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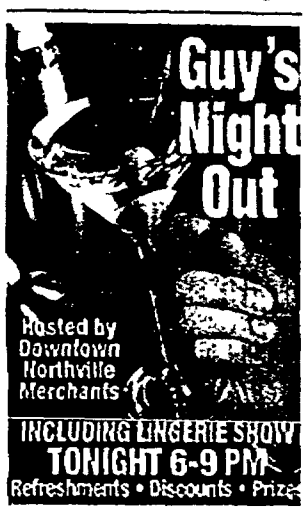

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Northville Township resident Bud Preston is looking forward to this holiday season.

Three wishes

■ Ten days before Christmas, three Northville residents wish for simple things

A Christmas Wish

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Bud Preston wishes for a cure for cancer.

After losing his wife, Betty, of 50 years to lung cancer in July, Preston said he wished they could spend just one more Christmas together.

"Christmas was Betty's favorite holiday and it's definitely hard to be without her," said the 69-year-old Northville Township resident. "I will never forget her and I know she's watching over me.

"Betty told me before she died that she was going to find someone to take care of me after she was gone," Preston said. "I'm convinced that is exactly what she did."

Life goes on

Preston met Gail Allgaier and her husband, Wayne, of Shelby Township, during the League of Michigan Circle Bike Tour five years ago.

"Gail recently lost Wayne to brain cancer this past March," Preston said. "We've both lost our loved ones and somehow we were brought together."

Preston and Allgaier will be married Saturday in Tiger, Ga.

"We know that Wayne and Betty are up in heaven looking down on us," he said. "This is

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■ More Wishes

Northville resident Katherine Purcell, above, has weathered breast cancer and maintains a positive attitude, despite numerous setbacks. Meanwhile city resident Mary Stewart's family is finding their feet following the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Page 7A.

"Betty told me before she died that she was going to find someone to take care of me after she was gone."

Bud Preston
Resident, Northville Township

Home fires burning

■ Fire officials try to cool common holiday pratfalls

FIRE SAFETY 101

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Kelly Walters has a fire plan for her family.

The 43-year-old Northville Township resident said she made sure early in her children's lives they knew what to do in case of a fire.

"We have a plan to meet in front of the house, no matter what," Walters said. "They both know not to go back in the house.

"I think between fire safety in school and my own wisdom, my kids know what to do. I think more people should have a plan."

Northville Township Fire Chief William Zhmendak urges residents to be cautious during the winter season.

Although temperatures are frigid and the ground is covered

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Get the lead out

■ City awaits second water test

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Calls about the city's water quality have continued to trickle into Northville City Hall.

A city-wide mailing and media reports last week spread word of lead found in one home water test. The city's Department of Public Works Director Jim Gallogly said he expects results of a second test by the end of the week.

"Hopefully, they'll come back without a sign," Gallogly said. "If they do, we'll address that."

"The township doesn't have to do any of this."

Jim Gallogly
Director, City of Northville Department of Public Works

In the meantime, he said, residents can run the water for about a minute to flush the system before drinking from the faucet. They also should not cook with or drink water from the hot-water tap, he said.

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Northville has a special gift for Santa. Page 1B.

Snow Day: local students warm to day off

■ When the snow piles up, local students get busy

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Nick Denhof slipped on his shorts fast Friday and ran outside.

Snow day, he thought to himself while crossing the street from his downtown home to the Northville Senior Community Center.

The Hillside Middle School student spent the first snow day of the school year playing basketball at the center's indoor court.

Northville Parks and Recreation hosted open basketball from noon-4 p.m., giving students something to do on their unexpected day off – thanks to nearly six inches of snow in Wayne County according to the National Weather Service.

"I like playing basketball and seeing all my friends," Denhof said.

Fellow Hillside seventh graders Brendan Burdette and Mark Lypka had the same idea.

"We came up here to play basketball and have some fun," Burdette said.

Both boys are members of the Hillside basketball team. The bonus day served as an extra opportunity to practice.

A Northville Parks and Recreation representative said about 30 kids participated in the open basketball event.

And while they played, other kids worked.

Jacob Ortlieb, 10, spent part of his snow day helping his mom Tracy clear a path to the family's front door, still leaving plenty of time for play.

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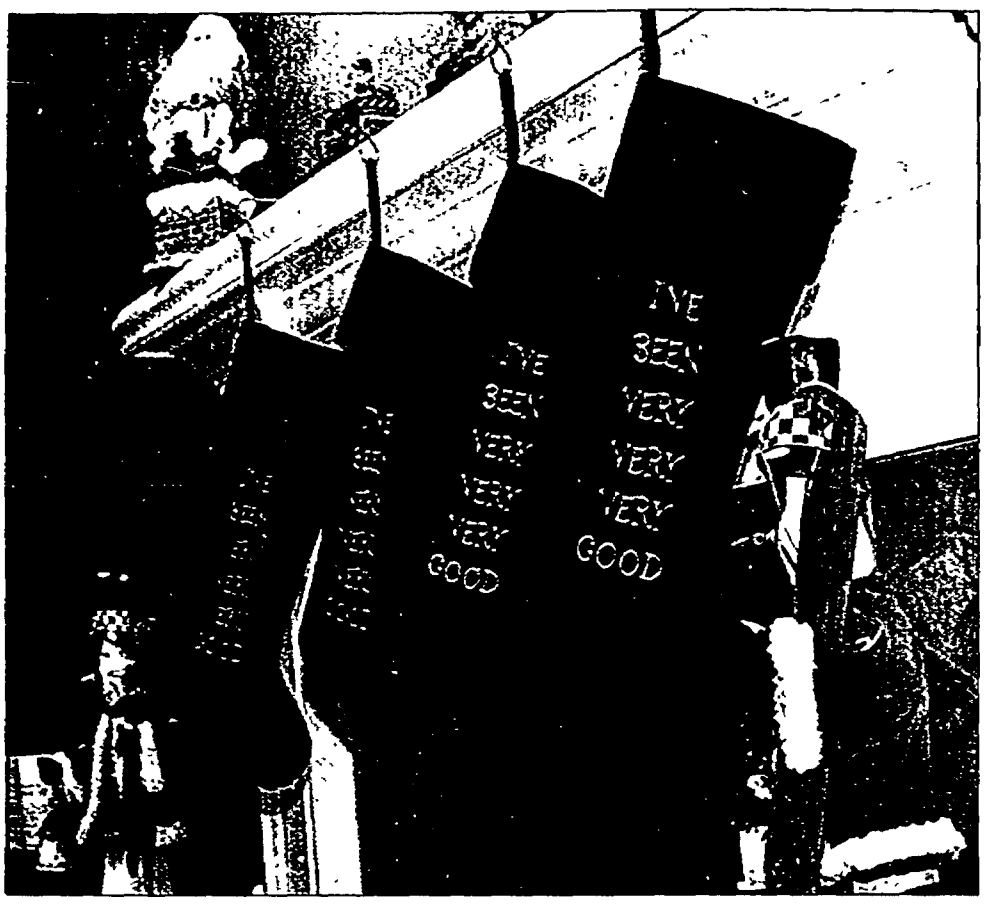

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Local fire officials caution against hanging Christmas stockings over the fireplace.

Officials: Residents should warm up to safety

■ Dryer fires

Each year, there are an estimated 16,000 fires, 30 deaths and 430 injuries associated with clothes dryers, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Some of these fires can occur when lint builds up in the filter or in the exhaust duct of the dryer. Under certain conditions, when lint blocks the flow of air, excessive heat build-up can cause a fire.

■ Helpful dryer safety tips

- Clean the lint filter regularly and make sure the dryer is operating properly.
- Clean the filter after each load of clothes. While the dryer is operating, check the outside exhaust to make sure exhaust air is escaping normally. If it is not, turn the dryer off and look inside both ends of the duct for lint.
- Check the exhaust duct more often if you have a plastic, flexible duct. This type of duct is more apt to trap lint than ducting without ridges. Inspect the duct for kinks or crushing, which can greatly reduce the airflow.
- Closely follow manufacturers instructions for new installations. Most manufacturers specify the use of a rigid or flexible metal duct to provide a minimum restriction of airflow. If metal duct is not available at the retailer where the dryer was purchased, check other locations, such as hardware or builder supply stores. If you are having the dryer installed, insist upon metal duct unless the installer has verified that the manufacturer permits the use of plastic duct.

Source. U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission

■ Fire safety tips

- Never smoke in bed.
- Do not use towels as potholders.
- Keep anything that may burn away from space heaters.
- Check all appliance cords for fraying and exposed wires.
- A circuit breaker or fuse that constantly trips may be a sign of a possible electrical problem. Call an electrician to check the wiring.
- Sleep with your bedroom door closed. This helps keep any smoke and flames from reaching you.
- Keep a whistle, a flashlight and your eyeglasses near your bed. In the event of a fire, smoke and heat usually rise so bend low and get out quickly.
- If your clothes catch on fire, cover your face, drop to the floor and roll until the flames are put out. You can also drape a large blanket or towel around your body.

Source. Northville Township Fire Department

FIRE SAFETY: officials offer advice for festive holiday season

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with snow, Zhmendak said many people believe because it's winter, they are safe from house fires.

"You're safer during the winter is simply a myth," Zhmendak said. "Winter is one of the biggest times for house fires because people are closed up in their homes and looking for alternative methods to keep warm.

"People use space heaters, fire places and even kerosene heaters, all of which can be very dangerous."

Zhmendak said fire places are the more common causes of fire during the winter season.

"We tell people not to hang their stockings from their fire place if they are going to us it," he said. "We also highly recommend people put a screen in front of it because lose ash can jump out and catch fire quicker than you think."

House fire

According to Northville Township Fire officials, 80 percent of all fire related deaths take place in homes not equipped with working smoke detectors.

"People really need to make sure all their fire safety equipment is working," Zhmendak said. "Teaching your kids what to look for is also important.

"The point is to get the entire family involved. I sometimes emphasize making fire safety into a game for the children. Taking the kids room to room looking for things that might be hazardous is a good way to teach them what to look for, and it also opens up communication between them and the parents."

Zhmendak said the township has had 2,000 fire and medical runs this year, compared to the 1,875 from 2004.

"I'm hoping the increase in runs is due to population increases," he said. "I don't want to see anyone have a fire in their home. If you smell smoke, don't hesitate. Get out of your home."

What to do, where to go

Each year, house fires kill more than 6,000 people, injure an additional 100,000 and cause more than $7 billion worth of property damages, according to the National Fire Protection Association.

Zhmendak said families should always have a plan with two means of escape.

"It's wrong to think it will never happen to you," he said. "Fires start with one spark.

"If a family's home were to burn down, we have the Red Cross to provide assistance," Zhmendak said. "We also have a working relationship with local motels for families to stay on a temporary basis.

"We definitely try to help make arrangements for families because losing your home can be very devastating."

> **"You're safer during the winter is simply a myth."**
>
> ***William Zhmendak***
> *Northville Township Fire Chief*

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Clock running out for year-end deductions

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

June Moon didn't buy a brick for a tax write-off.

But her donation entitled her to a $100 receipt. She received credit on her tax return last year for her gift to the local senior program.

The Northville Senior Community Center is among many local entities trumpeting their tax-deductible status as two weeks remain for eligible charitable giving in 2005.

The clock is ticking for 2005 tax write-offs.

Before year-end

For taxpayers who itemize their returns, now is the time to act, said Northville-based investment advisor Wayne Titus.

"Typically, December is one of the highest giving months of the year overall," he said. A board member of local non-profit organizations, the owner of AMDG Business Advisory Services said he has seen contributions increase as the year draws to a close.

For taxpayers who want to give more, but are cash strapped, Titus had one suggestion: Charge it.

"If they can't afford it by the year end, they can take it in the current year, then pay for it in the new year," he said.

An exceptional year

Titus sent his clients a letter last month advising them they may want to accelerate their charitable donations from 2006 to 2005.

"The Katrina Emergency Tax Relief Act of 2005 allows some taxpayers to claim bigger charitable deductions than in the past because the act lifts restrictions that limited the deductions," Titus said.

"But it's only a temporary reprieve, the restrictions return after Dec. 31, 2005."

The legislation won't affect many people, Titus said, because most don't come close to the giving limit. Few of his clients exceed donations of 10 percent of their adjusted gross income, he said, let alone 50 percent.

"It really varies," Titus said. "I would say most people are way below 10 percent.

"I do have a few clients who tithe."

Titus urges people to give back to their community.

Church first

Joel Gartner, a staff accountant for Lee Holland and Associates, said about one of every 200 returns he prepares each year reaches the federal cash contribution limit.

"You don't run into that too often," he said. He said deductions differ on federal and state returns.

Religious groups are the largest recipient of Northville's generosity, Gartner said.

"The church is usually number one by a long shot," he said, followed by smaller contributions to colleges, libraries, and medical research charities.

"You don't see a whole lot going to the civic organizations, at least not in my experience."

Charities are asking for more than ever before, according to Give.org, the Better Business Bureau's Wise Giving Alliance. They are faced with ever-rising costs, the loss of government funding and an increasing demand for their services, the Web site says.

Appeals always increase at this time of year, said Father Terry Kerner, senior pastor at Our Lady of Victory Church.

"Our people are good givers here," he said. "At this time of year, you're called on to give more to different charities.

"They give a lot and they give more at the Christmas season to all the various worthwhile charities."

Worthy recipients

Titus advises clients to carefully select a charity.

"They need to be cautious of how much money raised actually goes toward programs," he said, versus the percentage toward administrative expense.

Holland's practice includes clients from Northville, Novi, Livonia, Canton, Plymouth and other cities, Gartner said. An accountant 32 years, he said experience shows people do tend to give more toward the end of the year than the beginning.

"It's only the odd client that calls to see if they'll hit the limitation," he said. "People know the rules."

The Moon families said they help pave the walkway to the senior center as a thank you to the community they have called home 42 years, not for the tax advantage.

■ Local tax-deductible causes

- Northville Civic Concern (248) 344-1022
- Northville District Library Endowment Fund (248) 349-3020
- Northville Senior Adult Services (248) 349-4140
- Northville Community Foundation (248) 374-0200
- Churches

To check a specific charity, visit: IRS.gov or GuideStar.org.

■ Charitable giving primer

- The tax benefit for charitable contributions is only available for taxpayers who itemize deductions, about one-third of all filers. Those who take a standard deduction receive no additional tax benefit for their contributions.
- Only contributions actually made during the tax year are deductible. Regardless of the amount pledged, you only get credit for the amount actually paid to the charity.
- You can include credit card charges and payments by check in the year they are given to the charity, even though you may not pay the credit card bill or have your bank account debited until the next year.
- Those itemizing deductions reduce their taxable income by the total contributed to qualified tax-exempt organizations, with some limits. The tax saving usually equals the deduction times the marginal tax rate for that person's income level.

For example, if an individual with a taxable income of $50,000 – taxed at 25 percent – gives $2,000 to his church, the tax savings will be $500.

- For a gift of $250 or more, a taxpayer must have a written acknowledgment from the charity.

Source: www.irs.gov

Jeff Moon said he and his wife, Joselyn, who also donated money toward the senior center's buy-a-brick effort, make non-cash donations throughout the year, like bundling clothes for Purple Heart. Then they make sure to meet the deadline on cash contributions.

"We donate a lot to public TV," he said. "Right at the end of the year, we throw a big check at them."

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Northville residents Jeff and June Moon donated money to the Northville Senior Community Center and got their names etched in the bricks near the entryway. Such charitable contributions are tax deductible.

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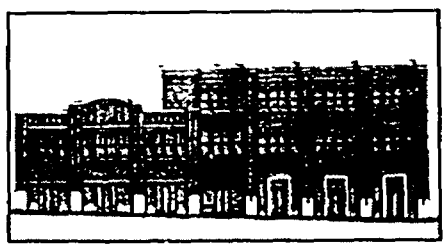

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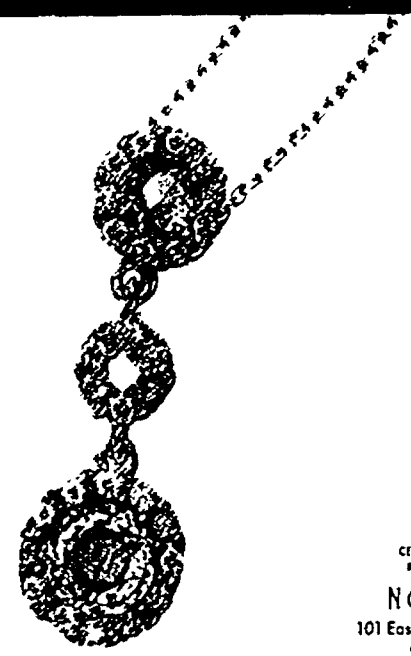

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LEAD: City awaits second test

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Test to be sure

Residents concerned about their water can have their home tested, Gallogly said. The city is testing the water at Allen Terrace.

"Some are disappointed the city isn't doing it for them," he said. The tests cost about $25 per sample.

Gallogly warned residents about a potential flood of sales pitches for water treatment equipment.

"It would be wiser and much cheaper to just have a test taken on their house and find out if they need it," he said.

Lead is not coming from the city's Detroit water source, Gallogy said. Lead enters drinking water primarily from corrosion of household plumbing, he said, water sitting in the pipes of residential systems with lead components.

Re-testing

Last week, the city collected two new samples from the 17-year-old Abbey Knoll home that turned up lead exceeding federal limits this summer. The test lab told the city results would take five days.

Gallogly said the first sample was taken from a little-used powder room. This time, they tapped from the kitchen sink as well as the original source.

The city intends to take new samples from five homes, abiding by Michigan Department of Environmental Quality requirements, Gallogly said.

"They're just as eager to help us address the problem as we are to get it resolved," he said.

The sample the city submitted during testing this summer triggered the state's requirement to send last week's letter to Northville's nearly 3,000 water customers, describing the hazards of lead in drinking water.

Down the road

The city routinely tests the water quality in the system for many elements, Gallogly said.

Public works crews also are continuing efforts to reduce the potential for lead in drinking water. They replace lead connections when they repair water-main breaks and lay new lines during street reconstruction.

"I would say we're well over half way," Gallogly said. "We only do it when we run into them. We don't go out and dig up a road to do it."

If water-test results continue to turn up lead, that could change, Gallogly said. The state could dictate a program for replacing a number of lead connections each year, he said.

City hall staff has been telling callers where they can get their water tested and the re-test results are not back yet.

"It hasn't been overpowering," Gallogly said. "If they read about it, they know there was a possible problem.

"The township doesn't have to do any of this," he said. "It's good they learn the precautions."

■ Water main breaks

Speaking of water, it's water-main break season.

City of Northville Department of Public Works director Jim Gallogly asked residents to call his office at (248) 449-9930 if they spot water bubbling from the ground. After office hours, call the Northville Police Department at (248) 349-1234.

Crews repaired a break Saturday on Grace Avenue north of Eight Mile Road, Monday on Langfield Drive and Tuesday on Eight Mile Road near Horton Avenue.

They fix about 10-15 breaks per year related to the age of the system and pressure spikes from Detroit, Gallogly said.

■ Water rate break?

Early estimates indicate the City of Northville will pay less for water during the 2006-07 fiscal year.

"Preliminary news is good for us," said the city's Department of Public Works Director Jim Gallogly. The City of Detroit will charge the city 8.4 percent less than last year in the first round of rates, he said.

"They went through four renditions last year, so it is subject to change," Gallogly said. "It's good news compared to last year."

Negotiations by some of Detroit's 86 suburban customers will change the proposed pricing, Gallogly said, revising everyone's rates to get to the system's set bottom line.

Last year, the City of Northville negotiated down Detroit's initial 52 percent spike. This year, the municipalities in the system are facing an average increase of 5 percent.

Just as City of Northville customers in 2005-06 didn't bear the city's full hike on their bills, nor will they realize the full drop this year, Gallogly said. The city builds savings into reserves to balance rates, he said.

Northville's lower rate is thanks to steps taken by the administration and residents, Gallogly said.

"The city is trying to control water intake from Detroit, pulling from the tower," he said.

Residents helped this summer by voluntarily sprinkling their lawns on alternate days, he said.

"We'll probably continue to do that from now on to help better control our increases."

Records indicate Northville Township's preliminary rate is up 1.8 percent.

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Barefoot on the beach, what a wedding!

Women opened their pocketbooks for about $900 in Coach bags, over-the-shoulder styles and novelty purses during the Ole' Bag Sale at the Northville Senior Community Center last week. Proceeds will go toward senior programming. With more than 800 donated, many handbags hung on. Stay tuned for **Ole' Bag Part 2**, sometime before Mother's Day.

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Kind words for someone moving to Florida in January? The city has created an online guest book so people can send their sentiments to Northville City Manager **Gary Word**, who accepted a position as Islamorada village manager. Visit the city's Web site at www.ci.northville.mi.us. The public is invited to a farewell reception at the Northville Senior Community Center, 5-7 p.m., Jan. 4.

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The off-season isn't just for volunteers any more. It's been made clear at Northville High School the football team doesn't want a repeat of this season's 2-7 record. Coach Ryan Hockman made off-season workouts mandatory, unless an athlete is involved in another sport.

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Meetings, meetings, meetings. Volunteers on the **Downtown Steering Committee** spent three hours Monday night discussing potential future projects for sections of the city nicknamed Midtown, Mill Race District, East Quad and so on. Next meeting: Tuesday. Sounds like the public's next look at the plans will be early February.

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Notice the new 'do' on Moraine Elementary School's **Mary Beth Connolly**? The teacher and her daughter both opted for shorter hairdos so they could donate to Locks for Love. The non-profit organization provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

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On Saturday Main Street Bank's **Audrey Mistor** and her elves will be visiting a local assisted living facility to deliver Christmas gift bags to seniors. Volunteers packed slippers, socks, snacks, lotion, shampoo, jewelry and books as part of the Northville Community Foundation's annual tradition.

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It was the year Charles and Diana tied the knot, Ronald Reagan took office and MTV was launched. Coming back yet? 1981. Well-organized alumni from the Northville High School class graduating that year is in search of classmates for next summer's reunion. Get in touch by e-mailing: northvillehigh1981@yahoo.com .

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What are your neighbors doing? Inviting you to shop online this holiday season. **Pamplemousse**, long-time Main Street bath and body product headquarters, moved to the Web at www.pamplemousseonline.com. Meanwhile, Northville-based **Chatwick & Tiller** announces the launch of its new site: Chatwickpets.com, a local specialty store for pets and their owners.

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. Thanks Todd, said Traci Sincock. A $500 donation by Mr. Knickerbocker during the Goodfellows newspaper drive last Saturday helped Northville's recreation director triumph over fund-raising rival at the corner of Dunlap and Center streets, DPW director Jim Gallogly. "It's truly a case where cute counts," he said. The two Rotarians have an annual **lunch-date wager**. The single check pushed Sincock's take of $595 over the top of Gallogly's $236, even though he was up from last year's $178. All told, the Rotary Club raised $6,100 for Northville Civic Concern.

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What's that on the counter at Tuscan Cafe? "Windblown Santa" hand-painted glass holiday ornaments. Sales of 278 of the $20 ornaments will completely fund the **Maybury Sanatorium History Trail**, including the kiosk, trailheads, markers and frames.

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Ridge Wood Elementary School is the home of some **future TV stars**. WXYZ-TV (Channel 7) visited the school early Tuesday to tape the kids shouting out a good morning greeting. As part of the Channel 7 School Shout out, Doppler 7 Meteorologist Dave Rexroth visits chosen schools to talk with kids, leading them in a rousing bout of Good Morning Detroit! The warm Northville welcome will air on a future newscast.

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According to several Northville Township residents, customers stopped shopping at the **Highland Lakes Shopping Center** on Seven Mile for quite some time because of how it looked. Plaza owner David Karoub is investing in extensive renovations to woo shoppers back to plaza.

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You can almost hear the surf in the background. **Roxanne Barrick** and **John Sassaman** were wed Dec. 5 during a sunset ceremony on a St. Lucia beach. Friends Tom and Debbie Peck witnessed the nuptials between the funeral home director and Northville Civic Concern volunteer. The couple is back in town after a week-long honeymoon.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Stephanie Flynn and the Optimist Club of Northville/Novi are selling Fraser firs for $55 at the American Legion hall at Dunlap and Center. Proceeds go toward local youth causes.

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Downtown merchants targeted for credit card theft

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Nancy Flanagan found out by phone last week someone was shopping on her dime.

When the Open and Clothed store owner returned home Monday night, she retrieved a credit card company's message about suspected fraudulent activity on her account.

She flipped through her wallet and discovered the card mentioned was one of four taken, along with her social security card.

City of Northville police said the theft was the first of three similar complaints by downtown merchants last week. Police suspect the same two women in thefts from Open and Clothed, La Corsetiere and Utopia Salon, officials said.

Suspects sought

"The descriptions are close enough that they could be the same women," said Northville Police Chief Jim Petres. Officers are investigating the credit card thefts Dec. 5, Friday and Saturday, he said.

While the suspects piled up thousands of dollars in purchases from Marshall Field's and Target in Troy and Southfield, they also were racking up serious charges, Petres said.

If apprehended, the suspects could face larceny, fraudulent credit card use and identity theft charges, he said.

"The penalty varies by the amount of property loss incurred," he said. "It is possible the prosecutor can lump the amounts together to get to the higher penalties."

Northville officers are working with store loss prevention personnel and departments in the cities where the suspects used the cards, Petres said.

Officials are checking video footage at the time of the credit card transactions. At Open and Clothed, police retrieved a fingerprint left during the womens' ruse to distract Flanagan, seeking a pink skirt, the report said.

Lock it up

The department issued a security notice to downtown businesses over the weekend, including descriptions of the women, their method and a warning to secure belongings.

"Any place you should do whatever you can to safeguard your valuables, whether at home of the workplace," Petres said. "If you're in the workplace, or even in the office setting, you can't just leave something like that out."

The method described in the department memo said the two women enter store, browsing briefly. If they notice a purse in plain view, one female will distract the clerk while the other removes the credit cards from the purse, police said.

"In all cases, the suspects place the wallet back into the purse and leave it seemingly undisturbed," the memo said. "Many times, the victim hasn't noticed that the credit cards are missing until he/she receives a call from their credit car companies informing them of the unusual purchases."

That's what happened to Flanagan. She said the card companies told her they will credit back the amount of the unauthorized purchases.

"I'm still going through the nightmare of canceling cards," Flanagan said Monday. "I didn't even realize it until I got the message."

Police reports said the credit card company was alerted to possible theft, not by the $500 purchase at a Southfield Target, but a subsequent $1 charge at a service station. That's how the card holder checks if it has been detected stolen yet, police said.

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■ Suspect Information

According to City of Northville police, officials are seeking two African-American females as suspects for recent identity theft cases.

One woman is described by police as in her mid-30s, tall, heavy-set, with weaved or braided hair and a tattoo of a cross on either right or left forearm.

Police believe the second woman is in her late-20s, with an average build, short curly braided hair with purple highlights. Police said she may also have crooked pointy teeth and a tattoo of "Davon" on top of her left wrist.

Police believe the suspects were driving a dark-colored P.T. Cruiser.

Anyone with information is being asked to contact the police department at (248) 349-1234.

> **"I didn't even realize it until I got the message."**
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> *Nancy Flanagan*
> *Owner, Open and Clothed*

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Police Briefs

Caught with pants down

A 34-year-old Northville Township resident called police after several customers, including her children, noticed a man standing in line with his pants pulled down at Meijer on Haggerty Road. According to reports, the man noticed his pants and pulled them up. The woman told police the man then paid for his items with a credit card and left the store. The woman was able to describe the man to police. According to reports, police obtained a surveillance video of the incident and were able to link the credit card sale to a Westland man. The case remains open pending further investigation and a warrant request.

Unknown caller

A 24-year-old Northville Township woman called police after receiving six to eight phone calls per day from an unknown male caller. According to reports, the woman said the calls, which register on her caller ID as private, have been going on for more than four months. The woman was advised to call Verizon Wireless and have her incoming calls traced. The case was closed.

Bad check

Meijer loss prevention officials called police after a check cashed at the Haggerty Road store in October came back with no open account. Police matched the identification number to the information on the check and tried to contact the owner, according to reports. Police were unable to reach the person registered to the listed phone number. The case remains open.

Stealing alcohol

Police arrested a 16-year-old Northville male after he allegedly stole a bottle of alcohol at Meijer on Haggerty Road. According to reports, the boy took the bottle out of its packaging and hid it in his pants pocket. The man's parents were notified and he was released to them pending his court date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Embezzlement

A 39-year-old Haggerty Road Loehman's employee was arrested for returning merchandise in the store for cash with receipts left by customers. The woman told police about two separate occasions when she received $60 and $149. The woman was arrested and cited for embezzlement. She was given a Dec. 22 court date.

Stalker

A 25-year-old Northville resident called police after a co-worker at Meijer on Haggerty Road had been making her feel uncomfortable at work for the past month. According to reports, the woman said the man has been watching her in the employee break room and offering gifts. The woman was advised to report the complaint to her superiors and make an in-house report. The case was closed.

Missing jewelry

A 41-year-old Northville Township resident called police after noticing a shoebox of jewelry missing from her closet. The woman told police she thought her husband might have taken the jewelry. According to reports, the woman and her husband are in the process of getting a divorce, and she believes her husband is hiding the jewelry. The case was closed.

Windows shot

A 39-year-old Northville Township man called police after finding BB gun holes in three windows in his home. According to reports, each window had one hole. Police found no further damage and the case was closed due to lack of investigative leads.

Matriarch cherished close-knit family

Elizabeth Naszradi

Elizabeth Naszradi.

Elizabeth Naszradi wrote a letter thanking her family for making her life so beautiful.

She died Dec. 6 of heart failure at age 97. After services at St. Patrick Catholic Church, she was buried in St. Patrick Cemetery Saturday.

Her children found her farewell note in her Monroe apartment.

Born June 1, 1908, in the Delray section of Detroit, Mrs. Naszradi was the daughter of John and Rose (Horvath) Beres. She married John Naszradi Nov. 28, 1928, in Detroit.

Her career included working as a shoe store bookkeeper and owning Betty's Sweet Shop in Ecorse.

Of Hungarian descent, Mrs. Naszradi was the oldest parish member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, its Altar Society and St. Catherine Guild.

For many years, Mrs. Naszradi crocheted a hat for each child at the elementary school where her daughter taught. She was a member of senior citizen groups, enjoyed playing bingo and watching sports.

When interviewed on a birthday milestone, she said the philosophy she lives by is "Thank God for my blessings every day and live one day at a time."

She is survived by sons John (Genevieve) of Monroe and Ed (Nancy) of Ann Arbor; a daughter, Rosemary (Lawrence) Maczuga of Monroe; two sisters-in-law; 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband; a daughter, Betty Ann Buckley Smith, and three brothers, John, Kelly and Jay.

Township Briefs

Township meeting

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

Holiday trash pickup

Northville Township trash collector Painter & Ruthenberg will observe the Christmas holiday Monday, Dec. 26 and the New Years holiday on Monday, Jan. 2. Trash pickup for those weeks will be delayed one day.

Toys for Tots

The Northville Township Police Department and Township Hall are collection locations for Toys for Tots through tomorrow. 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.

Passports

The Township Clerk's office is accepting applications for passports. Applications will be accepted Monday through Friday, 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

The Clerk's office is located at 44405 W. Six Mile Road.

For specific passport information and the documents required to be submitted with your passport application, visit the official U.S. Government Web site at www.travel.state.gov.

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.

Obituaries

LARRY J. RAY

Age 58, of Northville, passed away Dec. 9, 2005 at home. Funeral Service today 11 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Contributions to Beaumont Hospice or American Cancer Society.

ALVIN J. KLARR

Age 76, beloved husband of Julie. Loving father of Jack, of Northville, (Patty), Jerry (Beverly) Janine (Rick) Weiche, Alan (Sue), Judy (Dave) Terrill, Susie (Doug) Spruit, of Northville. Grandfather (Bop) of Lisa, April, Bryanna. Danny, Joey, Tommy, Dylan, Jared, Gunnar, Juliet and Gannon. Brother of Agnes, John and Mary. US Marine Corp Korean War Veteran. Retired from W.W. Grainger. Donations to Angela Hospice.

WARREN WINSTON FEOLE

May 14, 1938 - December 11, 2005. Age 67 of Cosby, passed away Sunday, Dec. 11, 2005 at Newport Health and Rehab Center. He was preceded in death by his parents Julius William and Cora Emma Feole. He was a retired supervisor for Michigan Bell Telephone Co., after 24 years of service and was a member of Pioneers of American. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Feole of Cosby, Tenn., children Debbie Feole Botts of Canton, MI, Denise' Feole Gerke and husband David of South Lyon, MI, step-children Charles Michael Schultz and wife Jackie of Waterford, MI, Christine Marie Bowerson and husband Ray of Standish, MI, Michael Dennis Schultz and wife Allyssa of New Hudson, MI, step-mother Mary (Betty) Feole of Northville, Michigan, brother Howard Feole and wife Nancy of Galena, Ohio, sister Delores Ide and husband Jim of Guthrie, OK, grandchildren Leslie Ann Botts of Canton, MI, Austin Gene Gerke, and Diedra Gerke of South Lyon, MI, step-grandchildren Stefanie Trombley, Rauchelle Schultz, Trevor Schultz all of Waterford, MI, Sebastian, Gabriel, Grace, Desiree, Tanner, Christopher and Spencer all of Standish, MI, Julia and Levi Schultz of New Hudson, MI, nices and nephews John, Becky, Paul, Sarah, Rachael and Christopher. Memorial service will be held in the spring at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Northville, MI.

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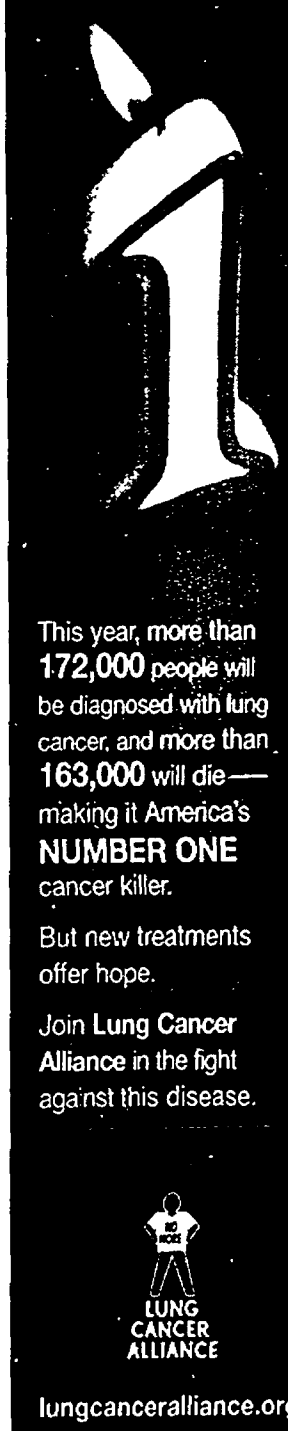

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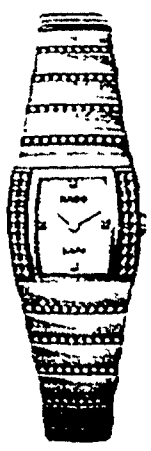

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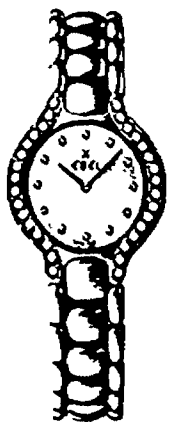

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Residents make A Christmas Wish

PRESTON: wishing for a 'wonderful' life

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Bud Preston has one main wish for this Christmas: that a cure for cancer is found. Preston lost his wife of 49 years this past year to the disease.

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what they both would have wanted."

Preston said he hopes he and Allgaier share a happy life together, just as they both had with their previous spouses.

"I'm sure people think this is too soon," Preston said. "But when you're 69 years old, the opportunity to share a wonderful life with another person is rare."

Both Preston and Allgaier continue to share their love for bike riding, and plan to carry on Betty's memory by living in the home she chose for her family in Northville.

"Betty loved this home," Preston said, "and I want Gail to love it just as much."

Preston said it was a blessing from God that Gail came into his life.

"I know Betty is happy for me," he said. "She will always be my true love – the woman who ran home to her mom in kindergarten and said 'I'm going to marry that Buddy Preston,' and that she did. I will always love her."

Fighting for a cure

"Gail and I will continue to grieve the loss of our loved ones to cancer," he said, "but this way we can be together instead of alone."

Preston said he will continue to fight for a cure for cancer.

"It's such a terrible thing and I wish anyone who smokes will get an X-ray every year," he said. "It's hard to lose someone you love to such a terrible disease. Betty was only diagnosed two weeks before she died."

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Bud Preston
Northville Township resident

Purcell's wish

■ Northville resident wants to share her experience, strength and hope

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Katherine Purcell regards her illness as a gift.

Cancer-free now for a year, she said her recovery has given her a keen appreciation for life, new relationships and a renewed career purpose.

"With my level of cancer, I'm truly lucky to be here," she said.

The Northville High School guidance office secretary said she is invigorated by the rush of student college applications. In addition to her formal duties, Purcell said she has taken on a new support role for people coping with illness in their family.

"I've actually been somewhat of a resource because, with my personality, I'm so upbeat and open to discuss things," she said. "Even names of hairdressers good with chemotherapy heads, growing back hair.

"With all my information and experience, I feel I'm really suited to help other people. And I try to."

"I never once gave up or said I can't do this, it's too painful."

Katherine Purcell
Cancer survivor

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Katherine Purcell's Christmas wish is to pass on the value of her experience and struggle with cancer.

Pluses, minuses

Her 18-month breast cancer battle sapped some of her frenetic energy, but not her snappy sense of humor. She readily accepts her new regimen of routine blood draws and mammograms.

"I don't know how to say this without sounding corny. I would go through cancer all over again to gain some of the relationships I have with people," she said. "I have made some phenomenal friendships and I wouldn't have had the opportunity for them otherwise."

This year marks a far different holiday season than the one she celebrated last year, on the heels of surgery. A second procedure was required to remove all the cancer.

"It was still an apprehensive time because I didn't have a totally clean bill of health."

This Christmas, she decorated a tree with her husband, Bob Jackson, and will take her 5-year-old daughter Ellie to see Santa.

"I'm looking forward to making a snowman with my daughter," she said. "Just things I wasn't able to do last year. I'm just enjoying Christmas."

Positive outlook

Purcell endured the side effects of aggressive cancer treatment and complications following her reconstructive surgery. She said she has a new appreciation for lost hair that grew back thicker and curly. She laughs telling wig stories.

"A lot of the doctors attributed my healing to my personality, my sense of humor and basic craziness."

