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THE WRITE STUFF

Northville student hits the mark in school paper, life

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Alex Agne researched several U.S. newspapers while living overseas.

When he stumbled on the Patriot Press, he found his match.

Agne knew he would write for the publication when returning to the states.

"I went up to Mr. Wickens, he is the Patriot Press organizer, and I told him about how I lived in Sweden for three years and asked to join," Agne said. "This is my second year."

Want the rest of the seventh grader's story? You'll have to pick up the Meads Mill Middle School newspaper.

Runaway camels

Agne's favorite contribution to the Patriot Press is writing book reviews.

"The Worst Case Scenario Survival Handbook: Travel" by Joshua Piven and David Borgnichten is his favorite review.

"The book talks about crazy happenings that would only happen in travel, like stopping a runaway camel," he said. "It is pretty funny."

In his review Agne writes, "It is not every day that you see a runaway camel on the streets of Northville, but just in case you did see one here is what to do."

Suggestions include: don't fight the camel, hang on tight and jump off if the camel sits down.

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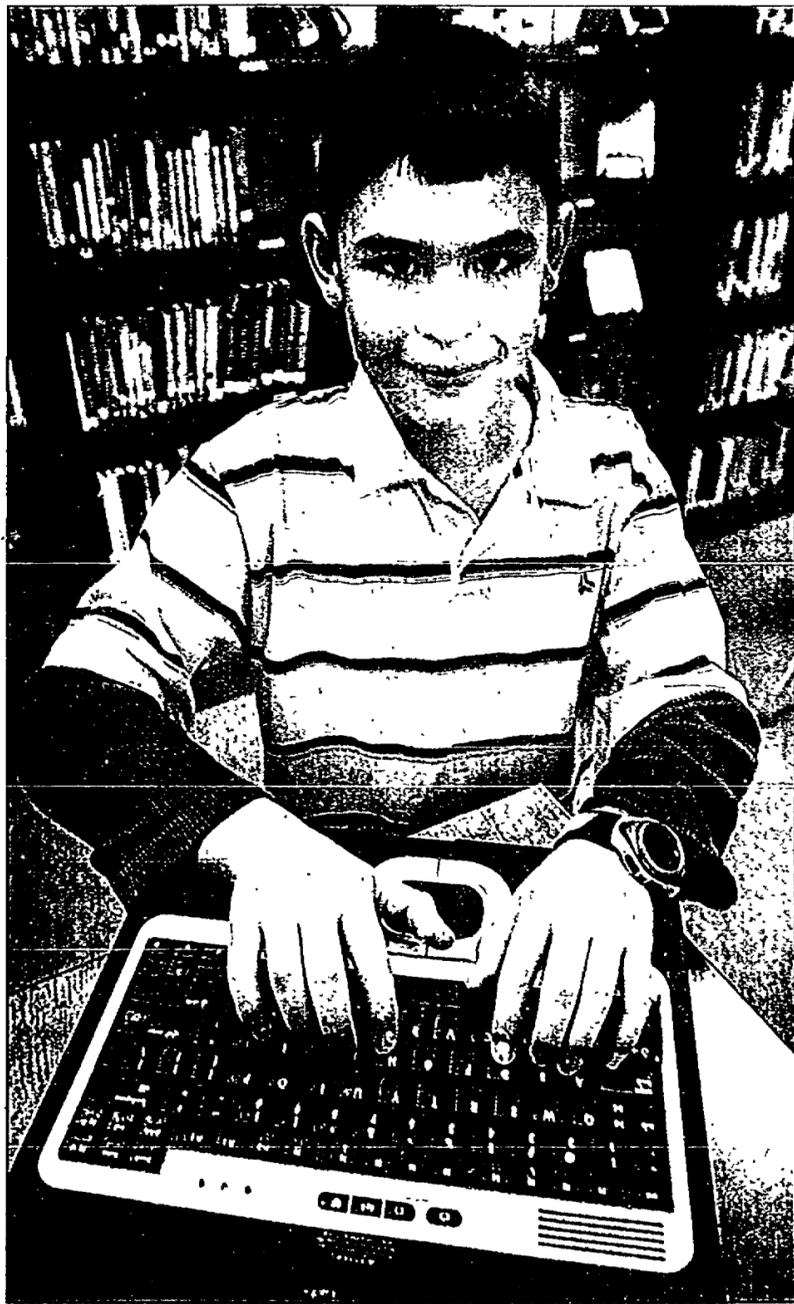


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Meads Mill student Alex Agne is a prolific writer for the school's paper, the Patriot Press.

The craft

"I really enjoy writing. It is fun and I like getting published, too," Agne said.

The first article the aspiring young journalist wrote for the school paper was about his life in Sweden. Travel is a topic near to his heart.

"I can make references to a

lot of places in Europe. I've been to 11 countries," he said.

Agne, 12, said he writes all his Patriot Press articles at home.

"It never interferes with my class work," he said. "I write

"I really enjoy writing, it is fun and I like getting published, too."

Alex Agne
Student, Meads Mill Middle School

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Lead alert

Northville's routine water test turns up lead

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Linda Lestock is hoping the city test that found lead in her tap water was a fluke.

That was Jim Gallogly's assessment. But the City of Northville Department of Public Works director is spreading word of lead hazards just the same.

Tuesday morning, public works employees dropped off new containers at Lestock's 17-year-old Abbey Knoll home so they can test it again. Meanwhile, letters informing city water customers about lead levels will arrive in their mailboxes today.

"Nothing has really changed," Gallogly said. "We didn't get a slug of lead from anywhere."

Lead alert

A sample the city submitted during testing this summer triggered the state's requirement to send a letter to Northville water customers. The Michigan

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Northville Candlelight Walk
6-11 p.m. Tomorrow



Take a walk

Don't miss out on Northville's annual Candlelight Walk tomorrow from 6-11 p.m. Page 2A.

Gut check

Time to find job two as white-collar cuts hit home

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

He's got his best girl by his side, and he just picked up a new ride.

School's on the back of his mind. Cash keeps pushing to the front.

He wants work he's game for rolling out of bed in the morning, a gig that makes him feel hip and appreciated.

But, at age 50, he knows he won't be snapped up as a youthful dynamo.

This former Ford Motor



Company executive, who toiled as an engineer for 28 years, now has now here to go.

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Photo by TRACY MISHLER/Northville Record

Untangling Christmas lights can be a real pain, but Lindsay Apple, 11, (left) and her friend, Stacy Clough, 14, get through them with no problem.

'Tis the season for all that glitters

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Lori Apple spent two days with her holiday decorating team decking the halls and walls of her home for Christmas.

With a 14-foot Christmas tree and every room decorated differently, Apple said how you deco-

rate your home is very important.

"Having a theme in mind is key," said the 40-year-old Northville Township resident. "I decorate each room in my house according to a specific color scheme."

Apple said Christmas is her family's favorite holiday and they've begun decorating just

before Thanksgiving for the past 10 years.

"My husband buys me a new piece for my display each year," she said, "and this year we've also incorporated special ornaments with our daughters

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Whose space is Myspace: Forum addresses parental concerns including Web sites

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Soul Suckin' Jerk is the Internet alter ego of a Northville teen.

His interests include bumper bowling, dragon slaying and kommitin krimez. His on-line friends include Leander of The

Hellesport, Olde Man Ziskie and Martin.

Confused? Visit Myspace.com for answers.

Myspace.com is a popular Web site for teens where anyone, anywhere at anytime can e-mail, blog, post pictures and give out other personal information, real or fake, over the Internet. And it's all for public

view.

The popular Internet hangout has some parents panicked, while others feel it is harmless fun.

Discussing the appropriateness of Web sites like Myspace.com will be one of the topics at the Northville High School Parent Network Night next week.

Northville High School parent Mary Jo Ring said the 7 p.m. Tuesday event will be an informal discussion.

A panel of parents of older and former Northville High School students will be at the Six Mile Road campus to answer

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Retailers offer candle-lit evening

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Amy Ekblad doesn't do the mall thing. The mother of six said she has neither the time nor the inclination to purchase battery-operated toys made of plastic.

The Canton resident is a fan of one of Northville's newest stores, Baby Bliss. Her children play while she shops, she gets personal service from the owner and she is familiar with the name-brand merchandise.

It's the Norman Rockwell story downtown retailers want to tell during their Candlelight Walk tomorrow night.

Idyllic evening

A few doors down from Baby Bliss, Beverlee Lindeen will wrap while customers warm up with hot tea.

The owner of Northville Candles, Gifts and Cards, has a cozy scenario planned for the annual promotional event when downtown stores stay open until 11 p.m.

Sidewalks in the commercial district will be lined with electric candles, the Main Street clock will chime holiday music on the hour and free horse-drawn wagon rides will take visitors around town.

The Northville Central Business Association is attempting to entice shoppers with mom-and-pop intimacy, refreshments and customer service kicked up a notch during the annual event tomorrow.

Checking the list

The merchants are hosting the annual event to provide convenient, local shopping in a festive atmosphere, said Janet Bloom, Northville Chamber of Commerce marketing and events director.

Most retailers are offering treats and merchandise specials, she said.

"It's nice, it's un rushed," Bloom said. "You can really take your time and stroll in the shops."

"That's something that's lost when you go elsewhere. That's what's unique about shopping in Northville."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

As her daughter Meghan, 9 months, center and Ella Jones, 3, play with fake candles, downtown Northville Baby Bliss owner Colleen McInnis will prepare to light the real thing outside her Main Street shop during this weekend's candlelight walk event.

All A-Glow/Illumination for Education

Northville Mothers Club is continuing its tree-lighting tradition tomorrow.

Supporters of Northville Public Schools will flip the switch at 6:15 p.m. Dec. 9 in Bandshell Park on Main Street. The volunteer group, which raised more than \$50,000 last year to support children and educators, has been selling tree lights as a symbol of recognition for a loved one. Names of the people honored will be listed both on a board in front of the Mothers' Club tree near the gazebo and in the Northville Record.

For more information, please contact the Mothers' Club at 248-348-5881.

Northville shoppers will find home accessories, artwork, fashions, jewelry and specialty foods in the downtown district.

With the launch of nine businesses within the past two months, this is a good opportunity to see the new stores, Bloom said.

"There is a new variety and new products that have come to downtown Northville," she said. "It just expands your choices for gift items."

"There are enough offerings to find something for everyone on your list."

The latest offerings

Most of Colleen McInnis' tiny clientele will be asleep during the

Candlelight Walk hours.

But the owner of Baby Bliss said she will be happy to help parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles select from her newborn-young child product lines.

McInnis, who opened for business in October, said she expects many first-time visitors to her store during the extended shopping hours.

Ekblad said Baby Bliss became a shopping destination for her because of the type of merchandise McInnis carries. Ekblad, who home-schools, has children ages 9 months to 16 years.

"She has quality toys that they really like to play with, stuff I used to only be able to see in catalogues," she said. "I don't have a ton of time to go shopping."

"I don't do the mall thing."

Hometown appeal

Bloom said people are looking forward to the Candlelight Walk.

"It's a chance to get out there and do some holiday shopping in a nice environment."

Lindeen said part of her hometown welcome will be a gift-wrapping station at the back of her store.

Volunteers will wrap Northville Candle items for free; there will be a nominal fee for purchases made elsewhere to cover the wrap and ribbon, Lindeen said.

"It depends on the extent and how many they have," she said. "I wanted to continue that tradition."

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LEAD ALERT

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Department of Environmental Quality said the city has to describe the hazards of lead in drinking water.

Since 1998, the city has tested the city's water at five homes each year, Gallogly said. Northville will have to test twice at an acceptable lead level before being removed from the state's list, he said.

Gallogly said water sampled at Lestock's house showed lead at 19 parts per billion, just over the federal environmental "action level" of 15 parts per billion, requiring the public information campaign. The cause could be the sample was taken from a little-used powder room, he said.

From the state's perspective, one questionable result from Northville's relatively small sample requirement — five homes — is magnified to 20 percent, Gallogly said.

The city sent nearly 3,000 letters to city residents informing them a recent water system test turned up lead in one home.

"That's going to alarm people," Gallogly said. "It's something that's out there and we know about it."

"You kind of expect it in an old community like ours."

Steps to take

The brochure advises people to run water for about a minute before drinking from the tap first thing in the morning. It also says the city has begun a program to reduce lead in drinking water.

"When we come across a lead line, we replace it," Gallogly said. "That's a common practice."

"We know there are lead services out there, we don't know where they are."

As city crews repair water-main breaks and lay new lines during street reconstruction, lead connections are replaced, Gallogly said. Lead enters drinking water primarily from corrosion of household plumbing, he said.

"Detroit does treat the water for corrosion, so it's not coming from Detroit."

Knowing the risks

The four-page mailer describes the health effects of lead and steps homeowners can take to reduce their exposure to lead in drinking water. Gallogly said the greatest risk is to children and pregnant women.

"Every resident, every person who receives a water bill should get it," said Carol Kasprovicz, the city manager's administrative assistant.

"I think more than anything we would like to convey we are mandated to send out this information, even if one sample comes back (with a higher level)."

The brochure also suggests local laboratories that will test lead levels for \$21-26.

"I would think if you have an older home, you would be concerned about lead," Gallogly said. "If they found they have an issue, they might want to take a look at their plumbing."

A fluke?

Ironically, the home that tested higher than federal standards is a newer home, Gallogly said.

"I think it was a fluke," he said. When the city re-tests, they will take it from two sources.

Federal laws passed in 1986 banned the use of lead-based solder, previously used to join copper pipe. But when water



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28221 Beck Road
Suite A11, Wixom
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SOURCE: City of Northville Department of Public Works

stands in systems containing lead, it can dissolve into the water.

"This means the first water drawn from the tap in the morning, or later in the afternoon after returning from work or school, can contain fairly high levels of lead," Gallogly said.

In addition to flushing the system briefly, Gallogly said residents should not cook with or drink water from the hot-water tap because hot water dissolves lead more quickly than cold water.

"I'm really not too concerned because they've been checking in the neighborhood in the past and they never had a problem," Lestock said. "Right now, I'm not too concerned, maybe I'm just being naive."

"I drink bottled water anyway."

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Write stuff: Student hits mark writing for newspaper

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my articles during the weekend and the evenings I'm not doing my activities.

"I really enjoy getting all my ideas down on paper, and the brainstorming process."

Agne said the most important element to his writing: making sure the story point is clear.

He plans to continue newspaper writing in high school.

The process

Agne said the Patriot Press staff meets once a week.

"It is fun to talk about what we are writing," he said.

"Right now I'm thinking about an article on the karate I am in. I think I will talk about the style."

Agne said students choose their topics before seeking director Jack Wickens' approval.

"I think about stuff I have knowledge on so I can write the article," Agne said. "For my karate, I already did a little background information search, and I will include my personal experience."

The seventh grader said the Patriot Press includes a variety of articles.

"I think the Patriot Press excels mostly on the school related articles because more writers have experience in that area," he said.

When the paper is ready, Agne said, director Jack Wickens passes the publication out to teachers and makes it available

Busy schedule

At age 12, Alex Agne keeps a busy schedule.

Along with his studies and job as staff writer for the Meads Mill Middle School newspaper, Patriot Press, Agne is heavily involved with other endeavors.

"I have been taking karate classes since I was 7, and I also do piano and right now I'm in Northville recreation league basketball and in the spring I play baseball," he said.

The seventh-grade student said he is also on the Meads Mill forensic and math counts teams.

"Sometimes it's challenging," Agne said. "I just mostly try to get everything done that needs to be done first."

"I do my homework, piano, an activity and then I have free time."

"It is all exciting and fun."

online.

Wickens said his goal is to print quarterly, although production depends on student submissions.

Reading to writing

"Sometimes I sit down and look at the Detroit Free Press and Northville Record," Agne said. "I also like reading the travel sections of many publications."

Agne said reading, and particularly other newspaper articles, helps him become a better writer.

"I also like to read the press too and see what other journalists write about," he said. "I look at what the writer is saying and sometimes pickup on that."

Agne said he begins thinking about his first story of the new school year at the beginning of August, to get a jump on the first issue.

"I really miss it in the summer," he said.

"I also like to read the press too and see what other journalists write about. I look at what the writer is saying and sometimes pickup on that."

Alex Agne
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Gut check: What to do when cuts hit home

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Re-careering

It was like being called to the principal's office, he said requesting his identity be withheld.

On a Thursday September morning, the blue oval company logo he saluted since 1978 drained his loyalty.

After a brief talk with his boss, he gathered his coat, a few personal items and was escorted from the building: You're fired.

"I was very calm when I was being told," he said. "I wasn't hysterical. The first couple of days of not going in, there was numbness."

There was some warning. "My wife knew my car might be in the driveway when she got home," he said. "I knew everyone was at risk."

"I may not have wanted it to happen. I was mentally prepared for it to happen."

The day after becoming an auto industry statistic came an ironic twist. Suddenly, he needed to purchase two vehicles to replace the corporate lease cars that came with his executive rank. He hadn't bought a car in 20 years.

"I'm not terribly loyal," he said. "If I had my druthers, I would have just as soon not have a blue oval."

He bought one Ford, one Mazda.

Why me?

Losing a career came with much disbelief.

"It's pretty clear the U.S. auto industry has too many people employed," he said. "You look back and say, 'Why? And, how me? That was a big mistake!'"

He added wistfully, "But maybe it wasn't."

He said he doesn't envy his peers still cinching their tie knot each morning. But he doesn't hope they join him, either.

"When I see my very close group of friends having the same thing happen, I guess it helps you know it's not just you."

During the coming year, co-workers and Northville neighbors surely will join him on the unemployment trail, he said. More white collars will turn inside-out in January.

"In some ways, they aren't in any better situation than I am," he said. "They just don't know yet."

"My fate is sealed. I know what's happening."

He required a pink slip once before.

"When I started in '78, it was less than two years and Ford had a round of layoffs," he said. "I was polishing my resume."

"All I remember is I wasn't feeling too good at that time either."

Why now?

Three weeks before Christmas,

Getting fired

First of all, don't beat yourself up, career consultants suggest. Don't dwell on it. Instead, focus on what you are going to do next and how you are going to find another job.

You need to be able to convince employers that, regardless of what happened in the past, you are a strong candidate for the position and can do the job.

Focusing on the skills and experience you have, rather than the firing, will help sell you to the employer and will help you get the job.

Source: www.jobsearch.about.com

the shock is finally wearing off, he said. His wife has helped cushion the blow.

The couple discussed bumping up hours at her part-time job, but decided against it.

"We feel pretty comfortable financially," he said. "It's been two months. I don't want to feel like I'm doing something I just jumped into."

"I have the sense I would stay with anyone until I'm ready to stop, so the next one I think I'd be there 10 years."

A mindset is hard to shake. He's maintained his early-rising corporate routine.

The void isn't the missing paycheck. It's standing in the doorway, waving good-bye to his wife of 26 years.

"It doesn't do much for the self-esteem, standing by the door while she's leaving for work," he said. "This whole working, not working thing, sometimes I'm thinking OK, what am I going to do next?"

"At least I'm awake."

In transition

Ford's dismissal included a severance package and access to consultants who help steer executives toward a career.

"I think that's been very worthwhile," he said. His seminar classmates tell his Ford story in the hallways of GM, Lear, Flint Ink and Pfizer.

He has bachelor's and master's degrees and years of experience working on product-development teams.

But he knows he needs to fit his generation's work ethic in today's fast-paced marketplace.

"It's more of a stretch, a dream kind of thing, but I think it would be interesting to have a business downtown."

He's considered consulting and more schooling to teach. It's still too soon to say.

"My wife has been really supportive," he said. "She's made crazy suggestions of what I might want to do."

"She said, 'You ought to not

leave anything out."

A new world

Some might consider the American auto industry's tailspin a signal to move out-of-state or pull up stakes. Maybe even travel by RV.

The former engineer said Ford's final handshake was a humbling wake-up call.

He and his wife have chosen to stay in Northville, their hometown for 16 years. He has started volunteering with local service organizations.

"They try to teach you to try to match your interests so you have passion behind it."

It's a different world out there for the 1978 college graduate, recruited on campus by Ford.

It's all about networking, the consultants tell him.

He's learned people hiring nowadays skim resumes. "It needs to be impactful with clear statements of accomplishment."

"You need to describe who you are and what you are so they can tell you the next person to talk to," he said. "You need to keep your ears open all the time."

"They might know someone who knows someone."

He knows his daughter, a senior at the University of Michigan, will enter a changed workforce.

"The people getting out of school now, I think, can expect to have many careers."

All for a reason

The boy who liked to assemble things as a child grew into an engineer.

Now, he's looking at the pieces of his life and trying to figure out how to put them together in a new way.

Medical insurance is one of the most challenging pieces to fit. Time with his wife was a fun piece to rediscover.

"It's been kind of nice doing things together," he said. "I wouldn't want to give that up, things we wouldn't have been able to do when I had this career."

"That's become more important than financial."

A corporate executive can go a long time without stringing together two weeks of vacation time, he said.

Since that September morning, he's had time to himself. And time to think.

There's maturity in the man on the crest of a career choice.

"Things weren't peachy," he said. "In some ways, this whole thing has been an opportunity to change things and do some things I haven't done."

"We're trying to take this as a real opportunity to move on to something new."

"It's not a difficult thing to believe at all."

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FORUM: Addressing parental concerns

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questions and concerns, along with Northville Township high school liaison officer Matt MacKenzie, high school principal Dennis Colligan and high school student assistance coordinator Carolyn Miranda.

Miranda said an expected topic will be student stress.

"Some concerns include a sense of being over-scheduled and being overwhelmed and how it's related to coping," Miranda said. "Many parents may not even know this is how their child feels."

Internet advice

Parents need to talk with their children about not sharing personal information online at sites like Myspace.com. Personal information includes pictures, names and addresses, schools they attend, cell and phone numbers and many other less obvious things, such as the name of their school team, ethnic background and even a mall near your house. Myspace prohibits anyone younger than 14 to join, but admits they can not always tell if children are lying about their ages. To learn more, check out WiredKids.org or WiredSafety.org.

Source: WiredSafety.org

Other anticipated topics include:

- How serious is the drinking and partying problem at Northville High School?

- What to do if a child is caught viewing Internet porn?

- What is the real dress code at the high school?

- When should a parent say yes to dating?

- When should a parent let their children ride with newly-licensed drivers?

"The question about when do you let your kid ride with a newly licensed driver, that is sort of mine," Ring said. "I feel

terrible because I won't let my daughter ride with anyone and other moms will. Am I being overprotective or is this a smart thing?"

"As a new high school parent it does give you an opportunity to ask someone who has been there."

Ring said the format will be anonymous.

She said parents may write questions, concerns or comments on index cards deposited in a bag read out loud by a moderator. Or they may present the topic in the open forum, she said.

"My understanding of the purpose of this is parents can voice concerns and see what resources are available to be

tapped into," Miranda said. "It will be a very informal gathering."

Ring hopes it will be the beginning of a series of parent network nights.

Her goal is members of the Northville High School parent awareness committee, including herself, will explore major topics more in-depth, possibly bringing expert speakers to the school.

"This will help our committee decide what parents want to know," Ring said.

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DECK THE HALLS: It's not too late

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pictures on our tree, from the time they were babies until now."

Apple said decorations can be expensive, but having a plan and saving and collecting over the years will allow anyone to have their own holiday display.

"We put everything away according to rooms," she said. "That way, nothing gets broke, we can't lose anything and it's easier to decorate the next year."

Holiday style

Kendal Slack, manager of Traditions Style in downtown Northville, said the popular

color this year is white.

"It used to be silver and gold, but now everyone wants their decorations in white," Slack said. "Lime and red are also big colors, but people are aiming more toward the icy and frosty colors."

Slack said glitter is also very popular this holiday season.

"You can't go wrong decorating with glitter," she said. "People want glitter on everything. Instead of buy regular evergreen trees, they're looking for glitter evergreen trees."

"It seems a lot of people are also buying big ornaments that are almost too big for the tree. These ornaments are an inexpensive way to incorporate ornaments on your tables as

well as your tree."

Personal taste

Gayle McKenzie said holiday decorating should be fun and should not break the bank.

"I have my kids create a lot of our Christmas ornaments," said the 35-year-old Northville Township resident. "It's a more personal way of decorating and really helps us to remember each and every special year together."

McKenzie said she usually decorates the outside of her house in colored Christmas lights.

"It's all about personal taste," she said. "White lights have come into style along with those

icicle lights. Some people may like them, but I like the traditional red, green, orange and blue lights."

Apple said decorating for Christmas means collecting special pieces that really mean something.

"Everyone has something in their home during Christmas that tells a story," she said. "That's the point of decorating: to have fun and enjoy the stories behind all your decorations with your family."

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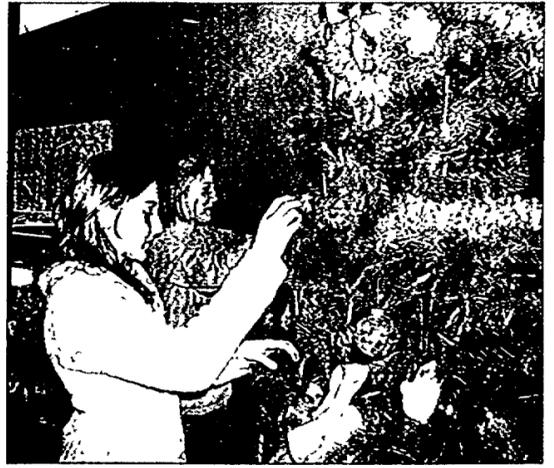


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Lindsay Apple, 11, (left) and her friend, Stacy Clough, 14, add finishing touches to their 14-foot Christmas tree.

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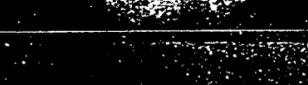
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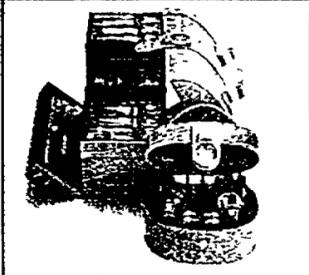
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Recovered mail

The Michigan State Police and the U.S. Postal Inspector issued a search warrant Nov. 16 for the home of a 44-year-old Belleville man to recover stolen mail. Police recovered a large amount of mail from Northville Township, Novi, Canton and Belleville.

Police recovered all the stolen mail and it will be returned to the owners. Police believe the stolen mail in Northville Township was taken from drive-up mail boxes usually located at the entrance to the subdivisions or at the curb. The man was charged with a felony and faces up to five years in jail.

Stolen phone line

A 36-year-old Northville Township woman called police after receiving a letter in the mail from SBC phone company asking her to verify a recent phone line activation in Detroit. According to police, the woman said an SBC representative told her a phone line was opened with her Social Security number. Police contacted SBC's corporate fraud agent and requested the Detroit address, according to reports. The woman was advised to report her identity as compromised. The case remains open.

Stolen truck

A 55-year-old Northville Township man called police after his son had allegedly stole his

2006 Ford F-150 from his property. According to police, the man hid the keys prior to the 19-year-old stealing money from him. Police stopped the man traveling south on Deep Hollow Circle and placed him under arrest. According to reports, police found a syringe and black cord in the man's pocket. The man was arraigned at the 35th District Court in Plymouth Dec. 2 with a bond set at \$10,000. The case remains open with the man being housed in the Wayne County Jail.

Disorderly conduct

During a routine traffic stop on Seven Mile Road, police noticed an out-of-state truck backing up and blocking traffic. According to reports, the two men involved — a 64-year-old Broadway, Ohio, man and his son, a 36-year-old Northville Township man — were picking up fallen lumber from the truck.

According to reports, the men began calling the officer obscene names when asked for their identification. The 36-year-old was told to leave the scene due to interference and became enraged when his father was arrested for a misdemeanor violation and his truck was going to be impounded.

According to police, the man left and came back with his wife. While the truck was being loaded onto the tow truck, the man jumped from his wife's car into the truck and drove west on

Seven Mile. The arresting officer called for backup and stopped the truck near Meadowbrook Road. The man was arrested and cited for disorderly conduct and interference with police. The two men will appear Dec. 15 at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Missing cabinets

A 29-year-old Toll Brothers construction worker called police after six cabinets were stolen from a home under construction in Northville Township. According to reports, the cabinets were still in packaging, and no one was allowed in the home during the weekend. The man told police the home was locked and police found no signs of forced entry, according to reports. The case was closed due to lack of investigative leads.

Free power

A 52-year-old Northville Township woman called police after her husband received a phone call from a collection agent. According to reports, the agent told the man about an outstanding debt owed to DTE Energy for a home in Detroit. The man's personal information was on the account. The woman was advised to file a fraud report with DTE Energy. The case remains open.

Magazine subscription

A 35-year-old Northville man filed a police report regarding 16 magazine subscriptions he did not order. According to reports, the man said his ex-fiancé was behind the subscriptions, and he was not going to pay. Police attempted to contact the woman but were given an incorrect phone number. The case remains open pending further investigation.

Stolen wallet

Police were called to Northville High School where a 16-year-old student claimed her wallet was stolen from her backpack. The student told police she left her backpack in a classroom and her wallet was missing when she returned. Police have no suspects, and the case was closed.

Break-in at Eagles Club

City of Northville police are investigating an early Monday morning break-in at the Eagles Club, 113 S. Center St.

After an audible alarm was triggered, officers responding about 5 a.m. did not find anyone in the building. They planned to talk to employees to determine if anything was taken.

According to police reports, a storage door at the southeast end of the building was pried open by a crow bar. Police have no witnesses or suspects.

DOROTHY C. GARDNER

Age 94, of Northville, passed away Wednesday, November 30, 2005. A Funeral Service was held December 5 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. Mrs. Gardner was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville

RICHARD ROBINSON

Richard Robinson, born December 17, 1931, passed away November 30, 2005 after a long illness. A long-time Northville resident, he currently resided in Howell. Richard served his country in the Korean War and was a lifetime member of the Northville VFW Post 4012. He retired from Consumers Power Company in 1987; he enjoyed an antique business in Howell with Margaret and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife Margaret, whom he married on September 13, 1958; his son Dean (Nancy Switzer); his daughter Michelle (Raymond) Wildey; his grandchildren Kirstyn, Brian, and Ashley; his brothers Edward, and Fred (Pat); and his sisters June Wilmet, Madeline Bidwell, and Clara Farmer. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Robert, and his sister Dorothy Ireland. A memorial service was held Saturday, December 3, 2005 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Pastor Gary Elmer officiated the service. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to St. Joseph Cancer Care Center, 5301 East Huron River Dr., Room OC130, Ypsilanti, MI 48197

KATHERINE M. HUFF

Katherine M. Huff, age 86, of Northville, passed away at home December 2, 2005. She was born on August 25, 1919 in Detroit, MI to Eckhart and Anna (Link) Neeb. In March 1941, she married W. Wallace Nichols, a former councilman, who passed away in Feb. 1982. She married James A. Huff in July 1983. Mrs. Huff, a homemaker, was a resident of Northville since 1960. She was an active member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church for many years, where she participated in the choir, altar guild, and bible studies. Mrs. Huff enjoyed life, especially her family. She delighted in her grandchildren even as they became adults. Her love, gentleness, and faith were a great source of strength to her family and friends. Survivors include her husband James A. Huff; daughter Elizabeth (John) Baldwin; sister Gloria (William) Kluth; grandchildren Kristin Baldwin, John (Tracy) Baldwin III, and Jared Baldwin; and Randall Burnett of whom she was guardian for 10 years. She was preceded in death by her parents, 1 brother, and her first husband. A Funeral Service was held Wed. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, with Rev. Christopher Fairbairn officiating. Mrs. Huff was laid to rest at Glen Eden Memorial Park in Livonia. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to St. Paul's Lutheran School, 201 Elm St., Northville, MI 48867. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

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Officers to start zapping repeat parking offenders

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Shawn Caldwell is watching you. The City of Northville part-time parking enforcement officer has seen the same cars, repeatedly breaking the three-hour rule. She knows drivers aren't first-time

Northville shoppers unaware of the public parking lot time limits.

For downtown employees who viewed \$5 tickets as the cost of convenient parking, the price is about to go up.

New equipment purchased by the city soon will put the power of greater fines in the officers' hands

and take cash out of parking violators' pockets.

Hi-tech tickets

The devices Northville Chief Jim Petres expects delivered by the start of the year look like hand-held personal computers.

Officers will be able to type on a miniature keyboard license plate numbers, enabling them to immediately identify repeat offenders. And spit out tickets.

The city council will establish graduated fines to account for frequency of repeat parking-limit violators. The Northville Downtown Development Authority suggested bumping fines to \$40 for each offense after the first four.

"We'll probably need to look at that strongly within the next month now that this is going to come online," Mayor Christopher Johnson said. "This is something that is really going to hit home if someone violates that portion of the ordinance."

Petres proposed first-time offenders receive a print-out warning. "I think that would be a good public relations tool for people coming into town not aware of the ordi-

Proposed Parking Ticket Fines in City Lots

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SOURCE: Northville Downtown Development Authority

nance," he said.

Stealth method

The three new gadgets will be used in coordination with the city's current system of chalk-marking tires and pavement, Petres said.

"The intent is to keep the traffic moving and keep spaces available," he said. "To keep people guessing sometimes isn't a bad thing. "When we want to do it more in a

stealth mode, we'll take advantage of the electronic thing.

"When we want to do it quicker, we'll do it the old-fashioned way."

The city split the \$41,660 cost with the development authority.

Purchase of the electronic system followed months of discussion by development authority board members frustrated with employees who moved vehicles around city lots, mocking the system.

Temporary fix?

Until consultants drafting a downtown strategic plan weigh in on the city's parking availability debate, motorists are left to circle existing lots.

Police personnel enforce the parking management system that limits a stay to three hours in public lots at Dunlap and Wing streets and behind the Marquis Theatre. The orange dots formerly allowing permitted downtown employees a spot close to their workplace have been painted black.

Downtown business owner lobbying has produced a system where the most convenient spots ideally are available to shoppers. Employees were relegated to on-

street neighborhood parking and free all-day lots on south Cady Street.

American Spoon owner Kim Behmer said she will be happy when officers can step up enforcement. She said it irks her that employees occupy parking spots all day that could be used by paying customers.

"It's not the merchants who are parking there," she said. "It's the service people."

Bumping up the fines will discourage the \$5-day parking cost mentality, Petres said.

As winter weather sets in, the current system gets harder to enforce, Caldwell said. She said she looks forward to swapping her chalk-stick for a key board.

"A lot of citizens don't like it," she said. "They get ticket after ticket after ticket."

"People also come out and wipe it off. We mark it three times. If we don't have one of the marks, we can't write a ticket."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville Police Dept. Officer Brian Dogonski, utilizes a palm-sized computer and its eChalk program to keep track of parking enforcement in the Wing/Dunlap lot.

Meadowbrook Congregational Church

Advent Celebration

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Growing up rags to riches

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Shirley Klokkena remembers life in rags and her struggle for riches.

Now, the Northville Township resident of 26 years, has decided to write about her hardships and struggles growing up in a children's home in Illinois in the 1940s.

"I was told by my foster parent's in seventh grade that I wouldn't amount to anything," Klokkena said. "My entire life I've never accepted that."

Klokkena said it wasn't until she met her husband, Donald, and moved to Dearborn Heights in 1964 and later to Northville Township in 1979, that she realized her foster family was wrong.

"Don and his family made me believe I could amount to whatever I want," she said, "and I did."

Past, present and future

Currently working on her masters degree and teaching eighth

grade language arts at Meads Mill Middle School, Klokkena has built a resume that stands out on its own.

"Teaching was always my dream," she said. "Education has always been important to me, and I found it was the answer to digging myself out."

Along with a book in the works for more than 17 years about teaching, Klokkena is writing her autobiography, "Stories from a Shoebox."

"It's the story of my life," she said. "It's the story of sever children separated at a very young age."

I say it will never be complete because life keeps on going. You could bind many stories, but you can't put your whole life into one bound book."

For inspiration, Klokkena coaches her students to create their own autobiographies.

"The students' books are all celebrations of life," she said. "My family wanted me to write this book, and I wanted to share my experiences and get my students

involved. What better way I thought."

Klokkena said teaching and her autobiography are a way for her to help others.

"I believe I wouldn't be the person I am today without all my good and bad life experiences," she said. "I can't change the past, and I wouldn't."

"I've affected many peoples lives being a teacher for the past 22 years, and I wanted to affect their lives in a positive way and possibly help make their own pain go away."

Klokkena said life is a teaching aide.

"If I didn't have those hardships growing up," she said, "I wouldn't have that understanding."

"Everything you do in this life will come back somehow. You learn from your past and that helps many become better people."

Klokkena said no one told her to become a teacher.

"Things just evolved and the same goes for all my work in the township," she said, a former township board trustee. "I like



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/
Northville Record
Meads Mill Middle School teacher Shirley Klokkena teaches a course on the importance of effective written communications. Klokkena is working on her autobiography.

writing in the community and this is the life I want. I think I've amounted to quite a bit."

Until she lost her reelection bid in 2004, Klokkena served as township board trustee for four years.

Klokkena said she plans to

write some of the harder stories from her past in the near future and will possibly one day get bits and pieces published.

"There's just so much," she said. "I want to travel and help the needy in third world countries one day."

"Their stories are just as important as my own."

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Photo by TRACY MISHLER/Northville Record

Best Buy sales associate James Kenney tells customer, Rob Spiess, about the different features of Vonage.

Phone home

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Justin Johnson was looking for a way to save money, and he found it.

Instead of spending money on his home telephone through a phone company, Johnson recently purchased Vonage, the nation's largest unlimited phone provider using Voice Over Internet Protocol.

"Regular landlines are too expensive," said the 29-year-old Northville Township resident. "I've thought about just using my cell phone, but I looked into Vonage and it was actually cheaper and you get a lot more features." Technology is growing and several Northville Township residents are using their high-speed connections for more than the Internet.

"I also got a flier in the mail that Comcast was also offering a high-speed phone service," Johnson said. "I just can't understand why people would want to spend \$100 on traditional phone services. If there's a way to save money, I'm there."

Both Vonage and Comcast's Digital Voice are among two choices township residents and businesses now have for their telephone services.

James Kenney said there have been several customers interested in buying Vonage since the kick off of the holiday shopping season.

"If you use your phone a lot, checking into other phone services aside from landline services to save money is well worth it," said the Novi Best Buy employee. "Vonage has been around for about a year and now there are several options for people to choose from. Even WOW has their own phone service."

Wave of the future

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introduced Digital Voice to more than 50 communities in southeast Michigan, including Northville Township.

"It all depends on price these days. It's also about competition, and phone companies aren't too happy right now," Espy said.

Al Credit said he would rather use his cell phone.

"I'm not against finding a better deal, but price is key," said the 23-year-old Northville Township resident. "I'm tired of the local monopolies who aren't saving us anything. That's why I use my cell phone. I get all I need and I know what I'm paying each month."

Johnson said he thinks local phone companies are going to be in trouble with growing technology and competition.

"If you can pay \$30 a month for the unlimited nationwide calling, why have anything else?" he said. "Technologies growing and alternative services like Vonage and Comcast really are the wave of the future."

SBC representatives were not available for comment.

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The bride is the daughter of Joseph and Sharon Marsh of Northville. She graduated from Northville High School, Pomona College and Wayne State University Medical School. She completed her psychiatric residency at Stanford University in 2004 and currently has a fellowship at Stanford.

The groom is the son of Gordon and Cynthia Kelley of Cherryfield, Maine. He has a Ph.D. in physical chemistry from Yale University and is currently a Research Director in Livermore, Calif.

Maid of honor was Dawn Mautner. Bridesmaids were Cory Lower of Birmingham, Casey Kelley, Sheridan Kelley of Maine and Terry Hahn of



Calif. Serving as best man was Henry Renski. Groomsmen were Jae Marsh, Ab Morris, Doug Nieh and John Raksin.

