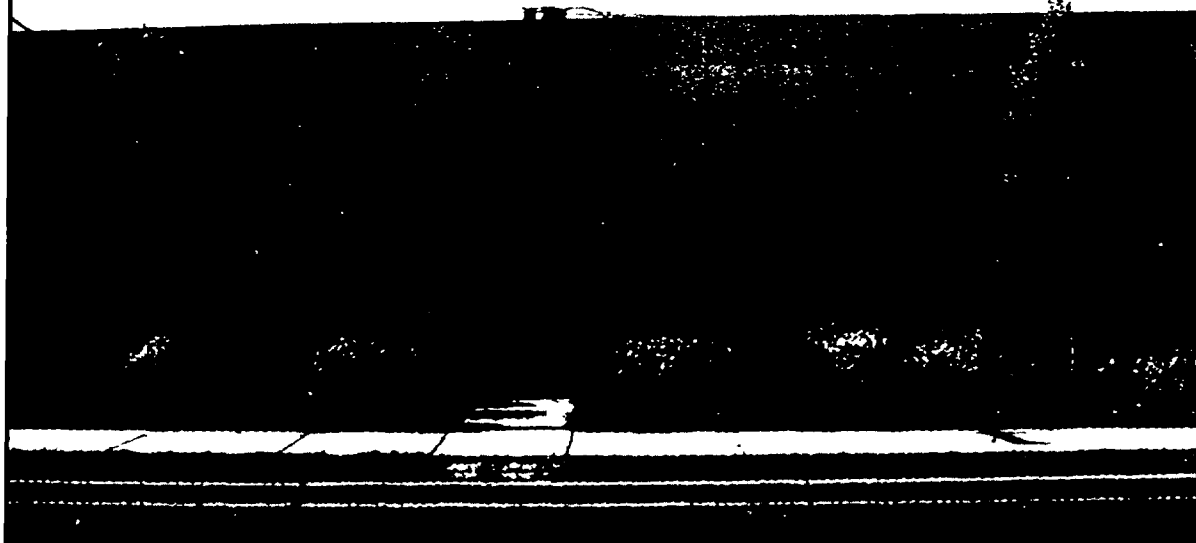
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Salon Agape's staff includes, from left, Anthony Vitrano, Mia DiMambro, Barb Loth and Kimberly Chenevert.

Salon Agape

(248) 735-1584 • www.salonagape.com

Salon Agape is located in the beautiful new mall on Main Street in Novi. Newly renovated and sparkling, modern and welcoming, the full-service salon is a mother-daughter venture.

Marilyn Sullins and her daughter (and co-owner), Gina, started Salon Agape five years ago and they pride themselves that they only use Aveda natural products.

"Aveda is a company which uses organic, natural products which come in recyclable containers," Marilyn Sullins says. "Plus the company is Eco-friendly."

"For instance," she continues, "the sudsing agent in their shampoo comes from a nut only found in the Amazon jungle. So as to not have that area where it grows cut down, Aveda empowered the local people to collect these nuts and process them, making them self sufficient and saving the rain forest."

Being an Aveda salon also gives Salon Agape staff the opportunity to attend many

advanced classes in beauty and hair care. Recently, staff member Thom Major became a Certified Great Lengths Extension Technician. Sullins says this is a unique technique to add volume, style and highlights, using 100 percent real hair.

"And," she continues, "the bonds are so discreet as to be almost invisible, they don't compromise natural hair and removal is quick and painless."

Salon Agape sports 13 designers and four spa technicians. Hair service for both men and women includes head and neck massages, hand massages and — for the ladies — make-up touch ups. The spa also provides a natural nail service.

All services are provided in a joyful, comfortable, relaxing atmosphere.

For more information, stop by Salon Agape at 43155 Main St., Suite 310, in Novi, call (248) 735-1584 or visit www.salonagape.com.

— By Paul Martin



Photo by JOHN HALL

Dawn Salvati, owner of La Casa Del Rio Grande, serves lunch to customers on her popular outdoor patio.

La Casa Del Rio Grande

(248) 446-7700 • riogrande-restaurant.com

Where can you find good food in a fun-filled family atmosphere? Look no further than Grand River Avenue in New Hudson. That's where you'll find the hugely popular La Casa Del Rio Grande Mexican restaurant.

Not only is the food the best and freshest in the area — voted the number one Mexican food by the South Lyon Herald's People's Choice Awards — but the service and fun is unmatched, too. Owner Dawn Salvati makes it her mission to ensure that all customers, young and old, are treated to a good time as soon as they enter La Casa.

"We are a family restaurant where everyone is welcome," she said.

Tuesdays and Saturdays are kid's days — kids can eat for only \$2.99. The family fun also includes monthly visits by Jannie Annie the Clown — call the restaurant for dates.

Adults can have fun too, enjoying the daily food and drink specials. Salvati notes that there are early bird specials from 3-5 p.m. for

those who want to beat the dinnertime crowd. And speaking of crowds, she said that in order to ensure a good seat, customer can use call ahead seating to get right in.

To enjoy the fresh food in an open-air atmosphere, Salvati recommends outdoor patio seating, something she said is very big with her customers. Indoor diners are treated to the feel of Mexico with traditional Mexican music.

To accompany food such as tasty Fajita Don Pedro or the Buenos Tardes Combo Platter, La Casa Del Rio Grande offers monthly beer specials, including an assortment of Mexican beer.

La Casa Del Rio Grande is open for lunch and dinner seven days a week.

For a complete listing of specials, menu items, entertainment, and a money savings online coupon, visit riogrande-restaurant.com. Then plan to start having fun!

— By John R. Hall



The staff at Kensington Motorsports, all avid riders, includes, standing Joe and Al, in front, from left, are Josh, Jeff, Pat, Brad, Russ, Gina, Jeff, Don and Mike.

Kensington Motorsports

(248) 446-0000 • kensingtonmotorsports.com

Kensington Motorsports knows customers want to be out enjoying their motorcycle, ATV, jet ski, snowmobile, scooter or speedboat — not spending unnecessary time purchasing one.

So, the staff at Kensington Motorsports makes purchasing vehicles as fun and easy as possible.

The enjoyable experience starts with the variety of products Kensington Motorsports offers. They sell and service Yamaha, Kawasaki, Polaris, Arctic Cat and Suzuki motorcycles, dirt bikes, racing bikes, sport boats and much more in their 10,000-square-foot facility.

However, customers don't have to visit the store to begin shopping. The company's Web site — kensingtonmotorsports.com — offers tons of information to make a decision. There customers can print out a brochure and compare vehicles side-by-side. This makes compar-

ing fuel capacity, vehicle height, mechanical components and other things quick and easy.

Once the decision is made, the Web site can be used to apply for credit and delivery. Delivery can usually be arranged for the following day.

Customers who would rather visit the showroom will find the staff eager to answer any questions they may have. Kensington Motorsports makes it their business to know everything there is to know about the machines they sell and service because their customers depend on them for fun. The employees are all riders who are equally passionate about the sports vehicles they sell. They know how the vehicles operate and can help a customer select the one with the features they desire.

The staff takes their desire to help one step further by organizing track events for customers. By learning how to drive in one of these special events, customers can safely learn how to ride on the street and discover the limi-

tations of their machine.

Kensington Motorsports also offers special financing with payments starting as low as \$20 a month — even for customers who have less-than-perfect credit.

Once the sale is complete, customers can enjoy their new watercraft, motorcycle or dirt bike knowing they can return to Kensington Motorsports at any time for quality service whenever they need it.

The service and repair department can work on any make or model product in the four bays located in the 3,300-square-foot service department.

All of the mechanics are factory trained and certified to care for electrical diagnostics and engine repairs. Through ongoing training and education, the mechanics have received Five Star Yamaha Certification.

And, if all of that isn't enough, Kensington Motorsports also offers longer hours than most retailers. They are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Monday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday to make it easier for customers to visit.

By removing all of the obstacles from sales and service, Kensington Motorsports makes buying or repairing a recreational vehicle nearly as fun as riding one.

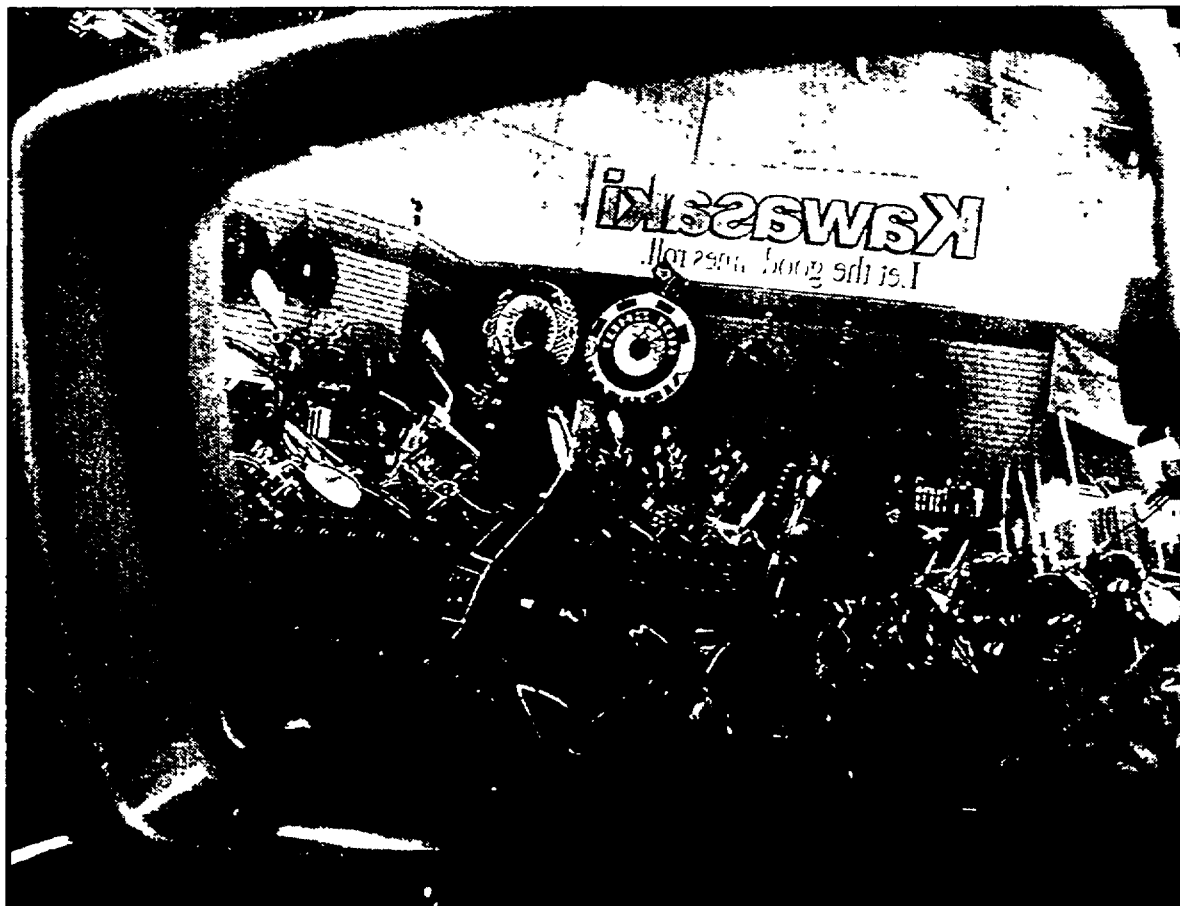
As a way of thanking the local area for the business they have given Kensington Motorsports over the years, the company gets involved with many charitable events. In fact, they recently held a bike wash with proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The event attracted 100 bikers from all over southeast Michigan.

Kensington Motorsports is located at 56605 Pontiac Trail, just north of the Milford Road exit and I-96 — 15 minutes from Brighton, Wixom and Novi and 25 minutes from Farmington Hills and Northville. Stop by today.

— By Candy Spiegel



At right, the reflection in a motorcycle's rearview mirror shows a small sampling of bikes and accessories available at Kensington Motorsports. Above, dirt bikes make up neat rows in the showroom.



Photos by JANET HALL



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The aisles at Novi Fine Wines & Liquors are bursting with one of the largest selections of wines and liquors available in the Novi area.

Novi Fine Wines & Liquors

(248) 349-9690

Who would hop in a taxi in Grand Rapids and ride across state to Novi to purchase some rare fine wines? Customers of Novi Fine Wines & Liquors who couldn't find their favorites anywhere else in Michigan, that's who. And that's why this popular

store on Ten Mile just west of Novi Road is becoming more popular with wine and liquor connoisseurs.

Owner Andy Nofar is keeping very busy these days working the floor and helping customers choose just the right wine or liquor for their own use or for parties and celebrations. Nofar emphasizes customer service and knows many of his regulars by

name.

"People like how they are treated here," he added. "We help them one-on-one rather than just being a sales clerk."

Nofar is especially proud of his wine selections, which can start as low as \$5 a bottle and up to \$1,000 for the high-end variety. The store sells wines from all over the country and the world, including vineyards in California, Michigan, Georgia, Canada, Italy, Australia and Japan. Nofar said he has access to the higher-end wines because of the store's high sales volume, which enhances his buying power.

"There are a lot of other stores in the area but they don't specialize like we do," he explained.

Besides the reputation for its large variety of wines, Novi Fine Wines & Liquors is also noted for its low, competitive pricing on all of its liquor. "We sell liquor for minimum price levels allowed by the State of Michigan," Nofar said. "Profits are lower but we choose to keep prices low for our customers."

Nofar is still in the process of remodeling the store, making more room for an expanding wine and liquor business, as well as his Pizza Marvelous food business (see related story). He laughs when he mentions the liquor inventory right now. "I don't have room behind the counter so a lot of the liquor is displayed on the floor shelves," he said.

Besides the walk-in traffic, many other customers have benefited from the store's selection and service. Nofar and his staff have supplied many weddings, graduation parties, and company parties with wines

and liquors. He said that a lot of high-profile professional athletes stop in to visit when they are in town because they know they'll find exactly what they want.

He mentioned that he keeps a lot of empty boxes around for customers purchasing multiple items and added, "I will give customers case discount pricing."

Besides liquor and wine, the store sells a large selection of cigars and tobacco products, snacks, and non-alcoholic beverages.

The store is also a Michigan Lottery agent.

And if a customer can't find what he or she wants, Nofar will be surprised, but will make every effort to find the desired product. That's probably a main reason why Novi Fine Wines & Liquors is a Novi News People Choice award winner for its selection and service.

"I'll do my best to get what I can for my customers as long as the State of Michigan allows me to make the purchases," Nofar added.

Nofar often attends wine tastings to keep abreast of what wines are available. Nofar is a wine connoisseur and appreciates a good Cabernet or a blended wine. He said that his customers don't show any certain preference although red wine remains the most popular. He does attend some wine and liquor shows when he can tear himself away from the store.

Novi Fine Wines & Liquors, located at 43340 W. Ten Mile, is open 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. Friday and Saturday and 12 p.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday.

— By John R. Hall



Owner Andy Nofar, left, shows a special wine to a customer.



Some of the Pizza Marvelous menu items include pizza, chicken, ribs, salads and deserts. Delivery with beverages is available.

Pizza Marvelous

(248) 348-1000

Comedian Billy Crystal would love this pizza. One of his more famous comedic lines is "You look mahvelous ..."

Now, hungry people in the Novi area are being entertained by another type of marvelous — Pizza Marvelous, that is.

The one-year-old, carry-out and free-delivery restaurant, located inside Novi Fine Wine & Liquors on Ten Mile west of Novi Road, has been making

a lot of people smile with its selection of fresh home-made pizza, chicken, ribs, salads, sandwiches, pasta, breads and deserts.

Owner Andy Nofar said his secret to success has been the special secret ingredients of his

Andy Nofar takes special care to prepare and serve the freshest and best tasting food at Pizza Marvelous.

fresh food, some of the best Grande cheeses and the fast friendly service that goes with it. "Everyone loves our food," he said. "The difference is quality. But we also have good, competitive prices, too. Our food has become the talk of the town."

For example, coupon specials include two small pizzas with two toppings for \$10.99 on Monday and Tuesday and \$5.99 large pizzas with pepperoni as pick-up items from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. daily. There are also combination specials with pizza and ribs or pizza and chicken.

Nofar said he already has the seal of approval from local school children.

"We do a lot of catering for schools, churches, sports groups, and such," he added. "Kids have gone crazy for our pizza."

Or maybe kids have gone marvelous for the pizza.

And it's not just kids who enjoy the many fresh menu items — its health conscious adults, too.

"We do a lot of low-carb stuff like very thin crust-ed pizza and wrap sandwiches," Nofar added.

Like so many good recipes, it

is important to begin with fresh ingredients and end with special sauces to top off the selections. In Nofar's case, he is very proud of his barbecued ribs, not only because they fall off the bone and can be eaten with a fork, but because of the sauce.

"The barbecue sauce is unbelievable," he added.

Nofar suggested that people interested in Pizza Marvelous catering call his shop a couple of days ahead of time and let Nofar and his staff handle the rest. They can accommodate all sizes of parties.

Nofar said he has been in the food business for a long time and added that there is much more to the good food at Pizza Marvelous.

"Customers come in and see a lot of smiling faces," he noted. "They can come in and watch us hand-toss the dough."

"One little girl gave our food 2,000 thumbs up, while another asked his dad to order from Pizza Marvelous the next time they planned a pizza dinner," Nofar said.

The food is masterfully prepared by Nofar and certified chef Justin Awdish, who recently returned to the U.S. after a tour of duty in Iraq. Awdish said he plans to expand the menu soon to include specialty pizzas and fish.

To honor Awdish's service to the U.S. and to all U.S. military personnel, Nofar is asking customers to come in and say hello. Anyone mentioning this article will automatically receive 10 percent off their food order. Seniors and military personnel automatically get 10 percent off their bill.

Nofar will take the customer service experience one step further. He will walk a few feet into his wine and liquor department and recommend what wine goes best with the food menu items.

Food delivery is available to Novi and surrounding areas. Novi residents do not pay a delivery fee. Customers can also order beer, wine, liquor and pop to be delivered with their food order.

Pizza Marvelous is located at 43340 W. Ten Mile Road, in Novi. Hours of operation are 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday and noon to 10 p.m. Sunday.

Simply marvelous.

— By John R. Hall

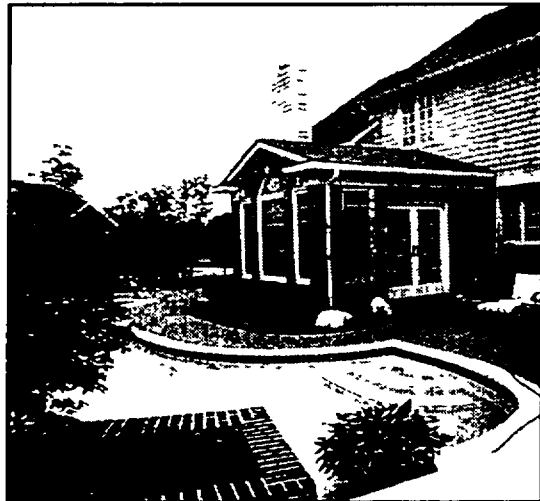


Photos by JANET HALL





Several of Seghi's completed jobs include a Florida room addition off the back of a house and the transformation of a kitchen and dining room into a larger user-friendly kitchen with lots of storage.



Jim Seghi, owner of Jim Seghi Renovations, plans, organizes and designs renovation jobs with experience and creativity that keeps him on the cutting edge.

Jim Seghi Renovations

(248) 437-2454 • JimSeghiRenovations.com

With a straightforward and honest approach, Jim Seghi runs Jim Seghi Renovations from New Hudson, a complete renovation business for kitchens, bathrooms, recreation rooms, additions and more.

Jim says simply there is no other way to relate with customers, his crews or suppliers.

"I have to be honest and up front and realistic with customers, whether the news is good or bad," Jim said. "If you get it out up front nobody is going to be mad with you."

He is proud of the fact that his business has steadily grown since its start-up 16 years ago, even through a sluggish economy. During that time, Jim has grown a favorable reputation with a number of prominent community members, many who have been his customers and continue to refer others — a testimony to Jim's quality as a person and professional businessman.

Although he doesn't often swing a hammer on job sites, Jim does all the planning, design work, selling and organizing to get jobs done in a reasonable time frame with quality. By paying attention to all of these details he reduces mistakes and helps the business run like a well-oiled machine.

Jim loves the satisfaction that renovation work brings him, like transforming a space that is run down into something of value.

"I enjoy the challenge of a tough job," he said. "I have made condemned houses into salable properties."

Years of experience make Jim's work effective. He can offer options seldom considered by homeowners and he knows what kinds of design work. Jim will sit down with customers to go over their ideas, needs and lifestyle. He combines this with his own ideas and experience to put together initial drawings; then works to tweak them until the customer is completely satisfied. His goal is to create designs that are the most functional, aesthetic and economical, while using all space to its maximum.

In tight spots, Jim likes getting creative to meet a customer's needs and discover solutions where the first response might have been "You want to fit what where?" His No. 1 focus is to meet a customer's needs while adding value to their home.

"Value is huge," Jim says. "It's not what you spend, but what you have when you're done."

— By Scott Runyon

Talk Wireless

(248) 668-0006

Years ago when the phone was invented you had one model to choose from, a crank (no buttons) and one service provider — Alexander Graham Bell.

Compare that today and your head will spin with all the options available: Motorola, Siemens, Nokia, Samsung, Verizon, T-Mobile, Nextel Sprint.

Paul Esshaki takes the confusion out and talks to his customers in a no-pressure manner that creates a cellular phone business like no other in the Wixom area. As Paul explained it, "All cell phones are about the same now." There are camera phones, color phones, different tones and displayed-picture phones, two-way phones and phones with GPS.

"Customers need to select a plan that works for them first and then the phone to go with it," advised Paul. "Consider your travel distances, total usage, coverage area and plan price."

When it comes to paying your bill, or any other utility bill you may have, Talk Wireless can process that for you right in store.

No matter what your business Paul insisted that each customer gets his personal attention so he can work the right plan for every one. He'll ask what are you looking for: coverage area, price plan or just a phone for emergencies. People are different and so are their needs. Talk Wireless also guarantees that the phone, and plan you get, will be right for you or they will change it for you as needed.

As a gesture of thanks, special discounts are offered to government, Big Three and education employees, senior citizens and Armed Forces members. Just show Paul your card when you walk in the door. When you visit Talk Wireless in Wixom Paul will be there to greet you.

Phones have merged with data services, or Web-based applications, and you can get your e-mail, send instant messages and surf the Web all in the palm of your hand. This has become very essential for business people on the go. Being in



Photo by MICHAEL PILOTTI

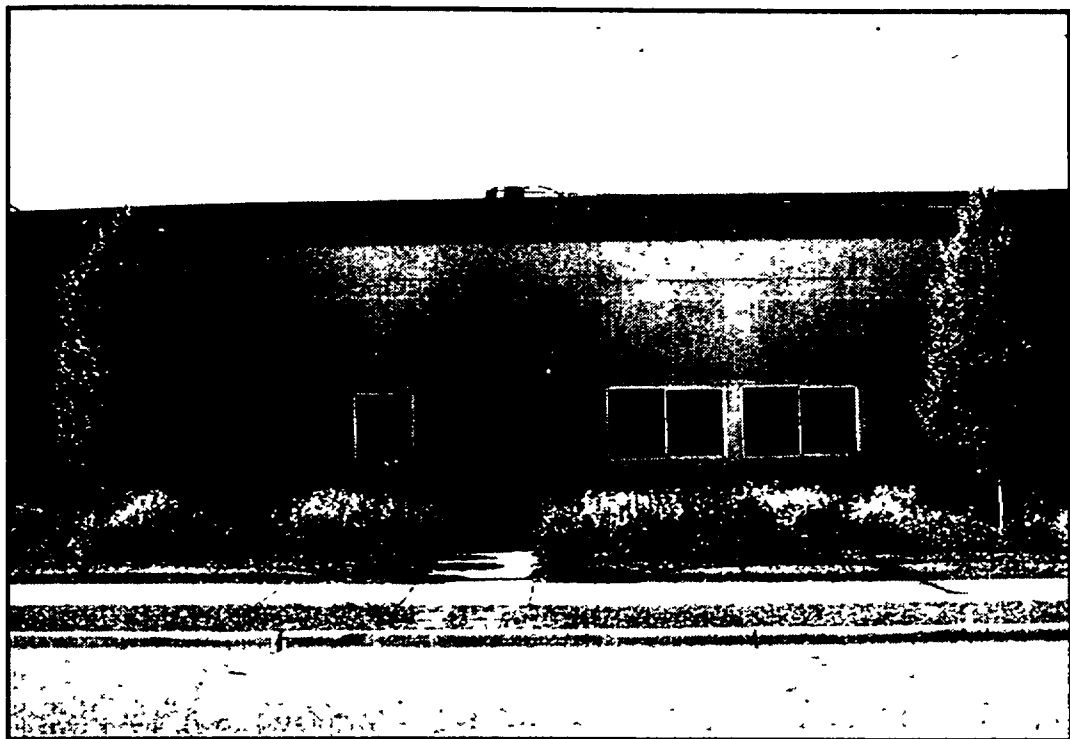
Paul Esshaki, owner of Talk Wireless in Wixom, will dial you in on a perfect plan. Talk Wireless also carries cases, power adapters, hands-free adapters and other accessories for most phones so you can personalize your wireless experience.

Wixom for the past 4 years Paul, the phone guy, as he's come to be called, is excited about the progress Wixom has made and it has convinced him to continue his support of the community and welcome new customers for years to come.

Talk Wireless offers a full range of wireless phones, service plans and bill-paying service. Years of service and personal attention are the key differentiators that separate Talk Wireless in Wixom from the other shops.

Talk Wireless is located at 49130 Pontiac Trail, in Wixom. The store is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

— By Michael J. Pilotti



South Lyon Collision offers state-of-the-art facilities and people who care.

South Lyon Collision

(248) 437-6100 • www.southlyoncollision.net

Gary and Maureen Fagin, owners of South Lyon Collision, started their business in South Lyon because they love the small town atmosphere and saw great potential for growth. South Lyon didn't let them down.

Starting with 3,500 square feet when they opened, some 20 years ago, South Lyon Collision now boasts more than 13,000 square feet. The expansion has helped reduce the time a vehicle will need to be in for repairs. They also added a comfortable reception and waiting area for customers during their most recent remodeling. Because of all of their hard work, South Lyon Collision was awarded the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce Beautification Award in 2002.

"I really enjoy being here. I enjoy the people of South Lyon and working with them one-on-one," Gary said.

Gary has help with the operation from his manager, John Phillips, with whom he works closely to provide an extraordinary level of

customer service. In most cases you will not need to wait for the insurance adjuster to come to inspect your vehicle and approve your claim.

With their computerized paint matching system and their expert painters, South Lyon Collision can exactly match new paint to the original color of the car, even if it has been faded by the elements.

South Lyon Collision is a Class A facility licensed by the government, certified by the Automotive Service Council and a member of I-Car. All repairs are completed by certified technicians and backed by a written warranty.

"We serve our customers with quality and promptness. It is a competitive market but if you stick with your work and put out quality workmanship, you get repeat business," Fagin said.

South Lyon Collision is located at 150 E. McHattie, between Reynolds Sweet Parkway and Ten Mile in South Lyon.



Photo by PAUL MARTIN

Barry Kahn, left, sits with partner Matteo, who is at the sewing machine creating a custom-made suit.

B. Michael Kahn Custom Clothier

(248) 496-0011

Barry Kahn is a fourth generation tailor. His great-grandfather used to travel around the countryside on horseback repairing farmer's clothes.

Kahn carries on the family tradition (by car, now) with personal, one-on-one, consultations with customers.

"For instance," Kahn said, "I just came from a customer who is a 50-year-old, which is not a tough fit, and he went to a couple of stores and could not find what he wanted."

I ended up finding him something, made the call and it will be delivered within a week."

"I will then go back to the customer and fit him," Kahn continued. "He'll try the suit on at his home, I'll mark it and then bring it back to my partner, Matteo, who will put all the finishing touches to it."

Matteo has been a master tailor for

many years. Following a five-year apprenticeship in his home town in Sicily, he came to America and worked making suits for Hickey-Freeman.

It was 20 years ago that he settled into the seat at his sewing machine in Lathrup Village and partnership with Kahn.

"What's really made my business a hit," Kahn said, "is that it is really convenient for the consumer. And I'm able to get a better understanding of their needs — going to their home or office — than if they go into a store."

"It's not rocket science," Kahn stressed. "It's just old-fashioned service."

For custom-made clothing and alterations created with personal attention in a private atmosphere,

Kahn can be reached at (248) 496-0011 or b.m.k@sbcglobal.net.

— By Paul Martin



Photo by JOHNNA RETTIG

Marilyn Grech, left, and owner Karen Bartley Slack are eager to launch a Web store this fall, at www.traditionsstyle.com.

Traditions Ltd.

(248) 349-0199 www.traditionsstyle.com

After 18 years in two downtown Northville locations, Karen Bartley Slack, owner of Traditions Ltd., was ready for one more move — not across country or even across town, just across the street.

"We started out there," she says, pointing directly out her front window in the heart of Northville. Now, she is gathering up her array of home decorating goods and gifts and moving "across and up the street" to 149 N. Center St., in Old Church Square, previously housing Memories by Stampeddler.

"With the additional space, we will be able to carry more upholstered furniture, rugs and other home accessories," Slack explains, "which we are really excited about."

In addition to JM Paquet upholstered furniture, Traditions Ltd. now carries Lee Industries lines. "Lee offers hundreds of beautiful fabrics and leathers for sofas, loveseats, sleepers, dining chairs, recliners and even headboards," says Slack.

The store stocks a plethora of timeless styles, but the fall and winter holidays receive special attention. Regular customers know the shop has earned a reputation for its lovely holiday displays.

"We are looking forward to having more space for our wonderful fall and winter holiday displays," says Slack. "In October, we will display seven different themes with our Christmas trees," she explains. Themes will include a designer look, vintage kitchen and a men's tree.

Traditions Ltd. is an annual participant in the Northville Community Foundation Home Tour and the Festival of Trees that benefits Children's Hospital of Michigan, both held in November.

Traditions Ltd. is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

— By Johnna Rettig



Photo by JOHNNA RETTIG

John Bullington, left, Amber Young and owner Doug Lyon assist with insurance needs for your home, auto and life at C. Harold Bloom Insurance in Northville.

C. Harold Bloom Insurance

(248) 349-1252

Community roots run strong and deep for brothers Doug and Gordon Lyon. As co-owners of C. Harold Bloom Insurance, the pair is the third generation at the helm of the family's business.

Conveniently located in downtown Northville, the agency has been providing insurance services to the community since 1927. While Northville's downtown has evolved over the years to reflect the changing times, the agency has steadfastly held to the same storefront for nearly 80 years.

"We feel very strongly about this community," says Doug Lyon, a fifth-generation Northville resident. "It's rewarding to be able to work among friends and neighbors."

The agency is active in the Northville Chamber of Commerce and sponsors several scholarships to Schoolcraft College where Lyon serves as an assistant coach for the women's soccer team.

C. Harold Bloom is an independent

agency offering auto, home and life insurance products from various companies.

"Mainly, we work with the Auto-Owners Insurance Group," Lyon notes.

Four agents and three customer service representatives staff the office to provide friendly service and expert advice.

"Reviewing your policies periodically is key to knowing you have the right amount of coverage," Lyon says. "We pride ourselves on meeting our customers' individual needs."

The agency's clients have taken notice. Northville Record readers honored C. Harold Bloom Insurance as the People's Choice for Best Insurance Agent (Agency) in 2004 and 2005.

C. Harold Bloom Insurance is located at 108 W. Main St., in Northville. Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The office is closed daily from noon to 1 p.m.

— By Johnna Rettig

Bistro 127

(248) 437-9000 • bistro127.com

The big news at Bistro 127 on 127 E. Lake St., South Lyon, is that there are now even more reasons to visit this restaurant.

Owners Don Waldenmayer and Mark Coffey have expanded this popular eatery by buying and remodeling the old auto parts building next door. The addition added 80 seats, effectively doubling the size of the restaurant.

Affordable, comfortable dining

The responsibility for preparing the food lies on the shoulders of Chef John Evans. Evans brings a lot of experience to Bistro 127, having spent 20 years in the Chuck Muer organization and another eight with Roman Terrace.

"We don't try to be fine dining," added Evans. "We offer the best quality and freshest ingredients, which include Michigan lake fish."

While the atmosphere may fit that of a fine dining establishment, the menu prices certainly don't. Bistro 127 offers 10 different menu items for \$10 or less. Each entree includes soup, salad, appetizer, entree and dessert. Customers can select from seafood, pasta and steak entrees. This incredible deal is valid every day of the week.

Other specials a Sunday morning all-you-can-eat brunch and lunch buffet.