But the experience came with a price.

"I still feel I'm at a disadvantage," Purcell said. "My physical appearance has changed because of the mastectomy. Reconstructive surgery was partially, mostly successful.

"For me, it's been more psychological."

Purcell said her survival is a testament to modern medicine, support from friends and family and a positive outlook. "I never once gave up or said I can't do this, it's too painful," she said. "Never once did I say I wish this was over.

"Just don't give up."

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My wish, my family

■ Mother wants peace for her family at Christmas time

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mary Stewart's wish for Christmas doesn't fit in the palm of her hand. It is much too lofty.

"Just that my family is happy and healthy, and that is it," Stewart said.

That is a tall order when your family's security drowned in the swells of Hurricane Katrina.

Stewart opened the doors of her modest, two-bedroom city of Northville condominium this fall to her son and daughter and their families, including 6-year-old granddaughter Haylee Sproles.

All were left with nothing.

Stewart gracefully called the new living arrangement "Camp Nana," while helping her children rebuild shattered lives.

"I'm not sure how I will do it, but any mother would do it for her children," Stewart said days after driving all-night in a borrowed van to rescue Haylee and daughter Candice Sproles.

But time has sprinkled Christmas dust on the tragedy, creating a happy ending.

Haylee recently returned to Louisiana where her mother married boyfriend and New Orleans firefighter Kenny Perdue.

"I absolutely think it had everything to do with what they went through," Stewart said. "They made a promise to each other if they made it through safe and sound they would marry.

"They felt life is too short, lets not wait."

Perdue stayed at Stewart's home in September, during a brief leave granted by the fire department.

"They found a place to live across the lake in Covington, where a lot of the reporters were staying," Stewart said. "They really don't have much."

Haylee started at a new school for the third time this year. Amerman Elementary School served as her home school while the family stayed in Northville, attempting to regain composure.

Stewart wants only for her daughter's good fortune to continue and to appear for her mother. More of her Christmas wish.

Now with an almost empty house, only her son remains. Stewart's attention turned to her ailing mother.

There are hospital runs, doctor appointments, trips to the store and moral support to fill her fleetingly hushed days.

"It has just been a God send I was in a position to help my kids and to be helping my mom now," Stewart said. "I came here for this reason."

Stewart relocated to Northville from Louisiana to be near her mother. Family is Christmas for Stewart.

She doesn't want a wish for herself just for her family.

"I went so many years as a single mother and my mom would send money to me for Christmas, and I would just turn around and spend it on the kids," she said. "It is just one of those things.

"It has been a long time."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville resident Mary Stewart, left, opened up her downtown condo to daughter Candice Sprouls and granddaughter Haylee, 6. Both are Hurricane Katrina survivors and former New Orleans residents.

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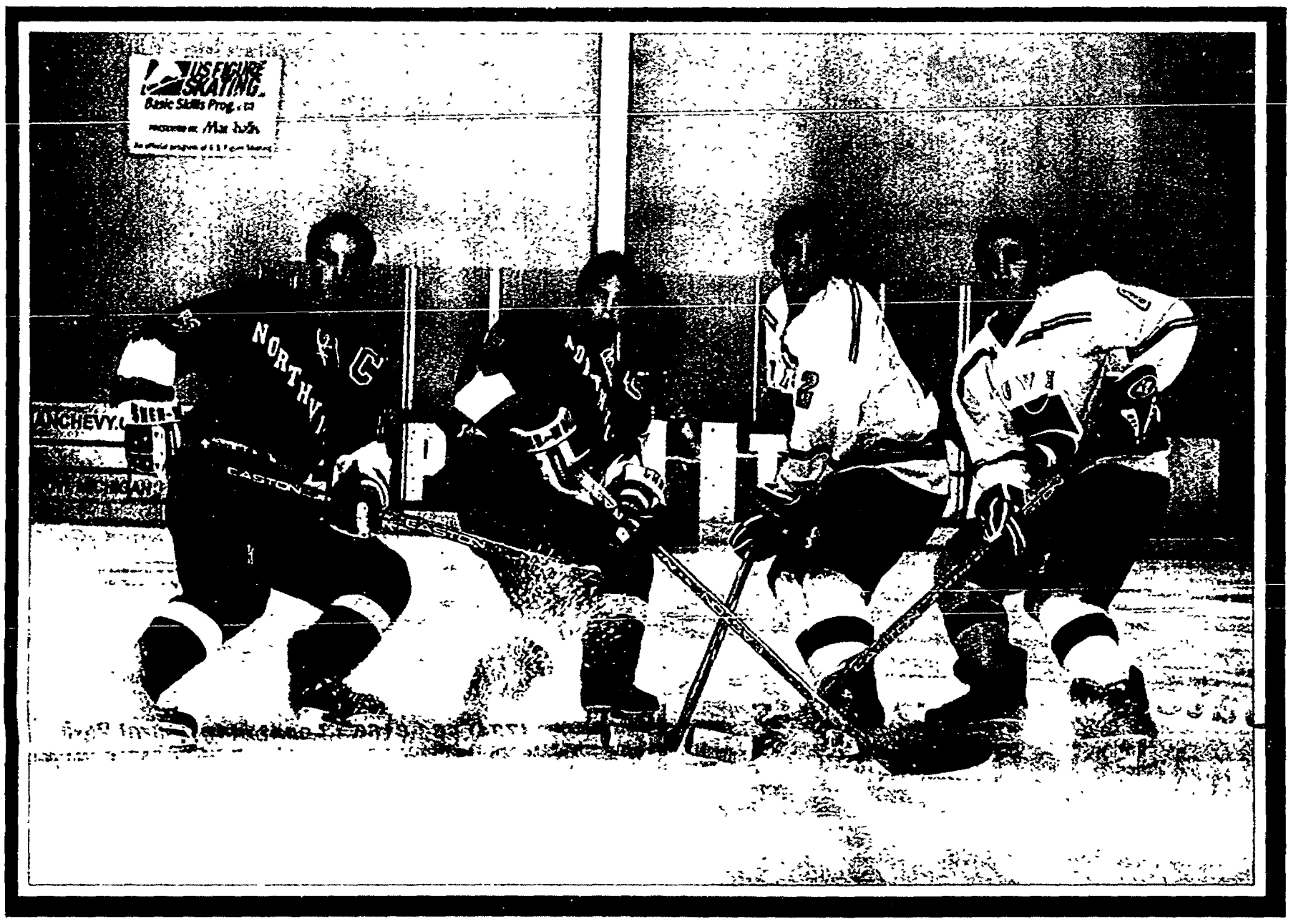

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SNOW DAYS: kids relish unexpected school days off

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Meads Mill Middle School sixth graders Ellyn Bernardo, Maria Benjamin, Paige Pitynski, Divya Varghese and Gina McNamara went Christmas caroling for charity.

Mother Jackie McNamara said the girls raised $162, which will be divided between area children's charities and the giving tree Christmas collection at the middle school.

"They had so much fun doing it," McNamara said. "Kids in Northville have so much and for them to do something for someone else is wonderful."

Most Northville Public Schools students began planning their Friday snow day on Wednesday, when word of blustery weather began.

Denhoff stayed up a little later than normal Thursday night, expecting to see Northville on the closed schools list.

"My teacher Mr. Sieggreen always predicts and said we wouldn't have school," Denhof said. "And he is right 18 out of 19 times."

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Nick Denhof
Student, Hillside Middle School

Denhof shined a special smile.

"I was so happy," he said. "I started calling my friends to hang out down town.

"I got really excited because the first one (snow day), is the best one."

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■ Snow day fun

When the kids are home from school on a wintery day off, there are always the standard activities of snowman building, snowball fights and shoveling to keep them busy. But if you are looking for some new ideas, check out these Web sites:

www.me.essortment.com/activitieshome_rybk.htm
www.Christianwomentoday.com/parenting/snow.html
www.magicalchildhood.com/crafts/snowday.htm

Forecast: snow jobs

■ Weather cancels high school career day

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Counselor Betsy Sole scurried about Northville High School trying to find room for hundreds of students and two FBI agents.

Nearly 250 students signed up to hear the federal employees describe their profession during the high school career day set for last Friday.

"That was by far the most popular request," Sole said, settling on the cafeteria and auditorium.

The other 82 professionals scheduled for the morning event would speak in prearranged classrooms, serving as prophets to interested members of the student body.

A welcoming assembly was planned for the guests along with other signs the months of collaboration between district and school officials was a success.

But that was before Northville Public Schools declared the first snow day of the 2005-06 school year.

Instead of a filled auditorium and anticipated students, the school sat empty.

"They are looking into rescheduling although no decision has been made yet as to when," said Jan Purtell, Northville Public Schools education partnerships facilitator.

Purtell said it will take a large group including Sole and career day committee members to gather and work out new arrangements.

Original speakers included CPAs, psychologists, musicians and an astronaut.

Meteorologist Chuck Gaidica WDIV-TV (Channel 4) volunteered time for the event along with Northville businessman Jim Long and restaurateur Laura Genitti.

"All students were originally told to choose two speakers," Sole said.

Sole said the students chose professions of interest that coordinated with their high school career pathways.

Northville High School students choose a four-year educational pathway when beginning at the Six Mile Road campus.

The six career pathways are arts and communication; business management; engineering and manufacturing; health sciences; human services; and natural resources.

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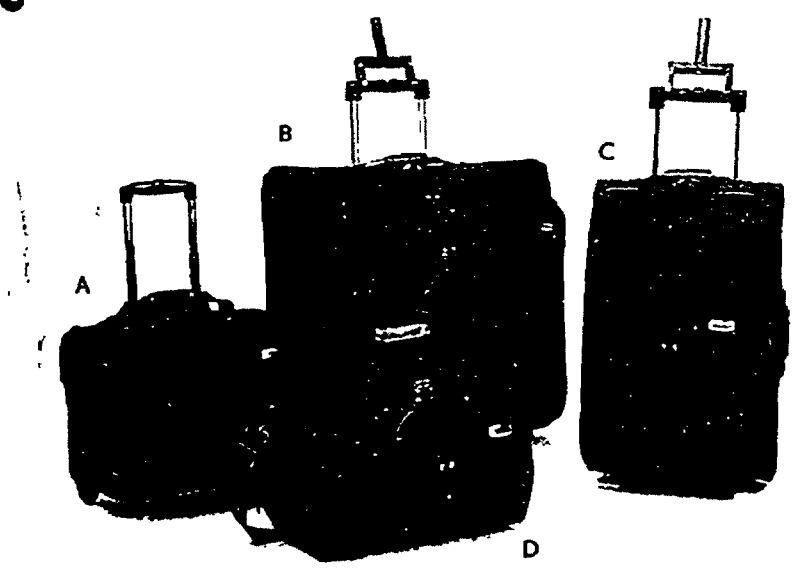

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Class Notes

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 today. Mid-winter break is Feb. 13-17.

Meeting

The next Northville Board of Education regular meeting is 7:30 p.m. January 10 at Old Village School, 405 W. Main St. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

Presentation

Katie Shirk, teacher consultant with Northville Public Schools, will be presenting "Developing Prereading and Writing Skills with Young Children" 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17 at the Northville Senior Community Center. The Center is located at 303 W. Main St. To register, call Early Childhood Center Office, (248) 344-8465.

Concert

The Northville High School choirs present a holiday concert 7 p.m. today 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

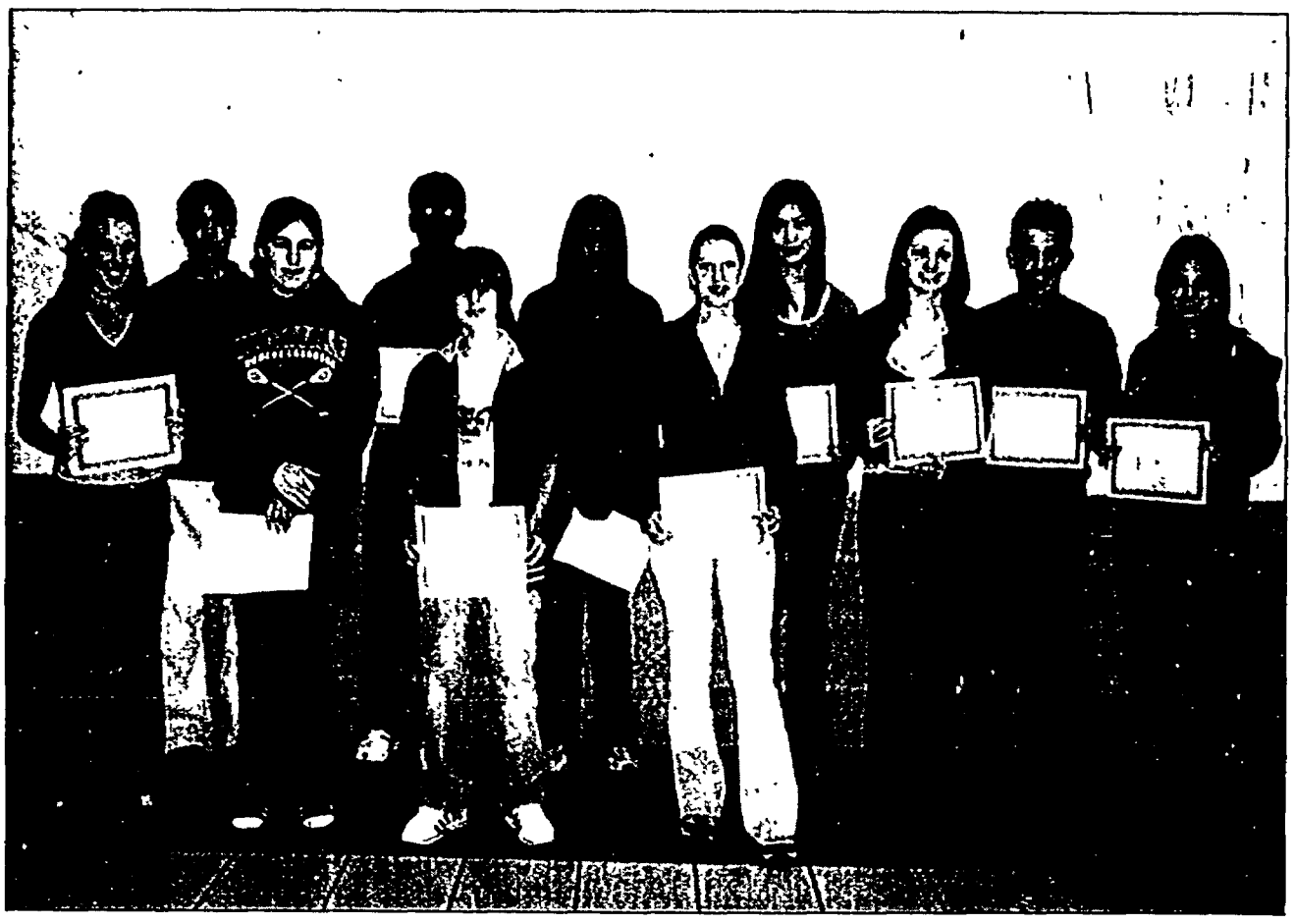
Starbucks is collecting new toys (excluding stuffed animals), books and craft supplies for the Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation. Donations for children in hospitals with serious or terminal illnesses may be dropped off at 302 E. Main St. until Christmas. For more information, call (248) 344-1875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



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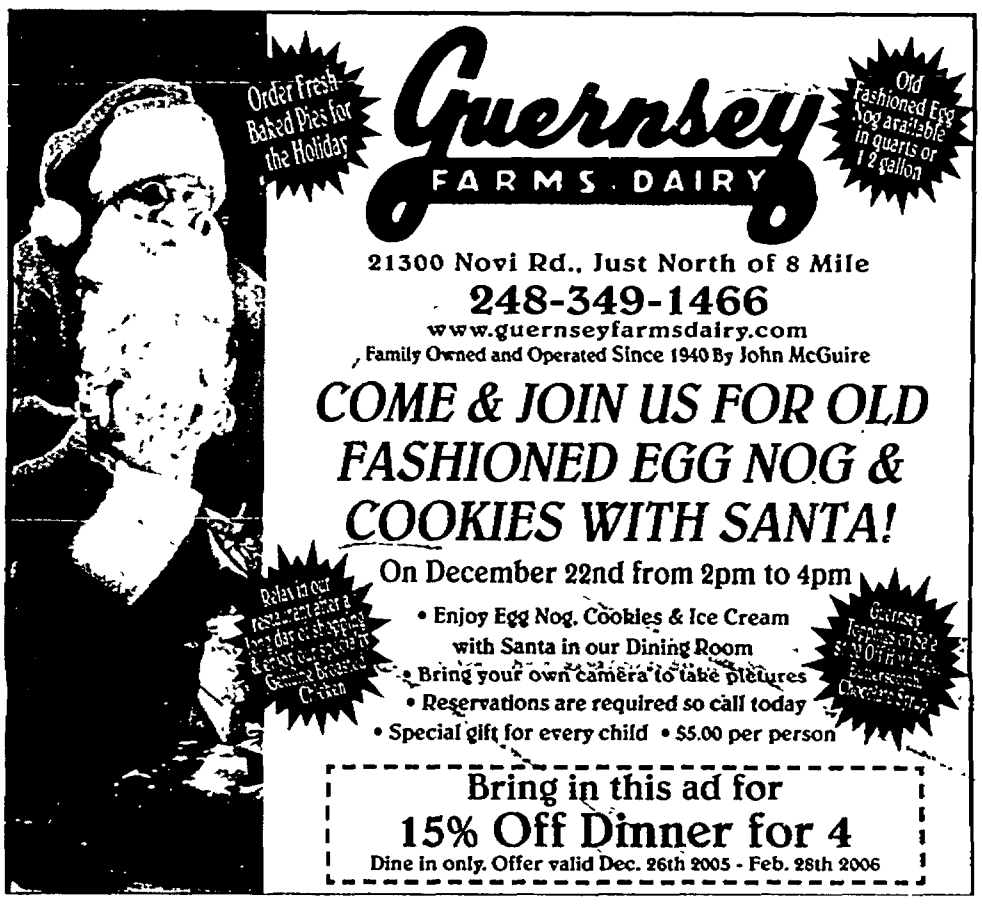
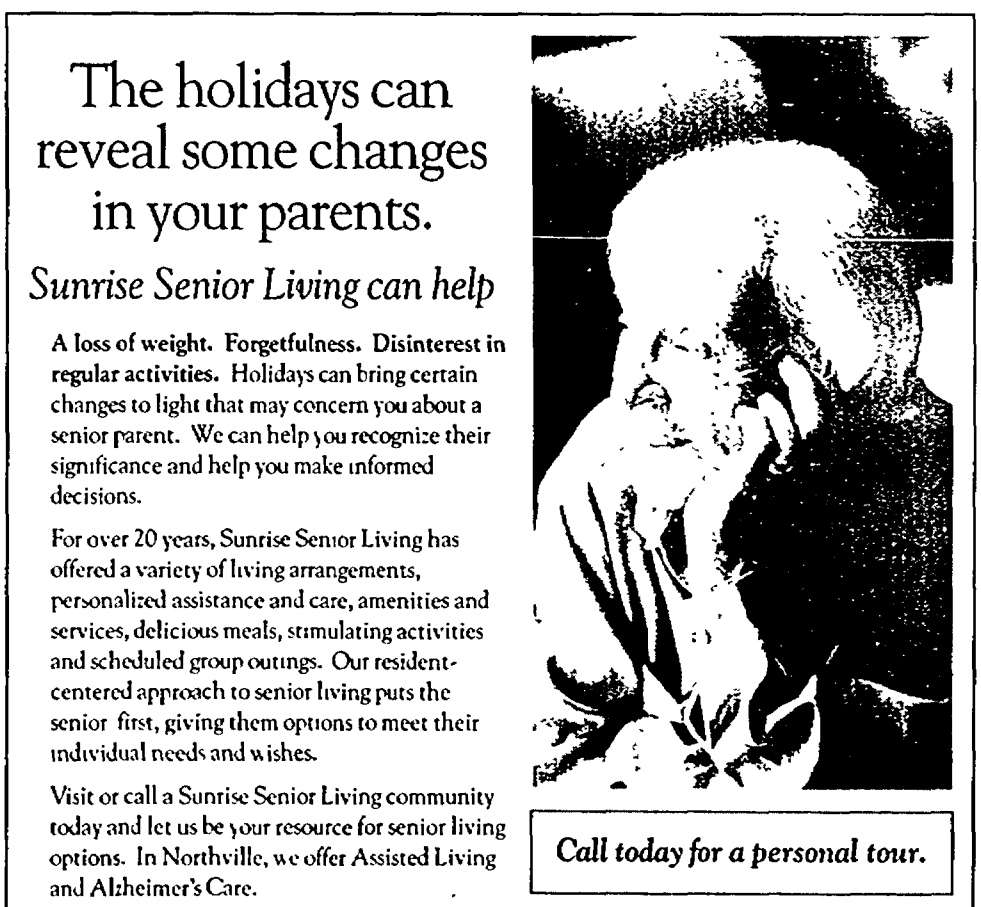
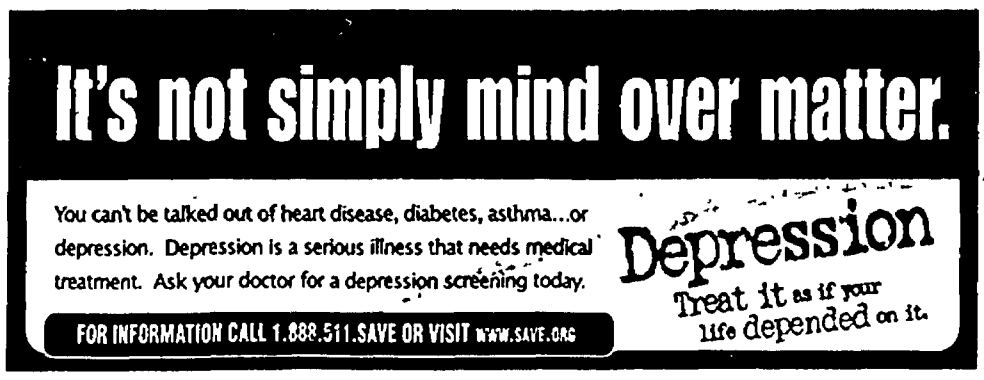
Reflections!

Members of the Northville High School PTA are proud to announce the 2005-06 Reflections contest winners. Winners of the PTA sponsored arts program include: JungAn Ha, Christina Tupper, Joy Lerner and Katie Stewart in the visual arts category; Ryan Pyatenko, Emily McClish, Amy Minielly and Natalie Pilarzin the photography category; Jackie Turner, Lee Schechter, Katie Stewart and Weston Laabs in the literature category; and Andrew Easow in music composition. The school received 58 entries this year.







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Age discrimination poses challenges, questions

Savvy Senior

Dear Savvy Senior:

The company I worked for recently laid off about 10 of its sales staff, including me, due to budget cuts. But after talking with one of my former fellow workers we both realized that everyone they fired was over the age of 55, while the younger sales staff — who are paid less — kept their jobs. How can I find out if I have an age discrimination case here, and where can I turn for help?

Laid-off Larry

Dear Larry,

To learn more about age discrimination in the workplace and what your options are, contact the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC). They are the federal agency responsible for enforcing anti-discrimination laws. Here's what you should know.

Age Discrimination

Most people, when they think of discrimination, they think race or gender. But, if you're at least 40 years old and have been harmed by a decision affecting your employment, you may have suffered age discrimination. The Age Discrimination in Employment Act (ADEA) is a federal law that protects workers from employment discrimination based on age. Here are some examples of age discrimination:

- You didn't get hired because the employer wanted a younger-looking person to do the job.
- You received a poor job evaluation because you weren't flexible in taking on new projects.
- You were fired because your boss wanted to keep younger workers who are paid less.
- You were turned down for a promotion, which went to someone younger hired from outside the company, because the boss says the company needs new blood.
- When company layoffs are announced, most of the persons laid-off were older, while younger workers with less seniority and less on-the-job experience were kept on.

ADEA

The ADEA protects workers and job applicants who are 40 years of age or older from employment discrimination based on age. This applies to all private employers that have 20 or more employees including federal, state and local governments. If your workplace has fewer than 20 employees, you may still be protected under your state age discrimination laws. To find out your state law requirements, contact your state labor department or your state fair employment office.

Another protection for older workers is the federal Older Workers Benefit Protection Act. Under this law, an employer cannot reduce health or life insurance benefits for older employees, nor can it stop their pensions from accruing if they work past their normal retirement age. It also discourages businesses from targeting older workers when cutting staff and prohibits employers from forcing employees to take early retirement.

Filing a Charge

If you think you are a victim of employment age discrimination, your first step is to file a charge with the EEOC within 180 days from the date of the alleged violation. You can do this at your nearest EEOC office either in person, by mail or over the telephone.

To find your area office see www.eeoc.gov/offices.html or call 800-669-4000. They will help you through the filing process and let you know if you should also file a charge with your state anti-discrimination agency.

You also need to know that proving any type of employment age discrimination has historically been very difficult. In 2004, only 17 percent of the age discrimination cases that were filed with the EEOC had favorable outcomes. But hopefully, with the U.S. Supreme Court's recent discrimination ruling in favor of older workers, the numbers will increase.

Savvy Resources

- Equal Employment Opportunity Commission: Provides information and services to help protect individuals against all illegal discrimination in the workplace. Visit www.eeoc.gov or call 202-663-4900.
- Workplace Fairness: A nonprofit organization that offers vast information, education and resources on employee rights. Visit www.workplacefairness.org.

Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a regular contributor to the NBC Today Show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.

Leaving Secrets: How to create a personal instruction manual for life

Imagine if your great, great grandfather or grandmother had left you a book with her secrets for living. Maybe it contained nuggets of wisdom, yummy recipes, favorite jokes, or just insight for how to lead a good life.

People are curious about how to create their own "manual" for life.

You can leave such a book for your own family. What are the key lessons you've learned in your life? Are you ready to share them with your children and grandchildren or with your friend, siblings, parents, and grandparents?

What you've gleaned from your life experiences can make things easier for your children or your relatives. In fact, the lessons you've learned from trail and error can be the perfect gift for everyone in your life – or for one person who matters to you. Here's how to commit your insights to writing and share them with your fellow life travelers.

- Carry a pad of paper around with you everywhere for a week.
- Jot down your thoughts and observations as they occur to you. Don't judge them. Just make note of them.
- Add personal stories and memories, as they come to mind. Again, don't edit your thoughts. Just commit them to paper.
- Take a few days to go through your notes, and underline the most important passages, and make additional comments in the margins.
- From this, distill the lessons you most want to share with others: your perspective, your values, what matters most to you, and your reactions to the world around you.
- Find a beautiful journal or blank book – one that you feel a strong connection with. You might find it at a bookstore, an antique store, an online auction site, a craft store, or even a flea market. Where you find it doesn't matter. How you feel about it does.
- Fill the journal with your own instruction manual for life. Make sure to include a title and your name.
- Find a special person to share it with, and turn the presentation of the journal into a celebration.

If you don't feel comfortable writing your notes and stories, you can dictate them into a portable tape recorder, and later, you can transcribe them into a journal. You don't have to be a best-selling author, academic, or philosopher to create a instruction manual that can helped your loved ones every day of their lives ... and be passed on to future generations as well.

Joe Vitale is the author of the forthcoming book, "Life's Missing Instruction Manual" (Wiley, March 2006). Read more about it at http://www.missing-manual.blogspot.com.

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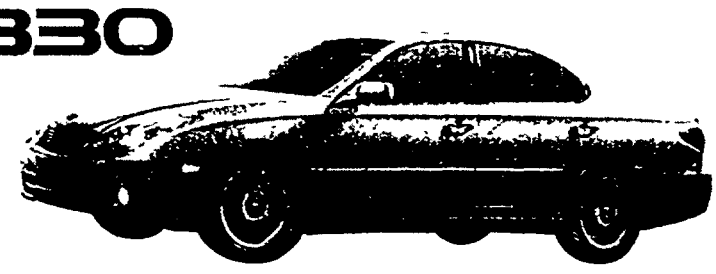

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The groom-elect is a 2001 graduate of Northville High School and a 2005 graduate of Calvin College. He is employed as a Campaign Manager for State Representative Kevin Green.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Churchill High School and a 2005 graduate of Kendall College of Art and Design. She is employed at a Photographer at Studio 630, Grand Rapids.

A January 2006 wedding is planned.

BIRTHS

Michael Francisco Aguilar

David and Tamar Aguilar are proud to announce the birth of their son, Michael Francisco Aguilar, Nov. 30, 2005 at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital in Commerce Township. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20.5 inches long.

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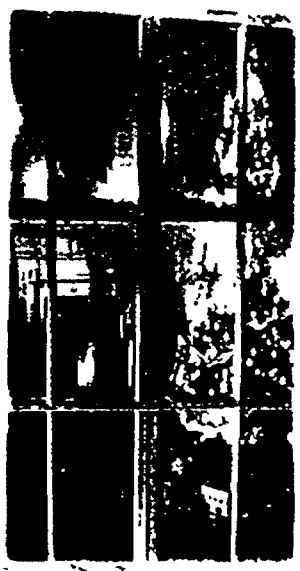

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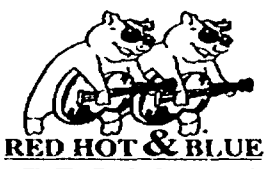

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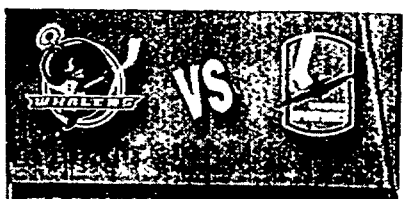

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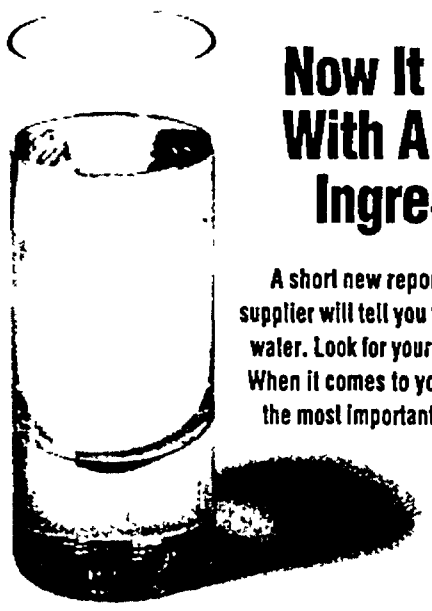

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Think hard before bringing home a holiday pet

■ Michigan Humane Society officials caution against holiday impulse

Is there anything cuter than an adorable puppy or cuddly kitten wearing a big red bow and licking the face of a child Christmas morning? Few gifts are as irresistible, but unfortunately, many of these companion animals are purchased on impulse and end up in animal shelters several days, weeks or months later when the initial excitement has faded and reality sets in.

"Surprising a family member or loved one with the gift of a companion animal during the holidays often seems like a great idea," said Jennifer Rowell, manager of the Michigan Humane Society Detroit shelter.

"Yet, many people don't realize that animal guardianship is a lifetime commitment — that includes medical care, food and training — and a big investment of time and love. So it's imperative for the primary caregiver of the animal to be involved in the decision and not be surprised with a new four-legged friend."

There are many factors to consider when adopting a companion animal. Does anyone in the family have allergies? Is everyone ready to make the 10- to 15-year commitment required to care for a dog or cat? Is the person able to afford food and medical care? What is the family's lifestyle and activity level? The Michigan Humane Society recommends that the entire family be involved in the decision to adopt and be clear in advance on who will handle which responsibilities.

Bringing a companion animal home during the holiday season can be stressful for everyone, especially the animal who will need time to adjust to his new surroundings. Consider adopting before the holidays or waiting until after the hustle and bustle of the season has ended.

"Adding the responsibility of a companion animal to one's life is a big decision and a personal choice," said Amy Popp, spokesperson for the Michigan Humane Society.

"However, if you're determined to give the gift of a companion animal, there are many creative ways to do it, while still letting the recipient pick the perfect animal themselves."

The Michigan Humane Society suggests considering the following gift giving options:

- Create a gift certificate for a shelter adoption fee, dog training classes or other products and services that a new animal guardian can put to use. Then, arrange to visit the shelter with the recipient to see them fall in love with the animal of their choice
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For more information about responsible animal guardianship or other gift-giving ideas, contact the Michigan Humane Society at (866) MHUMANE, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or visit www.michiganhumane.org

■ Michigan Humane Society

The Michigan Humane Society (MHS) is a private, nonprofit organization which cares for more than 100,000 animals each year at its three metro Detroit adoption and veterinary medical centers in Detroit, Rochester Hills and at its new, state-of-the-art Berman Center for Animal Care in Westland. Established in 1877, the MHS is one of the oldest and largest animal welfare organizations in the country. Primarily serving companion animals, the MHS' programs include animal sheltering and adoption, behavior and training, veterinary care, reuniting lost animals with their guardians, cruelty investigation, emergency rescue, education and legislative advocacy. For more information, call (866) MHUMANE or visit www.michiganhumane.org.

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Spokesman, Michigan Humane Society.

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

NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF RATE INCREASES
WATER & SEWER DEPARTMENT

The following water and sewer rates have been adjusted as follows and are effective with the billing cycle that begins on January 17, 2006

Rate per 1,000 gallons:	Present Rate	2006 Rate
Water	$3.60	$3.73
Sewer	$3.32	$3.44

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE

(12-15-05 & 1-5-06 NR 256269)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
OFFICE CLOSING

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on Friday, December 23 & Monday, December 26, 2005 in observance of the Christmas Holidays The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 27, 2005.

The Northville Township Administrative Offices will also be closed on Monday, January 02, 2006 in observance of New Year's Day. The offices will reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 03, 2006.

Residents wishing to pay their taxes before year-end can do so up until closing at 4:30 p.m., December 30, 2005.

The Department of Public Safety (Police and Fire) will remain open.

(12-15-05 NR 257275) 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.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE OF ENACTMENT
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance

No. 11-21-05Z for the purpose of amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Northville as follows:

- Modification to Section 26.02 Definitions, adding new definitions and graphic illustrations to assist in the regulation of building height.
- Modifications to Section 15.01 Schedule of Regulations pertaining to maximum building height and minimum yard setbacks.
- Addition of new footnote #20 (pertaining to setback regulations for single family homes having a finished attic or other habitable space above a second floor) in Section 15.02 of the Schedule of Regulations.
- Addition of Sections 18.19 pertaining to Finished Attics, 18.20 pertaining to Foundation Wall, and 18.21 pertaining to Grading and Drainage.

The City Council adopted said Ordinance on December 5, 2005. The effective date of said ordinance is December 15, 2005 upon publication. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public inspection in the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Office parties can be a fun — or disastrous

■ Practical tips for those partying with co-workers

Parties, parties, parties! Studies show that this season is the "partiest" time of the year. It's when friends and family enjoy a time of togetherness — sometimes after not seeing each other for months or even years — and share some of the joys and happiness of the season.

Whether you are the host or a guest at a party, the secrets of any successful gathering are good food, lively conversation, a congenial mixture of guests and a cordial and gracious host.

This is true whether you are entertaining in your home, at a restaurant, or at a rented hall. The scenario is a bit different, however, at an office party. Since the affair is for the whole company, you can't pick and choose whom to invite. Your food is limited as to what the caterer can serve. Your duties as a host can vary because of the large number of people attending. Even though it is a social event, there is still an underlying business tone to the affair. You are still being judged by an office setting.

So whether you are hosting or attending a holiday party this year, here are some helpful hints along with some pitfalls to avoid at your office party:

• Indicate on the invitations if spouses are invited, so there is no question about their attendance.

• If the party is at a restaurant, the host should greet staff members at the door as they arrive. If the party is at the office, the host should circulate among employees, shaking hands and offering a personal word of thanks, along with wishes for a happy holiday.

• Party-goers should be on their best behavior. Just because it is less restrictive than sitting at an office desk, that doesn't mean you should throw good manners out the window and "let your hair down." Remember you have to face these same people Monday morning, so antics and acting foolish don't make points with anyone.

• Arrive on time. This means within 15 minutes of the start time. Don't tell off-color or ethnic stories or questionable jokes. Smoke only if it is allowed.

• Even though a party usually means "dress up," at an office party clothing should be quite subdued. A suit with shirt and tie (even a wild one is acceptable here) or a sports jacket and pants with a turtleneck are appropriate for men. Women should stay away from anything that is too short or too tight or anything that is too provocative, such as showing cleavage or see-through clothing. An unusual piece of jewelry, a colorful scarf or an interesting pair of shoes added to a casual outfit is acceptable. This is not a time for employees to show off their racy and more daring clothes.

• Do not use this time to corner your boss and ask for a raise or question why you didn't get that promotion or act as if you've been buddies since high school. Also don't bad mouth or complain about co-workers or office policies. In fact, it is best to keep business conversation to a minimum if at all. This is a good time to get to know your co-workers' thoughts on other interesting issues and topics.

• Many people use this holiday time as an excuse to drink too much, get drunk and have what they call "a good time." The first rule about drinking especially at an office party is DON'T. After a glass of wine or two, you may relax and become less cautious about what you say. You can undo your career in one night. You work hard at the office to present a positive image of yourself and inappropriate behavior at an office party will be remembered for a long time. If you must drink, sip it slowly and to absorb alcohol, nibble on some crackers or bread before and while you sip. Also limit yourself to only two drinks at the most and alternate with mineral water, fruit juices or soft drinks.

• Do not get touchy-feely with others. This is another negative when drinking is involved. Just as at the office, the only way you should touch another person is with a handshake. Because this is a party does not mean you are allowed to get intimate with others. Keep in mind that sex and business mix about as well as oil and water. Remember, no matter how discreet you are, every office has a grapevine and everyone will know.

• Unless the party is a sit-down affair where a full course meal is served, do not hover over the buffet food table. Help yourself to some food and move away. The canapés, hors d'oeuvres and finger foods are not meant to be the main meal of your day, however, you may discreetly return for seconds!

• Write a thank you note within a day or two after the party. Send it to the host if the party was in a home or a restaurant. Send it to your employer if the party took place in the office. Sending a note will put you in a special category because so few people do it. It will mark you as a gracious thoughtful person and it will be remembered when points count.

Office parties are a good time to network and perhaps make a favorable impression on key people. It is also a time to relax, enjoy yourself and have fun. And if some poor souls do act like fools, be kind and don't mention it on Monday.

Planning a holiday party? Here are some practical, last-minute tips

Some planning tips for those last-minute party planners:

• When planning your dinner menu, do not include recipes or foods with which you are not familiar or have not used before. This could be disastrous and embarrassing if it does not turn out perfectly.