The couple honeymooned in New Zealand and will make their home in San Mateo, Calif.

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NORTHVILLE EVENTS

Toys for Tots Campaign

DATE: Through Dec. 23
LOCATION: UPS Store, 143 Cady Centre St.
DETAILS: Customers can purchase Toys for Tots donation cards for \$1 each, with all proceeds supporting local efforts. This is in conjunction with the Marines Toys for Tots Foundation.

Grief Support Groups

DATE/LOCATION: Tuesday, Northville Library, 212 W. Cady St.; Wednesday, Arbor Hospice and Home Care, 331 Center St.
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Groups begin Jan. 17-March 7 and are open to the community. There is no fee. Advance registration is required.
CONTACT: Sandy Van Koeveering, (248) 348-4980

Divorce Recovery Workshop

DATE: Thursday (through Dec. 15)
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church, 200 E. Main St.
DETAILS: There is a \$35 cost which includes the book, "Growing Through Divorce" by Jim Smoke.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911

Grief Workshops

DATE: Thursday (through Dec. 15)
TIME: 3-4:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support and the Senior Community Center are offering a series of workshops for adults who are dealing with the death of a loved one.
CONTACT: (248) 348-0115

Art Exhibit

DATE: Through January
TIME: 5-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Studio 427, 122 W. Main St.
DETAILS: Paintings by Stephanie Sarris will be on display.
CONTACT: (248) 449-6501

Art Exhibit

DATE: Through December
LOCATION: Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 109 N. Center St.
DETAILS: This is a joint exhibit featuring two Michigan artists—abstract artist, Shadia Sassa and glass artist, Vic Leo.
CONTACT: (248) 380-0470

Candlelight Walk

DATE: Friday
TIME: 6-11 p.m.
LOCATION: Downtown, businesses
DETAILS: The town will be lit with luminaries as merchants extend their hours, including treats and holiday savings.

Holiday Walk

DATE: Sunday
TIME: 1-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Highland Lakes Condos Clubhouse, 20301 Silver Springs Dr.
DETAILS: This event is a fundraiser to refurbish the clubhouse. The walk will include looking at condos holiday decorations and refreshments. The public is invited.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4006

Dulcimer Concert

DATE: Tuesday
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Library, 212 W. Cady St.
DETAILS: The Friendly Strings/Silver Strings dulcimer group will perform this holiday concert featuring 20 performers on acoustical instruments, including hammered and lap dulcimers, guitars, bass, autoharp, harmonica and tambourine. The Friends of the Northville District Library sponsored program is free, reservations are advised due to limited seating.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3020

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

DATE: Tuesday
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Home of Kathi Brandi
DETAILS: This is a new member holiday coffee and will include an optional cookie exchange. Members, guests and prospective members are invited.
CONTACT: Kathi Brandi, (248) 344-4911 for reservations and directions

American Association of University Women

DATE: Tuesday
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St., Plymouth
DETAILS: This is the holiday party and monthly meeting of the Northville/Novi Branch of the AAUW.
CONTACT: (248) 449-7602

Hypnosis Night

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 15
TIME: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Michigan Yoga Center, 200 S. Main St., Suite B
DETAILS: Penny Weaver will be offering this event. Space is limited, reservations suggested. The cost is \$50.

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Youth Theater

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 16; 2:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: "The Princess and the Pea" presented by Parks and Recreation and Ever After Productions. Tickets are \$5 per person at the Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0203, extension #1411

Marathon Training

DATE: Monday, Dec. 19
TIME: 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Library, 212 W. Cady St.
DETAILS: Train To End Stroke is a program offered by the American Stroke Association. It is designed for people who want to get in shape, travel and raise money for a good cause.
CONTACT: (248) 827-4214 or strokeassociation.org

Art Walk

DATE: First Friday of every month
TIME: 5-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
DETAILS: 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

Yoga Class

DATE: Tuesday
TIME: 9:30-10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Michigan Yoga Center, 200 S. Main St., Ste. B
DETAILS: This class, Mommy and Me, is designed for ages 2-5, together with parents, guardians or caregivers. The class is designed to instill the value of focus, concentration and physical exercise.
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Clock ticking on creative gift-giving

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Painting ceramic gifts is a Kretschmer family tradition. For the fifth year in a row, Sandy Kretschmer took her daughters Samantha, 18, and Ashley, 12, to the Bee's Knees the day before Thanksgiving. They spent the afternoon together making one-of-a-kind ornaments to present to family members on Christmas. "That's the idea, what giving is about," said Bee's Knees owner Lori Dow. "They spend all day in the studio with their kids rather than a day at the mall. "You're giving through your heart with your hard work. You made it with your own hands." For creative types, the next 17 days is time to wrap it up.

In the giving

When it's time to check off the tough-to-buy-for person on the Christmas list, a handmade gift might be the perfect fit. "All it takes is an idea, the materials and some follow through. As Dec. 25 draws near, knitting needles will clickety click, beads will slide faster and the kiln will fire. Tick, tick, tick. Local store owners had item suggestions, time estimates and feedback from past recipients. "Word spreads when a personalized gift is a hit, said Kelly Moscow, manager of bead store JO Jewels.

"People come in, 'I did it for my mom, now all her friends want one,'" Moscow said. "Home-made jewelry is so thoughtful, people get such a kick out of it." Popular holiday items are dainty earrings in snowman, Christmas tree and angel designs for which all components cost \$12.

"People do birthstones a lot and the name bracelets," she said. At Christmas time, Stampeddler Plus patrons make cards more than gifts, said sales clerk Sharon Stussavage. They purchase paper, embellishments, stamps and a clear presentation box, she said. Inspired Old Church Square shoppers take their tiny bags home and concentrate on their finished product of bracelet, earrings, and custom stationery.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/
Northville Record

Lori Dow, owner of Northville's "Bee's Knees", has a lot of different ceramic craft projects that her customers can create for the holiday season.

Fun for all

Bee's Knees clientele includes mom-and-kid teams, high schoolers and grandparents, Dow said.

Among the most popular items to paint: "I love you" mugs, platters, figurines and ornaments. She also pointed out a frog holding a heart puckered for a kiss.

"It speaks for them," she said. "Sometimes it's just a funny little quirky thing."

"A lot of times people will write a message on the piece, which is always touching."

The average ceramic piece costs \$15-20, Dow said, plus hourly studio fees which vary by day.

Almost home-made

Why not consider a one-of-a-kind gift?

"A lot of people don't know how simple it is," Dow said. "Even the artistically challenged, we walk them through step-by-step."

"Or, we do custom painting if they don't have the time and want something personal."

JO Jewels likewise will create a customer's request, Moscow said. "You can just design it, if you're not crafty," she said. "There is a

slight charge to assemble it. "They love that, because some people don't want to dive in."

Tick, tick, tick

Most people start and finish a project the same afternoon, Dow said. Now is when people need to decide whether they are going to make or purchase.

"Once Thanksgiving is here, we're pretty much slammed."

Moscow said there is still time for people to make jewelry Christmas gifts.

"People started stocking up last month," she said. "The projects aren't very time-consuming."

"Some like to wait until the last minute. Some like to get it done three months ago."

Dow said she cannot accept items to be fired the final week before Christmas. Customized ceramic won't work for the Christmas Eve shopper.

"It kind of breaks my heart, but we need that week."

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ALLERGY & ASTHMA

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

EATING OUT WITH FOOD ALLERGIES

For people with food allergies, dining out can be complicated or even dangerous. Being well-prepared can help make these occasions more enjoyable for everyone. First, it's critical to know exactly which foods you are allergic to and in what dishes they are present. Ask your server to find out what ingredients are present in any dishes you want to order, and err on the side of caution at all times. Make sure the table you choose is completely clean. For the highly sensitive, casual contact with crumbs or inhaling an offending substance can trigger a serious attack. Remember to carry an EpiPen with you at all times and show your dining companions how to use it in an emergency.

If you have questions about allergy testing, allergy shots, or would like advice on how to avoid the things that trigger your allergies, call the ALLERGY AND ASTHMA CENTER OF MICHIGAN. We are dedicated to old-fashioned patient centered care using cutting edge allergy and asthma technology and treatment methods. Our second opinion can improve your picture of health. We can be reached by calling (248) 473-6400. Our new office is located at 24120 Meadowbrook Road, STE 201, Novi. New patients are welcome. "The Caring Allergist Who Gets Results."

P.S. The most common foods associated with allergies include milk, eggs, peanuts, wheat, and shell fish.

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Christmas Revue

DATE: Friday and Saturday, Dec. 16 and 17
 TIME: 7:30 p.m.
 DETAILS: Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for students and seniors.

Genitti's Little Theater

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

Dinner Theater

DATES: Thursday, Friday and Saturday
 DETAILS: The theme is "Spaced Out." Tickets are \$45 per person and includes dinner and show.

Lunch with Santa

DATES: Saturday, Dec. 10 and 17 and Sunday, Dec. 11
 DETAILS: Tickets are \$16.95 for adults and \$14.95 for children for lunch and show. Call for reservations and times.

Maybury Park/Farm Programs

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

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 17
 TIME: 1 p.m.
 DETAILS: Children are invited to make an ornament to decorate the Maybury Farm Christmas Tree. Use the free Maybury Farm parking entrance, off of Eight Mile Road. Children's admission will be a homemade ornament for the Maybury Farm Christmas Tree. The cost for adults is \$3.

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, (248) 349-3020

Library Information

TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday; and 1-5 p.m., Sunday

Little Me Storytime

TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:15 a.m., Friday, Dec. 9
 DETAILS: Babies to 2-year-olds, along with their parents or caregivers, can enjoy music,

beanbag fun and simple stories at this lap-sit program. Older children are also welcome to attend. No registration required.

Aromatherapy Class

DATE: Today
 TIME: 7 p.m.
 DETAILS: Karen Stokes, registered nurse and herbalist, will discuss the benefits of aromatherapy, history and lore of scents. Pre-registration required.

Friends Store

DETAILS: The Friends Store, located inside the library, offers a variety of gifts for all ages. All proceeds benefit the library.

Book Donations

DETAILS: Gently used books and materials are needed by the Friends of the Library. The library adds some copies to the library collection and gives the rest to the Friends for sale, with proceeds benefitting the library. These donations are tax deductible. If you will need assistance unloading them from your car, call (248) 349-3020 to make arrangements.

Library Board of Trustee Meetings

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

Church Events

First Baptist Church

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 17 and 6 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18
 LOCATION: 217 N. Wing St.
 DETAILS: The choir and drama team presents the cantata, "Bringing Christmas Home."
 CONTACT: (248) 348-1020

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road

Single Adults

DATE: Sunday
 TIME: 11:30 a.m.
 CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

College Age

DATE: Sunday
 TIME: 10:20 a.m.
 CONTACT: Mark Tarpinian, (248) 347-3525

First United Methodist Church

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

Healing Service

DATE: First Monday of each month
 TIME: 4 p.m.
 CONTACT: (248) 349-1144

Grief Support Group

DATE: Fourth Monday of each month
 TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.
 DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. No registration is necessary.
 CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support, (248) 348-0115 or www.newhopecenter.net

Senior Events

Thursday, Dec. 8
 9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly
 9:30 a.m.: Home for the Holidays (DSO) Trip
 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
 1 p.m.: Tai Chi
 1 p.m.: Computer I
 3 p.m.: Grief Workshop
 By appointment: Massage
 Friday, Dec. 9
 10 a.m.: Strength Training
 10:30 a.m.: Live Longer, Stronger
 11:30 a.m.: Computer II
 1 p.m.: Movie: Cinderella Man
 By appointment: massage
 Monday, Dec. 12
 10 a.m.: Line Dance
 10 a.m.: Oxycise Level I
 10 a.m.: Somerset Mall Shopping Trip
 11 a.m.: Oxycise Level II
 11:30 a.m.: Spellbound
 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
 Tuesday, Dec. 13
 10 a.m.: Blood Pressure and Glucose Check
 11 a.m.: Red Hat Christmas Party
 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
 1 p.m.: Computers I
 1:30 p.m.: Games
 Wednesday, Dec. 14
 10 a.m.: Oxycise Level I
 11 a.m.: Oxycise Level II
 noon: Bridge
 1 p.m.: Computer II
 5:30 p.m.: Little Women at the Fisher Theatre

Board Games

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

Hold still, Frosty!



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

John Michael Tabazzynski, 4, works on painting a ceramic snowman at the Bee's Knees on Main St. in Northville.

Ongoing Card Games Bridge

TIME/DAY: noon-3:30 p.m., Wednesday
Pinochle (double deck)
 TIME/DAY: 12:30-4:30 p.m., Monday and Thursday

Pinochle (single deck)

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

Euchre

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

Healthy Walking

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

Computer Courses

TIME/DAY: 1-3 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, Beginning Computers I; 1-3 p.m., Wednesday and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Friday, Intermediate Computers II
 LOCATION: Library, 212 W.

Cady St.
 CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Looking for You

Salvation Army

DETAILS: The Salvation Army Kettle Campaign needs volunteers to ring the bell. There are four locations in Northville: Hiller's, the post office, downtown at Main and Center (in front of Orin Jewelers) and the Farmer Jack on Haggerty.
 CONTACT: Judy Kohl, (248) 348-2678

Civic Concern Donations

TIME/DATE: Drop-offs, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, through December.
 LOCATION: Century 21 Town and Country, 175 Cady Center St.
 DETAILS: Realtors at Century 21 Town and Country are organizing the collection and distribution of donations, canned goods, paper products, cleaning supplies and other useful items for the Northville Civic Concern.
 CONTACT: Amy Zubor, (248) 735-2569

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ST. PAUL'S LUTHERAN MISSOURI SYNOD 15th & Elm Streets, Northville T. Luback, Pastor Church 349-3140 School 349-3146 Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. & 11:30 a.m. Contemporary Service at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Classes 9:45 a.m.	FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 200 E. Main St. (248) 349-0911 Worship & Church School - 9:30 am & 11 am Childcare Available at All Services Youth League Wed. 4:15 Gr 1-5, 5:00 M/S/S/H Singles Place Ministry - Thurs. 7:30pm Rev. W. Kent Clise, Senior Pastor Rev. James P. Russell, Associate Pastor
NORTHVILLE CHRISTIAN 41355 Six Mile Road - Northville Sunday 10:15 AM Children's SuperChurch For more information, contact us www.northvillechristian.org 248-348-9030	OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 770 Thayer, Northville WEEKEND LITURGIES: Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 7:30, 9 AM, 11 AM, 12:30 PM Church 349-2621, School 349-3610 Religious Education 349-2659 Rev. Terence Kermec, Pastor
MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21355 Meadowbrook R. Novl at 8 1/2 Mile Morning Worship 10 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery 10 a.m. 248-348-7757 Minister Rev. Dr. E. Neil Hunt Minister of Music: Patrick Kuhl	GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH 9 Mile & Meadowbrook Wisconsin Ev Lutheran Synod Sunday School and Adult Bible Class 8:45am Worship 10:00am Thomas E. Schroedter, Pastor - 349-0565
CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL (Anglican) 10 Mile between Meadowbrook & Haggerty Phone 248-427-1175 Sun. 7:45 & 10:00 am Holy Eucharist Sunday School & Nursery 10 am Rev. Karen Henry, Pastor www.churchoftheholycross.com	FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 349-1144 8 Mile & Taff Roads Worship Services 8am, 9:15am & 11am Rev. John Hice Rev. Lisa Cook www.fumcnorthville.org
FAITH COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 44400 W. 10 Mile, Novl, 248-349-2345 1/2 mile west of Novl Rd. Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Service Dr. Richard J. Henderson, Pastor	FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE on Haggerty Rd. North of 8 Mile Rd Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Morning Celebration 10:50 a.m. (248) 348-7600 Dr. Ron Blake, Pastor
ST. JAMES ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH NOVI 46325 10 Mile Rd Novl, MI 48374 Saturday 5:00 p.m. Sunday 8:30 & 11:30 a.m. Reverend George Charley, Pastor Parish Office 347-7778	BETHLEHEM EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see the thing that has taken place." - Luke 2:15 35300 W. E. Mile, Farmington Hills, MI (248) 478-0520 (2 mi E of Haggerty, N. side of 8 Mile) Sunday Morning Worship: 8:30 & 10:45 AM Sunday School (All Ages) 9:30 AM
CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY 24505 Meadowbrook Rd., Novl, MI 48375 Masses, Sat 5 pm, Sun 7:30 a.m. 8:45 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm Holy Days, 9 am, 8:30 pm, 7:30 pm Fr. John G. Buzza, Pastor Fr. Robert Stoffer, Associate Pastor Parish Office 349-8847	OAK POINTE CHURCH At Novl High School 10 Mile & Taff Roads Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. Casual, contemporary, live band (248) 912-0043 www.oakpointe.org
NATIVITY OF THE VIRGIN MARY GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH 39851 Five Mile Rd (S & Haggerty) Plymouth, MI 48170 Phone 734-420-0131 Sunday Services Matins (Orthros) 9:00 a.m., Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Rev. Fr. George M. Vapora, Pastor www.nativitygocchurch.org	CROSSPOINTE MEADOWS CHURCH Pastor Danny L. Langley Traditional Service - 9:00 A.M. Contemporary Service - 10:30 A.M. Meeting at Novl Civic Center 248-444-7755 crosspointemeadows.org
WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Dr. James H. McGuire, Senior Pastor 4000 36 Mile Road, Northville, MI 48174 Teaching Worship, 9:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service 11:00 a.m. Sunday School & Nursery Provided Sunday Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Service Broadcast INVD 5:00AM-11:00 a.m.	CONG. BEIT KODESH 1-248-477-8974 31840 W. Seven Mile Rd., Livonia Friday Night Services 8:00 p.m. Saturday Services 9:00 a.m. HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sept.-May

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There's nothing like a big lollipop to make the day a little brighter.

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Maybury Farm

DETAILS: Maybury Farm needs help with fall grounds cleanup projects. Volunteers are sought to paint, repair boards and fencing and other tasks at the Eight Mile Road facility. Time commitment could be limited to a couple of hours weekdays or Saturday. Particular expertise sought: stonework and carpentry.

CONTACT: (248) 374-0200

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, (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 Schools 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, (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: 3 p.m.
LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

Youth Assistance

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: Youth Assistance office, 775 N. Center St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-1300

Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Parks and Recreation

New Residents

DETAILS: Parks and Recreation invites new Northville residents to visit its parks and community centers to learn about activities and facilities. The fall 2005 Parks and Recreation Activities brochure is now available on-line. This activity guide is mailed to all Northville Residents.

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

Santa Saturday

DATE: Saturday
TIME: noon-2 p.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: This event, for children and young teens with disabilities, includes crafts, snacks and a visit with Santa. The cost is \$5 for Wayne County resident; \$6.50 for non-resident. Pre-registration is required.
CONTACT: Pat Brown, (248) 449-9949

Winter Basketball Leagues

DETAILS: Registration continuing until leagues are full. Girls grades sixth-eighth and ninth-12th; and boys grades

eighth-ninth and 10th-12th are eligible to play. Games will start Saturday, Jan. 4.
CONTACT: Dave DeMattos, (248) 349-0203, extension #1405

Kiddle Sports and Games

DETAILS: Registration for the next session of Kiddle Sports and Games, Sports Starters and Sports Sampler for Preschoolers is going on now. These classes are an introduction to sports and games and include teaching effort, cooperation and teamwork.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

Ski and Snowboard Club

DETAILS: Registration has begun for students in middle and high school. Membership includes motor coach transportation to local ski areas on Friday evenings and some Saturday evenings, group lift tickets, rental equipment discounts, and lessons at Mt. Brighton Ski Area. Registration fee is \$155 for city and township residents; \$160 for school district residents in the City of Novi; and \$165 for non-residents.

CONTACT: Parks and Recreation, (248) 349-0203

Junior Ski and Snowboard Club

DETAILS: This club is for fourth and fifth grades and includes two afternoon trips to Mt. Brighton. Registration fee is \$56 for one trip and \$100 for two trips; additional fees apply for non-residents. Motorcoach transportation is included.

CONTACT: Parks and Recreation, (248) 349-0203, extension #1408

Drop In Cheerleading

DATE/TIME: Tuesday, 4-5 p.m., sixth grade and up; 5-6 p.m., first-fifth grade

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

DETAILS: This drop-in program promotes fitness, dance routines, stretching, jumps and cheers. The fee is \$6 per person per day.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

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Floors To Your Door

By: Mike Riley

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It makes sense that choosing the right carpet can be daunting, especially once you become aware of your new floor's potential for longevity. Chances are you'll tire of the style before it wears out.

So, when remodeling, stop and think about the special interests of those who will inhabit that room.

The best design schemes are usually based upon a favorite theme or collectible. Look to children's stories for the nursery or a treasured rug, an antique or a painting for the living room to inspire your new look.

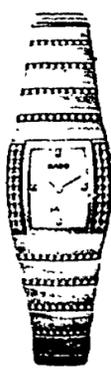
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DATE: Tue-day
TIME: 7-10 p.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: The fee is \$3 per person.

Open Badminton

DATE: Tuesday and Friday
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.
Monday and noon-4 p.m., Saturday
LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road
DETAILS: Eight tables are available. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$4 per day.

Regional

Toys for Tots

DATE: Now through Dec. 21
LOCATION: 203 N. Saginaw St., Holly
DETAILS: HealthQuest is a Toys for Tots drop off location. Participants are asked to bring in a new, unwrapped toy.
CONTACT: (800) 546-6362 or (248) 634-0611

Holiday Concert
DATE: Thursday, Dec. 15
TIME: 8 p.m.
LOCATION: Max Fisher Music Center, 3711 Woodward Avenue, Detroit
DETAILS: This concert, "Ode to Joy," includes Beethoven's Symphony #9. Call for ticket prices and reserved seating.
CONTACT: (313) 576-5111

Daughters of the American Revolution, DAR Meeting
DATE: Monday, Dec. 19
TIME: 11 a.m.
LOCATION: Greenmead, Hill House, Livonia
DETAILS: This event is the Christmas Tea and meeting.
CONTACT: Sue Daniels, (834) 459-4764

Schoolcraft Adult Scholarships

DETAILS: Persons aged 25 years or older who are thinking of attending Schoolcraft College in the winter term may apply for a Return to Learn scholarship. Recipients get either \$500 or \$1,000, depending on the number of registered credit hours.
CONTACT: Cindy Cichelli, (834) 462-4400, ext. #5202 or www.schoolcraft.edu/r2l

Ice Skating

TIME/DATE: Various times, now through Jan. 2, 2006
LOCATION: Campus Martius Park, Woodward Avenue between Fort Street and Michigan Avenue, Detroit
DETAILS: Skate rental and refreshments are available.
CONTACT: (313) 963-9393 or www.campusmartiusprk.org

Ford Rouge Plant Tour

DATE: Daily
TIME: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
LOCATION: Tour begins at The Henry Ford, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn
DETAILS: This is a five-part tour including a driving tour of auto-related landmarks and behind-the-scenes of the Rouge complex; a look at the history through video footage; a virtual reality theatre; a walking tour of the factory's "living roof"; and a walking tour above the assembly area where Ford F-150s are made. The cost is \$14 for adults, \$13 for seniors, \$10 for ages 3-10 and free for children under 3.
CONTACT: (313) 982-6001

Wayne County Lightfest

DATES: Through Jan. 1, 2006
DETAILS: This Hines Park drive-through light show includes numerous holiday displays along the route.
CONTACT: (734) 261-1990

Kensington Metropark

LOCATION: Near Milford/Brighton exit off of I-96
CONTACT: (800) 477-3178

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

DETAILS: Metroparks and Oakland County Parks are now offering a dual park pass. The annual cost is \$43 and passes can be purchased at any park office.
CONTACT: (800) 477-3178 or www.metroparks.com

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
DETAILS: 250 interactive exhibits: how things work, preschool gallery, All About You, MediaWorks, ScienceWorks, World Around You, discovery room, light and optics, recollections and "Solve-It Central."
CONTACT: (734) 995-5437

It's getting a little chilly in here



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Dennis Regling, presenting an assembly on chemistry to Winchester students, pours some liquid nitrogen on an inflated balloon to demonstrate how solids and gases contract in when exposed to the minus-246 degree fahrenheit liquid. Regling presented "Chemistry: It Really Matters" and taught basics about liquids, solids and gases to the school's 5th graders and some important safety tips when doing chemistry.

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Is my child on track?

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

When Erin Miller answers the phone, struggling parents greet her with concerns their children aren't developing on track.

Miller, an Early Childhood Special Services consultant psychologist, begins asking questions, listening for answers which may end up as part of an in-depth screening process.

"We may see more and offer more services and offer parents to be part of a team if their children are not developing 'normally' or we're there to help them and find them support," Miller said.

If the preschool age children qualify as special education by state regulations, they are candidates for the Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Intervention Program launched in 1999.

The program is one of many initiatives offered by the district aimed at helping children in the early years of education.

Down the hall, teachers in the district's Early Childhood Center also keep a watchful eye for on-pace children they feel may benefit from intervention.

The early learners are watched for speech, hearing and developmental delays making sure all receive a jump start to learning in the district.

Little minds

The Early Childhood Intervention Program's goal: place special education children ages 3

through pre-kindergarten in the least restrictive learning environment while giving them a needed edge.

Every student in the state-funded program has a different goal. But Early Childhood Intervention Program teacher Cathy Shapero said when intervention occurs early, they all will advance.

Some move on to center programs like Old Village, some to special education classrooms in the district's elementary school buildings while others move on to a traditional curriculum.

Some learn to speak or socially interact for the first time, while others advance dramatically.

"Many children may leave the ECIP program and go to kindergarten, whereas without early intervention they may not be able to," Shapero said. "Some children respond dramatically to early intervention."

Growing bodies

Watchful eyes in the district peer even stronger on students kindergarten through third grade.

A nationally recognized early intervention program for the young age group piloted at Silver Springs Elementary School is credited with cutting Northville school's special education rate nearly in half.

The key: Identify early learning delays, intervene and give students the special attention needed while remaining in traditional classrooms.

The fervor toward Northville school district's early education intervention and prevention has prompted a \$1 million state request

by Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) to model the initiative in other specified districts. She wants to dramatically reduce the need for student placement in special education classes.

Cassis said a school district saves \$70,000-\$100,000 throughout an academic career for each student not placed in a special education class.

"There are also savings to the child in terms of his or her self-esteem and success and how that breeds more success," she said.

Gavel to bench

Cassis wants to get started next year. Senate Bill 329, part of the S.A.V.E. the Children Early Learning Initiative legislative package, first has to succeed.

"It has handily passed the Senate and is now in the House Education Committee, where we are trying to urge Rep. Brian Palmer (R-Romeo) who is the chair of that committee, to take up this important bill," Cassis said.

If signed, The Department of Education would administer 18 grants of \$40,000 each to school districts with kindergarten through third grade early intervention programs. The bill also permits money for small class size reading programs and research.

Cassis said the money will be taken from the State School Aid Fund. Money currently allocated toward reducing class size.

"I really am somewhat of an expert of this field and just lowering class size alone does not have the impact on children who are struggling," Cassis said. "There may only be one two or three in a classroom, but unless you do something different curriculum wise, it is not the panacea."

Comparison of Michigan Total Special Education Identification Rates to Northville Public School Rates 1990-91-2004-05

YEAR	MICHIGAN	NORTHVILLE
1990-91	10.5	Data not available
1991-92	10.5	Data not available
1992-93*	10.8	10.2
1993-94	11.1	9.9
1994-95	11.4	9.0
1995-96**	11.6	8.8
1996-97	11.9	8.5
1997-98	12.2	8.5
1998-99	12.5	8.0
1999-00***	12.8	7.0
2000-01	13.2	6.7
2001-02	13.4	6.6
2002-03	13.9	6.18
2003-04	14.2	5.65
2004-05	Data not available	5.38

*Early Intervention Training Begins
**IST Pilot at Silver Springs Elementary Begins
***Full elementary implementation of IST Process Begins

SOURCE: Michigan Dept. of Ed. May 2003

CLASS NOTES

Movie

Students Against Destructive Decisions is holding a winter movie night 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Northville High School cafeteria, 45700 Six Mile Road. The event is free and the movie is "Polar Express" rated G. All children younger than 13 must be accompanied by an adult. SADD members will also be accepting toasty donations for the group's holiday charity project.

Recess

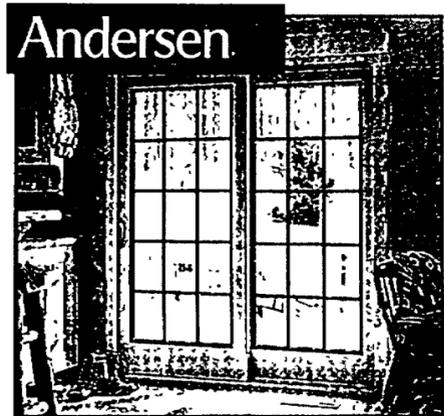
All Northville public schools, including the Early Childhood Center, will be closed for holiday recess Thursday, Dec. 22-Monday, Jan. 2. Classes will resume Tuesday, Jan. 3.

The deadline for Northville Public Schools Extra Care sign up for mid-winter break is Dec. 15. Mid-winter break is Feb. 13-17.

Meeting

The next Northville Board of Education regular meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Winchester Elementary School, 16141 Winchester Dr. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

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CLASS NOTES

Outstanding Teacher

Meads Mill teacher Paula Clise was selected as an "Outstanding & Inspiring Teacher." She was nominated by a former student and presented a certificate of recognition at the last school board meeting.

Concert

The Northville High School choirs present a holiday concert 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 14 and Thursday, Dec. 15 in the school auditorium, 45700 Six Mile Road. The cost is \$5 per person.

Coffeehouse

The Art House is sponsoring an acoustic coffeehouse for high school and college performers 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 28 at 215 W. Cady St. Performers will play two-three songs. There is a \$5 charge to attend; no charge for performers. For more information, call (248) 344-4214.

Donations

Starbucks is collecting new toys (excluding stuffed animals), books and craft supplies for the Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation. Donations for children in hospitals with serious or terminal illnesses may be dropped off at 302 E. Main St. until Christmas. For more information, call (248) 344-1875 or visit www.slsb.org.

Graduation

The Northville High School Class of 2006 commencement ceremony will take place 7 p.m. Saturday, June 3 at Compuware Sports Arena in Plymouth.

Books

The Early Childhood Center has something special for families of newborn children to welcome them into the learning community of Northville Public Schools. Contact the ECC Office at (248) 344-8465.

All Aglow-Illumination

The Mothers' Club of Northville will host the 11th annual holiday fundraising event, All Aglow-Illumination for Education 6:15 p.m. tomorrow at the downtown Gazebo. For more information, call (248) 449-5105.

Elementary schools hold fund-raising event at local store



Courtesy photo by SHELLY BUSH/Silver Springs PTO

Silver Springs' students rehearse a song for their Dec. 11 fundraising event at Barnes and Noble.

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Diane Vanston will slip on her reading glasses before turning the pages of "Grandpa Never Lies."

"It is a beautiful book about a child and her grandparent," Vanston said. "There is a recurring line, 'And grandpa never lies, so I know it's true.'"

"The book is an excellent example of a writer's craft and theme."

The Silver Springs Elementary School learning consultant will read the popular children's book during Northville Public Schools Day at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Northville Township. Bookstore purchases made Sunday will help stock the district's six elementary school reading rooms with books like "Grandpa Never Lies" to use as part of the new English Language Arts curriculum.

"The reading room is the heart of the elementary building," Vanston said. "It contains student literature books from which classroom teachers base the majority of reading instruction."

Vanston said research supports high quality picture books used as mentor texts for instruction lifts the quality of a young writer's work.

"And quality books do not just teach reading and writing either," she said. "But how to think more deeply."

Vanston hopes the fund-raiser is a success and many books will be purchased to boost the elementary reading rooms

Patti Stoner, Barnes & Noble Booksellers community relations manager, said the donation process is simple.

Consumers presenting any form of a Northville elementary schools bookfair voucher, including the Northville Record copy, from 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Dec. 11 at the Haggerty and Six Mile roads location will raise money for the district.

Stoner said if sales surpass the \$10,000 mark, 25 percent of the total goes to the district.

Barnes & Noble Booksellers writes the district a check, and Vanston said it is the reading consultants' decision to purchase storybooks.

Vouchers will also be available at the Northville schools table and with store cashiers the day of the event.

Vanston will read to event attendees along with other

guest readers including Silver Springs Elementary School Principal Scott Snyder and Amerman Elementary School Principal Steve Anderson.

Two and three dimensional art pieces will be displayed throughout the store representing artwork from students in all grades at each Northville elementary school building, and Silver Springs music teacher Kristin Kreiss will lead students in a 1:30 p.m. choral concert for shoppers' enjoyment.

"The goal is to equalize the books that each school has," Vanston said. "We want to see all elementary schools as a unified body."

Victoria Mitchell can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 122 or vmitchell@gannett.com.

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Need help? School district offers advice on early intervention options

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Cathy Shapero says if you're a parent and on the fence about your child's development, jump off.

The Early Childhood Intervention Program teacher said, "If someone says something to you about your child's development, whether a mother-in-law, pediatrician or preschool teacher, check it out. Shapero teaches children

center programs like Old Village School while others move on to traditional kindergarten classes.

Parents can begin the evaluation process by calling Erin Miller, Early Childhood Special Services consultant psychologist, who examines if children meet the Early Childhood Intervention Program state guidelines.

"Typically children are referred by preschool teachers, pediatricians or parents," Miller

only.

Children assessed as program candidates are eligible if they live in Northville and are 3 by Dec. 1.

Individualized classes include music, movement and play. And Shapero said, provide a tremendous amount of support for parents and family members.

Shapero said one-third of the Early On children proceed to her class.

"We have a wonderful staff," said Joe Blake, Northville Public Schools interim executive director of special education. "And they do a wonderful job."

Miller administers the Early On Program by referring parents and coordinating program funding offered through Wayne County.

Victoria Mitchell can be reached at (248) 349-1700 ext. 122 or vmitchell@northville.com

ON CAMPUS

St. John's Military Academy

Northville resident, Christopher Ponder, was named to the dean's list for first quarter at St. John's Military Academy, Delafield, Wis.

Beloit College

Northville resident, Matthew Gilbert, was a member of the Beloit College Orchestra performing this past Saturday, Dec. 3 at the Eaton Chapel. Matthew is a percussionist.

Sworn in



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Michigan State Senator Bruce Patterson "swears in" Silver Springs students as a legislative body during a visit to the school to teach them about how state government works. Students, who became representatives, senators, or speaker of the house, majority leader and governor, learned how they all had to come together to craft legislation in order to make it Michigan law.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OFFICE CLOSING**

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices (located at 44405 Six Mile Road) will close at 2:00 p.m. Friday, December 16, 2005 for an Employee Appreciation Reception. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. Monday, December 19, 2005. The Department of Public Safety (Police and Fire) will remain open.
(12-8 & 15-05 NR 257276) SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

On Thursday, December 15, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. a Public Hearing will be held on the 2006-2007 Community Development Block Grant Funds at the Township Civic Center located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The 2006-2007 CDBG allocation for Northville Township will be approximately \$103,000.00. Reallocation of 2005-2006 funds will also be discussed. The primary objective of the CDBG program is to fund eligible activities and projects which benefit low and moderate income persons; aid in the prevention or elimination of blight and slums; and/or address an urgent community development need.

All interested citizens are invited to attend and provide views and proposals concerning the 2006-2007 Community Development Block Grant Program. For additional information on the program or the proposed 2006-2007 allocations, please contact Ms. Delores Bowden, CDBG Coordinator, at 248-348-5800.
(12-8 & 5-05 NR 256765) SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF 2nd PUBLIC HEARING**
Date: Thursday, December 15, 2005
Name of SAD: Clement Road Water and Sanitary Sewer SAD
Purpose of SAD: Water and Sanitary Sewer Improvement
Special Assessment District (SAD)

To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan, and any other interested persons:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petitions signed by the record owners of land whose area constitutes more than 51% of the total area of the hereinafter described Clement Road Water and Sanitary Sewer Extension Improvement special assessment district, the Township Board and the project to be in the best interests of the subdivision and the township, and to create a special assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited thereon.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as follows: Clement Road Water and Sanitary Sewer Extension.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the township Board has received costs for the improvements in the approximate amount of \$27,824 per benefit, (to be assessed over 15 years); has placed the same on file with the township Clerk, has passed a resolution tentatively declaring its intention to make such improvement and to create the aforementioned Special Assessment District and has further tentatively found the petitions to be in compliance with statutory requirements.

That the Supervisor has further reported that the assessment against each parcel of land within said district is such relative portion of the whole sum levied against all parcels of land in said district as the benefit to such parcels bears to the total benefit to all parcels of land in said district.

FURTHER that the Board of Trustees, of the Charter Township of Northville will meet at Township Hall, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan on Thursday, December 15, 2005, at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said special assessment rate and hearing any objections thereto. Said rate may be examined at the office of the township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing. Appearance and protest at the hearing, held to confirm the special assessment rate, is required in order to appeal the amount of the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal.

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

Water: Better safe than sorry

Lead in our tap water.

It's word that makes us swallow hard at the thought of how much we consume.

City of Northville officials are complying with mandates to tell all water customers that one sample from one house forced the state to raise an environmental eyebrow. Additional testing will show whether the initial result was a fluke.

If it was a city-wide problem, officials said, the annual testing of five houses throughout the city would have turned up too-high levels before now.

But the state's requirement for a public information campaign has brought residents' attention to the hazards of lead. With the advanced age of Northville's housing stock, a safety check is in order.

Mayor Pro-tem Carolann Ayers said it's important to arm residents with the information they may need for their own health's sake. But, she added: "It's a scary way to have it done."

The mailed brochures to nearly 3,000 city water customers this week discuss

What do you think?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification. We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content. Letters to the Editor, David Aguilar, Northville Record, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167. Fax (248) 349-9832. E-mail, daguilar@gannett.com.

lead risks and steps they can take to lessen the effects of lead in drinking water.

The light-blue Public Service Announcement suggests running tap water a minute first thing in the morning, avoiding cooking with hot tap water and checking

plumbing connections in your home.

Lead enters drinking water primarily as a result of the corrosion of materials in the water distribution system and household plumbing.

The city already is replacing outdated pipes and connections as it finds them. It's a behind-the-scenes project helping the city age gracefully.

Department of Public Works director Jim Gallogly invited residents concerned about the water quality to call his office at (248) 449-9930.

Or get your home water tested. It costs about \$20 to be certain whether additional steps are required.

Like the brochure says, "Testing the water is essential because you cannot see, taste or smell lead in drinking water."