Bistro 127 also offers a unique e-mail club. Members can visit www.theEmailClub.com/bistrosouthlyon to sign up for exclusive savings on meals.

Wine Shoppe

The expansion also opened the door for adding more wine selections to the menu and more seats for the weekly "Wednesday Night Wine Tasting."

The popular event draws large crowds to Bistro 127, a fact Waldenmayer and Coffey are very proud of. For \$20 per person, wine lovers can sample four to six different wines and appetizers.

"We pair up the wines with food items to give our customers an idea of what tastes best with each food item," Waldenmayer said. "And what sets us apart is the quality of the food that is paired with the wines."

Suzanne LaLonde, the wine consultant for the Bistro, started Wednesday Wine Tastings in January. It started with seven people and has grown to 60-70 loyal wine lovers. "We always have room for new customers," LaLonde said.

"I research wines to bring customers the highest quality wines at the best prices.

Through the Internet I can travel the world to find amazing wines under \$20," LaLonde said.

"If there is a wine you are looking for or questions on any wine or food pairing, feel free to call the Bistro Wine Shop and ask for Suzanne."

And while delicious, fresh food is enough to bring in customers, it is the selection and pricing of over 100 wines that makes Waldenmayer and Coffey very boastful.

LaLonde has added a wine shop with a selection of 127 wines for \$20 or less.

These wines are rated high by wine publica-



Photo by JANET HALL

Chef John Evans shows off Bistro 127's expanded Wine Shoppe. Bistro 127 now offers inexpensive, quality wines, as well as unique choices. Wine tasting events, guest speakers and even storage bins to hold customers' own selections are now available.

tions because of their quality. It isn't easy to find so many good bottles of wine in one place for under \$20."

Many of the wines served at Bistro 127 are from unique vineyards from around the world.

LaLonde often invites representatives from wineries to speak with customers. Renown Napa Valley winery owner Lisa Peju recently visited Bistro 127.

Another unique feature of the restaurant is its ability to store wines for customers. Coffey said customers can use bins in the restaurant to store their wines. When they arrive for meals, they can select their own wines to accompany their food.

Catering

Waldenmayer and Coffey purchased the Fabulous Foods catering company in Ann Arbor so Bistro 127 can cater wedding showers, graduations, birthday parties and more out of both locations.

The restaurant recently fed breakfast to the entire South Lyon High School senior class

and sends 100 meals each day to Conway Transportation's training program. Corporate accounts like Domino's Farms Board of Directors and the University of Michigan count on Bistro 127 food and service.

South Lyon Theater

Waldenmayer also owns the historic South Lyon Theater, which is located across the street from Bistro 127.

Dinner and movie packages, especially those targeting families, are popular.

"Every time we run a G-rated movie the place is packed," Waldenmayer said. "Other movies don't have the same draw in this town."

The historic theater is undergoing remodeling, including renovation of the original 1945 marquee. The stage has been refurbished, a new retractable screen has been installed, the electrical has been upgraded and digital on-screen advertising has been added.

Upcoming renovations will include a new facade, new seating, new heating, ventilation and cooling systems.

Visit soon

Waldenmayer and Coffey encourage customers to visit their award-winning renovated building soon. Bistro 127 is located at 127 Lake St., in South Lyon. The restaurant is open from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday.

Waldenmayer noted, "The way to compete is to be unique."

Bistro 127 is definitely all that.



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Whether looking for an affordable family dinner or a romantic evening out, Bistro 127 is the perfect place to dine.

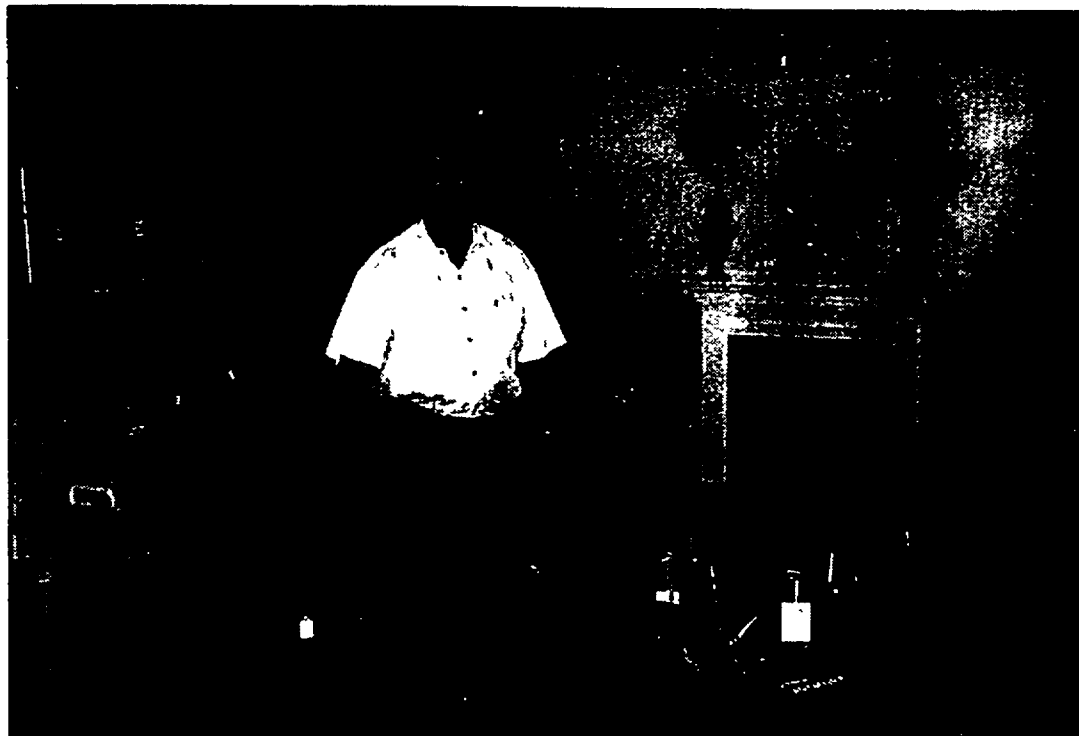


Photo by SALLY RUMMEL

Denny Stima stands amidst a huge showroom of medical equipment — ready to serve the health needs of Livingston County area residents.

Masters Medical Supply

(517) 548-3800 • (800) 286-9989 toll free

Imagine the excitement of more than doubling your showroom and office space.

That's exactly what Denny and Laurie Stima of Masters Medical Supply did when they moved last December to their new location at 6480 Grand River Ave., in Brighton — across from Bordine's Nursery.

"It's amazing how much more room we have to display and demonstrate our equipment since we've moved up to 2,500 square feet," Denny said.

Denny works on the maintenance/repair end of the medical equipment business while his wife, Laurie, handles customer service and office responsibilities.

Laurie is thrilled with her 25-foot-long service counter and the new fireplace, which provides a warm, cozy atmosphere within the store.

Scooters, hospital beds, wheelchairs, braces, lift chairs, walkers, bathroom safety supplies, ramps, Freestyle diabetic supplies

and more make up the huge inventory of products that Masters Medical Supply can provide to people in need of specialized equipment. Customers can also order items from catalogs — often receiving them the next day.

Denny will often meet with customers in their homes, allowing them a chance to try out equipment in comfortable surroundings.

Gayle Kucharski, a certified fitter, is on staff to fit braces, supports and compression hose.

"We have an excellent rapport with our senior citizens," Denny said. "It's because we truly enjoy helping them take care of their health needs."

Masters Medical Supply is located at 6480 Grand River Ave., and is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by appointment.

— By Sally Rummel



Photo by KAREN WISINSKI

Rachel Goss, left, and part-owner and manager Danielle Garber, right, answer Lana Portwood's bead-selection questions.

Brighton Beads and More

(810) 844-0066 • www.brightonbeadsandmore.com

If you haven't visited Brighton Beads and More yet, prepare to be impressed.

They offer a lot more than you might expect. Yes, they have beads in every shape and color you can imagine. They also sell supplies for cast glass, fused glass, metal smithing, precious metals, clay, and again, more.

Examples of classes are glass bead making, wire weaving, stone setting, crocheting with beads and silver smithing. Some classes are taught by staff and others by visiting artists. These are not your run-of-the-mill, cookie-cutter classes.

In July and August, Cindy Moore will come from Arizona to teach metal smithing and metal weaving, currently hot topics.

J. Fred Woell, an internationally known metalsmith, will share his expertise in September.

The mixed media attracts a broad range of customers with different interests and

abilities. Beginners can get the direction they need and professional artists can increase their material knowledge.

Visitors will notice a comfortable atmosphere where staff imparts an at home feel. It is a place meet other people, have fun and nurture oneself.

This caring attitude extends to community involvement. For a number of years, employees have participated in the Zoe Foundation, through which they offer Art for Fun projects to hospital patients.

Explore your artistic side in new ways and head over to Brighton Beads and More, located at 9850 E. Grand River Ave., near US-23, in Brighton. Come by yourself or bring a friend. You won't be disappointed.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

— By Karen Wisinski

SOUTH LYON CYCLE

BIKES - PARTS - ACCESSORIES - SALES - SERVICE



Photo by CYNTHIA GROCHOWSKI

Quality bikes, one-day repair service, tune-ups and more are available at South Lyon Cycle. The store is just minutes from Novi and Northville.

South Lyon Cycle

(248) 437-0500

As the owners and operators of South Lyon Cycle, the Childs brothers are devoted to bikes.

South Lyon Cycle stocks a large selection of bicycles at great values — including hard-to-find women's, children's and comfort models. Mountain, Comfort, Hybrid, Road, Cruiser, Recumbent, BMX, Freestyle and Juvenile bicycles from top brands including Trek, Giant, Haro, Electra and Townie are offered with expert assembly of all bikes. Bikes are offered in a variety of sizes including 12-inch, 16-inch, 20-inch and 24-inch wheel bikes for children, as well as adult models. Customers are sold a bike that meets their needs with proper fit for comfort and safety emphasized. Helmets are recommended and correct sizing and fit for safety and comfort is free.

South Lyon Cycle offers an extensive parts inventory and popular accessories

— including trailers, pedal trailers, child carriers, bike carriers, and women's and men's gel comfort saddles.

One-day repair service is available on all brands. Tune-ups are a specialty for better performance and safety of any bike.

South Lyon Cycle sponsors two charitable bicycle events — The American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure and The Multiple Sclerosis Society MS 150.

South Lyon Cycle is located in downtown South Lyon at 209 S. Lafayette (Pontiac Trail), two blocks south of Ten Mile — minutes from Island Lake State Recreation Area, Kensington Metropark, Maybury State Park, the Huron Valley Trail System and South Lyon's Rail Trail.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday.



Photo by JOHNNA RETTIG

Elegant treasures abound in Elizabeth's Bridal Manor, which is nestled in a charming, historical setting in Northville.

Elizabeth's Bridal Manor

(248) 348-2783 • www.elizabethsbridal.com

The exterior blends with Northville's quaint Victorian past, but once you cross the threshold to Elizabeth's Bridal Manor, you'll find everything to suit today's modern bride and much more.

Follow the steps up a curved staircase to champagne-colored splendor. Billowing drapery and upholstery in muted tones set an opulent, dream-like scene of elegant sophistication.

"I wanted to create a beautiful fantasy from another world," says owner Elizabeth Clancy. "All brides should feel special. A cold, typical retail space with lots of metal and signage wasn't going to be right."

Eighteen years in the bridal business gives Clancy a wide knowledge base and a host of industry contacts to provide her brides with just the right gowns and accessories.

"We are the exclusive Michigan salon

for Priscilla of Boston and Jenny Lee lines," she notes. "We have many dresses that cannot be found anywhere else, locally or statewide."

Consultations are by appointment only. "We want to be able to give a bride the attention that she deserves," Clancy says. "Our reputation for quality service is well-earned and brings in customers from the metro area and out of state."

Elizabeth's also features a vast selection of stylish gowns for bridesmaids, flower girls, and mothers of the bride and groom.

Bridal gown preservation services are also offered.

Elizabeth's Bridal Manor is located at 402 S. Main St., in Northville. Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday during the winter months.

— By Johnna Rettig



Photo by PAUL MARTIN

Amy Smith is pleased to operate her own interior-design business, Amy Smith Design, LLC, in South Lyon.

Amy Smith Design, LLC

(248) 921-5234

Wondering how to choose an interior designer?

Choose one with qualifications.

That's the advice Amy Smith gives as she sits in front of concept boards and sample boards from a few of her residential and commercial design projects. Smith, with a degree in interior design from Eastern Michigan University, serves as both owner of her own business, Amy Smith Design, LLC, in South Lyon, and as interior designer to Three Chairs Co., a contemporary home-furnishing store in Ann Arbor.

"What's important for me," Smith says, "is enhancing spaces to create uniquely personalized environments for my clients."

Smith has a four-year degree in design and experience in both residential and commercial design. She focused on commercial design for five years before start-

ing her own business two and a half years ago. She is concentrating mostly on residential design, but would like to take on smaller commercial jobs as well.

Smith is reveling in the variety of work coming her way. Space planning, fabric and finish selections, custom furniture, remodeling, lighting, window treatments and paint consultations are just some of the services Amy Smith Design can provide.

"I can work with clients from just a one-hour consultation to those interested in full-scale design services — including all the drawings necessary," Smith says.

Currently working mostly between Ann Arbor and Birmingham, Smith would like to expand her client base in South Lyon, as well as in Novi and Northville.

Amy Smith Design, LLC., can be contacted at (248) 921-5234 or, by e-mail, at amysmithdesign@earthlink.net.



Photo by SCOTT RUNYON

Perfect Floors offers a wide variety of flooring, including hardwood, carpet, laminate, vinyl and area rugs, as well as ceramic and porcelain tile.

Perfect Floors

(248) 437-2838

Developing relationships with his customers and winning their trust is very important to Ron Williams, owner of Perfect Floors in South Lyon.

"I try to spend quality time with customers in the showroom so that they are comfortable," he said.

Perfect Floors is a family business run by three brothers, John, Michael and Ron Williams. They total more than 80 years of experience in the flooring business, and have also run the original Perfect Floors location in Rochester Hills since 1995. They offer a broad selection of flooring, including hardwood, carpet, laminate, vinyl and area rugs, as well as ceramic and porcelain tile.

Ron cares about each of his customers.

"That is just how he is," said Dawn Grabinski, who has worked with him since 2004. "He is a truly generous person who is involved in the community as a sponsor for area high school and middle school sports pro-

grams as well as participating in many community events like the recent DARE golf tournament."

Since purchasing the South Lyon location, Ron has expanded the store to fill out the product lines. Recently, he added a quality line of ceramic and porcelain tile.

"We do 100 percent from start to finish," he said, "from selling to installation and follow up."

This is standard business for Ron who has his own full time crew of installers, each with more than 10 years of experience.

Perfect Floors will match or beat any offer, guaranteed! Stop by Perfect Floors, located at 21946 Pontiac Trail, in South Lyon. The store is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. After Labor Day, the store will be open for additional evening hours.

— By Scott Runyon

Bell's Landscape Services, Inc.

(248) 486-0960 • www.bellslandscape.com

When you think

of Bell's Landscape you have to think out of the flowerbox.

Bell's delivers more services, more creativity and more customer satisfaction than any other in the business. Some of the outstanding services you can expect from Bell's include

nearly every aspect of your home or business landscape, including landscape designs, decks, gazebos, brick-paver walks and patios, landscape lighting, retaining walls, sod, hydro-seeding, sprinklers and much more.

Business owners can turn to Bell's for those and additional services, including parking lot sweeping, tree and shrub pruning, spring and fall cleanups and snow removal. As their ad says, "Complete ground maintenance services."

Owner Mike Bell applies his 30 years of experience and personal pride to each project his company is awarded. Recognizing his creativity, functionality, quality of plants and original designs over the years, the Michigan Green Industry Association has bestowed Bell's Landscape with seven plaques of commemoration. A good reason for this is that the Bell's Landscaping crew of nearly 20 workers, not subcontractors, will go to a job site and work until it is completed using the best in class materials and plants.

Customers appreciate that consistency. Their constant referral business back to



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Renovations and walls, paver walks and gardens and ornate patios are just some of the things Bell's Landscape can add to your home or business.



Bell's Landscaping validates their satisfaction.

"About 70 percent of our business comes from our customers sending us referrals," noted Mike.

Some clients have a history of business lasting more than 25 years. Customer satisfaction and loyalty starts the moment you call the office to make an appointment with the sales staff. Bell's makes sure you are happy by offering a one-year warranty on most projects. They check

each project six months after completion and then return on the one-year anniversary to give a final walk-through.

"Your landscaping is like

the icing on a cake," Mike added, "do your homework and make a 10-year projection plan. If you don't, you will be unhappy and possibly pulling plants in a few years. A good design keeps that from happening."

When you get a landscape design, which acts as a blueprint for the project, you'll have the peace of mind knowing the right plants were chosen for your living conditions, the colors and blooms will accent your exterior year round, the

amount of maintenance required will be explained and agreed upon and the price will never be a surprise.

As a caution Mike added, "Be careful when comparing landscape bids. Plant size and the number of plants can alter the price of a project."

The lesson here is to remember that when you compare bids and the prices, make sure they are exactly identical including materials, type and number of plants. As Mike put it, when the job is all done, "Did the company meet your expectations?"

Bell's Landscaping will, and is counting on it, because they want your referral business. Call their office at (248) 486-0960 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit www.bellslandscape.com.

— By Michael J. Pilotti

Auction-it TODAY on eBay



The staff at Auction-it TODAY will give your ebay listing a professional look. Pictured, from left, are Bradley Duane, Jon Bell, Evan Kaltschmidt, Kiersten Isgrigg, Dave Bryant and Scott Hoose.

Auction-it TODAY

(810) 227-4300 • auction-ittoday.com

Do you have stuff you need to sell, but no time to list it on ebay? Then take it over to Auction-it TODAY, and let them do the work of researching, writing, photographing, packaging and shipping! It takes the average person 1.9 hours to list an item on eBay. For most people, that's a lot of hassle they can do without.

Auction-it TODAY is a drop-off store where sellers take in items to be sold on eBay. Experienced staff takes it from there, working hard to get you the maximum value possible for each item sold.

The listing service benefits buyers as well as sellers. The professional ad design and inclusion of the store's phone number lends credibility to listings. Combine that with excellent ebay feedback, and buyers feel confident when purchasing from Auction-it

TODAY.

Auction-it TODAY will sell just about anything, big or small. Even very large items, such as automobiles and even helicopters are handled frequently and efficiently.

If your item cannot be transported to the store, staff members will travel to it. Once it is sold, they will arrange for shipping without you lifting a finger.

Ordinary and extraordinary items have been sold through Auction-it TODAY on eBay:

- Airplane
- Ambulance
- Antiques
- 10 Beauty Salon Stations
- Boats
- Bulldozer
- Computer routers
- 1972 Custom Corvette
- Die-cast cars
- Foosball Tables
- Ford Cobra
- Helicopter
- Mannequins
- Motorcycles
- Shoes
- Snow blower
- Tiffany Ring

Already the largest eBay drop-off store in Michigan since opening in Brighton in December 2004, Auction-it TODAY's goal is to be the nation's leader by January 2006. Franchises are opening regularly from coast to coast, and international expansion is on the horizon in Canada and potentially Australia.

In addition to providing eBay listing services to the public, the business community can use Auction-it TODAY to get rid of items taking up valuable space. Bulk lots, overstocks, returns, last-season items and liquidations are processed quickly by Auction-it TODAY.

Auction-it TODAY provides a new spin on fund-raising for community organizations. Everyone has stuff they can sell on ebay. Rather than asking people to buy things, organizations can ask people to donate items for ebay. Then Auction-it TODAY will handle the rest. Call or stop in to find out more.

Cleaning out your garage has never been easier with Auction-it TODAY, located at 9864 E. Grand River Ave., Suite 150, two

How does Auction-it TODAY work?

1. Take your item to the store. Staff will inspect it and give you the approximate value of the item. Pick-up service is available for large items. No item is too large.
2. Auction-it TODAY takes professional photos of your item and designs a customized display ad.
3. Once sold, Auction-it TODAY processes the payment securely, and takes out the appropriate percentage for Auction-it TODAY.
4. Professional packaging and shipping is included in the service.
5. You receive a check for the proceeds.

doors down from the Secretary of State in Brighton. The store is conveniently open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Want to own a franchise without investing in inventory? Reach over 150 million poten-

tial buyers in over 150 countries. Auction-it TODAY offers excellent pre-opening and on-going support. For more information, call toll free (866) 216-3666 or send an e-mail to franchise@auction-ittoday.com.

— By Karen Wisinski



Jon Bell helped sell this guitar for an Auction-it TODAY customer.



Photos by KAREN WISINSKI

Evan Kaltschmidt ships carefully packaged merchandise all over the world.

Davis Auto Care

(248) 349-5115 • davisautocare.com

As Davis Auto Care celebrates its 25th anniversary, owner Jim Davis publicly thanks the Northville community for voting the auto care facility No. 1 in the Northville Record's People's Choice Awards.

How it all began

It all started with Jim Davis and a vision. His vision involved making auto repair as easy as possible for his customers in a stress-free, relaxed environment. Today, Davis Auto Care provides customers with convenient automotive repairs and services that make his company a one-stop, auto-repair center.

In 1979, he set up shop in what was then the Boron Gasoline Station at Eight Mile and Taft roads. Since the early days back in his two-bay gas station, Jim Davis has offered a level of technical expertise and friendly customer service that have proven to be a winning combination.

"Our business is repairing cars and making them look good, but our job is solving customers' problems," Davis explained. "It is very gratifying to have so many people depending on our services."

Word soon spread about the friendly, old-fashioned service that was provided and soon the parking lot was overflowing with local folks who realized that here was a businessman who provided a level of professionalism and honesty they could trust.

"When we first started out, I would go home and tell my wife that we'd had a busy day when I did a couple of oil changes and a tire repair," he recalled.

Today, expect nothing less than the same exceptional service with the development of a successful business and a highly trained staff.

Total automotive care: three-in-one

Davis Auto Care, Jim's Oil Depot and Ultimate Image Auto Spa are the three entities under one roof taking care of vehicles, inside and out. With a full-service repair garage, a quick-lube oil change facility, and professional detailing services, owner Jim Davis prides himself on upholding only the best care to customers.

"When we just had the repair garage, cus-

tomers suggested a quick-lube shop, and we added Jim's Oil Depot. For a couple years now, customers have been asking us where they can find a cleaning and detailing shop, and we gave them Ultimate Image Auto Spa June 1 of 2000," Davis explained. "Our customers are very supportive, and we love supporting them."

With superior customer relations and highly-trained technicians, Davis Auto Care, Jim's Oil Depot, and Ultimate Image Auto Spa provides quality service in a friendly environment.

Davis Auto Care

For over 25 years the full-repair garage, Davis Auto Care, has provided quality and efficient services with the latest in technology. As vehicles have become more and more complicated, the company has invested in the latest diagnostic equipment and support services.

"In a shop the size of ours, we can afford to invest in things like our ABS-Tech system and the SIMU-TECH computer system," Davis said.

Davis also said that his company recently added "yet more sophisticated and computerized diagnostic equipment to address the vehicles on-board computers for the 21st century." The advent of on-board diagnostics, or OBD2, allows Davis Auto Care to easily track the problems occurring in the computer systems. This allows Davis Auto Care technicians to better understand vehicle problems, which in turn, enhances a thorough, quality car repair.

Because people are so dependent on their vehicle, Davis Auto Care takes extra strides to make the service experience as convenient as possible. Repairs are explained in a way that lets the customer know how serious each item is, and the service staff also informs customers if a needed repair can wait for future service.

"We all work with budgets, and it's our job to help people stay within those budgets whenever possible," Davis explained.

All repair work comes with a written guarantee, and the staff sends follow-up letters inquiring about customer satisfaction. If a problem were to occur immediately after repairs, Davis and the mechanics strive to correct the problem as conveniently as possible. The shop also maintains a computerized service history on all vehicles, making it easy for the company to answer questions about routine maintenance. With stocking many name-brand parts, such as Interstate



Bringing the best possible service to your vehicle are, from left, Fred Radloff, Jim Davis, Kristy Yori, April Rice and Dave Massel.

Batteries, MOOG chassis, AC Delco, Motorcraft, Bendix brakes, Gates hoses and belts, Monroe shock absorbers, Mobil lubrication products and General tires, customers can rest assured their vehicle is in good hands.

Jim's Oil Depot

Located right next to Davis Auto Care is the same knowledgeable experience dedicated to wrapping up those minor maintenance problems slowing cars down. Jim's Oil Depot is a quick-lube repair station, fixing cars in a timely manner so customers can get on with their daily lives.

"It's quick and easy, in and out," Davis said. "We take care of the maintenance needs you don't have time for."

"Our oil changes include a 22-point inspection," Davis said. "And our customers more and more time-conscious. We speed up the process without sacrificing quality."

Customers receive an oil change in 10 minutes without having to leave their cars. The Oil Depot will also perform minor items such as headlight replacement and wiper blades while waiting. Tire repair, rotating and balancing service is also available. Many of these services are performed by trained staff members using a special tire-care machine. This machine relies on a touchless tire suspension system that avoids rim damage.

"Tire rotating is an example of the type of maintenance people want quickly," Davis said.

But it goes much farther than that. While waiting in the comfortable area, take a look around. Jim's Oil Depot is decorated to resemble a Victorian train depot.

"Being just underneath the railroad bridge, it seemed natural," Davis said.

"After we got under way with the theme of the place, I learned that there actually was a Northville train depot many years ago, just a few yards from our building."

Both exterior and interior are painted in a trompe l'oeil technique, and once inside a huge mural depicts a view through "windows" onto a train platform with the train ready to pull out. Further above a toy train runs up and down the wall taking a loop around the waiting area. The theme is carried right down to a train whistle, which sounds as each car is raised into the air. What more can you say, except, "All Aboard!"

Ultimate Image Auto Spa

At Ultimate Image Auto Spa, the newest addition to the Davis Auto Care facility, customers can be assured of receiving the same superior quality service that Davis Auto Care customers have enjoyed for years.

"It was the request of many of our customers that we expanded our automotive business to include appearance enhancement and protection services," Davis said. "The response has been extremely encouraging since we opened in June of 2000."

As with mechanical repairs and maintenance services, the finest quality products are combined with the highest level of expertise to offer a premier experience. Visits begin in the clean, comfortable office where customers select the level of service wanted for their vehicle. From a quick hand wash to a complete interior and exterior detail with all the trimmings, specialists will customize every treatment at the spa.

Experienced detail professionals work their magic on cars, light trucks, SUV's, and vans. These experts truly love what they

do, and the only thing they enjoy more than performing their craft, is seeing your joyful expression when you pick up your vehicle. The caring staff takes pride in knowing they provide the "Ultimate" in detailing services.

High-tech quality expertise

Jim Davis is especially proud of his mechanical staff. The technicians are not only state certified, but also have achieved accreditation from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence.

A number of the technicians are A.S.E. Master mechanics, as well as being certified in Automobile Advanced Engine Performance — a new designation achieved by fewer than five percent of the technicians in the country. These tests are administered by ACT, the organization conducting college entrance examinations.

"It separates the best of the best," Davis explained. "A.S.E. Certification shows that a technician has dedicated himself to the highest level of professionalism."

To keep up to date, mechanics regularly attend seminars and continuing education classes. This commitment to ongoing training is one of the most important aspects of the business.

"Yes, we have the absolute best and latest in diagnostic equipment," Davis said. "But without the level of expertise that our technicians have, all the diagnostic computers in the world would be useless."

Setting Davis' technicians above the majority is special training they receive directly from automotive manufacturers.

"Because we do so much business with the auto manufacturers, they allow us to send our technicians for the specialized training only dealer mechanics receive," Davis explained.

behavior, and parts' serial numbers are available for the best service possible. Davis Auto Care is especially proud of technician Ed Robertson who was a finalist in the AC Delco Technician of the Millennium II Competition. AC Delco produces parts for GM and other automobile companies, and also allows Davis Auto Care to receive factory training for its technicians. As an added benefit, AC Delco hosts an annual competition. Contestants from across the nation are judged on test scores and car repairs. Robertson had one of the best test scores in the Midwest region and went on to compete in the hands-on part of the competition in Las Vegas. There, in the Fall of 2003, Robertson became one of the top eight technicians in North America.

Customer service

At Davis Auto Care, the term "customer service" encompasses many things, including friendliness, convenience and follow-up. The customer contact staff is friendly, knowledgeable and efficient. Most importantly, they care about people. Service advisors work together to make sure every customer who comes to Davis Auto Care walks away satisfied.

"We get so many comments from people who say that, in coming to our facility, they had their questions answered in a clear, courteous manner for the first time," Davis explained. "Our customers feel very comfortable making decisions in that way."

To show their appreciation, in the past, customers have not just told Davis employees thanks, but expressed their gratitude by bringing gifts, such as cookies or pizza.

"Having a friendly place where people do business, we really strive to do that," Davis said.

Another highly appreciated detail is the shuttle service, which can take customers to or from their home or business within the area. The shop can also lend cellular phones if customers are going to be hard to reach. This way, repairs can be completed as quickly as possible. A computerized system tracks routine maintenance for each individual vehicle. Letters and postcards are sent out notifying customers of maintenance items coming due.

"We realize our customers are busy, and

don't have time to worry about preventative maintenance," Davis explained. "That's why we track it for them."

Customer service is more than a business goal at Davis Auto Care, it is a set standard persistently kept and constantly perfected.

Community involvement

A long-time area resident, Jim Davis has always been involved in the community. He is an active member and past president of the Northville Chamber of Commerce. The company has been a contributor to the Northville Victorian Festival since its inception. Davis has served as State Chairman of the Board of the Automotive Service Professionals of Michigan.

"I am very involved in the industry and want to do everything I can to promote it in a positive way," he said.

Davis has also appeared on local television and radio promoting awareness of automotive maintenance and has presented seminars at recent job fairs. He has attained the title of Accredited Automotive Manager from the Automotive Management Institute, a designation awarded to automotive professionals who complete 120 hours of advanced management and technical classes.

Davis intends to continue providing excellent and convenient auto repair service to his community.

Welcoming families

Davis Auto Care, Jim's Oil Depot, and Ultimate Image Auto Spa is located just outside downtown Northville at 807 Doherty Drive.

Hours for Davis Auto Care are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday and Thursday and from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday.

Jim's Auto Depot is open 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday and Thursday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Ultimate Image Auto Spa hours are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday.

The company has a Web site where appointments can be made by e-mailing at service@davisautocare.com. For more information, call (248) 349-5115.



Photos by CYNTHIA GROCHOWSKI

Davis Auto Care Oil Depot includes, from left, Brian Roberts, Scott Pridmore, Joe Vogt and Tony Martinez.



Harold Higgins provides customers a smooth ride when they need courtesy shuttle service from Davis Auto Care.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Sue Thallapally, owner of Novi's Slender Lady, demonstrates how weighted hula-hoops are used in their aerobic workout regime.

Slender Lady

(248) 374-9920

Ladies only!

That's right, women have a place they can call their own.

With a membership to Slender Lady in Novi, women have unlimited visits to utilize equipment that is designed to give cardiovascular, conditioning, low impact and aerobic training.

While posted hours are generally 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, members are allowed to request special access to the facility making it available all the time.

"Variety and change of workout routines helps eliminate repetition and increases your conditioning," advised owner Sue Thallapally.

As a member of Slender Lady, Sue and Tamara Taha, the manager, will coordinate routines, track progress and offer nutritional advice to complete each person's fitness profile.

And, they are offering a back-to-school special — unlimited visits for only \$19.99 per

month.

But, the benefits of Slender Lady go way beyond getting fit. Slender Lady also offers a Body Wrap of Aloe Vera — to help you lose up to 5-15 inches per visit — which helps make the skin healthier and softer, as well as detoxifying and cleansing the body of impurities.

Also available is the popular air-brush tanning which will give the body a healthier glow in just five minutes. The process is completely safe and FDA approved.

Slender Lady is offering a summer special for tanning — unlimited tans for three months for only \$100.

Contact Sue or Tamara at (248) 374-9920 for details or visit them at 24049 Meadowbrook, Novi, one block south of Ten Mile Road in the Peachtree Shopping Center. Slender Lady is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.



Photo by MICHAEL J. PILOTTI

Bringing quality care to your pet are, from left, Bailey Schroeder, Jude Howison, Dr. Studer, Dr. Parker, Deanna Losey and Ashley Scheick, along with Scribbles.

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic

(248) 449-7447

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic is nearing a decade of service in Novi with a history of family pet care that dates back many more years. Doctors John Parker and Ron Studer are proud of their client relationships and animal care.

"We recommend the best for your pet and work with you on tailoring an approach that gives you the appropriate information to make a decision for your pet's well being," informed Dr. Studer.