• There are enough last minute chores the day of your party that you do not want setting the table one of them. It is best to prepare your dining table a day (or even two days) ahead of time. You may discover a chipped glass, silverware that needs polishing, napkins that need laundering or pressing, etc. You don't want to discover this an hour or two before your guests arrive! After setting up your perfect table, cover it with a bedsheet to prevent dusting or especially if you have small children or pets in the house.

• Include maps and directions to your home along with your invitations for first-time guests or if you have moved recently. Make sure your house is well lit outside and the address is visible.

• It is the responsibility of the host/hostess to greet guests at the door. Welcome each guest with a few words of greeting and a smile along with a firm handshake or a friendly hug. Help them remove their coats and wraps. For a large party, outer clothes can be placed on the bed in a bedroom or guest room. If the weather is snowy or slushy, have a small rug or weatherproof mat near the front door for boots or rubbers.

• As host, it is your responsibility to introduce guests to each other. Be sure that a new person is included in a conversation with others so he/she is not left to be wandering around alone.

• Background music always adds to the mood of a party, just be sure it is not so loud as to be a detriment to conversation.

• If you have candles on your dining table, they should be lit just before your guests are seated and remain lit throughout the meal. However, candles are used on dining tables only after dark. If your party is during the day, either do not light them or not place them on the table at all.

• It is up to the host to determine where each guest should sit at the dining table. This can be done verbally just before seating. If the group is large, place cards should be used and set at each place setting. This not only saves time but avoids last-minute confusion and decision making as well.

• After everyone is seated and before dinner is served, it adds a gracious touch for the host to offer a holiday toast to his guests. A few words of welcome and best wishes for the season are all that is needed yet it gives the party a special festive air and you, as host, will be considered very cosmopolitan as so few people offer toasts.

• If a prayer of grace is said, it is done before the toast is offered and can be said after everyone is seated or while everyone is standing behind their chairs before seating.

• It is the host's responsibility to keep the flow of conversation going at the dining table. It is a good idea to have a few topics in mind beforehand to bring up if there is a lull in the conversation. Do not let talk descend into disagreements or arguments, and, if so, the host must step in and lead the conversation into another direction.

• If there are games or any entertainment planned for after dinner, allow your guests a few minutes to relax, stretch their legs, and have a little time for conversation.

• When a guest indicates it is time for him/her to leave, you should not attempt to urge them to stay longer than they wish. Walk you guest to the door and help them on with their coats. Shake hands and say something like: "We're so glad you were able to come and share this evening with us."

• Then don't linger with long good-byes. You need to get back to your other guests.

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WHAT'S GOING ON?

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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 Koevering, (248) 348-4980

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 Sassak and glass artist, Vic Leo.
CONTACT: (248) 380-0470

Hypnosis Night

DATE: Today
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.
CONTACT: (248) 449-9642 or www.michiganyogacenter.com

Youth Theater

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday and 2:30 and 7 p.m. Saturday
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
TIME: 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Library, 212 W. Cady St.
DETAILS: The Train To End Stroke program is 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

Northville Night

DATE: New Year's Eve
TIME: 5-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road
DETAILS: This annual event includes giant toys, carnival games, coffee house, crafts, swimming, and dinner by Max & Erma's of Novi. Tickets are $5 for under 2, $10 for ages 2 to 12, and $15 for ages 13 and up.
CONTACT: Parks and Recreation, (248) 349-0203

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., Suite B
DETAILS: The "Mommy and Me" class 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.
CONTACT: (248) 449-9642 or www.michiganyogacenter.com

Marquis Theater

LOCATION: 135 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or www.northvillemarquistheatre.com

"Pinocchio"

DATE: Monday through Friday, Dec. 26-Friday, Dec. 30 and Saturday and Sunday through December
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are $7.50 per person. Call for reservations.

Christmas Revue

DATE: Friday and Saturday
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
DETAILS: Tickets are $16.95 for adults and $14.95 for children for lunch and show. Call for reservations and hours.

Maybury Park/Farm Programs

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

Holiday Event

DATE: Saturday
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

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: Used books and materials are needed by the Friends of the Library. The library adds to the library collection and gives the rest to the Friends for sale, with proceeds benefiting the library. These donations are tax deductible. If you need assistance unloading books from your car, call (248) 349-3020 in advance 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 and 6 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: 217 N. Wing St.
DETAILS: The choir and drama team present 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. 15
9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly
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. 16
9:30 a.m.: Liquid Nutrition and Focus Hope Distribution
10 a.m.: Strength Training
10:30 a.m.: Live Longer, Stronger
11:30 a.m.: Computer II
1 p.m.: Movie: Mr. and Mrs. Smith
By appointment: massage
Monday, Dec. 19
10 a.m.: Line Dance
10 a.m.: Oxycise level I
10:30 a.m.: Holiday Stress Workshop
11 a.m.: Oxycise level II
11:30 a.m.: Spellbound
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
Tuesday, Dec. 20
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Computers I
1:30 p.m.: Games
Wednesday, Dec. 21
10 a.m.: Oxycise Level I
11 a.m.: Oxycise Level II
noon: Bridge
1 p.m.: Computer II

Board Games

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

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

Mill Race Historical Village

LOCATION: Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field
CONTACT: (248) 348-1845
Thursday, Dec. 15: Brownie Scouts, 3:30 p.m.; Northville Historical Society Board Meeting, 7 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 16: Brownie Scouts, 4:15 p.m.
Sunday, Dec. 18: Mill Creek Church, 10 a.m.; King's 8th, 10 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 19: Rug Hookers, 10 a.m.; Cub Scouts, 6:15 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 20: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.; Weavers Guild, 6:30 p.m.
Thursday, Dec. 21: Brownie Scouts, 3:45 p.m.; Cub Scouts, 6:45 p.m.
*Grounds closed to public

Looking for You

Salvation Army

DETAILS: The Salvation Army's Kettle Campaign needs volunteer bell ringers. There are four locations in Northville: Hiller's, the post office, downtown at Main and Center (in front of Orin Jewelers) and 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.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Missy Sloan is chef and owner of Cassel's Family Restaurant located in the Highland Lakes Shopping Plaza on Seven Mile and Northville roads. She and fellow business owners are excited about extensive renovations.

Extreme Makeover

■ Highland Lakes Plaza gets a facelift

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Missy Sloan said it's about time the Highland Lakes Shopping Center got some new digs.

Located on Seven Mile Road just east of Northville Road, Highland Lakes, centered on 11 acres of land, has been under construction since September.

"The renovations are going to help bring more business to this area," said Sloan, owner of Cassel's Family Restaurant. "We get a lot of foot-traffic, and it will be so nice once everything is complete."

David Karoub, owner of Highland Lakes said the project should be completed this winter.

"We're in the final stages," Karoub said. "The point was to bring the facility up to the standards that our tenants and customers deserve.

"We're almost at 100 percent occupancy and some of our units are under renovations to accommodate new tenants coming in."

Karoub hopes to draw more upscale tenants to complete the plaza's current 40 units.

"Renovations will bring in more customers and more success for our existing tenants, which will allow them to better service our growing customer base," he said.

Sloan said Karoub is helping to relocate her restaurant to the center of the plaza.

"Instead of being tucked away in the corner," Sloan said, "we're going to be right out in front. It's almost like we're getting a brand new home."

New customers to come

B & W Variety Inc. owners Bruce and Wendy Simrod hope the sale of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital will attract more customers in the future.

"We heard there would be residential homes built there," Wendy Simrod said. "We don't need more commercial businesses in this area aside from what's in this plaza.

"Once renovations are completed, the new look will be wonderful for business."

Mary Williams said she enjoys shopping at the plaza and is happy to see the building finally updated.

"I love this area, but there was a time I stopped shopping here due to the look of the plaza," said the Northville Township resident. "I would like to see some sort of drug store built so I wouldn't have to travel all the way into town."

Karoub said he doesn't plan to bring in any large businesses to the plaza.

"When plazas have grocery stores, they are the main attraction with a few smaller stores surrounding," he said. "We've taken the other approach in providing several service products in one central location, and we're concentrating on providing a larger number of shops verses only a few small ones."

Karoub said although there were a few hard days during construction of the new parking lot, renovations are going smoothly and current tenants have been great.

"The worse is definitely behind us," he said. "The mall will be completed this winter and final landscaping, with the addition of 60 new trees, will be added in the spring."

■ Highland Lakes businesses include:

- Cassel's Family Restaurant
- B & W Variety Inc.
- Northville Vision Clinic
- Consignment Clothiers
- Civic Concern
- Image Sun
- State Farm Insurance
- H2O Express
- Michelle's Hearth
- New Wing Hing Chinese Restaurant
- Highland Lakes Laundry Mat
- Canterbury Cleaners
- Highland Lakes Auto
- Home to Home
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- Libby's Hair Fashions

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PARENTS CONNECT

■ High School information night offers insight

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Debbie Ketchum held up a roll of electrical tape, a visual aid accompanying parental advice.

"If you just shut up they can come to the same conclusion," she said.

Her point: sometimes less is more.

Ketchum was a volunteer panel member during the Tuesday night parent network night hosted at Northville High School by the PTSA parent awareness committee.

Northville High School Principal Dennis Colligan, student assistance coordinator Carolyn Miranda, township police liaison offer Matt MacKenzie, youth assistance director Sue Campbell and parent volunteers fielded questions from about 50 attendees concerned with the daunting task of raising a teenager.

Ketchum candidly admitted changing her parenting style once her son and daughter reached high school.

"What worked in seventh grade doesn't work in high school," she said.

Her mantra: "My opinion is not wanted or needed."

"You have to learn to pick your battles," Ketchum said.

Topics of the evening ranged from traffic to the Internet to what really stresses out high school students.

Miranda informally surveyed students. Some answers were surprising, other not.

"They felt adults expected them to be tireless and stress free," she said. And they are not.

Miranda said pressure points include achieving good grades, taking a difficult class load and being socially and academically involved, all while getting to bed early.

"They felt they aren't being validated for all their hard work," she said.

Miranda said another common stressor includes the expectation to watch younger siblings on a regular basis.

The Web site Myspace.com came up early during the discussion period.

Some parents wanted to know what it is. Others discouraged student use.

The popular Internet spot allows users to post photos, blog, e-mail and list personal information for new and old friends to view. And anyone else with access to a computer.

"Don't allow your kids on Myspace.com," Colligan said. "There is nothing but garbage and smut."

Colligan said Myspace.com is blocked at Northville High School.

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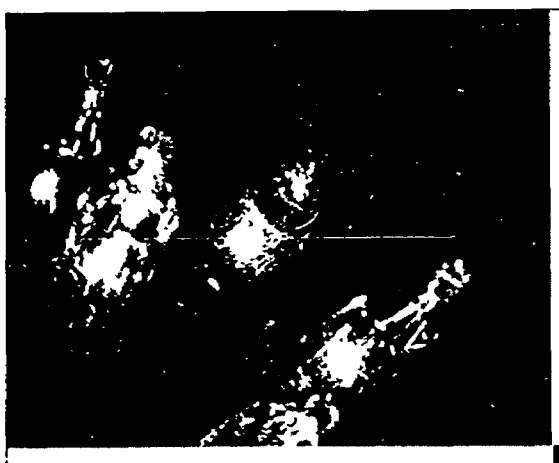

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Dec. 25, 10am

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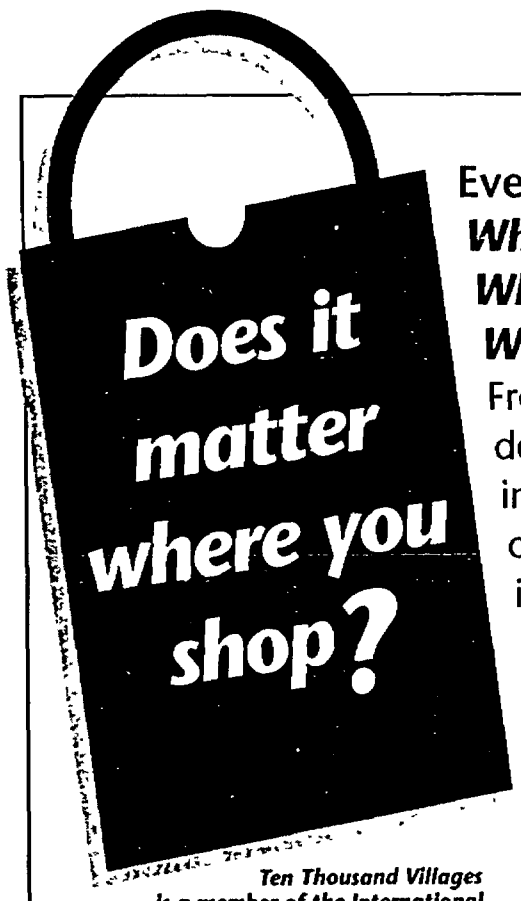

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DETAILS: Realtors at Century 21 Town and Country are organizing the collection and distribution of donations, canned goods, paper products, cleaning supplies and other useful items for the Northville Civic Concern.
CONTACT: Amy Zubor, (248) 735-2569

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 School volunteer hours and scout badge projects are welcome.
CONTACT: recreation@ci.northville.mi.us

Camera Club

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northville-camera@sbcglobal.net, Ken Naigus of the arts commission at kdn@comcast.net or Northville Arts Commission, (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

Dodge Ball

DATE: Saturday
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road
DETAILS: This is a high school age activity. The cost is $4 at the door.

Kiddie Sports and Games

DETAILS: Registration for the next session of Kiddie 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 middle school and high school students. 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 graders and includes two afternoon trips to Mt. Brighton. Registration is $56 for one trip and $100 for two trips; additional fees apply for non-residents. Motorcoach transportation is provided.
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 through 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

Open Basketball

DATE: Tuesday
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.

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Toys for Tots

DATE: Now through Dec. 21
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: Today
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

Cabaret Concert

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 18
TIME: noon
LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, VisTaTech Center, Haggerty Road, Livonia
DETAILS: Mezzo soprano Deanna Relyea will be performing. It is free and open to the public.
CONTACT: (734) 462-4403

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

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Santa stops and chats with one of the many visitors in downtown Northville during the Candlelight Walk last Friday.

Ice Skating

TIME/DATE: Various times, now through Jan. 2
LOCATION: Campus Martius

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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.

Stay safe during the holidays

It's a trite message worth repeating: Stay safe this holiday season.

That means don't drink and drive. Ask for help if you need when it comes to shoveling the driveway. And be mindful that decorative Christmas trees and fashionable fireplace stockings can easily spark a home fire.

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.

Review again your family's strategy in case fire breaks out in your home. Make sure children know how to exit a burning building and identify a meeting place outside so family members know everyone is safe.

More than that, have your furnace checked, clean your chimney and clean your dryer vent. Last week, a clogged dryer vent destroyed a one-year-old Oakland County home.

Don't be the next statistic.

These are simple tasks often overlooked during a busy holiday season. Left unattended, they can also spark much sorrow.

Toward that end, we remind residents once again about the hazards of drunk driving.

Be a good friend, spouse and neighbor. Make sure those you love don't hit the road if they've had too much to drink.

Office parties, holiday parties and family get-togethers are popular places for people to overindulge themselves.

But such functions need not be excuses to overdo and potentially cause harm to innocent victims.

These are old lessons, with familiar footsteps. Be smart this holiday season.

And keep those you love safe by making good decisions.

City: Get donations — on the books

Sounds like the year to give generously to charity, according to local tax experts. One opportunity about to be permanently checked out is Northville District Library's bookshelf mural endowment fund. This is the final year donor names will be added to the richly colored bindings on the Cady Street library wall. The five-year project, launched by library board of trustees in 2001, created a fund to help pay for enhancing library services on an ongoing basis. Buy a book for $250 or more and receive name recognition, a tax credit and gratitude in return.

Schools: Warm thoughts, snowy days

Tis the season to be ... away from school. Last Friday marked the first official "snow day" of the year. The first of many, students hope. And in four school days, the district will close for holiday break. Classes will resume Tuesday, Jan. 3. Up next, thoughts of warm travel. Northville Public Schools mid-winter break is Feb. 13-17.

Athletics: Battle of the Baseline

No game is boring when it's Novi and Northville playing. The boys hockey teams will square off 5 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Ice Arena.

Both teams are eager to play. Intensity is going to be high. Emotions, especially near the end, will run even higher.

Cheer both sides. They deserve it. Off the ice these skaters are friends and neighbors. On the ice? They're going to bring one of the best games between these two programs.

Digging out!

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Jacob Ortlieb, 10, shovels the side walk in front of his North Rogers Street home last Friday.

What child is this? Why, it's my son

David Aguilar
RECORD EDITOR

My son turned 21 last week.

To celebrate, his mother and I gave him a bath, which may at first seem odd to those more accustomed to measuring their children's growth in years, instead of inches.

But when your first child is hours old and the final product of a nine-month journey, his sinewy, gray-colored entry into the world still fresh in your memory, every moment counts.

Every half-inch growth spurt gets recorded.

And though you can't recall precisely when it was the two of you started officially counting weeks and months, somehow it doesn't matter.

After all, there is life, what matters most. Maybe that's why when you're standing in the hospital hallway, while your wife inside the operating room undergoes a spinal anesthetic, your mind starts to wander a bit. Through those doors, the world is about to change, for the better. The midnight kicks and hiccups will soon have a face. A voice. A name.

Moments move slowly, a honey trail stretching down from a distant tree limb. The fear is not nausea; it's that they've forgotten about you, waiting patiently in the hallway, taking pictures of hospital staff, just to make sure the flash is still working.

One doctor was kind enough to put everyone at ease 20 minutes earlier while back in the birthing suite. She wanted one more ultrasound done, just to make sure the baby was still breech, still facing up instead of down.

"Is it a boy?" she asked prior to beginning the test.

"Yes," she was told.

"That makes sense. Most breech babies are boys ..." But before you could fathom why such a fact might be true, she concluded. "You know why? Because men don't ask for directions."

Everyone smiled. And breathed again. Then, it was time. Off to the operating room, a husband trailing behind a rolling bed that carried the future.

But the journey to the future is not poetic. Down a non-descript hallway, few words are spoken, though encouragement is on everyone's lips. It'll be OK. See you in a few minutes. I love you.

Then the doors close. And you're left outside in the hallway, camera in hand, dressed in a white onesie, green shoe slippers and a surgical mask. You're neither nervous, nor anxious.

You're just a guy wearing a white onesie, waiting on a bus.

Why worry? It's out of your hands now anyway. Doctors, nurses and other expectant fathers pass by. The fathers seem more nervous than you, which is gratifying in an odd size-you-up-quick kind of way.

And the wait continues. Time piles on top of itself, and the more it does, the more grateful you become. Because there is time to reflect, one last moment to think about the distance between one end of the hallway and the other.

Suddenly, you remember in vivid color the May 5, 2004 day when you first met the doctor, expectant and ebullient.

Yes, the store-bought pregnancy test had turned the right color. Eight times. The doctor visit was merely a necessary formality. A column had already been written Tuesday night, placed on the page, and sent away to the following day's presses.

That was 18 hours before meeting with the doctor. But the temptation was too great, the excitement too combustive.

The new Northville editor, putting together his first issue, wanted to express his excitement about his new job. But something else commanded his attention. He wanted to promise you effort and a better newspaper, things that meant a great deal to him. But all he could think about was being an expectant father.

So that's what he wrote. Then the next afternoon, this is what the doctor said: "I don't see anything ... but it could still be early."

Immediately following the appointment, a private phone call was made, out of earshot of a nervous wife. The printing plant. Please pull the column off page 18A, my first column, my introduction to Northville, the one chronicling how good it felt to be expecting our first child and at the same time accepting this wonderful professional challenge. Replace it with something else. Anything else. I really can't talk. I have to go. The world is crumbling.

A week later, the doctor said this: "I still don't see anything ... let's give it one more week, just to make sure."

Four weekly visits later, our doctor finally conceded the miscarriage: "I am so sorry."

It was labor pain, in reverse. Like that, the world rolls over on you, and you're made to walk forever past a world filled with everyone else's children, left to smile bravely as hope turns into gasoline.

One question looms: Will the journey one day be worth it, for us?

Meanwhile, dreams get tucked into a closet, too delicate to any longer touch for fear they will fall apart in your hands. Memories are placed into your pants pocket like an unclaimed lottery ticket.

Maybe it was for the best, you tell yourselves. Maybe, just maybe, someone was doing us a favor.

A year later, almost to the day, there's another doctor's visit. Another store-bought test revealed guarded hope. But this time, you're more respectful, jaded in an odd way. Eerily, the doctor's words are exactly the same: "I don't see anything ... but we could still be early ... I'm sorry to have you do this, but ... come back next week."

The week lasts a year. Each day is a prison sentence. And then finally: "There it is ... right there ... it's small, but that's your baby."

Quickly, monthly doctor visits morph into weekly visits. Ultrasound pictures reveal glimpses of life. A 3-D picture at one point reveals a face, serious and contemplative. Then again, you joke, maybe he just has gas.

It doesn't matter. You've scaled the other side of the mountain by now, gotten past the amnio tests and better appreciate the delicate distance between life seized and life denied.

That's what you think about in the hospital hallway, dressed strangely in someone else's clothes. You wait to pass over, from this side of life to the other, as though watching traffic on some bustling city street. You think about the child who, for whatever reason, could not muster the strength to show its face.

And in the next moment you appreciate with a full heart the miracle it takes to deliver a child safely into the world. There's two children in that room, you mutter to yourself: the one we never knew, and the one about to show his face. He's doing what big brothers do best. He's fighting for you.

And then it happens. Your first child emerges backward into the world, butt-first, a gray, pasty collection of arms and limbs quickly turning into a wailing mass of pink flesh. Then the reaction: "Look at all that hair!"

He's perfect, doctors tell you. And then you realize, truly realize, that prose is not what this child inspires. It's not a pen or a camera you reach for first.

You reach only for him.

On Nov. 30, at 11:56 a.m., Michael Francisco Aguilar entered the world in grand style, alert and ready for business. The urge to scoop him up, carry him and protect him was immediate, primal.

Of course, he's not perfect. He's simply the life that made it into the world, fighting perhaps for all those who today are claiming a more somber fate. Today, he's perfect. To us, he's perfect. And 15 days into his young life, that's all that matters.

Last week was my first official vacation since being named Northville Record editor in April 2004. During that time, my son grew a half-inch in four days — to 21 inches — and weighed in at 8.25 pounds.

They are silly milestones, really. But we count them anyway, because too easily they can disappear.

I've been asked if the experience has inspired me to write a book, or a collection of insightful prose. Not a bit.

The only urge I have is to hug my son today, and tell him again how grateful we are to finally see his beautiful face.

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LETTERS

Thank you!

The Northville office of Century 21 Town & Country would like to extend our sincere thanks to the following merchants for their generous contributions which were used for our Holiday Party raffle held on Dec. 1.The final numbers have been tallied and we were able to present Northville Civic Concern with a check for $1,000.

At this same time we would like to thank all of the people that have so generously given canned goods, cleaning supplies, paper products and baby items for our annual drive for Northville Civic Concern. We will continue to accept donations through the month of December.

Please know that Northville Civic Concern is both appreciative and grateful, as it will make a huge difference in the lives of many this holiday season.

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COMMENTARY

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Gutting MEDC shows lawmakers' acute neurosis

Acute neurosis, mental health professionals tell us, is relatively easy to diagnose. Somebody who keeps doing self-destructive things over and over again is certifiably neurotic — even though he knows perfectly well how dangerous they are. People like that may be helped by sessions on a shrink's couch.

Phil Power

I suspect there isn't a couch large enough to hold as many of our legislators as needed, but their pattern of self-destructive activity over the past few years certainly qualifies them for long-term therapy.

And the fallout is there for all to see. Consider, for example, the perilous state of Michigan's economy; we're certainly facing the greatest crisis since the Great Depression.

Now reflect on the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC), the quasi-public outfit that over the years has earned the reputation as one of the country's best of its kind.

You'd think that the legislature would be falling all over itself to provide funds to help the MEDC attract and retain jobs in Michigan. Especially now.

Far from it. Over the past five years, the general fund appropriation to the MEDC has been cut by more than 70 percent; its staffing by around 20 percent.

Its total operating budget has shriveled from $110 million in fiscal 2000 to $31 million six years later. Its authorized workforce had fallen to 190 in 2006. But a last-minute $3 million legislative cut in late November reduced the staff to 138.

Funding for Travel Michigan, the organization within the MEDC that promotes Michigan's tourist industry — arguably the state's second largest — has decreased by one-quarter since 2000.

Annual funding is currently $4.9 million below average state expenses on tourist promotion. At the same time, Michigan has the lowest occupancy rate of all 50 states, meaning our tourism business has suffered directly as promotion funding has dried up.

Thick headed? Yep. Neurotic? Probably.

Self-destructive? Without a doubt.

At this point, I hasten to confess bias. I've been a member of the MEDC board of directors since the late 1980s, when I was appointed by former Gov. John Engler.

I've seen the MEDC in good times (i.e. under Engler) and in today's bad times, when some Republicans in the legislature have set out to hobble, if not kill outright, the state's main economic development organization.

The main culprit in all this is the so-called "caveman caucus" in the state house of representatives, a bunch of self-described ultra-conservatives instrumental in electing Rep. Craig De Roche (R-Novi) Speaker and to whom he owes allegiance and loyalty.

I've seen how effective the MEDC can be. And in recent times, I've seen how the organization, properly, has tightened up as its budget has been cut. And I've seen just how hobbled the MEDC has become in trying to help our state out of its economic jam.

So I was interested to see what would happen when I attended the board meeting last week.

There's a new CEO, Jim Epolito, a seasoned business executive. He took the Michigan Accident Fund from peanuts to a many-hundred million dollar operation in just a few years, and isn't afraid to tell it like it is.

Epolito recognizes that part of the problem with the legislature is simple communications. Most lawmakers are new to their jobs and haven't the foggiest idea of what economic development is all about.

The newly-adopted 21st Century Jobs Fund could be a big help. The legislation puts a lot of the authority for the program into the Michigan Strategic Fund, but it's likely the MEDC will wind up with much of the administrative responsibility for something like $250 million in job-creating programs.

Those are focused on four key sectors of our economy: life sciences, alternative energy, homeland security and defense, and advanced automotive manufacturing and materials.

"Things are coming together right now," Epolito told me after the meeting. "For the first three months, we were playing defense. Now we can go on the offense in attracting and retaining jobs.

"Our plan is simple. First, we must do everything we can to secure our manufacturing base. Second, we need to plant the seeds of jobs for the future."

Sounds sensible and insightful to me. Epolito may not be a psychiatrist, but he is just the kind of guy to inject a bunch of common sense into a neurotic political environment in Lansing.

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.

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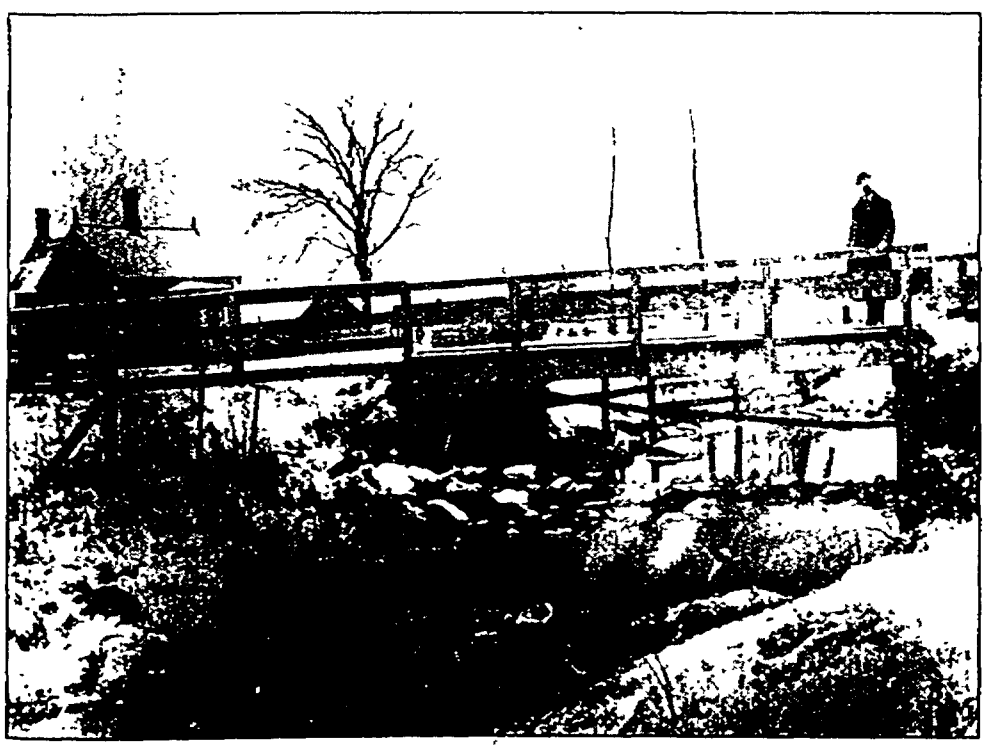

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The corner of Old Novi and baseline roads, prior to 1900, including buildings (center) now part of Parmenter's Cider Mill.

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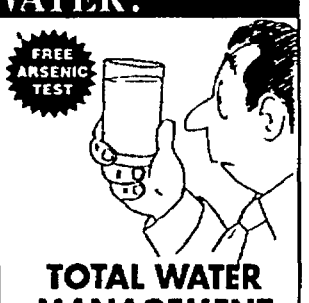

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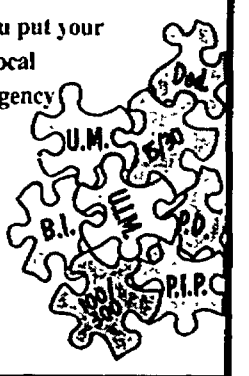

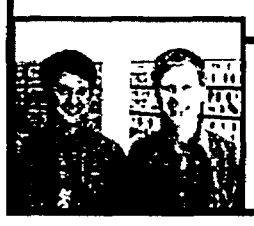

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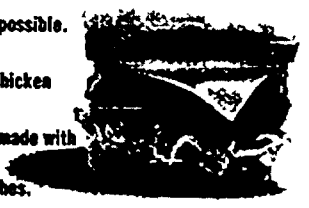

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Northville High School choir hits high note

■ Student choir hits high note for community effort

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The Northville High School Chamber Choir recently performed for girls at Vista Maria, a Deaborn Heights-based non-profit residential and community-based treatment agency for abused and neglected girls.

On Dec. 5, the Northville High School Chamber Choir performed a special concert for the girls of Vista Maria, in Dearborn Heights.

Volunteering their time and talents, the Northville students helped kick off the holiday season for more than 174 teen girls who will be staying on Vista Maria's campus over the holiday. Vista Maria is Michigan's largest non-profit residential and community-based treatment agency for abused and neglected girls. Founded in 1883, Vista Maria transforms the lives of girls 11 to 17 who have faced abandonment, abuse, domestic violence and other challenges from across Michigan and are in need of treatment for trauma recovery, substance abuse, and other psychosocial issues. The girls are housed on campus and educated at the Clara B. Ford School with gender-responsive treatment programs that introduce and reinforce strong, positive messages about being female.

Chamber Choir is a select mixed ensemble of 18 singers who must audition for a limited spot in the group. Most of the singers participate in one or two other Northville choirs as well.

This year's members include Dave Beresford, Ross Boylan, Ashley Courtney, Clara Fecht, Amy Ferng, Kaitlyn Fitzsimmons, Christina Genitti, Jake Hoernschemeyer, Caitlyn Knisely, Joe Marotta, Emily McBride, Jacob McClory, Mark Morrow, Ryan Paree, Ken Sieloff, Ellen Storch, Laura VanValkenburgh and Jeremy West.

The annual concert was hosted by Val Clark, a WXYZ-TV/Ch.7 reporter. In attendance were Michigan Supreme Court Justices Maura Corrigan and Robert Young, Jr., Chief Judge Mary Beth Kelly and Senator Martha Scott. This year, Chamber Choir performed along with the Male Ensemble from the Detroit School of Arts, the St. Paul's Church of God in Christ's Youth Choir, soloist Kaitlyn Bourque, and the Clara B. Ford School Orchestra. They sung in Latin "Gaudette," and in English and German, "Lo How a Rose Er Blooming."

After the concert, Clark invited the group down to WXYZ-TV studios to perform on Channel 7. They will appear on the Channel 7 Action News at noon Dec. 21.

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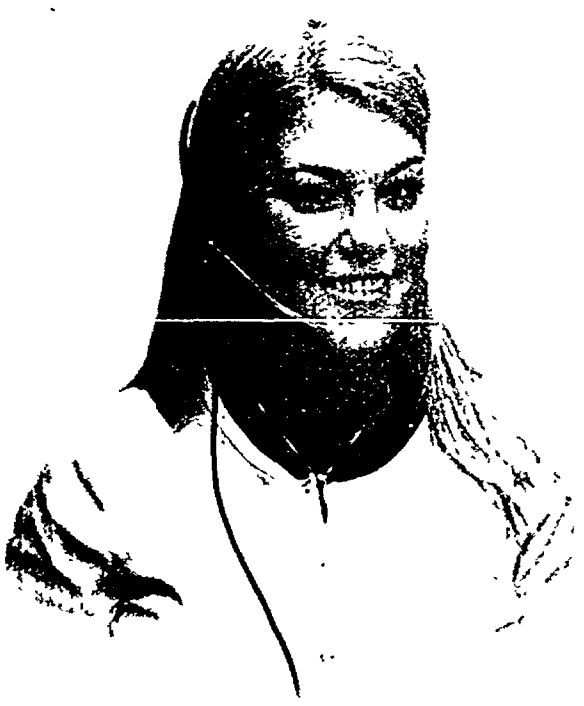

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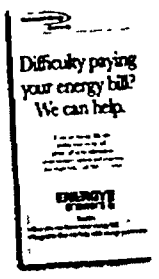

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Ford Rouge Plant Tour

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
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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."
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Mothers of Multiples

DATE: Second Thursday of every month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Witch's Hat Depot, 300 Dorothy St., South Lyon
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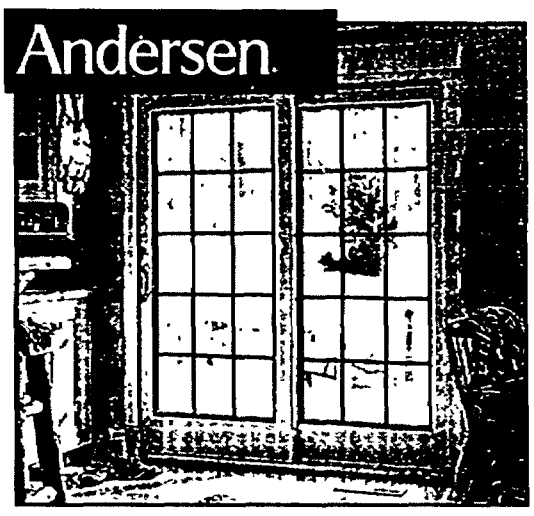

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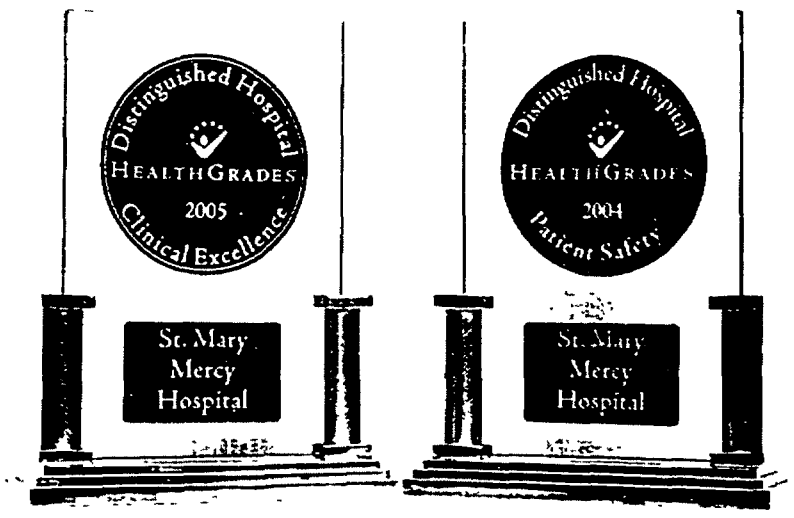

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Free skating event

On Jan. 2 from noon-1:50 p.m., Novi Ice Arena will host the "It's Great to Skate Celebration" in conjunction with the United States Figure Skating Association's National Skating Month. Free skating with Learn to Skate instructors available for semi-private lessons, skate rental, games, music, skating exhibitions from members of the Skating Club of Novi, raffles for great prizes and more will be available to all skaters during the event.

National Skating Month allows for USFSA member clubs and basic skills programs to reach out to new members in the community. The Skating Club of Novi and Learn to Skate Program are both housed by the Novi Ice Arena, and feature opportunities for skaters of all ages and ability levels.

Call the Novi Ice Arena at 248-347-1010 or visit www.noviicearena.com for more information.

Skate with Santa

The Novi Ice Arena will also hold a Skate with Santa on Sunday, Dec. 18 from 3-4:50 p.m. Bring your camera and get a picture taken with Santa. And don't forget that throughout the month of December, Novi Ice Arena is taking collections for the Oakland County Food Banks. Bring in three canned food items and receive 50 percent off public skating admission.

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Novi Arena to hold Learn to Skate Camp over Break

Novi Ice Arena will run a Holiday Learn to Skate Camp Dec. 27-29. Classes will be held from 11-11:45 a.m.

The camp is open to skaters ages 6 and up, with each group limited to just six skaters. The cost of enrollment is $65, and skate rental is available for $2 per day. As an added bonus, Learn to Skate camp participants are welcome to attend open skating immediately following class from noon-1:50 p.m. free of charge.

Don't forget about the other skating events taking place in December at Novi Ice Arena: the Skating Club of Novi will hold its Skate with Santa Dec. 18 from 3-4:50 pm. Registration for the winter session of Learn to Skate (Jan. 4-Feb. 18) began Dec. 12. Bring in three canned food items during the month of December and receive 50 percent off admission to public skating. All food collected will be donated to the Oakland County Food Banks! There will also be a free skating event that is open to the public Jan. 2 from noon-1:50 p.m. in honor of United States Figure Skating's National Skating Month.

Registration for the Holiday Learn to Skate Camp is under way. For more information, call Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or www.noviicearena.com.

Enrollment under way 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 Rheaume! 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.

3-on-3 hockey shootout

Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills will be the site of the Mission Hockey Holiday 3-on-3 Shootout for 'B' level mini mite, mite, squirt and pee wee teams, 2-7 p.m. Monday, Dec. 26. The tournament features a three-game guarantee, with games consisting of two 10-minute running time periods. Teams will play one game per hour and the top two teams in each division will play for the championship. Awards will be given to each member of the championship team (four skaters and one goaltender per team).