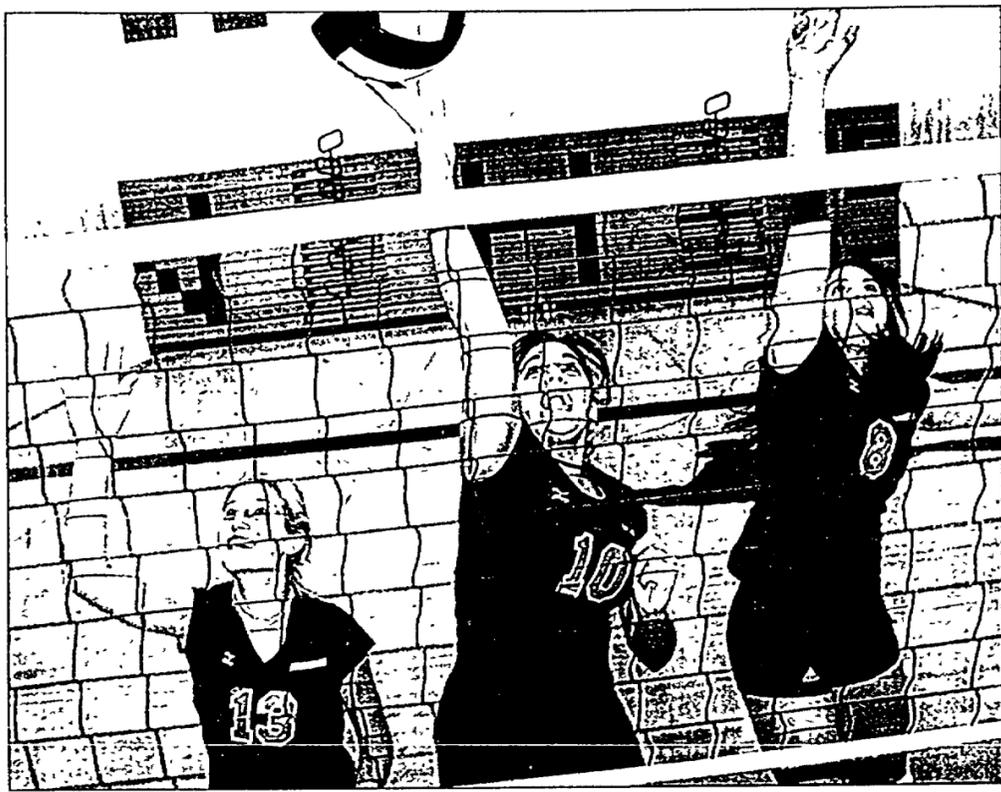


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Team work

Northville Mustang volleyball captains (from left) Kristen Engstrom, Marina Ungaretti and Morgan Daul are preparing for their upcoming season of spikes, sets and serves.

We're represented in Washington by a living legend

What do you call a guy who has become a legend in his own time, is six feet three inches tall, has a reputation as a tough guy, has been around forever and knows everybody?

You'd start out by calling him, "Sir." At least that's what I call Congressman John Dingell, who on Dec. 13 will celebrate 50 years in the House of Representatives. He already is the third longest serving member in U.S. history. (If he is still in Congress in March, 2009, he'll be the longest serving ever.)

There was a big celebration recently in Dearborn honoring Dingell, with his fellow Democrats, Gov. Jennifer Granholm and Sens. Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow joining a cast of friends and supporters.

The first time I met John Dingell was in November 1964. I had just been hired by a newly elected Congressman, Paul H. Todd, Jr. from Kalamazoo, to run his Washington office. There was a reception for newly elected members from Michigan in some grand room in the Capitol, and even then Dingell stood out as having the greatest presence in the room.

He had barely started his career in Congress — he was elected for the first time in 1955, beating 13 others for the seat his father had held till his untimely death. But even then he carried a certain aura of ferocity, strength and uncommon common sense.

Dingell's reputation at that time was that of a sensible tough guy, happy to be a partisan Democrat but prepared to work with the Republican opposition when there was a deal to be cut.

I remember he gave my boss, a fellow Democrat, great advice time after time: "Do what's right; play tough but play fair; get respected for what you know because it's better to be respected than merely liked."

I saw him again in the late 1980's when he had become the Chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee. Largely through the force of his personality, he was turning the

committee into the most powerful on Capitol Hill. Something like 40 per cent of all legislation that went to the House floor did so through Dingell's committee.

The National Journal, the authoritative publication on Congress, once claimed that Dingell claimed jurisdiction over anything that "moved, burned or was sold." He was called "Mr. Chairman" for good reason, and when he stalked into a crowded room it was as though the Red Sea was parting.

His power was diluted after the Republicans won control of the House in 1994. Not so his majestic presence.

Over the years, I've come to know John Dingell pretty well and to admire him deeply. Even though he's now 79 and prey to the infirmities more or less standard for someone his age, he hasn't lost a step mentally, nor has his fine legislative edge dulled.

I remember once making the mistake of quoting a reasonably obscure 18th century French statesman, only to be brought up short when the Chairman produced not only the source for the quote ... but also the source for that! And to observe him think his way through a complex legislative and political situation is to watch a master at work.

I had a long conversation with him several days ago. What stands out, I wanted to know, after nearly 50 years in Congress?

"The goodness of the people that I served, their loyalty, kindness, decency, patience. How hard they work, how much they love their country, how hard they try to make their communities better. This applies to the huge swath of people I've known for so many years: black, white, Arabs, Republicans, Democrats, urban, suburban, rural."

"What's it like today in the Congress, compared with the way it was when you started out? "Our system works best on collegiality, compromise and cooperation. There's very little of that nowadays. Today everybody wants

openness, but we're now so open that we can't function."

"When I was Chairman, we'd have a hearing. Then we'd go into a side room, close the doors, take our coats off and fight like hell. But the result was almost invariably a bipartisan bill, one that could pass with an overwhelming vote from the middle."

How come things are so different? "It's partly changes in the society. In the old days, when you went down to Washington you stayed there because you couldn't afford to go back and forth to your district. As a result, members of Congress got to know each other, their families.

"They'd socialize after work. They developed a store of good will, great friendships that helped make things happen even through the politics were tough. That's gone now. And the House now is mostly run by the Republican leadership. They're hard right and aren't interested in compromises."

Dingell hasn't merely served for a long, long time, he's been at the core of many of the greatest legislative achievements of our times. He wrote most of the Endangered Species Act, introduced domestic content legislation that required Japanese auto manufacturers to produce parts in the United States and was the main force behind the Clean Air Act.

What advice would he give to young politicians? "The biggest trouble is not in doing right; it's in knowing what's right. If you know right, you'll do right, and you won't have anything to worry about."

At the end of our conversation, I asked how John Dingell would like to be remembered. "As a monument for sanity and effectiveness," he replied with barely a pause.

We have the great good fortune to be represented in Washington by a living legend. The sad thing is that people of the caliber of John Dingell don't get to do what they do best very much these days, when our politics have been hijacked by ideologues of both the right and the left.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan. He would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcnnet.com.



Phil Power

City: Love they neighbor

Discussion during Monday night's council meeting about the city's dog park showed how a close-knit community can be a two-sided coin. Pet lovers, who outnumber the handful of homeowners directly affected by the park's location, got their way with a year-long extension of the off-leash facility. As one councilman noted, their victory should not be at the expense of Wing Court homeowners' quality of life. The city needs to quell contamination concerns. Pet owners need to continue to pick up after their pets. And when their dogs bark, they need to leash them out of there. It takes effort on everyone's part to keep peace in the neighborhood.

Schools: Get involved

Now is the time to get involved with Northville Public Schools. December is full of many worthy opportunities, ranging from monetary help to informational gatherings. Sunday, Dec. 11, all Northville elementary school learning consultants will hold a fund-raising event at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in Northville Township. Proceeds from the event will benefit all six schools' reading rooms. Tuesday, Dec. 13, Northville parents and other officials will be on hand to discuss teen issues at an informal gathering hosted at the high school. The same night, The Northville Board of Education will hold its regular meeting 7:30 p.m. at Winchester Elementary School.

Township: Eat it up

Gift giving during the holidays should be creative and meaningful. Civic Concern is trying to make gift giving easier with the creation of a community cookbook. Although the book won't be ready for the public until January, \$10 proceeds for reserving a copy will go toward providing food and other necessities for people in both the city and the township. The holidays are a time to show goodwill toward others. Not only will you be creating good eats for your family and friends, but you'll also be helping local families in need this holiday season. To order, call (248) 344-1033.

Athletics: Cheer!

There's more to sports than just baskets and big hits. There's competition in its hardest form — that judged by another person's opinion. Cheerleading is that kind of sport and despite the common opinion, it's not an easy sport. Take a moment and cheer for the Mustangs competitive and sideline cheerleading teams. They deserve it.

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LETTERS

Unbelievable

I read your article in Thursday's paper, "Has Legislature Learned Its Lesson About State Education?" Your's is the second article I have seen

recently and I am appalled. I was a pre-WWII student and we were required to take all the subjects now proposed as required, plus geometry, trigonometry, english and english literature, a foreign language; instead of social science, history, civics and world geography, gym class and an elective or two thrown in.

No wonder our young people, our future leaders, aren't getting anywhere. And there are actual-

ly people out there who are opposed to our schools requiring anything, even the State School Board? Unbelievable.

Robert J. Shoens
Northville

RECORD SOURCES

We're looking for you! The Northville Record is currently looking to interview local residents regarding the following topics:

- Are you a high school student who receives an allowance from your parents?
- Are you a high school student who has an interesting job?
- Are you a Northville senior citizen with an interesting job or hobby?
- Are you a working woman who has recently returned to work?
- Are you a Northville resident interested in sharing a story about how your religious faith has carried you through tough times?
- During the past six months, have you moved into a newly constructed home?

- Do you spend more than \$100 per week on gasoline?
- Are you a single parent?
- Has your home been for sale for more than one year?
- Is there something specific about Northville you would change, update or eliminate?
- Are you planning a unique holiday party or family get-together?
- Is there someone on your street who needs a helping hand?

Contact Northville Record editor David Aguilar at (248) 349-1700, ext. 102, or via e-mail at daguilar@gannett.com.

Funerals of the future

■ Growing trend of nontraditional arrangements

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

John Sassaman wants people to look outside the box when it comes to funerals.

The owner of Northrup Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville said modern families are moving toward nontraditional funeral arrangements.

"I've been in business for 40 years and have seen a lot of changes," Sassaman said. "In viewing, there is a growing segment of the population that wants to simplify things."

"This is the niche they've found in the market where they can have a very short and simplified service for an inexpensive price."

Aside from the traditional funeral home viewing and procession to the cemetery, David Griffin sees the way of future funerals as being more homey and meaningful.

"No one likes to come to a funeral home," Griffin said, "and having to go through the process of funeral details is even harder."

So Griffin, director of Guardian Memorial Society and licensed funeral director, decided to take funerals out of the parlor and into a different setting.

"Instead of having families come here, we go to them," he said. "And if they want to have the funeral in their home or even the VFW hall, then that's exactly where it will be."

Griffin said years ago, people held viewings in their own homes.

"Funeral homes can be very intimidating and for most, it's not a comfortable time or place to spend the last few moments of your loved ones life," he said. "We're trying to make it a more comfortable and easy experience when dealing with the loss."

Going home

Guardian Memorial Society



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

John Sassaman, right, owner of Northville's Northrup-Sassaman Funeral Home, meets with Guardian Memorial Society's David Griffin.

offers more personalized and less expensive funeral options.

"We want people to feel at ease while making plans," Griffin said. "We meet with families in the privacy of their own home, at church with clergy they trust, at one of our planning centers or at any location that is convenient for them."

While traditional funeral arrangements cost between \$6,000-\$8,500, Guardian Memorial Society offers a less expensive approach.

"We are able to make funerals less expensive because we have no overhead and we're working with licensed funeral directors and professionals," Griffin said.

Guardian Memorial Society works with 19 funeral homes as providers and 23 planning centers.

Sassaman said his funeral home would soon be joining Guardian Memorial Society as a provider.

"As a provider, we'll provide families the same professional services just as if they walked into our building," he said. "You

■ Future funeral plans

Who: Guardian Memorial Society
Contact: (888) 251-2000
Hours: open 24 hours everyday
Web site: www.guardianmemorialsociety.com
What: A nontraditional way for funeral planning in the future

are still the means at which a funeral service is supplied. It is the way in which the service is supplied that is changing.

Suzette Desentz, family service manager for the Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi, said the new approach is a good alternative to traditional funeral home services, including a one- or two-day viewing.

"It really opens up a lot of advantages for the families not to be stuck in the same old rut," Desentz said. "This is a growing trend and lot more people are going to pick up on it."

Desentz said through Guardian Memorial Society, she can meet with families at her office in the cemetery, where they can buy discounted caskets and make all their arrange-

ments.

"We want to be able to fully service our customers as best we can," she said. "With this nontraditional method, we can be a one-stop-shop that is more convenient with absolutely no rush. And that's what it's all about."

Guardian Memorial offers two funeral packages, including all traditional services and a \$2,200 one-hour viewing at the family's destination of choice. They also offer a direct cremation package starting at \$900.

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Setting the stage for quicker home sale

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Tom Weyandt heard that depersonalizing his home could help it sell faster.

So he called Staging Impressions, anticipating having his home staged to live in and sell in the near future.

"My home is a bit big for me to take care of by myself," said the 50-year-old Northville resident. "I don't know how to make things look good, so I called a stager to help."

Home staging has become a growing trend for people looking to quickly sell their homes.

"Some people hire some one to come in and stage their homes," said Claudia Ruloff, accredited staging professional from Northville Township. "While others have a consultation and do the actual staging themselves."

Ruloff said the point of home staging is to depersonalize it and make the area look bigger to enhance key features.

"A lot of it is common sense stuff that many people don't realize

■ Tips for staging your home

- Clean everything, including the refrigerator, oven, washer and dryer, windows and grout.
- Keep lawn in good condition
- Keep home clutter free
- Depersonalize your home by putting away all pictures, clothes, collectibles and other items giving the room a personality.
- Get started packing early. Cleaning out your cabinets will actually make them look bigger.
- Paint using neutral colors and deodorize any unusual smells
- Keep things simple and create open space.
- Seek a third party's opinion before selling. Having an objective perspective is key

Source: Debra Chene, Staging Impressions

stands in the way of selling their home," she said. "Make sure your house is cleaned, de-cluttered and odor free."

Shelly Wagoner, accredited staging professional from California-based Staged Homes and Set the Stage, said staging helps buyers visualize themselves in that particular home.

"A buyer needs to mentally be able to move in that home," Wagoner said. "We tell our customers they need to detail their homes just as they would detail

their car.

"Staging is like merchandising. You have a product now."

Do-it yourself

Deborah Chene said staging can be expensive, but her Farmington Hills-based Staging Impressions company tries to make each stage as cost effective as possible.

"Price depends on the house," Chene said. "And people who can't afford to have their home staged can do it themselves. They just have

to remember to look through a buyer's eyes."

She said the first step is doing any maintenance that hasn't already been done.

"Most of the television shows making over homes use decorating tools," she said. "When staging a home, you don't want to decorate. Your home should be as neutral as possible."

Linda Allington and her husband, George, staged their home themselves.

"We had a stager come out and do a consultation," said the 60-year-old former Novi resident. "She gave us an eight page report on things we should do differently in order to sell."

Allington said before staging, she was given an estimated 60-90 days from real estate agents before their home would sell.

"We ended up doing all the work and our home sold in less than a week," she said. "I think we had a nice home regardless, but the staging really added to the punch."

Allington said that without her eight-page \$250 report, she couldn't have made the changes.

"I thought my kitchen was fine, but everything on the counters had to be put away, and that made a big difference," she said.

Leta Kekich said staging also helps sell vacant homes.

"Having items in the home entices people to make a visual impression," said the Northville realtor from Keller Williams.

"Whether vacant or lived in, how the home is organized is all that matters," Chene said. "Staging is not a makeover and it's not decorating. It's neutralizing and making the home ready for someone else."

"Sellers need to remember this whether their hiring someone come in or doing it themselves."

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"I don't know how to make things look good, so I called a stager to help."

Tom Weyandt
Resident, Northville Township



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Northville home owner Tom Weyandt got a lot of help from Deborah Chene in prepping and "staging" his place before putting it on the market. Chene owns "Staging Impressions."

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Toys for Tots

The Northville Township Police Department and Township Hall are collection locations for Toys for Tots through Dec. 16. The United States Marine Corps will collect the toys and are asking for unwrapped new toys. The Northville Township Police Department is open 24 hours a day and Township Hall is open 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through

Friday.

Meeting

The Johnson Creek Protection group will meet at 7 p.m. Dec. 12 at Township Hall.

Township meeting

The Board of Trustees will meet at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 at Township Hall.

Closed

Township Hall will be closed Dec. 23-27 for the Christmas Holiday.

Polar Bear Plunge

The Kiwanis Polar Bear Plunge along with the Northville Chamber Fire and Ice Festival will take place at noon, Jan. 28. There will also be a pre-costume parade from the Water Wheel Health Club to the plunge site at 11:45 a.m. Registration begins at 10 a.m. and a post-plunge party will follow the big plunge. For more information, contact John Miller at (248) 596-9193.

Concentration

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/
Northville Record

Students from Winchester Elementary enjoy the "Chemistry: It Really Matters" assembly of Dennis Regling. Pupils learned basics about liquids, solids, gasses and how earth's elements can be safely combined together.



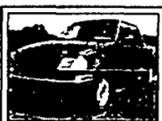
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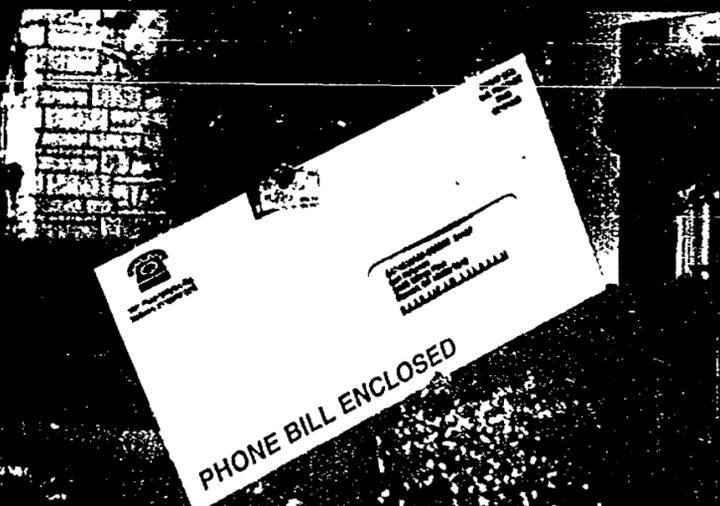


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By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Steve Hoppens will be happy if you hit him on the way out.

The Northville Rotary Club member knows it's easier for people to have cash handy after their purchase. He'll have his cut-off milk jug and gratitude ready whenever you are.

Hoppens is one of two dozen volunteers manning storefronts and street corners 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday during the Rotary Club's annual Goodfellows Newspaper Drive.

"With all that's been going on with the economy, the auto industries, we know they need it now more than ever," Hoppens said. "This is really important that we get the information out this year."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Steve Hoppens and other Goodfellows will be selling a special edition newspaper to raise money for Northville's Civic Concern Dec. 10.

Ongoing concern

Every dollar donated will go directly to Northville Civic Concern

The group's goal is to raise \$7,000, Hoppens said. Last year, the volunteers collected \$6,800.

People don't realize the difference their dollars can make for Northville families, said Marlene Kunz, Civic Concern director. Qualified clients can get to work, keep the lights on and put food on the table when they are temporarily short on cash.

"Their contribution helps them put gas in their car, pay their utility bill," Kunz said. "It gives them some sense of a normal day."

The annual Goodfellows collection is among the agency's top contributions each year, Kunz said.

Hoppens said the Rotary Club will pass on the cash to Kunz within the week.

"Everyone asks 'where do the proceeds go?'" Hoppens said. "This is a once a year fund-raiser that all the money goes to Northville Civic Concern."

"Almost always they know who it is and people are generally very nice."

Tradition of giving

City department heads Jim Gallogly and Traci Sincok will join the volunteer corps, assuming their positions at Dunlap and

Center streets.

City police and fire chiefs Jim Petres and Jim Allen, Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski and local business owners Rick Shaffner and Mary Poole will be among the familiar faces taking turns at downtown intersections.

"A lot of the Rotarians sign up for the same place every year," Hoppens said.

Orange vests and labeled milk jugs identify the Goodfellows. In return for a donation, they will hand over a special Northville Record Goodfellows edition.

New additions

Last month, the Northville city council put a little wrinkle in the Rotary Club's collection tradition. They called standing in Eight Mile Road traffic unsafe and eliminated three collection points.

At a subsequent meeting, the council approved instead volunteers on less-traveled streets near the Eight Mile intersections of Center, Taft and Novi roads.

"Due to the changes in locations, we're going to have to work a little harder this year," Hoppens said.

The newspaper drive chairman asked additional local business

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owners if Goodfellows could stand near their stores.

The Busch's market at Five Mile and Sheldon roads, Good Time Party Store on Seven Mile just west of South Main Street and Old Church Square and Center and Dunlap streets agreed to join the campaign.

Also, Northville Township fire fighters will man the shopping center at Six Mile and Haggerty roads, Hoppens said. Long-established sites include Cady and Wing corner, near the post office, and Main Street intersections.

So, grab that change in your cupholder or hold out a dollar of your change.

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Editor's gift arrives early

Timing's everything, especially when it comes to things like snowblowers. After debating at length which model to purchase last winter, city manager Gary Word will escape Michigan without ever having to rev it up. Maybe he can swap it for a lawnmower he'll need year-round for his new position in Islamorada, Fla.

Township police were stationed in neighborhoods along Six Mile Road last Tuesday afternoon looking for a known criminal who keeps his crime spree close to home. After allegedly breaking into several homes in the past and stealing numerous cars, including his own dad's, the man now resides in the Wayne County Jail. His name has not been released.

Northville moms and their babies can pick up on the latest natural-parenting trends of Hollywood stars like Courtney Cox and Gwyneth Paltrow. New downtown store Baby Bliss has Maya Wrap babywearing gear, which allowed Cox to hold baby CoCo close to her skin, hands-free. Also available: cloth diapers like Paltrow uses on her Apple.

Speaking of celebrities, children will hear a familiar voice reading the holiday favorite "Twas the Night Before Christmas" at Maybury Farm at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 10

In Northville
It's always something

Northville High School coaches John Kostzrewa and Ryan Hockman may be Mustangs today but they were Wildcats together in college and didn't even know it until they met years later. Kostzrewa, Northville's baseball coach, and Hockman, the football coach, played at the University of Kentucky. They played on different sports teams — Kostzrewa played baseball a season and Hockman played football — but they lived in the same dormitory. Hockman's room was directly above Kostzrewa's.

Some of Northville's finest young dancers appeared in the Detroit Opera House production of the "Nutcracker" throughout the weekend. Performing on stage with dancers from the world-acclaimed Joffrey Ballet were Michelle West,

Kathleen Howe, Kaliana Basoukeas, Alexandra Key, Lauren Layne and Connie Vlahakis.

Tithing times two? For Our Lady of Victory parish members, Goldsmith Gallery is giving 20 percent of jewelry purchases through Christmas to the church's new school.

Looking for a Santa Claus with a real silver beard? Stop by the Santa House in Bandshell park noon-3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 18. According to the Northville Rotary Santa schedule, Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski will be suited up in red, welcoming wide-eyed children on his lap for a Christmas list discussion. It appears the new look he appeared with after summer break will come in handy.

In other Christmas news...did you drop some change in the Salvation Army's red kettle this week at the corner of Main and Center streets? Chances are you received a thank you and a song from Ridge Wood Elementary teachers and staff. Employees of the school volunteered as bell ringers this week.

The latest delivery for the Northville Record staff is born of Michael Francisco Aguilar, born Nov. 30.



Girls' Night Out!

Photo by SHAWN CLANIN

New Main Street boutique, Rococo, introduced contemporary women's fashions during a downtown Northville Dec. 1 shopping event. After enjoying complimentary refreshments and having cards stamped at participating stores, 107 shoppers entered the prize drawing for 12 gift certificates donated by merchants. "One woman started crying when she heard she was a winner," said American Spoon owner Kim Behmer. "It was well attended and a lot of fun."

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We think we Cran!

The Northville girls hockey team knew heading into its game against the defending state champion Cranbrook squad they'd have to play their best to win. They did both, upending Cranbrook, 5-4.

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Cagers have talent, no experience

Two key players return as starters

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville basketball coach Darrel Schumacher isn't one to pass the buck.

That's why he's the first to say he should have played more of his inexperienced cagers last season.

"Our biggest problem this year is that we're inexperienced," he said. "We're not young, we just don't have the experience right now."

Though experience is low for the Mustangs, talent is something they have plenty of.

Back this year is last season's most valuable player Chris Lorente, who will be expected to step up and fill the starring role.

"He's going to be the person we look to," said Schumacher. "He's going to fill a big role for us. We're expecting a lot from him this year."

Another player who returns to lead is Alvin Storrs, a junior guard who is in his second year on varsity.

"We practically think of Alvin as a senior," Schumacher said. "He's a very talented player who we are going to follow."

"We're going to need Chris and Alvin to get us some place early while the other kids learn the game and what we expect from them."

One player Schumacher isn't too concerned about is Steve Clark, one of the few players with playing experience from last year. Clark, a senior, will most likely come off the bench as the team's sixth man.

Seniors Brandon Barkoski, Brad Birdsall, Doug Hasse, Nick Kaldis and Campy Smith will be expected to step into role-playing spots for the Mustangs as well. All of them are contributing athletes in other sports for Northville.

"We definitely have plenty of



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Mustang basketball player Chris Lorente takes aim at a new season. The senior is one of the few returning players with varsity experience but the Mustangs are expecting to make the best of it with their deep athletic talent.

athletes," Schumacher said. "All of them have built careers athletically outside of basketball. We like to see that kind of athleticism on our team."

Joining the varsity ranks are juniors Bret Spencer and Andrew Manor, who are fighting for starting spots. Sophomores Michael Rogers and Dan Kirkpatrick will fill the big-man roles for the team with Rogers towering at 6-foot-7-inches and Kirkpatrick measuring an inch shorter.

Another standout athlete on the team is junior Phil Snow, an All-

State and All-Area golfer who moved to Northville from Washington. He is expected to find playing time "this year as well."

The Mustangs will be looking to compete for the Western Division title against such notables as Plymouth, Canton and Livonia Franklin.

"There aren't any easy games in our division this year," said Schumacher. "Our goal is to win the division though, which we have to do before we worry about the conference title."

"From there, we will focus on the district (tournament) and see what we can do."

The Mustangs will have plenty of tough challenges this year as they look to improve on last season's 8-13 record.

The team's first home game will be Dec. 19 against the Milford Mavericks.

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Northville Mustangs basketball team

- Chris Lorente, Senior
- Steve Clark, Senior
- Brandon Barkoski, Senior
- Brad Birdsall, Senior
- Nick Kaldis, Senior
- Doug Hasse, Senior
- Campy Smith, Senior
- Alvin Storrs, Junior
- Bret Spencer, Junior
- Andrew Manor, Junior
- Phil Snow, Junior
- Mike Rogers, Soph.
- Dan Kirkpatrick, Soph.
- Darrel Schumacher, Coach

Winning not the only measure of success

The Detroit Lions professional football team made no quarrels about why they fired Steve Mariucci last week.

Quite simply, he wasn't winning enough games for them to keep him around as head coach.

But winning isn't everything, right?

At the professional level, it is. It's the standard above all else. Personal goals aren't counted. Great moments are quickly left behind.

Thankfully, that isn't the case at Northville and Novi high schools.

Classroom outside of school

Sports, said Northville athletic director Bryan Masi, are an extension of the classroom. It's in sports at the high school level where kids learn the intangibles like hard work, determination and group effort.

"We're not going to fire a coach because they aren't winning," Masi said. "We want to make sure they're teaching the kids how to achieve. We expect them to teach the proper skills and to be knowledgeable of the game. If you teach

those things, then winning takes care of itself."

Novi athletic director Curt Ellis agreed and said there's really no reason to put any additional pressure on the coaches — they do enough of that themselves.

"There's no one who puts more pressure to win on our coaches than they do," he said. "These are very driven individuals who want to see the athletes they coach succeed."

Every coach with the exception of football has a pass to the state finals automatically. It's during the football season where much of the pressure to succeed is dumped on the shoulders of the coaching staff.

At Novi there have been two coaches in the history of the school: John Osborne and current coach Tab Kellepourey. At Northville, there have been several more, with the most recent being first-year coach Ryan Hockman.

Kellepourey put together a 7-3 record this year while Hockman tallied

a 2-7 mark.

"Winning is just one of the measuring sticks that is used to determine success or failure," Ellis said. "There are a great many others, such as the academic success of our student-athletes, the growth and development both physically and socially, the character they build and the ability to work as a functioning member of a team."

Patience

Neither school has made a point of firing its coaches for losing streaks.

Hockman's predecessor at Northville, Clint Alexander, compiled a 4-14 mark his first two years before going 7-3 last season.

Osborne put together several big winning seasons, but had his lumps at Novi, too. From 1990-95 he compiled a 27-27 mark with no playoff berths and from 1977-79 he led the Wildcats to a 10-17 record. Before and after each skid, Novi was playoff bound.

"Are our coaches teaching skill and life-long discipline," Masi said. "Are they knowledgeable of the game and are they teaching that game correctly? All of that is considered in deciding how successful our coaches are."

The administration at the high schools understand this better than

many parents, who are often more upset about losses than the players are.

After the regional title game between Novi and Livonia Stevenson's soccer teams this fall, a fan stood to his feet and shouted the Novi coach needed to learn how to coach — a comment coming after 40-straight victories for the Wildcats and a loss to the top-ranked team in the state.

"I just about dropped the trophy," Ellis said. "I couldn't believe what I was hearing."

"That same coach has been recognized by MHSAA staff who has observed him as one of the finer coaches they have seen because of his calm demeanor and his ability to positively interact with the kids during a contest."

Unfortunately, that's typical at high school games. Parents and fans question every play and decision, some more vocally than others.

Steve Mariucci no doubt heard the boos and the calls from the stands. He made \$5-million this year to do it.

Kellepourey and Hockman? Well, let's just say with all of their off-season work and in-season sleepless nights, the few cents they make a day doesn't deserve the cat calls.

Northville and Novi high schools have made the right decision by putting the kids before the records. At this

"I just about dropped the trophy. I couldn't believe what I was hearing."

Curt Ellis
Novi Athletic Director

level, there's more to the game than making the state finals.

"We want to see our students succeed," Masi said. "That doesn't always mean they're going to get wins."

"We're very fortunate to have such dedicated coaches. They work all year round and they do it for the sake of the kids. That's what's most important to us."

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By the numbers	17	9	5 p.m.	6-8	6-7	6-7	12
	Days left until Christmas is finally here!	Number of days left until Novi and Northville hockey teams face off.	Time of the hockey game, scheduled to be played at Compuware Ice Arena.	Height, in feet and inches, of Novi sophomore Caleb Dean.	Height, in feet and inches, of Northville sophomore Mike Rogers.	Height, in feet and inches, of Catholic Central senior Chris Harding.	Days off for Northville and Novi schools for Christmas break, from Dec. 22 until Jan. 3.

SWEET!

Girls hockey topples defending state champs

For the first time in Northville's history, the Mustangs beat the Cranbrook-Kingswood Cranes Friday, 5-4.

With 12 seconds left in the game Andrea Soloko passed from deep in Northville's end of the ice to Bridget Hughes, who blew past the Cranbrook defense and let go a 30-foot wristshot and caught the top right corner of the goal to seal the game.

"It's just amazing," said Northville coach Bill Holden after the game. "The girls believed in themselves. They didn't get down after Cranbrook scored the first goal. They just came back and played their game. They should be really proud of themselves right now."

The game started out with the Cranes scoring the first goal just two minutes in. Northville bounced right back with a goal by Emily Doren and assists given to Bridget Hughes and Claire Eley. The Cranes stayed aggressive, scoring a minute later to take the lead.

The Mustangs applied pressure, testing Cranbrook's defense throughout the remainder of the first quarter until it finally broke with a few minutes remaining in the stanza. Meredith Ponder passed the puck to Laura Zima, who was standing on the blue line and fired it right past the Cranes' goalie to even the game, 2-2.

Cranbrook added another tally six minutes into the second period before the Mustangs notched another tying goal off the stick of Krysten Ruzlyo on a break-away. Northville took their first lead of the game with under 10 seconds left in the second when Hughes passed to



Doren for a quick goal and the 4-3 lead heading into the third period.

The Mustangs found themselves knotted up on another Cranes goal, 4-4, but added the final tally on Hughes' shot for the game winner.

LeeCee Criswell earned the win between the posts, stopping 28 shots.

Boys earn two

The Northville boys hockey team earned two wins last week as they dumped West Bloomfield, 5-2, and beat Livonia Franklin, 8-2.

The Mustangs started both games slow before kicking it into high gear for the second and third stanzas.

"We haven't been able to put together three periods of hockey yet," said Northville coach Brad O'Neill. "I'd like to see that."

Against the Franklin Patriots Saturday, the Mustangs fell behind 2-1 after the first period before bouncing back with six goals in the second and third.

Pat Uetz scored a goal and notched three assists while Derek Mohacsi added a goal and two assists. Matt Long, who

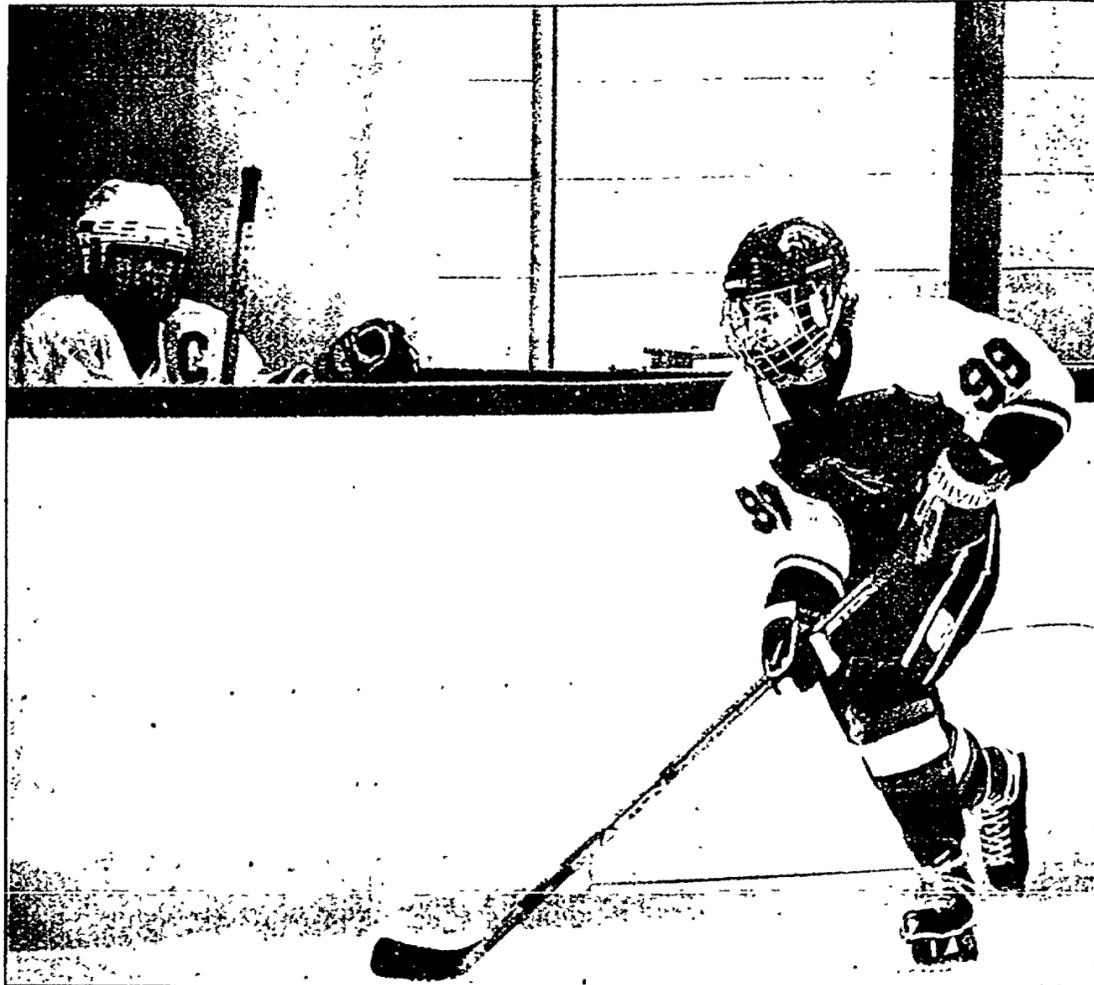


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Northville Mustang senior Bridget Hughes takes the puck down the ice in front of the Cranbrook bench. Northville toppled to defending state champions, 5-4.

O'Neill said had a "terrific" night, added a goal and two assists as well. Mike Garbarz notched a goal and Ken Papich collected a goal and an assist. Anthony Deneau added two goals in the win.

Against Bloomfield, the Mustangs were led by Uetz, Mohacsi, Max Lenn, Papich and Tim Fick — all with a goal each.

Scott Ozog earned both wins between the posts.

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

No success for grapplers

The Northville Mustangs wrestling team ran into a buzzsaw of opponents last week during a tournament at Lake Orion.

The Mustangs fell to South Lyon, 42-37; Rochester Adams, 60-15; Salem, 60-15; Holt, 69-12; and Lake Orion, 69-6.

Bright moments for the Mustangs came against South Lyon when Tim Resnick (215 pounds) and Dave Stewart (275 pounds) each earned pins, as well as Steve Manney (103) and Jonny D'Anna (125). Cliff Peterson (112) was awarded a void while John Junca (130) won a decision, as did John Hebert (140).

Against Adams, Resnick and Stewart once again earned pins while Junca won a decision.

Junca won a third decision against Salem and Resnick got his third pin. Stewart won via void.

During the Holt match, Brian Bagian (135) earned a pin and Manney was awarded a void for Northville's 12 points. The Mustangs earned six points against Lake Orion with decisions by Brian Dulzo (119) and Junca.

SPORTS SHORTS

Motion tryouts

The Michigan Motion girls basketball club will be holding open tryouts Saturday and Sunday.

The tryouts will be at Novi Middle School, located on 41 Mile Road, and requires players to be present 20 minutes before their tryouts are scheduled and to be fully dressed to play basketball. A parent or guardian must sign players in.

On Saturday, the U10 and U11 teams will tryout from 9-11 a.m. while the U12 and U13 teams tryout from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Ages 14-17 will go from 2-4 p.m. The following day, U10 and U11 go from 12:30-2 p.m.; U12 and U13 from 2-3:30 p.m.; and ages 14-17 go from 3:30-5 p.m.

The fee to try out is \$20 per player.

For more information, call Pat or Mike Tuck at (248) 486-1515 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. or e-mail them at michiganmotion@yahoo.com.

Enrollment underway for Christmas Clinics

Suburban Hockey Schools will hold various two-day Christmas Clinics for ages 6-14 at Novi Ice Arena (Dec. 22-23 and 29-30), the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena (Dec. 22-23 and 27-30), Suburban Ice facilities in East Lansing (Dec. 27-30), Farmington Hills (Dec. 22-23

and 27-30) and Macomb (Dec. 22-23 and 27-28).

Mite Power Skating (ages 6-8) will focus on balance and agility, edge control and stopping, crossovers and acceleration, as well as forward and backward stride. Mite Puck Skills (ages 6-8) will emphasize stickhandling, passing and shooting technique. Squirt/Pee Wee Power Skating (ages 9-12) will focus on powerful stride, explosive starts, edge control, as well as backward skating and pivoting. Squirt/Pee Wee Puck Skills (ages 9-12) will emphasize puck protection, playmaking, scoring technique and stick checking. These clinics will be held at each facility.

The Defense Clinic will run at the Onyx as well as Suburban Ice in Farmington Hills and East Lansing. Players will learn backward skating and acceleration, proper positioning, footwork, pivoting and lateral movement, as well as passing and shooting from the point and body contact and stick checking. Checking Clinics will run at the same locations, with emphasis on body checking technique, how to receive and avoid a check, angling and positioning, as well as strength on skates. The Scoring Clinic will run at the Onyx and Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills and will teach shooting, deflections, screening, rebounding and positioning.

Just added to the schedule is a

Goaltending Clinic featuring former Team Canada and professional goaltender Manon Rheame! Goalies ages 8-14 are welcome to sign-up for this clinic that will run at Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills on Dec. 22-23 from 9:30-11:20 a.m.