Briarpointe has recently added equipment, including a laparoscope and radiosurgical unit, that allow minimally invasive procedures when compared to standard surgeries.

Because your pet is so important to you, Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic spends enough time with their clients and patients

to understand their needs.

Outside of caring for their patients, the team at Briarpointe also helps support animal rescue activities, Paws With a Cause, school co-ops and student mentoring programs.

Birds, cats, dogs, ferrets and many other household pets are welcome to visit Briarpointe for their medical care.

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic is located at 47330 Ten Mile Road, in Novi.

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday.

To schedule an appointment, call (248) 449-7447.

— By Michael J. Pilotti



Photo by NATHAN MENOLAN

Mark Newton manages his Novi, iSold It franchise with pride. Business has steadily been increasing since their opening last summer.

iSold It

(248) 449-2848

"Drop it off — get a check. Let iSold It make money for your business. Put the 'fun' back in fund-raising. The easy way to sell on eBay."

Mark Newton, franchise owner and manager of the Novi store says his business is doing well.

"It's an auction on eBay," Newton explained. "We receive merchandise in, photograph it, write good descriptive copy for it, put it on eBay with key words and let the auction begin."

Just recently, a set of cowboy spurs went on eBay through iSold It, starting out at \$9.99, and within a few days bids had been sent in for over \$400.

"It's fun to see things like that," Newton said. "The merchandise we get in is amazing. Sports action figures — still in the box, cameras, toys, musical equipment, computers, audio components, and many other in-demand items. If it isn't sold in seven days,

the customer picks up the merchandise or may donate it to charity."

Newton says the entire process is efficient, easy and beneficial for buyer and seller. iSold It professionally photographs each item, writes descriptive copy about the item and posts it on eBay. They hold the inventory, process payment from the winning bidder, then pack and ship the item out.

"It's important to have a high trust factor with customers. That's what sets us apart," Newton said. "So far we've had 3,700 individuals give great feedback on eBay surveys about us. Potential customers read that and have confidence in what they're buying through our business."

iSold It is open 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. They are located at 47760 Grand River Ave., Novi.

— By Nathan Menolan



Photo by PAUL MARTIN

Barry Kahn, left, sits with partner Matteo, who is at the sewing machine creating a custom-made suit.

B. Michael Kahn Custom Clothier

(248) 496-0011

Barry Kahn is a fourth generation tailor. His great-grandfather used to travel around the countryside on horseback repairing farmer's clothes.

Kahn carries on the family tradition (by car, now) with personal, one-on-one, consultations with customers.

"For instance," Kahn said, "I just came from a customer who is a 50-year-old, which is not a tough fit, and he went to a couple of stores and could not find what he wanted."

I ended up finding him something, made the call and it will be delivered within a week."

"I will then go back to the customer and fit him," Kahn continued. "He'll try the suit on at his home, I'll mark it and then bring it back to my partner, Matteo, who will put all the finishing touches to it."

Matteo has been a master tailor for

many years. Following a five-year apprenticeship in his home town in Sicily, he came to America and worked making suits for Hickey-Freeman.

It was 20 years ago that he settled into the seat at his sewing machine in Lathrup Village and partnership with Kahn.

"What's really made my business a hit," Kahn said, "is that it is really convenient for the consumer. And I'm able to get a better understanding of their needs — going to their home or office — than if they go into a store."

"It's not rocket science," Kahn stressed. "It's just old-fashioned service."

For custom-made clothing and alterations created with personal attention in a private atmosphere,

Kahn can be reached at (248) 496-0011 or b.m.k@sbglobal.net.

— By Paul Martin

Orin Jewelers

(734) 422-7030 • (248) 349-6940 • orinjewelers.com

Orin Jewelers of Northville has hometown hospitality with a big-city selection and old-world customer service.

Small-town, friendly and personal service are part of the allure and charm found at this well established, gem of a family business.

You'll be amazed with the quality and selection that comes with the brand names featured there, including Mikimoto Pearls, Nomination Charms, Swarovski Crystal, Lorenzo, Tacori, ScottKay Platinum, Hearts On Fire Diamonds, Cyma, Peter Storm, Strellman's and Art Carved Graduation Rings to name a few.

The store carries such a vast selection of items, that everyone who walks in the door

will find what they are looking for. Students can select from charms, class rings and keepsakes. Anniversary shoppers can pick from pearls, diamonds, watches and bracelets. Treasure seekers will find phenomenal value in the antique jewelry and one-of-a-kind works available from artisans around the country. If you don't find what you are looking for, the Orin professionals will help locate it for you.

Service is the differentiator that places this jeweler apart from the rest in the field. All repairs for store purchases, or items from outside the store, are done at Orin Jewelers in-house. Your heirlooms and finery are treated with care and respect by Orin's own craftsmen.

"We built our business on repairs," commented Orin Jr. "We'll fix things that other shops won't touch."

Orin Jewelers has been in business since 1933 and is currently operated by third-generation family members. Your personal attention, selection and service are the result of years of experience, continued training and certified specialists. Certification from the American Gem Society and the Gemological Institute of America, along with annual renewals, guarantees customers of Orin Jewelers nationally recognized experts attending to your needs.

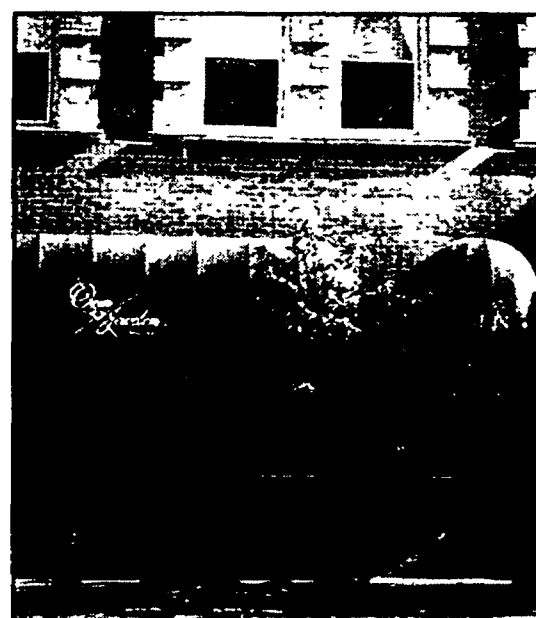
Orin added, "To be a part of Orin Jewelry my people must be certified professionals."

As a savvy customer looking for qualified jewelers you need look no further. Call or stop by today.

Orin Jewelers is located at 101 E. Main St., at the corner of Main and Center streets, in downtown Northville.

The store is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday and Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

— By Michael J. Pilotti



Photos by MICHAEL PILOTTI

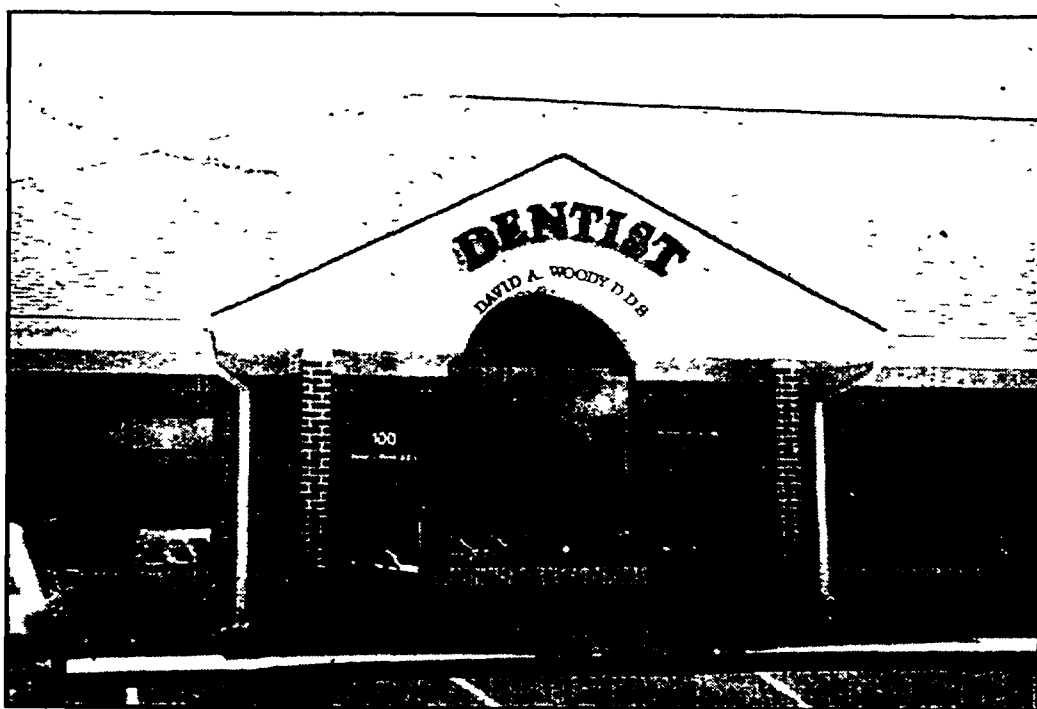
Orin Jewelers is located in Northville.



Noted for unmatched brilliance, clarity and radiance, Hearts On Fire Diamonds are among the well respected designer names on display at Orin Jewelers.



Certified, friendly, knowledgeable and ready to answer all your jewelry questions are, from left, Joshua Summers, Ginna Mazzoni, Assistant Manager Carole Urban, Owner Orin Mazzoni Jr., Joanne Sorby and Manager David Beyer.



The office of David A. Woody, DDS is located in the Grand Oaks Centre at 39885 Grand River Ave., Suite 100, just west of Haggerty Road in Novi.



Photos by JOHNNA RETTIG

The staff at David A. Woody, DDS includes, from left, Kathy, Erin, Maureen, Brenda, Kimberly and Dr. Woody.

David A. Woody, DDS

(248) 476-3800

David A. Woody, DDS, and staff invite you to join them at their new location in Grand Oaks Centre, Novi.

Conveniently located on the south side of Grand River, just west of Haggerty, this family-oriented local office is dedicated to quality care and friendly service.

Every effort has been made to provide for patient comfort. The décor is attractive and soothing.

Patient care rooms are discreetly appointed with a relaxing view through private windows.

CDs, DVD movies, and nitrous oxide sedation are available upon request.

The caring staff is intent on making you comfortable.

Dr. Woody has invested in the latest dental technology. Intraoral cameras and an interactive DVD system help explain treatment needs and options, a laser is used to help diagnose decay, and Air Abrasion can be used to remove decay without the need for numbing and drilling. A state-of-the-art sterilization system provides for your safety. As a general practice, the office provides

a full-range of dental procedures, with an emphasis on preventive care and a special interest in cosmetic dentistry.

Recent innovations have made it possible for everyone to improve their smile through cosmetic dentistry.

Procedures range from tooth-colored fillings, natural appearing crowns and bridges, and beautiful porcelain veneers that mask worn teeth, close spaces and balance smiles without braces.

Particularly popular is tooth whitening, a simple procedure with dazzling results. The

new ZOOM! system, as seen on Extreme Makeover, will whiten teeth in one office visit.

Take-home kits, with custom trays and professional strength gels, are also available and are currently on sale.

Dr. David A. Woody is a member of the Academy of General Dentistry, Michigan Dental Association, and Oakland County Dental Society.

A graduate of the University of Michigan Dental School, he and his family are long time residents of Novi.



Darcy Dugas, manager of A Cleaner Image Dry Cleaning in Wixom, readies an order for pickup.



Kerri Leslie performs service with a smile.

A Cleaner Image Dry Cleaning

(248) 624-7522

A Cleaner Image DRY CLEANING

The employees smile and joke as they take in dirty clothing and hand out cleaned and pressed fashions at A Cleaner Image Dry Cleaning in Wixom

"We are a team," Darcy Dugas, manager, said. "We all get along and have fun while we work."

Dugas, along with owner Doug McDonald, Kerri Leslie, Ashley Winters, Lindsey Dugas and Jacqueline Rapach, offer a host of services with complete focus on customer care with a smile. The team takes pride in their store's efficient and accurate work.

"Our expertise spans from cleaning all common types of clothing, including leather, suede and varsity jackets and preserving very fragile and valuable garments such as wedding gowns," Dugas said.

"During 16 years in the business, we have learned how to effectively clean and spot-clean every type of clothing while practically eliminating the risk of running colors and damaging the garment itself," McDonald said. "Each piece of clothing is evaluated individually to determine the most appropriate method of cleaning."

"All orders are triple checked to minimize mistakes," said Dugas. "If something goes wrong, everything is done to take care of the problem A.S.A.P."

A Cleaner Image caters to busy people who wish to save time and money. The store is open until 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and features a 24 hour drop box. Next day service is available.

Really busy people can take advantage of the Fluff & Fold program for all personal laundry, including towels and socks.

The Wixom store now features a **FREE** pickup and delivery service for the Novi and Northville area.

"With the rising cost of gas, this service will help a lot of people," McDonald said. "The first pick up will be free with a signed commitment, a maximum value of \$75."

More details are available at the Wixom store.

Other cleaning services include household items such as drapes, and oversize items such as quilts and comforters.

In addition to cleaning, all serviceable buttons are replaced free and heavy-starched, laundered shirts are guaranteed upon request.

Having cleaning done at A Cleaner Image



Photos by CYNTHIA GROCHOWSKI

In Wixom, the team at A Cleaner Image Dry Cleaner is ready to help with all your cleaning needs. Pictured, from left, are Kerri Leslie, owner Doug McDonald, Ashley Winters and manager Darcy Dugas. Jacqueline Rapach and Lindsey Dugas are not pictured.

can actually help the family's offspring through college.

McDonald's dry cleaning stores belong to the 40,000 stores that participate in the UPromise program. A percentage of each cleaning bill paid with a family's credit or debit card registered with Upromise is put into the tuition account.

Additionally, holders of Farmer Jack, Kroger and AAA cards can receive 20 percent off their cleaning bill at A Cleaner Image.

The former Martinizing Dry Cleaners store will continue to honor future promotions and coupons from Martinizing including those found in the Entertainment Booklets.

A Cleaner Image Dry Cleaning, located at 1549 N. Wixom Road in Wixom, is open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Call (248) 624-7522 for more information.

— By Cynthia Grochowski



A Cleaner Image Dry Cleaning can preserve memories for years to come.



Heidi Malzahn, co-owner of Poise Pilates, demonstrates one of the many pilates techniques used to increase flexibility and reduce lower back pain.

Poise Pilates

(248) 349-3100

Pilates (pul-lah-tees) is a method of strength and flexibility training focusing on the core of the body — the abdominal, gluteus and lower back muscles.

Joseph Pilates developed the exercise technique in the 1920s. As a youth, Pilates suffered from physical ailments such as asthma and rickets and dedicated his life to overcoming physical weakness through exercise.

Poise is a fully equipped Pilates studio located at 186 E. Main St., Suite 301, in downtown Northville. It is co-owned by Heidi Malzahn and Susan Steinke.

Heidi was first introduced to Pilates over nine years ago. After seeing the many positive changes in her own body, such as better posture, long lean muscles, better flexibility and less lower back pain, she decided to retire from her career as a hairdresser and open her own Pilates studio in July 2001.

"Our goal at Poise is to educate the

Northville community about what Pilates is and how it can benefit them," Heidi explained.

The truth is, almost anyone can do Pilates. Because the exercises start at an easier level and become progressively more difficult as the body becomes stronger, people from every age group and fitness level can start exercising. The clientele at Poise is diverse: men, women, teens, seniors and dancers, from the unfit to the elite athlete.

The highly qualified instructors at Poise conduct private and small group sessions by appointment. Prices range from \$20 to \$75 an hour. The 90-minute initial private (\$60) is the best way to start.

To achieve maximum benefits, Heidi suggested attending two to three sessions per week.

Take the first step to a stronger body and call for an appointment today at (248) 349-3100.

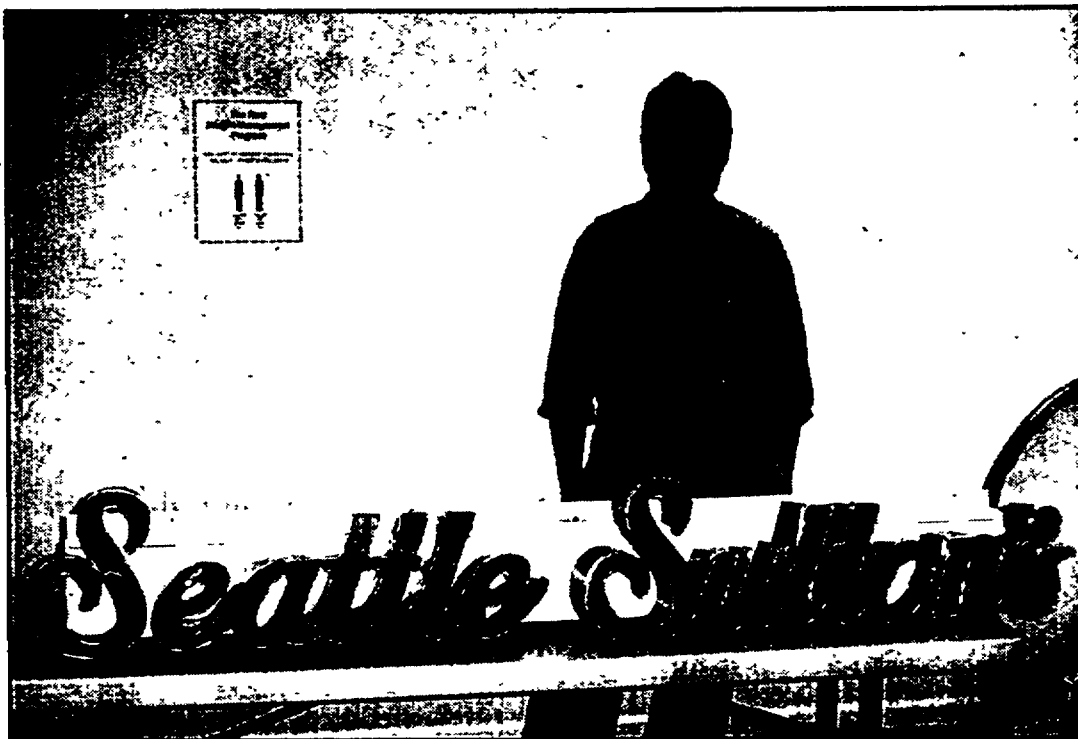


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Barbara O'Donnell, owner of Seattle Sutton's in Novi, helps clients eat healthy, fresh, preservative-free food without the hassle of preparing it themselves.

Seattle Sutton's

(248) 349-6100 • www.meals21.com

Are you one of the many people who are trying to watch what you eat, lose a few pounds or don't have the time to plan and prepare a healthy meal?

Then, Seattle Sutton's is your answer for healthy eating at your home or office.

There are no contracts or long-term commitments. Both 1,200- and 2,000-calorie-per-day meal plans are available. Menus are based on recommendations from the American Heart Association and other health and nutrition experts.

A single phone call will get you started with fresh, convenient meals that provide a solid foundation for weight loss, improved health and freedom from shopping, cooking and calorie counting.

Seattle Sutton's provides three delicious and nutritious meals a day, seven days a week. The most unique part of this service is that the meals are fresh, not frozen, including fresh fruit and salads. With

Seattle Sutton's doing the planning, shopping and cooking, you'll have more time to relax and enjoy other activities.

While hiring a chef may cost \$50 a day or more, Seattle Sutton's cost just \$5 a meal for the 1,200-calorie plan.

Owner Barbara O'Donnell said that doctors have been sending their patients to Seattle Sutton's to help them if they are pregnant, have diabetes, are recovering from a surgical procedure, or have had heart conditions.

The program and store hours are set to maximize meal freshness and customer pickups. If you can't stop in to pickup your prepared meals, arrangements can be made to have them delivered.

Seattle Sutton's is located at 24049 Meadowbrook, Novi. It is open from 3-7 p.m. Monday and Thursday, but O'Donnell asks interested persons to call anytime.

— By Michael Pilotti



Photo by NATHAN MENOIAN

Joe Haddad, owner of Wireless Giant located at 41490 Grand River in Novi, holds up a Nextel phone, one of the many name brands he offers.

Wireless Giant

(248) 465-1111

Wireless Giant in Novi carries every phone for every service. Joe Haddad said his store makes it easy for customers to get what they want. "There's no running around from store to store checking out equipment, prices and service. We have it all right here."

Getting up-to-date wireless technology is what it's all about at Wireless Giant. That includes everything from text messaging to camera/video phones. The store carries all the major service carriers, and a full-line of quality accessories. They offer a lifetime warranty on Wireless Giant branded accessories.

Besides having a huge selection of cell phones, they offer Dish Network and DirecTV Satellite systems and installation. Plus, Wireless Giant is a bill-payment center. They can pay cell-phone bills and any other kind of payment. Their line of accessories includes car and home chargers, leather cases, belt clips, cords, and Blue Tooth wireless for hands-free operation to name only a few.

"We offer free bill evaluation, for individuals and businesses, to make sure the customer is getting the best deal, minutes, and other services that are available. If not, we can find them the best deal," Haddad said.

Wireless Giant, a Michigan-based company, is in all the top cellular markets in the country, with 70 locations nationwide. By this time next year, Haddad said he expects to have a Nextel Service Center in his store.

"We want people to be aware that Novi was deprived of a local store that gives such good deals and now we're here doing the community a good service," Haddad said.

He added that his Wireless Giant sales staff stays current with the best deals and willingly finds customers the best deals around on all types of service plans.

"I like helping people save money, and I like being able to give them the best deals possible," Haddad said. "Everybody leaves here happy."

— By Nathan Menoian



Are your feet happy or sad? Visit Tom Welch at Hershey's Too Comfort Shoes and he'll have your tired feet walking on cloud nine in no time.

Hershey's Too Comfort Shoes

(248) 347-7838 • hersheysshoes.com

It is no wonder that customers leave the store wearing their newly bought merchandise.

Once they have slipped out of their old shoes and into a perfect pair at Hershey's, they quickly come to understand the meaning of walking comfort.

The original Hershey's Shoes opened in Garden City in 1946. The Novi location opened in 2002. For years owner Tom Welch and his staff have been helping people and their families find the right footwear in all special sizes, widths, as well as any orthopedic need. They are referred by local podiatrists as a great source for beneficial footwear for their patients.

Excellent customer service is another main reason why people shop for footwear at Hershey's Too Comfort Shoes. Tom and his staff take the time to assist each customer to best determine which pair of shoes best suit their feet and lifestyle.

Tom recommends that parents bring in

their children before the school year so they can be properly fitted into a good pair of shoes.

"Children can develop back problems and other health issues if they're wearing the wrong shoes," said Tom.

Hershey's Too Comfort Shoes carries major brands such as, SAS, New Balance, Rockport, Stride Rite, Hush Puppies, Children's ECCO, Naturalizer, and many more. They also sell shoe accessories, handbags and socks.

The original store, Hershey's Shoes, is located in Garden City at 29522 Ford Road, half block west of Middlebelt. Hershey's Too Comfort Shoes is located in the West Market Square at Beck Road. The address is 47750 Grand River, Novi.

Daily hours are 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. They are closed Sunday.

Make Hershey's Too Comfort Shoes your back to school headquarters.

Diamond Castle Jewelers

(248) 442-2440 • www.diamondcastlejewelers.com

When selecting a quality diamond, the savvy shopper looks for the four C's: color, cut, clarity and carat weight. When searching for a top-notch jeweler, the knowing buyer seeks three other qualifications: selection, service and price.

Diamond Castle Jewelers in Novi hits on all three notes.

"We have a large inventory of loose diamonds," says Kevin Ansara, owner. "For instance, if someone comes in for a 1 1/2 carat diamond, I can show them six or seven stones."

Customer service has been top priority for the Ansara family who has multi-generations working in the store.

"We always listen to what a customer

wants," Ansara explains. "We bring back the hottest trends from shows around the country, as well as specific items."

Diamond Castle Jewelers boasts a best-price guarantee on its stones.

"We can also obtain any watch in any style at a discounted price," says Ansara.

The store attracts a loyal following from across metro Detroit as well as out-of-state customers. Locally, readers of the Novi News recognized the Diamond Castle Jewelers with the 2005 People's Choice Award for the Best Jewelry Store in Novi.

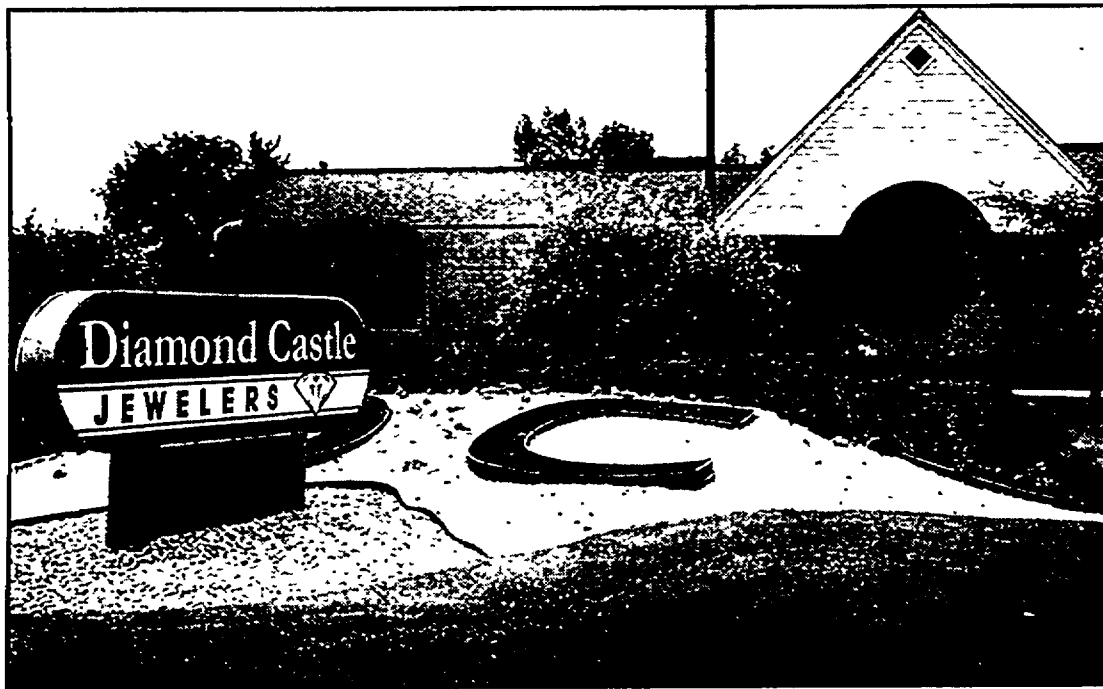
All of the diamonds in the Diamond Castle inventory that are 1/2 carat and larger are certified by the Gemological Institute of America or the European Gemological Laboratory, authorities in diamond appraisals.

The Diamond Castle offers in-house



Photos by JOHNNA RETTIG

Ready to offer knowledgeable assistance at Diamond Castle Jewelers in Novi are, from left, Christine Ansara, Susan Schrader, Anne Dietz, Fred Ansara, George Wheeler and Kevin Ansara.



Diamond Castle Jewelers received the 2005 People's Choice for Best Jewelry Store in Novi, voted by readers of the Novi News.

financing for up to one year, interest free.

"Any diamond bought in our store can be returned at any time for the full purchase price toward another diamond," says Ansara.

In addition to diamonds and watches, the store features a large selection of precious gems and Bellarri designer jewelry. Watch and jewelry repairs are performed on site. Custom designs are also available.

Ansara promises a new Web site, accessible within 60 days, that will have an exciting twist for those with creative flair.

"We will have a complete virtual showroom for at-home shopping," he explains.

"A visitor to the new site — [line.com — also will find a feature that allows them to build or design a ring," he adds.](http://www.dcjon-</p>
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For traditionalists who prefer brick-and-mortar shopping, the store has convenient parking close to building entrance.

"It's a little bit confusing because our lot is behind the store," says Ansara. "But the lot opens to the front door."

Diamond Castle Jewelers is located at 39955 Grand River Ave., just west of Haggerty Road in Novi.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. — By Johnna Rettig



Bacchus Bar is a relaxing gathering place with the same great food.



Hutton Street market is an Italian deli, pizzeria and catering kitchen.

Little Italy, Bacchus Bar & Hutton Street Market

(248) 348-0575 • www.littleitalynorthville.com

Little Italy, Bacchus Bar & Hutton Street Market may save you thousands of dollars and many hours of international flight if you are searching for authentic Italian foods. John Gallagher and Jeff Jepko have put together a huge slice of Italy right in our own backyard. The combined businesses of Little Italy Ristorante, Bacchus Bar and Hutton Street Market give Northville its own Italian Village that we all can enjoy.

As a patron, you'll realize that no matter what mood you are in there is a suitable dining answer for you. Are you feeling romantic? Consider Little Italy Ristorante with its "authentic regional Italian cuisine." Food is prepared from scratch with the freshest ingredients when ordered from the menu that features so many choices. Vitello (veal), insalata (salad), zuppa (soup), pasta fatta in casa (fresh pastas made in house) and a variety of daily chef specials from the Tuscan Grill make dining at Little Italy a new experience each time.

A quaint dining area is also available outside the main restaurant on the paver walk patio. Here guests have a sense of the sidewalk cafes in Italy.

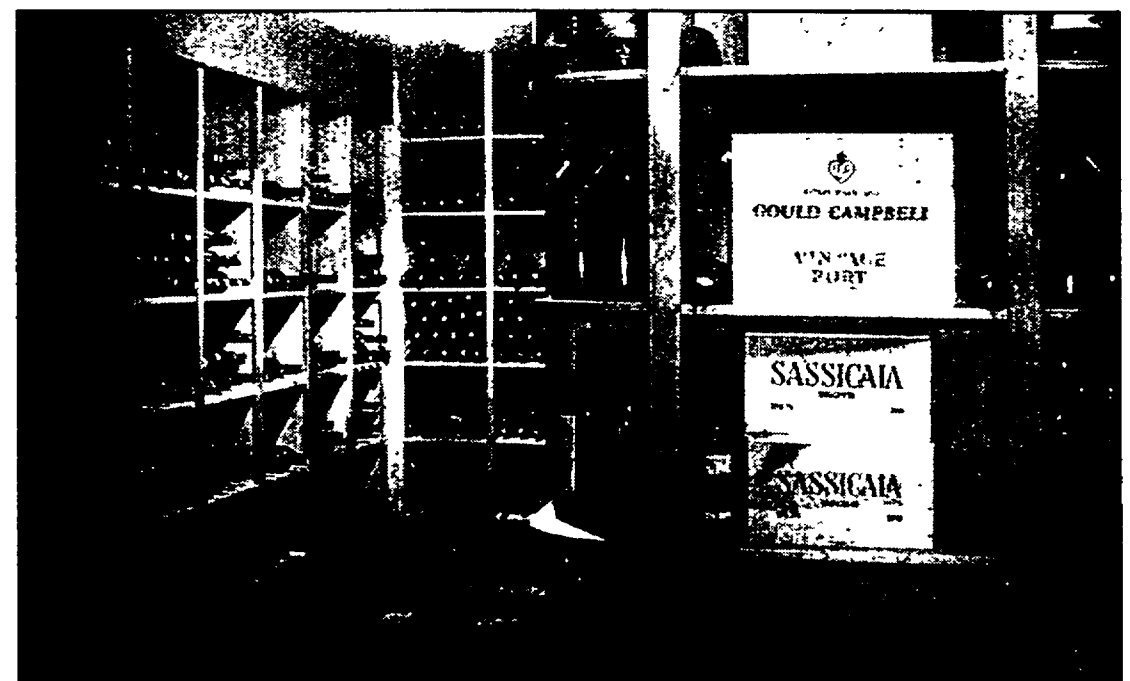
With any meal you can make a wine selection from a very exclusive selection of limited wines. The wine menu features 30 pages containing over 400 choices. If you need help selecting the right wine to compliment your dinner a member of the staff will assist you.

Little Italy Ristorante is open from 5-9 p.m. Sunday, 5-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Reservations are recommended.

Bacchus Bar features a relaxed dining area when you can visit, unwind and laugh with friends. The beautiful mahogany woodwork and bright colors remind you that you're not at work anymore. A full-section menu, all premium wines, and a fully stocked bar await you and your friends.

Bacchus Bar is open from noon to 9 p.m. Sunday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 11 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday.

Hutton Street Market is designed for the at-home diner. All the quality and flavor of foods from main restaurant are ready for you to carry home. Also a wide variety of bottled wines, pizzas, panini, deli wraps and fresh pastas are available there too.



Photos by MICHAEL PILOTTI

Special one-of-a-kind Italian wines are available at Little Italy in Northville.

The trio of Italian dining options are located at 227 Hutton St., one block north of South

Main Street and east of Center Street in Northville.

— By Michael Pilotti



Photo by JOHNNA RETTIG

Margene Buckhave prepares to consolidate her scrapbooking and rubber-stamping businesses, offering the best of the best in one Northville location.