In addition, Suburban Ice will hold two sessions of Sticks and Pucks, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21-Friday, Dec. 23 and Monday, Dec. 26, Saturday, Dec. 31 and Monday, Jan. 2. There will also be two sessions, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 24. Players of all ages and ability levels are encouraged to come out and work on their skating and puck handling skills. No pick-up games will be allowed and full equipment is required. Players will be accepted on a first come, first served basis.

Call (248) 888-1400 or visit suburbanice.com.

Scrimmages go well for Mustangs

The Northville-Novi Wild 'Stangs gymnastics team showed despite their small size this year, they're ready to compete.

The team, led by coach Erin McWatt, scrimmaged each other in the annual Green-White meet. The green team edged Orange, 98.95-98.85.

"The girls are off to a great start to what we anticipate being a great season," McWatt said. "The team is already showing improvement with four new 'rookies' including one freshman with the potential to become an all-around contributor."

The green team earned scores in the vault from Lauren Duda (8.35), Jill Guffey (8.25) and Rachel Waranowicz (7.9) while the orange team's Becky Murphy (7.6), Megan Wallen (7.95) and Kylea Pohl (7.85) scored.

On the bars, it was Julie Foucher (8.5) ad Emma Platt (7.9) scoring for the green and Jacqueline Gazette (8.15) and Ami Nakashima (8.15) scoring for the orange. The beam found green's Foucher (8.35), Sarah Ilkhani-Pour (8.4), Platt (8) and Guffey (7.55) scoring and orange's Rachel Deneau (8.65), Gazette (8.5), Nakashima (8.4), Pohl (7.5) and Wallen (7.6) scoring.

The floor routine found the green being represented by Duda (8.3), Foucher (8.9) and Ilkhani-Pour (8.55) and the orange by Deneau (9.25), Gazette (8.75) and Pohl (8).

Cagers tame Lions

The Northville Mustangs basketball team beat the South Lyon Lions last week, 56-47.

The squad forced 35 turnovers and hit 9-of-18 free throws to seal the victory.

Girls hockey falls in tourney

The Northville girls hockey team, coached by Bill Holden, couldn't keep their winning way alive last week when they fell to Farmington Hill Mercy in the first round of the Second Annual Suburban Girls High School Classic with a double overtime loss, 4-3. Mercy went on to lose to Ladywood, 8-1, in the final.

Swimmers showcase talent

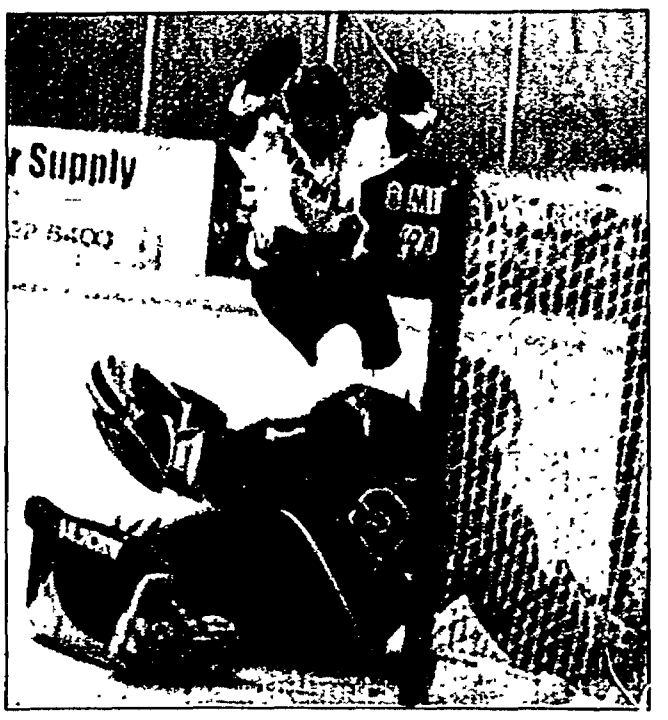
The Northville Mustangs boys swim team had their annual scrimmage last week and showed they're itching for competition.

"Overall we had some nice swims and got a good idea of how we will start to put things together next week with Churchill and then the WLAA Relay meet," said coach Rich Bennetts. "Getting seven state cuts at an inter-squad meet is a nice accomplishment and we are looking forward to getting several more cuts against Churchill."

The team began the night with the 200 medley relay, won in just 1:51.36. In the 200 freestyle, Chris Keady won with a 1:44.29 while Brad Farris finished in second with a 1:46.34 — both state finals cuts.

The 200 individual medley found Will Blickle edging out his younger brother Brody, 2:01.66 and 2:02.03, respectively, as they both earned state cuts. Jonathan Bardsley won the 50 freestyle in 24.33 seconds with Weston Laabs in second with 24.79.

Other highlights included swims by Keady (100 butterfly; 54.93, state cut), Chris Culkin (100 butterfly; 55.65, state cut), Greg Sheppard (500 freestyle; 5:06.49), Farris (100 freestyle; 48.96, state cut), Culkin (100 backstroke; 1:00.03), Will Blickle (100 breaststroke; 1:06.20) and Fankell (diving; 81.25 points).



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Langston wins third national title with GVSU

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

So many kids chase their dreams. Brandon Langston's have had a hard time keeping up lately.

The Northville graduate, who has earned three national titles since his arrival at Grand Valley State University four years ago, didn't always find himself in the spotlight. A single season at the University of Toledo found him sitting as a red shirt.

It was the first time in his life he wasn't playing.

"It was strange," Langston said. "But everybody wants to go in and start right away and be a contributor. I was going to have to do my part on the practice squad and by helping make them better. I was ready to do that."

Langston had a decision to make: stay at Toledo and sit the bench or find a program where he'd be able to get playing time. The danger of switching schools was he may not have even made the team at Grand Valley.

He took a chance and chose the latter.

"You can never fully evaluate a decision until you've gone through it and can look back on it," Langston said. "Now that it's all over, I'm extremely happy with my decision to come to Grand Valley. I love it here."

The former Mustangs standout and Rockets red shirt freshman was now a Laker. He was determined to show what he was capable of. It didn't take long.

He caught the eye of the coaches, who found him playing time and then a starting position.

It wasn't just the coaching staff Langston was getting attention from. His opponents quickly noticed him, too!

Mike Plourde, a former defensive back for the Northern Michigan University Wildcats, said Langston was the kind of athlete who made a difference when he was in the game.

"He was the guy you always kept your eye on," he said. "He could turn a short pass into a long touchdown. That's what made him so dangerous."

And now a college career is behind him. Langston was a preseason All-American, a repeat All-League selection and a key player in a national championship game.

NEXT LEVEL Athletes

The game of football isn't necessarily over for Langston. Division II athletes are drafted nearly every year into the National Football League. Langston hopes he's one of them.

"I'm going to keep working out and lifting weights," he said. "I want to stay in shape and hopefully get a chance at the next level. I don't know what my chances are, but I'm going to try."

Trying is what Langston does best. He's always been the little engine that could, no matter what school colors he was wearing.

If not the NFL, then it will be something else for Langston.

"A couple of the guys I've played with have gone to NFL Europe and they said it's a great time," he said. "I'd consider that."

Canadian Football League? Arena Football?

"I'm not closing the door on anything right now," he said. "I'll weigh the cost to the gain and make my decision from there.

"I'm extremely happy with my career so far. I've had great teammates to help me along and there have been some great moments. I couldn't ask for anything else."

■ National champion, again

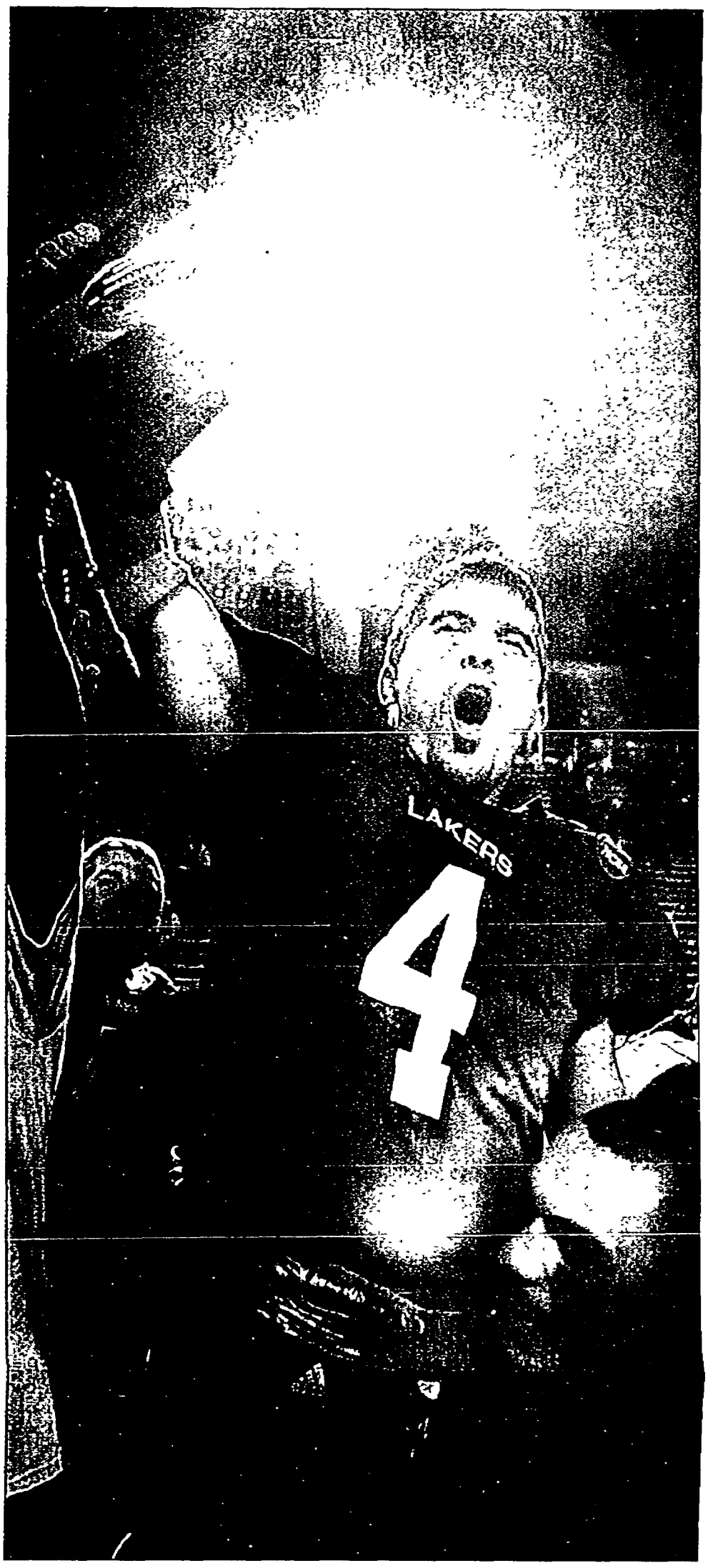
No wonder Brandon Langston is usually smiling. The 2001 Northville High School graduate will be earning a dual degree in psychology and criminal justice Saturday and when he does he'll have the weight of three national championship rings on his hand.

"It's an amazing experience," Langston said. "This one is the biggest though. When we were freshmen and a sophomores, this really wasn't our team. It was the seniors. This year it was ours. This was amazing."

Langston did his part in the national title game as the Grand Valley State Lakers earned a 21-14 victory over Northwest Missouri State last Saturday.

Langston snagged a screen pass from Brighton graduate Colin Finnerty and took it 35 yards for the game-winning touchdown with just over four minutes left in the game. He caught four passes for 62 yards on the night.

"I turned and it was just open field," Langston said, complimenting his blocking. "I wasn't going to stop until I was in the endzone."



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Brandon Langston is hoisted on the shoulders of his teammates after the Division II national championship game. Langston scored the winning touchdown for the Grand Valley State University Lakers, who beat Northwest Missouri State, 21-14.

PARKS AND REC

New Residents

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

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

Kiddie Sports and Games

DETAILS: Registration for the next session of Kiddie 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

Lap Swimming

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

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

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.

Open Basketball

TIME/DAY: 7-10 p.m., Tuesday

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

CONTACT: (248) 449-9947

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.

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YES!

Brandon Langston has no problem counting to three. He just has to look at the number of national titles he's won since going to Grand Valley State four years ago. He earned his most recent last Saturday.

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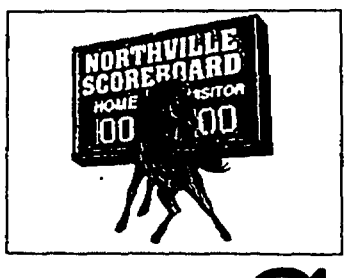

Two more nights to go!

The Northville boys hockey team is pretty excited for their match-up against the Novi Wildcats Saturday at 5 p.m. Max Lenn, a captain who's celebrating a goal, has played Novi more than anyone else on the hockey team as a four-year starter.

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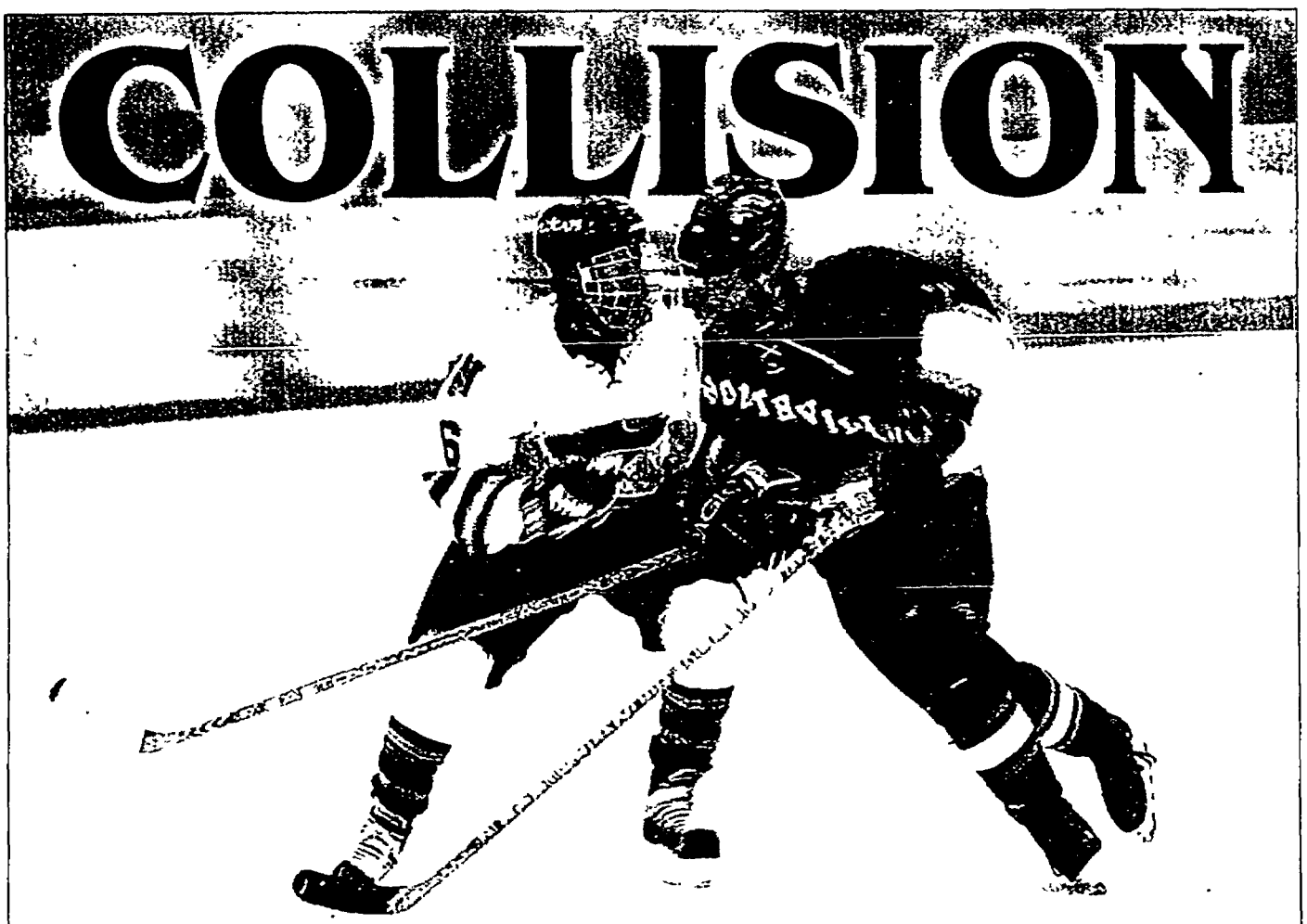

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GOALS FOR 28

GOALS AGAINST 19

COACH Brad O'Neill

COLORS Orange and Black

NOVI

RECORD 2-4

GOALS FOR 19

GOALS AGAINST 20

COACH Dan Phelps

COLORS Green and White

Photo by KEN MICHALZUK

The Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats will square off at Compuware Ice Arena, on Beck Road south of Five Mile Road, Saturday at 5 p.m.

Big crowds, great game expected

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Bill Lenn has a dream.

A packed ice arena, teeming full of fans screaming at the top of their lungs. And the biggest turnout for a non-playoff hockey game for the Northville Mustangs.

Lenn has seen plenty of packed stadiums. As the father of four-year starter Max Lenn, he's been to big rivalry games, huge conference contests and even the state semifinals.

But Lenn, the hockey booster president at Northville, still wants to see more. And he wants to see it Saturday night.

"It's going to be exciting for everybody," said Northville hockey coach Brad O'Neill of the Northville-Novi boys hockey match-up scheduled for 5 p.m. Saturday at Compuware Ice Arena. "Hopefully there are a lot of fans backing for each community. It's been that way in the past and I really don't see that changing."

Dan Phelps, the Novi hockey coach, is also expecting a quality contest.

"This is never a boring game," he said. "The stands are always full and being at a larger venue like Compuware will be really exciting for all the players and fans."

The boosters and the players have been promoting the game as well. Fliers, newspaper ads and promotion on Compuware's electronic marquee are just some of the ways they've been getting the word out.

The message is clear: Get to Compuware early and get ready for an intense high school hockey game.

The Mustangs will be the host team Saturday. They didn't mind giving up a turn at Novi Ice Arena for a different home ice.

"It's great atmosphere at Compuware," said O'Neill, who led his team there two years ago before losing to eventual state champion Trenton in the state semifinal playoff game. "It will only add to this game by having such a great venue."

Northville and Novi have split the last four games between these two teams with each walking away with two wins.

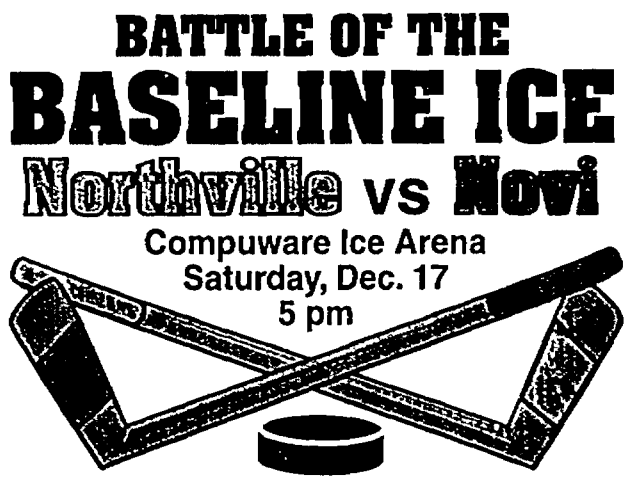
The Wildcats have hit a few bumps this year and has a 2-4 record while the Mustangs have a 4-2 record.

"Records really don't matter in this game," Phelps said. "The kids are ready to play. It's very much like a playoff atmosphere when these teams play. It's exciting."

O'Neill said he expects the game to be well attended based on the fan support for the program so far this year. In the first two meeting between these teams Nov. 19 ended in a 4-3 Northville victory in overtime and the ice arena was packed.

"This one shouldn't be any different," O'Neill said. "We've had great fan support and Novi always has great fans.

"This is going to be a great game between two strong programs."



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Emotions, intensity should be left to players

Sam Eggleston

The intensity bubbles over like a pot of boiling water. Emotions flare. Words are exchanged. A shove. A penalty.

It's hockey.

The Northville Mustangs and the Novi Wildcats hockey teams will square off Saturday at 5 p.m. at Compuware Ice Arena. The game is going to be a great match-up between two quality hockey programs and the atmosphere is going to be a lot like the playoffs.

"You don't have to say much for this game," said Northville coach Brad O'Neill. "It's a playoff atmosphere and you don't have to say much to the players about the game. They see each other and they know each other and these kids just want to go at it and play great hockey."

The first time these two teams met this year was just a few weeks ago when Northville edged out the Wildcats, 4-3, in an overtime thriller. It was an intense game with lots of great moments but when all was said and done the two teams shook hands and skated off the ice.

This game shouldn't be any different, before, during or after the contest.

"If the first game is any indication, this should be a heck of a game," O'Neill said.

On the ice there's going to be a lot of intensity. In the stands there's going to be a lot of excited fans. When the game is over, one side is going to be overjoyed while the other is going to be brooding.

The key is to not let the intensity of the game boil over into the stands. When it does, the outcome isn't pretty.

A few years back, during the state playoffs, a fight broke out while Novi was playing out in Okemos. It wasn't a fight on the ice, but in the stands. Parents and high school students were mixed in a scuffle and players on the ice and on the bench could only turn and watch it happen.

It was a sad moment for high school hockey.

Sure, there have been a few scuffles on the ice, but that's a part of the game, revved up by fights at the semiprofessional and professional level. But in the stands?

Novi and Northville, for the most part, have avoided such scenes. There have been words exchanged and angry voices, but the athletic departments and boosters do a wonderful job of policing the stands.

Compuware is a bigger venue though with lots of potential for gaps in security. Parents, students and fans have to take in on themselves to properly represent their schools.

There's a fine line between backing your team and being offensive to your team's opponents. Let's all make sure that's a line that isn't crossed Saturday.

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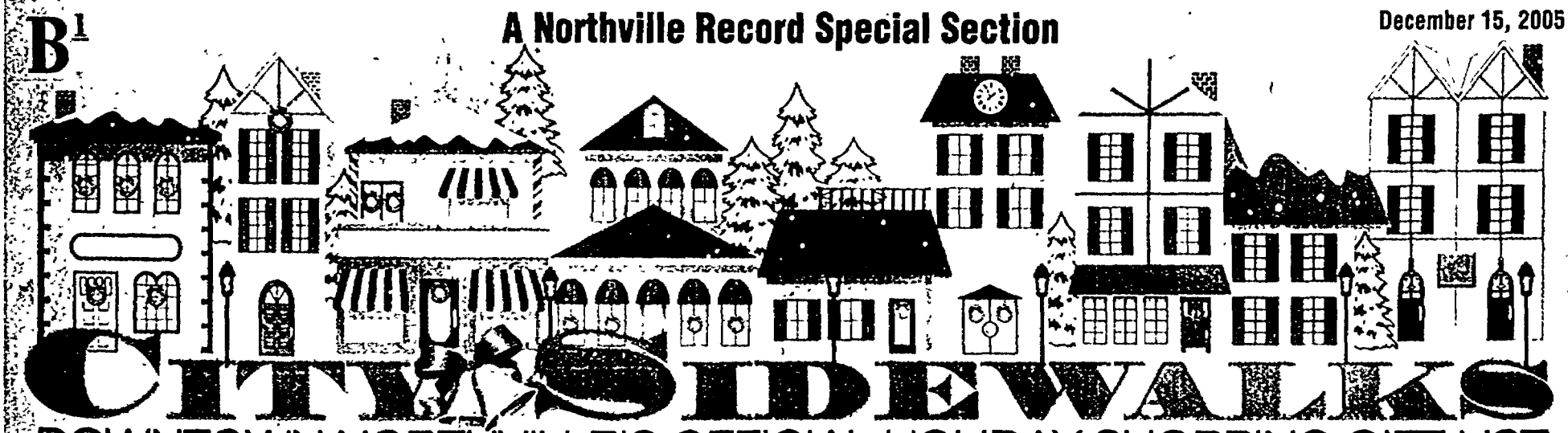
By the numbers

10	2	5 p.m.	2-2	6,000	47	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.	Northville and Novi's hockey record over the past four games.	Fliers sent out in Novi and Northville promoting Saturday's hockey game.	Total goals scored by Northville and Novi's hockey teams during the first six games.	Days off for Northville and Novi schools for Christmas break, from Dec. 22 until Jan. 3.

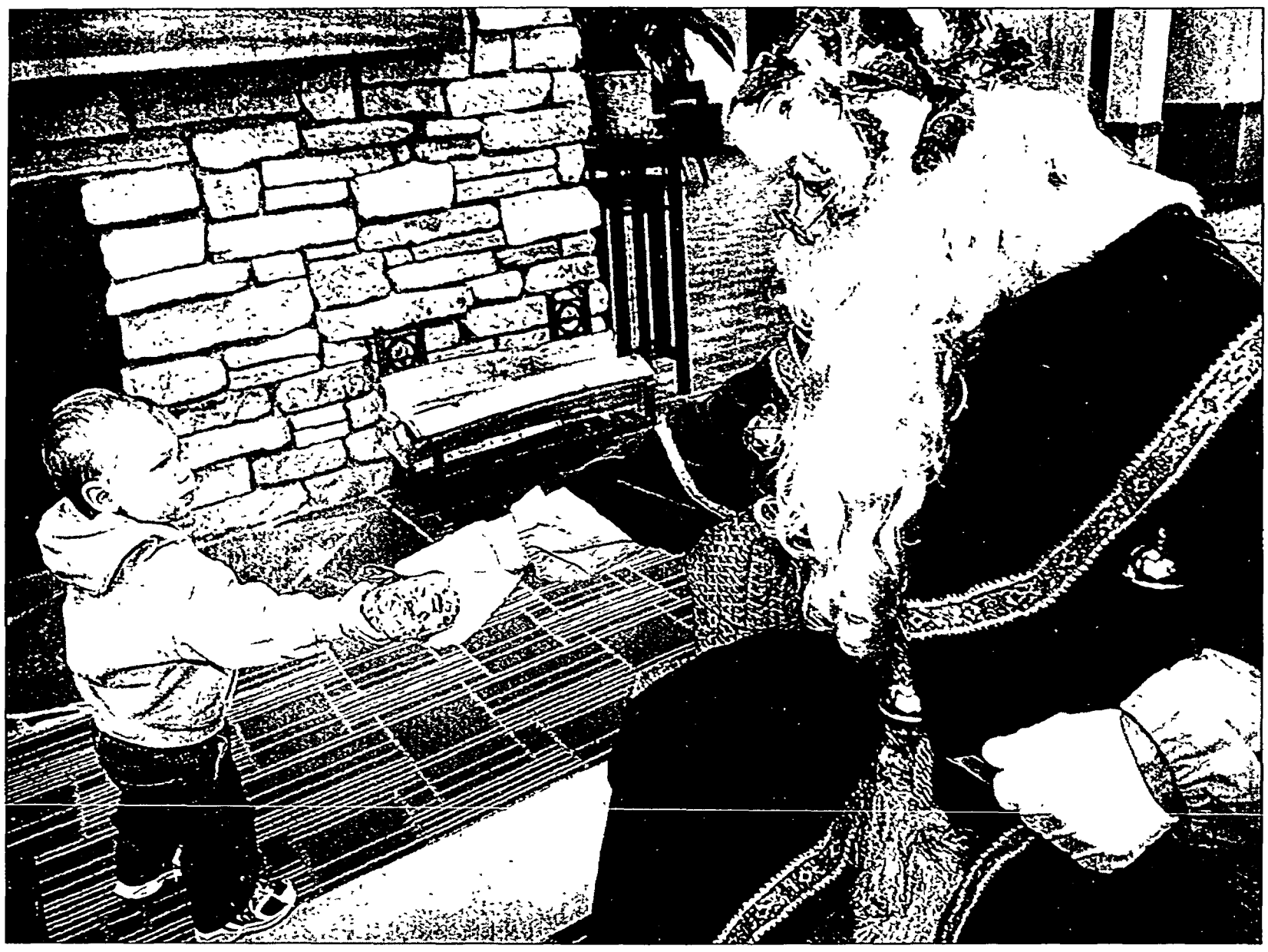


CITY SIDEWALKS

DOWNTOWN NORTHVILLE'S OFFICIAL HOLIDAY SHOPPING GIFT LIST

The gift of Giving

This past year, Northville residents reached into their hearts and pockets and gave their time, money and effort to causes near and far. Now as Santa heads to town, the community once again gathers 'round and basks in the glow of giving back.



Elek Naszradi gives Santa a present.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Cover by DIANA WELLS

Cover: Elek Naszradi, 1, gets ready to hand Santa a gift.

Northville community shares gifts with less those fortunate

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

It's not just at Christmas that Dave and Julie Cole sling a bag of bread over their shoulder.

The local bakers and their helpers toil all year in their Main Street workshop, creating gift baskets, sweets and items they sell.

And give away.

The Coles donate 200-300 loaves per week to Detroit food banks while their cookies, rolls and other baked goods fill the stockings of Northville Civic Concern and other local charities.

The Great Harvest Bread Co., like many of their fellow merchants, has earned a reputation as a soft touch.

Local character

The generosity of businesses reflects the values of the community, said City of Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson.

For blood drives, annual collection campaigns and fund-raising events, Northville antes up.

"You always look around here and the first thing they do is, 'How can I help?,'" Johnson said.

> **"The character of the community has been shown through the many acts of generosity."**
>
> ***Mark Abbo***
> *Supervisor, Northville Township*

As news spread about the devastation of Hurricane Katrina, people hit the street to raise money for New Orleans residents, Johnson said. Other Northville residents opened their homes to victims of the flooding.

"Just think of Civic Concern, that's an ongoing project," the mayor said. "That's just such an important part of the community."

Many needs

During a year the nation has suffered from natural disasters, economic uncertainty and other misfortunes, local residents have opened their hearts and bank accounts for many causes.

"The character of the community has been shown through the many acts of generosity," said Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo.

Hands-on contributions include the efforts of two township firefighters who spent two weeks in the south to assist in the aftermath of Katrina, Abbo said.

"I'm aware of many local organizations collecting funds to help those in need."

Fun and fund-raising

Novi Bowl is another local business hosting fund-raising events throughout the year, said manager Tari Rutkowski, thanks to the "big heart" of the Harris and Herman families.

During the first week in December the owners of the recreation center teamed up with Novi-based JR Charter Services to park a motorcoach outside the Novi Road business as a donation collection location.

All the toys, clothes and housewares went to Northville Civic Concern.

"The people in the community have helped us be in business here 26 years," Rutkowski said. "I think you give whatever you can to the community.

"Everybody needs a hand now and then."

Great Harvest Bread Co. regularly fields requests from schools, churches and philanthropic organizations for auction items, gifts and door prizes, Julie Cole said. The store gives about a dozen gift baskets a month, she said.

"Northville's a very giving community," Cole said. "There are a lot of requests of local businesses.

"We try really hard not to say no to anybody."

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Donations divvied out to local residents

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Marlene Kunz keeps a close eye on her pantry shelves.

The Northville Civic Concern director relies on the generosity of the community to help Northville families temporarily short of cash.

"This has been a much harder time this year with all the automotive companies," she said. "Whenever we get the word out, people respond.

"Everybody's been reaching out."

Non-perishable food, household products and personal hygiene items people drop off become gifts for their neighbors. Civic Concern volunteers pick up donations at local churches, the city and township halls and police stations every week, Kunz said.

"As a whole, they are very generous," Kunz said. "The schools, the churches, the local civic organizations are very supportive of us.

"You're doing something from your heart."

About 50 families pick up prepacked grocery bags twice a month to help them through financial troubles. A $10 gas card can mean a cash-strapped client can drive to work, Kunz said.

Recipients helped following unexpected job loss, an illness or domestic strife often re-appear on Civic Concern's doorstep as donors when their fortunes reverse, Kunz said.

Civic Concern volunteer Roxanne Barrick spent most of November matching adopt-a-family names with donors.

"Through the schools, people are extremely generous," Barrick said. "Adopt-a-family, Market Day, food drives ongoing at the schools throughout the year.

"It's a quality of life they might not have."

The Market Day food sale fund-raiser hosted in Northville Public Schools monthly by parent-teacher associations is a steady source of contributions, Barrick said. Last month, public and parochial elementary schools donated 100 pies, she said.

Kunz said Civic Concern volunteers never know when essential items from a new source might appear. Through Hillside Middle School, a sales representative recently filled a shelf with diapers, she said.

"Your average people are very supportive."

Santa pauses along Main Street in downtown Northville.

Been good this year?

Then maybe you'll get a gift from one of Northville's area businesses this holiday season

Across The Street
Furnishings, gift items, clothing
102 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-344-9408

Alexander's of Northville
Men's clothing
124 W. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-349-6080

American Spoon Foods
Specialty foods / gelato
105 N. Center Street
Northville, Mi 48167
248-347-1643

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Art supplies/classes
111 N. Center Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-347-0807

Baby Baby
Infant and children's clothing
153 E. Main Street
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248-347-2229

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Children's toys

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112 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-344-0001

Bacchus Bar
227 Hutton Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-348-0575

The Bee's Knees
Painter and pottery studio
141 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-347-6718

Broughton Music Co.
Lessons, rental & sales, sheet music
141 N. Center Street, Suite 103
Northville, MI 48167
248-374-5596

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Santa checks in with Northville's Orin Jewelers at Main and Center streets.

Santa gets a new 'do' thanks to Margo's of Northville with Margo Kramer, left, and Cheryl Hayes.

Good boys and girls want gifts from these Northville shops

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Changing Seasons
Custom florals, home decorations
149 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-349-7064

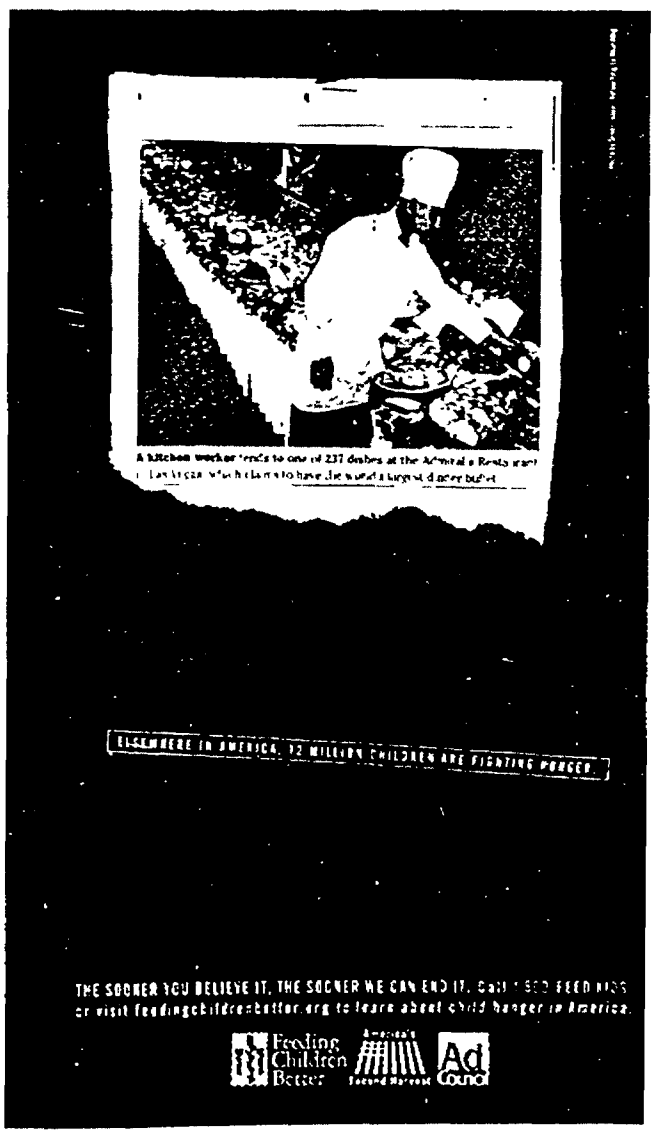
Chocolates by Renee
Chocolates / candy
118 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-349-6362

Cingular Wireless
116 W. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-582-1100

Cobbler's Corner
Shoe sales and repair
104 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-348-6114

D&D Bicycle Service Inc.
Bicycle sales and repairs
121 N. Center Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-347-1511

Dancing Eye Gallery
Custom art and accessories
101 N. Center Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-449-7086



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116 E. Dunlap
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Northville, MI 48167
248-349-5097

Gardenviews
Gardening, supplies,
yard decorations
202 W. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-380-8881

Genitti's Hole in the Wall
Restaurant and theater
108 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-349-0522

Girly Girl
Clothing & accessories
125 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-449-8890

Goldsmith Galleries
Jeweler and repair
101 Main Centre Building
Northville, MI 48167
248-380-8430

Great Harvest Bread Co.
Bread store and bakery
139 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-344-4404

Healthy Solutions
Health food store
137 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-305-5785

Helen's Uptown Cafe
American cuisine restaurant
160 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-449-4040

Hutton Street Market
Deli, pizzeria
219 Hutton Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-347-6200

Jasmine's
Restaurant
146 Mary Alexander Court
Northville, MI 48167
248-465-9393

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JO Jewels
Beads and Jewelry
149 N. Center Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-347-3825

Joseph's Coney Island
Greek, American cuisine
113 W. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-380-6111

La Corsetiere
Bridal lingerie
& intimate apparel
123 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-449-6603

Lilly Alterations & Tailoring
Custom made clothing
118 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-374-8077

Little Italy
Restaurant
227 Hutton Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-348-0575

Long's Plumbing Co.
& Bath Design Gallery
Plumbing
& bathroom supplies
190 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-349-0373

MacKinnon's
Restaurant, fine dining
126 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-348-1991

Margo's of Northville
Beauty salon, nails, waxing
141 E. Cady Street
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Santa checks out some fresh bread at Great Harvest Bread Co. with its owner David Cole.

Santa visits the Northville Chamber of Commerce and helps Janet Bloom, left, and Suzie Johnson hang their wreath.

Area businesses make 'good' list

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Marquis Theater
and Boutique
133 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-349-8110

The Moon & Me
New baby clothing
116 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-344-1014

The Moss Rose
Antiques
124 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-374-5586

New 2 You
Quality consignment store
120 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-735-2968

Northville Camera
& Digital Imaging
Camera supplies,
frames and accessories
117 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-349-0105

Northville Candle, Gifts and Cards
124 N. Center Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-380-7059

Northville Gallery
Oil paintings
147 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-465-9630

Northville Watch
& Clock Shop
Clocks, watches, repair
132 W. Dunlap
Northville, MI 48167
248-349-4938

Open & Clothed
Women's apparel
141 N. Center Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-349-9900

Orin Jewelers
Jewelry and repairs
101 E. Main Street
Northville, MI 48167
248-349-6940

One size fits all gift certificate

■ The gift that keeps on giving, everywhere

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Christine Glasko's favorite Christmas presents are gift certificates.