These clinics fill fast, so don't delay. Players who sign-up for more than one clinic will receive a discount.

For more information on classes and schedules, call Suburban Hockey Schools at (248) 478-1600 or www.suburbanhockey.com.

Registration for Winter Learn to Skate

Novi Ice Arena will run a seven-week fall/winter session of its Learn to Skate Program through Dec. 17. Classes are offered Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and skate rental is available. In addition, Learn to Skate students get a punch card for free admission to open skating at Novi Ice Arena throughout the program they are enrolled in.

The following classes will be offered:

- Beginning Tots
- Snowplow Sam 1-3

- Basic 1-5
- Skater's Edge Accelerated Bridge Program - NEW!
- Adult

Classes will run once per week for 30 minutes with optional 30-minute practice sessions. Open registration for

Learn to Skate begins Oct. 17.

The Learn to Skate Program is very popular so call the Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or visit www.noviicearena.com today to inquire about the proper class for your skater.

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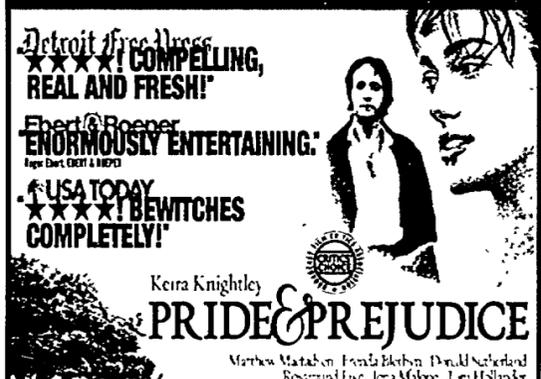
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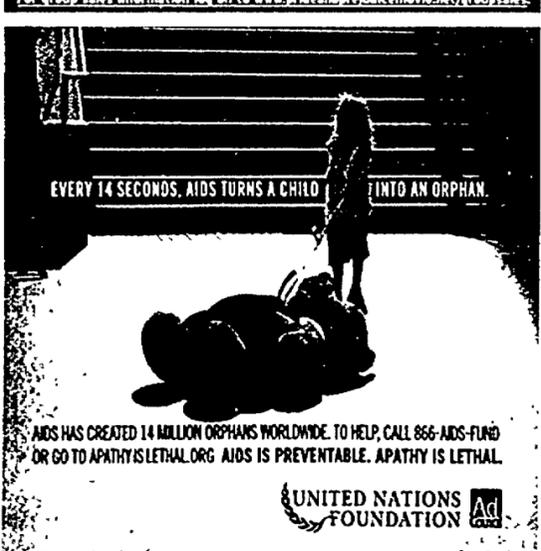


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Swim and dive team ready to plunge in

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Rich Bennetts is pretty happy with the seventh-place finish his swimming and diving team took at the state finals last season.

This year, however, his eyes are on a little higher prize.

"We're not going to set our sights on anything lower than the state title," he said. "If we don't set that as a goal, we won't be practicing hard enough to achieve it."

The last time a Northville boys athletic team won a state title was 1972. It just so happens it was the swimming and diving team that captured the crown.

Northville's tankers would like to see another title come their way.

"We sure wouldn't mind putting another banner in the hallway," said Bennetts.

The Northville Mustangs have the tools to do it too. Seven swimmers who were in the state finals return from last year with only Hunter Schwartz and Joe Hogan lost to graduation.

Jonathan Bardsley, Greg Sheppard and Mark Stuber will be stepping in to fill their shoes while Brad Farris, Chris Keady, Chris Culkin, Weston Laabs, Brody Blicke and Will Blicke will be expected to lead Northville once again.

The team boasts 30 swimmers and three divers — one of the largest the Mustangs have had.

"It's nice to have the size team where we can start to develop a little depth," Bennetts said. "We're actually using the entire pool this year."

The Mustangs will be looking to earn a Western Division title before focusing on defending its conference crown. From that point on, it's all state finals.

Standing in the way of the conference and state goals will be none other than Livonia Stevenson.

"They're very good again this year," Bennetts said of the Spartans. "I think it's going to be another big battle."

"Last year they really took it to us in the dual meet and then we got them back in the league meet. There's no reason to think this year will be any different."

The Mustangs have geared up their non-league schedule, getting a berth into an invitation that features Ann Arbor Pioneer and Zeeland, the expected one- and two-ranked teams in the state this year.

Stevenson will also swim at the invite.

"If we swim well and both teams perform well, I don't see any reason why we won't be right up there," Bennetts said. "We want to throw our hat in the ring. We're tired of seeing things go to Pioneer and the West-side of the state."

"We're in a strong conference with two great teams and Northville and Stevenson aren't ready to give anything away just yet."

Another goal for the Mustangs is a simple one:

2005-06 Swimming and Diving Team

- Kyle Adams Sophomore
- Jonathan Bardsley Sophomore
- Chad Black Freshman
- Will Blicke Junior
- Brody Blicke Sophomore
- Chris Culkin Junior
- Garrett Drogosch Freshman
- Brad Farris Senior
- Chris Folas Senior
- Will Fankell Junior
- Brandon Gutowski Freshman
- Nick Inchaustegui Freshman
- Joe Kargula Sophomore
- Chris Keady Junior
- Patrick Keady Freshman
- Chris Kowalski Freshman
- Stephen Kruse Junior

- Weston Laabs Senior
- Jake Lane Sophomore
- Clay Malloure Freshman
- Jim Mammano Sophomore
- Tommy Morris Freshman
- Kang Namkoong Freshman
- Dan O'Brien Junior
- Mark Parayil Junior
- Erik Peterson Sophomore
- Jeremy Schaumann Freshman
- Vince Shaw Junior
- Greg Sheppard Sophomore
- Colin Smith Junior
- Mark Stuber Senior
- Jack Temple Senior
- Shuto Umemura Freshman
- Paul Young Junior

They'd like to see the entire varsity record swim board at the high school to get a facelift.

"We're hoping to re-write it," Bennetts said. "We have enough talented swimmers that I think

we'll be able to do it as long as we work hard."

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WINTER SPORTS SCHEDULES

Basketball

Varsity			
12/09	Away	Hartland High School	7:30 p.m.
12/19	Home	Milford High School	7 p.m.
12/27	Away	Chadsey High School	5 p.m.
12/28	Away	Dexter High School	TBA
1/10	Away	Novi High School	7 p.m.
1/13	Away	Churchill High School	7 p.m.
1/17	Away	W.L. Northern	7 p.m.
1/20	Home	John Glenn High School	7 p.m.
1/24	Away	W.L. Western	7 p.m.
1/27	Home	Stevenson High School	7 p.m.
1/31	Home	Franklin High School	7 p.m.
2/3	Away	Wayne High School	7 p.m.
2/7	Home	Canton High School	7 p.m.
2/10	Away	Salem High School	7 p.m.
2/14	Home	W.L. Central	7 p.m.
2/17	Home	Plymouth High School	7 p.m.
2/21	Away	W.L.A.A. Playoff	7 p.m.
2/24	Home	W.L.A.A. Playoff	7 p.m.
2/28	Home	W.L.A.A. Playoff	7 p.m.
3/6	Away	Districts	TBA

JV			
12/9	Away	Hartland High School	6 p.m.
12/19	Home	Milford High School	5:30 p.m.
12/27	Away	Chadsey High School	1 p.m.
12/28	Away	Dexter High School	TBA
1/10	Away	Novi High School	5:30 p.m.
1/13	Away	Churchill High School	5:30 p.m.
1/17	Away	W.L. Northern	5:30 p.m.
1/20	Home	John Glenn High School	5:30 p.m.
1/24	Away	W.L. Western	5:30 p.m.
1/27	Home	Stevenson High School	5:30 p.m.
1/31	Home	Franklin High School	5:30 p.m.
2/3	Away	Wayne High School	5:30 p.m.
2/7	Home	Canton High School	5:30 p.m.
2/10	Away	Salem High School	5:30 p.m.
2/14	Home	W.L. Central	5:30 p.m.
2/17	Home	Plymouth High School	5:30 p.m.
2/21	Away	W.L.A.A. Playoff	5:30 p.m.
2/24	Home	W.L.A.A. Playoff	5:30 p.m.
2/28	Home	W.L.A.A. Playoff	5:30 p.m.

Freshmen			
12/9	Away	Hartland High School	4:30 p.m.
12/13	Away	Seaholm High School	5:00 p.m.
12/19	Home	Milford High School	3:45 p.m.
1/10	Away	Novi High School	5:30 p.m.
1/13	Home	Churchill High School	3:45 p.m.
1/17	Home	W.L. Northern	3:45 p.m.
1/20	Away	John Glenn High School	3:45 p.m.
1/24	Home	W.L. Western	3:45 p.m.
1/27	Away	Stevenson High School	3:45 p.m.
1/31	Away	Franklin High School	3:45 p.m.
2/03	Home	Wayne High School	3:45 p.m.
2/07	Away	Canton High School	3:45 p.m.
2/10	Home	Salem High School	3:45 p.m.
2/14	Away	W.L. Central	5:30 p.m.
2/17	Away	Plymouth High School	3:45 p.m.

Volleyball

Varsity			
12/17	Away	Hartland High School	TBA
1/14	Away	Renaissance High School	9 a.m.
1/16	Home	Churchill High School	7 p.m.
1/18	Away	John Glenn High School	7 p.m.
1/21	Away	Waterford Kettering	8:30 a.m.
1/23	Home	W.L. Northern	7 p.m.
1/25	Away	Stevenson High School	7 p.m.
1/28	Away	Renaissance High School	9 a.m.
1/30	Home	W.L. Western	7 p.m.
2/1	Away	Franklin High School	7 p.m.
2/6	Home	Wayne High School	7 p.m.
2/8	Away	Canton High School	7 p.m.
2/11	Away	Melvindale High School	TBA
2/13	Away	Plymouth High School	7 p.m.
2/15	Home	Salem High School	7 p.m.
2/18	Away	Woodhaven High School	TBA
2/20	Away	W.L. Central	7 p.m.
2/25	Away	W.L.A.A. Conference	TBA
3/3	Away	Districts	TBA

JV			
12/10	Away	Livonia Ladywood	TBA
1/7	Home	Northville Invitational	9 a.m.
1/14	Away	Waterford Kettering	8:30 a.m.
1/16	Home	Churchill High School	5:30 p.m.
1/18	Away	John Glenn High School	5:30 p.m.
1/21	Away	South Lyon High School	9 a.m.
1/23	Home	W.L. Northern	5:30 p.m.
1/25	Away	Stevenson High School	5:30 p.m.
1/28	Away	Hartland High School	9 a.m.
1/30	Home	W.L. Western	5:30 p.m.
2/1	Away	Franklin High School	5:30 p.m.
2/6	Home	Wayne High School	5:30 p.m.
2/8	Away	Canton High School	5:30 p.m.
2/11	Away	Renaissance High School	9 a.m.



2/13	Away	Plymouth High School	5:30 p.m.
2/5	Home	Salem High School	5:30 p.m.
2/18	Away	Ann Arbor Huron	TBA
2/20	Away	W.L. Central	5:30 p.m.

Freshmen

12/17	Away	Livonia Ladywood	TBA
1/7	Away	Mercy High School	8:30 a.m.
1/14	Away	Hartland High School	9 a.m.
1/16	Home	Churchill High School	5:30 p.m.
1/18	Away	John Glenn High School	5:30 p.m.
1/21	Away	W.L. Central	9 a.m.
1/23	Home	W.L. Northern	5:30 p.m.
1/25	Away	Stevenson High School	5:30 p.m.
1/28	Away	Ann Arbor Huron	TBA
1/30	Home	W.L. Western	5:30 p.m.
2/1	Away	Franklin High School	5:30 p.m.
2/4	Home	Northville Invite	9 a.m.
2/6	Home	Wayne High School	5:30 p.m.
2/8	Away	Canton High School	5:30 p.m.
2/11	Away	Milford High School	TBA
2/13	Away	Plymouth High School	5:30 p.m.
2/15	Home	Salem High School	5:30 p.m.
2/20	Away	W.L. Central	5:30 p.m.

Boys Swimming and Diving

12/13	Away	Churchill High School	7 p.m.
12/17	Away	W.L.A.A. Relays	12 p.m.
1/12	Home	Stevenson High School	7 p.m.
1/14	Away	Salem High School	12 p.m.
1/17	Home	Salem High School	7 p.m.
1/19	Home	Wayne High School	7 p.m.
1/26	Away	Plymouth High School	7 p.m.
1/31	Home	Novi High School	7 p.m.
2/2	Home	Franklin High School	7 p.m.
2/9	Home	Canton High School	7 p.m.
2/10	Away	MISCA Meet	TBA
2/11	Away	MISCA Meet	TBA
2/16	Away	W.L. Western	7 p.m.
2/23	Away	Conference Prelims	12 p.m.
2/24	Away	Conference Prelims/Diving	12 p.m.
2/25	Away	Conference Finals	TBA
3/02	Home	Last Chance Meet	7 p.m.
3/10	Away	State Prelims/Diving	TBA
3/11	Away	State Finals	TBA

Gymnastics

1/5	Home	John Glenn High School	7 p.m.
1/11	Away	Canton High School	7 p.m.
1/19	Home	Brighton High School	7 p.m.
1/21	Away	Farmington High School	TBA
1/26	Home	Salem High School	7 p.m.
1/28	Away	Salem High School	TBA
1/30	Away	Churchill High School	7 p.m.
2/4	Away	Canton High School	TBA
2/9	Home	Hartland High School	7 p.m.
2/13	Away	Plymouth High School	7 p.m.
2/20	Home	W.L. Central	7 p.m.

Cheerleading

12/10	Home	Clinic	9 a.m.
1/18	Home	Novi High School	7 p.m.
1/25	Away	W.L. Central	7 p.m.
1/28	Home	Northville Invitational	TBA
2/1	Home	Franklin High School	7 p.m.
2/4	Away	Livonia Ladywood	12:30 p.m.
2/8	Home	Stevenson High School	7 p.m.
2/25	Home	W.L.A.A. Conference	TBA
3/4	Away	MHSAA Regionals	TBA

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1/21	Away	Regionals	8:30 a.m.
2/12	Away	State Finals	8:30 a.m.

Wrestling

12/10	Away	Davison High School	9 a.m.
12/15	Home	Northville Quad	5:30 p.m.
12/17	Away	Franklin High School	TBA
1/5	Home	Wayne High School	6:30 p.m.
1/7	Away	Canton High School	9 a.m.
1/7	Away	South Lyon High School	10 a.m.
1/12	Away	Plymouth High School	6 p.m.
1/14	Away	Garden City High School	9:30 a.m.
1/14	Away	Brighton High School	9:30 a.m.

1/19	Home	Franklin High School	6:30 p.m.
1/26	Home	Canton High School	6:30 p.m.
1/28	Away	Dexter High School	9 a.m.
2/2	Away	W.L. Western	6:30 p.m.
2/4	Away	Stevenson High School	9 a.m.
2/9	Away	W.L.A.A. Crossover	6:30 p.m.

Bowling

12/16	Away	Livonia Ladywood	4 p.m.
12/19	Away	Clarenceville High School	4 p.m.
1/4	Home	Novi High School	4 p.m.
1/9	Away	Divine Child High School	4 p.m.
1/17	Away	Harrison High School	4 p.m.
1/19	Away	University of Detroit Jesuit	4 p.m.
1/23	Away	North Farmington	4 p.m.
1/25	Away	University of Detroit Jesuit	4 p.m.
1/31	Away	Divine Child High School	4 p.m.
2/2	Away	Clarenceville High School	4 p.m.
2/6	Away	Livonia Ladywood	4 p.m.
2/9	Home	North Farmington High School	4 p.m.

Boys Hockey

Varsity			
12/9	Home	Livonia Churchill	6 p.m.
12/13	Away	Plymouth	4 p.m.
12/17	Home	Novi	5 p.m.
12/21	Home	Salem	6 p.m.
1/7	Home	Canton	1 p.m.
1/10	Home	Walled Lake Western	6 p.m.
1/13	Home	W.L. Central	6 p.m.
1/20	Away	Canton	8 a.m.
1/25	Away	Saline	6:30 p.m.
1/27	Home	Plymouth	6 p.m.
2/1	Away	Livonia Franklin	8 p.m.
2/4	Away	Walled Lake Northern	1:20 p.m.
2/7	Away	Riverview	TBA
2/10	Home	HS Showcase	TBA
2/11	Home	HS Showcase	TBA
2/15	Away	Grosse Pointe North	7:30 p.m.
2/18	Away	W.L. Western	6 p.m.
2/22	Home	W.L.A.A. Crossover	TBA

JV

12/9	Home	Anchor Bay	8 a.m.
12/10	Away	Novi	8:30 p.m.
12/10	Away	U of D Jesuit	TBA
12/14	Away	Cranbrook-Kingsford	7:30 p.m.
12/17	Home	Novi	5 p.m.
12/18	Away	Dakota	TBA
1/7	Home	W.L. Northern	3 p.m.
1/9	Away	De la Salle	4:55 p.m.
1/10	Home	Cranbrook-Kingswood	8 p.m.
1/13	Home	Dakota	8 p.m.
1/14	Home	Notre Dame	8 p.m.
1/22	Away	Utica Eisenhower	8 p.m.
1/28	Home	Royal Oak	6:40 p.m.
2/4	Home	U of D Jesuit	8 p.m.
2/5	Away	Walled Lake North	8:15 p.m.
2/15	Away	Anchor Bay	8:15 p.m.
2/18	Away	Brother Rice	2:15 p.m.

Girls Hockey

Varsity			
12/9	Home	Suburban Tour	6:30 p.m.
12/10	Home	Suburban Tour	6:30 p.m.
12/14	Away	Cranbrook-Kingswood	5:30 p.m.
12/17	Home	Walled Lake Unified	3 p.m.
12/21	Home	Livonia Ladywood	8 p.m.
12/27	Home	Northville Alumni	3:30 p.m.
1/7	Away	HW Regina	8 p.m.
1/11	Home	Port Huron Unified	4:10 p.m.
1/14	Away	Ann Arbor Pioneer	7 p.m.
1/18	Home	GP University Liggett	4:10 p.m.
1/21	Home	Plymouth Canton Unified	1:10 p.m.
1/27	Home	Grosse Pointe South	8:00 p.m.
1/28	Away	Bloomfield Unified	4:00 p.m.
2/1	Home	FH Mercy	4:10 p.m.
2/4	Away	Livonia Ladywood	6:30 p.m.
2/7	Away	Plymouth Canton Unified	6:30 p.m.
2/18	Away	Walled Lake Unified	6:30 p.m.
2/22	Home	HW Regina	4:10 p.m.
2/25	Home	Cranbrook-Kingswood	1:10 p.m.

JV

12/9	Home	Bloomfield	4:40 p.m.
12/10	Home		



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville Mustang volleyball captains (from left) Kristen Engstrom, Marina Ungaretti and Morgan Daul are preparing for their upcoming season of spikes, sets and serves.

Quite the height: Mustangs volleyball towers

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Steve Anderson, Northville's volleyball coach, may be rubbing a sore neck all year but he'll be smiling.

Why? Well, the sore neck is because he's going to have to keep looking up at a lot of his players this year. That's the reason for the smile, too.

"We're tall this year," Anderson said. "This is the tallest team I've ever coached, including college."

Three players over six feet tall. Two more over 5-10.

"When you look at this team, two things jump out," said Anderson. "One, we're extremely young. Two, we're extremely tall."

Krysta Cicala and Allison Holmes, both sophomores, will start for the Mustangs as setters. Cicala is 5-11 while Holmes is 6-0.

Joanna Foss, the team's leading hitter last year, returns as the 6-foot middle hitter who Anderson said "just destroys" hits on sharp angles.

Morgan Daul, a middle hitter, returns from

last year and stands 5-9 while Kristen Ehehalt stands 5-7 and will play libero, or defensive specialist. Another libero will be Jackie Elder, a 5-foot-7-inch junior.

Rounding out the line-up will be Katie Moran, a middle hitting 6-foot-1-inch junior along with Marina Ungaretti, a 5-8 senior in the backcourt. Kristen Engstrom, a 5-foot-10-inch senior outside hitter, will play a vital role for the Mustangs, as will junior setter Elise Fleishaker, who is the team's shortest member at 5-5. Junior outside hitter Amanda Marquardt, who is 5-9, is expected to see playing time as well.

"The height is a big advantage, but our experience is going to be a problem we run into," Anderson said. "We have two sophomores who will be setting the floor for us and that is basically going to be the wild card."

Northville is the defending Western Division champion and Anderson said the first goal for the team is to repeat. Of course, he said teams will be in the hunt to upend the Mustangs.

Last year they had surprise on their side. This year will be different.

"No one expected us to do a whole lot last year and we won the division," Anderson said. "Teams will be wanting to beat us this year."

The top priority isn't necessarily winning. The Mustangs are looking to gain some long-lost respect for the program among their Western Lakes Activities Association peers.

Winning, however, may end up being the recipe to do that.

"We never try to stress winning as the most important thing," said Anderson. "We want respect and that, sometimes, goes hand-in-hand with winning."

Anderson said he's happy with the foundation he's building his team on. They will be looking to match their height with their competition and let the rest take care of itself.

"I think we can match up with our opponents," he said. "We're going to have to serve well, block strong and then we'll have a real good chance of winning."

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2005-06 Mustangs Volleyball Team

Joanna Foss	Junior	6-foot-0
Katie Moran	Junior	6-foot-1
Krysta Cicala	Sophomore	5-foot-11
Kristen Ehehalt	Junior	5-foot-7
Elise Fleishaker	Junior	5-foot-5
Jackie Elder	Junior	5-foot-7
Morgan Daul	Senior	5-foot-9
Amanda Marquardt	Junior	5-foot-9
Marina Ungaretti	Senior	5-foot-8
Allison Holmes	Sophomore	6-foot-0
Kristen Engstrom	Senior	5-foot-10

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PSP REIGNS AS HANDHELD



Sony's platform perfect gift for your gamer's Christmas

Gameboy? Yeah, right. What about an iPod? No thanks.

Playstation Portable? Thought you'd never ask. When it comes to technology, I've come to find there's great and there's not-so-great. Nintendo and Apple had good runs through the years, but times are changing and suddenly there's a new stud in town with Sony's Playstation Portable — more commonly referred to as the PSP.

People have seen me toting this baby through town on more than one occasion and have stopped to ask me what it's capable of doing. The question should be: What can't it do?

Internet? Check. Videos? Sure. Pictures? No problem! Music? Yuppers. Games? It's a Playstation, isn't it? Podcasting? Yes, and so much more!

The only thing I can't do with the PSP is dial my wife and ask her what's for dinner, but that's probably in the works knowing the folks over at Sony.

I absolutely love this thing. I've been asked if I'm going to pick up the incredibly scarce and over-priced Xbox 360 this year. I don't need to answer because I just look back down at my PSP and keep playing.

I've played video games from sports ("NBA '06" and "Gretzky '06") to role-playing ("Kingdom of Paradise") to fighting ("Marvel Nemesis: Rise of the Imperfects") to tactical simulation ("The Lord of the Rings: Tactics") to first-person shooters ("Coded Arms"). So far, they're all pretty darn cool. There are plenty of other games I haven't had a chance to play yet, like logic games, football, racing and even a "Star Wars" title.

The PSP is new enough that there aren't a ton of games out for it yet, but the list is quickly growing. Movies? There are plenty out already and more scheduled each week.

The beauty of the PSP is it uses these nifty little discs

called UMDs that store a ton of memory on something the size of a silver dollar. They're easy to store, pretty well protected from natural scratching and they allow for great graphics, awesome sounds and full-length movies (I've watched the bomb "Deep Water" and a cool anime "Appleseed" so far).

For saving games, the PSP boasts a memory slot that takes digital-camera-sized cards available everywhere the handheld is sold. Most recently I saw a four-gigabyte hard drive that straps to it for keeping full-length movies and a ton of MP3s. It can hook directly to your PC for transferring files and downloads.

But why is the PSP such a great deal at \$250, not including games or accessories? Because it's everything we've always wanted from our handheld games.

It boasts a back-lit screen, a full controller including an analog joystick and it even has a built-in wireless modem for accessing the Internet and for PSP-to-PSP game play.

When going head-to-head, it's always a worry if the games will lag. Recently, over Thanksgiving, I visited my brother Azrael, and we played against one another. The game play was smooth and fun without the worry of the length of a cord between us. His wife Akasha, kept asking how our "girlfriends" were doing since we hardly put the PSP down after swapping a couple of games.

What makes the PSP so attractive this time of year is the fact that it's available and it's awesome. What kid who loves gaming wouldn't want one of these.

Sure, little Timmy wants the new Xbox for Christmas. They're sold out and currently selling for nearly \$1,000 on online auctions — not including games or accessories or even shipping at times.

Go to the local department store, ask the clerk for the PSP and pick up some accessories for well under \$500 and you'll see little Timmy's face light up once he realizes the pure potential of the new system he's holding in his hand.

If you like Gameboys and all of the oldies but goodies or you've been thinking about picking up a new video iPod, consider the PSP. It's fun, it's cool, it's versatile and it just fits so darn well in your hands!

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NBA '06 GENRE: Sports - Basketball

It's rare a hand-held version of a game is actually better than its big brother, but "NBA '06" manages to be just that.

In the Playstation 2 version, shooting is awkward, stepping out of bounds is a given and game play isn't the smoothest. The developer took care of all those problems in the PSP version, making for a smooth, seamless basketball game.

Though the best part about any sports game is being able to lead your team to a championship, "NBA" manages to add even more fun to the package.

This version of the some-times overdone genre allows players to hit the court for a game of HORSE, paint and even dodgeball, not to mention a three-point shootout and a skills challenge.

To add to the mini-games, there are five other game modes such as practice to improve your team's skills, exhibition, season, playoffs and wireless options. When you go wireless, there's options for head-to-head match-ups which add to the fun of being able to beat a real person instead of just a computer.

The downside to this version of the game is the lack of the pretty cool "The Life" game mode on the PS2. Of course that version takes up a ton of memory and probably adds to the not-so-fun gameplay while trying to get through a regular basketball game.

The PSP does away with that though. It's smooth, it's fun and it's by far the superior sports game on the handheld at this time.

If you want to lead the Pistons to another NBA title, then this is the game to do it with.

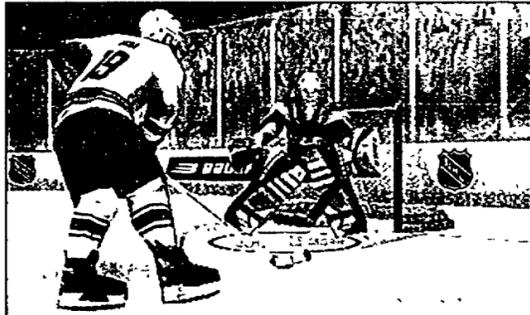
Gretzky NHL '06 GENRE: Sports - Hockey

Welcome to the world of the NHL. It's full of big names, big shots and even bigger hits.

In "Gretzky NHL '06" gamers get the opportunity to take control of their favorite team's destiny by playing through an entire season.

The newest installment that features the Great One's name plastered across it has plenty to be proud of. There are plenty of little aspects that make it a pretty cool hockey game, such as a 3-on-3 mode where gamers can take just three skaters per team to take advantage of open ice with no clock or rules.

There is also a Gretzky challenge where players can earn points by matching the achievements of Wayne Gretzky's career. Another cool addition is "team chemistry" where gamers



can earn player and team attribute bonuses by sharing the puck, playing tough on defense or adding points to the board.

When it comes to hand-held sports games, there's always a doubt to just how challenging it's going to be. Most games are pretty easy to master in a few minutes and the winning just gets boring from there.

With "Gretzky" there's nothing to worry about. The opponent artificial intelligence is good enough to get goals even against the best defense in the league and stupid mistakes will lead to a loss if your foe takes advantage of the power play.

Though it's not the greatest hockey game ever made, it's right up there with the best of those that have hit the hand-held market over the years. It's definitely worth owning if you're a sports or hockey fanatic, but it can be frustrating for those who are just mildly interested in the genre.

The Con GENRE: Fighting

It's almost not fair to call "The Con" a fighting game. It's really — well — more of a con game than anything else.

In this game, it's not about pummeling your opponent to a bloody pulp. It's about making bets, winning the ones you need to and losing the ones that will make you the most money.

The best way to describe this game is by calling it a mixed-breed, or a mutt, of games. Half fighter and half adventure.

You start off by learning the ins and outs of the fighting style and then you really get into the game. Street fights take

on a whole new meaning when you're immersed in the underworld. You take three friends and take to the streets, entering in tournaments and matching up with some of the toughest fighters out there.

You don't just go in and fight in this game either. You have to plan strategy, like deciding to win or lose. It's in-depth, the story is solid and the game play rules.

This game is really setting the stage for what the PSP is going to offer. And it's

not just because it's probably the best title out right now.

"The Con" allows you to customize your fighter and even his moves. Take that and add to the fact that the game is unique for it's genre and this game's a must-get for those tired of the mind-less button mashers out there.

The best feature is multiplayer mode for "The Con" because it allows you to "game share" — basically what that means is you can play head-to-head with your friends without them needing to own the game themselves.

Champ or chump? This game ranks high on the Christmas list thanks to it's uniqueness and solid style of play.



Marvel Nemesis: Rise of the Imperfects GENRE: Fighting

There's nothing worse than a fighting game that become monotonous and that's exactly what "Marvel Nemesis" becomes very, very quickly.

The game pits Marvel superheroes against each other in a 3D fighting game where every bit of the arena is capable of being damaged and most of it is usable as weapons.

The cool part about this game is that you can play as Spider-Man, Captain America, Venom and Dr. Doom as well as a new crew of super beings called the Imperfects.

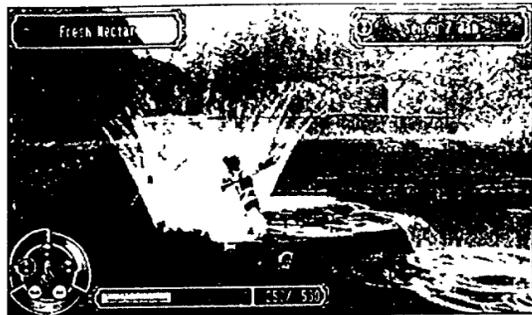
There is a single-player story mode that allows players to pick up cards after winning battles. In addition there's also a player-to-player mode for direct competition.

The problem with this game is the story mode allows you to select either The Thing or Johnny Ohm as your first character. You fight through 10 levels and then unlock another character when you're through. The battles are the same over and over and over without a change in scenery except for every two battles.

The fights are relatively quick with most being over in two rounds and under three minutes. When all is said and done, the game gets boring after the first four or five characters with only the chance of playing your favorite character or using different super powers keeping the game going from one boring battle to another.

The keen gamer will notice how similar a lot of the moves are for each character, especially ones with similar body styles. It doesn't take long for this fighting game to get shelved.

"Marvel Nemesis" is lacking in several aspects when it comes to competing in this genre. There are other fighting games for the PSP that have much better controls, features and replay value. Don't waste your time with this one unless you're a big fan of the Marvel universe and you're itching to control your favorite heroes.



Kingdom of Paradise GENRE: Role-Playing

It's a beautiful day when a hand-held brings a role-playing game that isn't all text and isn't all turn-based. "Kingdom of Paradise" does everything a role-playing game should. It has great cinematic sequences, smooth controls and a compelling story.

You play a young outcast warrior named Shinbu who must avenge his clan's destruction and help save the

peaceful world of Ouka. While the story unfolds, you're able to learn martial arts styles by combining more than 150 skills to make your own unique fighting style. Along the way, Shinbu will learn magic powers to help him restore the balance of world power that basically become the key ingre-

dent to winning any battle. Though it's not as pretty as the martial arts you can unleash, the magic, called "Chi Arts" are much more powerful and useful throughout the game. The key to winning depends on how much the arts are used to build their potent attacks.

The upside to the game includes it's sounds, smooth graphics and easy-to-master controls.

The downside? Well, when the worst part is your character's magic is too strong at times it's really not

much of a downside, is it? "Kingdom" is a unique adventure game that keeps the gamer going through it's entirety. Just when the story seems to start to bog down, it picks right up with some strong action and strong plot twists.

This game is a must-have for the role-playing fan on your Christmas list. It's a great title, especially since there aren't near enough RPGs out for the PSP yet. If this is the baseline for the others to follow, the future for such games is bright.

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WIXOM, Mich., December 8, 2005 — The soaring costs of heating oil and gasoline will hit homeowners' pockets hard this winter, with heating bills expected to rise more than 50 percent during the cold months. Early preparation can save consumers time, money and unnecessary frustrations of dealing with leaky windows, a burst pipe or ice dams.

"The winter months can be very damaging to your home if you don't plan ahead," says Allstate Agent Louis Kirby. "By following some simple guidelines and taking some precautions, your home has a better chance of surviving the winter intact without breaking your bank account."

Strong winter winds, combined with heavy snow and ice, can impact a home's energy efficiency, thus driving homeowners to turn up their thermostat to compensate for heat loss. Allstate Insurance Company, the U.S. Department of Energy, and the Alliance to Save Energy offer the following tips for winterizing your home and eliminating unnecessary heating costs:

- Invest in a programmable thermostat, which can be set to automatically lower temperatures at night or when the family is away.

- Plug leaks around windows and doors with caulking and weatherstripping. Tape clear plastic sheeting to the inside of your window frames if drafts, water condensation or frost are present.

- Install storm windows over single-pane windows or replace them with double-pane windows with low-emissivity (low-e) coating. Low-e coating on the glass reflects heat back into the room during the winter months, reducing heat loss by 25 to 50 percent.

- Check the insulation in your attic, ceilings, exterior and basement walls, floors, and crawlspaces to see if it meets the levels recommended for your geographical area.

- Make sure furnaces and heaters are operating properly. Clean or replace filters on furnaces once a month or as needed. A heat pump can trim the amount of electricity used for heating by as much as 30 to 40 percent.

- Prevent ice dams by keeping gutters and downspouts clear of leaves, natural debris, snow and icicles.

- Keep the draperies and shades on your south-facing windows open during the day to allow the sunlight to enter your home and closed at night to reduce the chill you may feel from cold windows.

- Close fireplace dampers when not in use. Check chimneys to make sure birds haven't nested or there aren't other problems.

- Close off unneeded rooms to reduce heating of unused areas.

- Make sure air ducts are insulated and sealed.

- Clean warm-air registers, baseboard heaters and radiators as needed; make sure they're not blocked by furniture, carpeting, or drapes.

- Bleed trapped air from hot-water radiators once or twice a season. Place heat-resistant radiator reflectors between exterior walls and the radiators.

- Turn off kitchen, bath and other exhaust fans within 20 minutes after you are done cooking or bathing.

- Insulate your hot water heater and hot water pipes. Wrap pipes nearest exterior walls and in crawl spaces with pipe insulation or with heating tape.

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- Tag the location of your main water valve and make sure you can easily turn it on and off; and

- If you plan to travel or be away from home for an extended period of time, ask a friend or neighbor to check your pipes and the temperature in your home.

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Matt Brostrom works on the neck of a patient at Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists.

New facility promotes healing and healthy lifestyle

Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists recently expanded into South Lyon

By Kate Phillips
SPECIAL WRITER

With the opening of Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists in South Lyon, owners Matt and Michelle Brostrom are eager to make pain relief and healing more accessible to the community. After managing the Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists facility in Hamburg for four years, Matt was excited to serve the community with a new location.

"I like to see someone who is in pain for a long time start to feel good again and return to the things that they want to do," said Matt Brostrom, who is a licensed physical therapist. "To see that is so rewarding. I get excited about what I do."

Matt or wife Michelle Brostrom work personally with clients from the start to finish of every session. Michelle is a doctorate level physical therapist with post graduate studies in neck and back pain.

"It is essential to get to know each person in order to provide good care," Brostrom said. "We are constantly evaluating what's going on with each person. We have to keep changing what we are doing as we help them improve."

The couple is now starting a free exercise and wellness class

DETAILS

Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists is located at 25700 Pontiac Trail in the Gateway Commons shopping center in South Lyon. Stop by to tour the facility. Hours are normally 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, but early morning and late evening appointments are also available. For more information call (248) 446-2801.

at the South Lyon Center for Active Adults. Brostrom hopes to help seniors keep moving as a way to cope with illnesses and injuries.

"I make a special connection with seniors as I help them work through their health issues," Brostrom said.

Developing an exercise plan is a part of the physical therapy for seniors and clients of all ages. Michelle and Matt help individuals start exercising at the clinic then put together a plan so they can continue throughout the year.

State-of-the-art Cybex work-out equipment makes it easy for beginners to get used to exercising. Michigan Rehabilitation Specialists is a premier Cybex physical therapy facility with 14 weight bearing machines and four cardio machines. Matt and Michelle help clients learn to use the equipment, which can be intimidating to some.

Once therapy has ended all clients can continue to work-out on the Cybex equipment free of charge.

"We're trying to make it easi-

Pictured (left to right) are physical therapists Rodney Goble, MPT; Amy Goble, PTA; Michelle Brostrom, DPT; and Matt Brostrom, MPT.

er for people to exercise," Brostrom said. "It's such a crucial part of healing and preventative measures."

Normally clients receive a prescription for physical therapy from a physician after a surgery, illness or injury, then the therapy is paid for by Medicare or private medical insurance.

The therapy consists of several parts, including hands-on work such as soft tissue massage, joint mobilization, stretching and muscle energy techniques. Then therapists begin to introduce exercise. But often the

most important part of the therapy is the education. Brostrom said that he talks with clients about the injury or surgery, helps them learn strategies for recovery and teaches them ways to stay healthy.

"I don't want people to have to come back here over and over," Brostrom said. "So I leave them with their own tool box so they know what to do to help themselves."

Brostrom works with several affiliated sports trainers to provide sports specific therapy and education for athletes. Rodney

Goble, the co-owner of the South Lyon facility, also owns facilities in Pinckney, Hamburg, Hartland and Fowlerville. Specialized equipment, swimming pools and athletic consultants are available in cooperation with the other locations. Brostrom will bring a coach or trainer to work with athletes off-site at a baseball diamond or hockey rink.

"It's more than just recovering your health, it's getting back into the game and developing a healthy technique," Brostrom said.