Stampeddler, Plus

(248) 348-4446 • www.stampeddler.com

With 21 years in the creative arts business, Margene Buckhave has seen many scrapbooking and rubber-stamping trends come and go.

What has stayed constant are the imaginative people, beginners and seasoned veterans, who relish the opportunity to make handmade greeting cards and memory books with assorted art supplies.

This month, Buckhave will combine her two stores, Stampeddler, Plus and Memories by Stampeddler. The new dual-purpose store will be housed in the stamp store's present location at 145 N. Center St., in Old Church Square in downtown Northville.

"What sets us apart is our expertise," she explains.

"We offer a wide range of classes to teach a variety of techniques as well as knowledgeable staff who will assist in custom-invitation design."

The consolidated business will continue to offer the finest selection of traditional and contemporary stamping and scrapbooking supplies. Revamped displays will showcase thousands of stamps, pads and powders, handmade papers and brass stencils for stamping enthusiasts.

"Scrapbookers will still have a wonderful staff who will join the stamp location," explains Buckhave.

"We will continue to carry hundreds of papers, pens and punches in your favorite categories, which will be conveniently displayed to ease decision making," she says.

Stampeddler, Plus is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4 p.m.

— By Johnna Rettig



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On the other hand, if a small amount of planning is not done in advance, the survivors will likely have to deal with multiple losses, often at the most difficult time in their lives.

Don't leave the fate of any gift in the hands of the judicial system. Take the time to work out your estate, health care and other very important personal matters in the office of Armene Kaye or the comfort of your own home if you prefer.

If you have any questions regarding this important part your family's future, or need assistance with any area of family law, bankruptcy, small business, tax law and other areas of civil litigation, please contact the Law Offices of Armene Kaye at (248) 887-5581 or via e-mail at goodlawyer@abanet.org.

Armene is striving to balance the scales of justice one case at a time.

— By Michael Pilotti

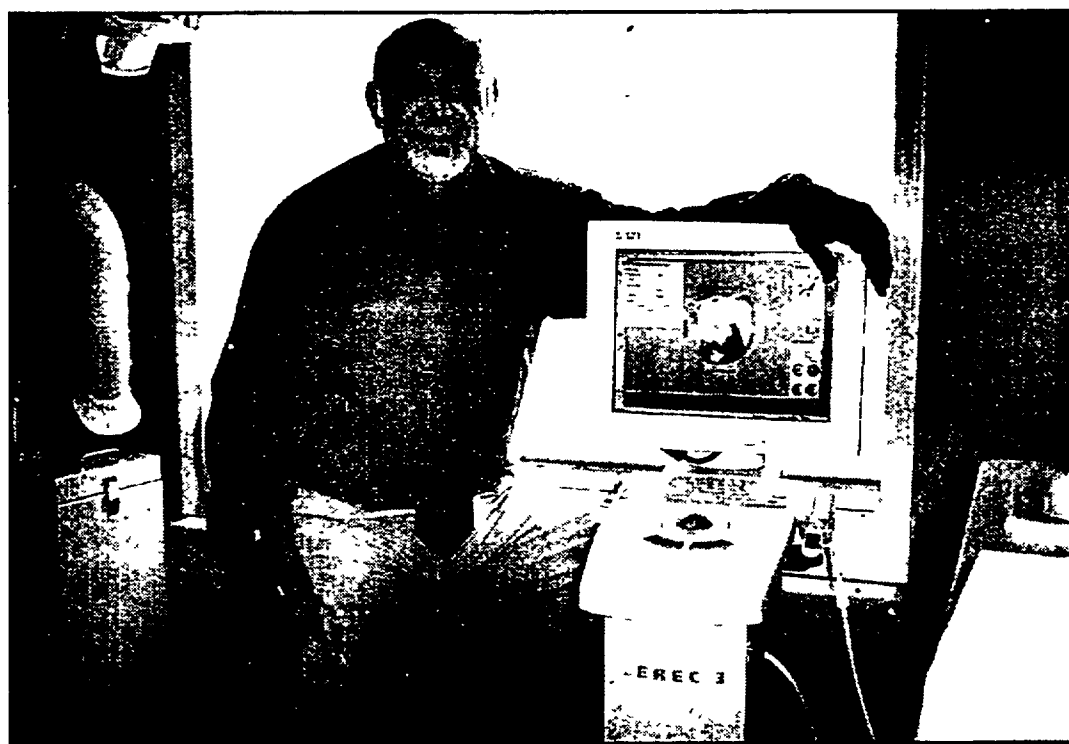


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Dr. Allen Tuchklaper is waiting to make you smile at Novi Family Dental.

Novi Family Dental Center

(248) 348-3100 • www.novidental.com

How many miles would you travel to visit your family dentist?

Many of Dr. Allen Tuchklaper's patients return to the Novi Family Dental Center from Texas, California and other parts of the country because he offers some of the most outstanding dental care and treatment.

Practicing dentistry for over 25 years, Dr. Tuchklaper and his staff offer complete dental services worth the trip including: periodontal treatment, fillings, tooth-colored inlays, porcelain crowns, teeth whitening, cosmetic and aesthetic dentistry.

Aesthetic dentistry means that your teeth can be redefined, sculpted or returned to a former look giving you an unforgettable smile.

Novi Family Dental is one of a very few offices in Michigan that has the ability to create fully functional crowns,

inlays and veneers work in one visit through the use of a CAD/CAM technology called CEREC.

What could take three weeks or more at other dental offices can be done in a little as one visit to Novi Family Dental.

Dr. Tuchklaper is proud to offer his clients the satisfaction of having the right skills and tools to get his patients out of the office in as little time as possible.

Novi Family Dental is located at 43410 W. Ten Mile Road, just west of Novi Road in the Eaton Center, in Novi.

The office is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday and 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday.

To schedule your next appointment or consultation with Novi Family Dental and Dr. Tuchklaper, call (248) 348-3100.

— By Michael Pilotti



Photo by JOHNNA RETTIG

Director Linda Orosz joins, from left, Sydney Mertens, Nicholas Olsen and Grace Alexandrowski at Sunny Pointe Child Care Center in Northville.

Sunny Pointe Child Care Center

(248) 347-6580 • www.sunnypointechildcare.com

A visitor to Sunny Pointe Child Care in Northville quickly feels at home, thanks to the neighborhood setting and friendly staff. A colorful, well-equipped playground and home-like interior paints an attractive scene for working parents searching for a top quality day care provider.

"We provide a homey environment with a professionally planned program that meets the developmental needs of our children," says Director Linda Orosz. "We encourage parental involvement and offer to them evening workshops and seminars to discuss a range of parenting and child development issues."

In March, the center earned certification from the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

"This accreditation is above and beyond state licensing," Orosz explains. "It requires the entire staff to participate in on-going training." All 18 staffers also are first aid and CPR certified.

Sunny Pointe is featured on Ford Motor Company's referral list, resulting in a multicultural representation of students whose parents are employed by the auto company.

"We have an international population," Orosz says smiling. "We also have a teacher on staff who speaks Japanese."

The center currently accommodates 65 children with capacity set at 70. In addition to year-round daycare for ages 3 months to 5 years, the center offers a summer camp during the school break for children up to the second grade.

"We take the kids on various field trips that include swimming, bowling, and going to the movies," Orosz says.

Sunny Pointe Child Care Center is located at 19149 Fry Road, in Northville, just west of the Seven Mile and Haggerty roads intersection. The center is open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

— By Johnna Rettig



The staff at Kensington Motorsports, all avid riders, includes, standing Joe and Al, in front, from left, are Josh, Jeff, Pat, Brad, Russ, Gina, Jeff, Don and Mike.

Kensington Motorsports

(248) 446-0000 • kensingtonmotorsports.com

Kensington Motorsports knows customers want to be out enjoying their motorcycle, ATV, jet ski, snowmobile, scooter or speedboat — not spending unnecessary time purchasing one. So, the staff at Kensington Motorsports makes purchasing vehicles as fun and easy as possible. The enjoyable experience starts with the variety of products Kensington Motorsports offers. They sell and service Yamaha, Kawasaki, Polaris, Arctic Cat and Suzuki motorcycles, dirt bikes, racing bikes, sport boats and much more in their 10,000-square-foot facility.

However, customers don't have to visit the store to begin shopping. The company's Web site — kensingtonmotorsports.com — offers tons of information to make a decision. There customers can print out a brochure and compare vehicles side-by-side. This makes compar-

ing fuel capacity, vehicle height, mechanical components and other things quick and easy.

Once the decision is made, the Web site can be used to apply for credit and delivery. Delivery can usually be arranged for the following day.

Customers who would rather visit the showroom will find the staff eager to answer any questions they may have. Kensington Motorsports makes it their business to know everything there is to know about the machines they sell and service because their customers depend on them for fun. The employees are all riders who are equally passionate about the sports vehicles they sell. They know how the vehicles operate and can help a customer select the one with the features they desire.

The staff takes their desire to help one step further by organizing track events for customers. By learning how to drive in one of these special events, customers can safely learn how to ride on the street and discover the limi-

tations of their machine.

Kensington Motorsports also offers special financing with payments starting as low as \$20 a month — even for customers who have less-than-perfect credit.

Once the sale is complete, customers can enjoy their new watercraft, motorcycle or dirt bike knowing they can return to Kensington Motorsports at any time for quality service whenever they need it.

The service and repair department can work on any make or model product in the four bays located in the 3,300-square-foot service department.

All of the mechanics are factory trained and certified to care for electrical diagnostics and engine repairs. Through ongoing training and education, the mechanics have received Five Star Yamaha Certification.

And, if all of that isn't enough, Kensington Motorsports also offers longer hours than most retailers. They are open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

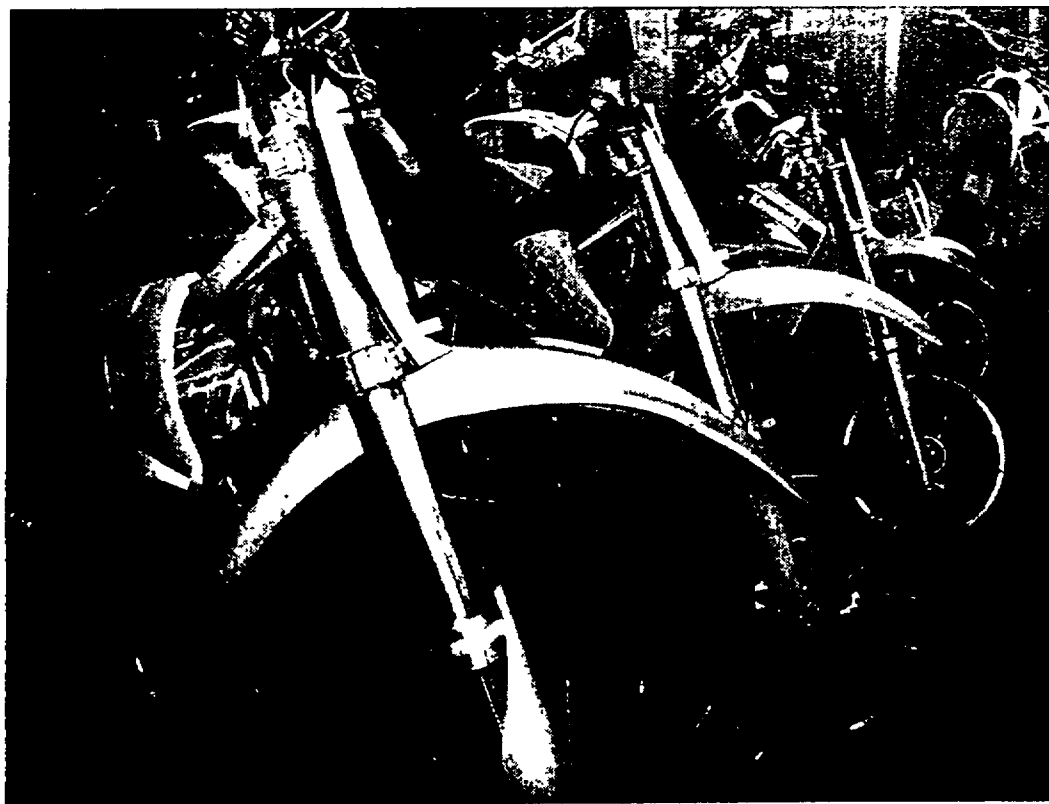
Monday, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday to make it easier for customers to visit.

By removing all of the obstacles from sales and service, Kensington Motorsports makes buying or repairing a recreational vehicle nearly as fun as riding one.

As a way of thanking the local area for the business they have given Kensington Motorsports over the years, the company gets involved with many charitable events. In fact, they recently held a bike wash with proceeds going to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. The event attracted 100 bikers from all over southeast Michigan.

Kensington Motorsports is located at 56605 Pontiac Trail, just north of the Milford Road exit and I-96 — 15 minutes from Brighton, Wixom and Novi and 25 minutes from Farmington Hills and Northville. Stop by today.

— By Candy Spiegel



At right, the reflection in a motorcycle's rearview mirror shows a small sampling of bikes and accessories available at Kensington Motorsports. Above, dirt bikes make up neat rows in the showroom.



Photos by JANET HALL



Photo by JOHNNA RETTIG

Get into shape with personal trainers, from left, Lisa Ryan, Charles Lacasse, Ann Schwaller and Boo Sadikot, owner of Fitness Together.

Fitness Together

(248) 348-9230 • www.ftnovi.com

What if you could have your own certified personal trainer in a fully equipped, private training room with no lines and no distractions and a program specifically designed for you and your fitness or weight loss goals? Then add the support of a trainer to guide you in the most effective exercises with proper techniques to avoid injury and motivate you to succeed. Would you get in shape?

That's what you'll find at Fitness Together in Novi. As a seven-year veteran of the health and fitness industry, owner Boo Sadikot has heard it all.

"Most people get frustrated when they don't see results," says Sadikot.

"For many, the novelty of a gym membership wears off and home equipment eventually just sits," he adds. "We hold our clients accountable so they can measure their success, stay motivated, and have fun."

The Fitness Together experience begins

with an assessment of the client's current fitness level, resulting in a nine-page report and training recommendations. One of seven fitness professionals is matched to the client based on goals, the duration and frequency training, and the desired workout day and time.

Typically, a workout plan addresses four key elements: strength training, cardiovascular training, flexibility and nutrition.

Unlike a typical gym or sports club, Fitness Together charges no membership fees. Appointment packages are purchased to address individualized workout programs. Sessions are typically 45 minutes of focused training that garner results.

Fitness Together is located at 47210 W. Ten Mile Road, in the Briarpointe Plaza in Novi. Hours of operation are Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

— By Johnna Rettig



Photo by JOHN HALL

Nancy and Brian Larson of Larson Jewelry Design discuss custom jewelry with a customer at their Novi location.

Larson Jewelry Design

(248) 347-4653

Not only do the owners of the Larson Jewelry Design believe in giving their customers the best products and service — they go one step further by giving back to the Novi community. Since 2000, owners Brian and Nancy Larson have donated almost \$30,000 to the Novi community.

"One percent of our total sales and repairs from Sept. 1 through May 31, excluding out-of-state sales, are donated each year," Brian Larson said. "People support us because we support the elementary schools." Larson also supports many other local groups. "When you spend money you get a lot of it back. Even if you don't get it back the money goes to a good cause," he explained.

Larson, a graduate gemologist through the Gemological Institute of America, has been in the jewelry business for 27 years. Located in Novi since 1999, Larson recently re-signed a 20-year lease. "I want to be here when downtown gets cranking," he said of the location.

Larson specializes in creating custom jewelry and repairs. All of the work is done on-site and customers can watch Larson in his open-air workshop, something that brings piece of mind.

"Typically, people are leery about leaving their jewelry behind," he said. "In this business you have to have a lot of trust in your jeweler. I can turn a job around in as little as 10 minutes if necessary. I try to be as accommodating as possible."

Larson said half of his business comes from engagement ring sales, including the recent sale of a \$97,000 ring to an out-of-state buyer. The client, who was referred by another customer, flew in to purchase the ring.

Larson Jewelry Design is located at 43155 Main St., Suite 304, in Novi, just west of the Lazy Lizard. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Thursday.

— By John R. Hall



This fountain piece will create a whimsical illusion in your garden.



The knowledgeable Gardenviews crew includes, from left, Betsy Holda, Cindy Duncan, Brad Martin, Lori Jermont and owner Lou Mascolo.



Photos by JOHNNA RETTIG

Elegant glassware evokes a romantic feel on any tabletop.

Gardenviews

(248) 380-8881

Loyalty. Trust. Longevity. These are the traits that typify the Gardenviews experience on both sides of the counter, in turn, reaping rewards for its customers and staff.

At point position is owner Lou Mascolo, whose infectious enthusiasm permeates the appealing landscape and garden design emporium. He talks the talk and walks the walk, spreading his zest and dedication for tending to his customers to his seasoned sales team.

"I run this business from my heart," Mascolo said. "You have to love what you do."

After 10 years as a mainstay of Northville's downtown business district, Mascolo's affection for his work envelops his staff and branches out to reach all who enter the center.

Gardenviews boasts a veteran team, knowledgeable and committed to serving the customer.

"The average age of our employees is 40-plus, and most have been with us from five to eight years," Mascolo pointed out. "We are blessed to be in this business."

Loyal customers know Mascolo's business philosophy revolves around trust. For example, unlike most retailers anywhere in the country, he doesn't ask for identification when a customer — familiar or new — writes a check.

"In all these years, I have never, ever been burned by any attempt at fraud," he said. "I believe you have to give that trust."

Gardenviews regulars know that in addition to great people, the store is chock-full of incredible, one-of-a-kind items in a wide range of styles. One can be assured of finding just the right piece among the many art-

fully arranged vignettes throughout the store, designed to encourage a thoughtful stroll.

Let your creative juices flow while walking among items originating from all parts of the globe. Take a moment to study the ceramic, glass, and earthen textures that abound. The numerous silk flowers and plants fool the eye for realistic permanent arrangements.

Mascolo, along with co-buyer and store presentation director Lori Jermont, are frequent visitors to craft shows across the country. They hand-select the latest trends.

Gardeners from around the metro Detroit area find many sources of inspiration for landscapes and gardens from modest to grand.

Interior decorators with a desire to bring the outdoors in are well satisfied by the array of merchandise, suitable for sun porches or any room of the home.

It's not only the planting season that draws

"I run this business from the heart ... you have to love what you do."

— Lou Mascolo,
Owner, Gardenviews

shoppers. Gardenviews holds an annual Christmas Open House decked in holiday season splendor.

Gardenviews is located at 202 W. Main St., in downtown Northville. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

— By Johnna Rettig

Novi Jewelers

(248) 344-8226

Novi Jewelers has something that is very difficult to obtain in the business — customer trust and loyalty.

Owners Vatche and Erica Nadjarian want everyone to know how grateful they are to the Novi community.

"We want to thank clients for giving us their trust and loyalty," Erica said. "You can't say that about yourself, only a customer can say that."

Novi Jewelers opened for business in November 1999. Previously the Nadjarians operated a jewelry business in Oak Park for 10 years. Their Novi store specializes in custom jewelry design, resetting, repairs and expert watch service. On display are jewelry, figurines and watches, but diamonds are the language

Vatche and Erica speak the best.

Vatche, an exceptional diamond setter, is on site to consult with customers on everything from basic diamond and gem stone facts to the fine art of choosing the right diamond for the customer's purpose. His wife, Erica, has been in the jewelry business for 15 years, is an Accredited Jewelry Professional and will soon be certified as a gemologist.

Vatche is a second-generation jeweler who began learning the art at age 15 from his uncle. His ring, pendant and earring designs fill the store's showcases.

"We don't copy," he explained simply.

Catalog items are available if a client prefers a standard design.

Of all the skills Vatche acquired over the years, his expertise in setting diamonds is what he is known for.

"I love to set diamonds," he summed up.

Vatche and Erica are watching their children become the third generation of gemologists.

"My oldest likes school, but he wants to know the family business," Vatche said. "I am training him like my uncle taught me."

Products

Besides diamonds and gems in unique settings of gold, white gold and platinum, Novi Jewelers Inc. is a certified carrier of authentic Austrian Swarovski Crystal figurines. The store displays a dazzling array of pieces. The pure 32 percent lead of Swarovski Crystal gives a high index of refraction and leads to a pure rainbow spectrum.

The store also carries Movado and Citizens watches, chains and class ring selections.

Novi Jewelers is a full-service jewelry store providing expert watch and precious metal cleaning and repair.

Customer Service

"People come here after being disappointed shopping elsewhere," Shari Colling, a regular customer of Novi Jewelers, said. "Five of my girlfriends have come here for their engagement



Photos by CYNTHIA GROCHOWSKI

Novi residents Vatche and Erica Nadjarian offer original jewelry, Swarovski crystal figurines, watches and friendly, expert service at their Novi Market Street store.

sets, many of my business clients and friends have come here and none of them have been disappointed."

Exceptional products are half the reason. The other half is the high quality customer service Vatche and Erica provide.

Standing in their Market Street store, an observer noted the couple greeted each person entering the store by name, and the friendliness continues.

"There is no sales pressure here," Colling testified. "They ask 'what do you need?' If you say you like this but don't like that (about a product or design) Vatche says he'll fix it — and he does."

Customers pointed out the fast turnover for designs and repair, soft pricing and genuine friendly service keep them coming back for big and little jewelry needs.

Educating the public about jewelry is impor-

tant to the couple. They are happy to talk with customers about diamonds and gem stone selection. Their Web site at www.novijewelers.com is very educational for those wishing to learn about choosing a diamond.

Community

The Nadjarians are Novi residents and their children attend Novi schools. The family and the store are heavily involved in supporting the schools and community charities.

"We donate because we want the community to be successful," Erica said.

Novi Jewelers is located at 43155 Market Street, Suite 205. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday. Stop by or call (248) 344-8226.

— By Cynthia Grochowski

Bell's Landscape Services, Inc.

(248) 486-0960 • www.bellslandscape.com

When you think of Bell's Landscape you have to think out of the flowerbox.

Bell's delivers more services, more creativity and more customer satisfaction than any other in the business. Some of the outstanding services you can expect from Bell's include

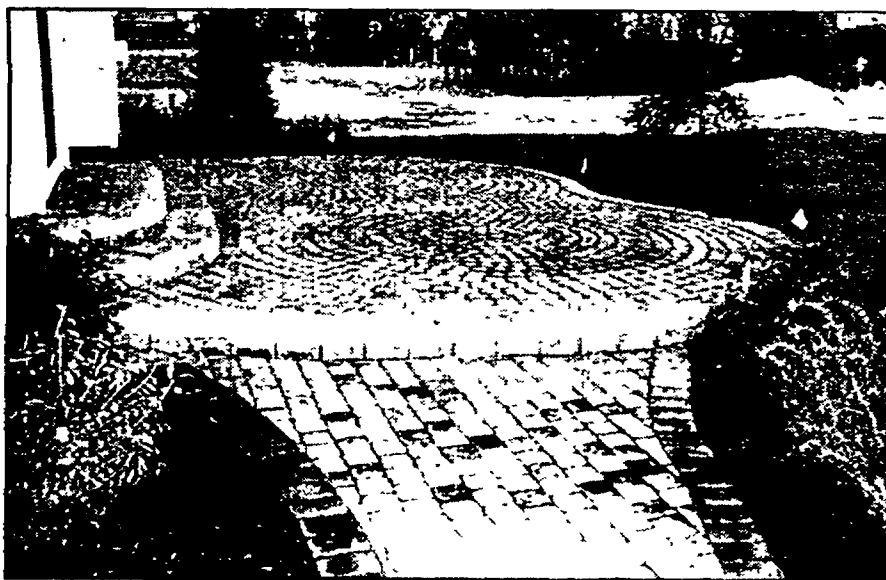
nearly every aspect of your home or business landscape, including landscape designs, decks, gazebos, brick-paver walks and patios, landscape lighting, retaining walls, sod, hydro-seeding, sprinklers and much more.

Business owners can turn to Bell's for those and additional services, including parking lot sweeping, tree and shrub pruning, spring and fall cleanups and snow removal. As their ad says, "Complete ground maintenance services."

Owner Mike Bell applies his 30 years of experience and personal pride to each project his company is awarded.

Recognizing his creativity, functionality, quality of plants and original designs over the years, the Michigan Green Industry Association has bestowed Bell's Landscape with seven plaques of commemoration. A good reason for this is that the Bell's Landscaping crew of nearly 20 workers, not subcontractors, will go to a job site and work until it is completed using the best in class materials and plants.

Customers appreciate that consistency. Their constant referral business back to



Submitted Photos

Renovations and walls, paver walks and gardens and ornate patios are just some of the things Bell's Landscape can add to your home or business.

each project six months after completion and then return on the one-year anniversary to give a final walk-through.

"Your landscaping is like

the icing on a cake," Mike added, "do your homework and make a 10-year projection plan. If you don't, you will be unhappy and possibly pulling plants in a few years. A good design keeps that from happening."

When you get a landscape design, which acts as a blueprint for the project, you'll have the peace of mind knowing the right plants were chosen for your living conditions, the colors and blooms will accent your exterior year round, the

amount of maintenance required will be explained and agreed upon and the price will never be a surprise.

As a caution Mike added, "Be careful when comparing landscape bids. Plant size and the number of plants can alter the price of a project."

The lesson here is to remember that when you compare bids and the prices, make sure they are exactly identical including materials, type and number of plants. As Mike put it, when the job is all done, "Did the company meet your expectations?"

Bell's Landscaping will, and is counting on it, because they want your referral business. Call their office at (248) 486-0960 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday or visit www.bellslandscape.com.

— By Michael J. Pilotti



Ready to serve customers are, from left, Inez Young, Katherine Flower, Alex Ghamloush, George Dimopoulos, Karen Garner and Jim Hoylia.



George Dimopoulos is all smiles as he explains menu items to customers seated outside in the patio area overlooking the golf course.

Senate Coney Island Restaurant

(734) 927-1126

George Dimopoulos has a simple philosophy. The owner of the Senate Coney Island Restaurant in Northville believes "you should have good food at reasonable prices." Obviously his customers agree.

Dimopoulos recently opened this, his fourth restaurant, on Haggerty Road with the same enthusiasm and passion as he has for his other locations in Dearborn, Taylor and Livonia. The newest location has a little something extra that the other three do not — a golf course.

When Dimopoulos bought the former Dun Rovin Golf Course Clubhouse, he also purchased the 9-hole, par-3, Bushwood Golf Course. He worked hard to remodel the building into a modern restaurant and banquet facility — and it shows.

The restaurant offers seating for over 190 people and has a separate room which can accommodate up to 60 people for private parties, such as wedding rehearsals and birthday dinners. If that isn't enough, Dimopoulos can even expand outside.

"We once set up a tent outside for a party of 250 people," he said.

But it isn't the extra seating and golf that are a trademark of the family-owned business. It is the service and the food selection.

"Everyone who comes in knows me by name and I know many of them by name," he said. "Customer service is No. 1 with us. There is nothing better than walking into a restaurant, sitting down and having people take care of you right away."

And the food is great, too. "This is an upscale Coney Island with a larger menu," he added.

Customers can enjoy mouth-watering dinner selections such as the 1-pound pork chop, fresh lake perch, lamb chops, barbecue ribs, and Greek lasagna. Appetizer fares include traditional Greek items like stuffed grape leaves, spinach pie, saganaki (flaming cheese), lemon rice soup and Greek salad. Desserts include rice pudding and strawberry cheesecake.

If a customer can't find an item they want on the menu, Dimopoulos can order it special.

"I knew a customer was coming who wanted lobster tail," he said. "So I got it for him."

That dedication to customer service makes Senate Coney Island stand out from the competition.

Dimopoulos and his staff of 35 employees are ready to serve up meals inside or outside under the canopy, to people who want carry-out food and even to off-site catered parties. He said that he once catered a 1,200-person party — something unusual but indicative of



Walter Michael Bradford light up the famous saganaki to the delight of the customers at the Senate Coney Island Restaurant.



Photos by JANET HALL

Standing along the replica Statue of Liberty are, from left, George Dimopoulos, Katherine Flower, Alex Ghamloush, Karen Garner and Jim Hoylia.

what this popular restaurant owner can do.

On a recent visit to the Senate Coney Island Restaurant, some of the customers were overheard saying, "the chicken — I just couldn't get enough of it," and "I loved the shrimp — it was sooo good."

Dimopoulos has put a lot of work into creating an inviting atmosphere outside too. He spent \$50,000 to landscape the restaurant, including adding a replica of the Statue of Liberty, a symbol which also adorns his menu.

"I love the Statue of Liberty," Dimopoulos added.

His customers must love the atmosphere inside and outside, too. Business has been excellent since opening day, added

Dimopoulos and "it has been getting better and better every day."

Golfers looking to play a round of golf and take advantage of the golfer's dinner specials can call (734) 420-3200 for more information.

The Senate Coney Island Restaurant is located at 39430 Dun Rovin Drive, between Five and Six Mile roads off Haggerty, in Northville. The restaurant is open for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

It is likely that customers will see Dimopoulos' smiling face.

— By John Hall

Piazza Dance Company

(248) 348-3720 • www.piazzadanceco.com

The

Piazza Dance Company is Northville's premiere

school of dance. Owned by Marilyn Piazza-Esper and Gina Piazza, Piazza Dance has been offering quality dance education to Northville and the surrounding communities since 1981.

A staff of 14 teachers instruct students of all age and skill levels in Russian Method Ballet and Pointe, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Polynesian, Irish-Step, Pre-school Ballet and Rhythm, Musical Theater and Acting classes. This year they will begin offering Belly Dancing, Acro-gymnastics and Salsa classes.

Piazza Dance Company instructors are certified to teach by examination and are members of the oldest and most respected professional dance organization in the country — Dance Masters of America.

Recognizing differing needs of its student body, the Piazza Dance Company offers two curricula — recreational and intensive.

The Recreational Program is offered for such students who wish to take a casual approach to dance.

"Most students of dance are looking for a fun way to spend time in a weekly activity with friends," Gina said. "In fact, 85 percent to 90 percent of the student body is made up of the recreational student. These students include many adults enjoying the work-out they get in a dance class without the drudgery of exercise."

The Piazza Dance Company is proud to offer a place for the serious as well as the casual student, the very young or the senior citizen, as well as the dance student with learning challenges.

The other 10 percent to 15 percent of the

Piazza Dance

■ Fall registration will be held from 4-7 p.m. Aug. 22-25 and Aug. 29 through Sept. 1.

■ (248) 348-3720

■ www.piazzadanceco.com

■ 42333 Seven Mile Road, in the Northville Plaza

student body is enrolled in the Intensive Program.

"A candidate for the Intensive Program is one who may be considering dance as a career and spends much more time learning the art in weekly practice," Gina explained.

"A student in the Intensive Program also has the option of participating in competitive dance, where he or she may meet and compete against students of dance from schools all over the state of Michigan and nationally."

It is this competitive group of



Piazza students, while small in number, which tends to gain the most attention.

"They are highly decorated in competition and are taking classes at the school several days per week," Gina pointed out. "People are always surprised that they represent only 10 percent of the student body as they are so visible around the school and at performance time."



Most recently a group of Piazza Dance Company intensive students were awarded the top score and cash prize for their performance at a national dance contest in Branson, Mo. Their jazz routine was the overall high-scoring entry out of more than 1,200.

Other graduates of Piazza Dance Company's Intensive Program are dancing on Broadway, cruise ships, are teaching, or are touring with professional shows.

Whether a student is part of the Recreational or Intensive Program, the same high-quality instruction taught by the same teachers is given to all students.

The school also offers all-boys and men's classes.

Other features which make the school unique in the area are the professional sprung floors —

resilient structures that protect against common dancing injuries.

Dance instruction is available all year long.

Every July The Piazza Dance Company offers a week-long intensive workshop with visiting faculty as well as a mini-workshop with permanent staff.

Fall registration will be held from 4-7 p.m. Aug. 22-25 and Aug. 29 through Sept. 1. Call the studio at (248) 348-3720 for enrollment information or access their Web site at www.piazzadanceco.com.

The Piazza Dance Company is located at 42333 Seven Mile Road, in the Northville Plaza.