The 29-year-old Northville Township resident said she's spent many years opening presents with a fake smile. Then, Glasko said, she finally broke the news to her mom, Alice: She doesn't like Santa sweaters.

"I should be thankful that I'm at least getting a gift," Glasko said, "but why should she waste her money on something I'd probably never wear?"

One size fits all

Like Glasko, many people enjoy giving and getting gift certificates.

"You can't go wrong with a gift certificate," said Janet Bloom, marketing and events director for the Northville Chamber of Commerce. "They allow such a wide range of options and people can choose what they want."

The chamber offers Certifichecks, a community gift certificate accepted at more than 75 Northville businesses, sold in $10 and $20 denominations.

Bloom said Certifichecks were created for two reasons: to support community businesses, and to have a gift available to accommodate anyone.

"A lot of stores have their own gift certificates and a lot don't," she said. "This program really helps businesses go above and beyond what they can offer."

Since January, Bloom said the chamber has sold more than 8,000 Certifichecks.

"They're sold all year round, but our major sales are during the holidays," she said. "Gift certificates really help make Christmas shopping easier."

■ Certifichecks
How much: $10 or $20
Where to purchase: Northville Chamber of Commerce, Community Financial Credit Union or online at www.northville.org.
Good for: Purchases at more than 75 local Chamber businesses

The perfect gift

Cheryl Hayes, assistant manager and sytlists at Margos of Northville, said her company encourages people to buy gift certificates.

"We have Certifichecks and our own gift cards," Hayes said. "Most people don't usually like to spend money to go out and pamper themselves. But when they get a gift certificate for it, they normally take advantage of it."

Hayes said the chamber's Certifichecks are a great idea, and Margo's really pushes people to visit and shop in Northville.

"Gift certificates of any kind really make great last-minute gifts or stocking stuffers," she said.

Kyle Hunt said this is the first year Long Bath Design Galley has taken part in the Certifichecks program.

"They're very convenient for the merchant and a nice added touch for potential customers," said the Long employee. "As a business associated with the chamber, we want to take part in any programs that will help promote business in Northville."

Bloom said bringing business to the community is what's important.

"Gift certificates are the latest holiday gift trend," she said, "and Certifichecks make great gifts and help keep the community's money within the Northville community."

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Santa checks his long list of names for this year's Christmas presents.

Painter's Place
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Santa visits Northville's Main Street Bank and talks with Cortney Zamler.

Santa stops by Northville's Fine Threads and meets John Torosian, left, and Mark Trudeau.

Santa visits Studio 427 and Regina Abraham in downtown Northville.

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Roofing problems can develop at any time. Most asphalt/fiberglass shingles are made to last about 15 years, but roofs could begin to present some problems at the age of 8 to 10 years. Roof leaks are often difficult to find and can be the cause of significant structural damage that may appear sometime later

SIGNS OF ATTIC LEAKS/MOISTURE.

- STRUCTURAL SAGGING, WAVY ROOF FRAME AND SHEATHING
- DAMAGED, WORN OR MISSING SHINGLES, MOSS GROWTH
- CORRODED FLASHING (AROUND CHIMNEY, DORMER, VENTS AND IN VALLEY)
- RAISED SHINGLES ALONG THE BOTTOM OF THE ROOF
- ICICLES HANGING FROM GUTTER IN THE WINTER (POTENTIAL ICE DAMS)
- STAINED / DISCOLORED OR DELAMINATING SHEATHING
- RUSTED NAILS AND RUST STAINS ON SHEATHING
- DAMP OR DISCOLORED INSULATION
- WATER SPOTS OR BLACK MARKS ON THE CEILING OR AT THE JUNCTION BETWEEN CEILING AND WALL
- WATER MARKS AROUND CEILING FIXTURES SOURCES OF ROOF LEAKS /

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MOISTURE:
RAIN/WIND – Some roof problems occur when wind forces the rain under the edges of the roof or shingles. Two factors contributing to this phenomenon is an improperly sloped roof or failure to adhere, using roofing cement, the asphalt/fiberglass shingle tabs in high wind areas.

ICE DAM – is an accumulation of ice at the lower edge of a sloped roof. They form when there is a layer of snow on the roof, which melts due to heat loss from the house into the attic The water refreezes at the eave because it extends past the warm interior of the house and the backup of water seeps underneath the roof covering.

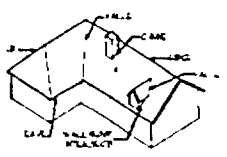
MOSS - Wood and built-up roofs are vulnerable to the deterioration by moss for its ability to retain moisture and its root system penetrating the roof surface.

WATER VAPOR - Until the late 1970s residential construction codes did not require thermal or vapor barriers that are now standard practice. Exfiltration of warm moist air to drier colder air results in condensation (frost in the winter), mold, mildew and wood decay. It causes curling; cupping and shrinkage in asphalt/fiberglass shingles, corrosion of metal roofing and rotting of wood shakes and shingles.

FACTORS CONTRIBUTING TO LEAKS/MOISTURE:

- POOR ROOF SLOPE DESIGN; INCORRECT SHINGLE INSTALLATION
- EXCESSIVE EXPOSURE LENGTH, IMPROPER JOINT LOCATIONS OR NO UNDERLAY ON WOOD SHAKE/SHINGLE ROOFS
- WATER PONDING OR CLOGGED ROOF DRAINS ON FLAT ROOFS
- MISSING OR DAMAGED SHINGLES; EXPOSED NAILS
- IMPROPER FLASHING OR SEALING (AROUND PROTRUSIONS OR VALLEYS)
- INADEQUATE EAVE PROTECTION
- IMPROPERLY HUNG GUTTERS OR DRIP EDGES
- DETERIORATED CHIMNEY (ERODED MORTAR or CRACK CHIMNEY CAP)
- INSUFFICIENT INSULATION; INSUFFICIENT VENTILATION
- VENT PIPES OR EXHAUST PIPES TERMINATING INTO THE ATTIC

Drawings for area of ROOF LEAKS Sloped/flat — water/snow builds up at the junction of the two differently pitched roofs (such as an unheated attached garage) or an extremely poor design where a sloped roof plane meets a wall; water/snow can accumulate inthis "valley" and cause damaged.



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Main Street & Green Oak Family Medicine

Offering New Year's resolution solutions

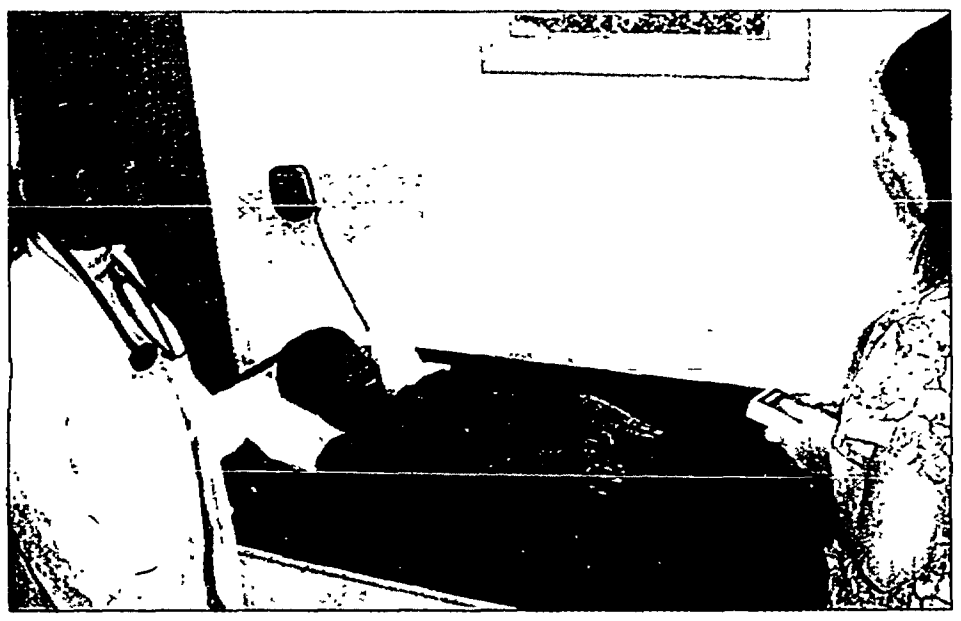
Stop smoking, lose weight and exercise are some of the most common and most challenging New Year's resolutions. They are made whole-heartedly but usually broken. This year, Doctors Nathan Bloch, Jason Postula-Stein, and Vijaya Mamidipaka are providing their patients with the tools for success in keeping these difficult resolutions.

The physicians, practicing at Main Street Family Medicine in Northville and Green Oak Family Medicine in South Lyon, create unique programs tailored to the needs of each patient. Whether for smoking cessation or weight loss, every individual is provided the information and support that is essential for success.

The first step in any substantial lifestyle modification is an evaluation by a qualified physician. At either Main Street Family Medicine or Green Oak Family Medicine, new patients can meet with a board certified family physician that is empathetic to their struggle and eager to help them improve their quality of life.

The doctors will also explore medications and treatments that may curb a patient's cravings for tobacco or food and have arranged a one-month free supervised health fitness program for all new patients "We want to help people keep those resolutions that will improve their health. Starting a structured exercise program for free...what is there to lose? Inches!" said Dr. Postula-Stein M.D.

Some people find it difficult to begin a health-fitness program, due to back and neck ailments. However Nathan Bloch, D.O., has set up a total back and neck care program that is specifically designed to work with the patient. The doctor uses non-narcotic medications and treatment modalities to help the patient become more functional with less pain.



Dr. Mamidipaka (left) treats Trina Vample (center) to the soothing therapy of the Aquabed. Melissa Coleman (right) adjusts the settings for perfect comfort.

The Northville location can provide on-site x-ray, and perform special nerve conduction testing to determine if nerve damage has occurred.

Main Street Family Medicine also offers state-of-the-art aqua massage therapy, which combines heat, massage and whirlpool treatments in a single system using an aqua bed. The patient is fully clothed, comfortably supported and protected by a durable barrier while streams of heated water are directed to the area needing treatment.

"All new patients will be able to use this hydrotherapy free for one month. I want them to experience an opportunity to improve their back function," said Dr. Bloch

Dr Bloch can also arrange for physical therapy designed for a patient's specific problem, and coordinate care with a patient's chiropractor.

Communication and patient relationships are top priorities at Main Street and Green Oak Family Medicine. "We listen to our patients and talk to them in a language they can understand. We take the time necessary to fully answer your questions and provide our patients with exceptional medical care." said Dr Postula-Stein.

The practice recently welcomed the addition of Vijaya Mamidipaka, M.D., who brings more charm to the practice. "She is an extremely personable doctor who relates well to her patients. She is easy to understand and learn from," said Dr. Bloch. "She also brings to our office a woman's touch and ethnic and cultural diversity." Dr. Mamidipaka is fluent in English, Hindi and Telugu.

"We get to know our patients as individuals. Each person's physical and mental health is affected by his or her own beliefs, stressors, social environment, career and life decisions," said Dr. Mamidipaka.

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"We specialize in taking care of families and patients from birth onward. We are the pediatrician, internist, gynecologist, and geriatrician all in one," said Dr. Postula-Stein, "Our services include all types of physicals, laceration repairs, and dermatological procedures, arthritic joint care, and women's health."

In addition to treating their patients, the physicians are dedicated to continuing their education. They maintain close affiliations with well-respected hospitals, including St. Joseph Mercy in Ann Arbor, Providence Hospital, DMC-Huron Valley and Botsford General Hospital. The physicians are also actively involved in the training of medical students and residents affiliated with Michigan State University and Botsford General Hospital.

Dr. Lawrence Zager, a founder of Main Street Family Medicine, remains actively involved in patient care, he continues to see long term patients. However, Dr. Zager, will be on vacation from December 21st, 2005 until April 2006, a well deserved break after 38 years in practice.

"I hope my patients continue to receive care from my colleagues while I'm gone. They are all good people and I'd like to continue providing them with my services when I return," said Dr. Zager.

New patients are encouraged to call to make an appointment for an initial consultation with a doctor at Main Street or Green Oak Family Medicine.

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GORGEOUS CONDO IN 55+ COMMUNITY" Move in condition w/many upgrades, ceramic tile floors, new windows, crown mouldings. End unit w/relaxing sunroom. Gas fpl in finished basement.
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STUNNING CONDO IN PRIVATE COMMUNITY! With resort style amenities this condo shows like builders model. With new carpet, ceramic flooring and partially fin basement this condo stands out!
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TRADITIONAL COLONIAL IN QUIET SUB! Large lot with cedar deck, paver walkways and privacy trees. 4 bedrooms, 2.5 car garage, wood floors throughout. Family room has natural stone fireplace.
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NOVI
Elegant Novi home on prof manicured lot
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NOVI
Island Lake 4 season lake view home on wooded lot
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NOVI
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Charming 2 BR 1.5 BA condo w/priv patio
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Desirable ranch condo in Carriage Park
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NOVI
Prem park-like setting that backs to woods
$389,000 248-348-6430/349-6200

NOVI
Graceful home w/formal Lr w/step ceiling
$675,000 248-348-6430/349-6200

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Brownstone condo in lovely Brookfield Villa
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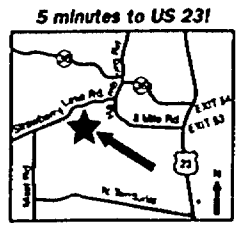

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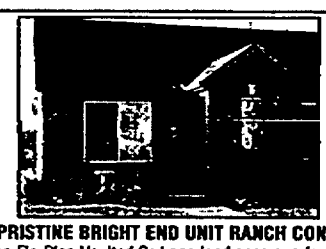

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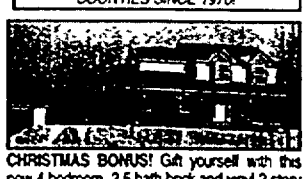

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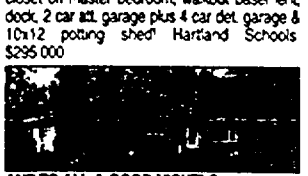

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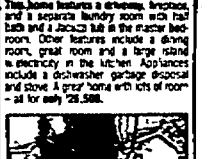

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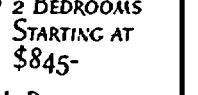

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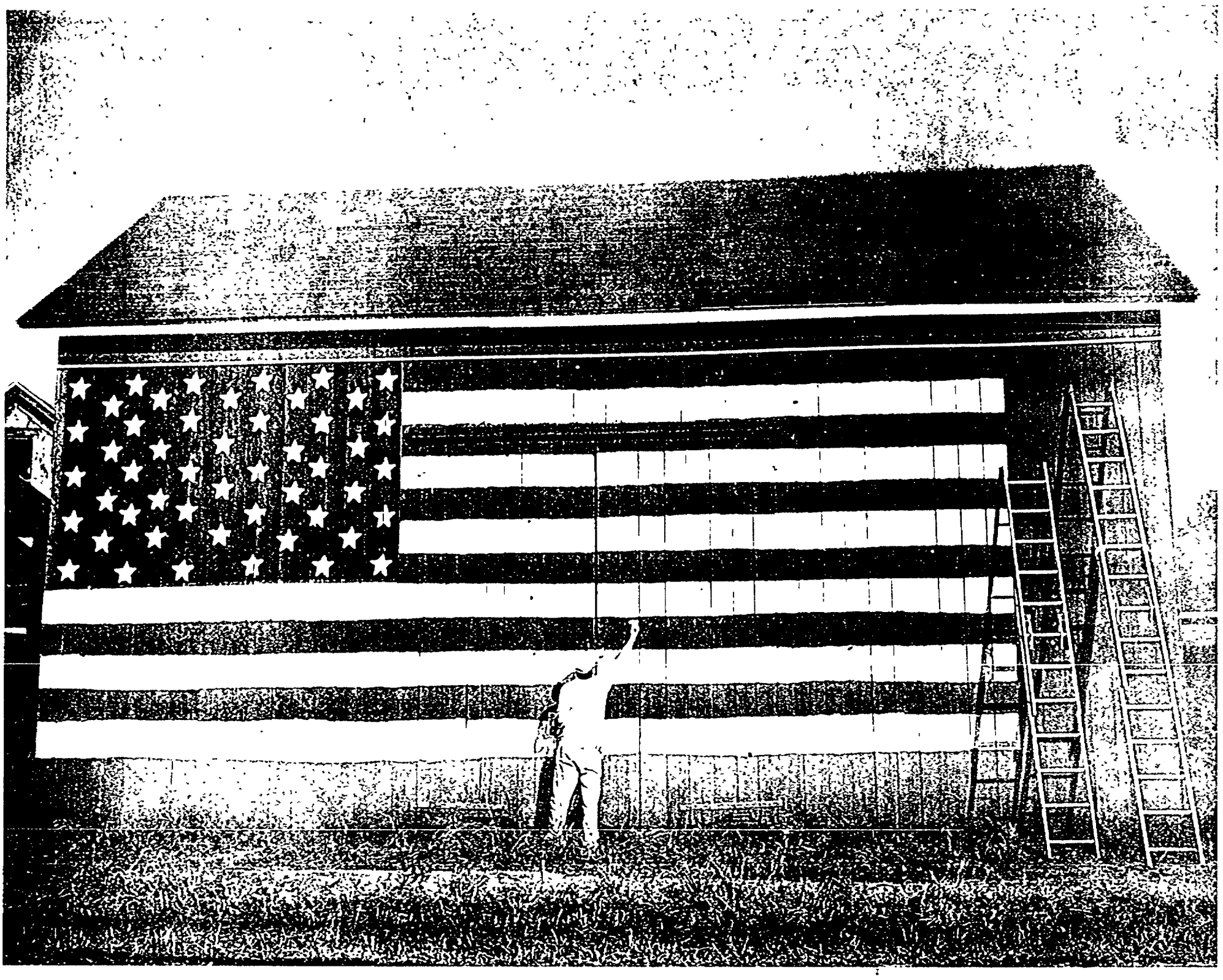

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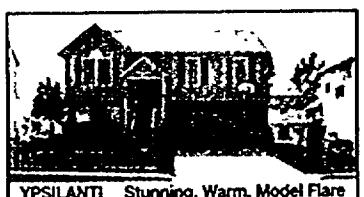

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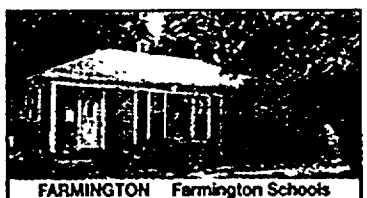

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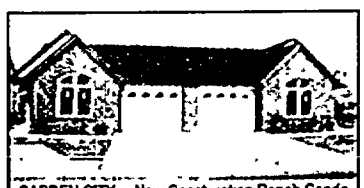

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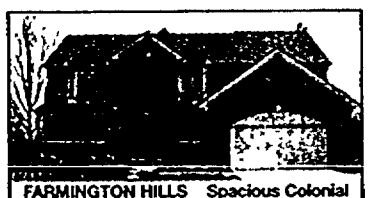

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Freshly painted! Pleasure to see! Newer hrdwd flooring in foyer, hall & formal DR. GR w/natrl brick FP, vaulted ceil opens to lofFR & formal DR. Sunny kit w/loads of counters. Fin bsmt w/rec rm, play rm & cedar closet.
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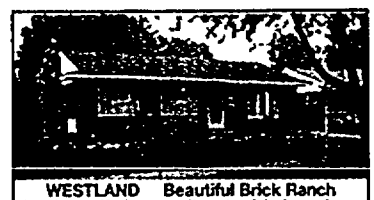
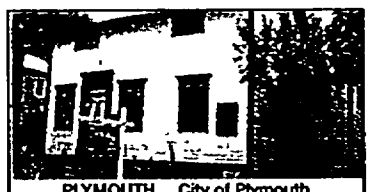


WESTLAND Beautiful Brick Ranch
In a low traffic location offers this 3 bedroom home w/updated oak kit, ceramic bath, hrdwd flrs t/o w/updated windows, new tear off roof ('04) 2 car powered, insulated gar, some appls & warranty
(T71CHI) 734-455-5600 $167,400

NORTHVILLE Luxury Living
Spacious 2 bedroom condo w/library. All new '05 Cherry cabs, granite & hardwood floors. Backs to nature pond w/ spectacular view! First floor laundry. 2.5 car garage. Daylight basement. Northville schools.
(T06CAR) 248-349-5600 $324,000

WESTLAND Excellent Location
3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on quiet cul-de-sac on low traffic area. Dramatic vaulted ceilings T/O, skylights, ceramic foyer, large eat-in kit w/storage, spacious GR w/frplc & private deck, C/A, part fin bsmt w/bit-in closet.
(T71DUN) 248-349-5600 $194,000

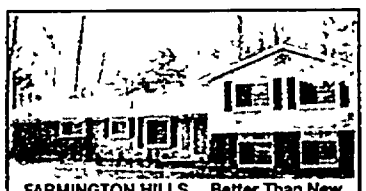
WEST BLOOMFIELD Stately Brick Colonial
Located in the Hills of Chelsea Park. 4 BR, master ste w/frplc, grand master BA, cherry stain kit w/views of woods. Two-story family room, 2 staircases, 2 half baths on FF, private library. 3 car side entry garage.
(T49CHE) 248-349-5600 $719,900



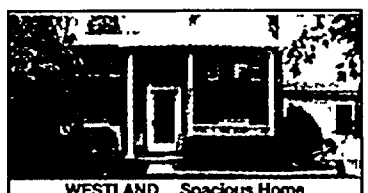
PLYMOUTH City of Plymouth
Put your money into this great opportunity. 3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1834 built home restore it to it's original beauty and get your cash back very quick. Buy now. Home sold as is. Seller motivated.
(T87ADA) 734-455-5600 $170,000

PLYMOUTH Location! Location!
Just a few blocks to downtown & 2 parks. One of the few English style colonials w/all the character & charm still intact in this 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. Fine molding & hardwood flrs. English gardens & 2 car gar.
(T44HAR) 734-455-5600 $274,900

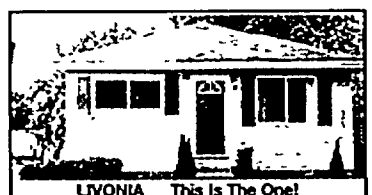
LIVONIA This Could Be Your Chance
A great time to buy and build equity. 3 bedroom ranch needs updating - hardwood floors under carpet, finished basement, 2 car garage with storage loft. Home warranty provided.
(T55GRE) 248-349-5600 $149,900



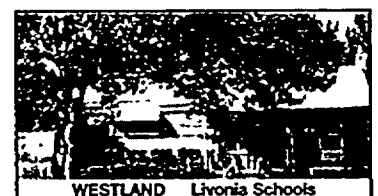
FARMINGTON HILLS Better Than New
Recently updated since 2002. New roof, A/C, siding, HWH, drive, sidewalk, sprinkler, front porch, deck, fence, sod, upgraded electrical (200 amp) hardwood floors, newer Berber carpet. Kit & all 3 baths, warranty.
(T68CEN) 248-349-5600 $409,900



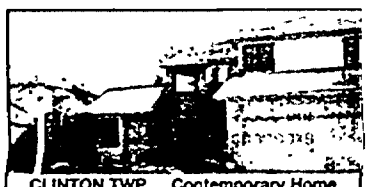
WESTLAND Spacious Home
Great home is walking distance to schools and features 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, huge living room and family room, newer vinyl windows, updated bath, 2 car garage, nice landscaping, private yard, patio and a pool.
(T72CAR) 248-349-5600 $159,900



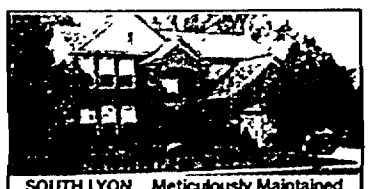
LIVONIA This Is The One!
Updated in 2005 this 3 bedroom ranch offers newer kitchen, bath, windows, hardwood floors, interior and exterior doors, vinyl siding, so much more and priced to sell.
(T05STF) 734-455-5600 $134,900



WESTLAND Livonia Schools
3 bedroom, 1.5 bath ranch offers hardwood floors, finished basement, updated, Florida room leads to patio and fenced yard. Nicely landscaped, dining L or eat-in kitchen.
(T05HUB) 734-455-5600 $159,900

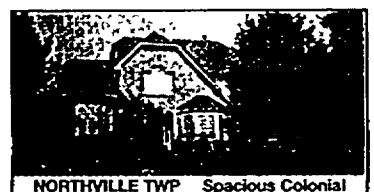


CLINTON TWP. Contemporary Home
Dramatic surprising fun architecture. Large great room w/frplc, library, kitchen w/glass FFL. MBR ste w/oversized bath, 2 person soak tub, sep glass shower & more. Prof fin bsmt w/office & storage. 3 BR, 3.5 BA.
(T20DUN) 248-349-5600 $324,000



SOUTH LYON Meticulously Maintained
Don't miss this lovely 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial. Ceramic entry, kitchen & baths. Stunning white kitchen with solid surface countertops. Two-story foyer, second floor laundry, many upgrades. X-deep unfinished W/O.
(T09WES) 248-349-5600 $349,900

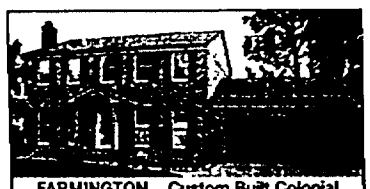
HOWELL Awesome Condo - Great View
Must see luxury condo w/deck, garage, porch. Premium site facing woods. Great room with 2-story windows, lots of light facing east. Open floor plan. Upgraded appliances. Huge MBR. Freshly painted in neutral tones.
(T77ABB) 248-349-5600 $154,900



NORTHVILLE TWP Spacious Colonial
On beautiful interior lot in Crestwood Manor. Everything from hdwd 2 story foyer w/winding staircase, to full prof. fin. bsmt. Formal DR, FR w/frplc, den w/bay window, master ste w/WIC's & Jacuzzi + att. garage.
(T10ROL) 734-455-5600 $674,000

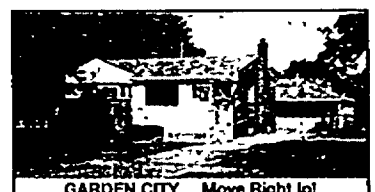
DEXTER Perfection Plus
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial on premium lot with large backyard located on cul-de-sac. Home is tastefully decorated and great floor plan. Family room w/gas fireplace, basement and 2 car attached garage.
(T18BOU) 734-455-5600 $274,900

ROYAL OAK Pristine Inside & Out
Charming bungalow on tree lined street. 3 bedrooms, kitchen w/oak cabs, '01 bay window, 6 panel doors, windows & HWH. Newer carpet '01, 2.5 garage '00, hdwd fenced yard. All kit appls, 1 yr home warranty.
(T34MID) 248-349-5600 $178,110



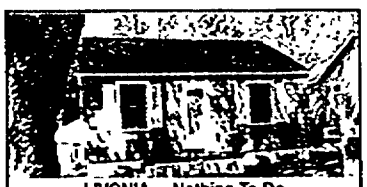
FARMINGTON Custom Built Colonial
Beautiful home features 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, master bath Jack & Jill bath, FFL, formal dining room, partially finished basement, attached 2 car garage & is situated on private cul-de-sac near downtown.
(T30WHI) 248-349-5600 $299,900

WHITE LAKE Nice Ranch
1987 built ranch. Newer roof, freshly painted, master bedroom w/direct access to full bath, 2 car garage, partially finished basement and C.A. Road recently paved. Nice size yard.
(T64JUL) 734-455-5600 $195,000

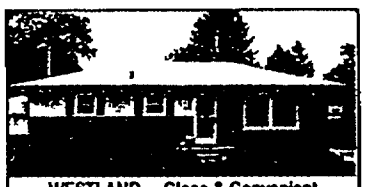


GARDEN CITY Move Right In!
To this recently remodeled brick ranch with newer furnace, updated electric, replacement windows, finished basement, beautiful kitchen, hardwood floors & freshly painted. Walk to Garden City park.
(T68LEO) 734-455-5600 $145,500

SUPERIOR TWP. Desirable Interior Lot!
This outstanding 2002, 4 bedroom 2.5 bath colonial looks like new inside & out, many upgrades, neutral decor & ready for you to move into. Large master suite w/WIC & spacious bath + 2 car att gar, full bsmt.
(T35WEX) 734-455-5600 $264,500



LIVONIA Nothing To Do
Must see this clean, low maintenance, well-decorated (no wallpaper). All major updates including copper plumb, electric panel, new '04 furnace, ducts C.A. to et sink, carpet, paint, landscpg. New '05 HWH. Appls.
(T29DEE) 248-349-5600 $109,900



WESTLAND Close & Convenient
to Westland mall, x-way & restaurants, yet tucked away in a quiet little sub. 3 bedroom, full brick ranch with basement & 2 car garage. Updated kitchen & bath. Very nice! Newer windows, some carpet & fresh paint.
(T30HAW) 248-349-5600 $159,900

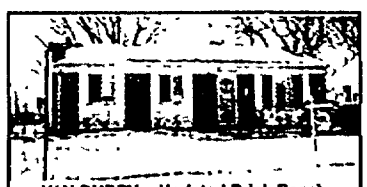
DETROIT Lovely Home
This 3 bedroom bungalow offers newer windows, steel entry doors, oak cabinets in kitchen, basement and a home warranty is included. This home is ready for you.
(T35LON) 734-455-5600 $64,000

WESTLAND Meticulously Maintained Condo
Cath ceilings, 1st floor master ste w/WIC & bath, Lg kit w/eat-in area. Large 2nd bedroom w/full bath. FFL finished basement, large deck, 2 car attached garage and ready for you to move into.
(T23DAN) 734-455-5600 $189,900

LIVONIA Newburgh Lake Condo
Prime location. Gate access to Hines Park & lake for walking, fishing & sports. Assoc includes heat, water, pool. Near shopping & highways. Updated kitchen windows. Sunny western view. Carport, 2 BR, 2 BA.
(T40ANN) 734-455-5600 $137,900

NORTHVILLE Residence Of Dignity
Private home setting on approx 2 acres overlooks pond. Walk to town. 4 bedrooms, 4 baths, 4 fireplaces, 3+ car garage. Master bedroom retreat, finished lower level. Finest quality.
(T05SPR) 248-349-5600 $1,189,000

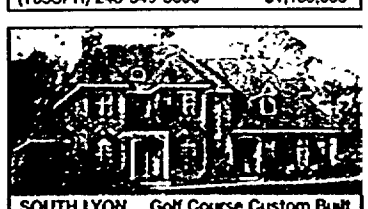
WALLED LAKE Cozy & Comfy
Well maintained 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath 2-story condo with full finished basement. MBR with walk-in closet & extra shelves. Step saver kitchen w/snack bar, dining room, newer windows, att garage w/opener. Warranty.
(T71INL) 248-349-5600 $134,900



VAN BUREN Updated Brick Ranch
3 bedroom, 2 bath w/part fin bsmt, fenced yard backing to open park-like area. Updated kit w/Pergo flr, newer bath sink, glass block windows, newer roof, electric, Wallside windows and C/A. Stop the car.
(T34JAC) 734-455-5600 $159,900

MILFORD Cul-De-Sac
3 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial backs up to a nature preserve. Custom interior painting shows like a model. Exterior roofed and painted in summer of '05. Closet organizers in all bedrooms. A must see!
(T51DOR) 734-455-5600 $299,900

WESTLAND Gorgeous Condo Backs To Woods
2 bedroom, 1.5 bath colonial with 2 car attached garage, newer fireplace, HWT windows, updated flooring, newer cabs, sinks & ceramic in both baths. Deck off back, C/A, ceiling fans & neutral decor.
(T29PEM) 734-455-5600 $178,900

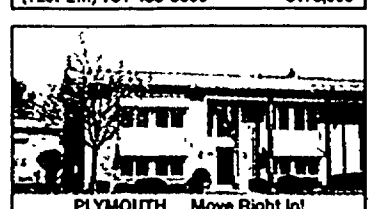


SOUTH LYON Golf Course Custom Built
The most beautiful views of the sunset down the fairway of this golf course frontage custom built 4 bedroom 3.2 bath. Ready in April 2006. Come in to make your selection. 3 car side entry. Open floor plan. First fl mstr.
(T65COU) 248-349-5600 $795,000

SOUTH LYON Motivated Seller Says
You won't believe this beautiful house until you see it! Built originally in 1955. Renovated the last 10 years, newer garage added, master bedroom suite w/cathedral ceiling, newer kitchen, carpet & much more. Must see!
(T86RUT) 248-349-5600 $284,900

WESTLAND All Brick Ranch
Updated throughout in this charming 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home. Offering oversized 2 car garage w/brick front, finished basement w/crown molding, nicely landscaped yard, a real must see.
(T41MAC) 734-455-5600 $169,999

COMMERCE Exceptional Ranch
Outstanding spacious ranch backing to private wooded setting. Move in condition, open floor plan, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car attached garage. Lg master ste, large kitchen w/skylights, LR/GR combo. Quality.
(T25OAK) 734-455-5600 $279,900

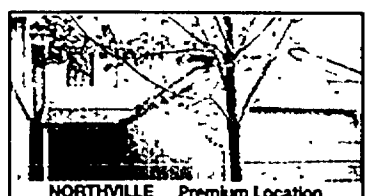


PLYMOUTH Move Right In!
Excellent location in Plymouth. This 2 bedroom condo has newer carpet, kitchen cabs, dining room flooring and windows in living room. Large private basement and more.
(T99SHE) 734-455-5600 $84,900

WEST BLOOMFIELD Beautiful End Unit Condo
2 BR, 2 BA ranch w/FFL, lg MBR w/full BA & WIC. Updated kitchen with opening to DR, hardwood floors, ceramic backsplash T/O and large skylight, basement, gas fireplace, built-in buffet w/mirrors, 2 car att garage.
(T24GRE) 248-349-5600 $215,000

NORTHVILLE Discover A Perfect Oasis
Amazing woodland lot w/creek shelters. Newly crafted home that gracefully blends historic with contemporary in soothing comfort & style, designed for the way you live. Beautiful stone, wood & granite in heart of town.
(T35HIG) 248-349-5600 $949,900

REDFORD Spic & Span Bungalow
Updated 3 bedroom home w/room to roam on an extra large lot. Freshly painted & carpeted, newer bath & updated windows, roof, HWH, electric, interior & exterior doors + 1 year home warranty.
(T51NOR) 734-455-5600 $105,900



NORTHVILLE Premium Location
2 BR, 2 full & 2 half bath condo. Fin W/O has patio & view of treed area w/creek. Newer kit cabs, hrdwd flr & appls incl. Double doorwall in LR & DR. Neutral carpet, FFL, attached garage, newer furn, C/A, roof, 6 panel drs.
(T64WAS) 734-455-5600 $194,900

CANTON Custom Built Cape Cod 2005
New construction. On approx 1 acre lot w/4 bedrooms, 3.5 baths, 4 car attached garage, 2 story foyer, formal DR, hearth rm off large kitchen, brkfst nook, all bedrooms w/WIC, full bsmt and you can pick wishes.
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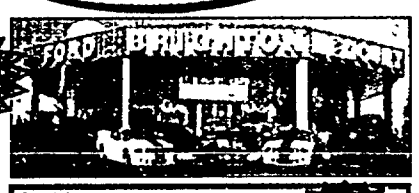

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103 "Hi, Horace!"
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110 Singer Davis
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18 Llama turf
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26 And others
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39 Stained
41 Toby, for one
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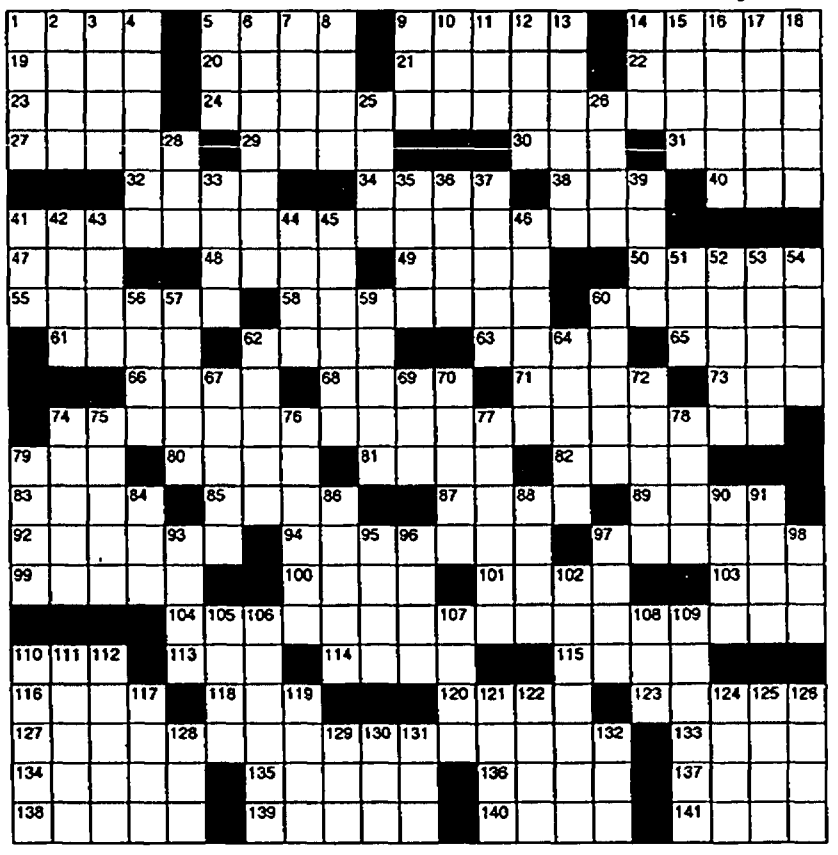

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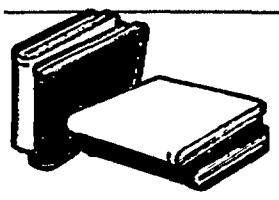

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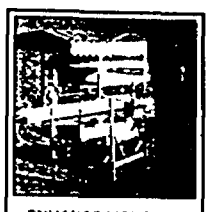

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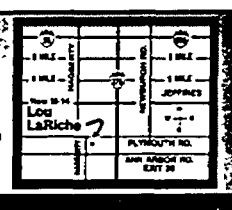