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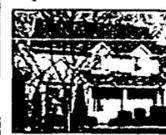
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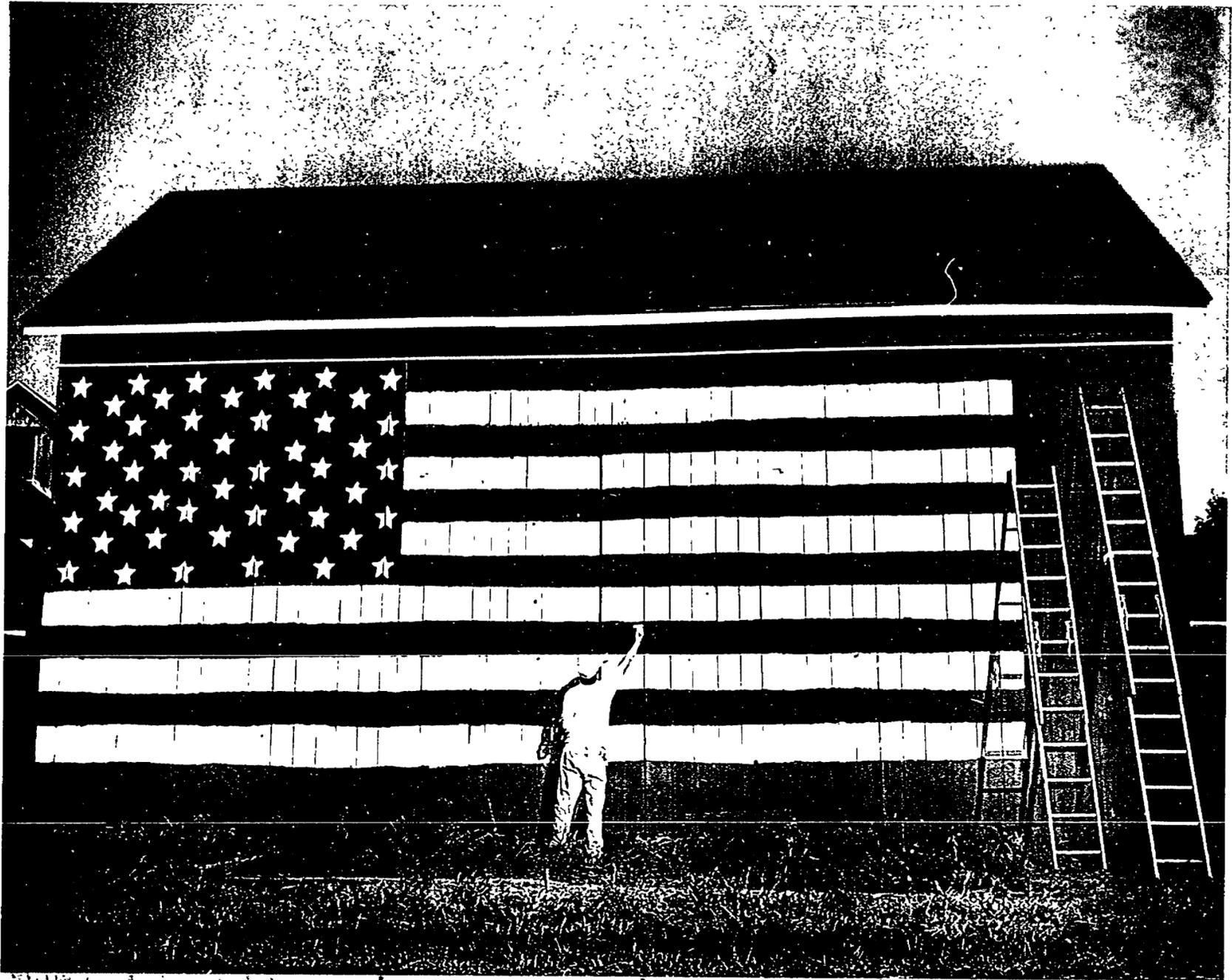
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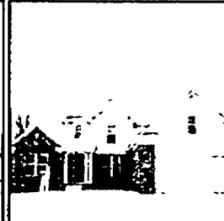
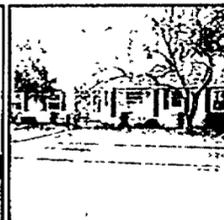
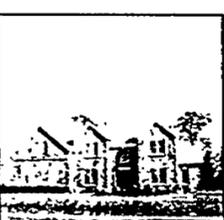
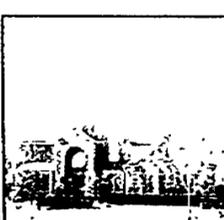
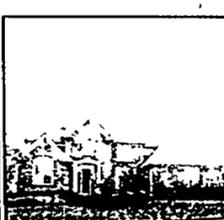
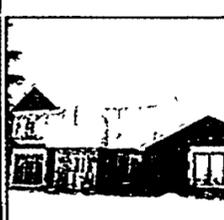
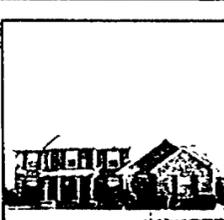
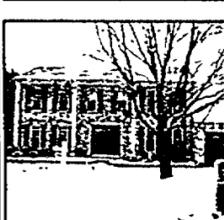
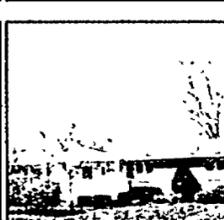
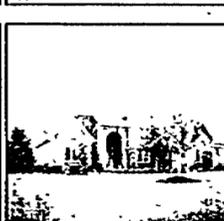
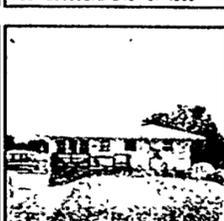
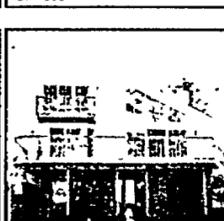
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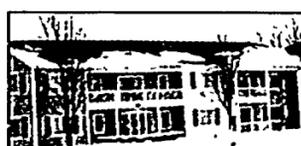
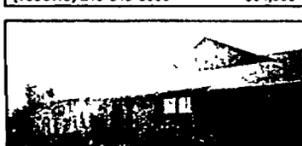
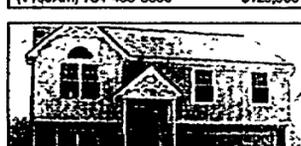
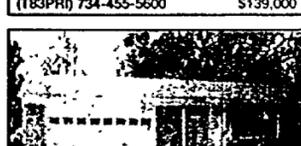
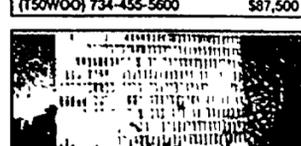
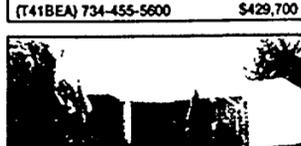
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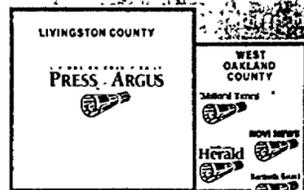
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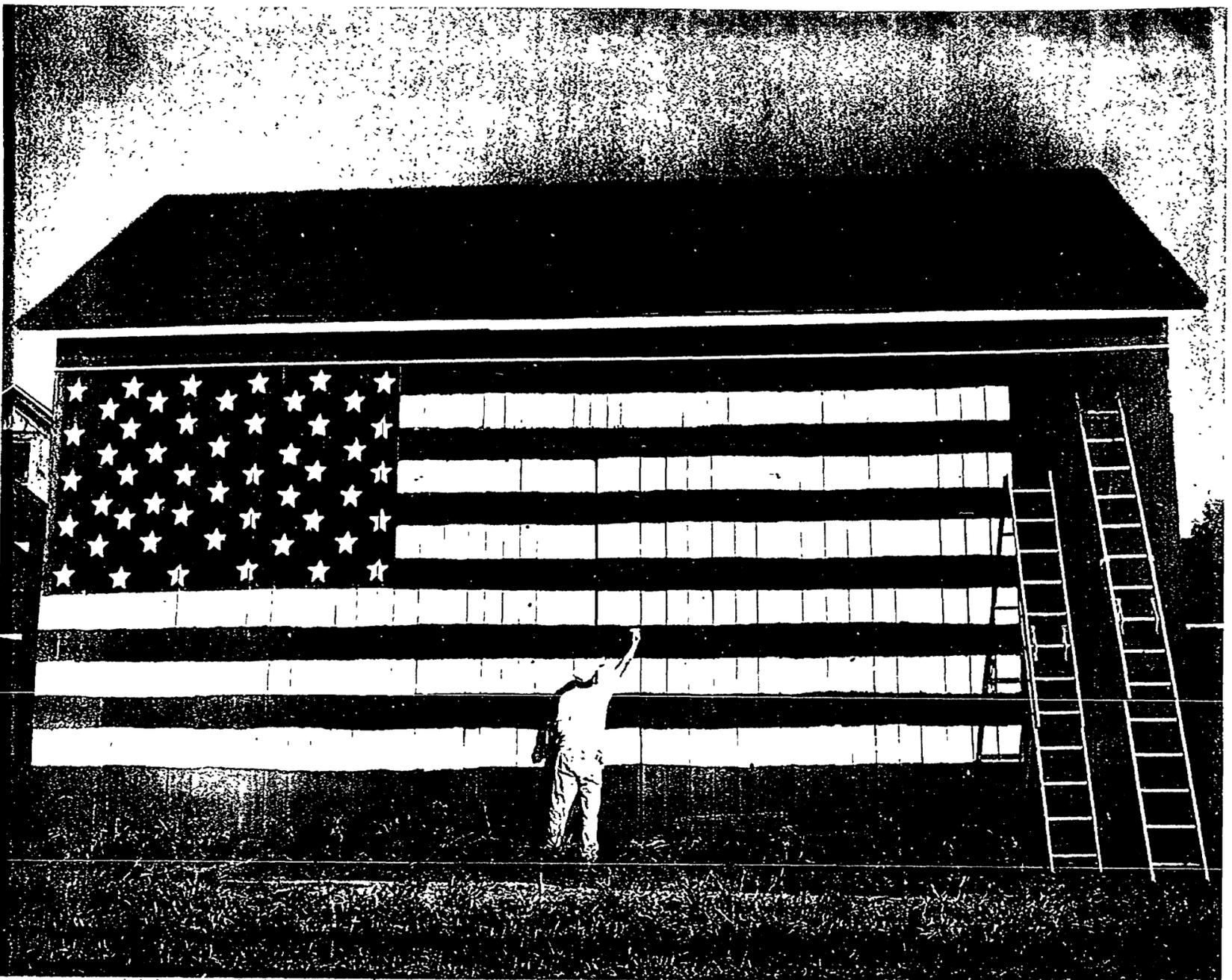
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BEDROOM Set, Thomasville, King size poster bed, w/metal canopy frame, armoire, triple dresser, iron-fold mirror, 2 nightstands, white washed oak finish, w/travertine stone top, exc. cond \$3,000/best offer. Brighton area, (248)446-9904

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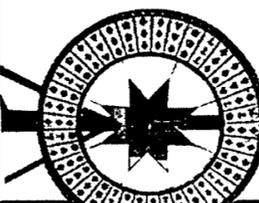
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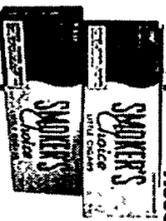


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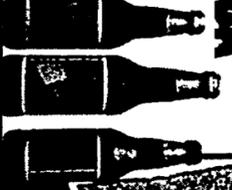
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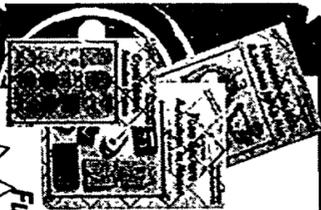
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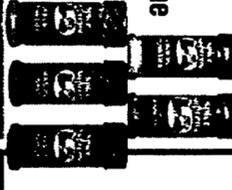
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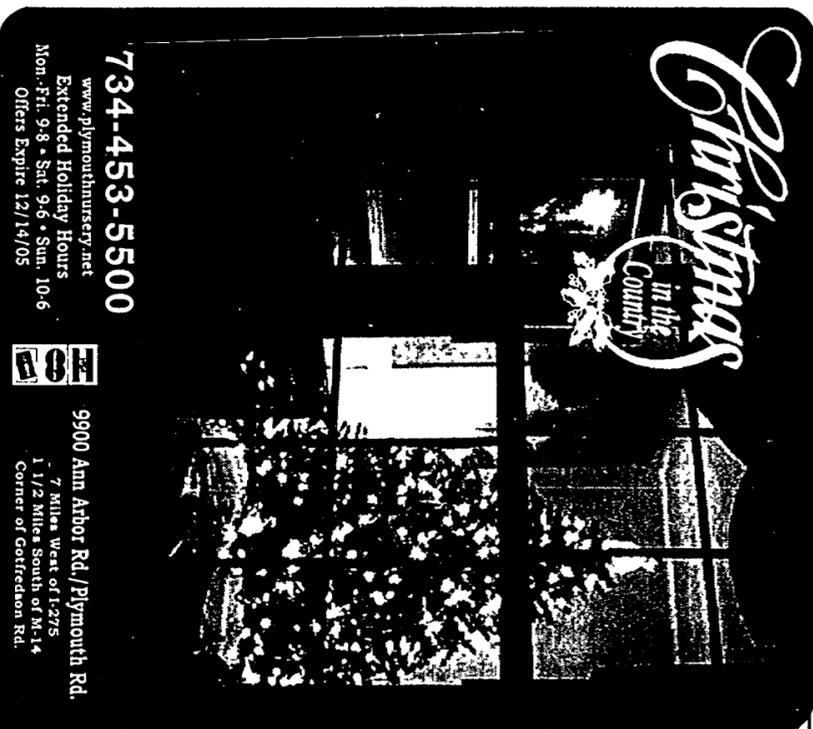
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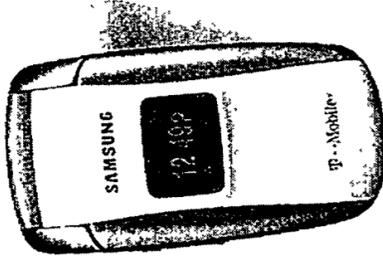


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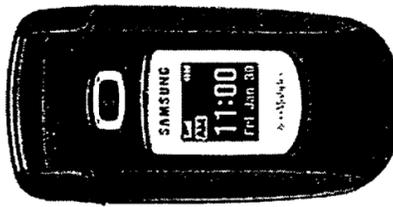
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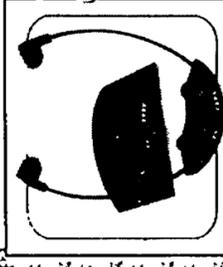
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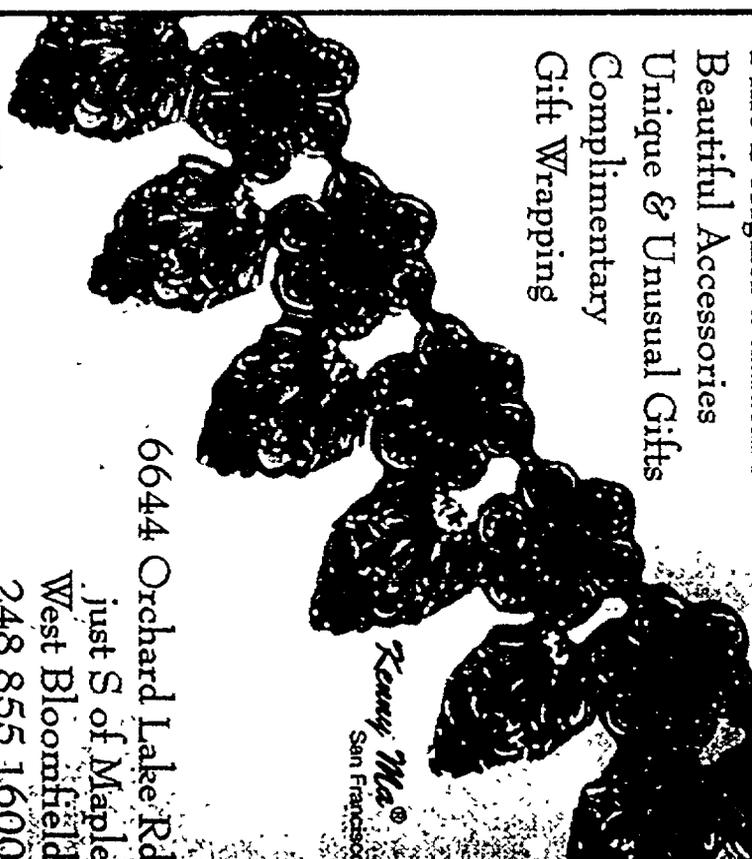
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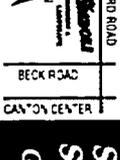
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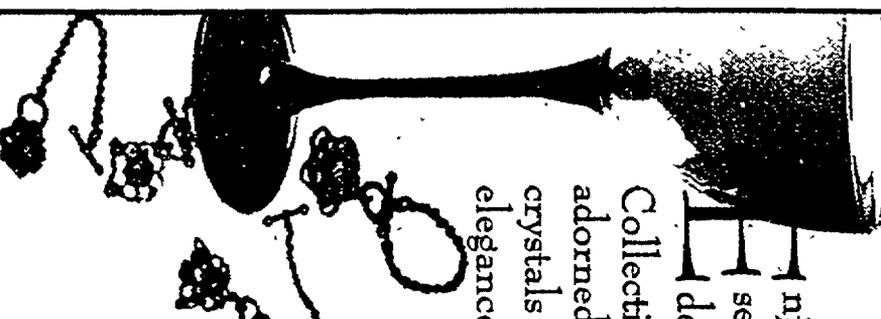
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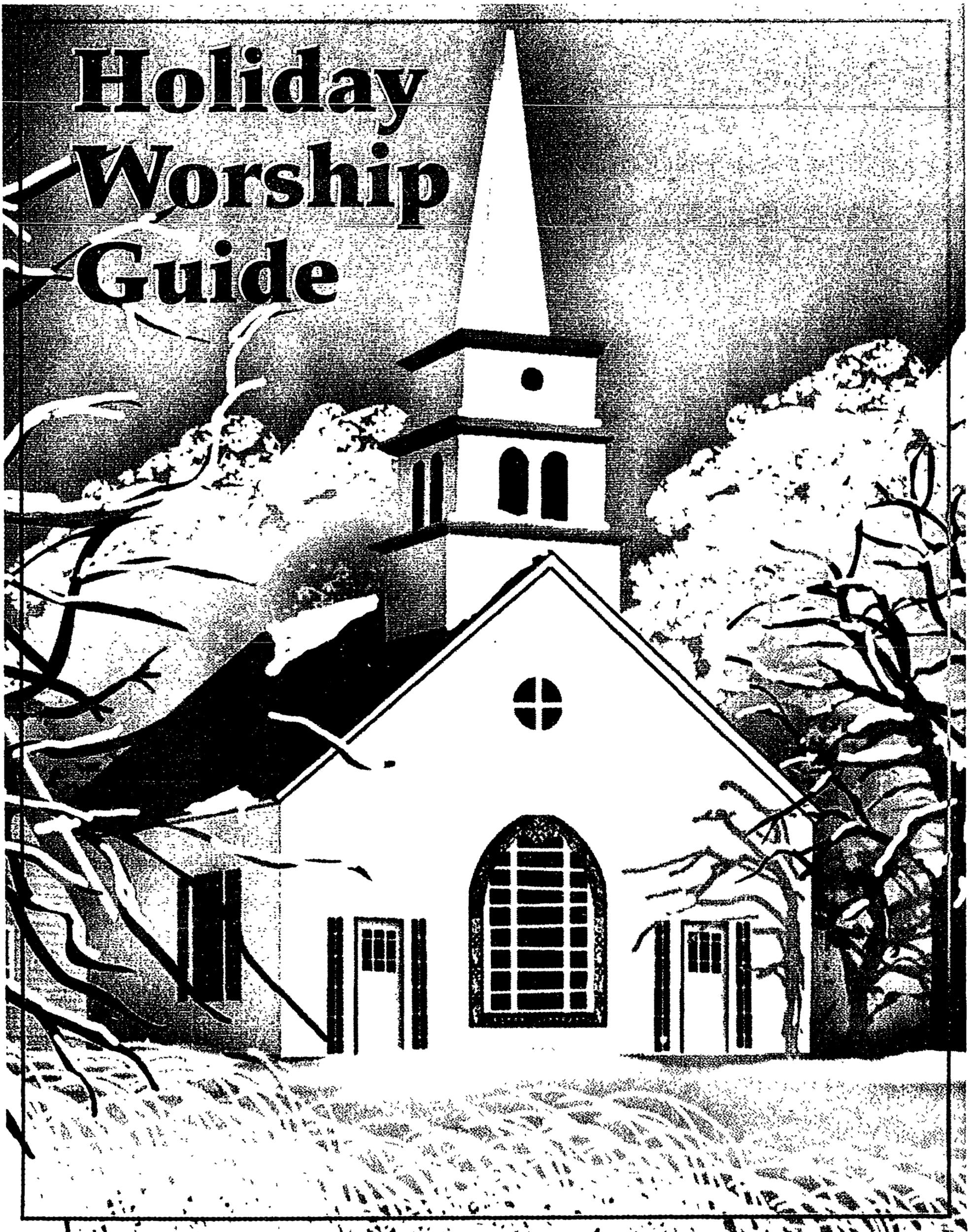


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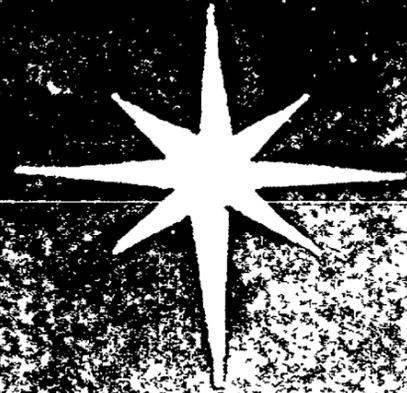
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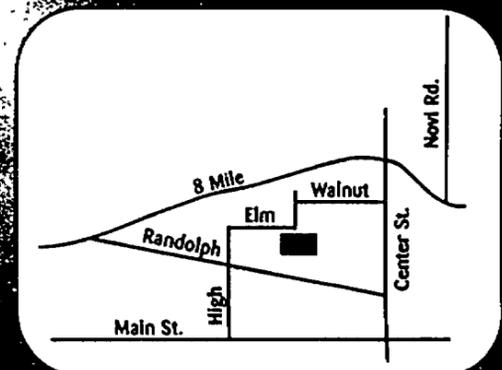
10:00am Christmas Day Service - Holy Communion

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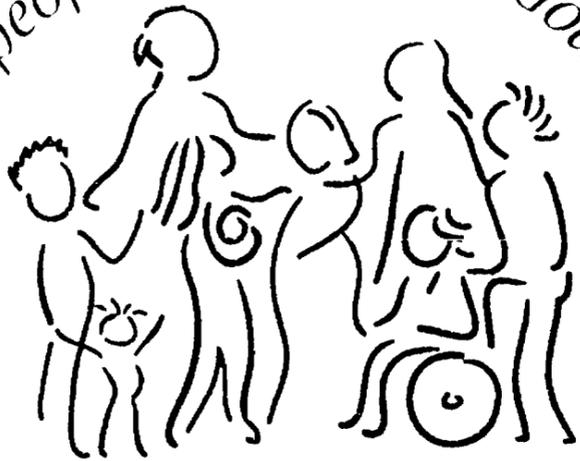
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Christmas Eve Service
Sat. Dec. 24 8pm

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December 4 - Second Sunday in Advent
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December 11 -Third Sunday In Advent
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December 18 - "A New Birth/A New Beginning
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December 24
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Christmas Eve Service - 11:00 p.m.

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Our Lady Of Victory Christmas Liturgy Schedule

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4pm Children's Mass (Church)
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Christmas Day Sun. 12-25
8am Mass
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"The New Son
of God"



CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Saturday, December 24, 2005
4:00 p.m.
Children's Christmas Pageant

Saturday, December 24, 2005
6:00 p.m.
Joyful Contemporary Service

Saturday, December 24, 2005
8:30 p.m.
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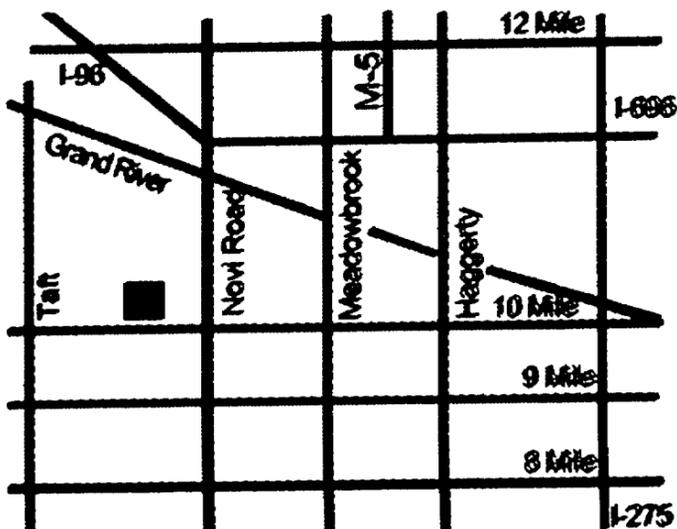
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11:00 PM - Traditional Candlelight Service - Communion

Christmas Day Service Sunday, December 25, one service at 10:30 AM

New Year's Day Service Sunday, January 1, one service at 10:30 AM



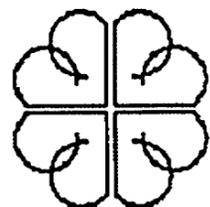
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8am Mass

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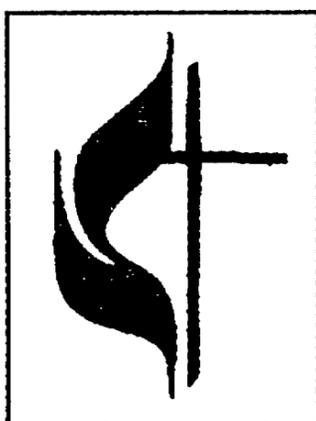
News Year's Eve Sat. 12-31

5pm Mass

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CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICES

Saturday, December 24, 2005

4:00 p.m.

Children's Christmas Pageant

Saturday, December 24, 2005

8:30 p.m.

Traditional Festive Worship Service

Saturday, December 24, 2005

6:00 p.m.

Joyful Contemporary Service

Saturday, December 24, 2005

11:00 p.m.

Quiet Meditative Service with Communion

Christmas Day, Sunday December 25, 2005

10am • "Blessing of the Toys"

Candlelighting at Christmas services. Handicap Assessable. Childcare for Infants & Toddlers at 4:00, 6:00 & 8:30p.m. services



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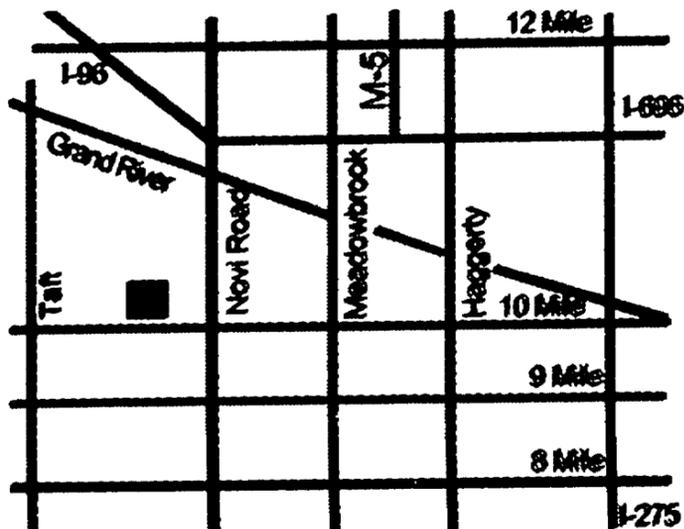
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Sunday, December 18 at 9:00 & 10:30 AM worship services

Christmas Eve Services Saturday, December 24 at 5:00, 8:00 & 11:00 PM
5:00 PM - Family Orientated Service
8:00 PM - Traditional Candlelight Service
11:00 PM - Traditional Candlelight Service - Communion

Christmas Day Service Sunday, December 25, one service at 10:30 AM

New Year's Day Service Sunday, January 1, one service at 10:30 AM



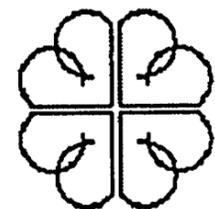
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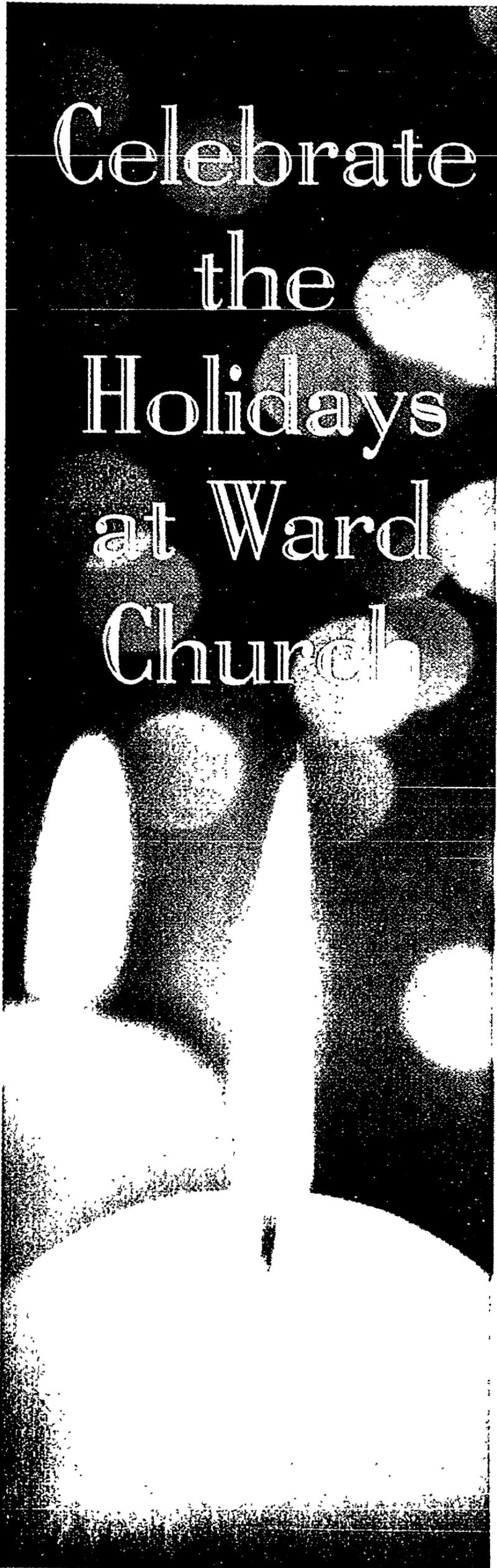
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Christmas Concert

"Jesus the Light of the World"

Sunday, December 11 - 5:00 p.m.

Presented by the Chancel Choir, Teen Choir, and Orchestra.
(Childcare provided thru age 4.)

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24

4:00, 5:30, 7:00 and 11:00 p.m.

(Childcare provided thru age 4 at 4:00 and 5:30 p.m.)

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25

10:20 a.m. - Traditional Worship

11:40 a.m. - Contemporary Worship

No Sunday School classes. (Childcare provided thru age 4.)

New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31

10:00 p.m. - Dessert and fellowship

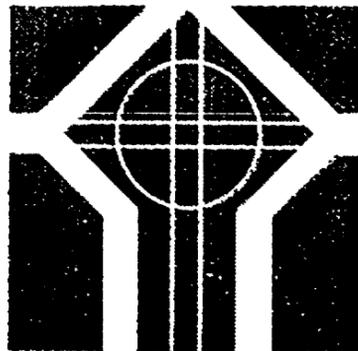
11:00 p.m. - Candlelight watch night service

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2006

10:20 a.m. - Traditional Worship

11:40 a.m. - Contemporary Worship

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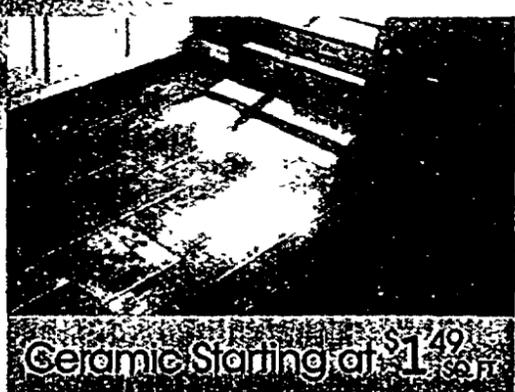
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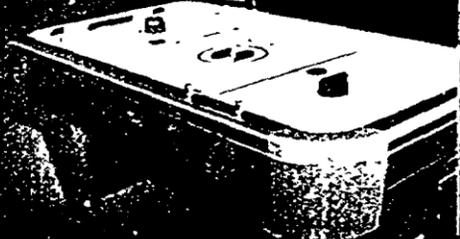


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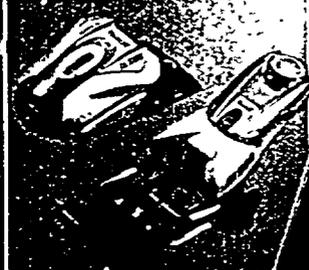
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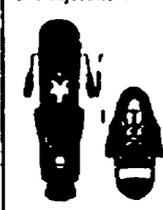
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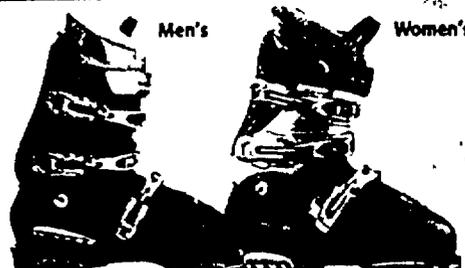
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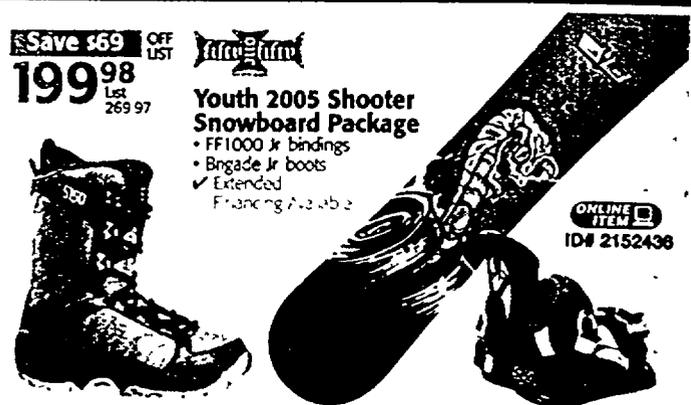


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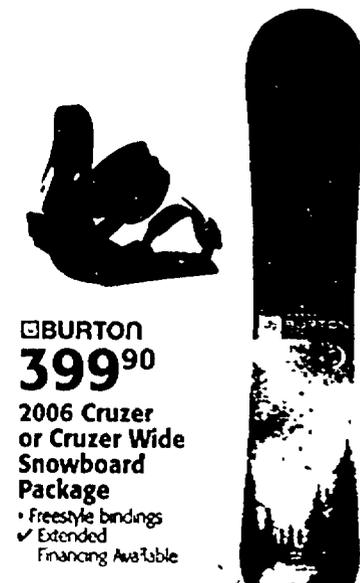
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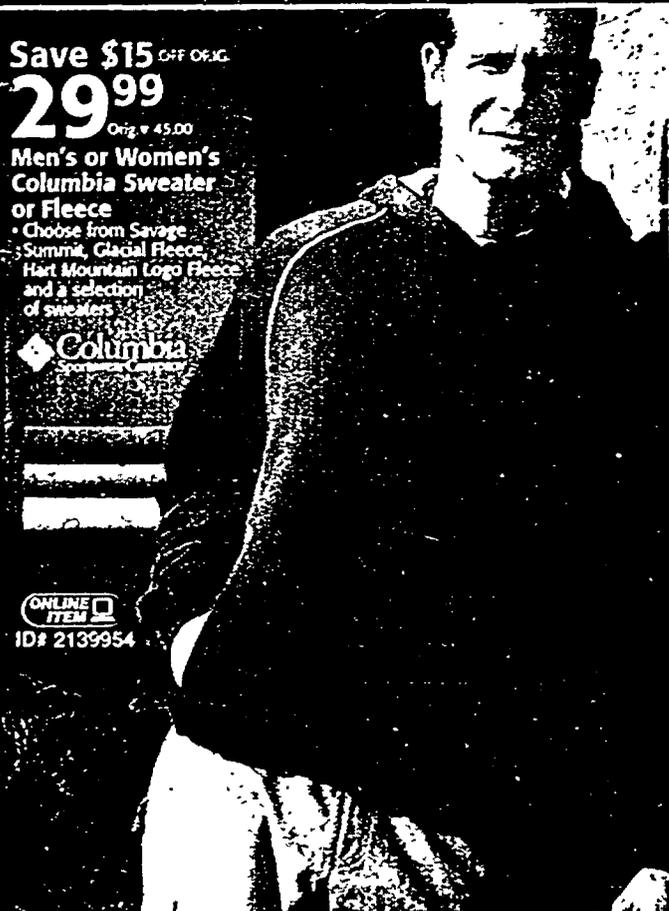
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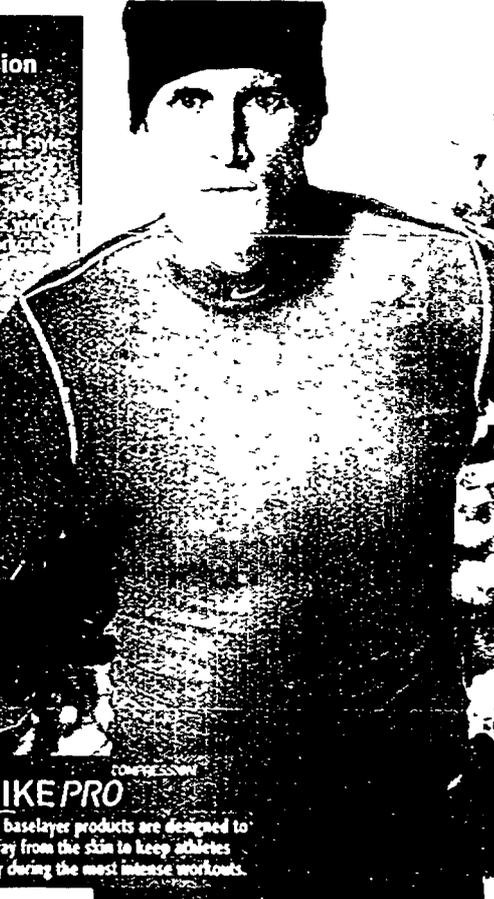
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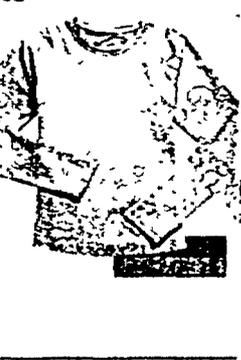
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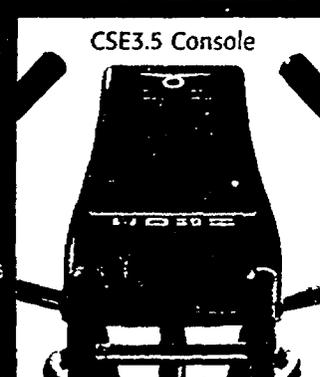
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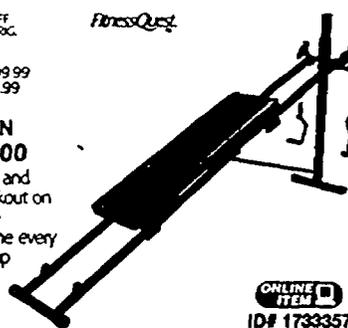