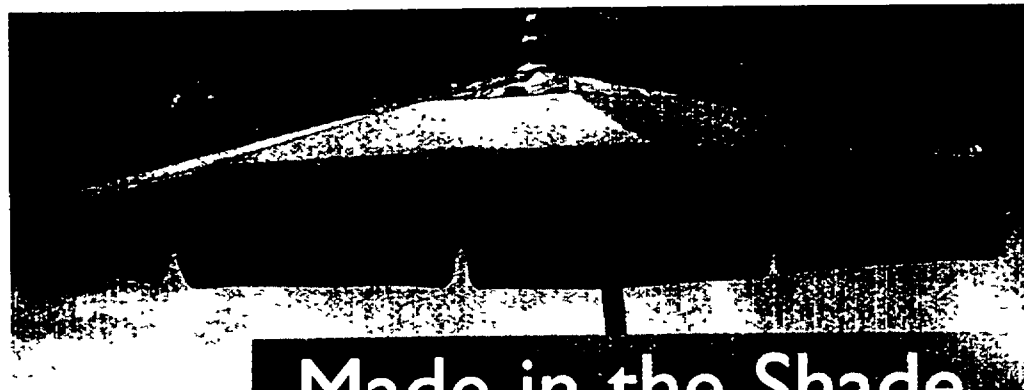
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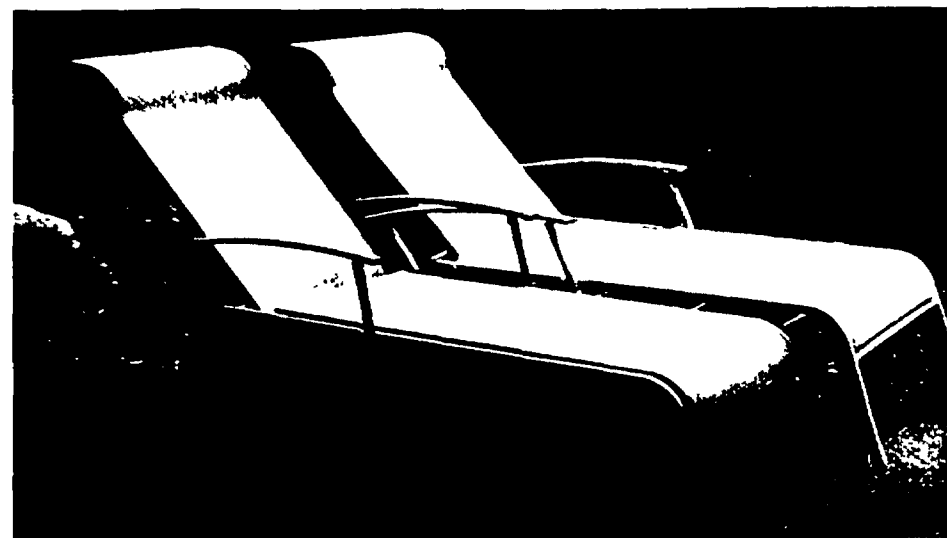
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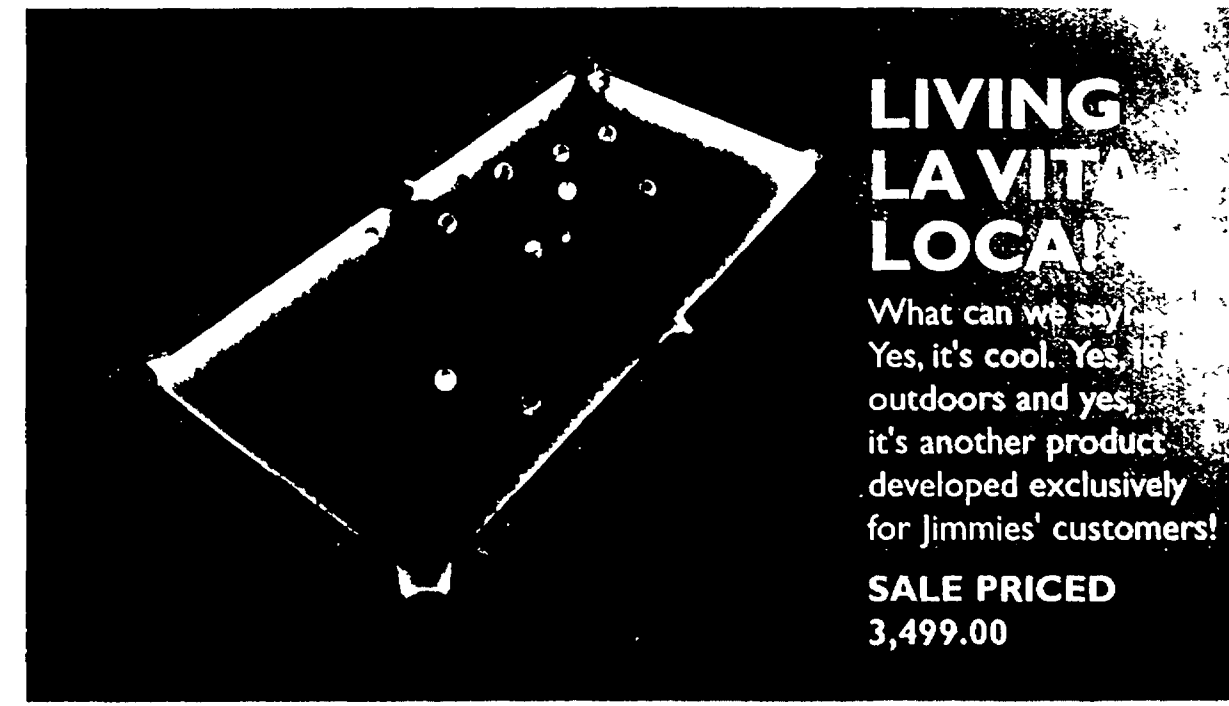
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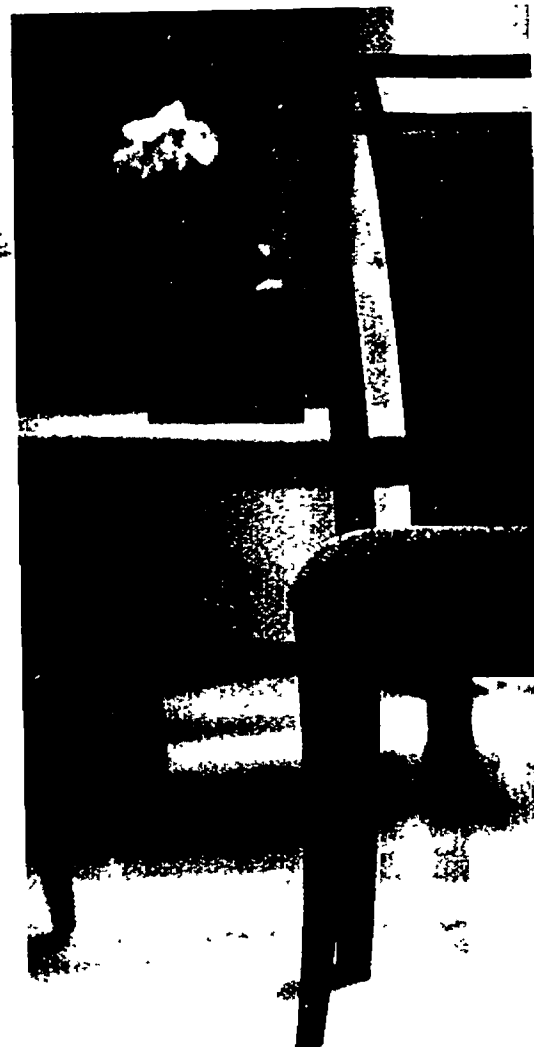
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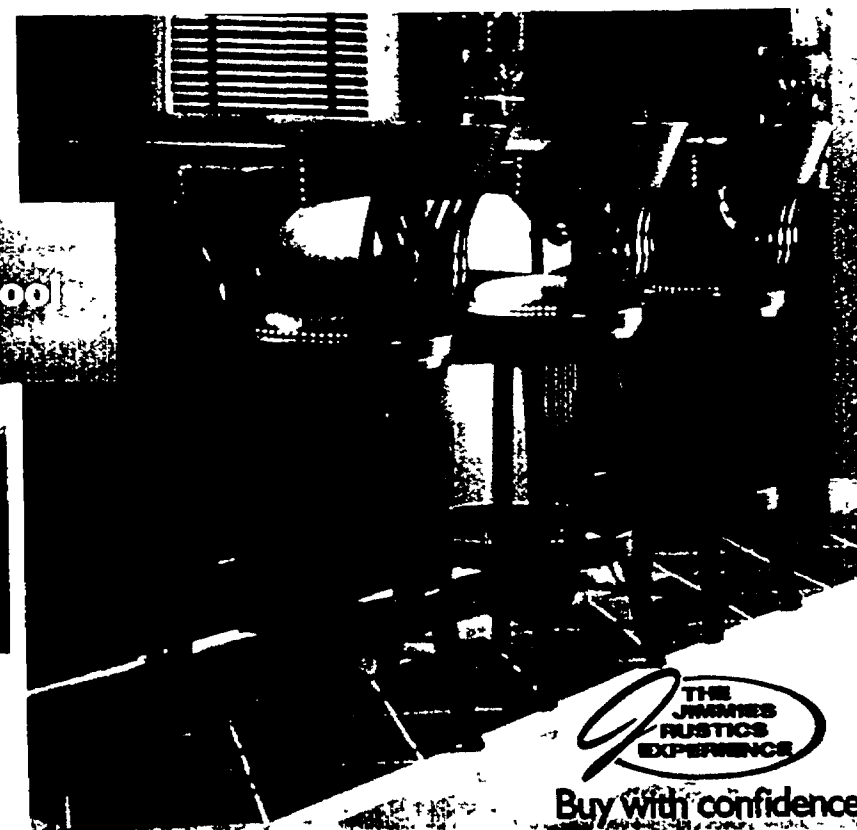
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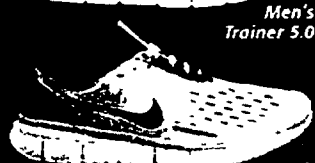
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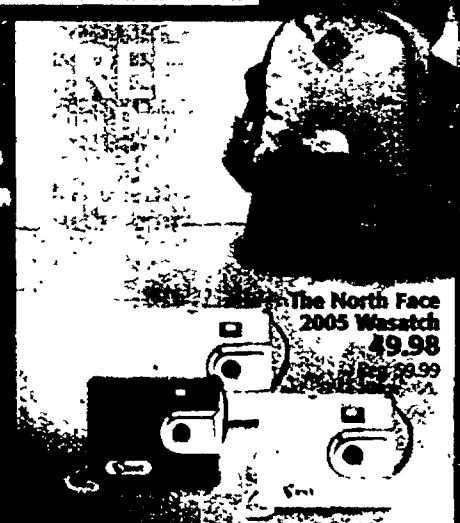
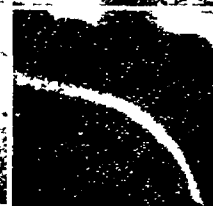
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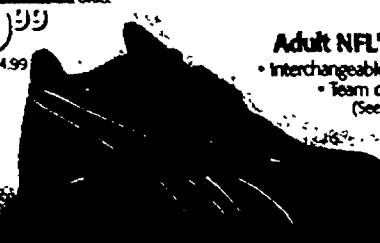


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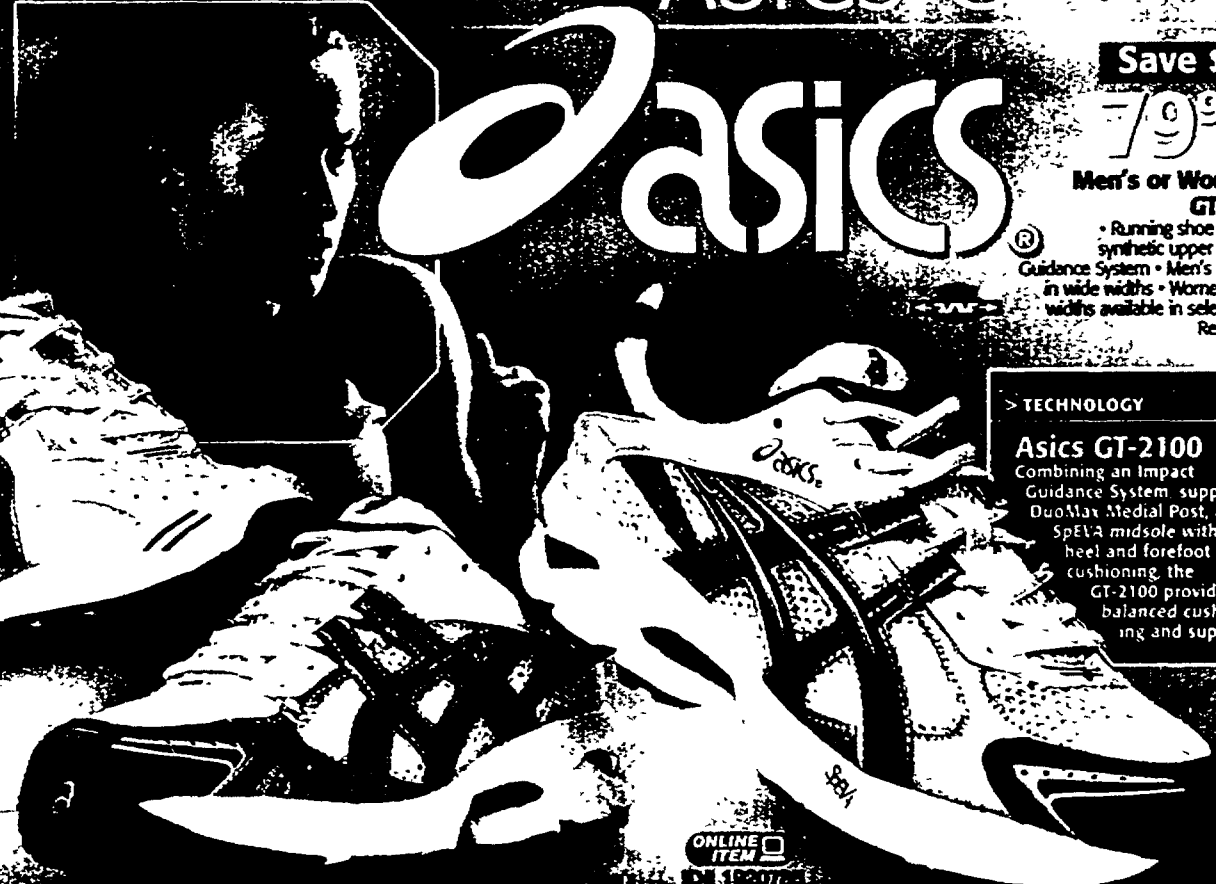
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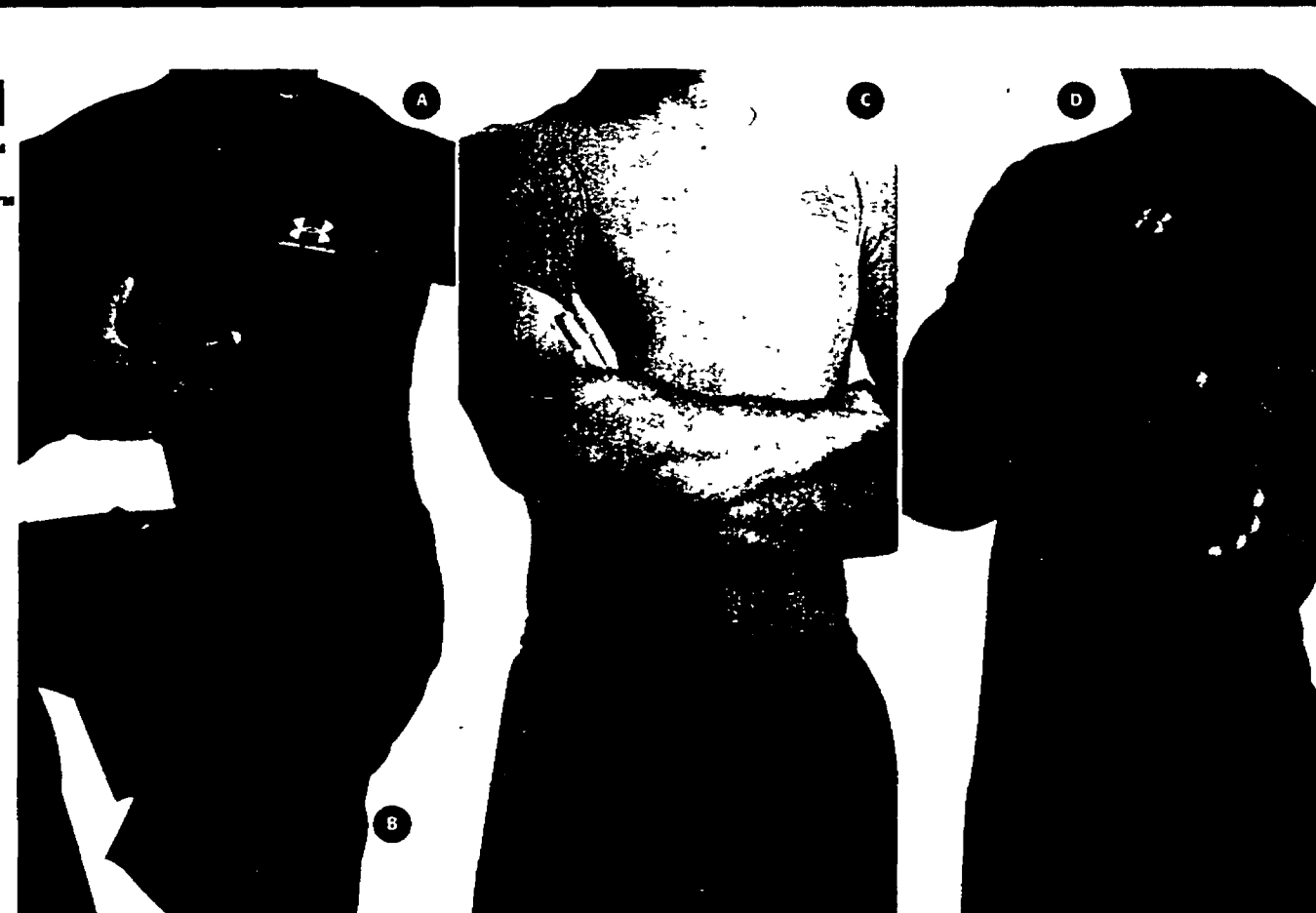
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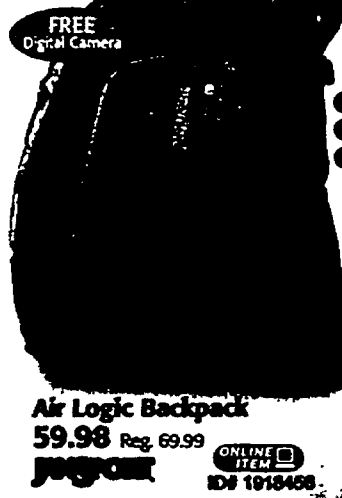
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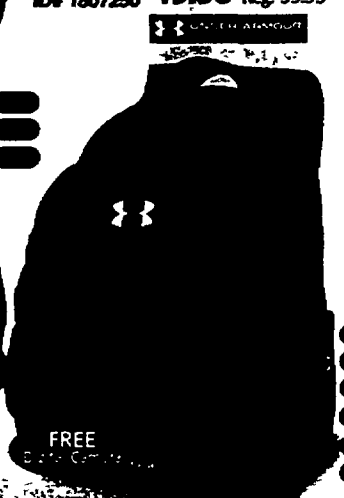


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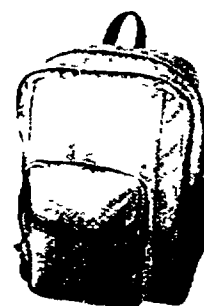


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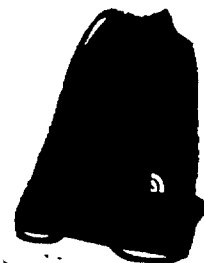
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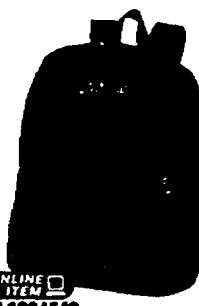


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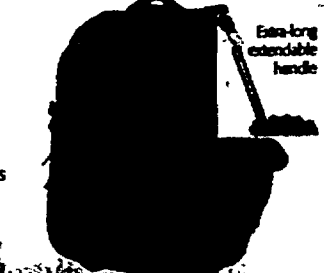
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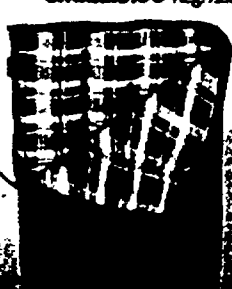
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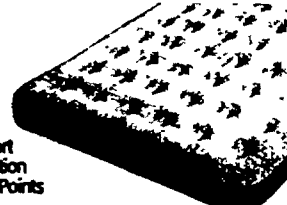


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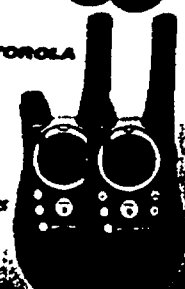
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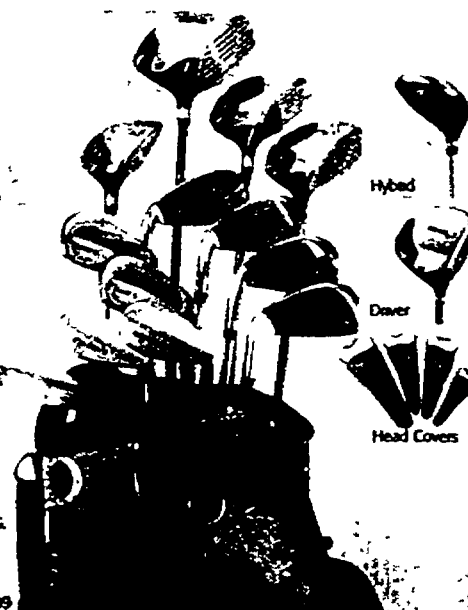
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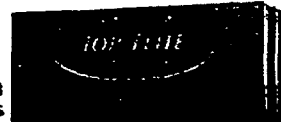
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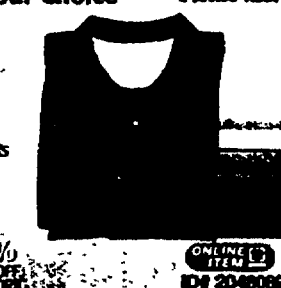


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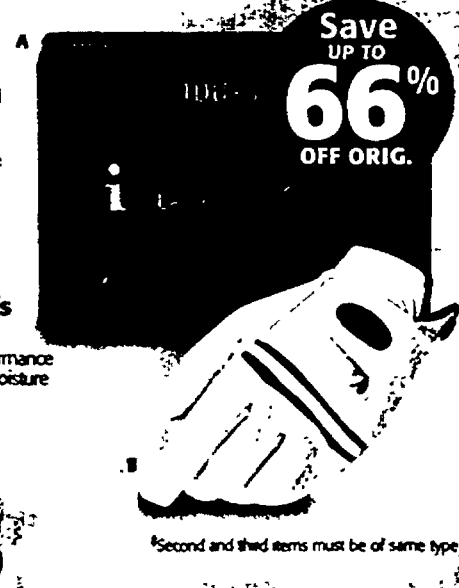
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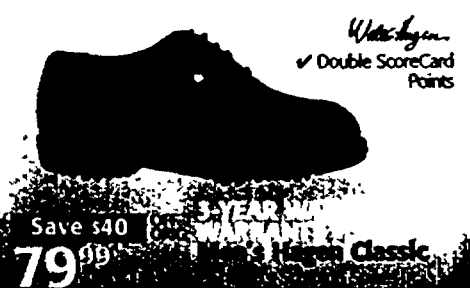
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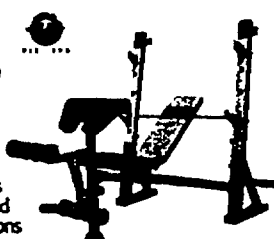


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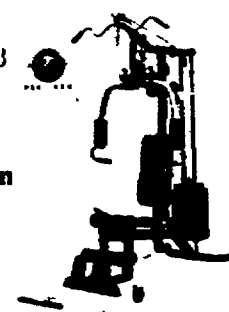
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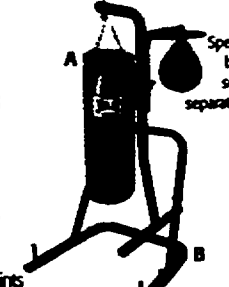
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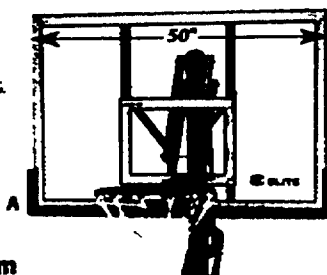


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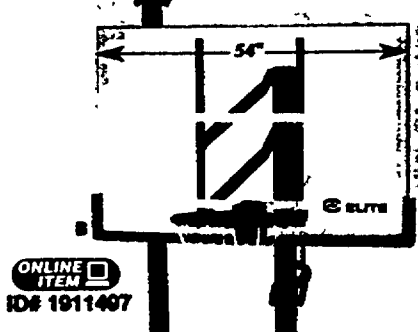
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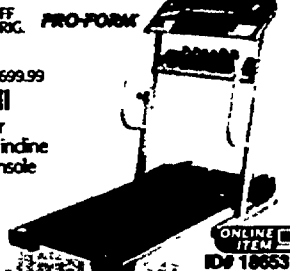
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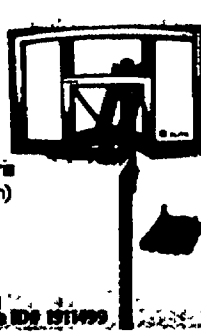
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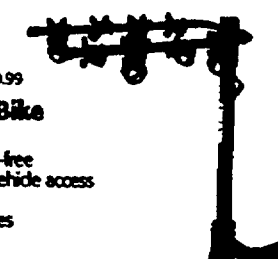
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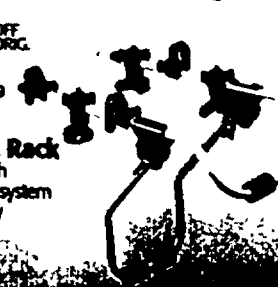
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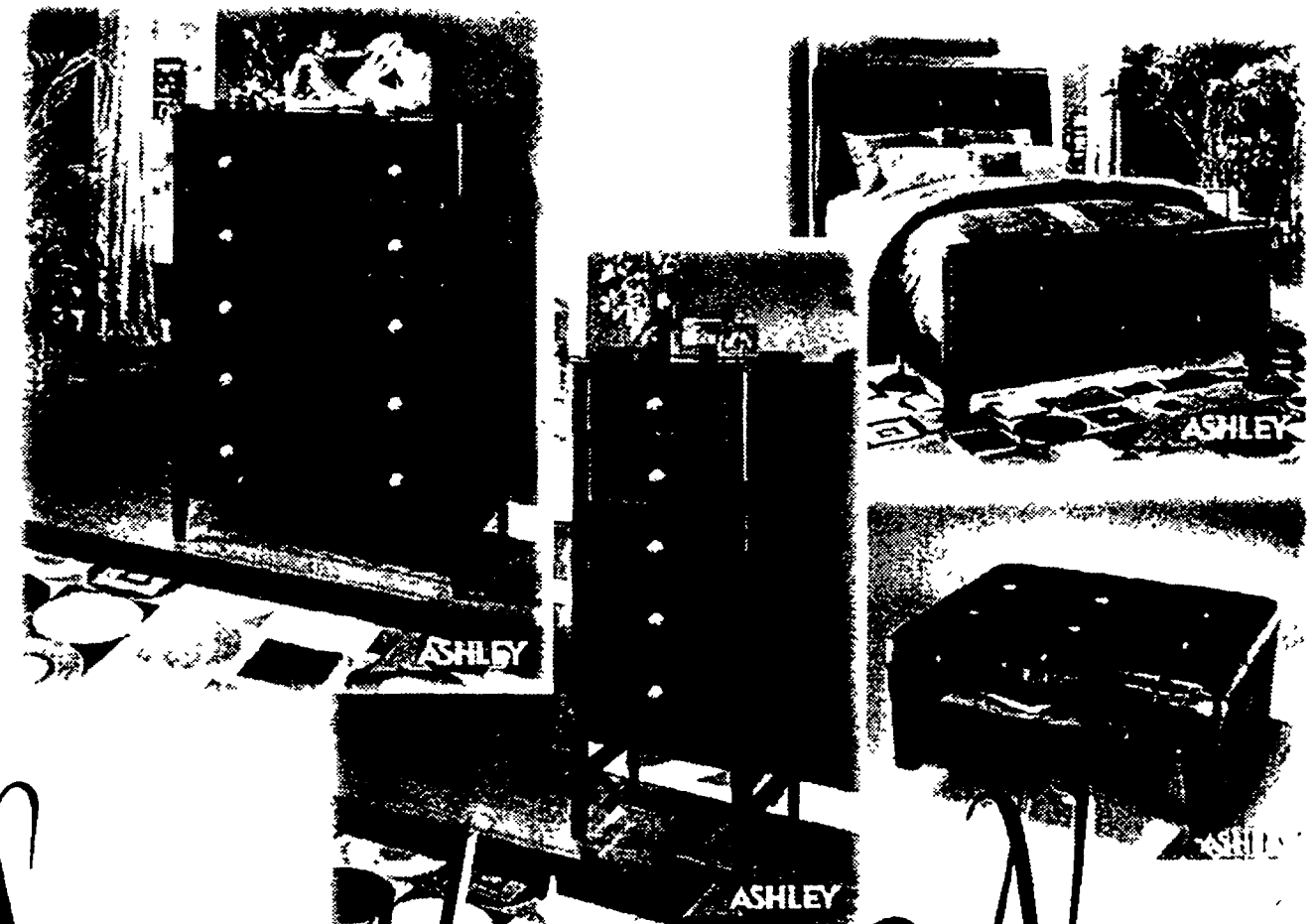
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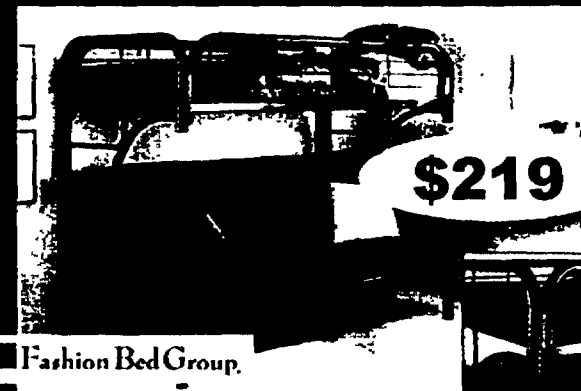