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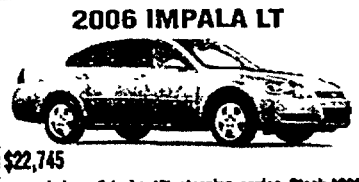

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$241** PER MO	$216** PER MO	$206** PER MO	$178** PER MO
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27 mo/22,500 mile lease	27 mo/22,500 mile lease
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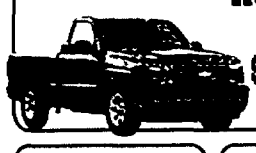

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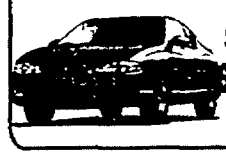

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Stk. #15884T Auto, V8, Loaded
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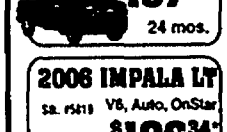

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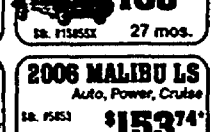

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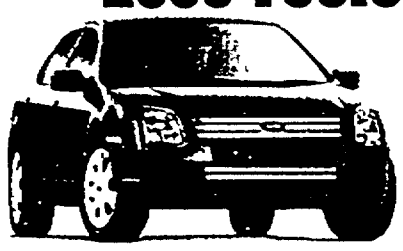

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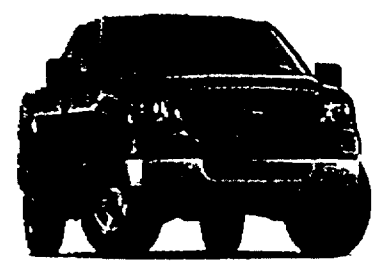

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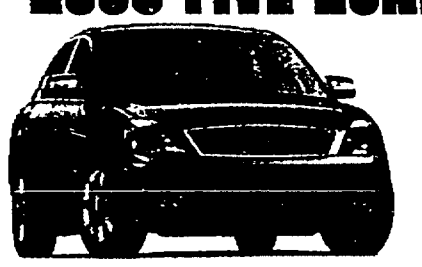

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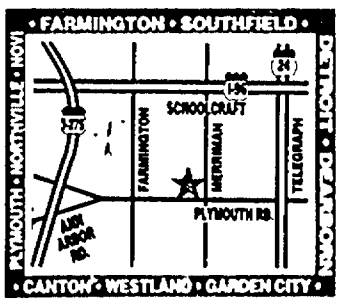

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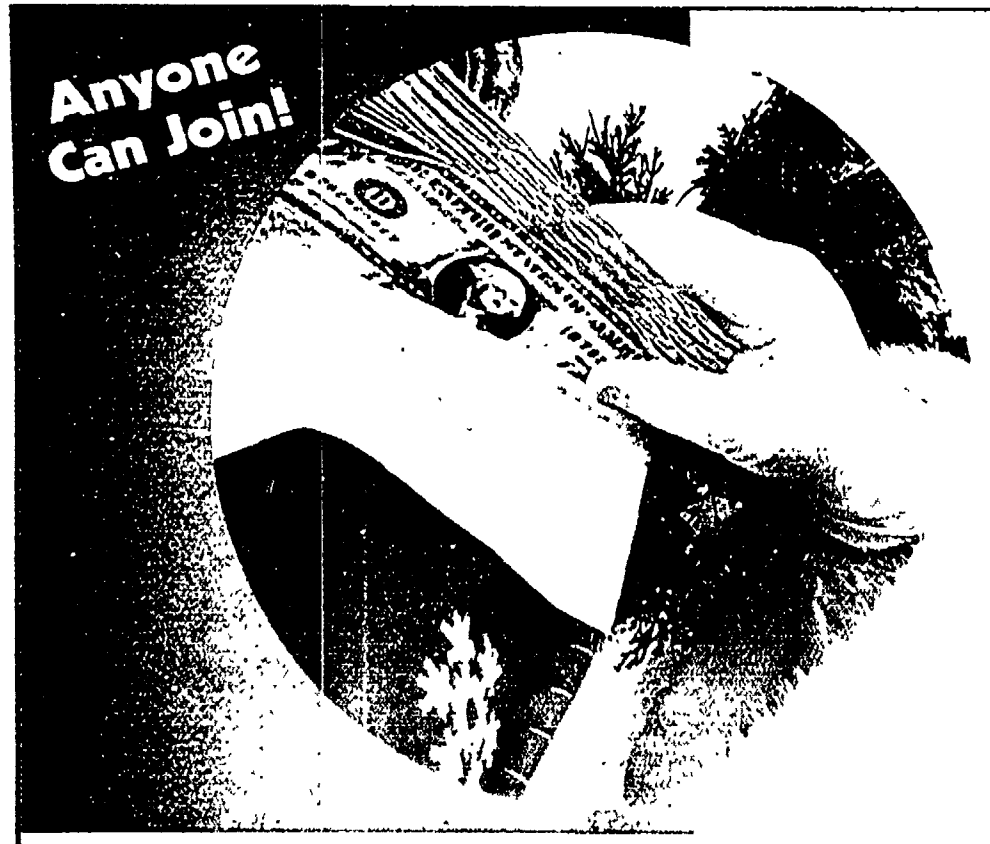

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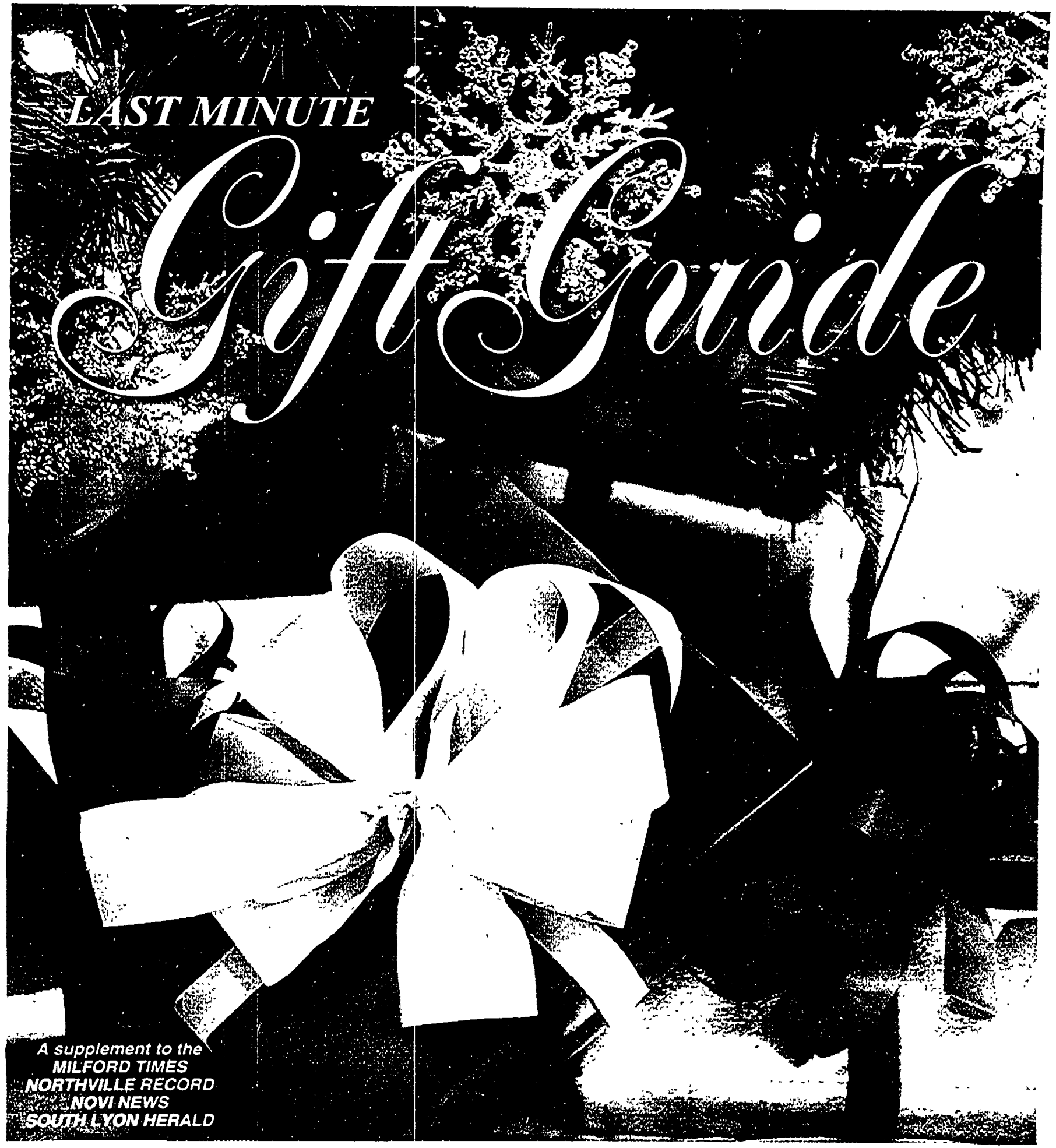

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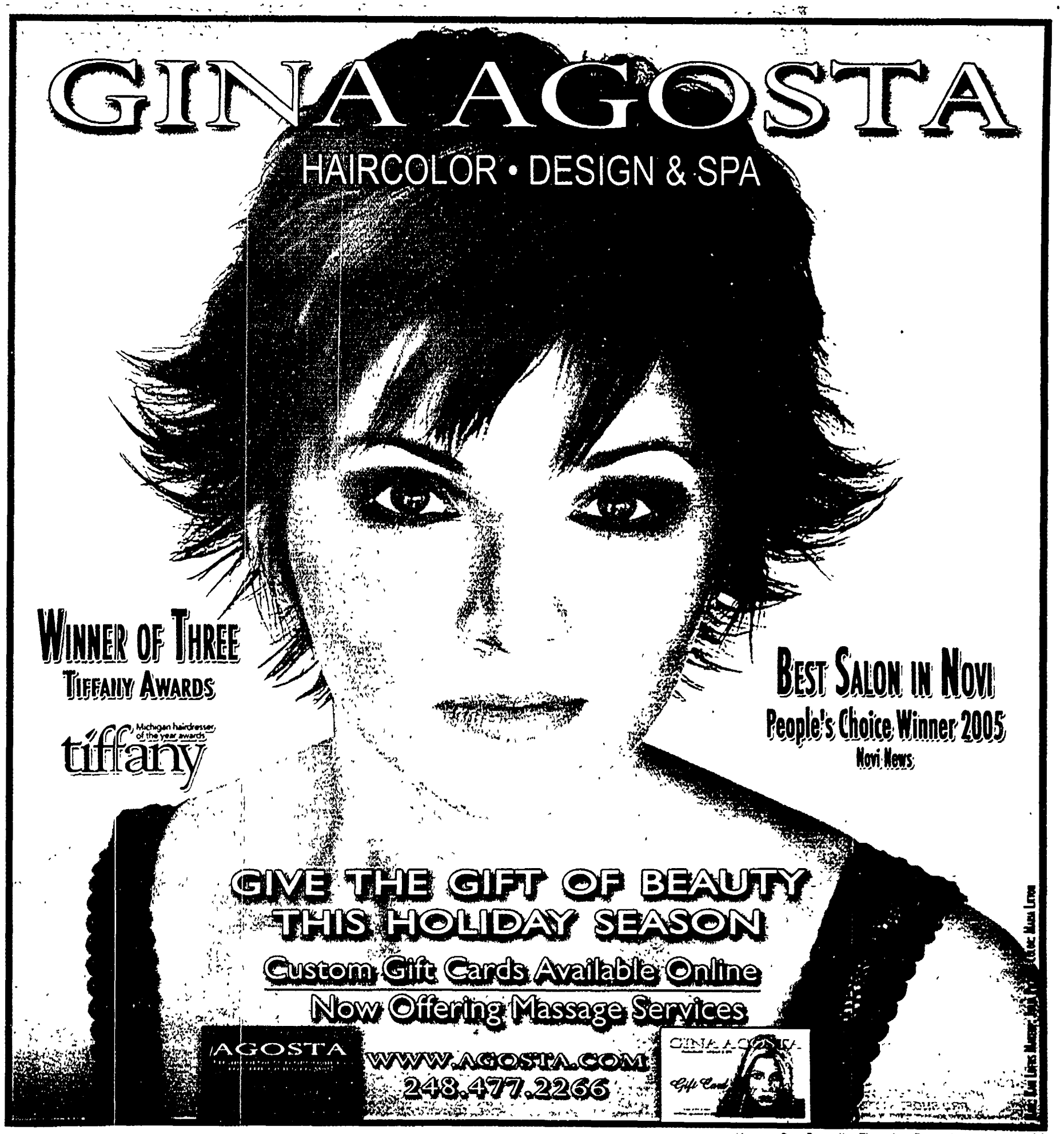

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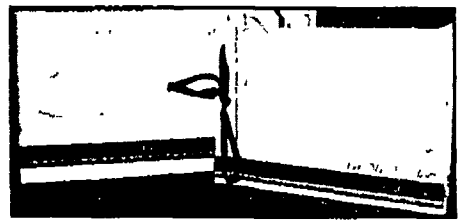

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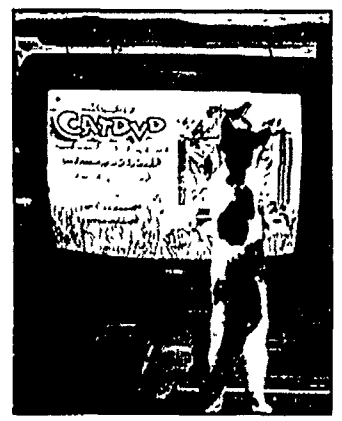

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Tech gear continues to top holiday lists

By Mindy Fetterman
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Now that the holiday shopping season is upon us, retailers are hoping cool new consumer-technology products — the "iPod effect" — will lure shoppers.

The No. 1 holiday tech wish is for an MP3 music player (read: iPod), says the Consumer Electronics Association.

"It's going to be an MP3 holiday," says Jenny Pareti, spokeswoman for the association. (It's unseemly for the trade group to highlight one maker, but Apple's iPod and its tiny sibling, the Nano, are expected to bury rival players.)

Tech gadgets have been popular holiday gifts for years. Early adopters were first to buy neat new stuff. But now, DVD players are owned by 80 percent of U.S. households; PCs, by 72 percent; and cell phones, by 70 percent, the trade group says.

Is personal technology now so pervasive that we "all" want some? Is this going to be the Tech Christmas?

"It's not this holiday season, or the next that will represent the bursting of the dam," says Walker Smith, president of Yankelovich, a retail marketing research firm. "It's incremental, but we're in the midst of it."

Our acceptance of and desire for consumer electronics is growing, and "certainly, if we're not over the cusp, we're at the top of the cusp," says Steve Baker, vice president of NPD Group, a retail industry analysis group.

"Technology products have become low-cost enough and easy enough to use with enough utility that people feel they can't live without them," Baker says.

The National Retail Federation raised its prediction for holiday sales, to a 6 percent increase. That's almost a point less than last year's increase but still pretty strong. Americans expect to spend an average $816 per household this holiday season, according to a Gallup Poll, the most since November 2000.

Sean Wargo, director of industry analysis for the Consumer Electronics Association, admits that the typical shopper feels rather "dreary" this year and that the economic outlook is a "net neutral." Still, 76 percent of U.S. consumers plan to buy at least one consumer electronics product this holiday season, according to an electronics association survey of 1,000 U.S. adults. Wargo says the season is shaping up to be "a good holiday, when you look at everything."

Kids driving tech purchase decisions

In large part, our electronic shopping habits are determined by our children, if we have them, or by other people's children, if we don't.

"In some families, the kids are the CTOs — chief technology officers," says Julie Halpin, chief executive of Geppetto Group, a youth marketing firm. "They've never known life without it. It's not weird or foreign or new. It's just what it is. That's just life."

That comfort level with technology makes kids the leading edge for what households want and buy, she says. The Consumer Electronics Association calls them "Generation Tech" — the 12- to 17-year-olds who see tech items as not merely functional but fashionable, too.

Americans now dump old phones about every 18 months and buy a new one, says the trade group. More than 31 million were sold in the third quarter that ended Sept. 30, by far the most of any single tech item.

Younger kids want real electronics for Christmas now, too. Little girls are done with their Barbies by age 5 or 6, where they used to play with them until they were 8 or 9, says Maria Weiskott, editor in chief of Playthings magazine.

This "age compression" has hit traditional toy makers most. Sales were essentially flat in 2004 at $20.1 billion, down 0.03 percent from 2003, and down 5.3 percent for the first nine months of 2005, says NPD Group. Barbie's sales have taken a huge hit, down 30 percent in the United States through Sept. 30, according to her maker, Mattel. Worldwide sales were down 18 percent. Mattel sold $3 billion worth of Barbies in 2004.

"There's a blurring of the distinction between the kid's version and the adult version" of electronic gadgets, says Halpin of Geppetto. "They look like the real equipment, but they are customized or adapted to be age appropriate. Yet, they don't look like a toy."

It's unclear if "youth electronics" will take off. Parents may upgrade their own electronics and pass their current model on to their kids.

Trading up as prices go down

For many people, upgrading their personal technology is a big part of holiday buying plans, says Pareti of the electronics trade group. "Digital cameras were on the top of our gift-giving list last year, but a lot of early adopters from 2001 are making replacement purchases this year (as prices for better cameras fall). You used to pay $150 per megapixel; now, it's $80."

Big-screen plasma and LCD TVs topped many people's wish lists last year. But now, "people are a little bit more realistic about what they're going to get," Pareti says.

Even though prices for big-screen TVs have come down dramatically, "$1,500 is still a lot of money for a lot of people," says Baker of NPD Group. He thinks prices will fall even more next year, to under $1,000, so "in terms of the rush-the-doors-I-have-to-get-one, it's probably coming next year."

Holiday shoppers: This guide is for you

Are you unsure of where to even begin shopping for your holiday gifts? Are you still looking for the perfect gift for someone on your list? Or, do you just need a few ideas to complete your shopping? Whatever your situation, you will find the answers on the following pages.

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Try these tips when buying digital music players

By Kim Komando
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

With hundreds of models from which to choose, picking the right digital music player can be a tough task. You can ease the stress and single out the best player for you or a loved one by looking at three areas: how the player will be used, file formats and extra features.

1. Use. If you need a player for your morning jog, check flash-based machines, but if your player won't be jostled much, stick with a hard drive. Here's why: Flash-based music players have no moving parts. That means you can attach it to your body and move vigorously with no effect. These players are very popular with people who have active lifestyles. They are tiny and lightweight and usually have excellent battery life. But they hold fewer songs than players with hard drives.

For $199, the 2-gigabyte Apple iPod Nano (apple.com) holds about 500 songs, according to Apple. For $50 more, you can double the capacity. Other well-reviewed players include the Cowon iAudio U2 (cowonamerica.com) ranging in price from $99 to $269 and in capacity from 256 megabytes to 2GB; the Dell DJ Ditty (dell.com; $99, 512MB); and the Samsung YP-T7X (samsung.com; $150, 512MB).

Hard drive players are heavier, but they hold much more music. They also tend to have larger screens, more bells and whistles (like the ability to display digital pictures) and better interfaces. A good interface is crucial for any player with thousands of songs. You'll want to be able to locate a song or artist quickly and easily.

Apple's iPod has gained a huge following due to its easy-to-use interface. Its 30GB model retails for $299; add $100 for twice the capacity. The iRiver H10 (iriveramerica.com; $300, 20GB) and Archos Gmini XS 200 (archos.com; $230, 20GB) are other alternatives.

The beauty of hard drive players is you pay less per megabyte of storage. But this might lead you to buy a player with more storage than you need. For example, a 60GB player can hold as many as 15,000 songs. That's probably overkill for most people. However, unused space could be used to store data files, such as picture files.

2. File formats. There are many audio file formats, and not all are compatible with each player. Frankly, this area is a mess. The most popular audio formats are AAC (Advanced Audio Coding), MP3, WAV and WMA (Windows Media Audio).

There are two ways to get music from your computer to your player. You can copy music from CDs that you own. Or, you can purchase and download music from online stores. This is where it gets tricky. The iTunes Music Store (apple.com/itunes) uses an encrypted version of AAC. Only the iPod accepts and plays copy-protected AAC files. So if you've already purchased music from iTunes, buy an iPod. But most music sites use encrypted WMA. The iPod won't play such files, but most other players will.

3. Extra features. If you have a few models in mind, look at the extras. This can make or break a player. Is radio an important feature? Some players include FM radio. Are you particularly fussy about the sound? Look for a customizable equalization feature.

Do you want to show off your latest vacation pictures? Many models can do that. And, of course, video is the latest and greatest feature. But remember to get the music right first. After all, that is its primary function.

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Beware of toys that can't keep baby's attention

Childhood development experts disagree about the best toys on the market for developing young minds, but many recommend parents follow these guidelines when buying toys:

- Buy toys that can be played with in more than one way.
- Choose a toy that allows a child to play actively rather than passively.
- Buy a mix of toys that a child can play with by himself and with another person.
- Watch for the age-appropriateness of a toy. Toys beyond a child's age suggestion may frustrate, rather than challenge, a child.
- Check to see that the toy has adjustable volume, speed and level of difficulty.
- Double-check for safety and durability, considering the child's age and strength.
- If he or she is uninterested in a toy, provide another one.
- Be wary of toys that promise to aid brain growth or increase IQ.

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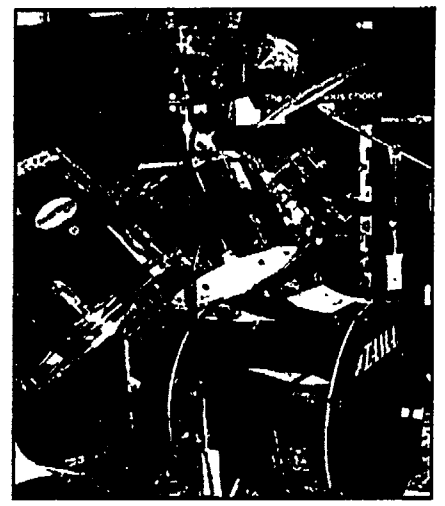

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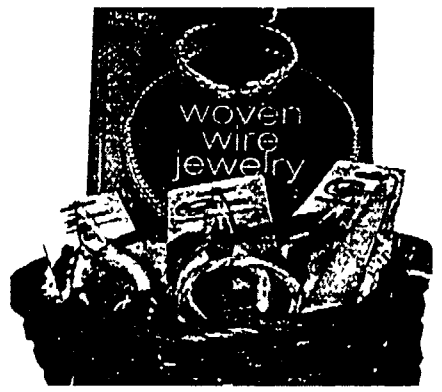

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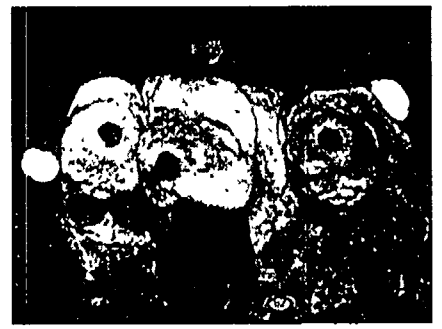

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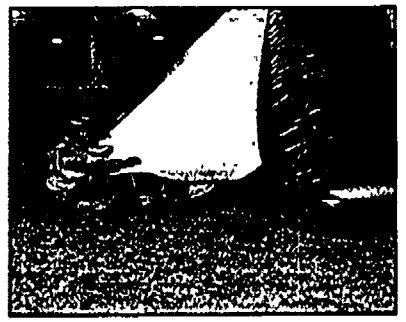

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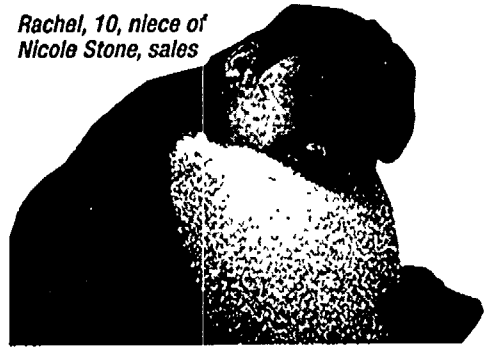

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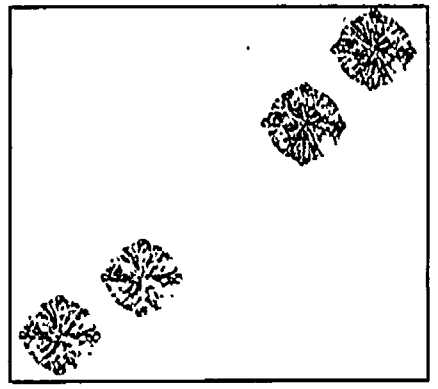

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Ask yourself or your teen these questions before buying the new Xbox 360

By Mike Snider
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Will Microsoft's Xbox 360's advances represent a whole new game or just a hop up to the next level?

Sleeker and lighter than today's black, boxy Xbox, the ivory 360 is powered by three IBM CPU "cores," each 10 times more powerful than the single chip in the current Xbox. A custom chip from graphics company ATI and more memory mean games "will be faster and look better," says PJ. McNealy, analyst for American Technology Research.

However, no consensus has emerged from video game journalists and analysts. They agree the Xbox 360 is a technological advance, and it rivals high-powered gaming PCs. But some wonder whether it's enough of an advance to warrant replacing the Xbox.

Here are some key questions to ask before you buy:

1. I like games, but do I need to be one of the first to buy the 360?

If you're an early adopter, the siren lure of new hardware will be hard to ignore. "For the hard-core gamer, this is the purchase for this holiday season," McNealy says.

The law of supply and demand might make it tough to get a system before Christmas. Microsoft expects to sell all it can ship before year's end. Though the company hasn't committed to a specific number, analysts expect 800,000 to 1 million in stores this year.

2. How powerful is the 360, and how much of a difference does it make?

The 360 is considered two to 10 times more powerful than the current Xbox, but because today's games look great, that doesn't translate into games that look 10 times better. Still, when you see 360 games, you'll definitely notice a difference, says Crispin Boyer, senior editor of Electronic Gaming Monthly.

The games "typically have more detailed and crisper textures than what the current systems can pump out," Boyer says. "It's not a huge leap ahead, though, and on some games, you'd have to scrutinize the screen to notice the difference between the Xbox and Xbox 360 version."

3. Do I need a high-definition digital TV to connect the 360?

No, the system will connect to standard analog. However, every 360 game is developed to support HD, so the images will look better on a newer set. HD graphics and surround sound "make all the difference for many hard-core gamers and early adopters," says Rob Smith, editor of Official Xbox Magazine.

4. How much do I need to spend ?

The entry-level $299 core system includes the basics: the game system, a wired controller and standard video cables.

A $399 premium package includes the console, a detachable 20-gigabyte hard drive, wireless controller, headset and cables for connecting to an HDTV and a home computer network. Sold separately, the hard drive costs $100; wireless controller, $50; and headset, $20. Those who don't have a hard drive will need a 64MB memory unit ($40) to save games, so "there's no good reason to get the cheaper system," says Ankarino Lara of Gamespot.com. "The price difference isn't extreme when you consider the memory card purchase as a practically required part of the cheaper package."

5. How important is the hard drive?

Very important, particularly if you want to play current games such as "Halo" or "Halo 2" on your new 360. Microsoft has a list of more than 200 games (www.xbox.com) that need only a software update, which is stored on the hard drive. The updates can be received from Xbox Live, by download from Xbox.com or by mail on CD.

"The option to play the back catalog of all Xbox games might entice you to splurge," Lara says.

6. Should I factor Sony and Nintendo into my decision?

"Absolutely. The PlayStation 3 and Nintendo Revolution will both be available in 2006, and they promise to bring a number of exciting hardware advancements and exclusive games with them," Lara says. "If you're a serious gamer and on a budget, think hard about where you want to invest your money and time."

Follow these suggestions for the picky readers on your gift list

By Bob Minzesheimer
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

In bookstores, most gift books come in two sizes: large (expensive and lavishly illustrated) and small (literary stocking stuffers). Publishers like to say that any book can be a good gift for someone. In that spirit, USA TODAY's Bob Minzesheimer offers a dozen suggestions for hard-to-please readers on your holiday shopping list.

For the know-it-all

"A Little History of the World"
By E.H. Gombrich, Yale, $25

In 1935, a young, unemployed art historian in Vienna was hired to write a history of the world for young readers. He did it in just six weeks. It became a best seller in 18 languages but wasn't published in English until October. Gombrich was working on an updated English version when he died in 2001 at 92. Clearly and concisely, he explores everything from "prehistory ... with no names or dates" to a final thought 282 pages later: "We still have the right to go on hoping for a better future." The writing is graceful, often personal and should delight readers of all ages.

For those bored by books (and everything else)

"Ennui to Go: The Art of Boredom"
Edited by Jon Winokur, Sasquatch, $14.95

There's nothing boring about this witty collection of short essays and quotations from everyone from Larry David to Emily Dickinson." Boredom" often is deemed trivial, but Winokur ranks it with "war, revolution and economic upheaval as a force in human affairs." It began as a luxury: "For most of human history people were too busy trying to survive to be bored." No more. As former president George H.W. Bush once asked, "What's wrong with being a boring kind of guy?" Everything, thought President Nixon, who proclaimed, "The worst sin in politics is being boring."

For someone not intimidated by more than 800 pages

"Women's Letters: America from the Revolutionary War to the Present"
By Lisa Grunwald and Stephen Adler, Dial, $35

A great reminder to write (or e-mail) home. Spread over 806 pages are memorable slices of history, from the flirtatious teenager of 1777 to the soldier's wife of 2003, instant-messaging her husband in Iraq. Grunwald and Adler, a husband-and-wife team who previously edited "Letters of the Century," write that men tend to spell better, have less flowery handwriting and have more to say about business and politics. Women's letters "were often more casual, usually more intimate, and frequently more memorable."

For someone intimidated by more than 200 pages

"Mommy Knows Worst: Highlights from the Golden Age of Bad Parenting Advice"
By James Lileks, Three Rivers, $18

Perfect for anyone who prefers graphic stimulation over unrelenting blocks of black-and-white print. Culling magazines, ads and government pamphlets from the 1920s through the 1950s, Lileks compiles 176 pages of advice so ghastly that it seems a miracle anyone survived childhood. Mothers were urged to not touch their babies for fear of misshaping their bones. Spanking with the hand clearly was inadequate; hairbrushes appeared to be the weapon of choice. Lileks suggests that future generations may find our parenting attempts just as funny.

For the good sport

"Dark Horses & Underdogs: The Greatest Sports Upsets of All Time"
By Les Krantz, Warner, $34.95

Illustrated essays on 50 athletes and teams who defied the odds and won. As Krantz puts it, "Sometimes David does slay Goliath." The top-ranked upsets: No. 1, Team USA, a bunch of college kids, stuns the fearsome Soviet hockey team in the 1980 Olympics; No. 2, cocky, playboy quarterback Joe Namath leads the upstart New York Jets over the mighty Baltimore Colts in the 1969 Super Bowl. The book comes with a DVD narrated by sportscaster Jim Lampley.

For the lovesick but clueless

"If We Ever Break Up, This Is My Book"
By Jason Logan, Simon Spotlight, $14.95

Self-help designed as an artist's sketchbook proves to be funny and helpful. It's hand-lettered by Logan, whose "Roadmap to Recovery" starts at "The End" and winds its way through "General Wallowing" and "Your Dog Can Help" before moving on to "Angry Dating," "Actually, Your Dog Can't Help" and "Seasonal Activities for the Lonely" before reaching "Getting Over It" and "The New Beginning." The author advises, "Not to spoil the ending for you, but everything is going to be okay."

For the interminably curious

"The Map Book"
Edited by Peter Barber, Walker, $45

A treasure chest for those who read maps as if they were novels. The author collects 175 maps and essays on map-making, from prehistoric rock carvings to computer projections. Included: a map of Africa from 1890 that fired the imagination of novelist Joseph Conrad. The voyage up the Congo in "Heart of Darkness" begins with a map. The protagonist Marlow grew up with a passion for maps, studied the blank spaces in foreign lands and vowed, "When I grow up I will go there."

For sleep-deprived parents and their kids

"Once Upon a Time, the End (Asleep in 60 Seconds)"
By Geoffrey Kloske, illustrated by Barry Blitt, Atheneum, $15.95

Downsized riddles and fairy tales, such as "The Two Little Pigs" (the third was cut, to speed up the story), for kids who beg for "one more story" at bedtime. "Knock-knock/Who's there?/Bed/Bed who?/Bedder go to sleep." Tested with two 5-year-olds. Sleepy Dad laughed at the abrupt endings; the kids kept begging for one more story, again and again.

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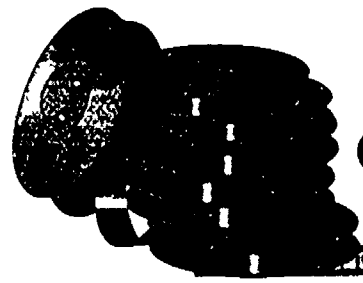

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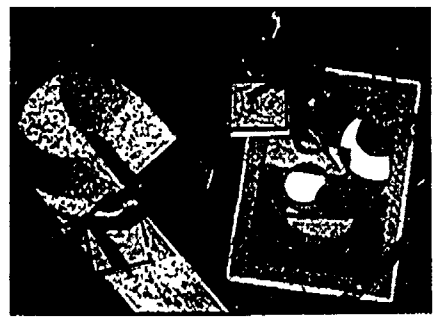

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WESTERN IS HOT this season and the hats and ponchos are at High Wire Girls in Novi. (248) 349-2323
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THE SPOTLIGHT PURSE SET from Merle Norman in Novi features mascara, powder and a lip gloss in a slick red purse with gold chain strap. (248) 348-4020
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Holiday Earrings

SHE WILL FEEL THE HOLIDAY CHEER when she sees these handmade ornament earrings in her stockings from M or M Creations of South Lyon. (248) 437-2520
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IT'S UP TO THEM when you give a gift certificate from The Health Emporium in South Lyon. Massages start at $60 for one hour; reflexology begins at $35 for a half hour. Health classes and health products are also available. (248) 486-8420
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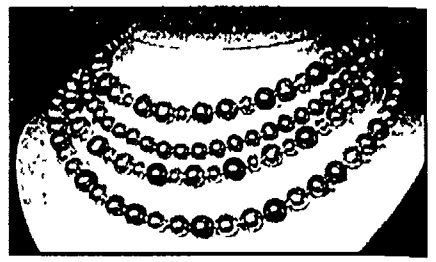
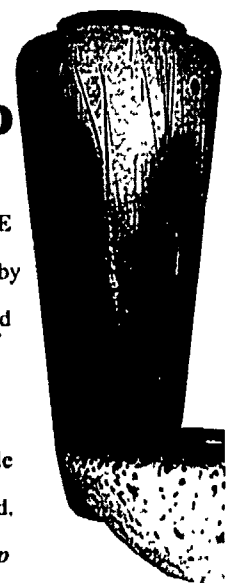


Pearls

PEARLS GO WITH EVERYTHING, from jeans to ball gowns. That's why they are so wildly expected under the tree this season. Multicolored pearls in rings, earrings, bracelets and necklaces are ready to wrap at Larson's Jewelry on Main Street in Novi. (248) 347-4653
MSRP: Starting at $100

Karen Gargiulo Pottery



SHE WILL ADORE THIS UNIQUE POTTERY created by Karen Gargiulo in New York. Bowls and vases, in a variety of sizes and colors, are available. They should be used for decorative purposes only and are available at Main Street Art in downtown Milford. (248) 684-1004
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Mini Great White Shark Finger Puppet

Ireland, 3, and Amanda, daughter and wife of Patrick McClanahan, sales

CHILDREN OF ALL AGES will love this inexpensive stocking stuffer. The shark's teeth glow in the dark and his mouth moves (with the help of a finger). All sorts of additional finger puppets are available including butterflies, dinosaurs, owls, a hedgehog, a duckling, a zebra, frogs, a lamb, mice and much more. Visit folkmanis.com for details.

Ages: 3+ MSRP: Prices start at $5.49; shark is $7.99

Webkinz

MAKE PLAYTIME INTERACTIVE with these adorable stuffed animals from Ganz. Webkinz are adorable, fuzzy little creatures who come with a secret code. The code can be used at webkinz.com to create a virtual world for your little pet. Children start off with enough "cash" to name their pet, decorate their pet's room and buy them food. Once the "money" is spent, they can answer trivia questions or play games to earn more "cash" for more online fun. The site is easy to follow — a narrator reads the pages for children, so proficient reading is not a requirement. Webkinz are available at Diane's Dollhouse in South Lyon and Village Toy Shoppe in Milford.

Ages: 3+ MSRP: $9.95

Megan, 5, niece of Nicole Stone, sales

An Icelandic Tale

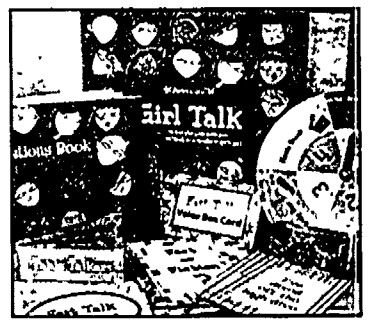
A FROZEN LITTLE PIANO ARRIVES to the shores of the Icelands, bringing animal friends Pookie and Tushka fun, excitement, and a lesson about the essence of friendship. Educational pages feature fun facts about the Icelands — the Arctic and the Antarctic. "Pookie and Tushka Find a Little Piano" is written and beautifully illustrated by Jorge. Includes an interactive CD-ROM for Windows and Macintosh with games, activities and songs. www.icelands.com *Ages: 2-6 MSRP: $15.89*

VideoNow XP

THIS VIDEO SYSTEM allows tweens to enjoy music videos, interactive games, cartoons and television shows anywhere.