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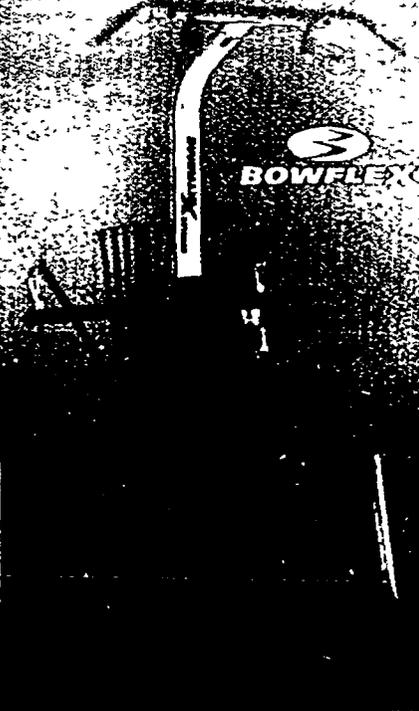
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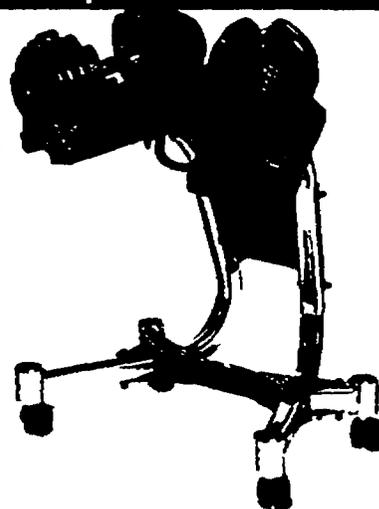
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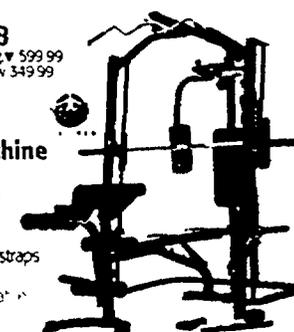
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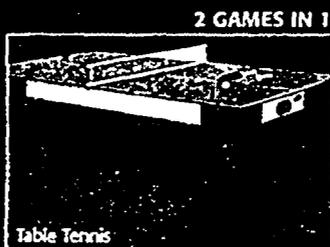


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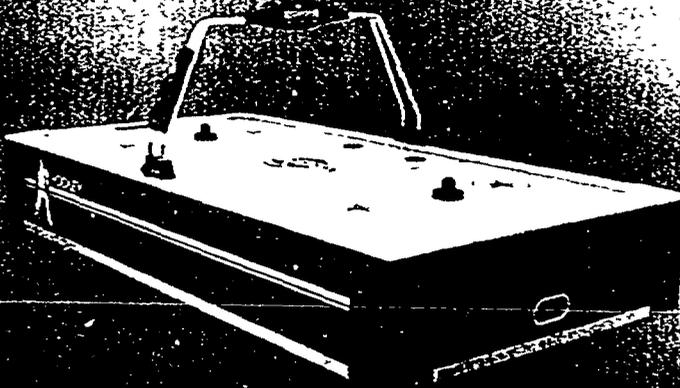
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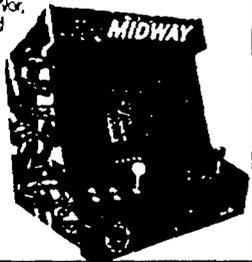
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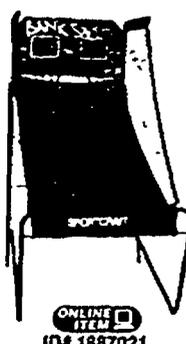
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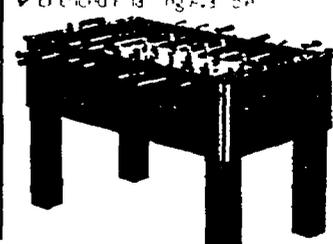


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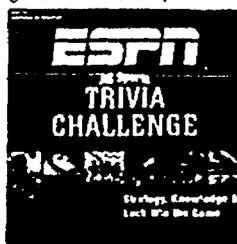
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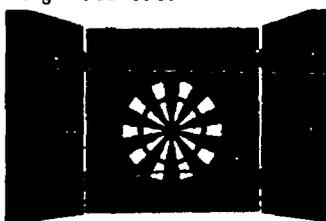
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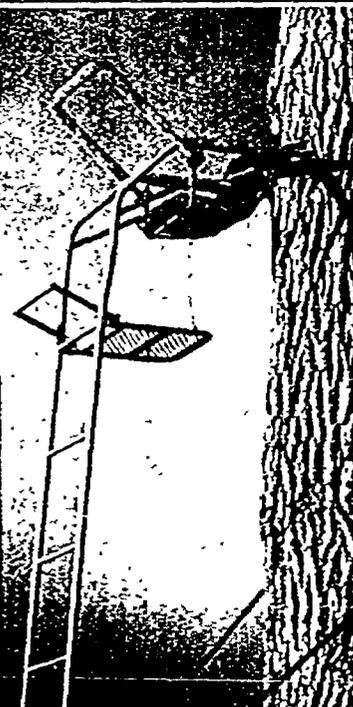
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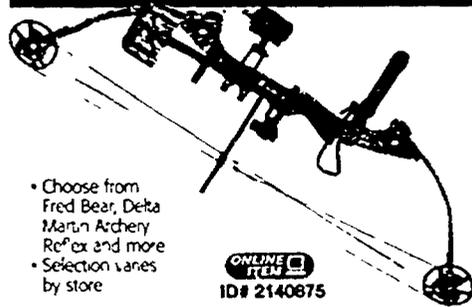
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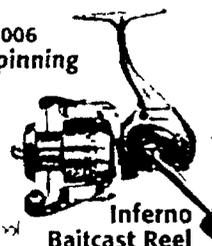


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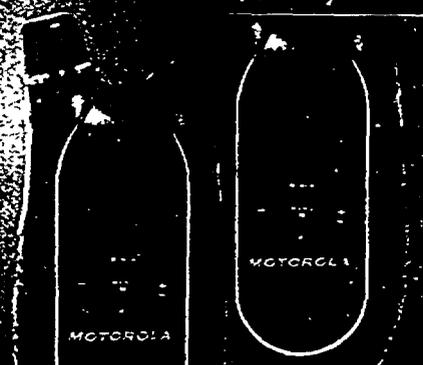
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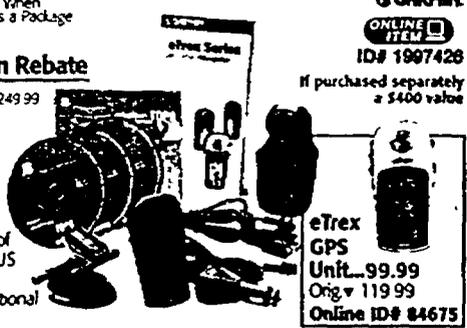


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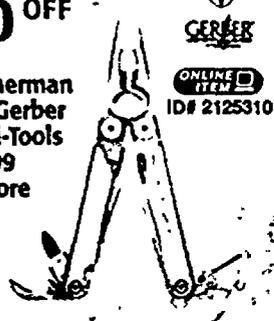
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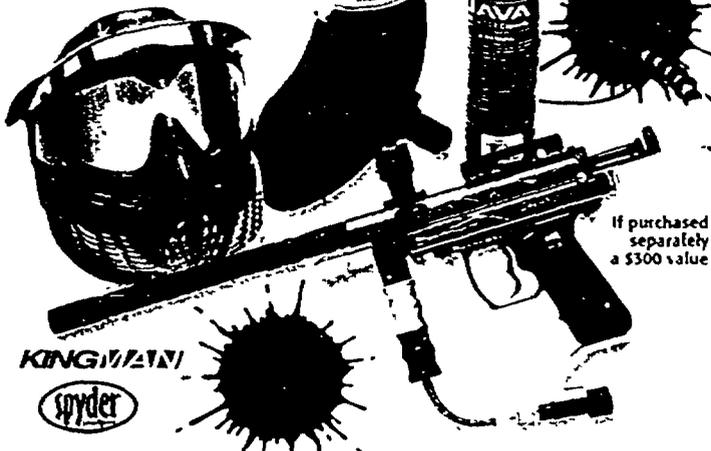
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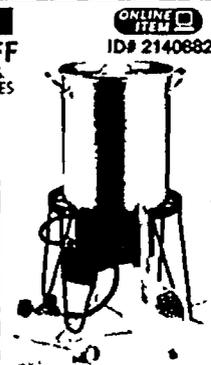
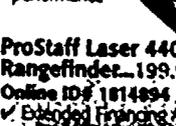
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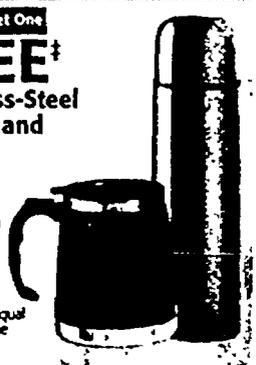
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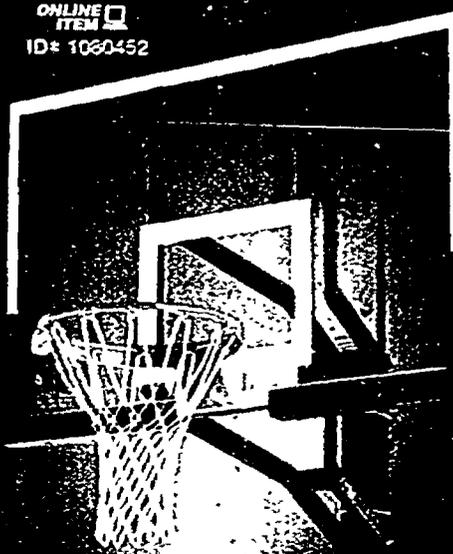
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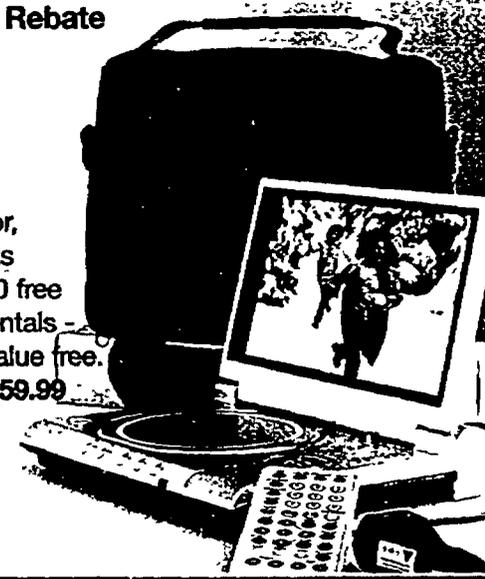
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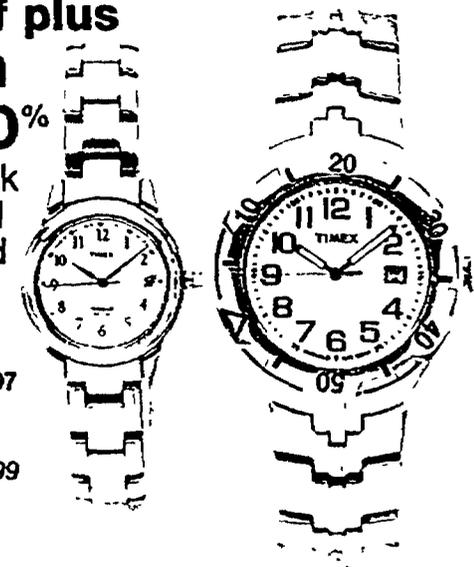


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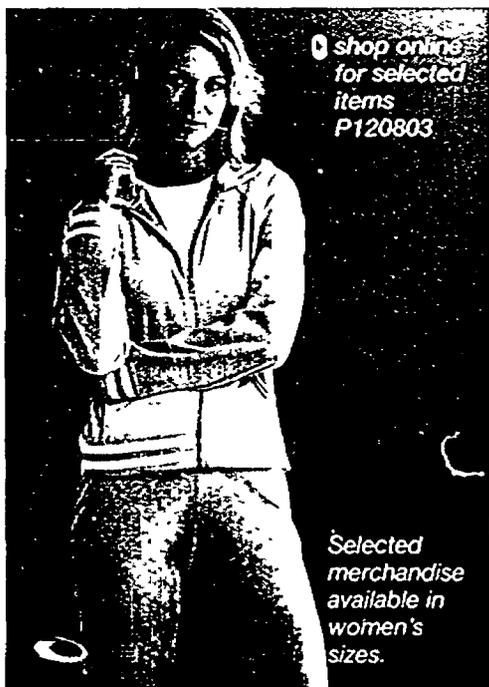
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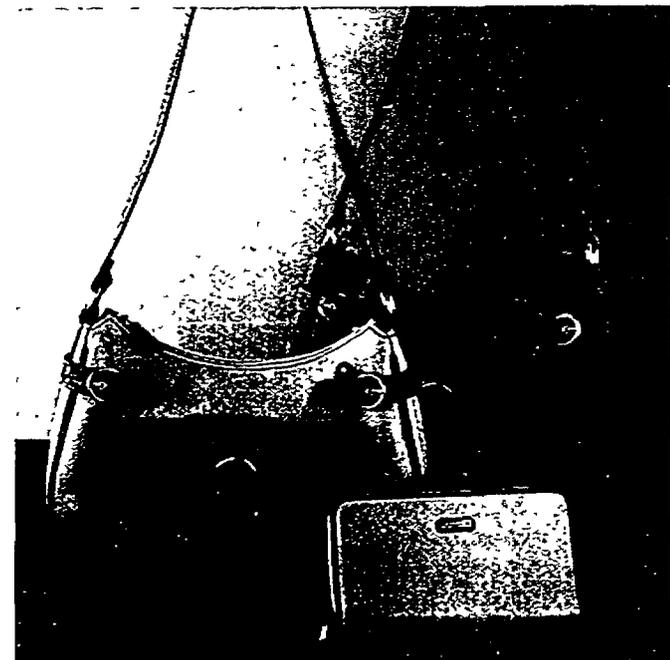
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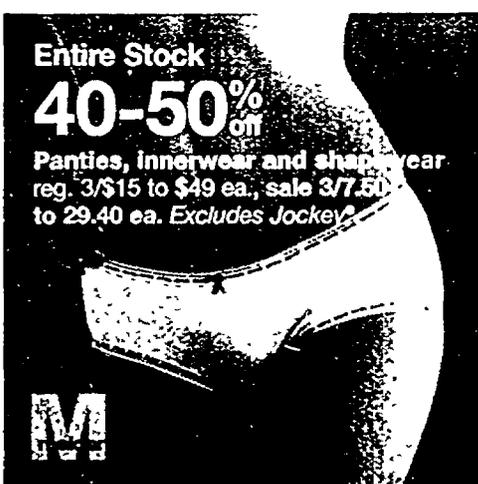


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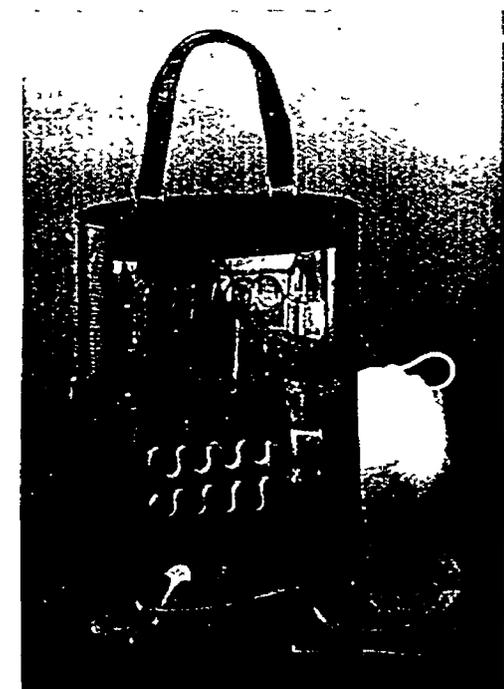
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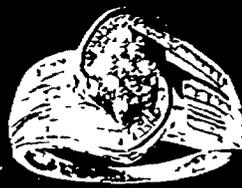


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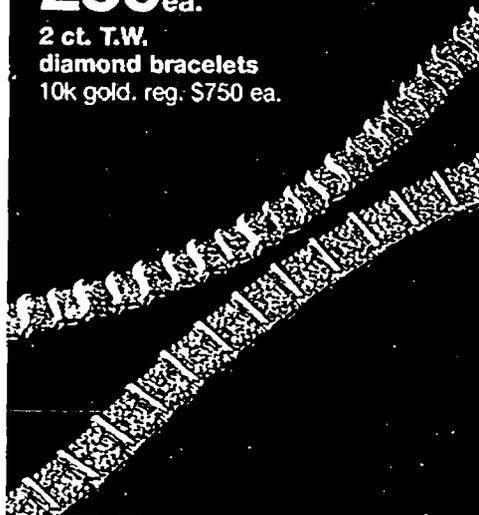
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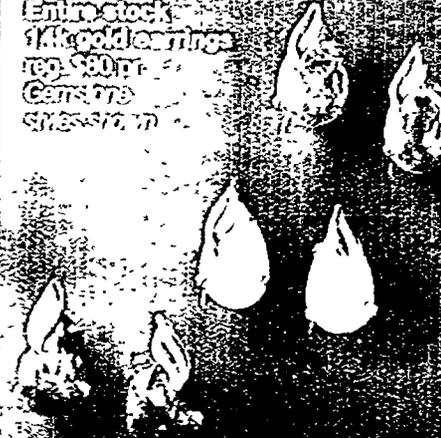
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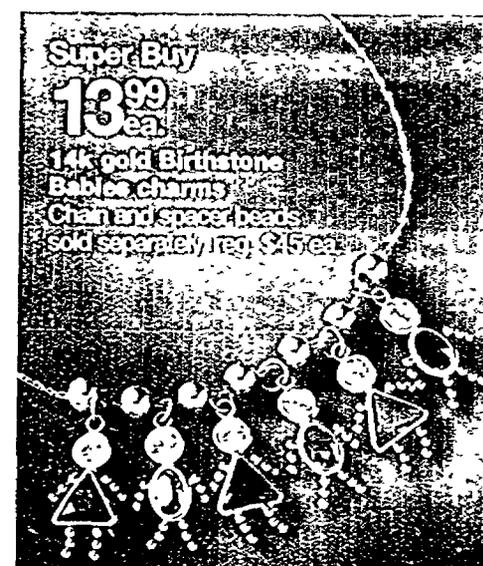
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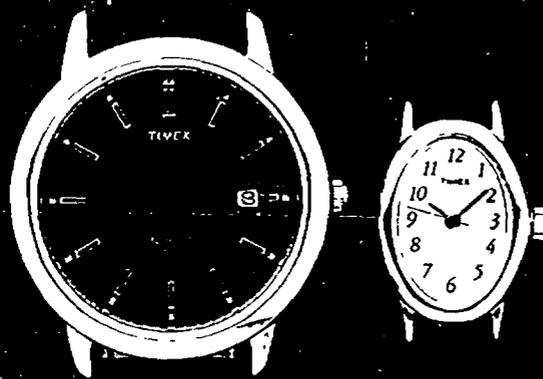
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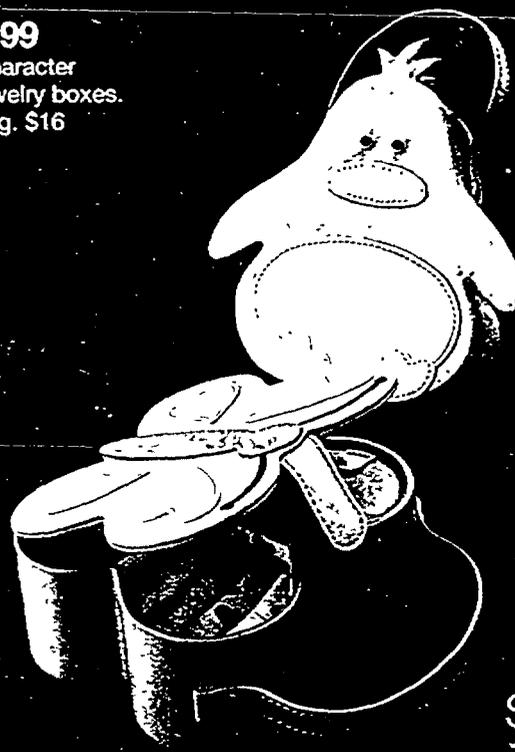
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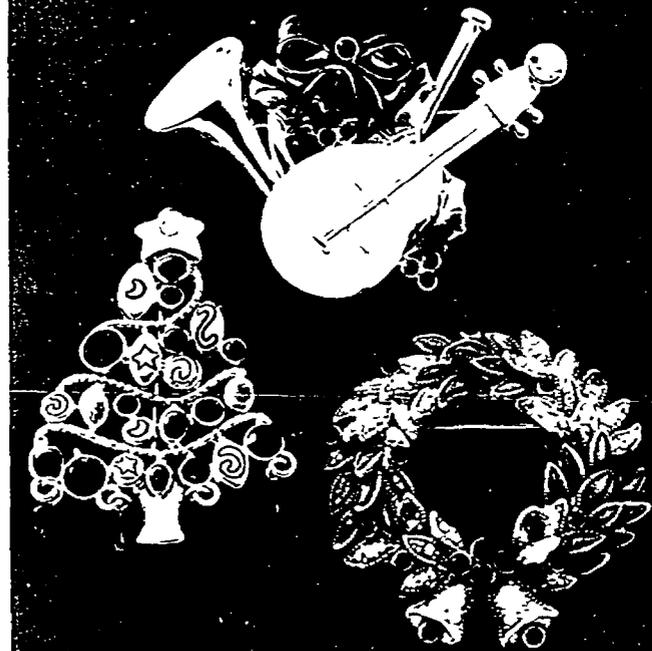


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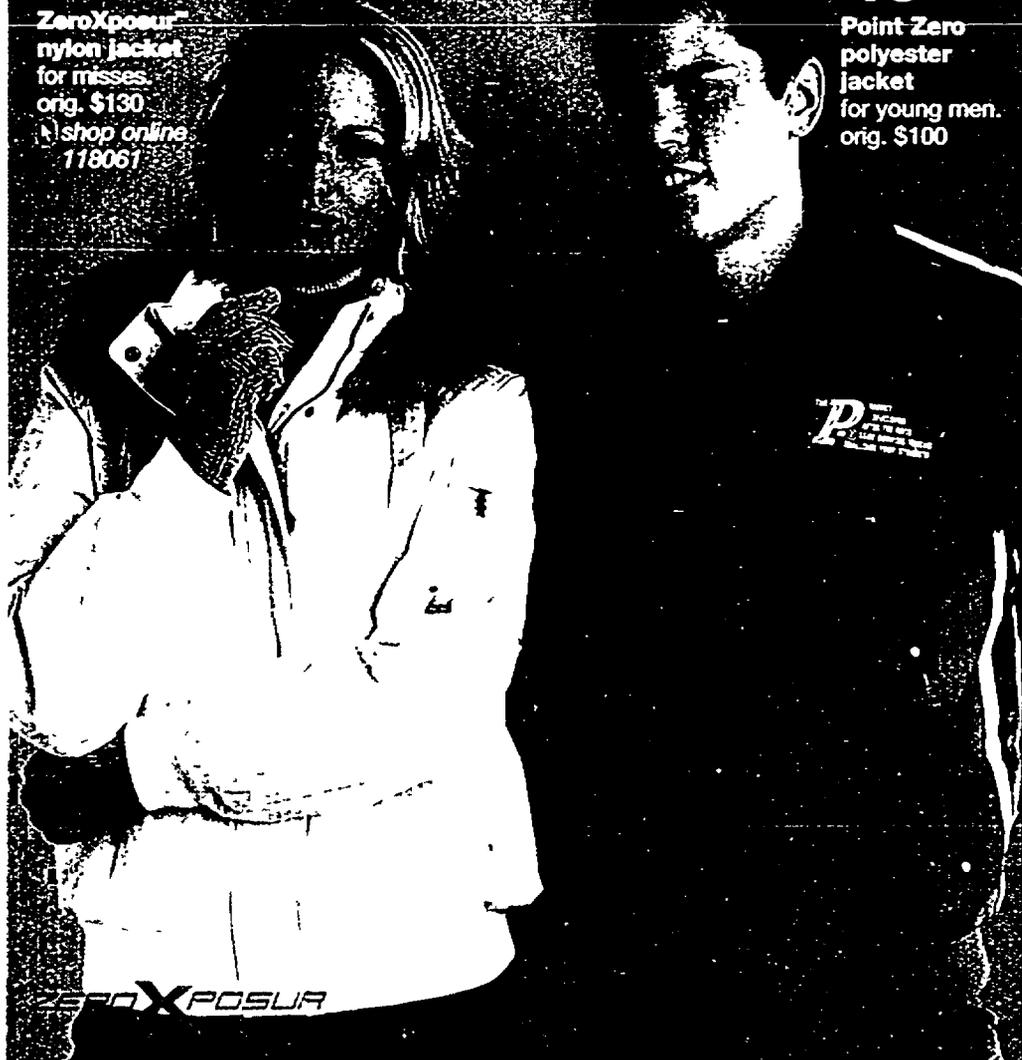
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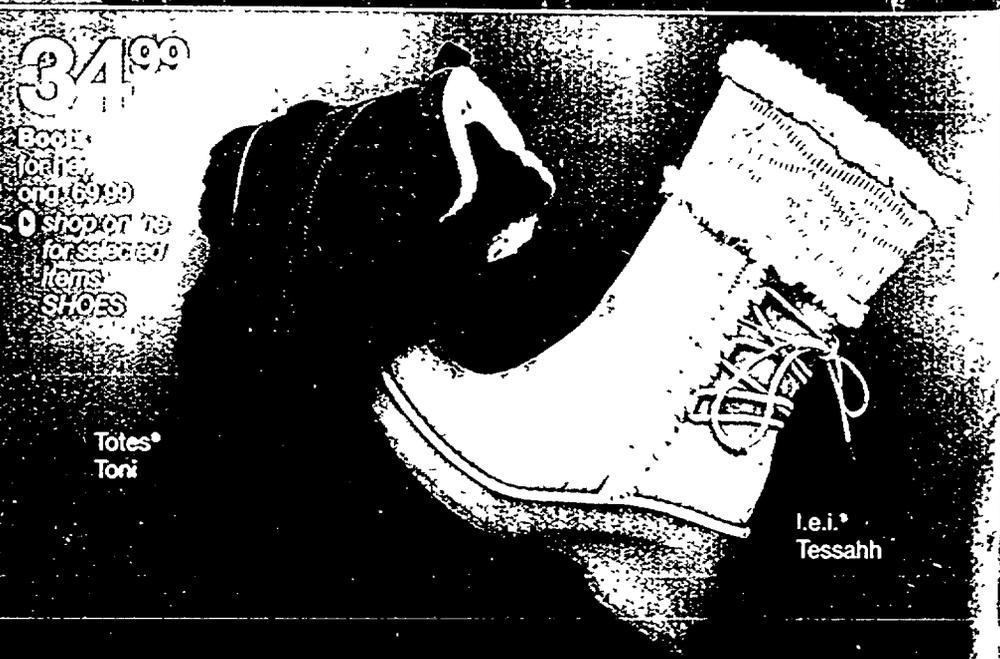
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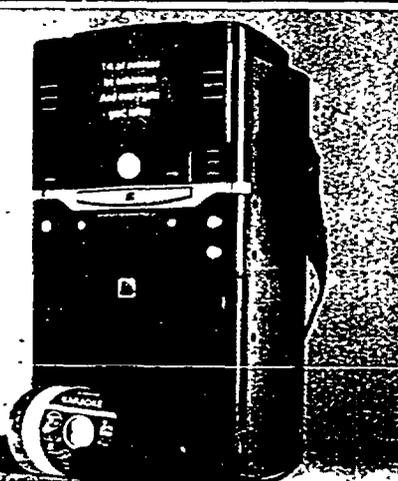
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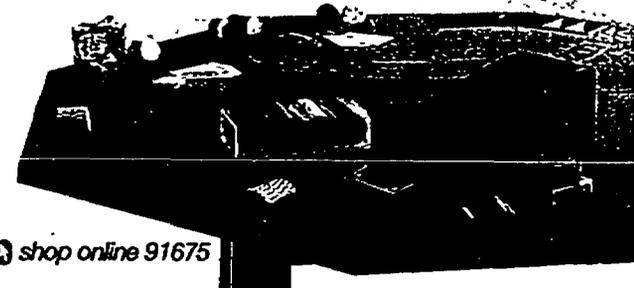
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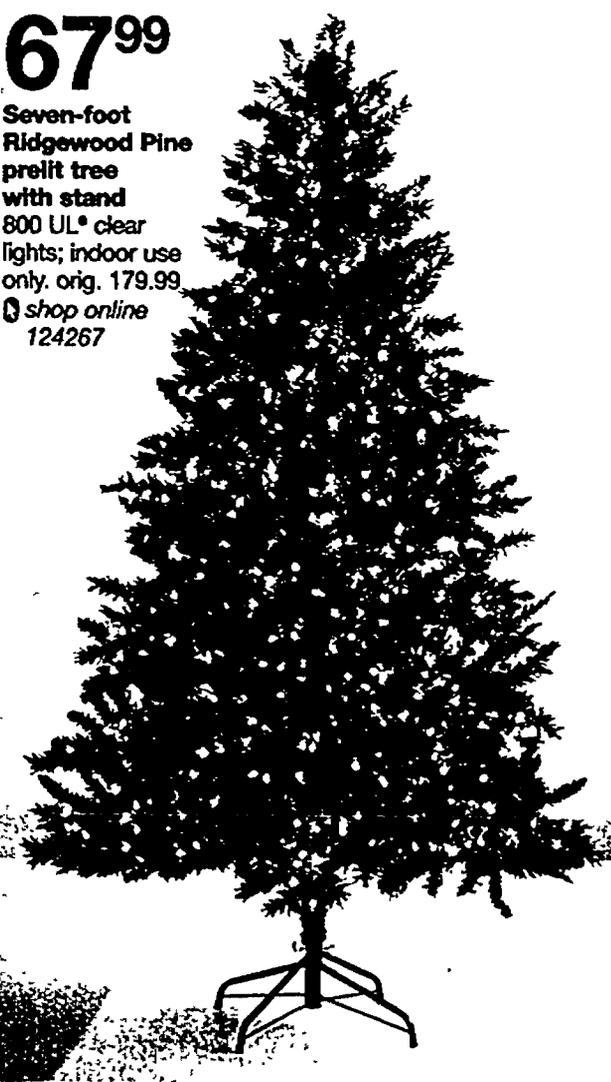
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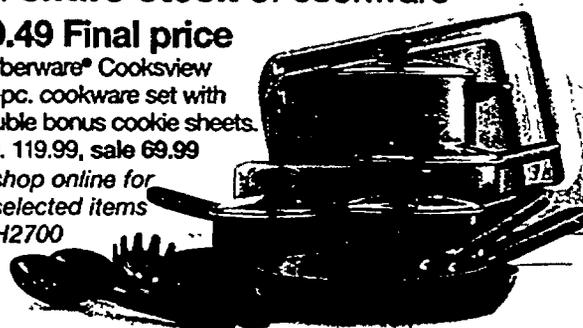
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59.49 Final price

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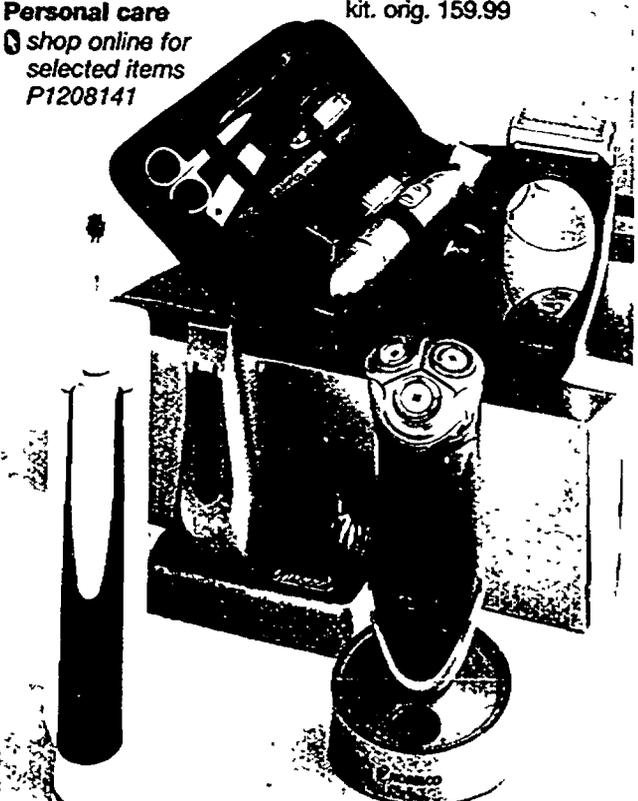
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Personal care shop online for selected items P1208141

Remington® Ultra Titanium MicroScreen® 3 razor with bonus travel kit. orig. 159.99



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Hit DVDs
orig. 16.99



Entire Stock
48⁹⁹

Buzztime Home Trivia Systems 4-player special edition set; includes 4 wireless controllers and extra game cartridge with 550 more trivia questions. orig. 109.99
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Entire Stock
89⁹⁹

VuGo Visual Entertainment Systems Handheld personal TV recorder; up to 60 hours of music recording; stores hundreds of photos. orig. 109.99



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66⁹⁹

shop online for selected items P1208109

Cambridge® 80-pc. flatware chests Includes 5-pc. flatware service, 12 dessert forks, 8-pc. hostess set & chest; service for 12; choose from 3 patterns. orig. 159.99



37⁹⁹

Digital tuning kitchen CD/clock radio Under the cabinet design with clock, timer, remote control and 4-speaker system. orig. 79.99
Item available in store only.

Your Choice
48⁹⁹

LeapFrog® My First LeapPad™ gift set or Little Touch LeapPad™ gift set My First includes two books & bus backpack; Little Touch includes interactive book, puzzle and tote. orig. 79.99 ea.
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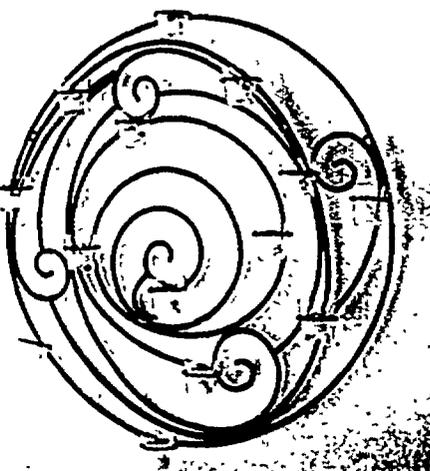
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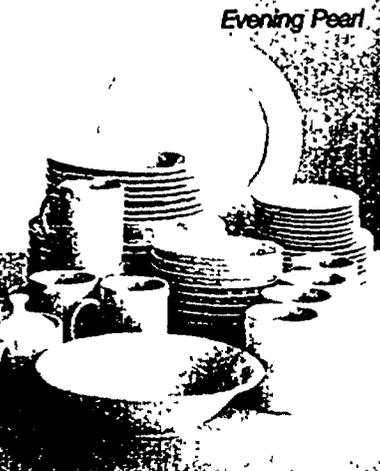
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27" spiral wall sconce Includes 14 glass tealight holders. orig. 89.99
Tealights not included.
shop online 127256



Entire Stock
36⁹⁹

53-pc. white dinnerware sets Includes 4-pc. service for 8; 8 canape plates, 8 fruit bowls and 5-pc. completer set; choose from 3 patterns. reg. 99.99
shop online for selected items P1208121



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Handheld games from Milton Bradley®, Mattel®, MGA, Parker Brothers® & Techno Source orig. 12.99 ea.
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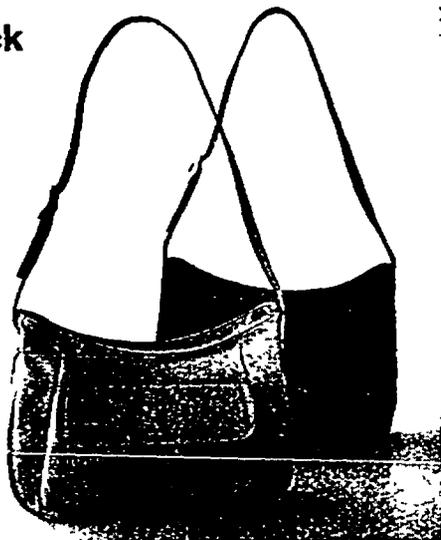


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Entire Stock
60% off

Leather handbags
orig. \$40-\$90,
sale \$16-\$36



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Fleece & chenille cold weather accessories
orig. \$7-\$30,
sale 2.45-10.50
shop online for selected items
P1208113



NIGHTOWL SPECIAL

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60% off

Leather & suede gloves
orig. \$20-\$50,
sale \$8-\$20

shop online for selected items P120812



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Entire Stock
60% off

Sleepwear sets for her.
orig. \$30-\$45,
sale \$12-\$18
shop online for selected items
P1208114

9.99
Sonoma pajama set for her.
orig. \$30



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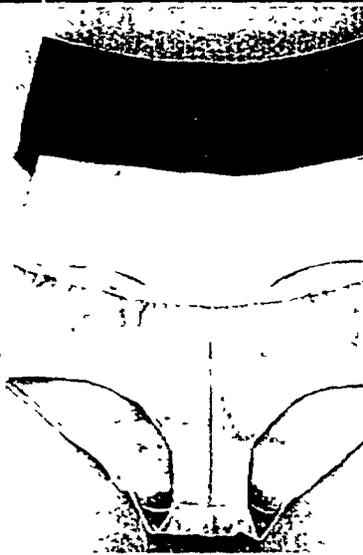
EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

55% off

Panties & innerwear
reg. \$6-\$36,
sale 2.70-16.20
Selected styles.

Warner's® Simply Daisies panties
reg. 3/\$24, sale 1.99 ea.

warner's



NIGHTOWL SPECIAL

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Entire Stock
7.99

Slippers for her from Isotoner® & Dearfoams®
orig. \$18-\$20
shop online for selected items P120813

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Dearfoams



NIGHTOWL SPECIAL

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Entire Stock
12.99

Bali® bras
reg. \$25-\$30
shop online for selected items P120814

55% off Warner's®, Maidenform®, Vanity Fair® & Barelythere® bras
reg. \$23-\$32,
sale 10.35-14.40
Excludes specialty bras & Maidenform® Dream® bra.

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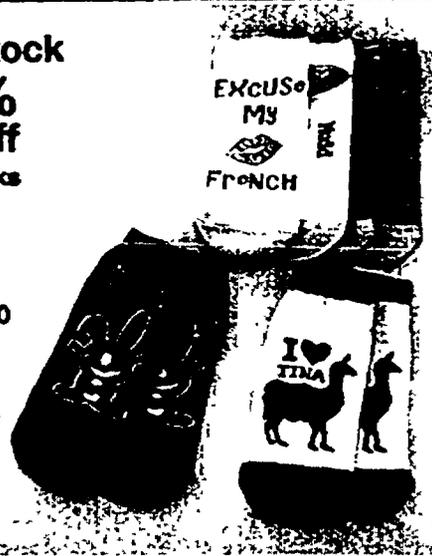
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Entire Stock
65% off

Novelty socks for her from Mudd®, I.e.l.® & SO...
orig. \$5-\$10,
sale 1.75-3.50
SO...so real.
SO...so right.®

shop online for selected items
P1208103



NIGHTOWL SPECIAL

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2.99

Slipper socks for her. orig. \$8 pr.
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P1208116

SONOMA



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Entire Stock
60-70% off

Boots for the family.
orig. 29.99-99.99, sale 11.99-39.99
Excludes Candie's, Sorel® & Columbia Sportswear Company®

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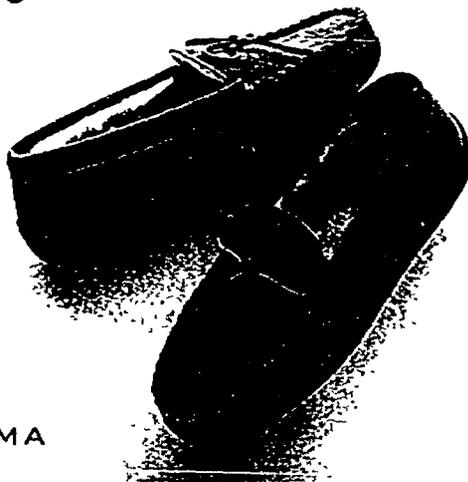


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PACIFIC TRAIL

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Sonoma slippers for men.
orig. 39.99
In shoe department.