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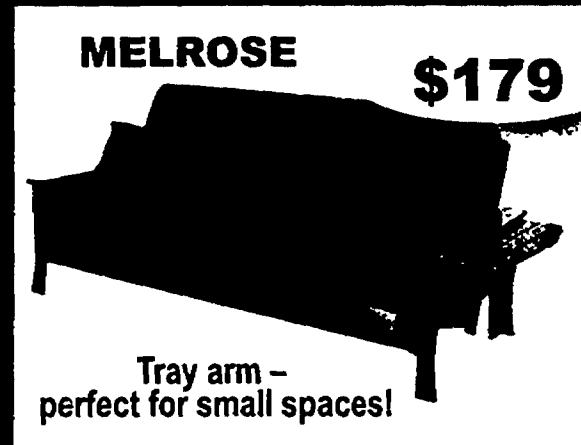
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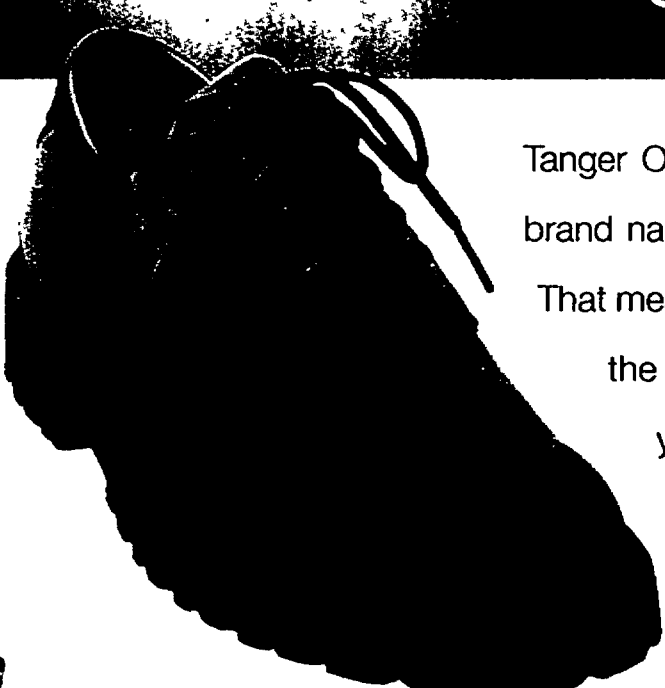
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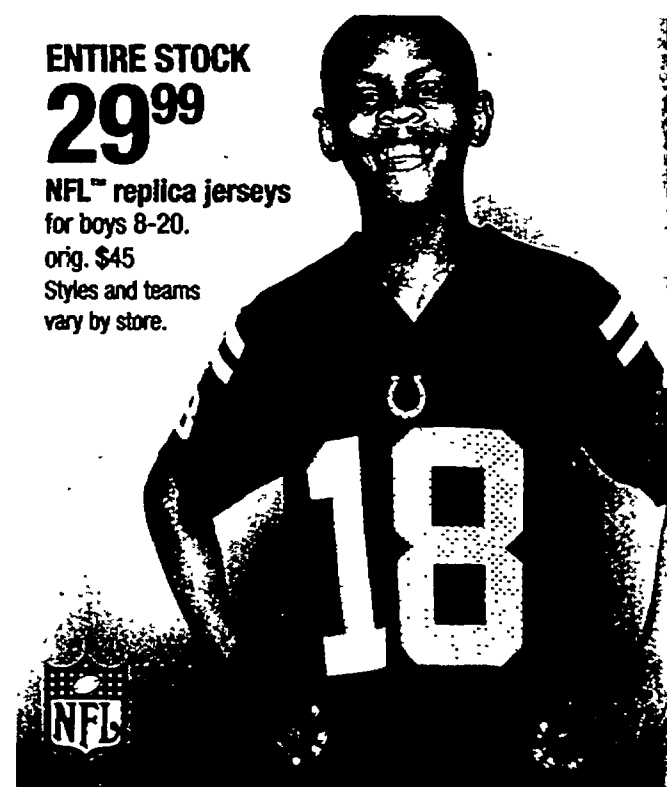
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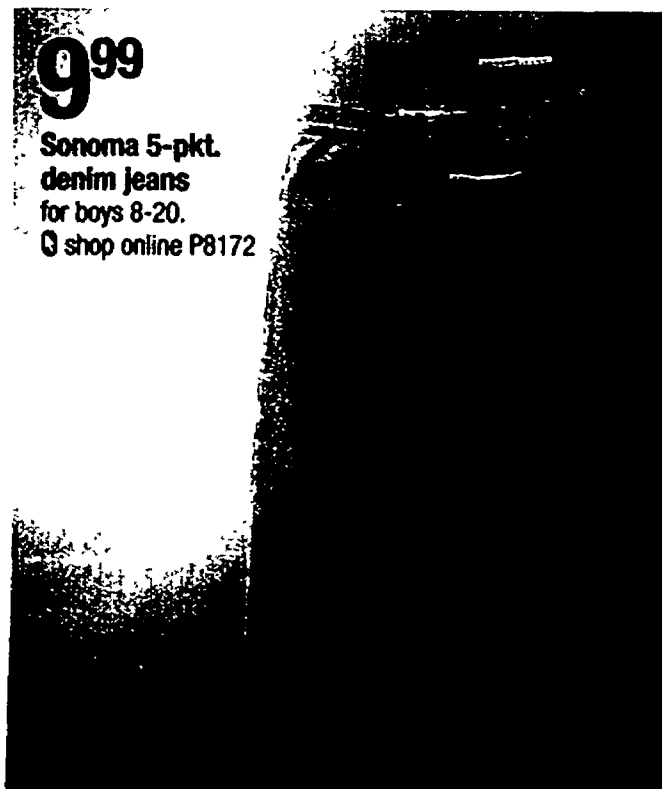
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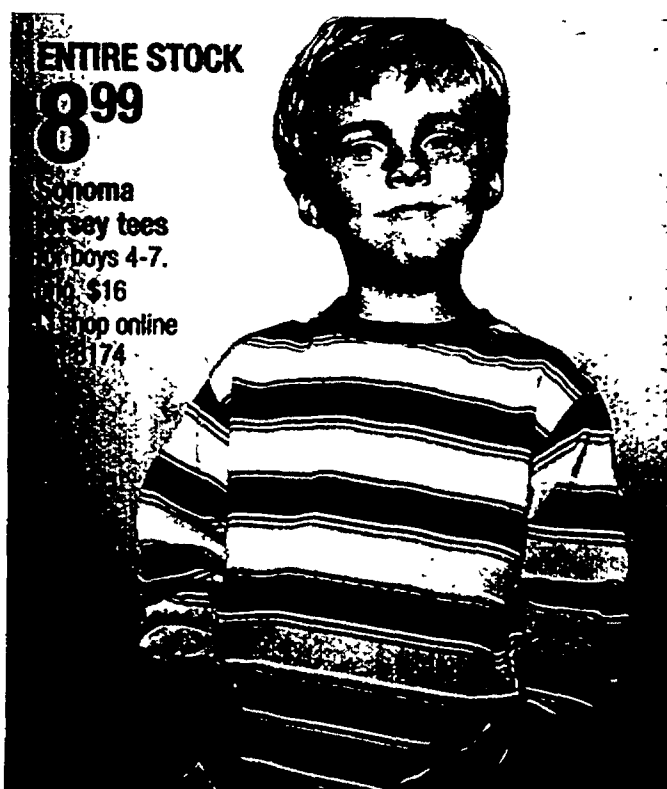
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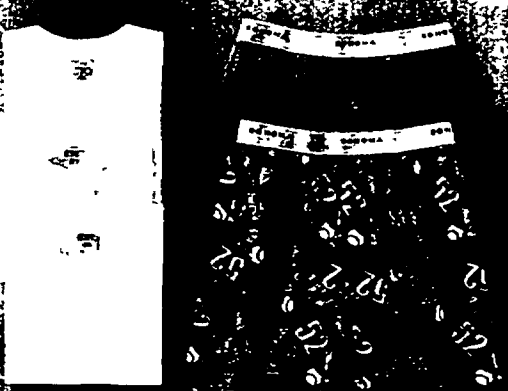
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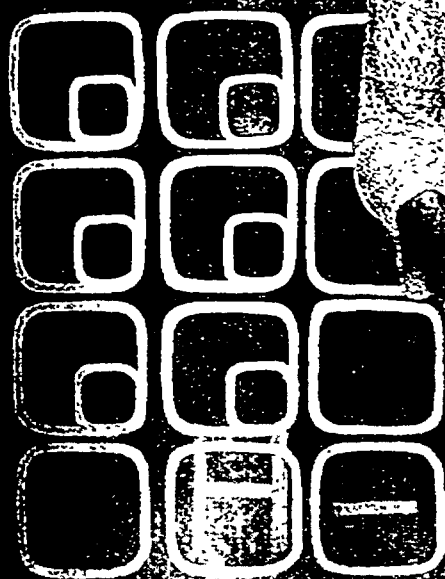


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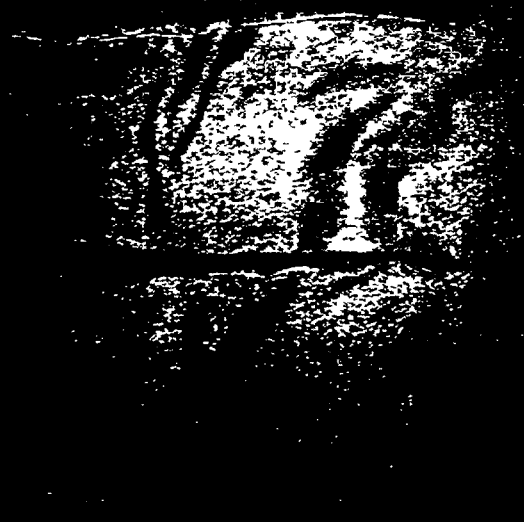
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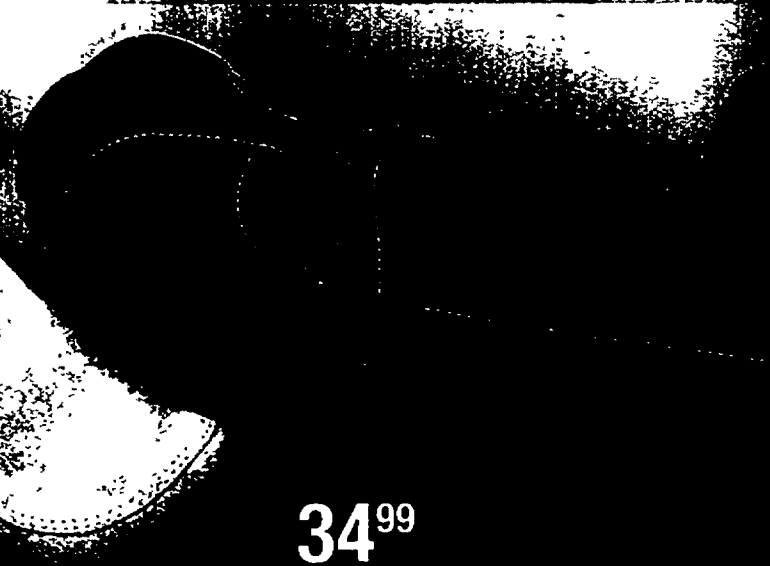
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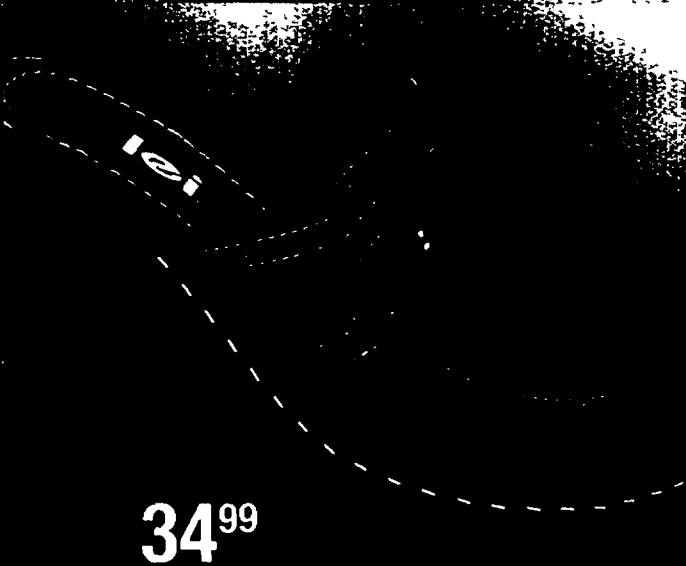
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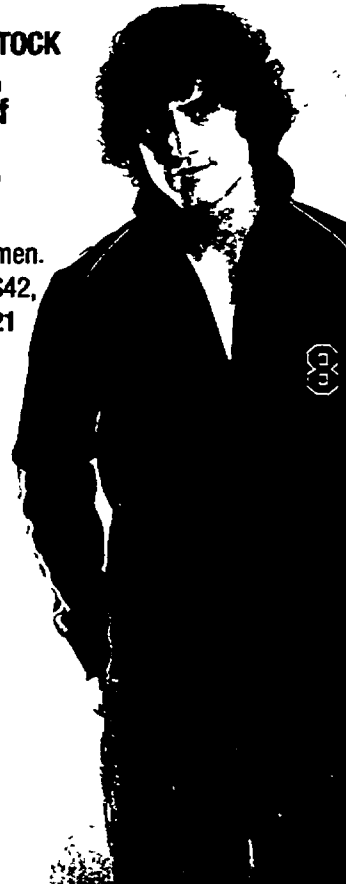


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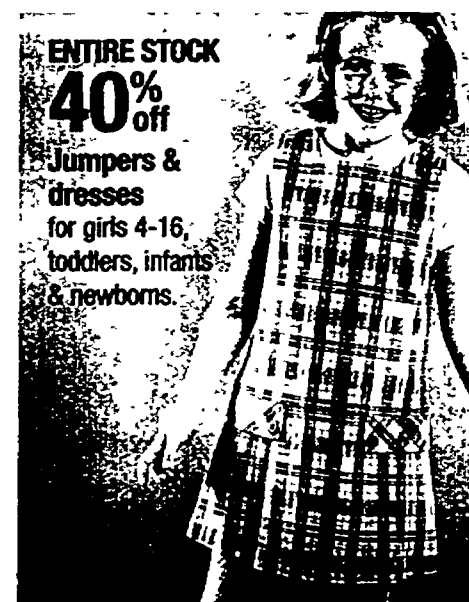
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for boys 4-20,
girls 4-16, &
toddlers.
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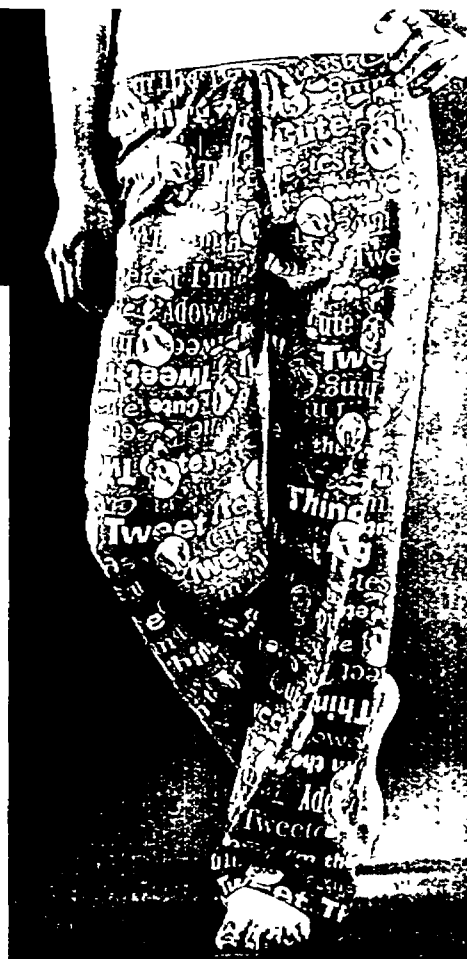
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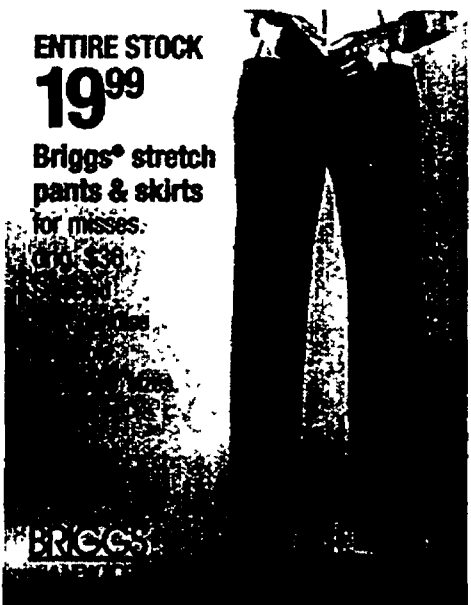
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Selected styles.



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Requirements® & Sag Harbor®
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available in petites' & women's sizes



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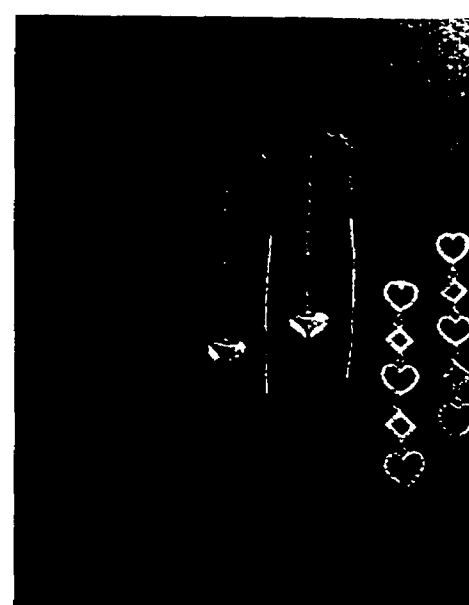
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for men
from Braggi®,
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Essentials
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shop online
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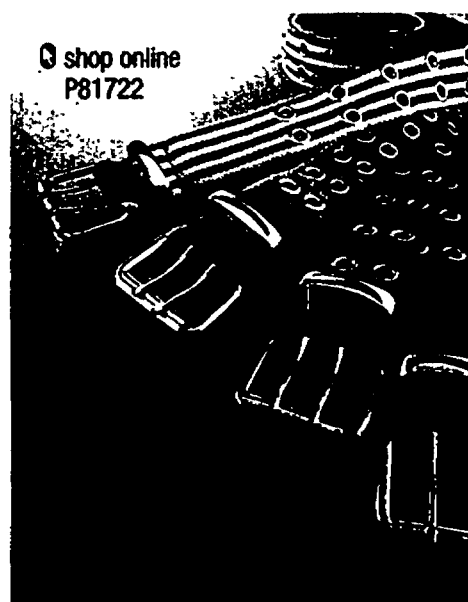
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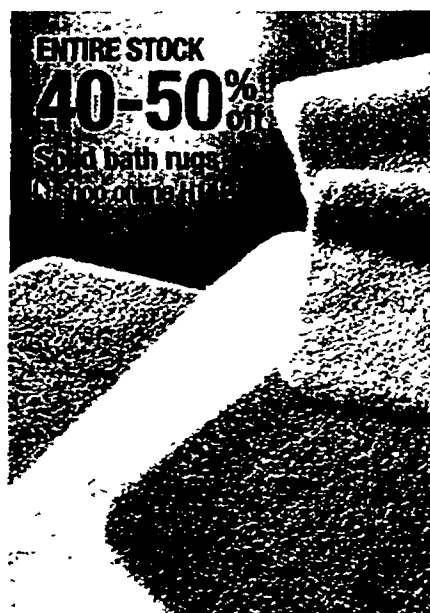
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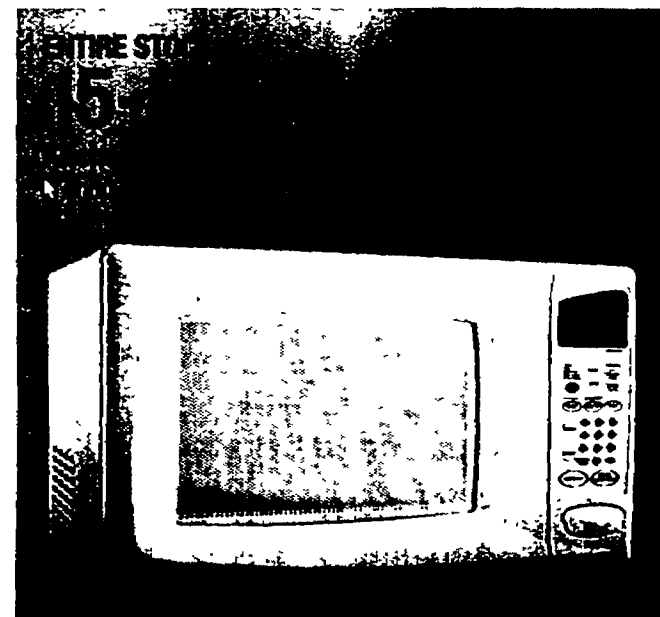
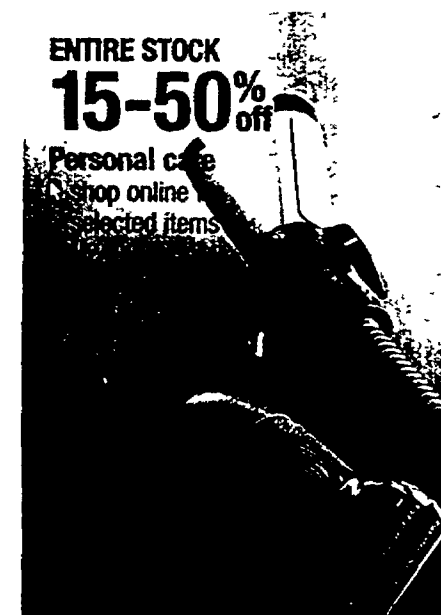
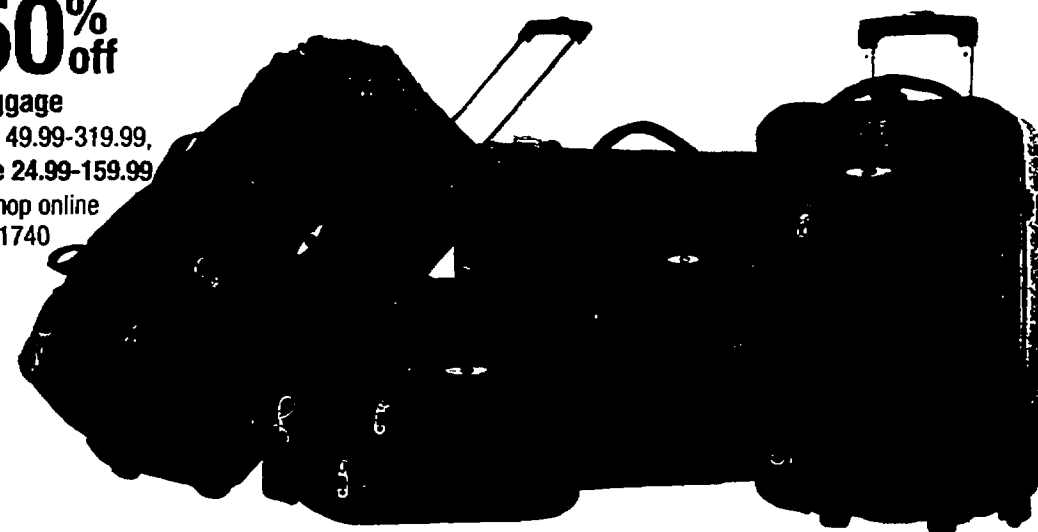
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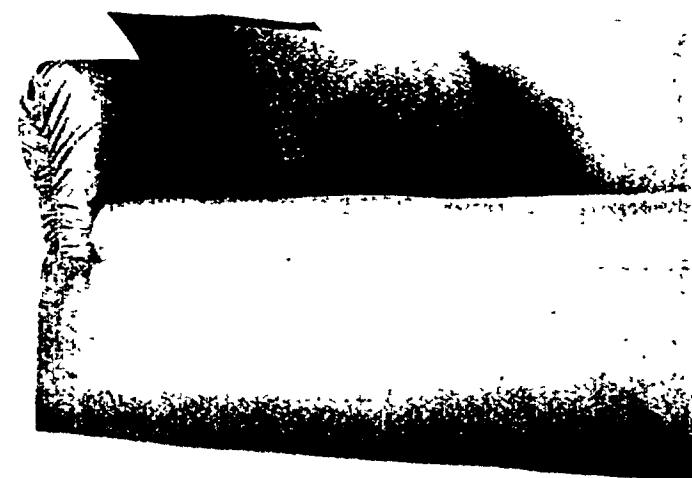
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Luggage
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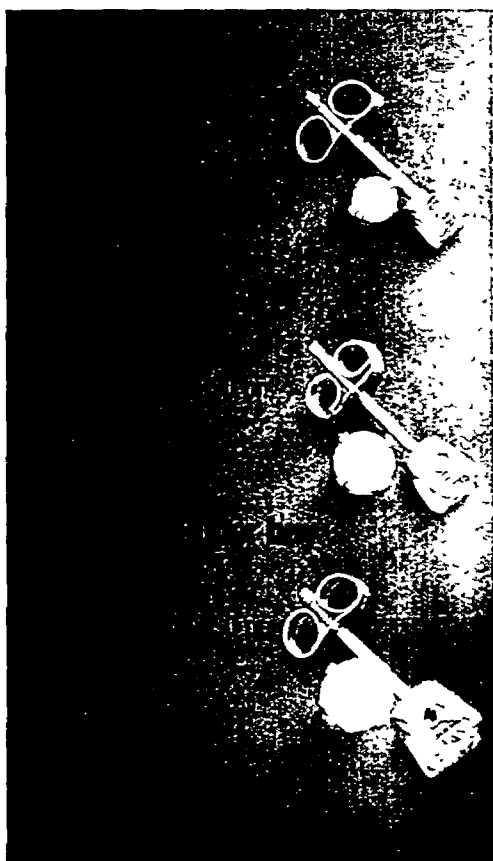


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ENTIRE STOCK

30-40% off

Sweaters for misses
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WOMEN'S

SAVE

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Women's sportswear
from Sonoma, Croft & Barrow®, daisy fuentes® & more
Sizes 1X-3X and 16W-24W.
orig. \$14-\$68, sale 7.00-47.60 Selected styles.



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W1300

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from Gloria Vanderbilt® Sport, Nike®, adidas®, Russell®
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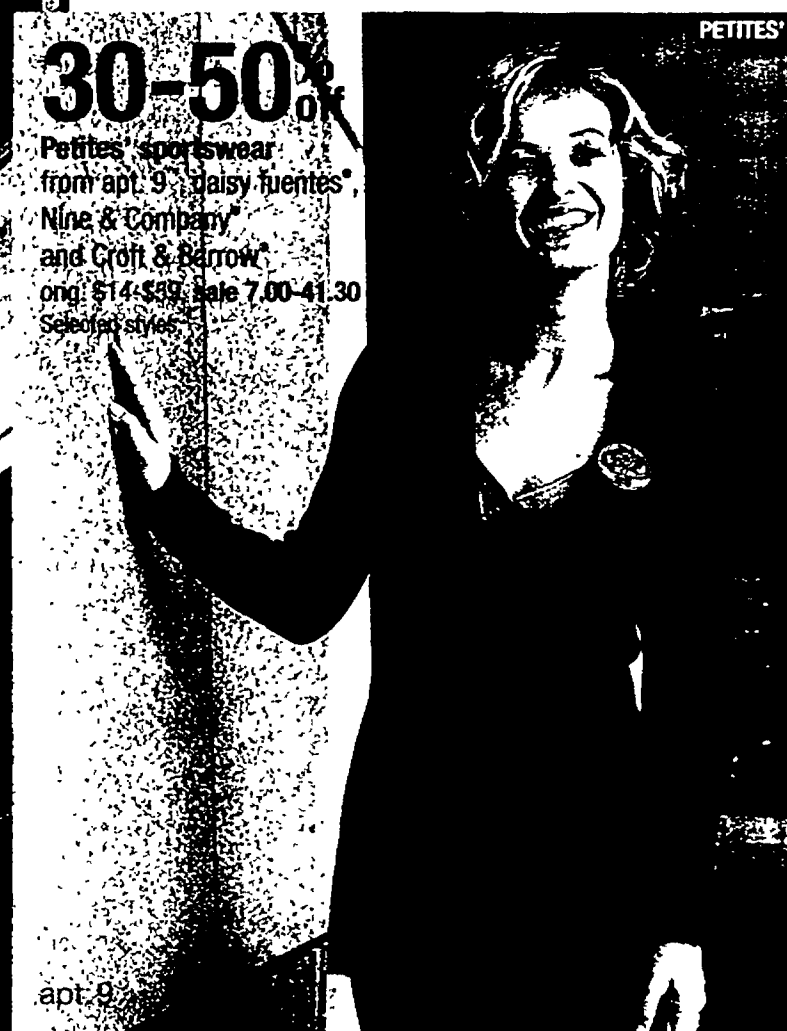
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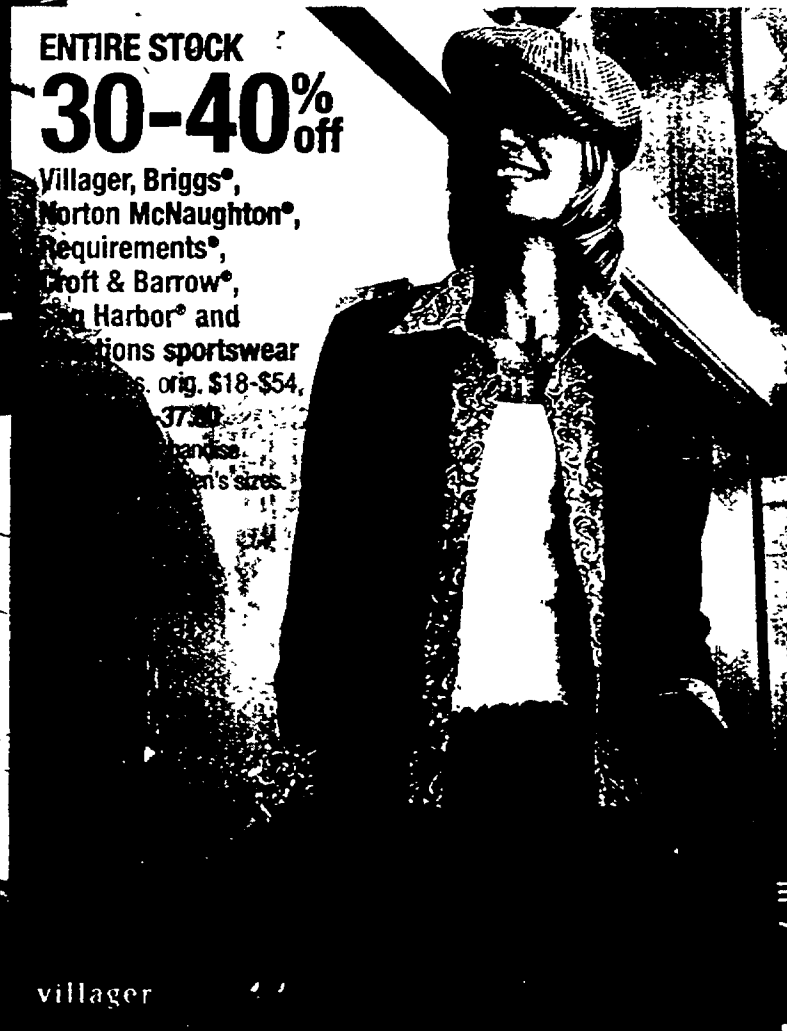


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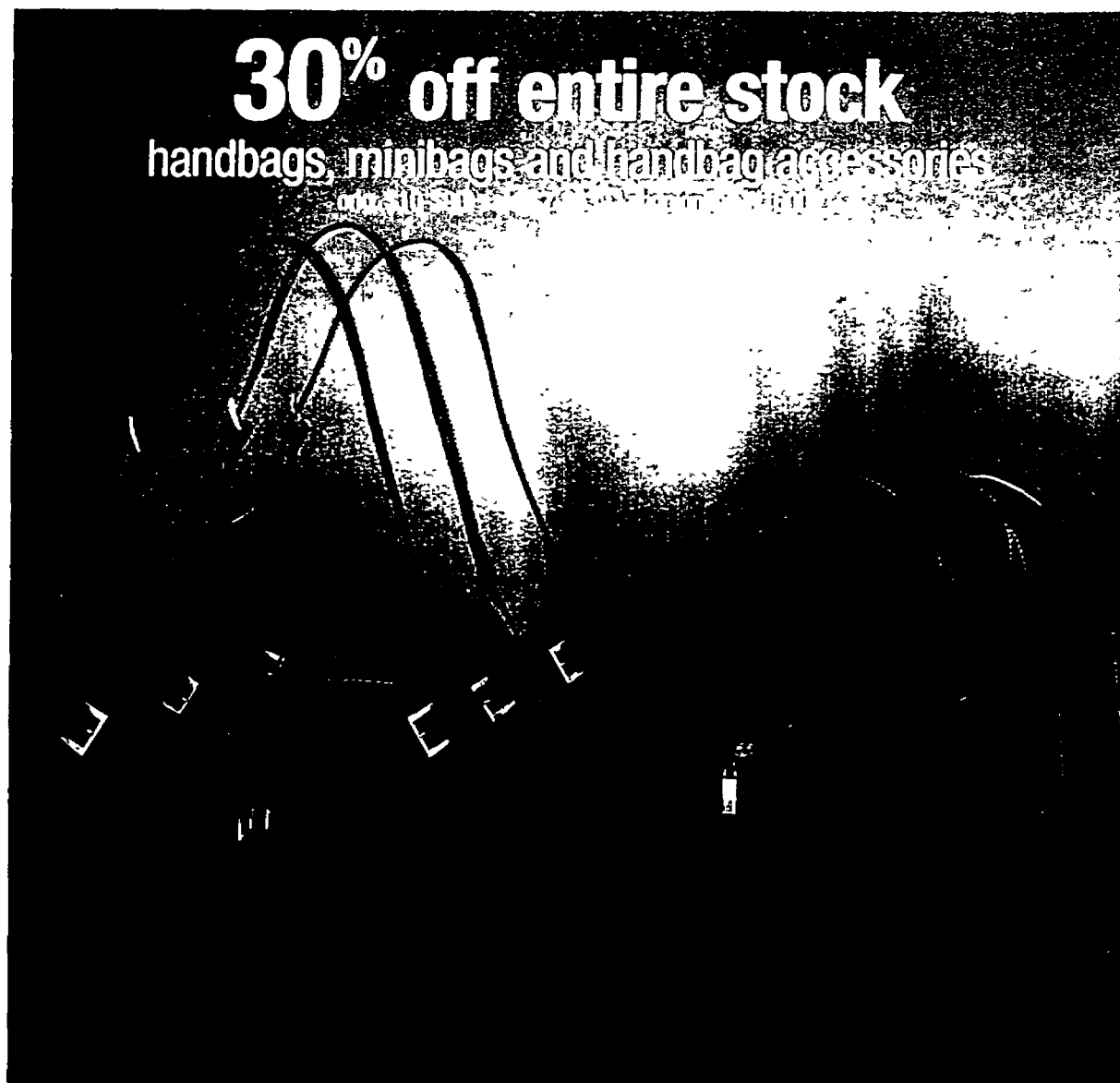
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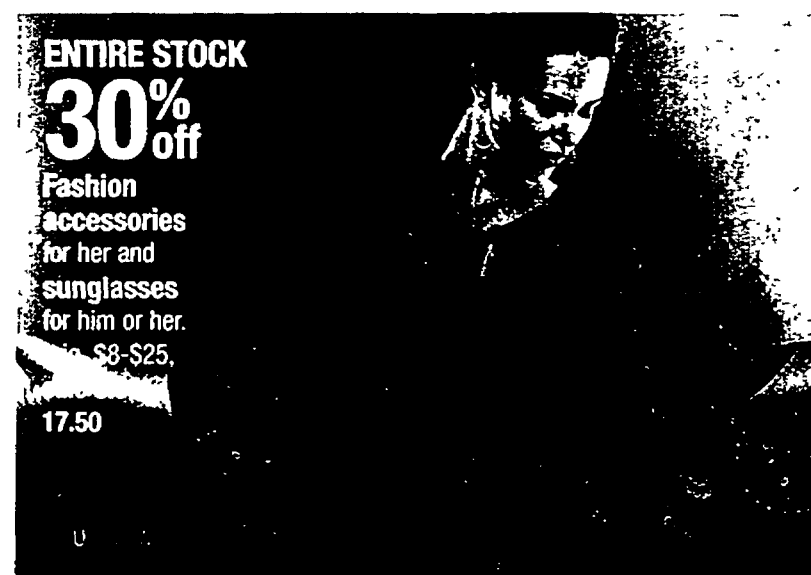
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Fashion
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for her and
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for him or her.

orig. \$8-\$25.