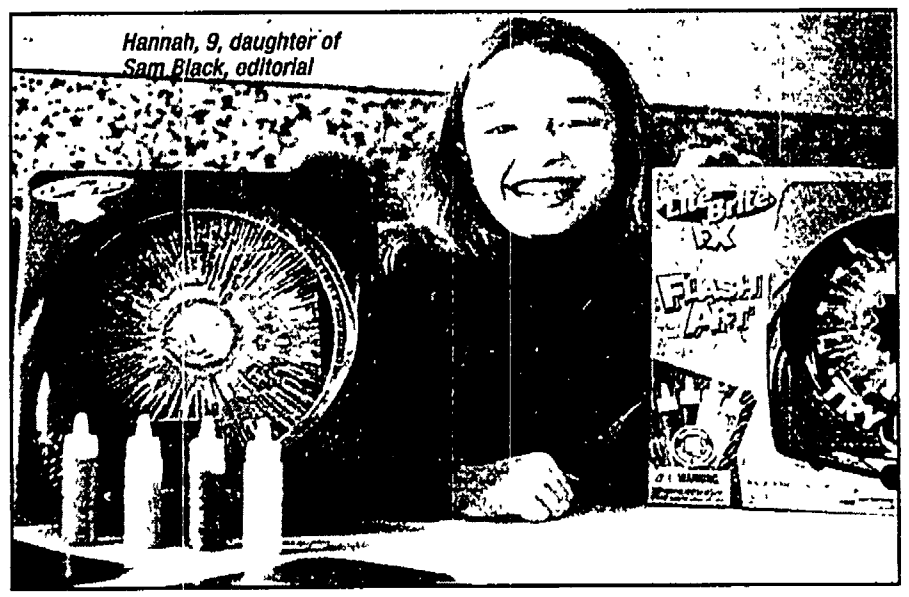
Ages: 6+ MSRP: $59.99

Girl Talk



SHE'LL NEVER BE AT A LOSS FOR WORDS with this new game from AmericanGirl. Girl Talk includes instructions and materials for 24 different games. Set includes 32-page instruction book, spinner, dice, sand timer, 20 questions book, four card decks, 85 table talkers and two cootie catchers. americangirl.com

Ages: 8+ MSRP: $17.95



Hannah, 9, daughter of Sam Black, editorial

Lite-Brite FX — Flash Art

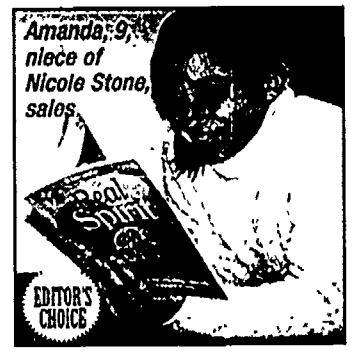
WELCOME TO THE NEW GENERATION OF LITE-BRITE. With Lite-Brite FX — Flash Art, children paint a design, insert the card into the Lite-Brite and push the play button. Then they can sit back and watch the unique light show with electronic lights, music and motion. Includes four bottles of paint, seven design cards and four C batteries. Although this can be messy, all of the paints wash with water, so clean up is a breeze. Our testers loved it.

Ages: 5-8 MSRP: $19.99

Roll-a-Rounds Drop & Roar Dinosaur

BABY CAN SEND THEIR ROLL-A-ROUNDS FRIENDS rolling down color-coordinated ball drops. Rounds come through the tail, chute, ramps and mouth. The dino roars when rounds come down his neck. Also plays 10 sounds, has three sound effects and several additional activities to entertain and encourage baby. Comes with four Roll-a-Rounds. Requires three AA batteries, not included.

Ages: 6 months and up MSRP: $34.99



Amanda, 9, niece of Nicole Stone, sales

'Real Spirit'

HELP HER FEEL STRONG by recognizing the signs of stress and knowing how to unwind with this book by Elizabeth Chobanian. Available at local booksellers or at americangirl.com.

Ages: 8+ MSRP: $9.95

B-Daman 10 Game Tournament Set

TAKE MARBLES TO A WHOLE NEW LEVEL with this new game from Hasbro. B-Daman combines the strategy of trading-card games, the skill and competition of sports, and the fun of construction toys and action figures into one exciting game. Children build their own B-Daman figure and then play one of 10 different games. The tournament set includes the board, one figure, scoring brackets, an IBA Blaster and game spinner. Set folds up for easy storage. Additional figures are available for $6.99 each and can be customized by trading parts with other B-Daman figures.

Ages: 8+ MSRP: $19.99

Ian, 9, stepson of Diana Wells, graphics

Wine Tote

THE WINE CONNOISSEUR will love a leather and suede wine tote from By The Bottle in Novi. The tote comes in a variety of colors and styles and can hold one or two bottles of wine. Add a vintage bottle of wine inside to make it really special. (248) 344-8992 *MSRP: $70 to $150*

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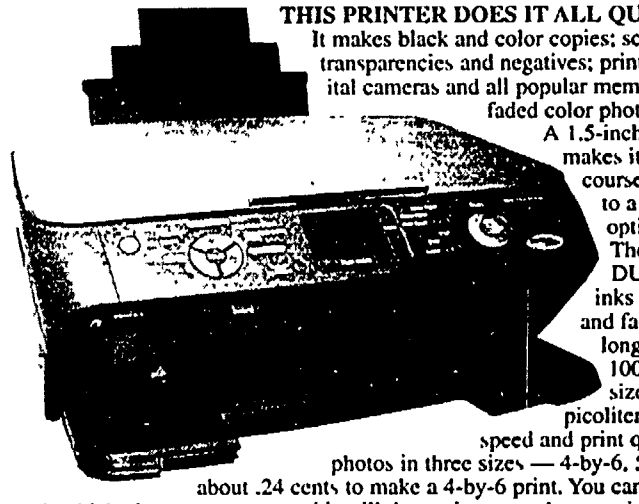

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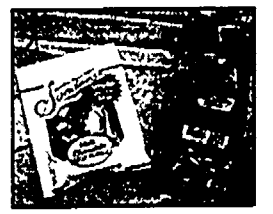
Sander's Candy



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Faiths celebrate special days

December is filled with special days — no matter what your religion. Here are some of them:

Dec. 16-24: Las Posadas, a re-enactment in Mexico of Mary and Joseph's search for an inn in the days before the birth of Jesus.

Dec. 17: Feast of Babalu Aye, Santerian healer of deadly diseases.

Dec. 21: Yule, one of the Sabbats or holidays of the Wiccan calendar. It occurs on the winter solstice, the shortest day of the year, and celebrates the rebirth of the sun god as light begins to return from this day forward.

Dec. 21-Jan. 9: Soyala, Hopi and Zuni new year festival of purification and renewal.

Dec. 22: Festival of Empress Mother Wang-Mu, Taoist festival honoring the mother of compassion and wisdom, and manifestation of the Tao.

Dec. 22: Tohji-Taisai, Shinto rite honoring Sun Goddess Amaterasu, who withdrew into a cave until she was enticed with music and dance after Storm God Susano-o angered her.

Dec. 23: Birthday of Joseph Smith, born in 1805 and founder of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, also known as Mormons.

Dec. 25: Christmas Day, Christian celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Dec. 26: St. Stephen's Day, Catholic remembrance of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. Called Boxing Day in Canada and other British-influenced countries in part because churches opened their alms boxes on that day to distribute the money to the poor.

Dec. 26: Zarathosht Diso, Zoroastrian anniversary of the death of Prophet Zarathushtra about 3,500 years ago.

Dec. 26-Jan. 2: Hanukkah, Jewish Festival of Lights commemorating the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem in 165 B.C. after the Maccabees recaptured it from the Hellenist Syrians.

Dec. 26-Jan. 1: Kwanzaa, an African American and Pan-African holiday celebrating family, community and culture. Many religions now observe Kwanzaa and its highlighting of seven life virtues.

Dec. 27: St. John's Day, Catholic remembrance of the only one of the 12 disciples who did not abandon Jesus during his crucifixion.

Dec. 28: Holy Innocents Day, honoring the memory of male children killed by King Herod in an attempt to destroy Jesus.

Dec. 29: Fast day for Shiva, the Hindu god considered to be destroyer of the world.

Dec. 31: Feast of Sharaf, first day of the 16th month of the Baha'i calendar that focuses on honor.

Dec. 31: Feast of Yemaya, Santerian mother of the sun and moon.

Dec. 31: Omisoka, the final day before the new year. Buddhist and Shinto devotees perform the rite of Oharai to purify their houses and businesses. All that is old is thrown away; and debts, obligations and problems in relationships are settled.

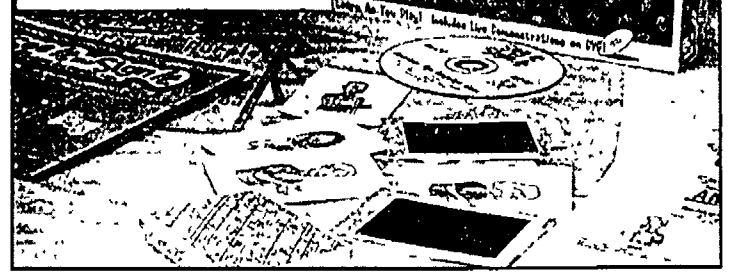
Dec. 31: Watch Night, Christian occasion thanking God for bringing people safely through another year. Created by the U.S. blacks at the time of the emancipation of slaves in 1863.

— *Gannett News Service*

Sign Language Game

SEE IT AND SIGN IT AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE GAME teaches 60 signs, the alphabet and numbers with illustrated game cards. A special decoder lens reveals answers. Comes with a DVD, which shows live demonstrations. For one or more players. www.billandbud.com.

Ages: 7+ MSRP: $24.95



TV Games

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Ages: 5+ MSRP: $20

Prime Rib

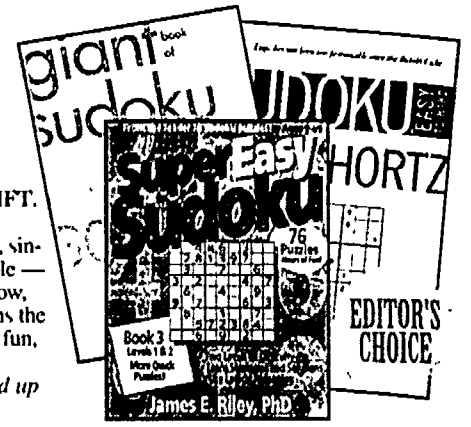
IT'S A HOLIDAY, SO SPLURGE on the main meal. Pick up a Prime Black Angus prime rib roast from Jack's Meat Market in Novi. The roasts are 6 pounds to 10 pounds. Cooking instructions are available, as well as seasonings. (248) 349-8490

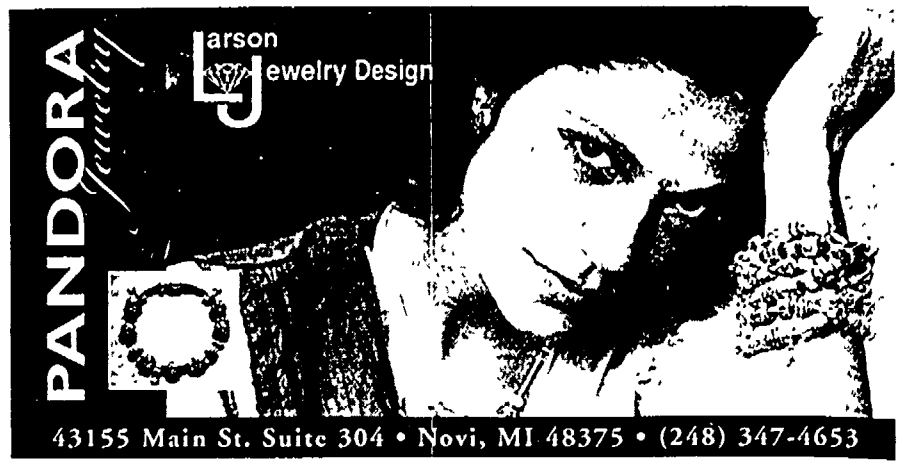
MSRP: $8.99 per pound

Sudoku

THE LATEST PUZZLE MAKES THE PERFECT GIFT. The American game with a Japanese name means, literally, single number. The rules are simple — fill in the 9-by-9 grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box contains the numbers one through nine. It's fun, challenging and addictive.

Ages: 9+ MSRP: $5.95 and up





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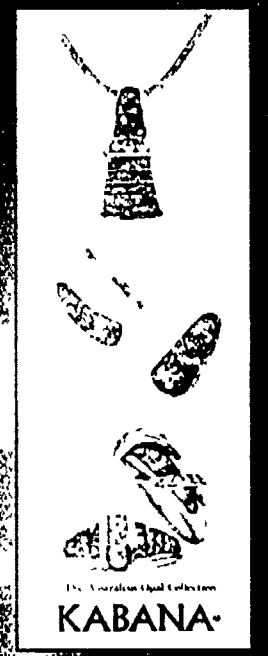

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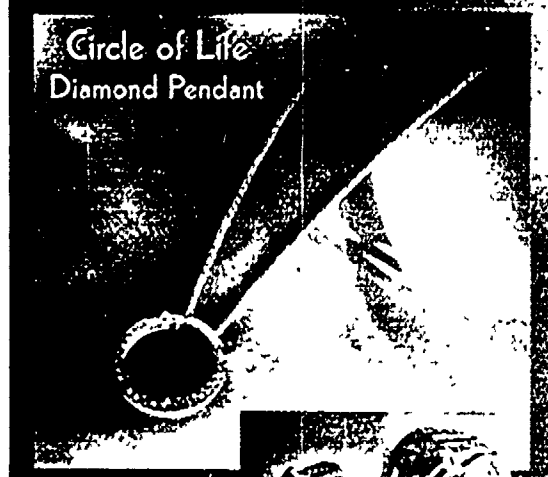

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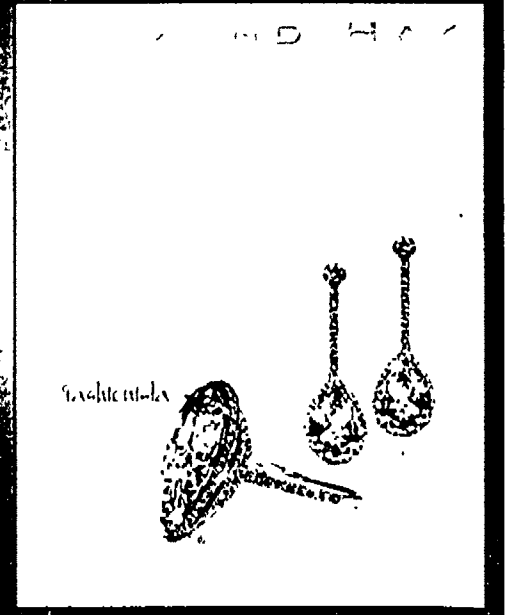

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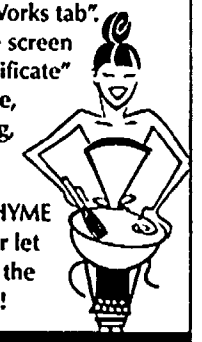

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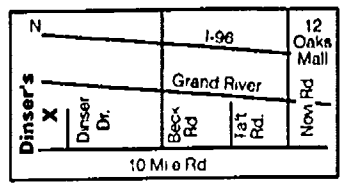

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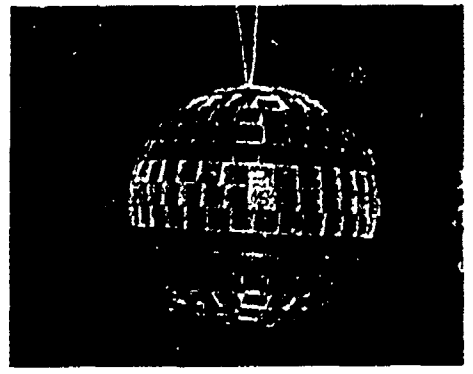

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ADD SOME SPARKLE to the tree or wreath with this disco ball from Dinser's Flower Shoppe in South Lyon. (248) 349-1320
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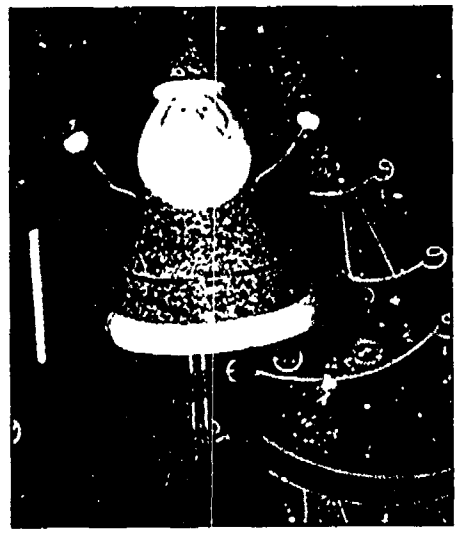

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Look to the coffee table for a book to perk your interest

By Deidre Donahue
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Something to read. And something to look at. The latter is what's even more important when shopping for a coffee-table book. USA TODAY's Deirdre Donahue gives a sampling of what's out there for the gift buyer.

"The Naming of Names: The Search for Order in the World of Plants"
By Anna Pavord, Bloomsbury, $45

The author of the horticultural sensation "The Tulip" returns with another magnificent offering that explores man's complicated historical bond with the plants that surround him. In her new title, English writer Anna Pavord traces man's attempts to classify the plant world from 300 B.C. to the founding of the science of botany 2,000 years later. Man has treasured plants for their beauty, their ability to heal wounds, to soothe pain, to feed him — and on occasion, to poison his foes. In her delightfully opinionated voice, the author skillfully zips about, touching on the ancient Greeks, Arabs, Ottoman Empire, the Renaissance and the New World of the Americas. In the end, though, the reader remembers best the illustrations of breathtaking botanical treasures.

"Sitcom Style: Inside America's Favorite TV Homes"
By Diana Friedman, Potter, $29.95

This is not a big book that requires a great deal of intellectual heavy lifting, but it is perfect for that family member who treats TV Guide as a bible, the couch as a throne and sitcom characters as friends. The homes range from the contemporary split level of "The Brady Bunch" to the Huxtables' elegant Brooklyn Heights brownstone to Midwestern blue-collar comfort of "Roseanne" to the alien-friendly abode of "3rd Rock from the Sun." The book is interesting as an examination of how culture influences interior design. Friedman interviews the set designers and gives advice on how to attain the look you like. A guilty pleasure.

"Russia: Beyond Utopia Photographs"
By Andrew Moore, Chronicle, $40

Full-color photographs present a haunting view of Russia, its people, its architecture, its changing culture and its fascinating if troubled past. The evocative images range from the onion-shaped church domes of the tsarist centuries to an abandoned Soviet missile center with rusting shelters to the opulence of post-Soviet wealth. Of particular note is the avant-garde architecture from the early days of post-revolutionary Russia. The photographer wisely puts the commentary at the end so the viewer is not distracted. The book does not strive to capture the staggering magnitude of Russia. Rather, it succeeds in giving a sense of place.

"Walking the Bible: A Photographic Journey"
By Bruce Feiler, Morrow, $32.50

Best-selling author Bruce Feiler presents a photographic variation of his 2001 title, "Walking the Bible." This book unites passages from the Bible, photographs from Feiler and others as well as commentary from the author.

The book presents places from the Old Testament — Mount Ararat, for example, where Noah's ark is said to have landed. Feiler also traces Abraham's journey to the Promised Land, the travels of Joseph, and Moses' exodus from Egypt. The photos beautifully depict the dramatic land that gave birth to three of the world's great religions: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Rare indeed is the reader who will be able to resist perusing this hefty, sweet-natured book that presents the history of dozens of classic toys.

"Timeless Toys: Classic Toys and the Playmakers Who Created Them"
By Tim Walsh, Andrews McMeel, $29.95

The list includes almost every plaything familiar to American children. Take Play-Doh, for example. Walsh points out that more than 2 billion cans of the stuff have been sold since 1955 — enough to snake around the world nearly 300 times. A toy inventor himself, Walsh conveys his passion for creative people and his genuine love for toys.

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Madyson, 5, niece of Lisa Tincu, sales

Cabbage Patch Kids Babies

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Ben, 4, son of Sam Black, editorial

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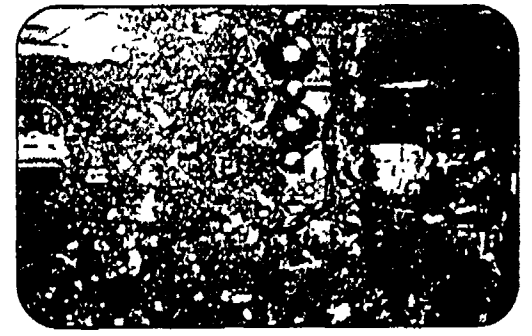

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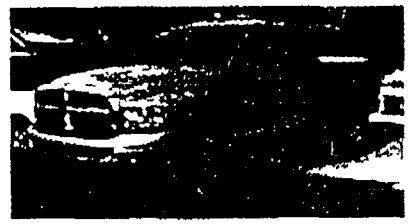

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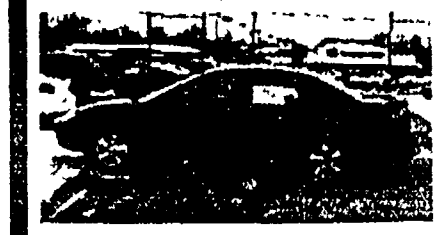

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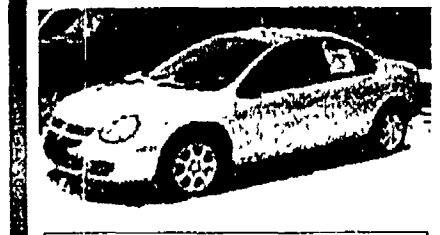

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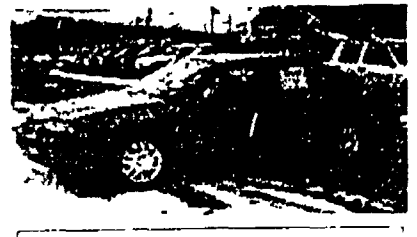

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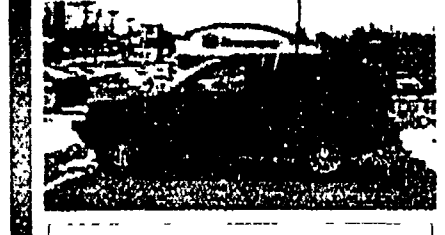

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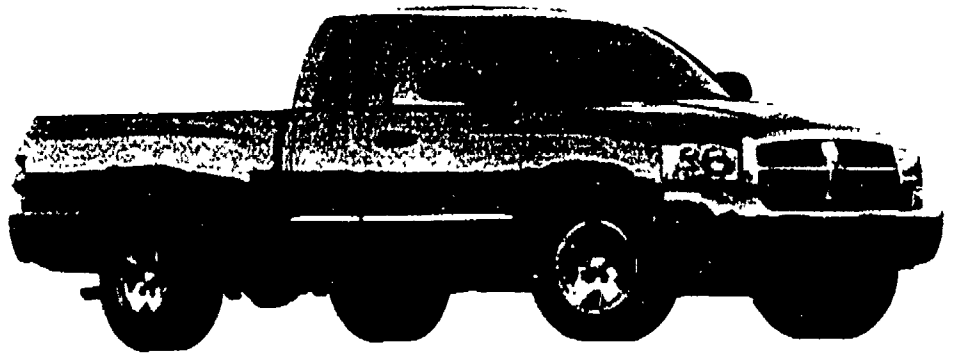

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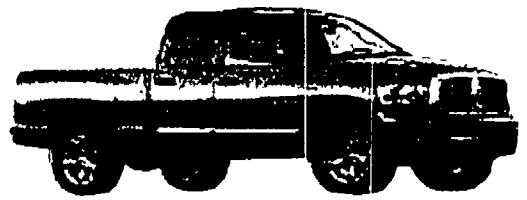

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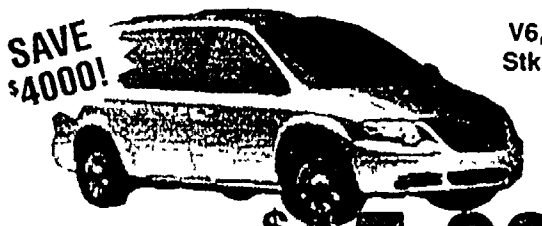

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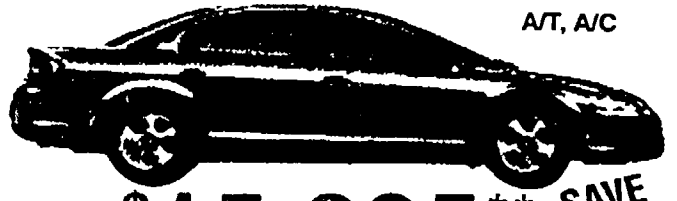

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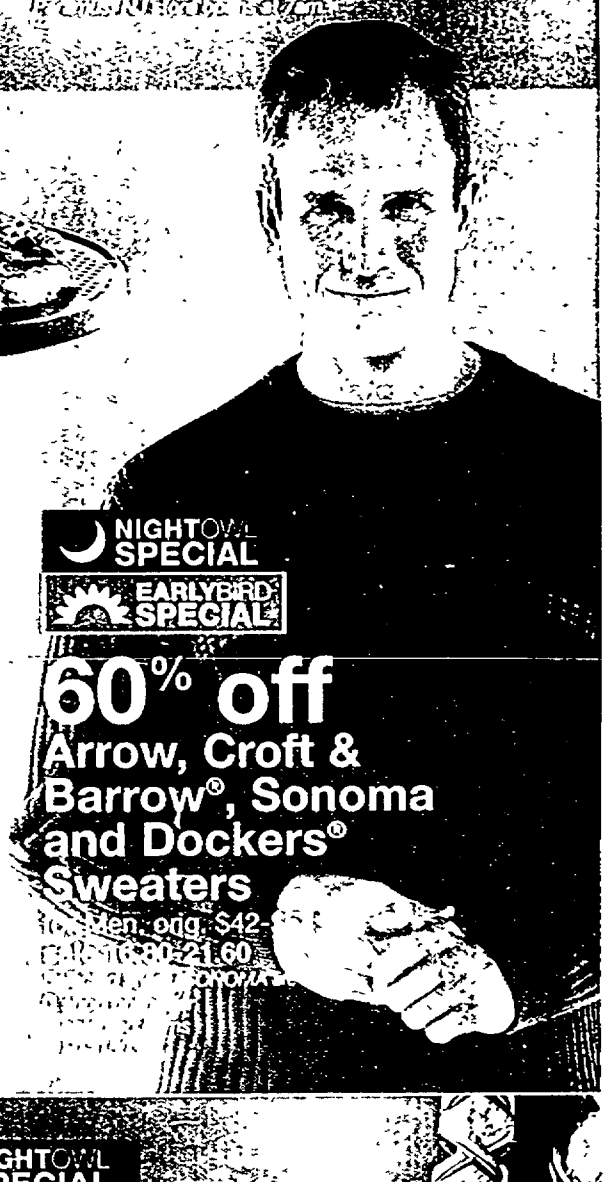

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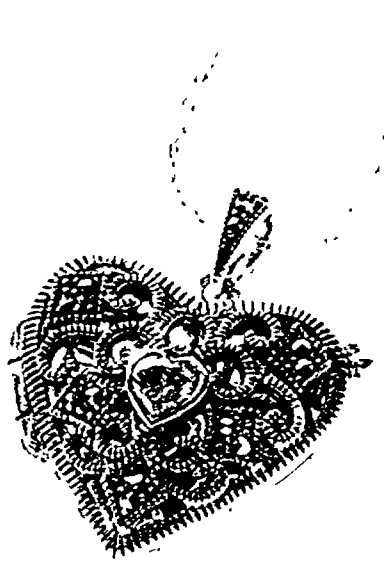

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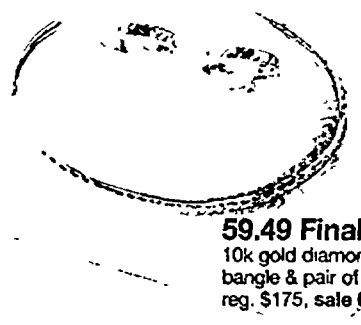

59.49 Final price
10k gold diamond cut bangle & pair of earrings set.
reg. $175, sale 89.99

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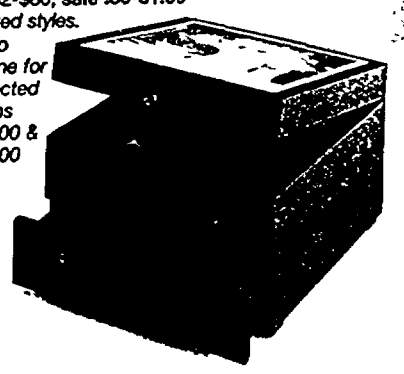
Save

50-60%

Jewelry boxes & fashion jewelry
orig. $2-$80, sale .80-31.99
Selected styles.
shop online for selected items F2500 & F2800



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Nine & Company®, axcess & daisy fuentes® sportswear
for misses, petites & women. orig. $18-$79,
sale 10.80-47.40
Misses' shown.
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NINE & COMPANY

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Entire Stock

13.99

Novelty fleece tops for misses
from Croft & Barrow® and MCCC Sportswear
orig. $30-$36
shop online for selected items P121510

Women's Croft & Barrow® fleece tops
orig. $36-$40,
sale 15.99

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DURING THESE SPECIAL EXTENDED HOURS GET

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Parents, NO stroller zone after 6PM

NIGHT OWL SPECIAL EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

Entire Stock

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Wool outerwear
for misses, orig. $140
shop online for selected items W1540

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12.99
Entire stock Bodysource® gift sets.
reg. $30

croft & barrow®

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for misses.
orig. $84
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Sonoma jackets
for misses & petites.
orig. $36
Misses' shown.

SONOMA

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Your Choice

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Bras from Playtex®, Warner's®, Olga®, Maidenform®, Lily of France®, Vanity Fair® & Barelythere®
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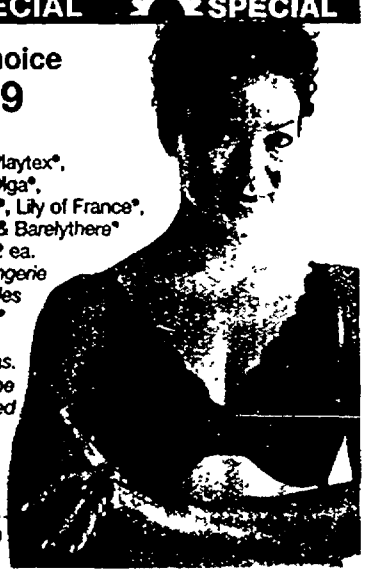

Playtex SECRETS

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Handbags, minibags & handbag accessories
orig. $10-$90, sale $4-$45
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14.99
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orig. $32

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Character fleece tops
for juniors.
orig. $30

NIGHT OWL SPECIAL EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

Entire Stock

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Collections
for juniors orig. $30-$69,
sale 18.00-41.40
shop online for selected items P121513

NIGHT OWL SPECIAL EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

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60% off

Winter sleepwear
for girls 4-16, boys 4-20, infants and toddlers.
reg. $22-$35,
sale 8.80-14.00
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Long-sleeved tops for girls 4-16, boys 4-7 & toddlers
from SO..., Sonoma and Energie®

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The Big One® bath towel
30x54". reg. 7.99
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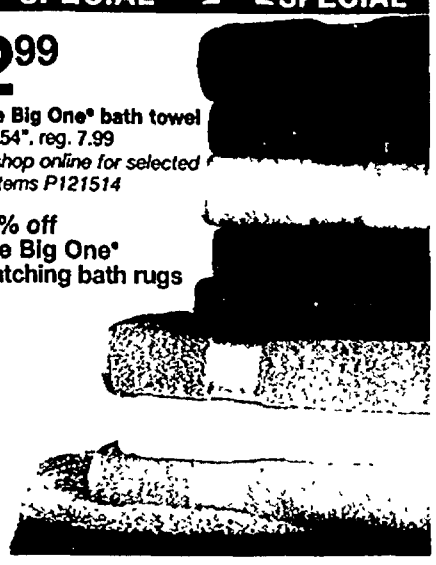

NIGHTOWL SPECIAL EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

All Sizes

49.99

Home Classics® reversible down comforter
Choose from 3 color combinations.
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Gloria Vanderbilt® Pima cotton bath towels
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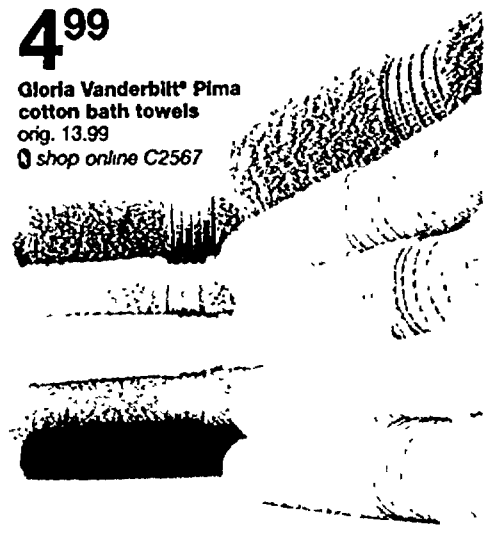

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Bed pillows
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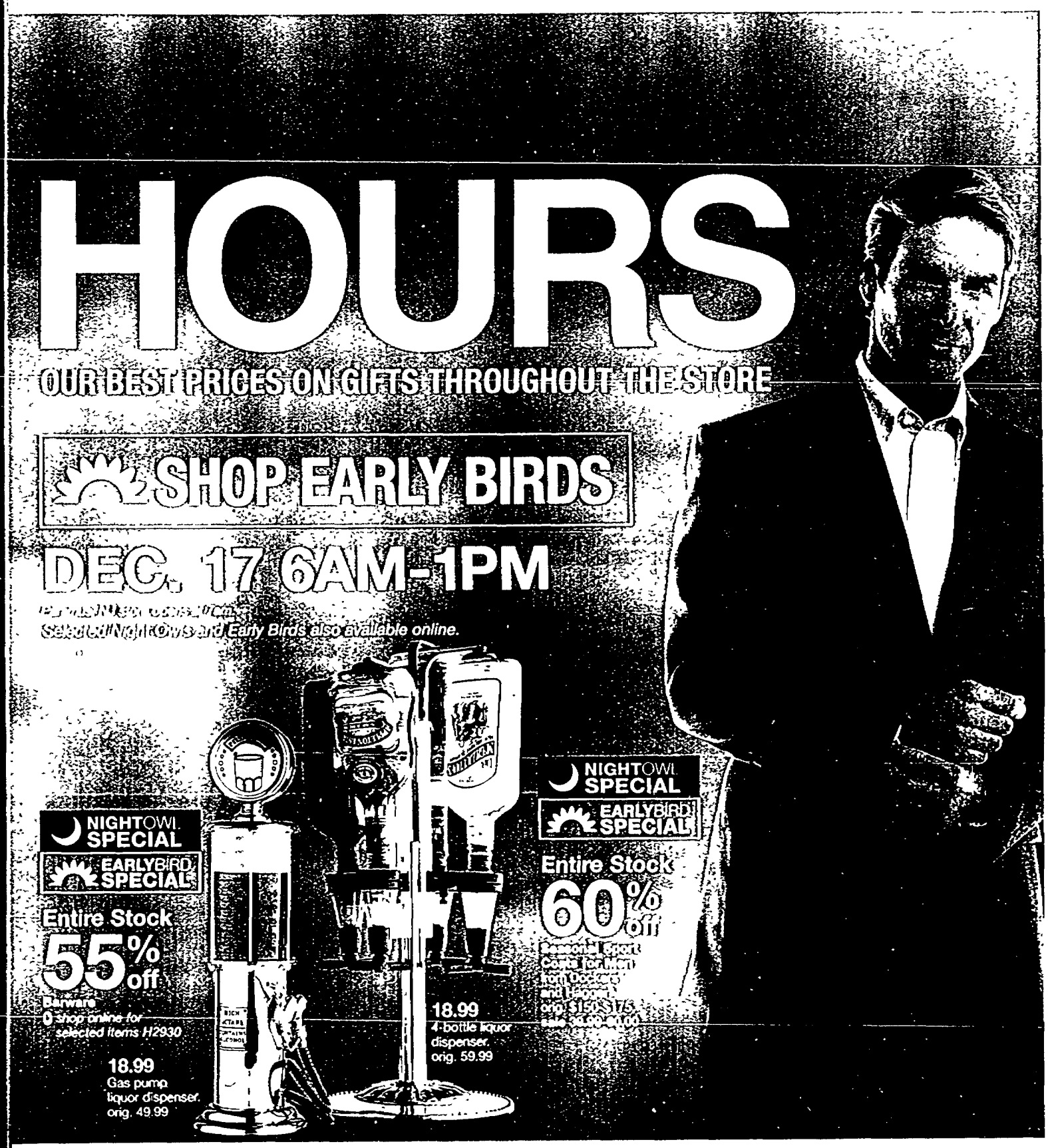
White goose down bed pillow.
orig. 69.99-89.99



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34.99

Sonoma Express 3-pc. luggage set reg. 119.99
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60% off **Trim-A-Tree by St. Nicholas Square®**
Excludes Hallmark® & Carlton.