SONOMA lifestyle

Entire Stock
40-55% off

Running and basketball shoes for the family.
reg. 34.99-69.99, sale 20.99-41.99
Excludes Nike® Air Dual D & Visible Air Technology.

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Entire Stock
25% off

Fine fragrance sets
reg. \$24-\$47, sale 18.00-35.25
Excludes Wonderful from American Beauty.



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EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

Your Choice
30% off

Beauty sets from grassroots™, American Beauty & FLJRTI
reg. \$12-\$45 ea., sale 8.40-31.50 ea.



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NIGHTOWL SPECIAL

EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

65% off plus save an extra 15%
on entire stock of diamond jewelry
Extra 15% excludes Super buy items and discontinued fine jewelry.

shop online for selected items F999

86.69 ea. Final price

Your choice 1 ct. T.W. diamond and sterling silver heart pendant or bracelet.
reg. \$325 ea., sale 101.99 ea.



56.49 ea. Final price

Your choice 1/4 ct. T.W. diamond pair of earrings or heart pendant.
10k gold, reg. \$200-\$225 ea., sale 69.99 ea.



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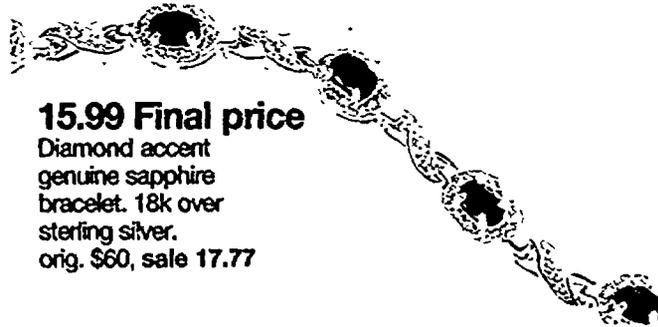
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65% off plus save an extra 10%
on entire stock of sterling silver jewelry
reg. \$10-\$160, sale 3.50-56.00, final price 3.15-50.40

shop online for selected items F2200

15.99 Final price

Diamond accent genuine sapphire bracelet. 18k over sterling silver.
orig. \$60, sale 17.77



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Entire Stock
55-60% off

Boxed fashion jewelry
orig. \$2-\$20, sale .80-8.00



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Entire Stock
60% off

apt. 9" cashmere sweaters for misses. orig. \$84, sale 33.60
shop online for selected items P1208117



apt. 9"

Entire Stock
6⁹⁹

Croft & Barrow® fall & holiday knit tops for misses, petites & women. orig. \$16-\$24 Misses' shown. shop online for selected items P120815



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12⁹⁹

Holiday fleece tops for misses from MCCC Sportswear & Croft & Barrow® Sport orig. \$30-\$36 shop online for selected items W3462

Women's Croft & Barrow® Sport holiday fleece tops orig. \$34-\$40, sale 14.99



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Entire Stock
50-55% off

apt. 9" jackets for misses, petites and women. orig. \$48-\$84, sale 21.60-37.80 Misses' shown. Available in misses' sportswear dept. shop online for selected items P120816



apt. 9"

Entire Stock
60-65% off

Winter outerwear for misses, women and juniors. orig. \$60-\$250, sale \$21-\$100 Misses' shown. Excludes Columbia Sportswear Company®. shop online for selected items W1500



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Save
55-65%

daisy fuentes®, access and Nine & Company® sportswear for misses, petites and women. orig. \$29-\$74, sale 13.05-33.30 Misses' shown. shop online for selected items W2900



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Entire Stock
60% off

Sweaters for misses from J.A.C., World Republic™, Pointelle® & Allison Brittany orig. \$30-\$48, sale 12.00-19.20



J.A.C.

Save
55-65%

Villager, Requirements®, Norton McNaughton® & Sag Harbor® sportswear for misses, petites and women. orig. \$36-\$72, sale 16.20-32.40 Selected styles. Misses' shown. shop online for selected items P120818



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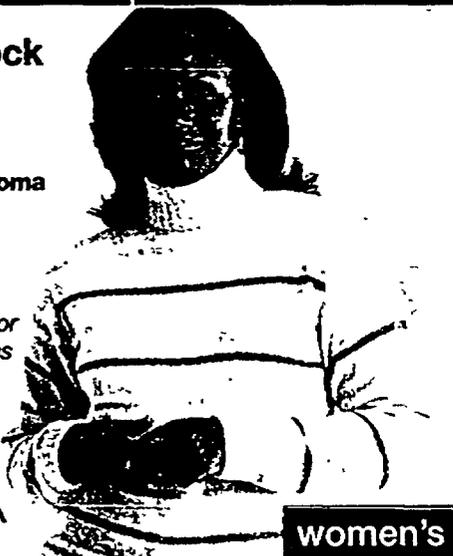
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Entire Stock
16⁹⁹

Women's Sonoma sweaters
Sizes 1X-3X & 16W-24W.
orig. \$38-\$42
shop online for selected items P120820



SONOMA lifestyle

women's

Entire Stock
16⁹⁹

Sonoma denim & twill pants for misses & petites. orig. \$36
Misses' shown.
shop online for selected items P120822

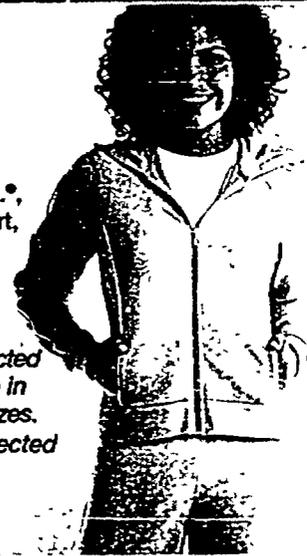


Women's orig. \$38, sale 17.99

SONOMA lifestyle

60% off

Active & fitness wear for misses from Tek Gear®, N.Y.L., Gloria Vanderbilt® Sport, Daisy Fuentes® Sport, Fu Da® & Erika® Sport orig. \$14-\$40, sale 5.60-16.00
Selected styles. Selected merchandise available in petites' & women's sizes.
shop online for selected items P1208122



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Petites' pants from Sag Harbor®, Briggs®, N.Y.L., Sonoma & Erika® orig. \$20-\$36
shop online for selected items P120819



petites'

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EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

Entire Stock
65% off

Corduroy Pants for Misses & Petites from Gloria Vanderbilt®, Levi's®, Lee® & Dockers® orig. 34.99-40.00, sale 12.24-13.99
Misses' shown.
shop online for selected items P1208120



Gloria Vanderbilt

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65% off

SO... knit tops for juniors. orig. \$18, sale 6.30
Selected styles. SO...so real. so right.™
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NIGHTOWL SPECIAL

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11⁹⁹

Sweater jackets for juniors. orig. \$30
shop online for selected items P1208105



NIGHTOWL SPECIAL

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8⁹⁹

Sweaters for juniors. orig. \$24
shop online for selected items P1208118



NIGHTOWL SPECIAL

EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

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Sweater & scarf sets for juniors. orig. \$40
shop online for selected items P1208119



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65% off

Collections for juniors. orig. \$30-\$48, sale 10.50-16.80 Selected styles.



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Gypsy skirts for juniors. orig. \$30-\$42



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Sweaters for girls 4-16 & boys 4-7 from SO... and Sonoma SONOMA life+style™. shop online for selected items P120828



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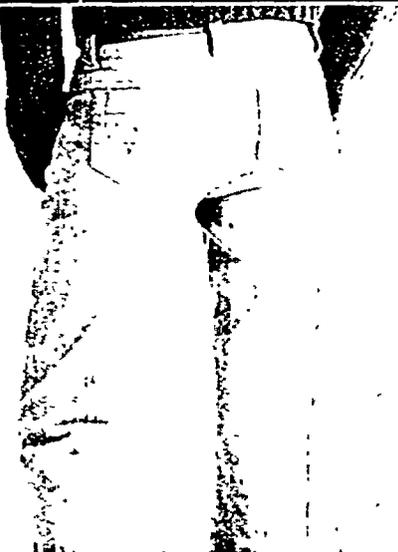
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Entire Stock 14⁹⁹

SO... corduroy & casual pants for juniors. orig. \$38 shop online for selected items P1208124



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SO... activewear for juniors. orig. \$20-\$26, sale 7.00-9.10 shop online for selected items P120823



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SO... fashion jeans for juniors. orig. \$38 shop online for selected items P120825



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NIGHTOWL SPECIAL

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Entire Stock 12⁹⁹

SO... 5-pkt. jeans for juniors. reg. 29.99 shop online for selected items P120824



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NIGHTOWL SPECIAL

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Entire Stock 40% off

Fashion corduroy pants for juniors from Unionbay®, GLO® & Angels orig. \$40, sale \$24 shop online for selected items P1208123



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50% off

Carter's® coveralls for newborns.

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60-65% off

Dressy apparel and dresses for toddlers, infants, newborns, girls 4-16 and boys 4-7.

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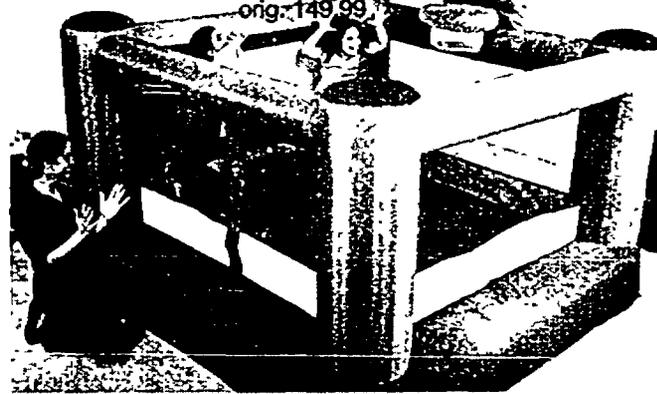


NIGHTOWL SPECIAL

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79⁹⁹

Bounce N' Hoops bouncer 8x8'; includes blower, storage bag & basketball; inflates in 30 seconds. orig. 149.99



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65% off

Graphic fleece tops and tees for boys 8-20. orig. \$15-\$36, sale 5.25-12.60 Excludes athletic apparel.

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NIGHTOWL SPECIAL

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Entire Stock
65% off

Outerwear, fleece tops and sweaters for young men from Urban Pipeline™ & Levi's® orig. \$46-\$100, sale 16.10-35.00



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Tek Gear® fleece jackets for men. orig. \$35-\$50, sale 12.25-17.50 shop online for selected items P120829



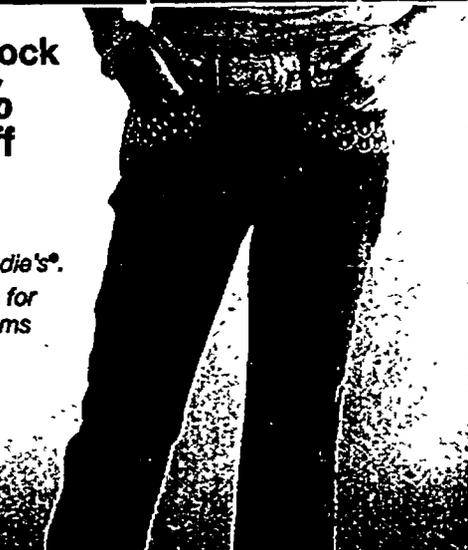
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Entire Stock
50% off

Fashion denim jeans for girls 7-16. Excludes Candie's®.

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Entire Stock
55-65% off

Long-sleeved knit tops for young men from Urban Pipeline™, Machine® & Avirex® orig. \$24-\$42, sale 10.80-18.90

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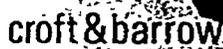
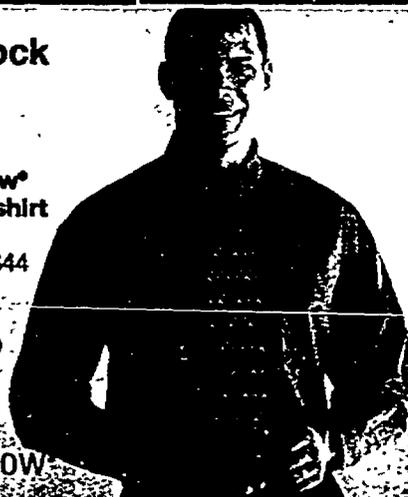
Entire Stock
98⁹⁹

Chaps dress top coats for men. Available in long and short styles. orig. \$275



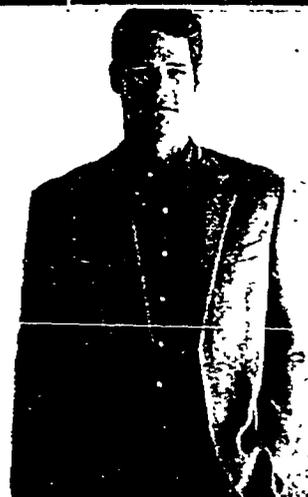
Entire Stock
18⁹⁹

Croft & Barrow® boxed dress shirt and tie sets for men. orig. \$44
shop online for selected items M1150



Entire Stock
78⁹⁹

Chaps microsuede sport coats and blazers for men. orig. \$175



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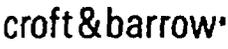
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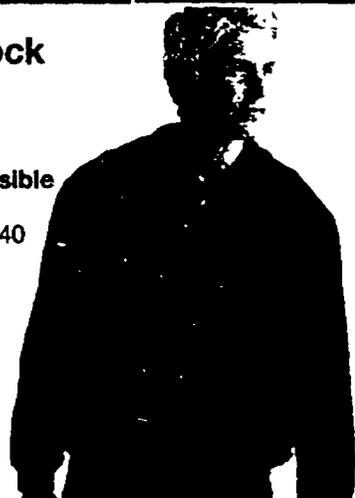
Entire Stock
7⁹⁹

Croft & Barrow® flannel sport shirts for men. orig. \$24
shop online for selected items P120832



Entire Stock
12⁹⁹

Wedge™ reversible fleece tops for men. orig. \$40



Entire Stock
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Croft & Barrow® flannel loungepants for men. orig. \$20
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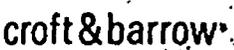
Entire Stock
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Natural Issue® Executive khaki and denim casual pants for men. reg. \$45
shop online 50672



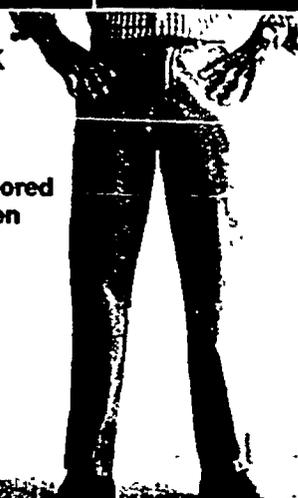
Entire Stock
65% off

Winter outerwear for men from Croft & Barrow® and Sonoma orig. \$60-\$300, sale \$21-\$105
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Entire Stock
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Corduroy and colored twill pants for men from Sonoma and Croft & Barrow® orig. \$40
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Your Choice
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Explorer 21"
wheeled duffel
or upright
reg. 44.99 ea

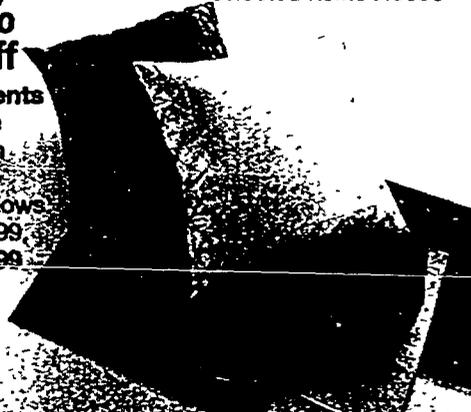


Also available in pink & black.

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Holiday accents
Includes table
linens, kitchen
textiles and
decorative pillows
orig. 3.99-49.99
sale 1.99-19.99



17⁹⁹ queen or king
Martex® Vellux® blankets
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Bath coordinates
Includes shower
curtains & bath
accessories.
orig. 6.99-59.99
sale 3.49-29.99



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Gloria Vanderbilt®
Pima cotton
bath towel
Oversized 30x56";
12 colors.
orig. 13.99



All Sizes
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Home Classics®
slipcovers
Available in sofa
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reg. 89.99



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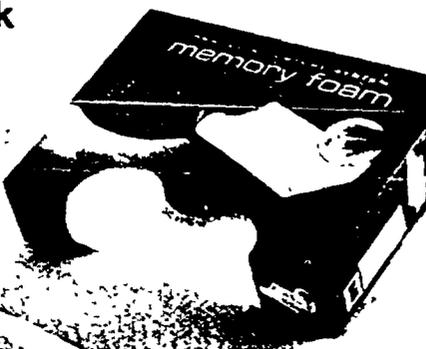
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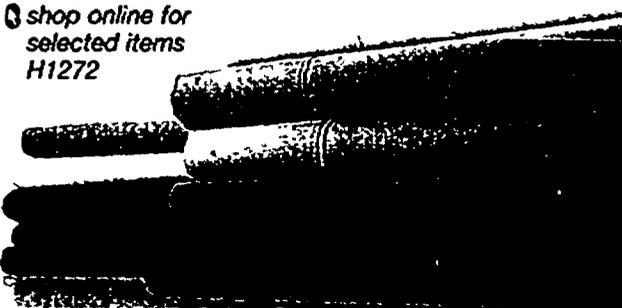
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bed pillows
and mattress
toppers by
Absolute
Comfort
System



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Solid sheet sets
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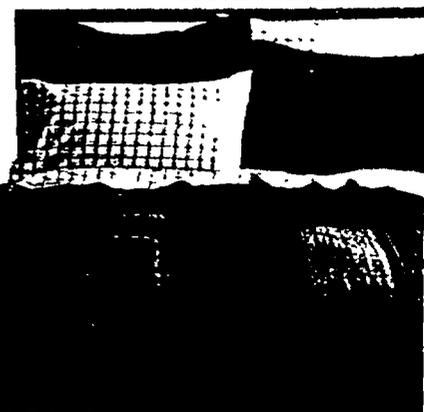


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Bed in one
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Includes
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set, bedskirt &
sham(s).

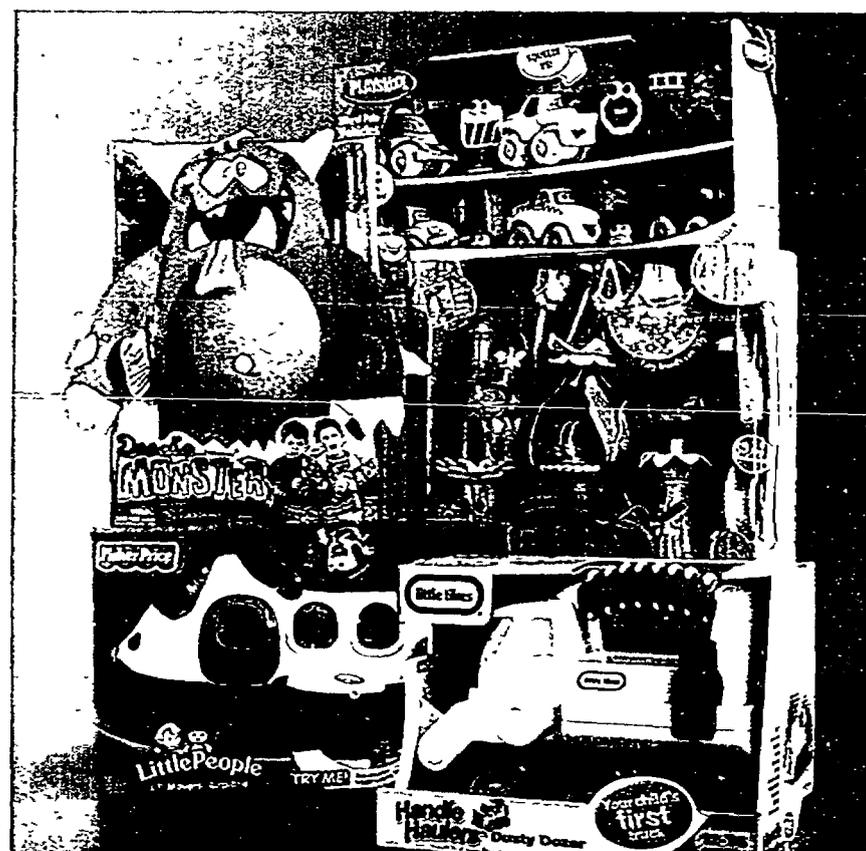
Tuxedo





Speedy

50% off
 entire stock collections
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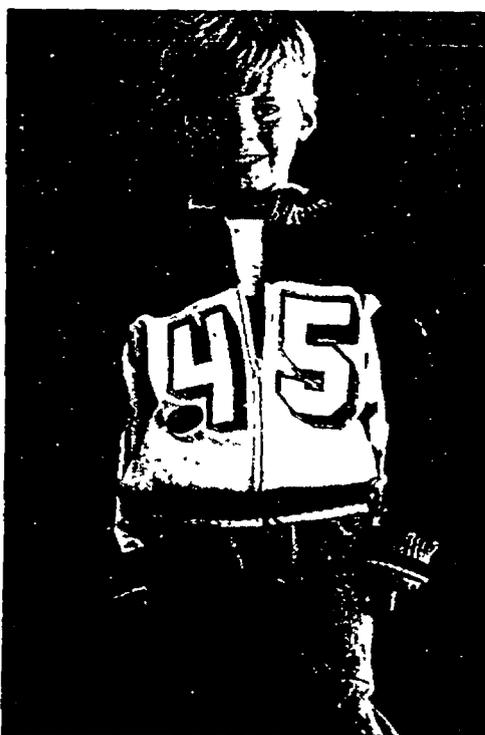


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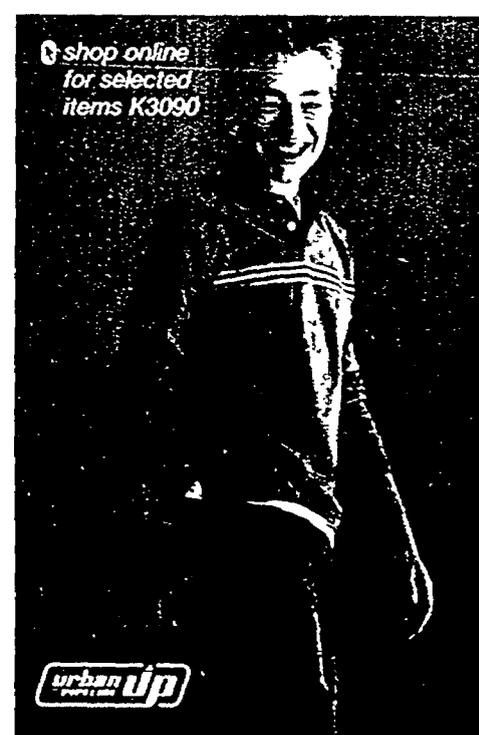
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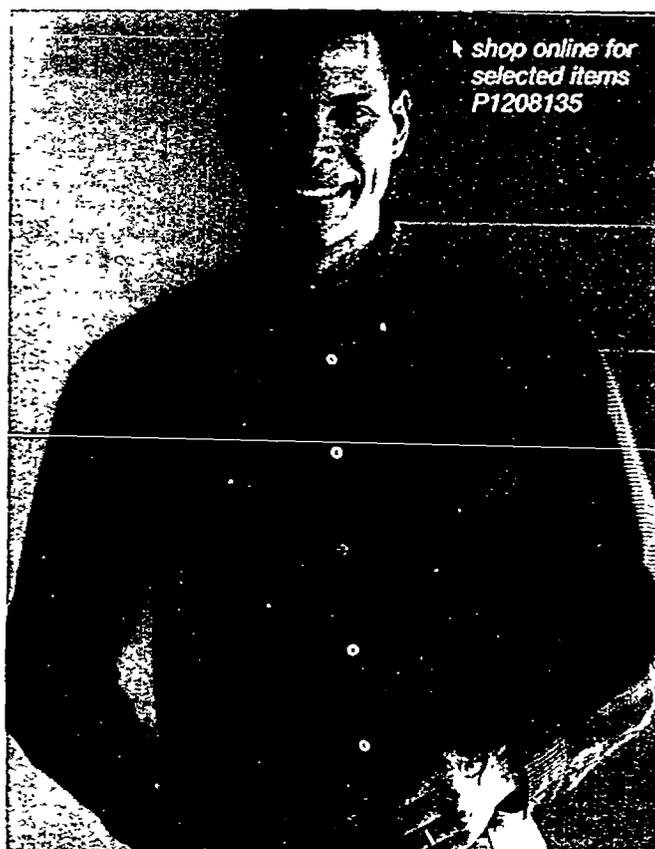
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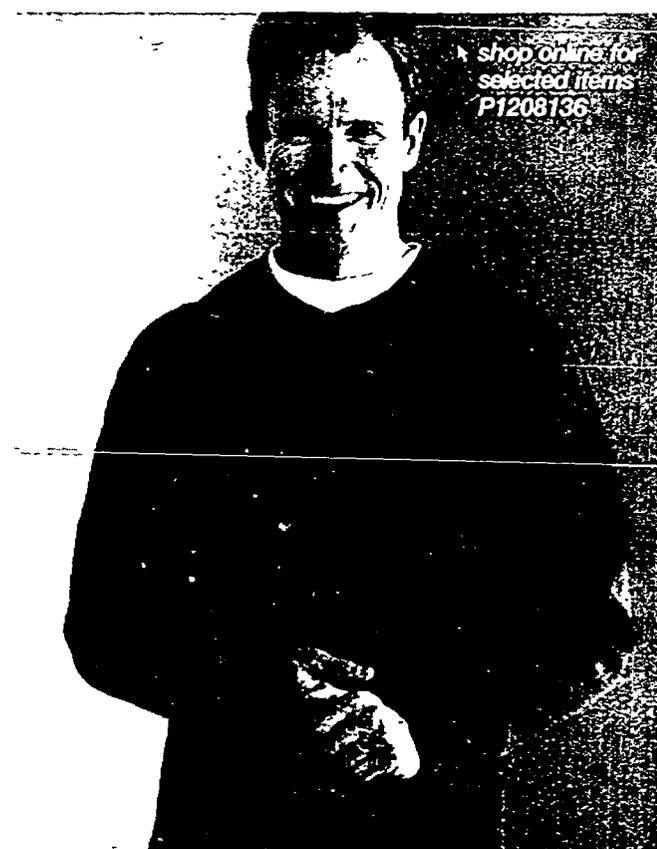
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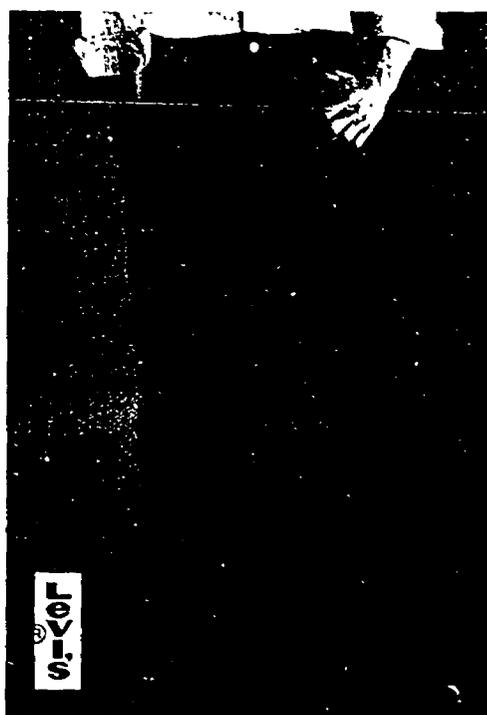


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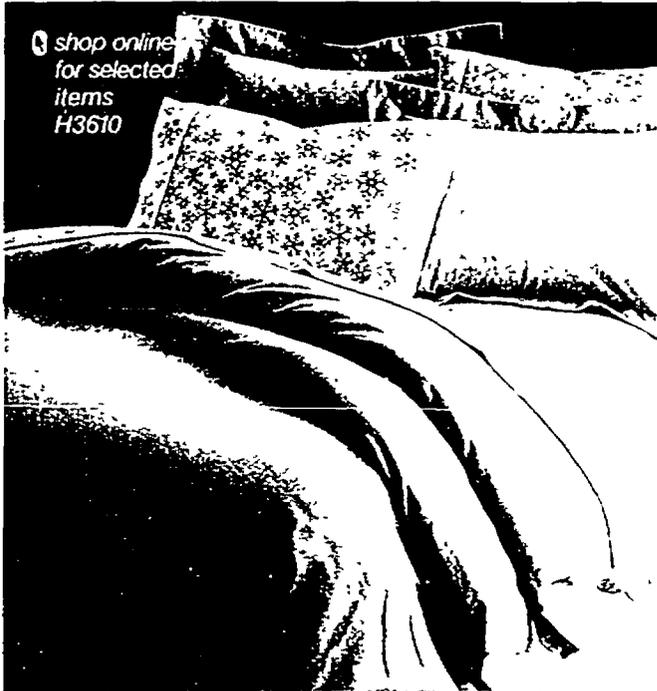
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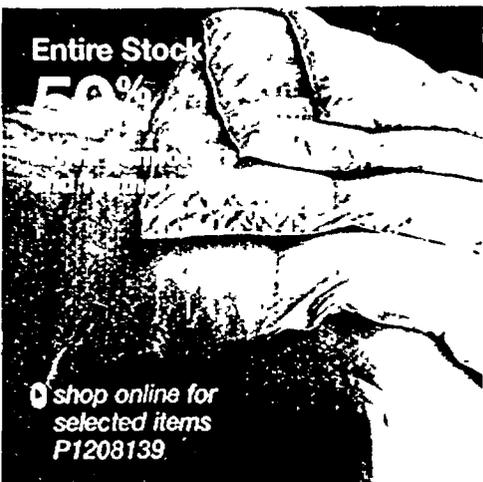
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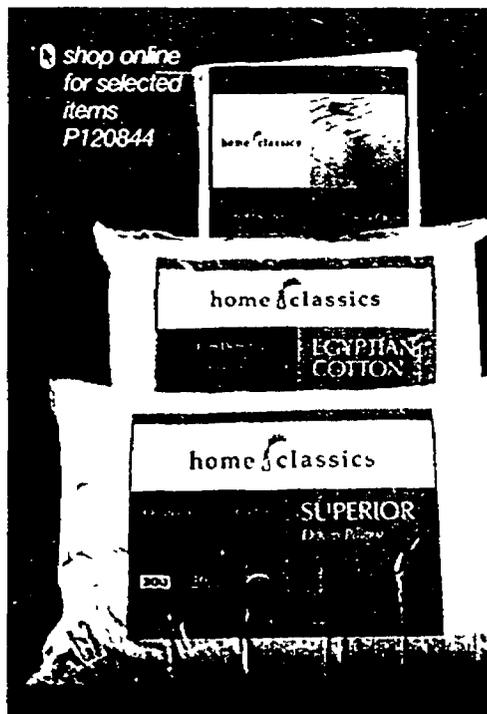


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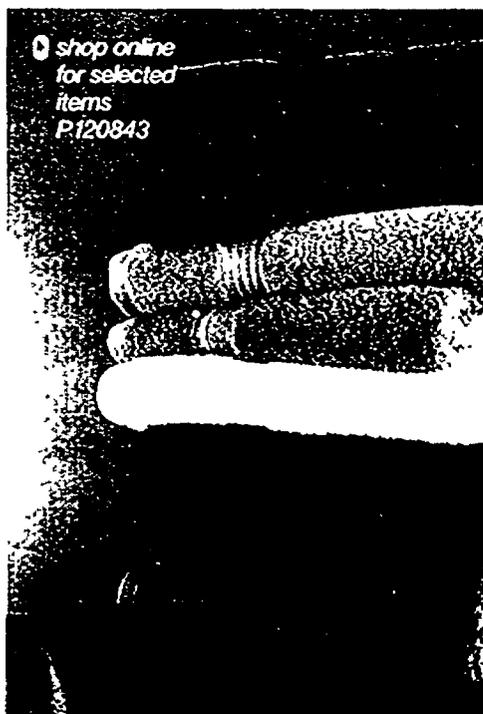


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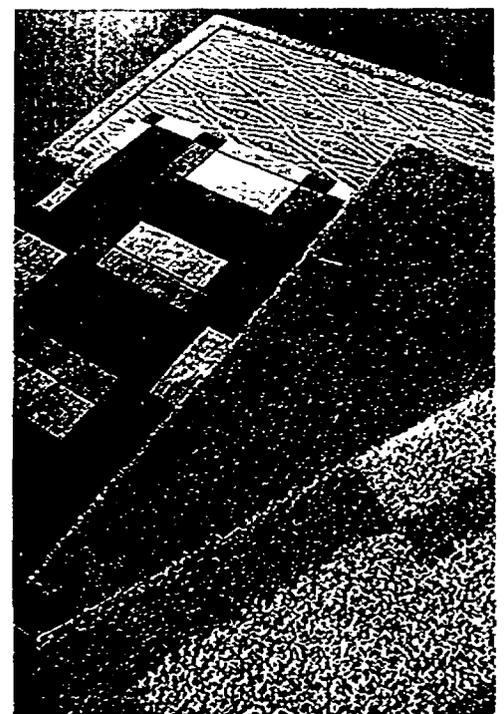


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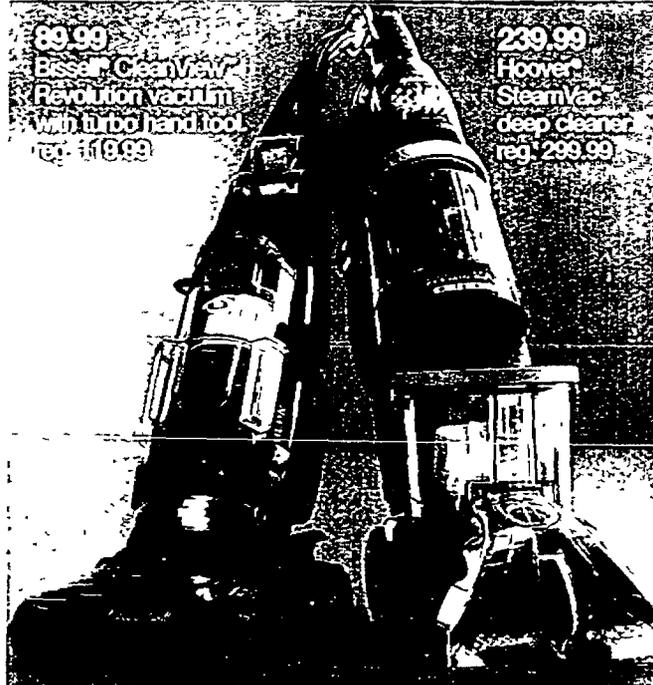
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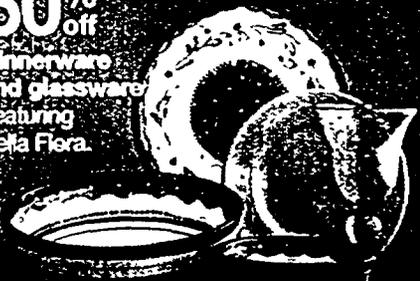
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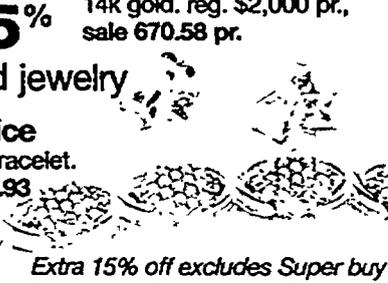
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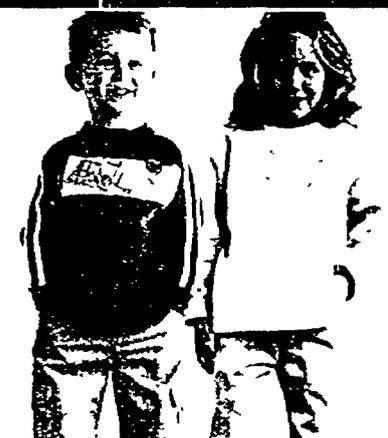
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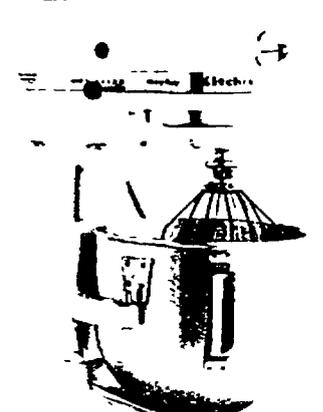


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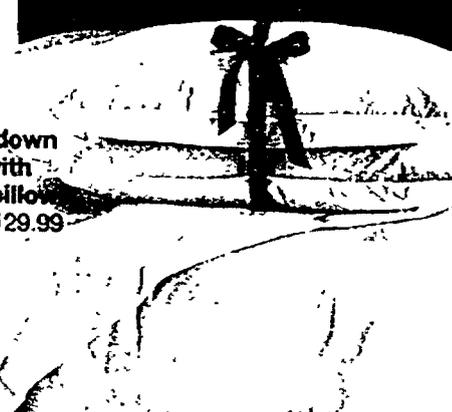
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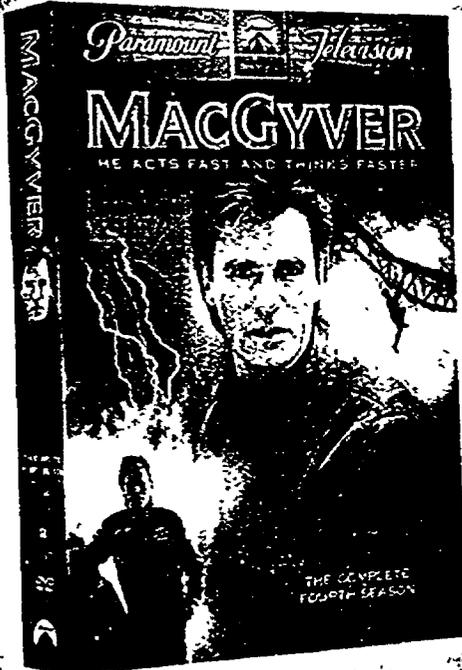
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—L. Burke, Bend, Ore.

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Singer Hayley Westenra

Q Who was America's first singing "teen idol"? Was it Elvis?

—A. Dover, Jupiter, Fla.