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Socks
for her.

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The new bold eye is key to fall's hottest look, so come in and try
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September 15, 2005



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Jockey® Intimates
for her. reg. 3/\$18 to \$21 ea.,
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to 36.00 ea., sale 3/11.05 to 24.12 ea.

SAVE

33%

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and more on
original prices

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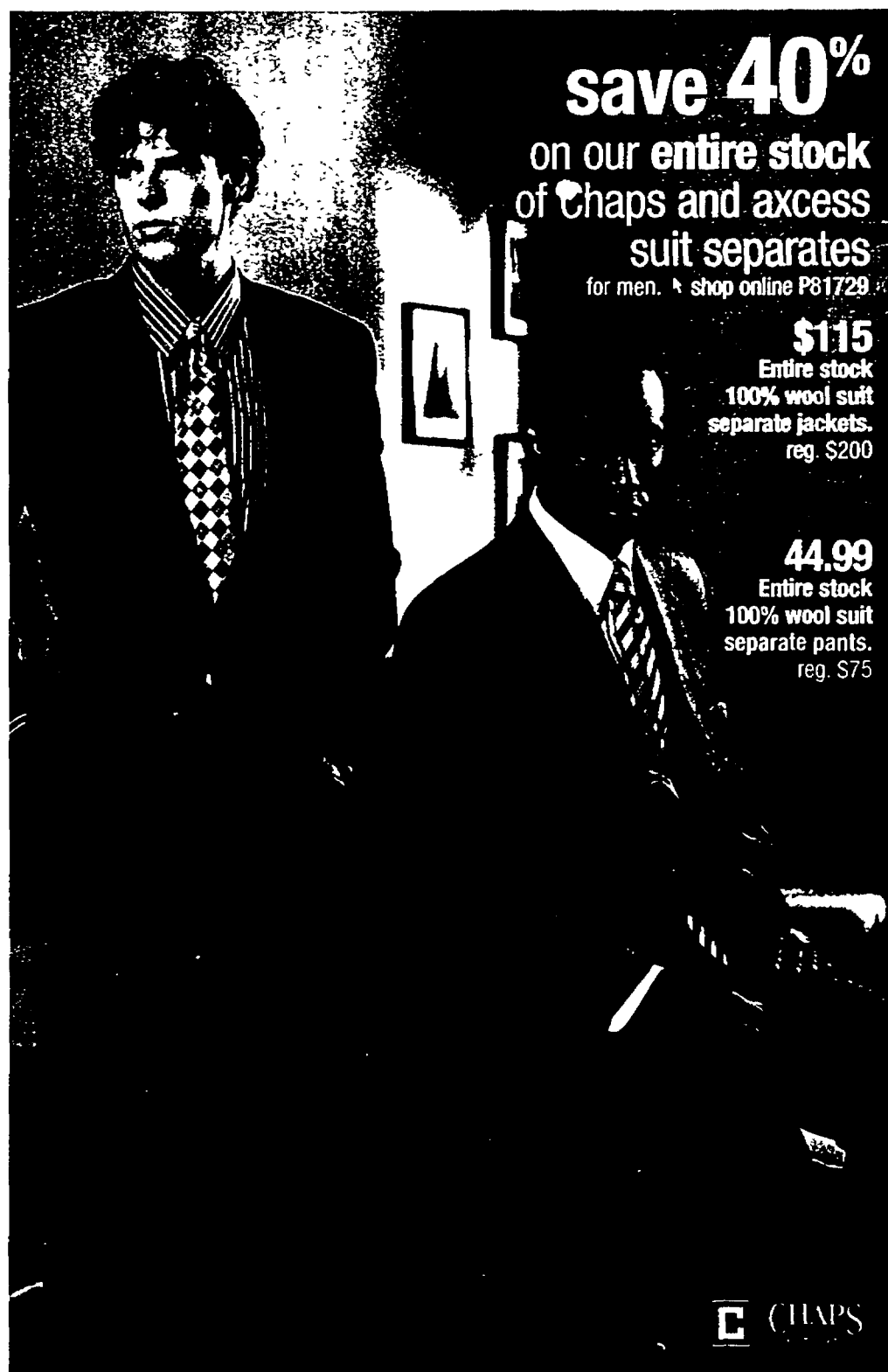
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clearance

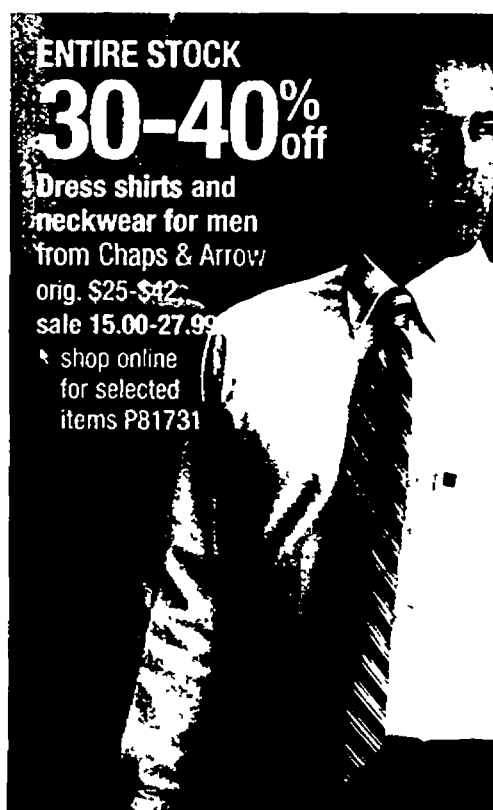


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of Chaps and excess
suit separates
for men. shop online P81729

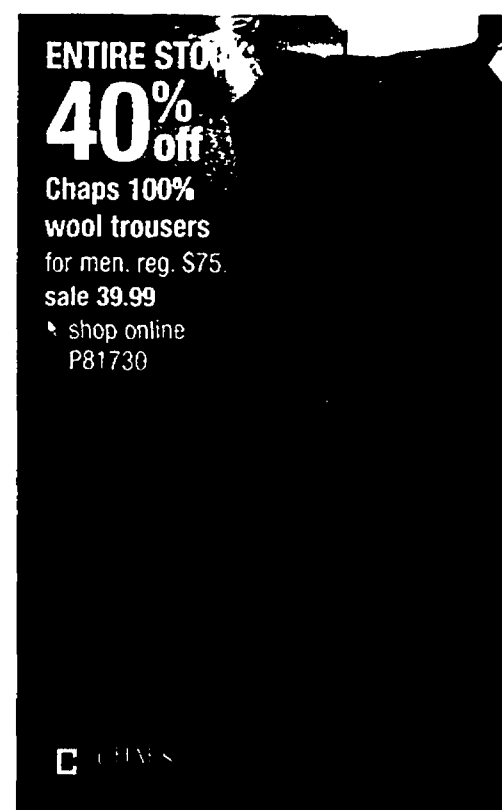
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Entire stock
100% wool suit
separate jackets.
reg. \$200

44.99
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100% wool suit
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CHAPS



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30-40% off
Dress shirts and
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from Chaps & Arrow
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shop online
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items P81731



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wool trousers
for men. reg. \$75.
sale 39.99
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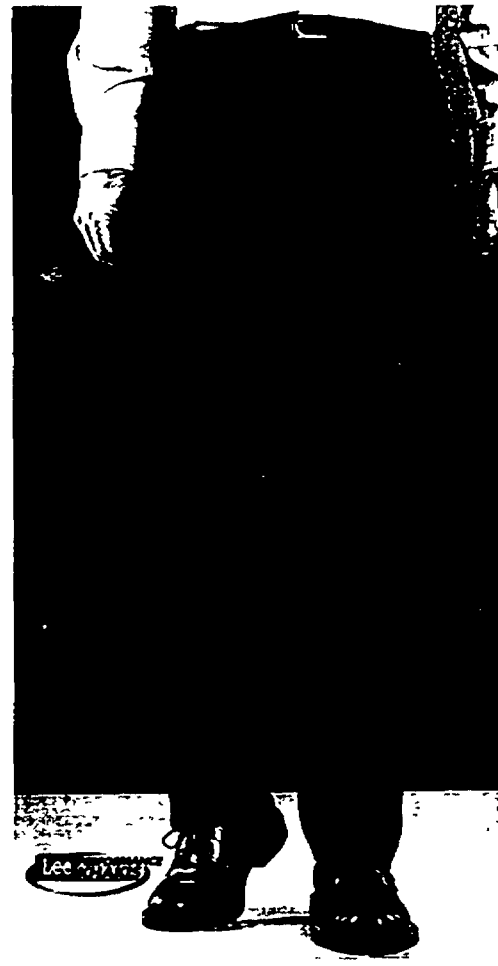
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Entire Stock Dockers®
Simple Luxury Sport
Shirts for Men.
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for Men.
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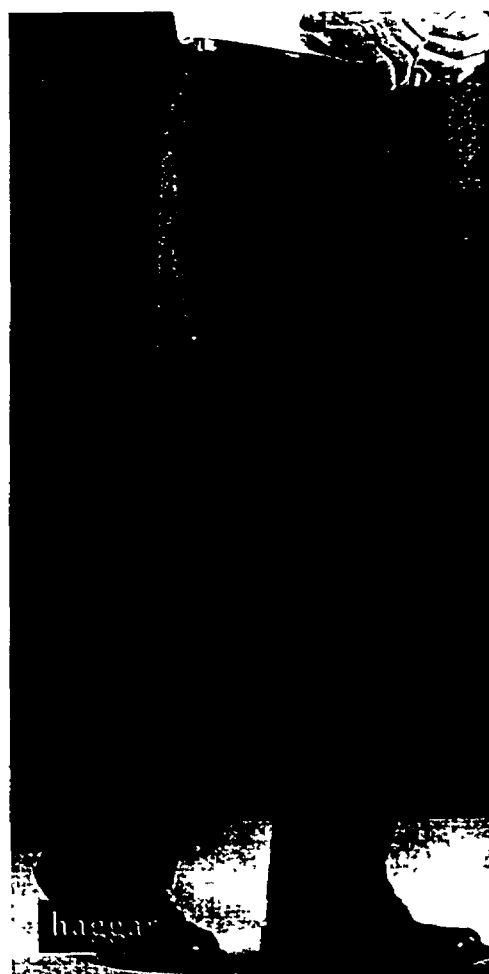
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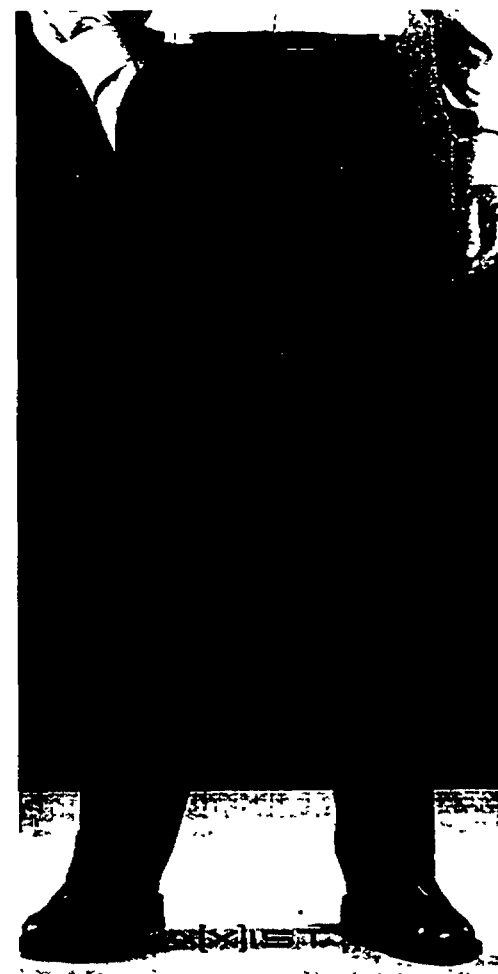
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Casual Pants
for Men. Relaxed Fit; wrinkle
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ENTIRE STOCK
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Matching shower curtains,
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Choose from colorful
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Flower Maze

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ENTIRE STOCK DECORATIVE PILLOWS & TROWS

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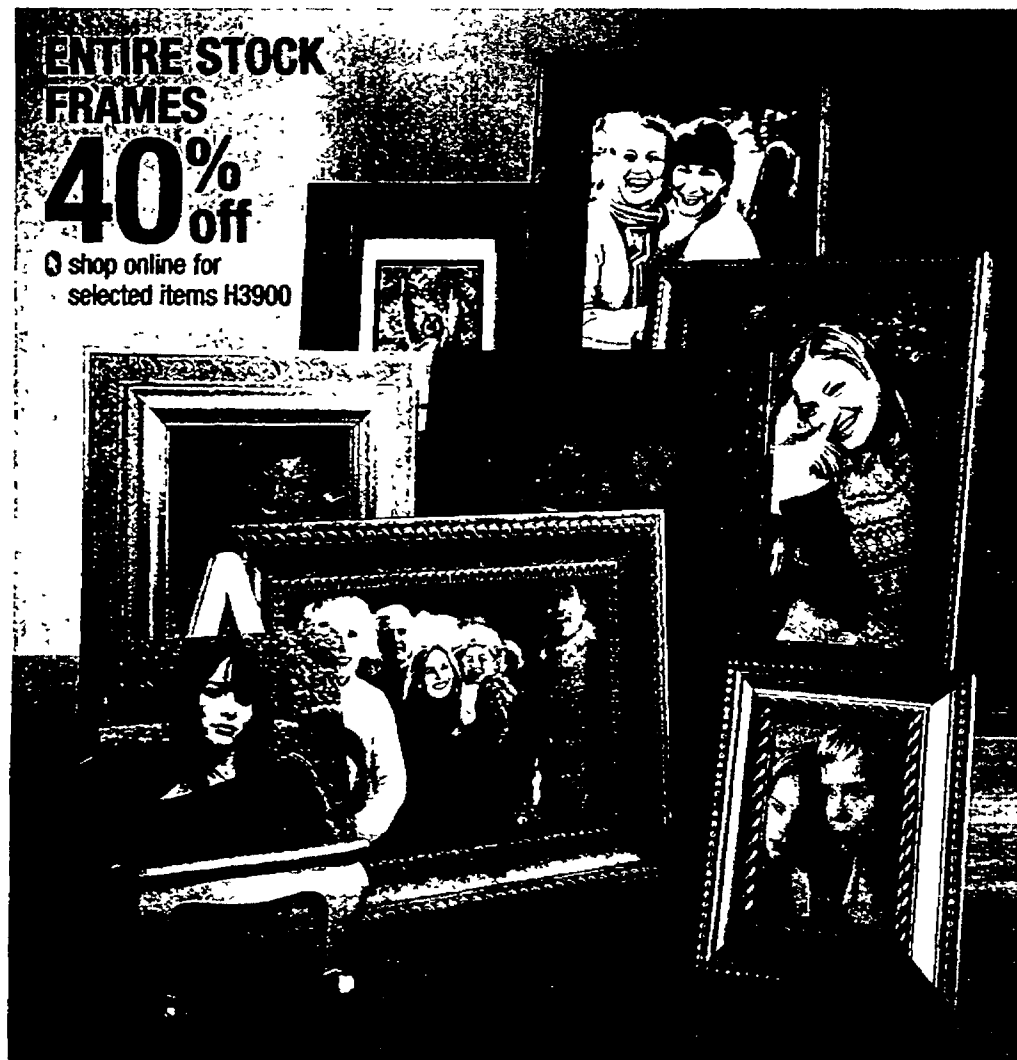
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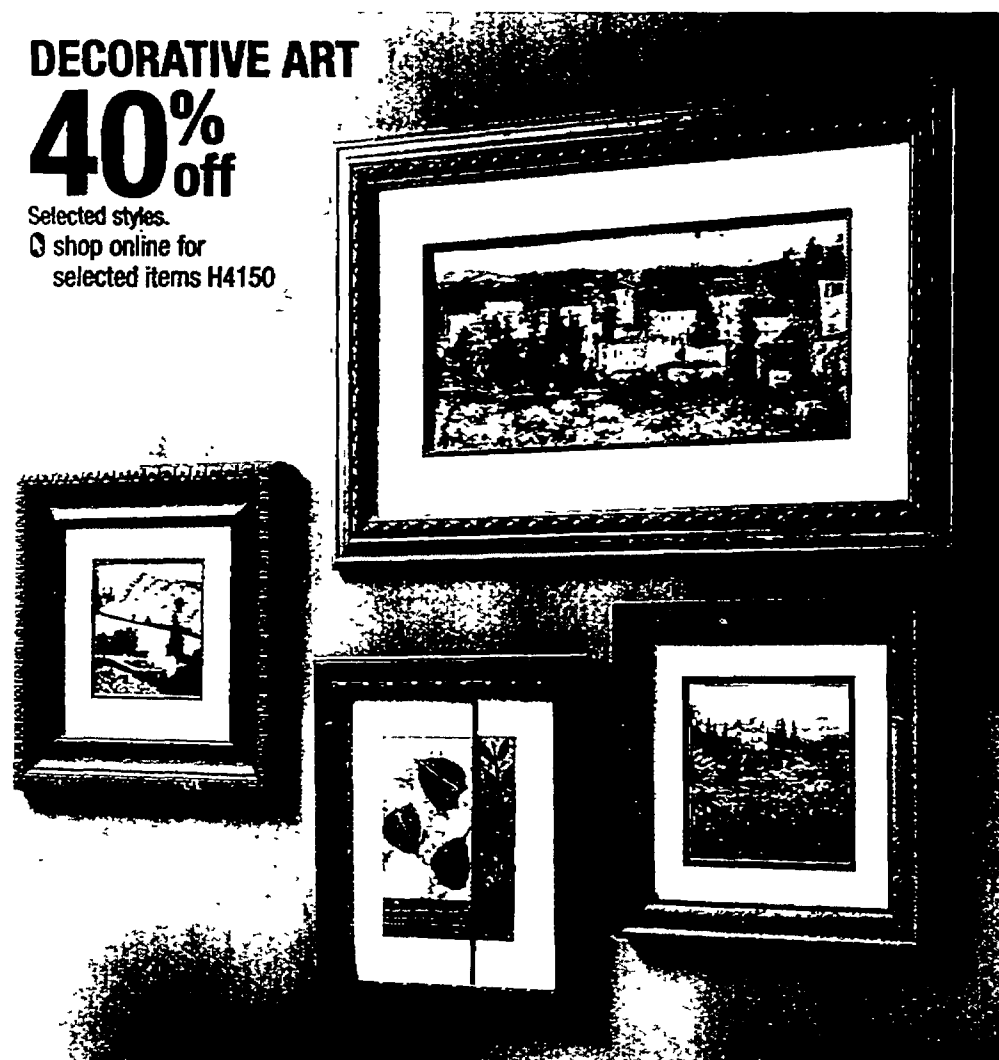


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Selected styles.

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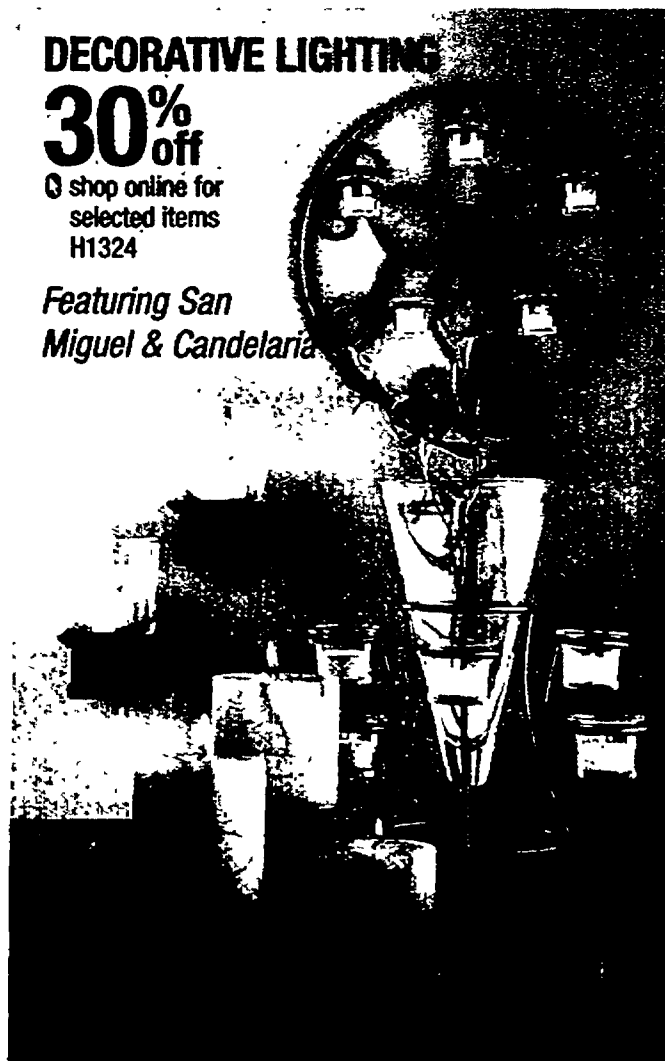


DECORATIVE LIGHTING

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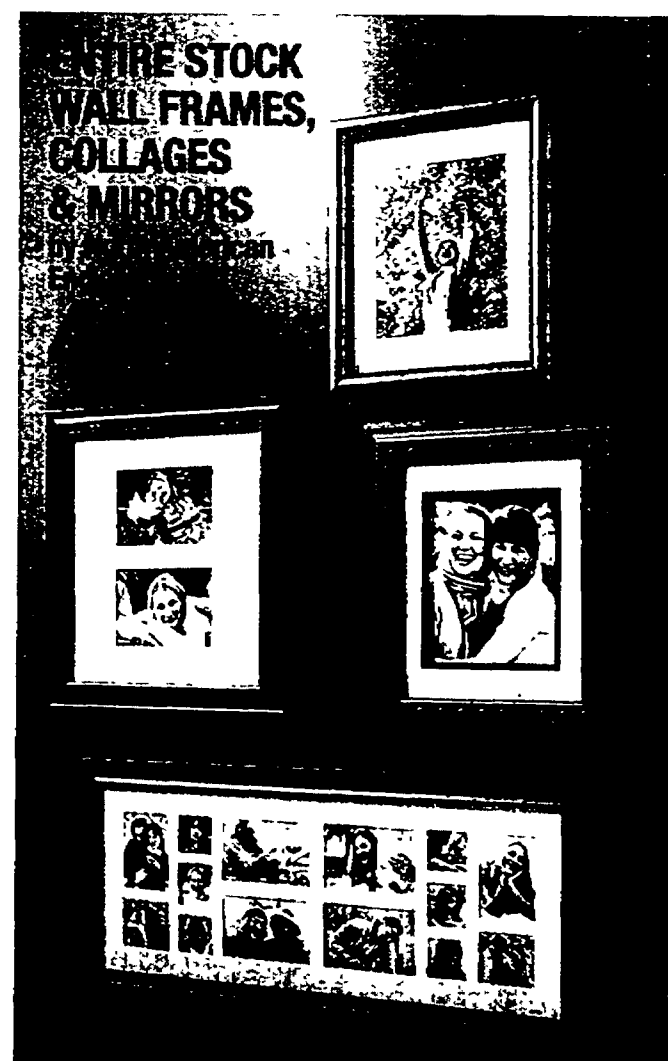
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AND PYREX®**

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Candie's

Save 25-30%

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Candie's

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Geny shoes
for juniors.
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Kohl's Charge in store and online Friday-
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Save on already great sale-, regular- and clearance-priced merchandise. See page 27 for details. **Don't have a Kohl's Charge?** Open a Kohl's Charge to save an extra 30%, 20% or 15% off everything. Pick up a scratch-off card at any register to reveal your extra savings. Subject to credit approval. See store for details.

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Ask American Profile

Q Can you please tell us why *JAG* on CBS was canceled?

—Don P., Wisconsin

After 10 seasons, *JAG* aired its final episode in April because of low ratings. "We've had an amazing run, particularly for a series that was once canceled," says Donald P. Bellisario, the show's creator and executive producer. "Over the last 10 years we have had an opportunity to shine a spotlight on our armed forces and call attention to issues of significant importance to our country as well as the men and women who serve it." *JAG* is military speak for Judge Advocate General corps, the elite legal wing of officers trained as lawyers who investigate, prosecute and defend those accused of crimes in the military. The series featured actors David James Elliott and Catherine Bell.

Q What can you tell me about country singer Gene Watson?

—Dennis B., Missouri

Gene Watson, 61, still performs regularly despite his bout with cancer in 2000

and 2001. Because he didn't have insurance, he had to work throughout his illness. "I couldn't lay down. I had to be doing something, sick or not. I think it made me a stronger person," says Watson, who's had 21 Top 10 hits. "We stay on the road. I've been out here for 30 years now. No need for me to be quitting now. You've got to love it to do it." Watson, who lives in Houston, has a new album called *Gene Watson Then & Now*, a compilation of songs from throughout his career. The native of Palestine, Texas (pop. 17,598), re-recorded some of his hits, including *You Could Know as Much*, *Everybody Needs a Hero* and *Back in the Fire*, and recorded several other songs that he loves. "This is going to be a chapter one. Hopefully there will be several to come."

Gene Watson



JAG co-stars David James Elliott and Catherine Bell



Chad Pregracke cleans polluted rivers.

Q I just saw the program on PBS about Chad Pregracke and his cleanup of our nation's waterways. How can I contact him?

—Will E., Michigan

Chad Pregracke, 30, is the founder of a non-profit environmental organization called Living Lands & Waters, which has 10 paid staffers who work with thousands of volunteers to clean up polluted rivers. Born in East Moline, Ill. (pop. 20,333), he could see the Mississippi River from his house. He never set out to have an organization; it just evolved as he became more involved in cleaning up the river in the late 1990s. "Our main focus is the Mississippi," he says. "We work on the Ohio River quite a bit, the Missouri River and currently the Illinois River, and some of the smaller ones as well. We're not your typical cleanup. We're more like an industrial strength river cleanup." The organization has four barges, several of which serve as floating recycling centers. "One of the barges is our floating headquarters and living quarters for 10 months a year.

It's a 135-foot barge—a ranch style, one-story house with a basement where we store all our equipment," says Pregracke, who is single and only lives on land in East Moline about 40 days a year. Contact him through his website, www.livinglandswaters.org, or by mail at 17615 Route 84 North, East Moline, IL 61244.

Q Could you please tell me what year Allan "Rocky" Lane died? How old was he when he died and was he married?

—Carol M., Illinois

Allan "Rocky" Lane died in 1973 at age 64 of bone cancer. The handsome Western star had been married twice, but both unions, to Gladys Leslie and actress Sheila Ryan, ended in divorce. A native of Mishawaka, Ind. (pop. 46,557), Lane left Notre Dame University to pursue acting. His big break came when he was cast in the serial *The Tiger Woman* in 1944. His serial role as Sgt. Dave King, a Canadian mountie, became popular, and in the mid-1940s he joined the TV show *Red Ryder*. In the 1960s, Lane provided the voice of the popular talking horse, Mr. Ed. ☆

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No clinically relevant interactions with drugs metabolized by these CYP enzymes would be expected. Drug interaction studies have shown that esomeprazole does not have any clinically significant interactions with phenytoin, warfarin, quinine, clarithromycin or amoxicillin. Post-marketing reports of changes in prothrombin measures have been received among patients on concomitant warfarin and esomeprazole therapy. Increases in INR and prothrombin time may lead to abnormal bleeding and even death. Patients treated with proton pump inhibitors and warfarin concomitantly may need to be monitored for increases in INR and prothrombin time. Esomeprazole may potentially interfere with CYP2C19, the major esomeprazole-metabolizing enzyme. Co-administration of esomeprazole 30 mg and dexamethasone, a CYP2C19 substrate, resulted in a 45% decrease in clearance of dexamethasone. Increased plasma levels of dexamethasone were observed 12 hours after dosing and onwards. However, at that time, the plasma levels of dexamethasone were below the therapeutic range, and thus this interaction is unlikely to be of clinical relevance. Co-administration of oral contraceptives, dexamethasone, phenytoin, or quinine did not seem to change the pharmacokinetic profile of esomeprazole. Studies evaluating concomitant administration of esomeprazole and other norepinephrine (non-selective NSAID) or rofecoxib (COX-2 selective NSAID) did not identify any clinically relevant changes in the pharmacokinetic profiles of esomeprazole or these NSAIDs. Esomeprazole inhibits gastric acid secretion. Therefore, esomeprazole may interfere with the absorption of drugs where gastric pH is an important determinant of bioavailability (eg, ketoconazole, iron salts and digoxin). Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility The carcinogenic potential of esomeprazole was assessed using esomeprazole studies. In two 24-month oral carcinogenicity studies in rats, esomeprazole at daily doses of 17, 34, 136, 440 and 1408 mg/kg/day (about 0.7 to 57 times the human dose of 20 mg/day expressed on a body surface area basis) produced gastric ECL cell carcinomas in a dose-related manner in both male and female rats. The incidence of the effect was markedly higher in female rats, which had higher blood levels of esomeprazole. Gastric carcinomas seldom occur in the untreated rat. In addition, ECL cell hyperplasia was present in all treated groups of both sexes. In one of these studies, female rats were treated with 13.8 mg esomeprazole/kg/day (about 5.6 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) for 1 year, then followed for an additional year without the drug. No carcinomas were seen in these rats. An increased incidence of treatment-related ECL cell hyperplasia was observed at the end of 1 year (94% treated vs 10% controls). By the second year the difference between treated and control rats was much smaller (46% vs 25%) but still showed more hyperplasia in the treated group. Gastric adenocarcinoma was seen in one rat (2%). No similar tumor was seen in male or female rats treated for 2 years. For this strain of rat no similar tumor has been noted historically, but a finding involving only one tumor is difficult to interpret. A 78-week mouse carcinogenicity study of esomeprazole did not show increased tumor occurrence, but the study was not conclusive. Esomeprazole was negative in the Ames mutation test, in the in vitro rat bone marrow cell chromosome aberration test, and the in vivo mouse micronucleus test. Esomeprazole, however, was positive in the in vitro human lymphocyte chromosome aberration test. Esomeprazole was positive in the in vitro human lymphocyte chromosome aberration test, the in vivo mouse bone marrow cell chromosome aberration test, and the in vivo mouse micronucleus test. The potential effects of esomeprazole on fertility and reproductive performance were assessed using esomeprazole studies. Esomeprazole at oral doses up to 136 mg/kg/day in rats (about 5.6 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) was found to have no effect on reproductive performance of parental animals. Pregnancy Teratogenic Effects. Pregnancy Category B Teratology studies have been performed in rats at oral doses up to 280 mg/kg/day (about 57 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) and in rabbits at oral doses up to 86 mg/kg/day (about 35 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) and have revealed no evidence of impaired fertility or harm to the fetus due to esomeprazole. There are, however, no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Because animal reproduction studies are not always predictive of human response, this drug should be used during pregnancy only if clearly needed. Teratology studies conducted with esomeprazole in rats at oral doses up to 136 mg/kg/day (about 5.6 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) and in rabbits at oral doses up to 86 mg/kg/day (about 35 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) did not disclose any evidence for a teratogenic potential of esomeprazole. In rabbits, esomeprazole in a dose range of 6.6 to 66 mg/kg/day (about 5.5 to 55 times the human dose on a body surface area basis) produced dose-related increases in embryo-fetal loss, resorptions, and pregnancy dysmorphia. In rats, dose-related embryofetal losses and postnatal developmental toxicity were observed in offspring resulting from parents treated with esomeprazole at 13.8 to 138.0 mg/kg/day (about 5.6 to 56 times the human dose on a body surface area basis). There are no adequate and well-controlled studies in pregnant women. Sporadic reports have been received of congenital abnormalities occurring in infants born to women who have received esomeprazole during pregnancy. Nursing Mothers The excretion of esomeprazole in milk has not been studied. However, esomeprazole concentrations have been measured in breast milk of a woman following oral administration of 20 mg. Because esomeprazole is likely to be excreted in human milk, because of the potential for serious adverse reactions in nursing infants from esomeprazole, and because of the potential for carcinogenicity shown for esomeprazole in rat carcinogenicity studies, a decision should be made whether to discontinue nursing or to discontinue the drug, taking into account the importance of the drug to the mother. Pediatric Use Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established. Geriatric Use Of the total number of patients who received NEXIUM in clinical trials, 1459 were 65 to 74 years of age and 354 patients were 75 years of age. ADVERSE REACTIONS The safety of NEXIUM was evaluated in over 15,000 patients (aged 18-84 years) in clinical trials worldwide including over 8,500 patients in the United States and over 6,500 patients in Europe and Canada. Over 2,900 patients were treated in long-term studies for up to 6-12 months. In general, NEXIUM was well tolerated in both short- and long-term clinical trials. The safety in the treatment of healing of erosive esophagitis was assessed in four randomized comparative clinical trials, which included 1,240 patients on NEXIUM 20 mg, 2,434 patients on NEXIUM 40 mg, and 3,008 patients on omeprazole 20 mg daily. The most frequently occurring adverse events (1%) at all three groups was headache (5.5, 5.0, and 3.8, respectively) and diarrhea (no difference among the three groups). Rash, flatulence, abdominal pain, constipation, and dry mouth occurred at similar rates among patients taking NEXIUM or omeprazole. Additional adverse events that were reported as possibly or probably related to NEXIUM with an incidence < 1% are listed below by body system: Body as a Whole: abdominal enlarged, allergic reaction, asthenia, back pain, chest pain, chest pain substernal, local edema, peripheral edema, hot flashes, fatigue, fever, flu-like disorder, generalized edema, leg edema, malaise, pain, rigors; Cardiovascular: flushing, hypertension, tachycardia; Endocrine/glycemic: gallstone; Gastrointestinal: bowel irregularity, constipation aggravated, dyspepsia, dysphagia, dysphagia GI, epigastric pain, eructation, esophageal disorder, frequent stools, gastroenteritis, GI hemorrhage, GI symptoms not otherwise specified, hiccup, indigestion, mouth disorder, pharynx disorder, rectal disorder, serum gastrin increased, tongue disorder, tongue edema, ulcerative stomatitis vomiting; Hearing: earache, tinnitus; Hematologic: anemia, anemia hypochromic, cervical lymphadenopathy, epistaxis, leukocytosis, leukopenia, thrombocytopenia; Musculoskeletal: myalgia, osteoarthritis, hepatic function abnormal, SGO1 increased, SGO1 increased; Metabolic/Nutritional: glycosuria, hypernatremia, hypokalemia, increased alkaline phosphatase, thirst, vitamin B12 deficiency, weight increase, weight decrease; Musculoskeletal: arthralgia, arthritis aggravated, arthralgia, cramps, fibromyalgia syndrome, hernia, polymyalgia rheumatica; Nervous System/Psychiatric: anorexia, apathy, appetite increased, confusion, depression aggravated, dizziness, hypertension, nervousness, hypotension, impotence, insomnia, migraine, migraine aggravated, paresthesia, sleep disorder, somnolence, tremor, vertigo, visual field defect; Respiratory: dyspnea, dyspnea aggravated, dyspnea, respiratory: asthma aggravated, coughing, dyspnea, larynx edema, pharyngitis, rhinitis, sinusitis; Skin and Appendages: acne, acneiform, dermatitis, pruritus, pruritus an, rash, rash erythematous, rash maculopapular, skin inflammation, sweating increased, urticaria; Special Senses: otitis media, otitis media, taste loss, taste perversion; Urinary: abnormal urine, albuminuria, cystitis, dysuria, fungal infection, hematuria, micturition frequency, nocturia, genital moniliasis, polyuria; Vision: conjunctivitis, vision abnormal; Endocrine/glycemic: findings that were reported as adverse events include: diabetes mellitus, esophageal, esophageal ulceration, esophageal varices, gastric ulcer, gastritis, hernia, benign polyps or nodules, Barrett's esophagus, and mucosal discoloration. Two placebo-controlled studies were conducted in 770 patients for the treatment of symptomatic gastroesophageal reflux disease. The most common adverse events that were reported as possibly or probably related to NEXIUM were diarrhea (4.3%), headache (3.8%), and abdominal pain (3.8%). Postmarketing Reports - There have been spontaneous reports of adverse events with postmarketing use of esomeprazole. These reports have included rare cases of anaphylactic reaction and angioedema, severe dermatologic reactions, including toxic epidermal necrolysis (TEN, some fatal), Stevens-Johnson syndrome, and erythema multiforme, and pancreatitis. Very rarely, hepatitis with or without jaundice has been reported. Other adverse events not observed with NEXIUM, but occurring with omeprazole can be found in the omeprazole package insert. ADVERSE REACTIONS section. OVERDOSEAGE A single oral dose of esomeprazole at 510 mg/kg (about 143 times the human dose on a body surface area basis), was lethal to rats. The major signs of acute toxicity were reduced motor activity, changes in respiratory frequency, tremor, ataxia, and intermittent clonic convulsions. There have been some reports of overdose with esomeprazole. Reports have been received of overdose with esomeprazole in humans. Doses ranged up to 2,400 mg (120 times the usual recommended clinical dose). Manifestations were variable, but included confusion, drowsiness, blurred vision, tachycardia, nausea, diaphoresis, flushing, headache, dry mouth, and other adverse reactions similar to those seen in normal clinical experience (see esomeprazole package insert-ADVERSE REACTIONS). No specific antidote for esomeprazole is known. Since esomeprazole is extensively protein bound, it is not expected to be removed by dialysis. In the event of overdose, treatment should be symptomatic and supportive. As with the management of any overdose, the possibility of multiple drug ingestion should be considered. For current information on treatment of any drug overdose, a certified Regional Poison Control Center should be contacted. Telephone numbers are listed in the Physicians' Desk Reference (PDR) or local telephone book. DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION Please see full Prescribing Information for recommended adult dosages and dosage adjustments for Special Populations for NEXIUM.

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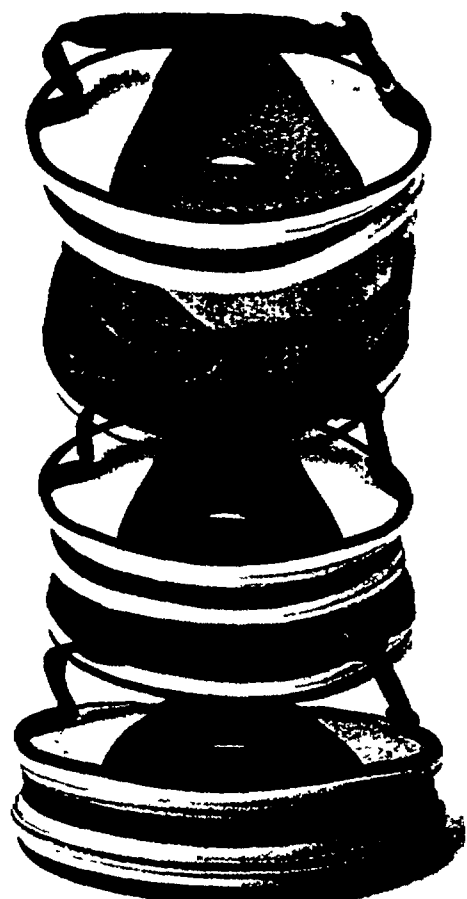
What's in Your Backpack

Alicia Cathers, of Telford, Pa. (pop. 4,680), remembers a time when going back to school meant a fresh box of crayons, notebook paper, a Trapper Keeper and folders with her favorite animals on them. "I looked forward to that all year," says Cathers, who now buys school supplies for her son Alex, a student at Vernfield Elementary School.

Of course, times have changed since Cathers, 34, graduated from high school in 1988. Sure, familiar brands like Elmer's, Aladdin and Crayola are still back-to-school staples, but names like Texas Instruments (TI), Hewlett Packard (HP) and Apple are on today's "must have" supply list as well.

So what's hot? "I'm saving up for an iPod," says Alex, 11, adding that his favorite back-to-school item would allow him to listen to music while riding the school bus.

The pop-up lunch tote has replaced the metal lunch box.



by MARY DINON LEBEAU
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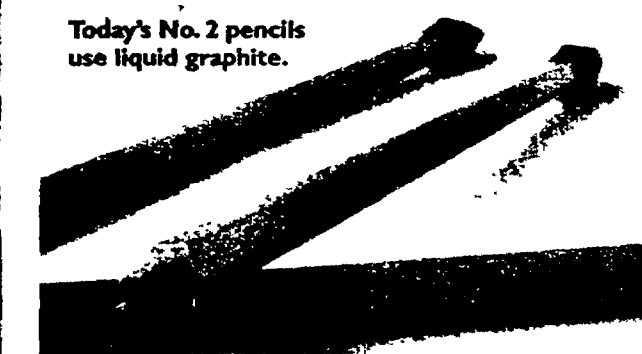
The TI-84 Plus Graphing Calculator takes math to a whole new level.

Isabel Ross, an upcoming senior at University School of Nashville (Tenn.), agrees. "iPod's are definitely a must-have at school, assuming the school allows it," says Ross, 17. "It helps if you're in the hallway, and there's a lot of noise. It's also a nice escape sometimes if you're feeling really stressed."

However, more practical educational items such as personal organizers, pop-up lunch totes and hi-tech calculators also are popular at schools across the nation. "At my school, we are required to have a TI graphing calculator," Isabel says.

Still, the basics of school supplies haven't really changed that much. "A pencil's still a pencil," says Ivan Reed, of Delray Beach, Fla. (pop. 60,020), Office Depot's senior manager of campaigns. "What's changed is the technology."

This year, Office Depot is offering a liquid graphite pencil (\$3 per three pack) that looks and feels like the real thing but never needs sharpening. And they even write in that all-important No. 2 graphite, which remains a requirement for taking standardized tests after all these years.



Today's No. 2 pencils use liquid graphite.

Other old standards also have a new look. Reed remembers using brown paper bags to cover his schoolbooks. "The corners would wear down, the paper would tear, and every book looked alike," he says.

But today's students use stretchable book covers (\$1 to \$4) in a variety of colors and prints. They're easy to put on, fit a variety of book sizes, and are washable and reusable.

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With teenagers being bombarded by images of young stars in outfits that cost thousands of dollars, what's a parent to do when it comes time for back-to-school clothes shopping?

Relax, says fashion stylist Trish Townsend, because there are plenty of trendy options that won't break your bank.

"Don't get sucked into the crazy trends, whether it's the hottest new tennis shoes for \$150 or the Louis Vuitton purse you see the Olsen twins carry," says Townsend, who has dressed stars such as Jon Bon Jovi, LeAnn Rimes and Alan Jackson. "Kids run through trends so fast that you shouldn't spend that kind of money when there are so many great knockoffs.

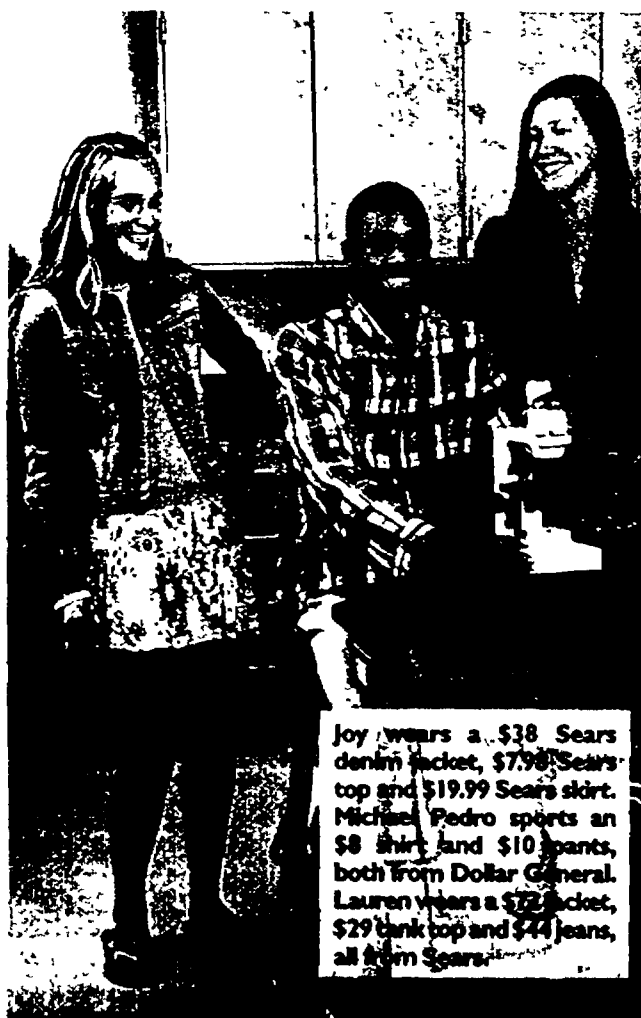
"Kids now have the opportunity to find really nice fashionable clothing at a fraction of the cost at places like Kmart, Target and Dollar General. And with a lot of the celebrity designers, with their influence on fashion and their ability to parlay that into a lower cost, kids are able to look like models straight off the fashion pages."

For instance, Sears' fall line offers fashions that look very hip and expensive, yet the prices are extremely reasonable, she says. "The fit is really cute and it's very tailored," she says. "It looks quality; it presents well." Townsend is also very impressed with JCPenney's fall line because it mimics clothes found in fashion magazines for a fraction of the cost.

With the increased focus on what entertainers wear, children often feel like they have to have expen-

Joy West (left) wears a shirt from JCPenney and Wrangler khaki. Lauren Ray's outfit is from Target (shirt \$12.99, skirt \$19.99). Clarence Simpson wears a T-shirt from Sears (\$14.99) and \$49.50 Aeropostale jeans. Harry West dons a \$29.99 and \$29.99 jeans, both from Sears.

by BEVERLY KEEL
Entertainment Editor
Photos by David Mudd



Joy wears a \$38 Sears denim jacket, \$7.99 Sears top and \$19.99 Sears skirt. Michael Pedro sports an \$8 shirt and \$10 pants, both from Dollar General. Lauren wears a \$22 jacket, \$29 tank top and \$44 jeans, all from Sears.

sive designer duds to be accepted by their peers, she says. "There are more television channels and more video channels, and people talk more about fashion. On those shows, like MTV's *TRL*, it's always about fashion and looks, and everybody is so determined to have his or her own specific look."

Clarence Simpson, 15, says that pressure of clothes as status symbols exists at his school, Maplewood High School in Nashville, Tenn. "The more clothes you have, the more money it seems like you have," Clarence says. "I guess you have to keep in style with everybody else. It's like a competition in my school. On the other hand, it's also like who can be creative and original."

Perhaps the easiest and most affordable way to show individuality is to shop at vintage and thrift stores, Townsend says. "I dress a lot of people straight from thrift stores, and then you accessorize it with something modern from Target, Kmart, and for girls, Wet Seal and Charlotte Russe, which have timely accessories for cheap."

Creating an individual look for less

Townsend suggests purchasing a vintage suit and decorating the jacket with fabric paint found at

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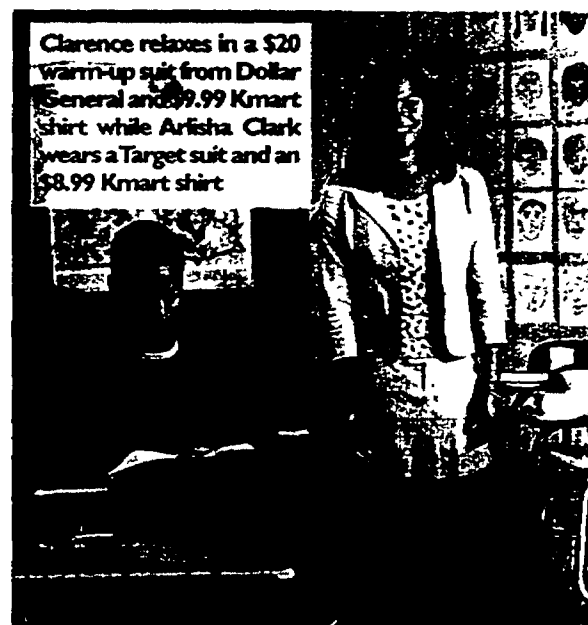
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Clarence relaxes in a \$20 warm-up suit from Dollar General and a \$9.99 Kmart shirt while Arisha Clark wears a Target suit and an \$8.99 Kmart shirt



crafts stores. "You can take a cool, old vintage jacket and paint it with a really cool symbol or make it look tattooed on the outside and down the back, or stencil something on," she says. "You can either buy it for \$750 or make it yourself for \$10.50.

"Painting clothes is going to be the coolest thing to do next," she says. "It's like doing graffiti on your own clothes. Learn to make the clothes your own; put your own mark on your clothes. If parents set up a craft time and paint clothes and put on little signs or their names and school colors, it can be a fun family project."

For all-cotton garments, Townsend recommends a bottle of Rit dye. She also encourages placing studs and rhinestones on clothes, as she did with a Johnny Cash T-shirt for singer Lee Ann Womack. "All the really expensive jeans have rhinestones on the insignia on the back pocket," she says. "They have glue-on rhinestones or heat-activated rhinestones (which can be found at www.creativecrystal.com) and you can iron them on. You can wash them and everything."

Because clothing designers express their uniqueness with individualized hemlines and silhouettes, anything goes now for girls. "Now the only thing that is popular is girls being girls," Townsend says. "They are girly and frilly. And for guys, fashion has really opened up. Accessories for guys are a lot more open—like bracelets and necklaces."

The good news for parents of girls is that the low-fitting jeans are rising up a bit in the waist. The bad news? The shirts have become lower cut. When it comes to such daring fashions, compromise may be the best solution. For instance, the layered look is all the rage, so encourage girls to wear a tank top under the low-cut shirt. "I like shorter skirts, but my mom doesn't like that," says Lauren Ray, 15, who attends Hillsboro High School in Nashville, Tenn. "She tells me where I

can wear them sometimes. I can wear them out with my friends, but not to school."

Trends for boys and girls

For boys, the look has shifted from a more urban look with expensive athletic jerseys to a preppier look. "It used to be jerseys, but now it's basically college (polo) shirts," Clarence says. "I normally wear three-button collared shirts, blue jeans and a hat. You can't wear hats in school, so I just wear it outside so that everybody can see it."

Townsend says fashionable polo shirts can be found at Kmart, Target and JCPenney for less than \$25. "You can't tell a difference," she says. "The only difference is the little insignia and nobody cares anymore." Rock music-related T-shirts are popular now with boys and they also are extremely affordable.

For both sexes, Townsend says parents should splurge more on jeans because they're a foundation that will be worn virtually every day. "Don't be hesitant to wait for a sale," she says. "Check the newspaper. Jeans are jeans year-round. If they are on sale in the summer, buy them for back-to-school. Levi's is always an affordable staple."

One area to save money is with shirts, which are trendier and have a shorter life. The Western shirt has made a comeback for boys and girls, and Townsend is a fan of Wrangler's line. "You can go on the cheap a little bit for shirts," she says. "If you are a trendy kid, that is one place where you can change out more. I recommend layering for back to school." Girls can layer a zip-up cardigan or blazer over a tank top, while boys can don a

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Trish Townsend's Fall Fashion Tips for Boys:

- Loose-fit or boot-cut jeans in an antique or distressed wash, paired with a Western belt with an interesting buckle.
- A polo shirt worn under a fitted suit jacket.
- Colorful tennis shoes. "Your basic white or black tennis shoes are out," she says. "I bought a pair that was bright blue with a red stripe. Look for colors that are a little bit more in-your-face."



Elliott Anderson wears a \$29 T-shirt from Buckle. JCPenney's outfit consists of a polo shirt and jeans.



Back row: Michael (above-left) pairs a \$19.99 Kmart track jacket with a \$3.99 Kmart T-shirt and \$19.99 Kmart jeans, while Asher Anderson wears a Target polo. Lauren's outfit is from Target. Alysha Clark dons a Sears ensemble and Elliott wears a Kmart shirt and JCPenney jeans. For his part, Joy wears a JCPenney shirt with Kmart jeans, while brother Harry is clad in Sears clothes. Arlisha and Clarence both wear all Sears clothes.

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long-sleeve shirt or zip-up sweatshirt over a T-shirt.

Regardless of the style or price, the fit is the most important thing. "A lot of the girls' bodies are changing and they don't know how to dress," she says. "They don't look at their bodies logically. They want to wear what their friends wear and they need to focus on what looks good for them. If they wear the right cut, they can look taller and thinner and the clothes look better on them."

To improve the fit, Townsend recommends trying on several sizes. "Just because you think you are a size 6 doesn't mean you should buy a size 6. You can buy anything from a size 4 to 8. Sizes are all over the board."

Townsend alters everything she buys for her clients. "Clothes off the rack are a suggestion of what a size 6 should be," she says. "You make it work for your size-6 body. You can do the altera-

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tions yourself or have them done inexpensively at your local dry cleaners. It's worth the extra \$10 or \$15.

"Anything that fits your body better makes it look more expensive because it looks like you own it," she says. "That's the difference with outfits worn on the Oscars' red carpet: those things are fitted to every inch of their body. Therefore they look slimmer and the outfit looks even more expensive than it is." ☆

Trish Townsend's Fall Fashion Tips for Girls:

- Longer skirts in fall colors, perhaps tiered, worn with boots or closed-toe espadrilles.
- A tank top in fall colors, such as burgundy or brown, which will transition well from summer to fall weather.
- A fitted denim jacket with a distressed fade. "If you want to cut the bottom off and make it shorter and let it rag at the bottom, that's cute too."
- Jeans with a slightly higher waist that fit well. "Those Kmart jeans are cute and Wrangler has a really cute new fitted girls' jean. It's not too high; it is just not too low."



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Healthful, Packable Lunches

Getting the kids ready for school in the morning sometimes requires throwing together a last minute lunch. Often the rush dictates that nutritional value suffers in favor of convenience. But with a little planning, you can create lunches that your children will enjoy and that are good for them.

This week's recipes offer tasty alternatives to the traditional ham and cheese sandwich or turkey roll-up. Both can be made the day before to avoid the last minute rush. And both are so tasty that when you're filling your children's lunchboxes, you may want to dish some out for yourself to take to work.

Neelam Taneja of Whiteville, N.C. (pop. 5,148), sent us the recipe for pistachio and pasta salad. Loaded with healthful vegetables and flavorful cheese and nuts, this salad is mayonnaise-free, so there's no need to refrigerate it. Add an apple, some grapes or other fruit to create a meal that is delicious and nutritionally well balanced.

The recipe for cranberry bread comes from Kathy Antus of Viola, Ark. (pop. 381). A slice of this bread makes a nice accompaniment to a leafy green salad, a small thermos of chicken soup, or celery sticks with peanut butter. Your kids might even enjoy spreading a couple of slices with low-fat cream cheese.

As always, *American Profile* looks forward to receiving—and publishing—your favorite recipes each week, and sharing them with our millions of readers across the nation. ☆

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RECIPE: Pistachio Pasta Salad

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Neelam Taneja
Whiteville, N.C.



Pistachio Pasta Salad

- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- 1 tablespoon oregano
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 1 cup pasta (rigatoni, gemelli or small shells)
- 1 cup snow peas
- 1 cup fresh baby spinach
- 1/2 cup chopped pistachios
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 8 cherry tomatoes
- Pistachios, chopped
- Parmesan cheese, shaved

In a small bowl, combine oil, vinegar, oregano, salt and pepper. Cook pasta according to package instructions. Drain pasta and set aside to cool. Blanch snow peas and spinach by putting them in hot water and taking out immediately. Quickly rinse vegetables in cold water, drain well on paper towels and pat dry. Mix snow peas and spinach with pasta, pistachios, cheese, tomatoes and marinade in a medium-size bowl. Garnish salad with more pistachio nuts and shaved Parmesan cheese. Serves 4 to 6.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen:

Substitute sugar snap peas for snow peas if you desire.

RECIPE: Mom's Cranberry Bread

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Kathy Antus
Viola, Ark.



Mom's Cranberry Bread

- 1 orange, for juice and rind
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 and 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 2 tablespoons melted shortening
- 1 egg, beaten
- 1 cup fresh cranberry halves
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Grease and flour one 9-by-5-inch loaf pan or two smaller loaf pans. Using a grater with small holes, grate rind off orange. Squeeze orange juice into a measuring cup, and add rind and enough hot water to equal 3/4 cup. Sift flour, sugar, salt, baking powder and baking soda into a medium-size mixing bowl. Combine orange juice mixture with shortening and egg, and add to dry ingredients. Mix well. Stir in berries and nuts. Pour into prepared loaf pan. Bake for 60 minutes. Cool in pan, then turn out. Slice and serve with a small toothpick.

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INDIANA—An abundance of fossils of animals that lived 435 million years ago are found in the ancient limestone and shale at White-water Gorge Park. Located in Richmond (pop. 39,124), the park includes the Thistlethwaite Falls.

IOWA—Pioneering makeup inventor Carl Weeks, who founded the Armand Face Powder Co. in 1915, also is known for his Des Moines home, Salisbury House, a 42-room castle modeled after the King's House in Salisbury, England.

KANSAS—Opened in 1955 as the first state park in Kansas, Kanopolis State Park at Marquette (pop. 542) boasts hiking trails, sandstone bluffs, prairie dogs, a 3,406-acre lake and the Faris Caves, dug by a miner in the 1880s as living quarters and used by later owners as a school and springhouse.

MICHIGAN—Originally built and operated in the Netherlands, the 240-year-old DeZwaan Windmill was a gift from the Netherlands 40 years ago to Holland (pop. 35,048). The 12-story windmill is the centerpiece of the city's Windmill Island.

MINNESOTA—The 1946 Covington towboat pushed barges on the Mississippi and Ohio rivers for 30 years. Today it has a new life as The Covington Inn, a bed and breakfast moored on the Mississippi River banks in St. Paul, trimmed from stem to stern with mahogany, brass and bronze, and decorated with nautical antiques and salvaged fixtures.

MISSOURI—Dorm students at Stephens College in Columbia don't have to leave Fido at home. Last fall the women's college opened the first floor of Prunty Hall to students who want to bring their dogs, cats or rabbits to college.

NEBRASKA—The Frank H. Woods Telephone Pioneer Museum in Lincoln rings with historical exhibits, including a cordboard room with operator-answered switchboards and 1890s candlestick-style and wooden wall phones. Woods founded the Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Co. in 1903.

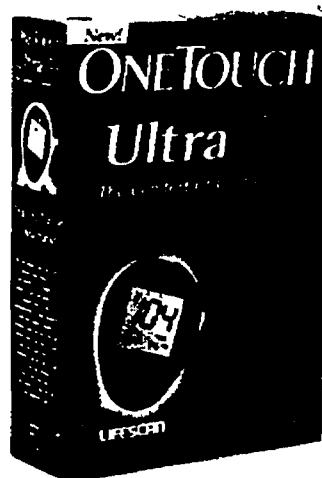
NORTH DAKOTA—In 1990, Mary Fors organized the Prairie Rose Lace Makers in Bismarck (pop. 55,532) to practice and preserve the 16th-century art of making bobbin lace. The group meets monthly to exchange patterns and ideas and gives lace-making demonstrations at festivals.

OHIO—Attendance skyrocketed at the Columbus Zoo in 1956 after the birth of Colo, the first gorilla born in captivity. The baby gorilla, whose name was chosen in a contest and is short for "Columbus," became an instant celebrity and today is a great-grandmother.

SOUTH DAKOTA—Cowboys shoot from the hip, 1800s-style, with .45-caliber revolvers as members of the Cowboy Fast Draw Association, headquartered in Deadwood (pop. 1,380). Members wear period clothing as they "quick draw" their pistols during timed shooting competitions.

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The first step to creating a study space is to consider the child. "The space needs to be

a place where the child is comfortable and where the best results are obtained," says Christi Proctor, designer on The Learning Channel's decorating show *Trading Spaces*. "You need to know your child's own study style and create a space where he can learn."

Once you've identified the space, make it a place where homework can be done easily and comfortably.



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Here's how:

- **Lighten up!**—Make the space easy on the eyes so reading and other tasks can be performed effortlessly. If necessary, add a desk lamp to your existing lighting to make the area brighter.
- **Creature comforts**—If your child can't reach the work surface, he'll be uncomfortable, which makes it harder to learn. Try different seating. Some children work best in a stiff chair in front of a desk, while others prefer lounge chairs or a bench at the kitchen table. "The child has to be comfortable, so he'll want to be there," Proctor says.
- **Stockpile**—Keep homework supplies close at hand. Even if you don't have a dedicated desk drawer, you can make a portable supply box to keep pens, pencils, construction paper and glue sticks handy during homework time—and tucked away on a shelf afterward.
- **Noise, or distraction?**—Determine how much background noise your child prefers—or may need to concentrate. "Some kids need utter silence, while others want the comfort of music or the sounds of the family," says Stacy DeBroff, author of *The Mom Book*. But turn the television off. "It's too distracting, for your children and you," DeBroff says.

Some homes have dens, extra bedrooms or offices that would be ideal study spaces. But a kitchen table or desk in the bedroom can be just as effective as long you provide your child with room to work, light to see, necessary supplies and a comfortable environment in which to learn. And of course, stick around—your child may need help with his algebra homework. ✨

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High-Tech Homework Helpers

Like many students, fourth-grader Ryan Friars of West Deptford, N.J. (pop. 19,368), used to turn to his mom and dad when he needed help with his homework. "If they couldn't help me, I'd ask one of my brothers," says Ryan, 10.

These days, however, Ryan mostly turns to his home computer to navigate the Internet and seek out online resources to help with after-school assignments.

"I always encourage my students and my own children to use the computer in any way possible—and that certainly includes homework," says Shelley Cunningham, a special education teacher from Southaven, Miss. (pop. 28,977). "There are a wide range of resources there, and having a computer at home allows the child to research information independently."

Heather Winne, a parent and former second-grade teacher in Bloomington, Ind., agrees. "Computers offer children an additional tool to add to the list of their homework resources. For a child studying spelling words, for example, typing in the words in a word processing program or using a large fun font adds variety and makes rote memorization a little more fun. For visual learners, a computer offers a window to the world, where children can explore subjects at great detail."

Your child can access enormous amounts of information using a computer, whether it's educational software or the Internet. Point him in this direction, and check out:

Homework helpers—Websites such as Discovery School's (<http://school.discovery.com>) feature a "homework help center" and BJ Pinchbeck's Homework Helpers, a collection of reference links chosen by a 17-year-old student and divided by classroom subject. Another helpful site is www.refdesk.com, which offers a large collection of reference material on a variety of topics. Drexel University's Ask Dr. Math website (www.mathforum.org) provides instruction for a given subject (in this case, middle school math), and if the answer can't be found, students can ask for help via e-mail.

Educational software—If your child is excited about studying math, try software such as Soccer Math, which makes rote drills seem like a game. Need reading strategies? Cunningham recommends the Reader Rabbit or Edmark reading program software. Even encyclopedias have gone high-tech with CD versions such as Encarta Encyclopedia, which includes the entire 26 volumes on two disks.

The changing face of the library—Many public libraries across the country have kept up with students' changing needs and have reinvented themselves as resource centers. Many allow online book reservations or renewals, provide "ask a librarian" help services and lend out educational software along with the latest bestsellers.

Online tutoring—A click on www.tutor.com or a similar website can help you find the tutor your child needs for special, individualized help. Some tutoring websites feature live homework help centers in local libraries.

Traveling the Information Highway—At every turn, the Internet lives up to its nickname as the Information Highway. You can

guide your child through reference resources, the latest news, and even help him or her find other kids who can chat about homework or suggest essay topics.

Of course, children aren't the only ones who are reaping the benefits of using technology to handle academic assignments. Teachers such as Cunningham and Winne can boot up and find curriculum ideas, sample lesson plans and discipline suggestions. And many school districts now allow parents to log on to computerized programs such as PowerParent, which lets parents monitor their child's grades on a daily basis.

"That's one way we can be sure his homework is getting done," says Ryan's mother, Gina. ☆

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