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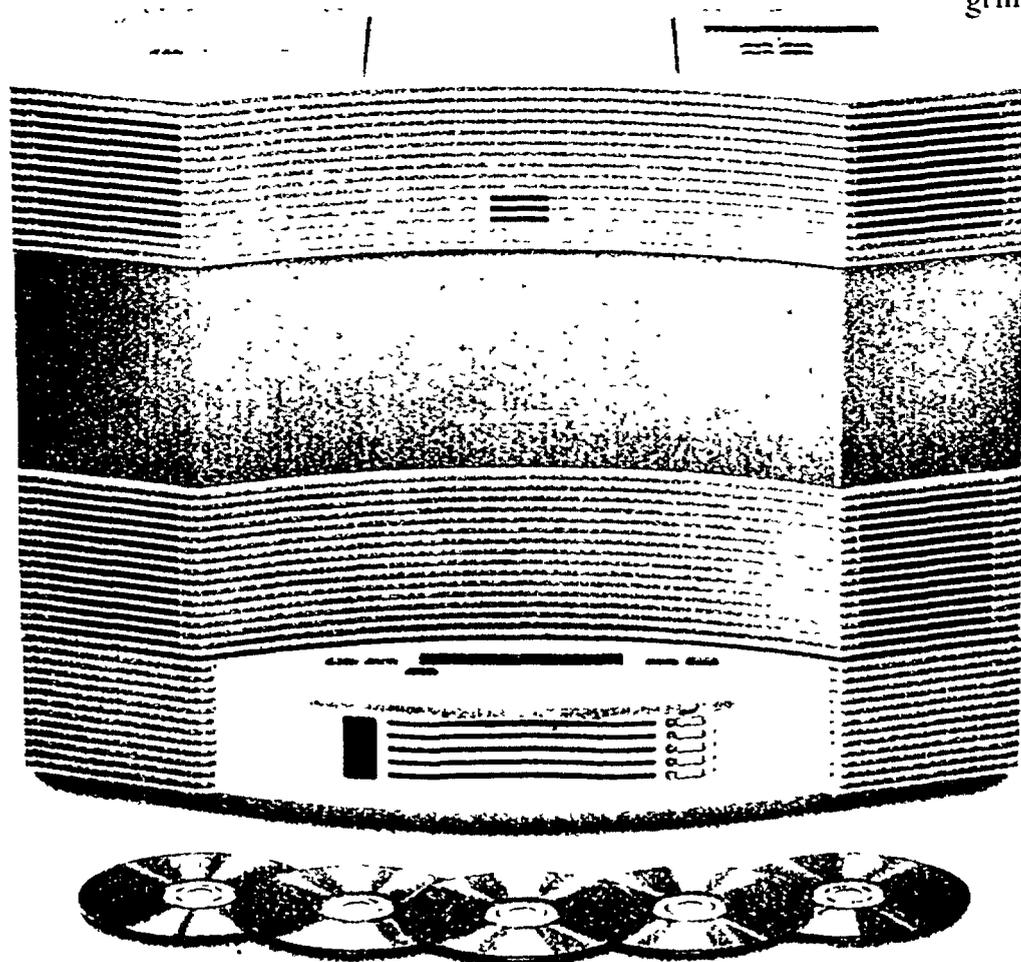
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MIX soup, water, rice, onion powder and black pepper in 2-quart shallow baking dish. Top with chicken. Sprinkle chicken with additional pepper. Cover.

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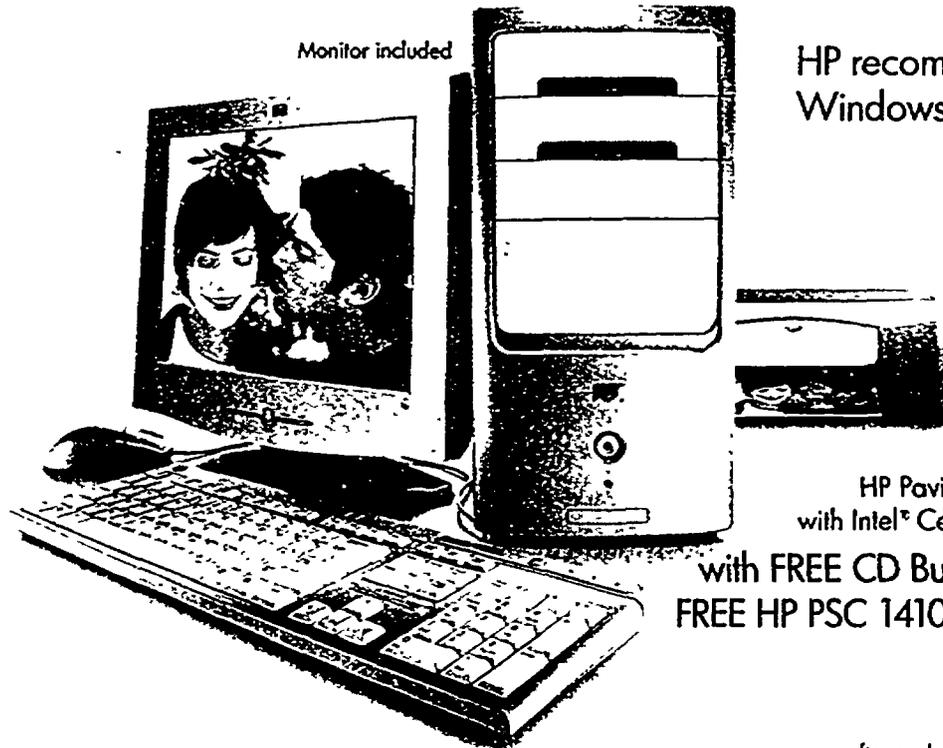
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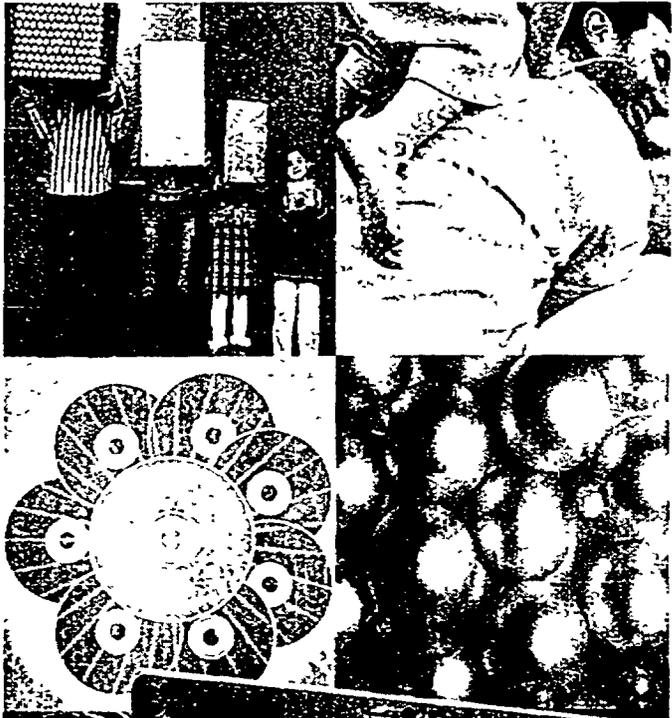
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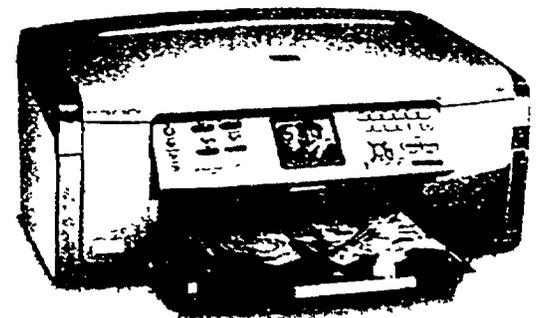
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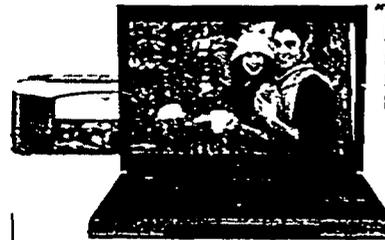
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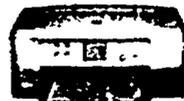
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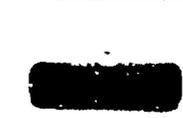
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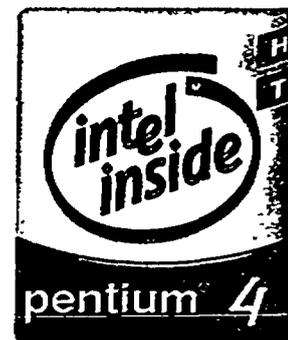
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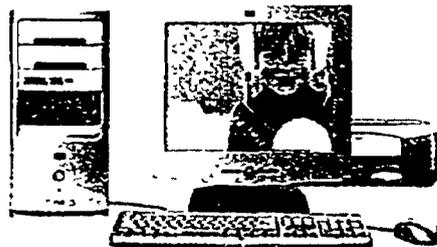
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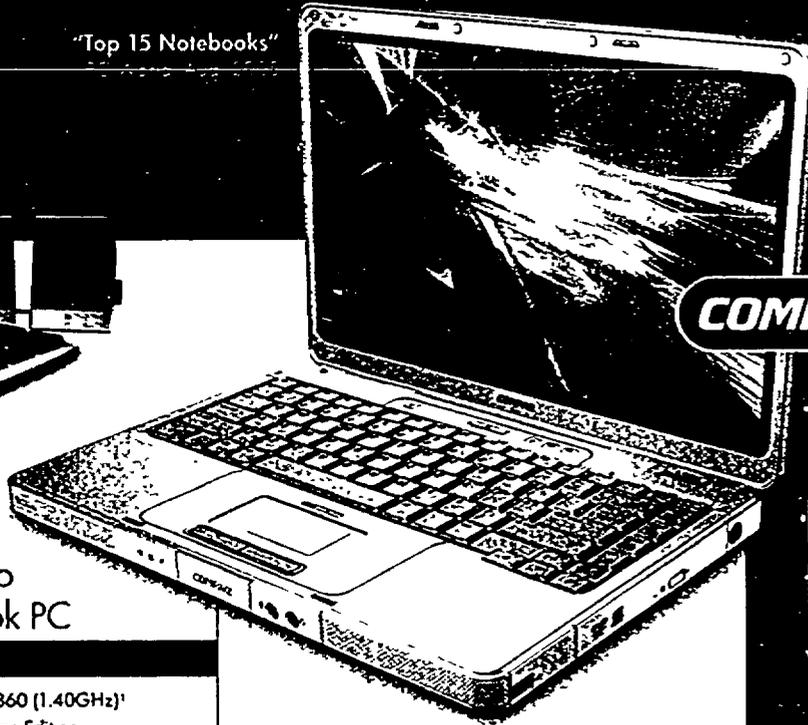
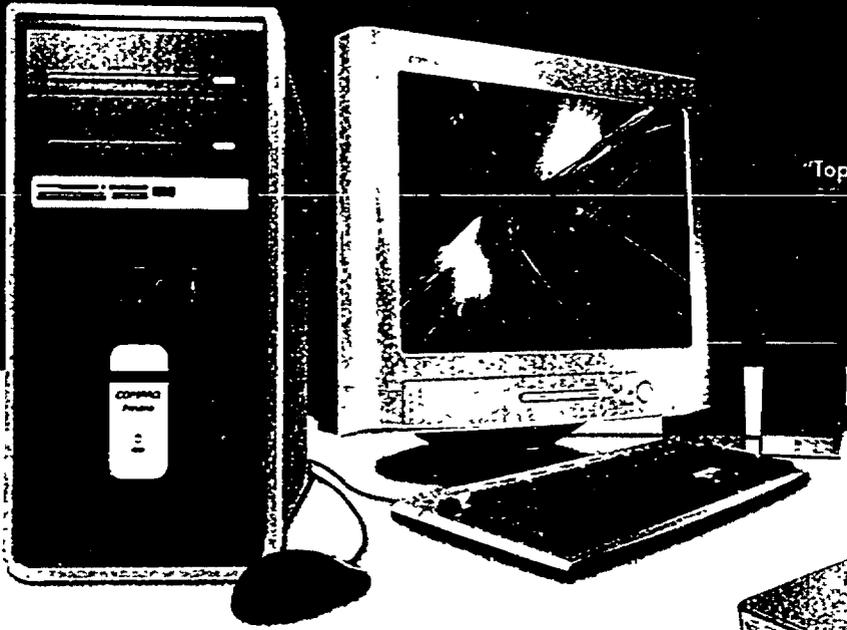
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Chocolate-Dipped Cookies

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This tender, flavorful cookie from the *Taste of Home* Test Kitchen is made even better by dipping it in chocolate. The contrasting drizzle is a fancy finishing touch.



- 1/2 cup butter, softened
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup baking cocoa
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup chopped almonds
- 1/2 cup miniature semisweet chocolate chips
- 12 ounces white candy coating disks, melted
- 12 ounces dark chocolate candy coating disks, melted
- 2 ounces milk chocolate candy coating disks, melted

In a large mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Beat in egg and vanilla. Combine the flour, cocoa, baking soda and salt; gradually add to the creamed mixture. Stir in almonds and chocolate chips. Cover and refrigerate for 2 hours. Divide dough in half. Shape into two 8-in. rolls; wrap each in plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 3 hours or until firm.

Unwrap and cut into 1/4-in. slices. Place 2 in. apart on greased baking sheets. Bake at 350° for 8-10 minutes or until set. Remove to wire racks to cool.

Dip half of the cookies in melted white coating; place on waxed paper. Dip remaining cookies in melted dark chocolate coating; place on waxed paper. Place melted milk chocolate coating in a resealable plastic bag; cut a small hole in one corner of the bag. Pipe designs on cookies. Let stand for 30 minutes or until set. Yield: 4-1/2 dozen.

Secret Shortcut

If you don't have time to make Chocolate-Dipped Cookies from scratch, simply purchase cream-filled chocolate sandwich cookies and dip into melted candy coating. Then drizzle with a contrasting chocolate. It's an easy yet elegant way to enhance the offerings on your cookie tray!

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A neighborly cookie and candy exchange saves you lots of time in the kitchen while giving you a chance to gather with family and friends. Hosting such an event is easier than you think with these eight steps:

1. Select a date and send out the invitations 2 or more weeks in advance. Weekday evenings or weekend afternoons often work well because people may be less busy and may be more able to attend. Schedule the party to be about 2 hours long so guests aren't required to set aside a lot of time.
2. Invite 8 to 12 people, keeping in mind that having more guests results in more variety of treats. Make the same kind of cookie or candy, allowing 1 dozen for each person participating. You might also encourage them to bring an extra dozen to sample at the party.
3. Ask what each person is making to avoid duplicates. There's no point to the exchange if everyone arrives with sugar cookies.
4. Have participants bring empty containers or resealable plastic bags to collect their goodies. If the gathering is small, they may want to bring the batches already individually wrapped. Also have guests bring copies of their recipes to share with each person.
5. You can keep your menu to a minimum by focusing on the sweet treats. Simply serve a selection of beverages and the extra cookies and candies. Or if you prefer, offer a few hot and cold appetizers.
6. As people arrive, set out the cookies and candies on a long table, leaving enough room for folks to walk around. Label the containers with the recipe names.
7. Near the end of the party, have guests fill their containers with a dozen of each kind of cookie and candy.
8. For party favors, gather all the different recipe cards into bundles, tie with festive ribbons and hand them out as guests leave.

Packing Cookies for Shipping

To keep holiday treats from breaking or becoming stale during shipping, try these helpful hints:

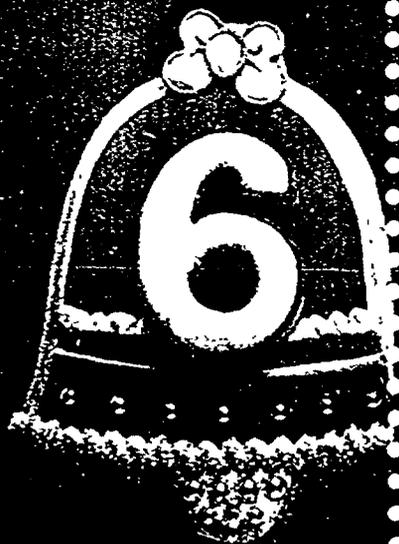
Place the bottoms of two homemade cookies together and wrap liberally in plastic wrap. They stay fresher and are less likely to crumble when wrapped this way or individually.

Line a tin or a box with crumpled waxed paper to help cushion the cookies. Fill the container with cookies to within 1 inch of the top. Add more crumpled waxed paper or bubble wrap at the top to cushion the cookies and prevent them from shifting during shipping.



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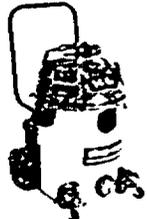
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Hometown Hero

Sowing Seeds of Success

by KAY WEST

Jim Ayers isn't a farmer, but the seeds he started sowing six years ago in the rural Tennessee county he calls home have yielded a crop of remarkable growth.

Through his Ayers Foundation Scholars Program, this self-made millionaire plants the seeds of hope and opportunity for every student who attends school in Decatur County. Started in 1999, the program makes higher education more accessible to qualifying graduating seniors by granting them as much as \$4,000 annually for up to four years. Recipients can use scholarships at any university, community college or state-run vocational-technical institute in the United States.

The program also provides funding for counseling for 7th- and 8th-grade students, for seniors to take advanced placement courses for college, and for teachers to return to school to obtain their master's degrees.

"Education changes lives and communities," says Ayers, 63, who speaks from personal experience. He was born and raised in a modest home that still stands in Parsons, Tenn. (pop. 2,452), where his father owned a sawmill. Both of his parents attended college, but did not graduate.

"My father never let me work in the mill; that's about the hardest and most dangerous work there is," Ayers says. "From the time I was about 6 years old, there was never any question but that I would go to college."

After graduating from Parsons High School in 1961, he went to Memphis State College to study dentistry. He ended up instead with an accounting degree—and a wife, child and \$8,000



Riverside High School students Kodi Beck, Sean McCormick, Kelli Crawley and Laura Threet are all participants in a program funded by the Ayers Foundation started by businessman Jim Ayers (center).

of school-loan debt. Anxious to pay the money back as soon as possible, he took a job as a salesman for Ortho Pharmaceuticals, based in Birmingham, Ala. His father's death in 1968 brought him back home to Parsons, where he took a comptroller position for a company that operated nursing homes. It was in that industry that he made his fortune, one made larger still by his entry several years ago into the banking business.

"I have been very lucky," Ayers says, sitting in his conservatively furnished office at First Bank on Main Street in Parsons. "There seemed no benefit to me to keep adding up the zeros on my bank statement. I've been to a lot of funerals and I've never seen anyone take it with them."

Instead, he decided to invest in the futures of the young people in his community. But the money, handled and disbursed through the Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee, is just part of the equation. Of equal—or perhaps even greater—value are the program's administrative and counseling services, which assist students in essay writing, attending a financial aid workshop, completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and applying for other scholarships.

The success of the program is evident in the numbers. Before the creation of the Ayers Foundation, fewer than 30 percent of Decatur County's high school graduates pursued post-secondary education. Of the 112 students who graduated in 2005 from Riverside and Scotts Hill high schools in Scotts Hill, Tenn. (pop. 894), 104 (nearly 93 percent) were planning on continuing their education. In six years, the program has awarded more than \$2.5 million in scholarships and helped students obtain nearly \$3.7 million in other funding.

Beyond the dollar signs, students who have benefited reveal the true value of the program. Jason Rushing was a senior at Riverside High School in 1999 when the program was first announced. He signed on immediately, and went on to earn an education degree from the University of Tennessee-Martin in 2004. That fall, he entered Union University in nearby Jackson, Tenn. (pop. 59,643), to pursue a master's in business administration degree.

"You almost run out of words to describe it," says Rushing, now 25, who will obtain his MBA in 2006 and likely pursue a career in the fund-raising field. "It just shows you every day what a difference one person can make to an entire community." ✧



Ayers: "I've been very lucky."

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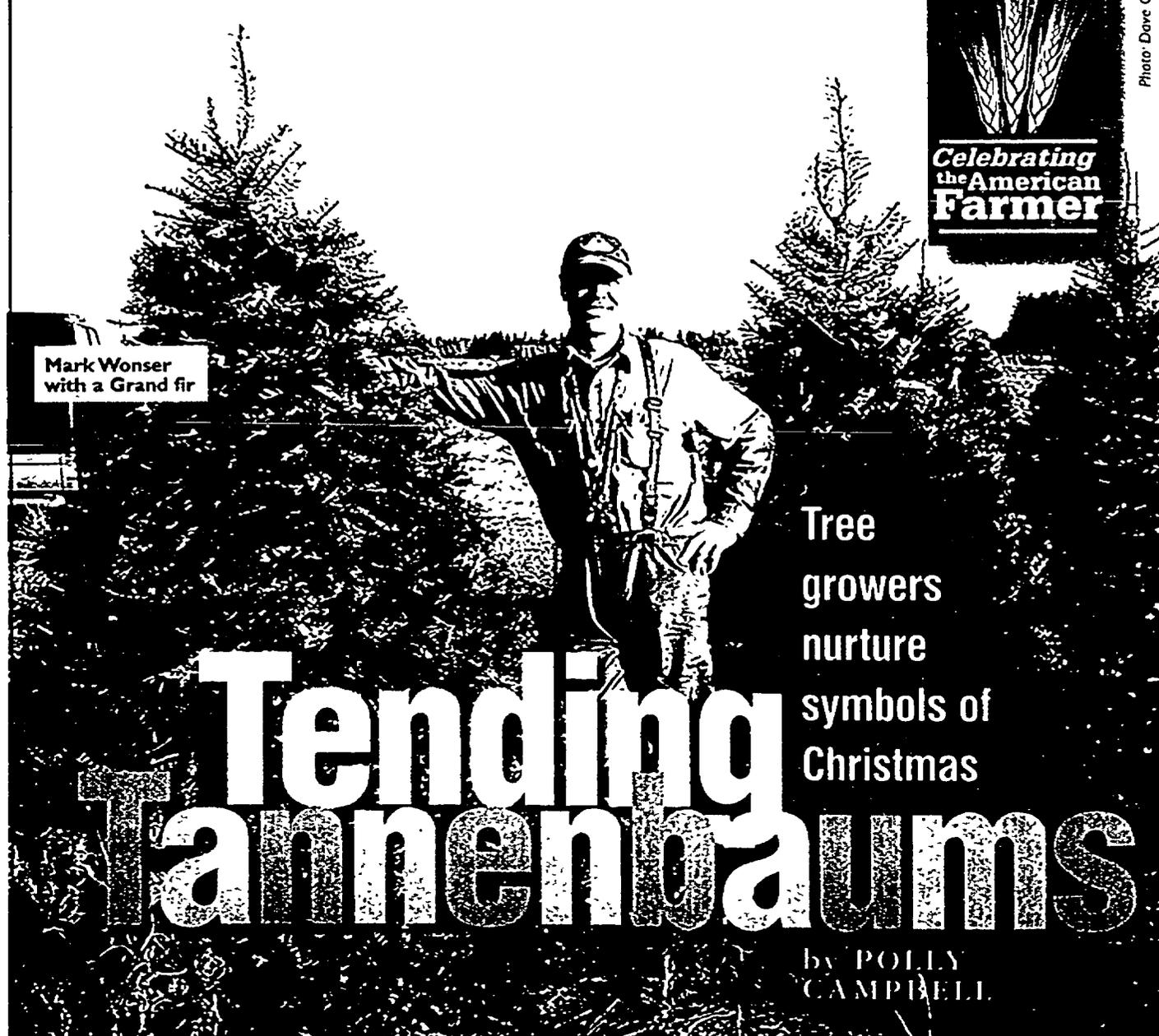
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Mark Wonser with a Grand fir



Tree growers nurture symbols of Christmas

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Craig Lee prepares for Christmas year-round, devoting 12 months—and up to 12 years—planting, fertilizing and shearing the beautiful, conical-shaped symbols of the Dec. 25 holiday.

Lee grows and sells Christmas trees, and each year his crews cut, shake and bale more than 2,500 evergreens on his family's farm in Tualatin, Ore. (pop. 22,791).

"We do about 70 percent of our business for the year on the first two weekends in December," says Lee, 47, standing alongside the tractor he uses to haul trees off his 25-acre plantation. Behind him, heads bob among the branches as tree-seekers wander along the rows of Fraser and Noble fir and the 10 other varieties of Christmas trees grown at Lee Farms.

Like many tree buyers, Barbara Monaghan takes her time selecting the perfect tree. "It's got to have a good smell, and I look for trees with good balance and symmetry," says Monaghan, who lives nearby in Lake Oswego, Ore. (pop. 35,278). "I prefer the Grand fir. I think it's got the nicest aroma."

Each year about 25 million fresh-cut Christmas trees are purchased in the United States, and about a third of those trees come from Oregon. The Beaver State is the nation's largest Christmas tree producer, followed by North Carolina, Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, respectively.

The rich soil, moist, temperate climate and available land make Oregon prime evergreen-growing territory, says Bryan Ostlund, executive secretary of the Pacific Northwest Christmas Tree Association. But come Christmastime, 90 percent of the trees grown on Oregon's 775 farms are hauled to—and sold in—other states.

"Most of our trees end up in places like California, Texas, Arizona and the other dry and arid states," says Mark Wonser, 52, a tree wholesaler who grows Noble, Douglas and Grand fir on 120 acres in Estacada, Ore. (pop. 2,371). He sells an average of 20,000 trees a year, most of them before Thanksgiving, to large retail clients such as Home Depot and urban tree lot owners.

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Workers at Wonser Woods use a baling machine to prepare Christmas trees for shipment from Estacada, Ore.



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The first Christmas trees

Today's distribution channels are sophisticated compared with the ox sleds used by farmer Mark Carr to haul the first Christmas conifers into New York City for sale in 1851. The first Christmas trees actually appeared around 1510, in Eastern Europe. By the 18th century, German soldiers had introduced American families to the tradition of decorating *der Tannenbaum*, or fir tree.

Commercially cultivated trees gained in popularity during the Great Depression when nurserymen, unable to sell their stock of landscape evergreens, harvested the trees for Christmas. Customers preferred the refined shape of the trees to the straggly, wild ones, and the Christmas tree business boomed.

Annually, about 25 percent of American households purchase a fresh-cut evergreen, either from a tree lot or one of the 5,000 select-and-cut farms across the United States. That means holidays are hectic for growers who begin harvesting evergreens in the first part of November. But the work starts long before harvest time.

Growers usually plant seedlings after the last hard freeze, typically in February. Wonser uses a planting machine—a plow-like device pulled behind a tractor—to make a furrow for a worker to drop in a seedling. But many farmers do the job manually, often planting thousands of trees in multiple fields.

During harvest season, helicopters are sometimes used to lift loads of conifers out of the field. "But most everything else is done by hand," says Barbara Hupp, 68, who, along with her husband and son, owns Drakes Crossing Nursery, a 400-acre wholesale farm in Silverton, Ore. (pop. 7,414).

Conical shape

The average Christmas tree grows to a height of 6 feet in seven to nine years. During that time, the trees are regularly fertilized and sprayed to deter pests. The backbreaking chore of cutting the lower branches off the tree to create a bare trunk begins two years after the seedling is in the ground. Annual shearings begin in the third year. Using clippers or knives, growers cut the budding branches so that limbs become fuller and the tree takes on a conical shape.

The dense Douglas fir is the most popular Christmas tree nationwide, Ostlund says.

HOW LOVELY ARE THEY BRANCHES?

Follow these guidelines and your Christmas conifer is likely to last until the New Year.

- Before choosing a tree, decide where it will be displayed and measure the size of the space.
- At the farm or lot, look for trees with a rich, green color and few loose needles. All trees shed some needles, but if you end up with a handful, the tree is overly dry. Freshness matters most.
- After selecting your tree, cut 1/4 inch off the trunk, immediately secure in tree stand and water. Water daily with regular tap water.
- Keep the tree away from vents and other heat sources. Use miniature lights to decorate, because they create less heat than large lights.
- Always turn off the lights on the tree before leaving home or going to bed to prevent premature drying and an electrical fire.

They grow faster, require less stringent care and are more affordable. They also are available from farms across the United States.

But the Noble fir, which grows only in the Pacific Northwest, and the Fraser fir are gaining in popularity.

"Everybody wants Nobles now," says George Diamond, 54, who owns the 20-acre St. Nick's Christmas Tree Farm in Oregon City, Ore. (pop. 25,754), with his wife Paula. "I think they are more special, but these aren't the old-fashioned Nobles. It's not a Charlie Brown tree where you can see through its branches anymore. These are rich in color and full-bodied."

The Diamonds sell about 700 trees annually from their select and harvest farm and market another 1,000 wholesale. They plan to expand their you-cut business, because, they say, it's more fun come Christmastime.

"It's a real family thing," Diamond says. "Families have a good time out here. That's fun for us too, to have a product that people love. People get so happy with the trees. It's just fun hanging out with them."

"You-cut" doesn't necessarily mean you do the work, though. Many choose-and-harvest sites in Oregon, including St. Nick's and Lee Farms, cater to customers by providing saws, and even staff members, to cut down trees. Some places offer refreshments while workers bale the tree and tie it on top of your car.

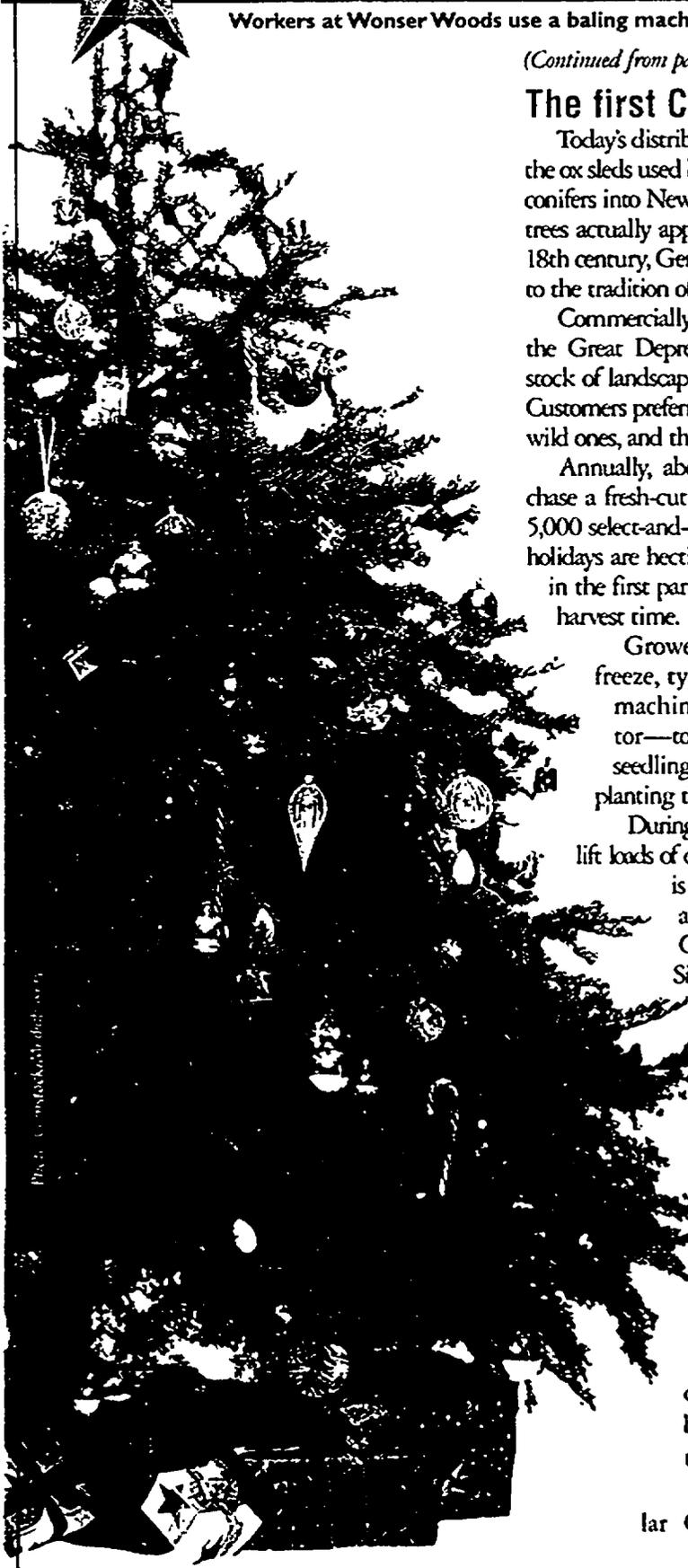




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hauled by truck at Helmig Tree Farms in Molalla, Ore.

But most growers stay out of the selection process. "The tree thing is always so personal," says Paula Diamond, 53, laughing. "Even with our family—we still argue—and we have 30,000 trees to choose from."

When a family finally does choose a tree from the farm, that's the reward for years of labor, Craig Lee says. "It's so gratifying when you have a perfect 8-foot tree that somebody really loves. It just makes the work worth it."

He leans down to touch the silvery-blue needles of a Fraser fir and smiles as he talks. "I think these are the most fragrant," he says, putting his fingers to his nose.

"And I think that smell is part of our fixation with Christmas trees. When you open the door of your home and you smell that tree—that's Christmas." ☆

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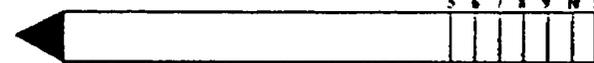
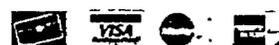
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Did You Know...

ILLINOIS—Chic Young, born in Chicago in 1901, introduced the comic strip *Blondie*, featuring pretty Blondie Boopadoop and her wealthy boyfriend Dagwood Bumstead in 1930. When readers couldn't relate to rich characters during the Depression, Young had the pair marry and Dagwood disinherited. Since Young's death in 1973, his son Dean has continued the strip.

INDIANA—In 1834, James Howard launched his first steamboat at Jeffersonville (pop. 27,362) on the Ohio River. Today, the Howard Steamboat Museum is housed in the family's 1894 mansion and tells the story of one of the nation's largest inland shipyards.

IOWA—A custom motorcycle from the 1969 movie *Easy Rider* is parked at the National Motorcycle Museum and Hall of Fame in Anamosa (pop. 5,494) along with 170 other vintage motorcycles.

KANSAS—A 30-foot-tall statue of Johnny Kaw, the state's answer to Paul Bunyan and Pecos Bill, stands in Manhattan (pop. 44,831) City Park. The folk character, created by George A. Filing, reportedly dug the Kaw River Valley, invented sunflowers and lopped the funnels off tornadoes.

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MICHIGAN—The state's largest planetarium, the Robert T. Longway Planetarium in Flint, opened in 1958. A Digistar 2 projector in the 60-foot domed theater is the real "star," creating the three-dimensional images of star fields and molecules.

MINNESOTA—Mantorville (pop. 1,054) was settled in 1853 by brothers Peter and Ricky Mantor, who were attracted to the area in part by the local limestone. When quarried, the limestone is soft and easily carved into blocks for buildings, bridges and roads and then hardens through the years.

MISSOURI—Artist Fred Harman (1902-1982), born in St. Joseph and raised in Pagosa Springs, Colo., worked in Kansas City for a time in the early 1920s with another cartoonist—Walt Disney. Harman introduced cowboy Red Ryder and his horse Thunder in the *Chicago Sun* in 1938. The characters were an immediate hit in cartoons and movies, and the strip continued in 750 newspapers until 1963.

NEBRASKA—Central City (pop. 2,998) promotes itself as the "Wedding Capital of Nebraska" with bridal shops, caterers, florists, bakeries and all the necessities for a couple's trip to the altar.

NORTH DAKOTA—Grahams Island State Park near Devils Lake (pop. 7,222) takes its name from fur trader Capt. Duncan Graham, the first known white settler who arrived in the area around 1815. The 1,122-acre park is the largest of three recreation areas in the Devils Lake State Park system, centered around the state's largest natural body of water.

OHIO—In 1912, Halsey Taylor of Warren (pop. 46,832) invented the public drinking fountain, Puritan Sanitary Fountain, and the still popular Double Bubbler, which shoots two streams of water that converge for a satisfying sip. In 1896, after his father died from typhoid fever caused by contaminated drinking water, Taylor dedicated himself to inventing a sanitary dispenser for water.

SOUTH DAKOTA—A sod house, log cabin and bank are among 40 restored buildings at Prairie Village in Madison (pop. 6,540), a pioneer museum.

WISCONSIN—The Dane County Farmers' Market on the Capitol grounds in Madison is believed to be the nation's largest farmers' market with about 300 vendors selling Wisconsin-grown produce and goods to 20,000 weekly shoppers. ☆

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The Town of Santa Claus

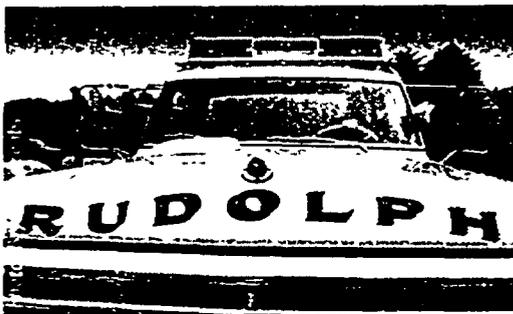
Yes, there is a Santa Claus. And the small southern Indiana town that boasts that famous name celebrates Christmas all year long.

"Sometimes people think I'm kidding when I say I live in Santa Claus," says Michael Johannes, who resides at Christmas Lake Village, a residential community in the town. "It has a Norman Rockwell, 1950s-type of atmosphere ... my kids love it here."

In fact, the spirit of Christmas is all around Santa Claus (pop. 2,164), from street signs with names like Silver Bell Terrace, Kringle Plaza and Prancer Drive, to the town's fire trucks that have been dubbed Rudolph, Dasher and Blitzen.

Local businesses also embrace the Yuletide cheer with signs that read St. Nick's Restaurant, Lake Rudolph Campground & RV Resort, Frosty's Pizza, Holiday Foods and Ho Ho Ho Holdings. Even the local hotel,

Reindeer names adorn the town's fire trucks.



Santa's Lodge, displays year-round lighted Christmas trees in its lobby and a huge snowman on the front lawn.

Then there's Holiday World & Splashin' Safari, formerly Santa Claus Land, which opened in 1946 as the world's first themed amusement park, where Santa is a major attraction even on hot summer days.

"I think someone who doesn't like Christmas would go live in another town," jokes Paula Werne, spokeswoman for Holiday World.

However, having such a famous town name comes

with its share of responsibilities. At the Santa Claus Post Office, more than 500,000 pieces of mail arrive annually to receive a special Santa Claus holiday postmark, which is designed each year by a local student.

"We get letters from as far away as Germany and Italy for the picture postmark," says Postmaster Marian Balbach. "People will drive hundreds of miles just to get the famous cancellation on their holiday mail."

For more than a century, letters from children addressed to the town's namesake also have found their way to the post office. "Some of them are just addressed to Santa Claus at the North Pole," Balbach says. "But they make it here."

The special letters—about 10,000 each year—from children are answered by a group of volunteers known



A young girl shares her Christmas wish list with jolly old Saint Nick during the annual Christmas festival in Santa Claus, Ind.

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Santa's Lodge is among several businesses that tout a Christmas theme.

as Santa's Elves. "Children have taken the time to write, and we don't want them to be disappointed," says Patricia Koch, whose father, Jim Yellig, helped organize Santa's Elves and even worked as Santa Claus at Holiday World.

"My father didn't 'play' Santa Claus," she says. "When he put on that red suit, he *was* Santa Claus. As a girl, I remember him always carrying a box of letters in his car—and now I'm doing the same thing."

Records show that the first person to answer the children's letters in the town was Santa Claus Postmaster James Martin in 1914. "We've not missed a year since," Koch says.

Founded in 1850 by German settlers, the town originally was named Santa Fe. Because the state already had a Santa Fe, government officials told residents that a new name was necessary. Legend has it that townspeople gathered at a church on Christmas Eve 1852 to discuss a new name.

"Suddenly the wind blew the church doors open," says Vevah Harris, executive director of the Spencer County Visitors Bureau. "They could hear sleigh bells in the distance, and snow was falling. The children started chanting, 'Santa Claus, Santa Claus.' And the townspeople decided that would be a good name for their town."

Since 1935, a gigantic Santa Claus statue has welcomed visitors to town. Twenty-two feet high and weighing more than 40 tons, the granite Santa Claus statue has a special base in the shape of the Star of Bethlehem. During the height of the Depression, town resident Carl Barrett set a goal of raising enough pennies from children to build the statue. Ripley's Believe It or Not featured Barrett's dream, and the donations turned into a blizzard. Sending in pennies and deutsche marks, children from all over the world paid for the statue.

"I marvel that children still believe in Santa Claus," Koch says. "He is a symbol of love and giving and sharing. That's what Christmas is all about." ☆

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A home in Christmas Lake Village is decorated for the annual Festival of Lights.



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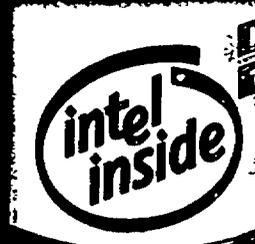
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