NIGHTOWL SPECIAL EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

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Sports apparel for boys 8-20
from Reebok®, Russell® Athletic and Tek Gear®
orig. $18-$75,
sale 7.20-39.99
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NIGHTOWL SPECIAL EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

Entire Stock

60% off

Dress & casual pants for men
from Croft & Barrow®, Sonoma, Natural Issue®, Axist™ Essentials and Braggi®
orig. $40-$45,
sale 14.99-18.00
shop online for selected items P121517

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NIGHTOWL SPECIAL EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

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Croft & Barrow® flannel, denim & twill sport shirts
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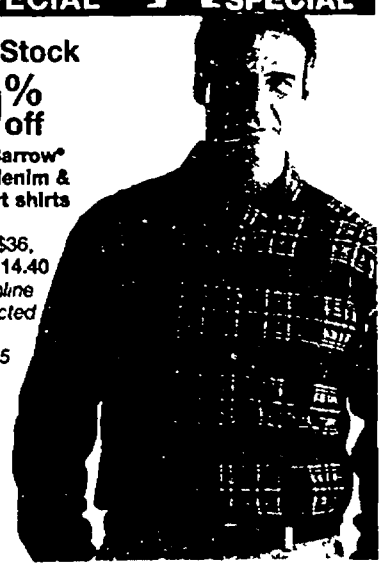

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Sonoma loungepants
for boys 8-20.
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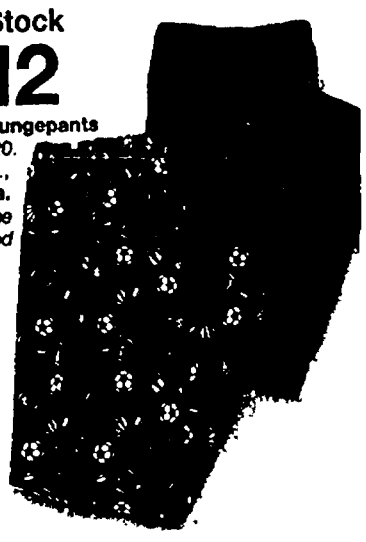

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9.99

Long-sleeved solid & graphic thermal tees
for young men.
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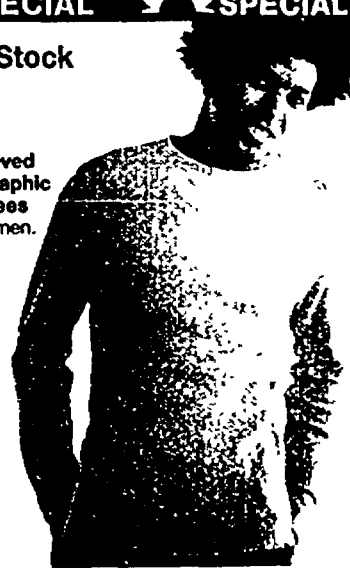

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Save

60%

Long-sleeved knit tops for men
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Selected styles.
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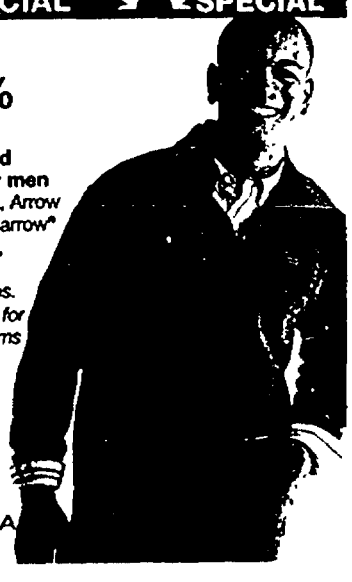
SONOMA life+style



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Final Price

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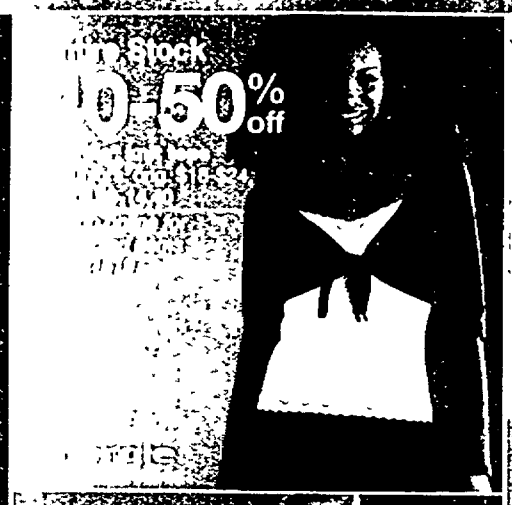

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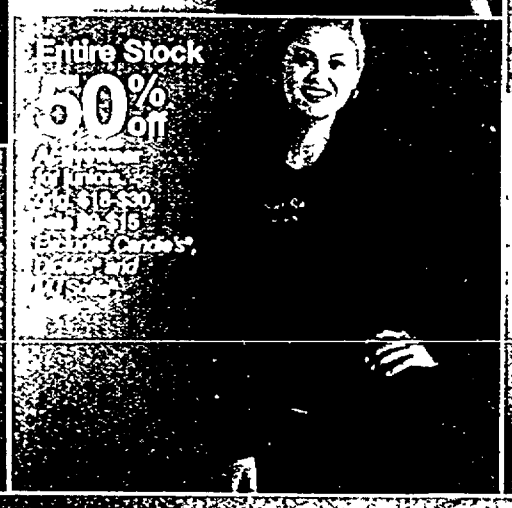

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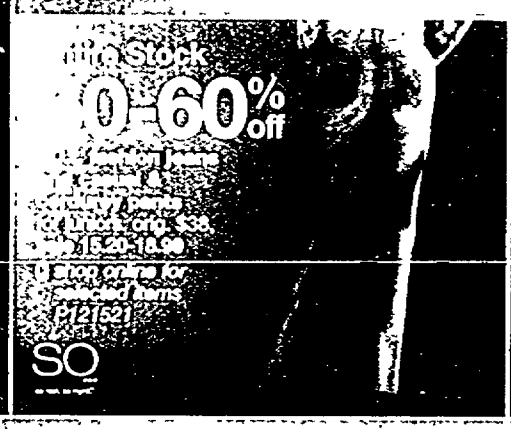
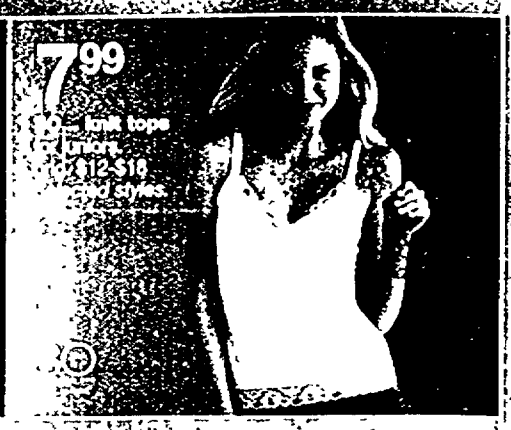


7.99
tops
orig. $12-$18
and styles.



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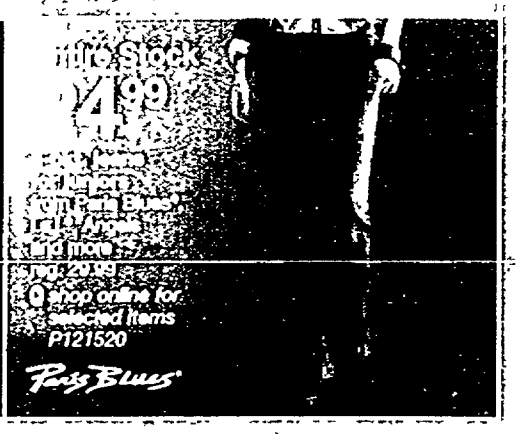

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Fast Blues

the big one

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Winter outerwear for misses, women and juniors. orig. $60-$250, sale $24-$125
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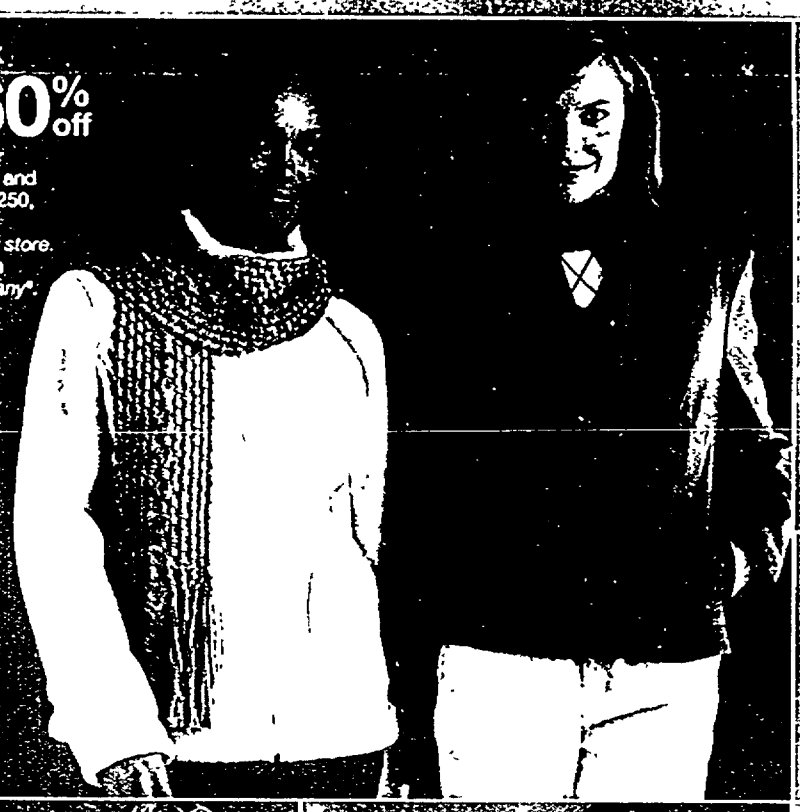

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for misses

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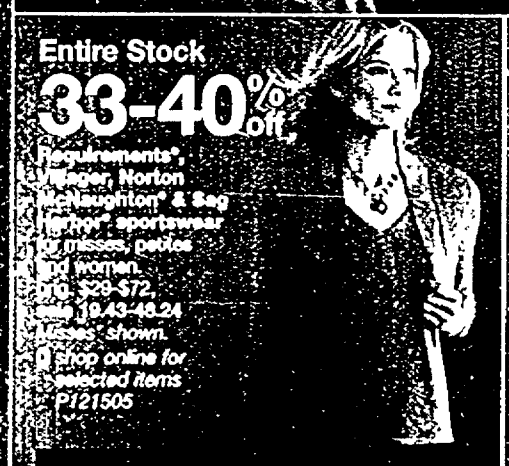

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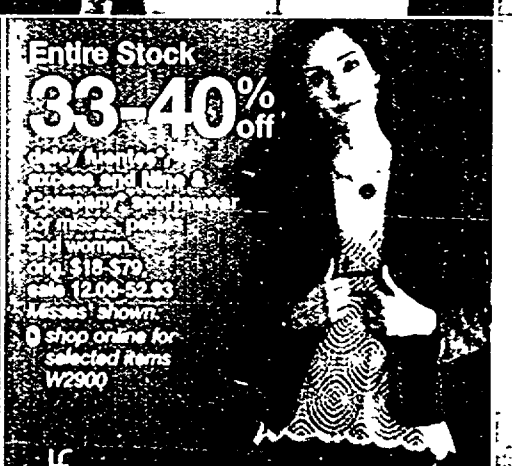

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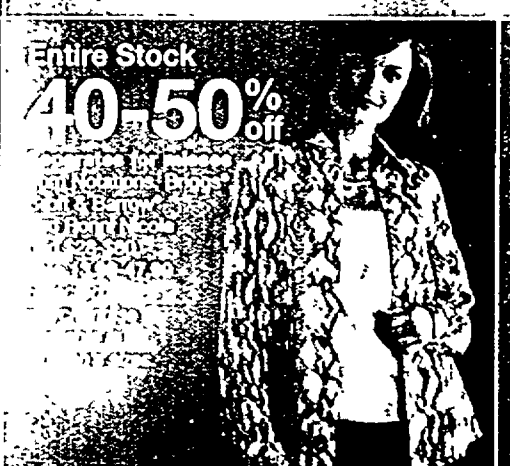

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SONOMA

petites

Save
40-55%
Petites' sportswear from Sonoma, N.Y.L.®, Croft & Barrow®, Sag Harbor® & more orig. $16-$74, sale 8.00-33.30
Selected styles.

SONOMA

women's

Save
50%
Women's sportswear from Requirements®, daisy fuentes® and Sonoma Sizes 1X-3X & 16W-24W. orig. $18-$72, sale $9-$36
Selected styles.
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Save
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Active and fitness wear for misses from Erika® Sport, Nike®, adidas®, Russell® Athletic, Tek Gear®, N.Y.L.®, daisy fuentes® sport, Gloria Vanderbilt® and Fu Da® orig. $14-$50, sale 7.00-37.50
Selected merchandise available in women's sizes
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ERIKA

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Plain Front Stretch Solid or Pleated Twill Pants for misses & petites.
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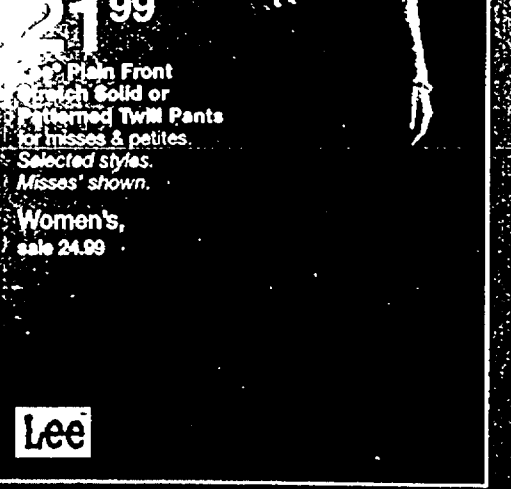
Women's, sale 24.99



Lee

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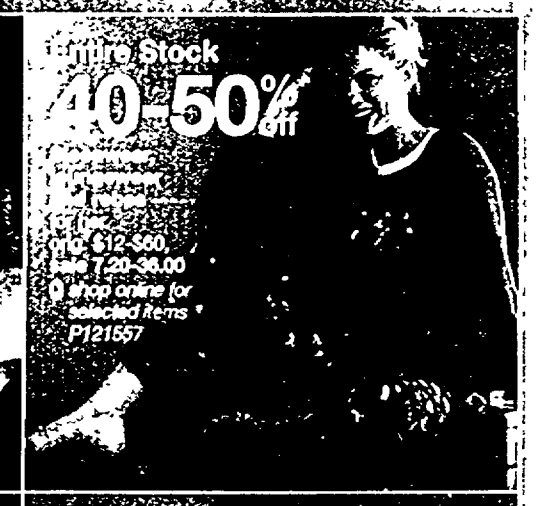

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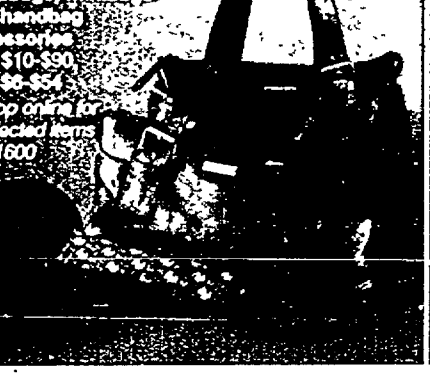

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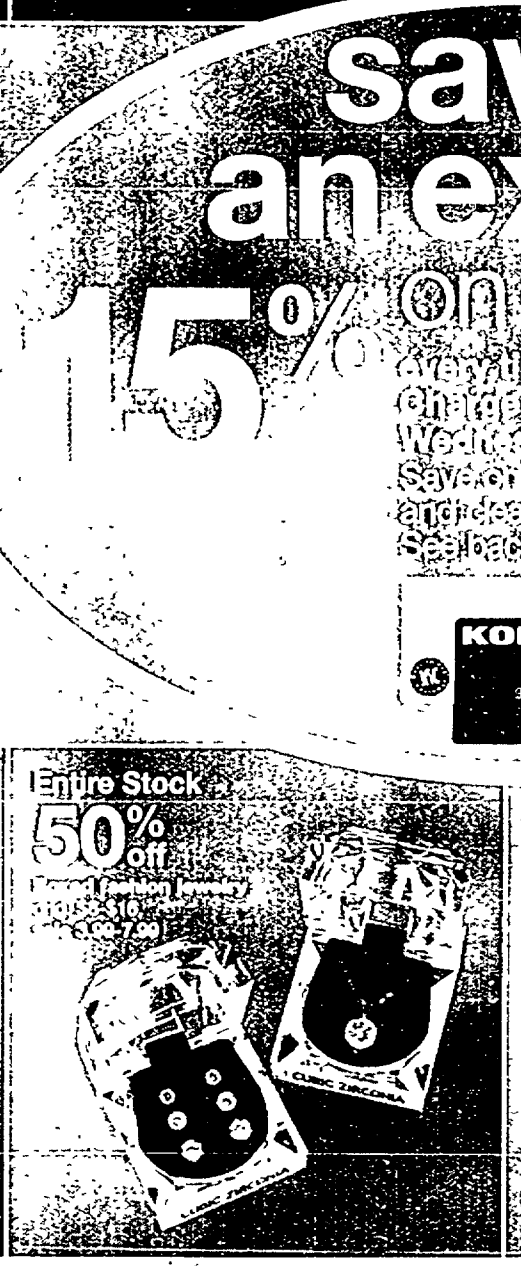

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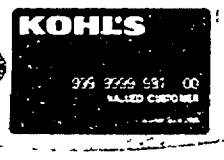

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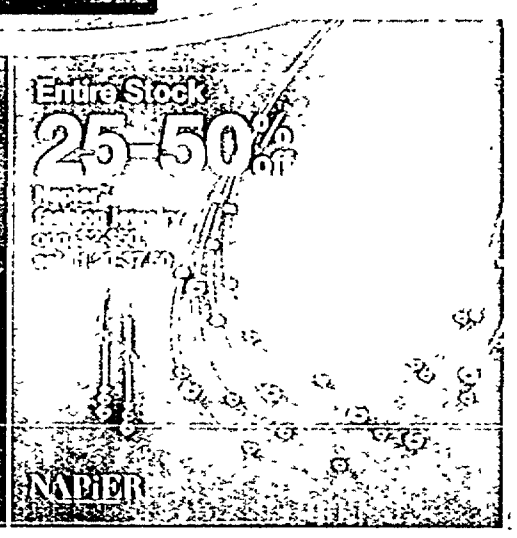

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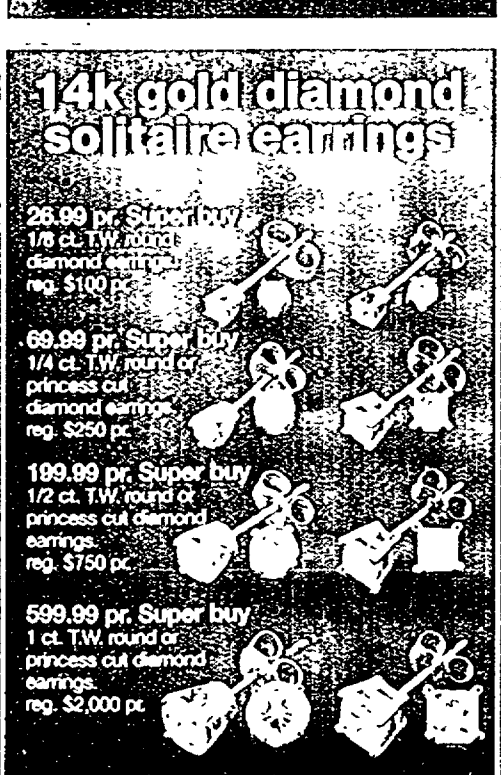

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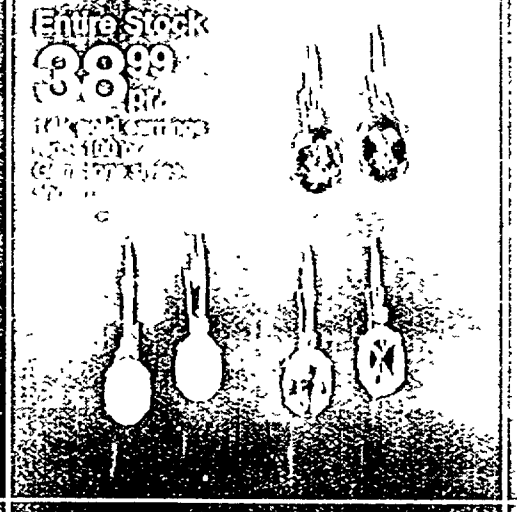

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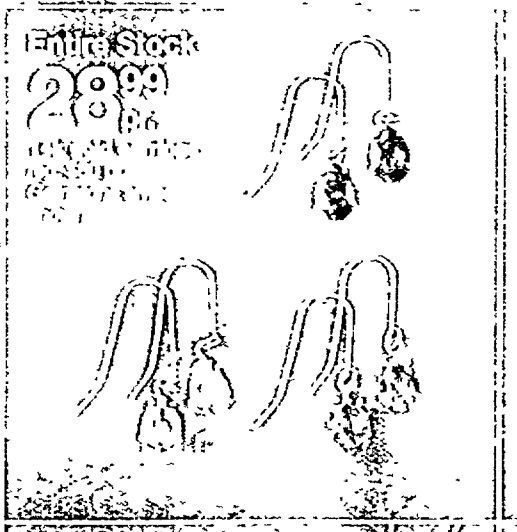

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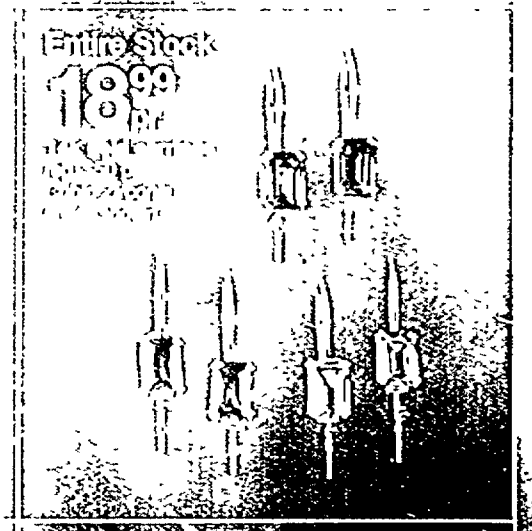

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98.99 ea.
Entire stock 1/4 ct. T.W. diamond pendants 10k or 14k gold, reg. $300 ea.

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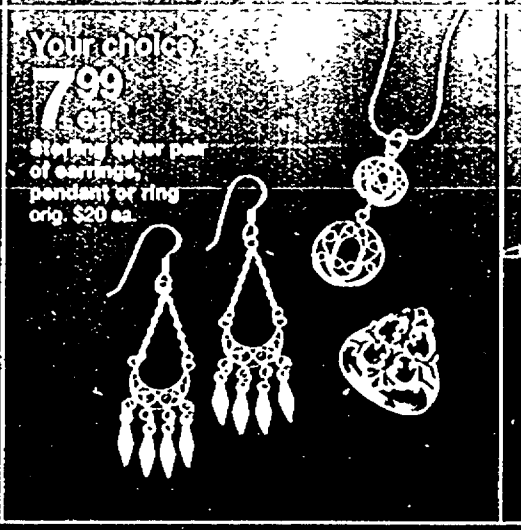
Your choice
7.99 ea.
Sterling silver pair of earrings, pendant or ring orig. $20 ea.



7.99
Sterling silver novelty boxed jewelry orig. $25

40-50% off all
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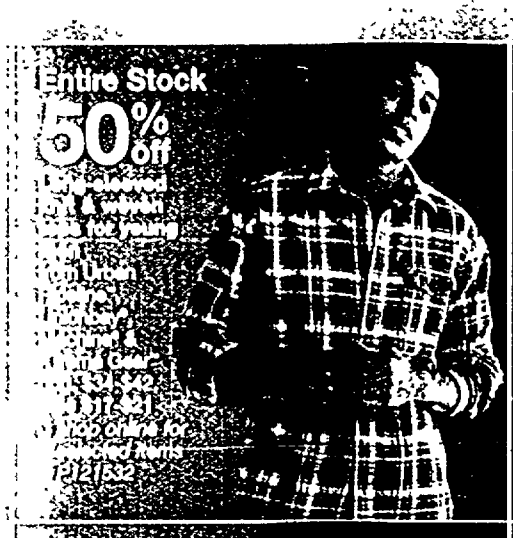

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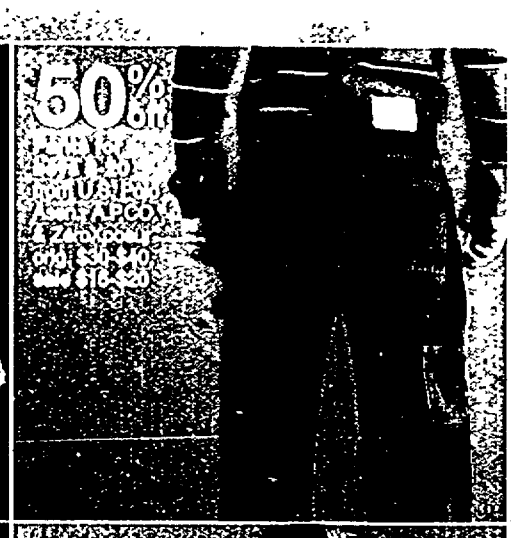

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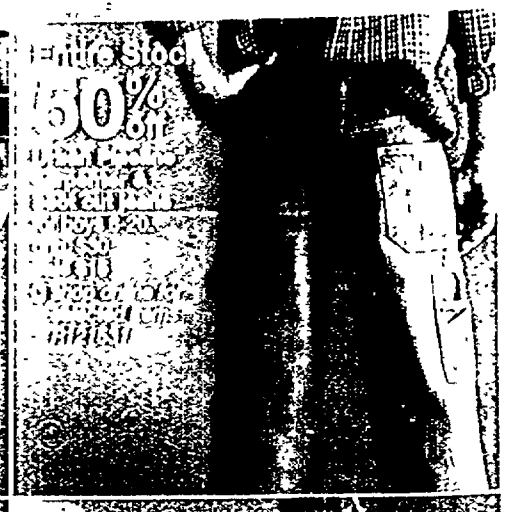

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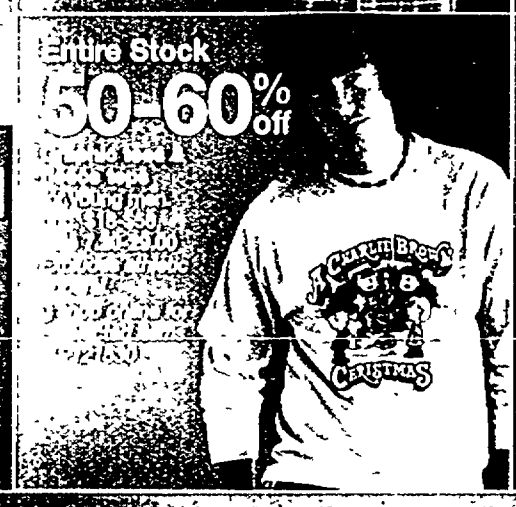

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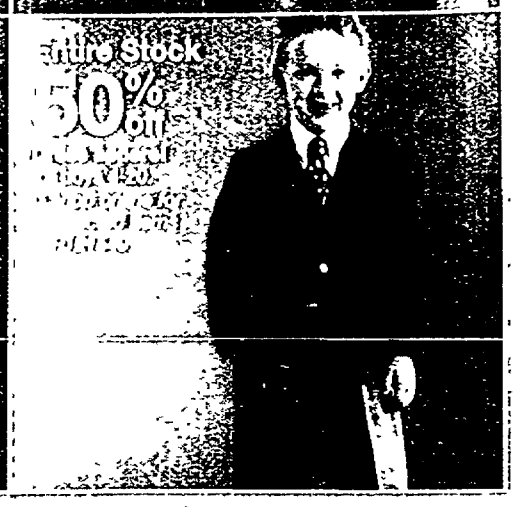

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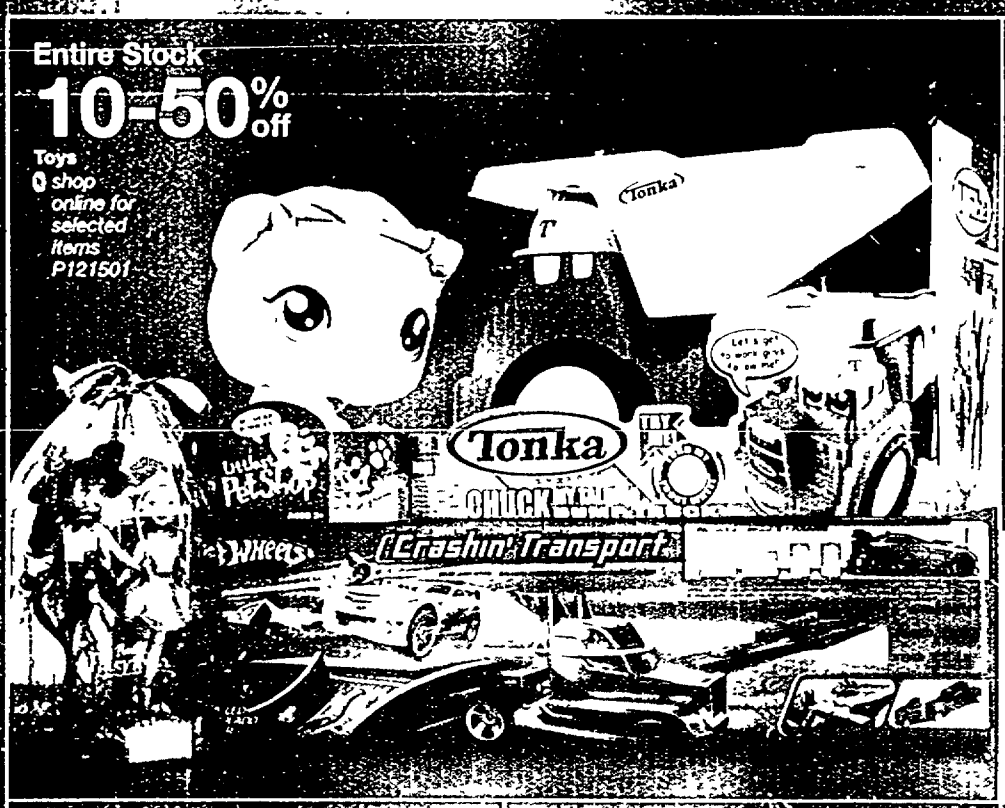

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Toys
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Playwear for toddlers, girls 4-6x and boys 4-7. *Playwear not intended as sleepwear.*

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Sleep & plays for newborns. *Excludes Carter's*.*
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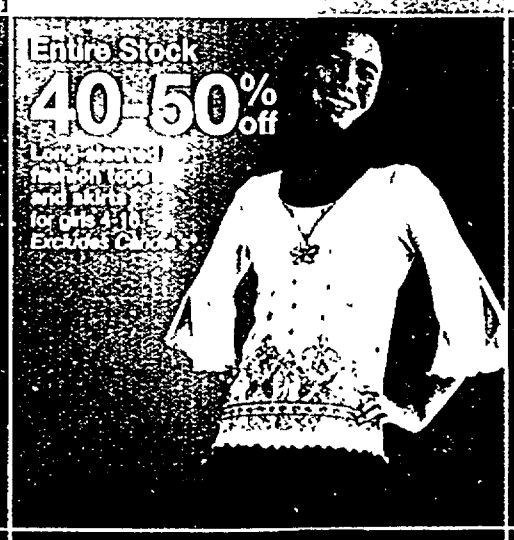

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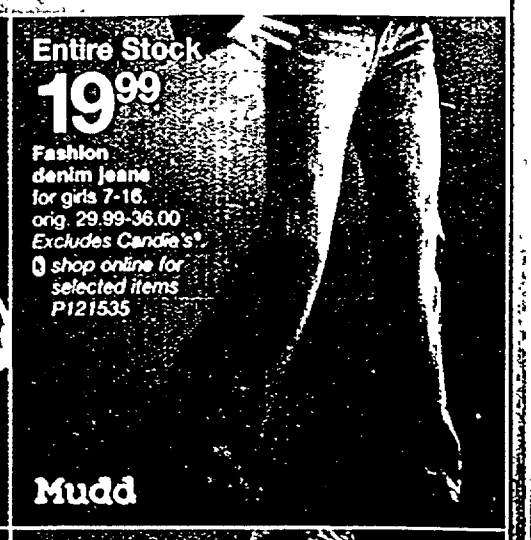

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19.99
Fashion denim jeans for girls 7-16. orig. 29.99-36.00
Excludes Candie's.*
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50% off
entire stock
outerwear
for boys 4-20, girls 4-16, toddlers, infants & newborns.
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Dresses for girls 4-16, toddlers, infants & newborns.
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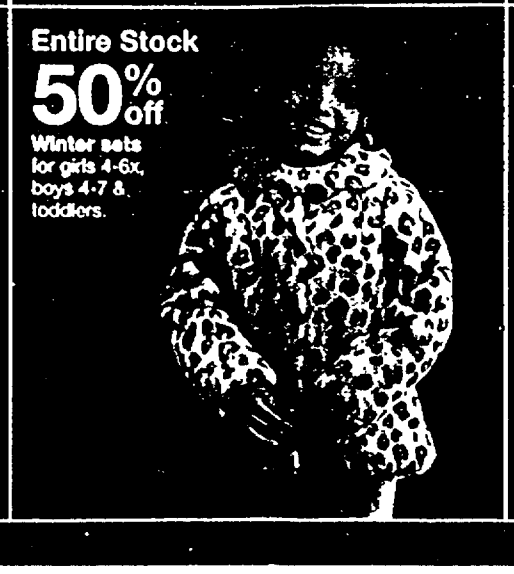

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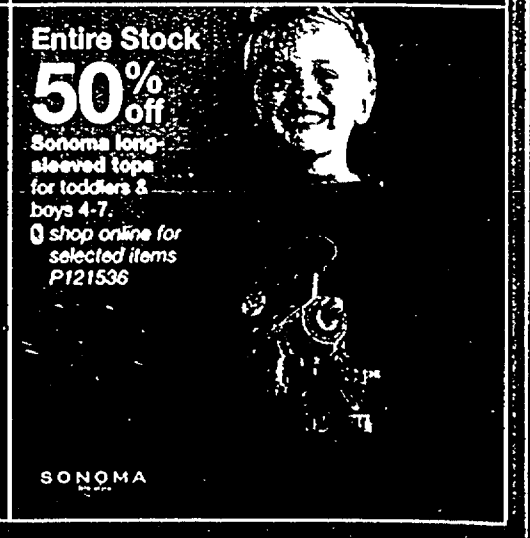
Winter sets for girls 4-6x, boys 4-7 & toddlers.



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Sonoma long-sleeved tops for toddlers & boys 4-7.
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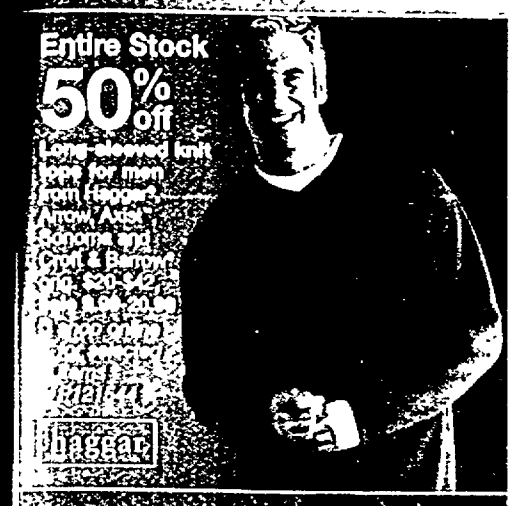
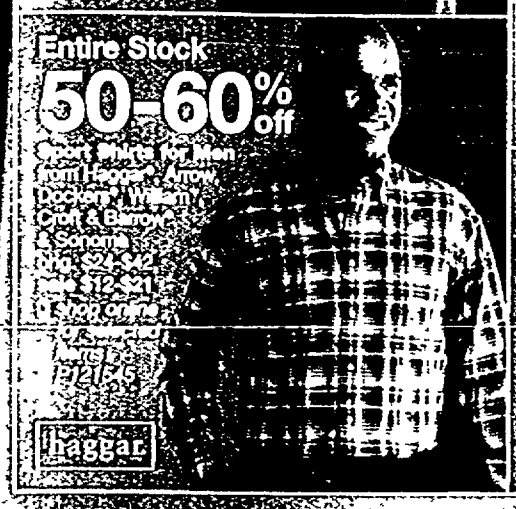
SONOMA





40-50% off sportswear for men from apt. 9® & axcess

50% off all Sweaters for Men from Axist®, Dockers®, Sonoma & Croft & Barrow®
orig. $30-$54, sale 17.99-28.99
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50% off all Winter Outerwear for Men from Dockers, Sonoma, Chaps, apt. 9 and Croft & Barrow
orig. $60-$380, sale $30-$190

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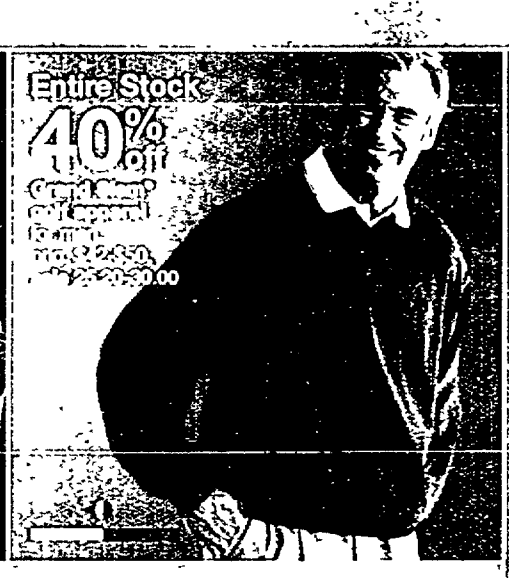

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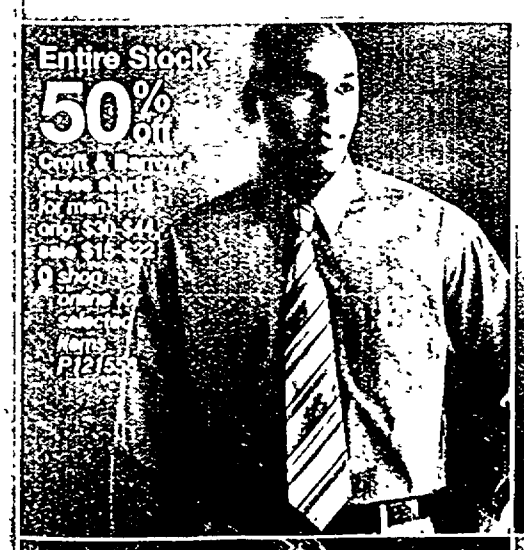
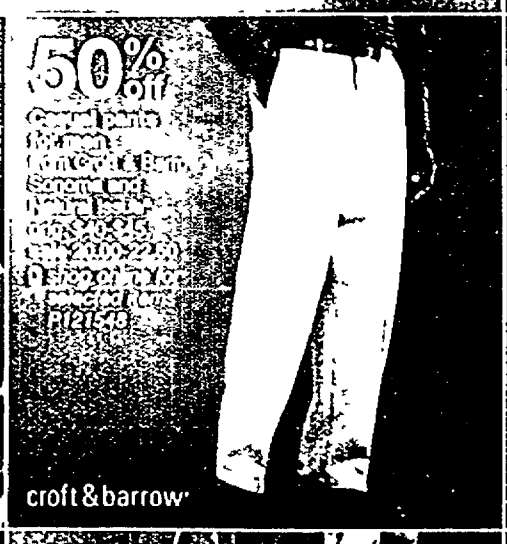
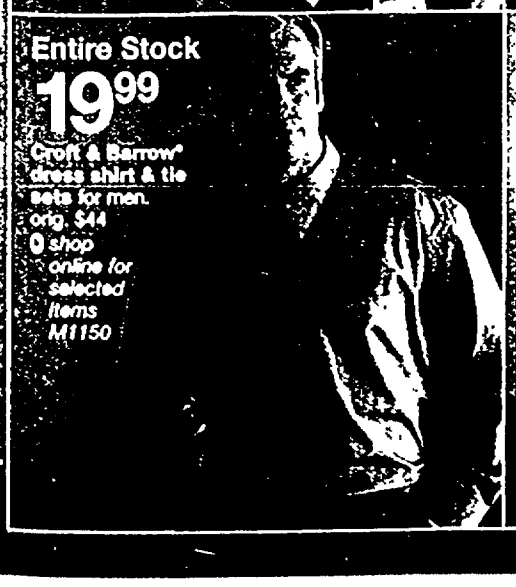
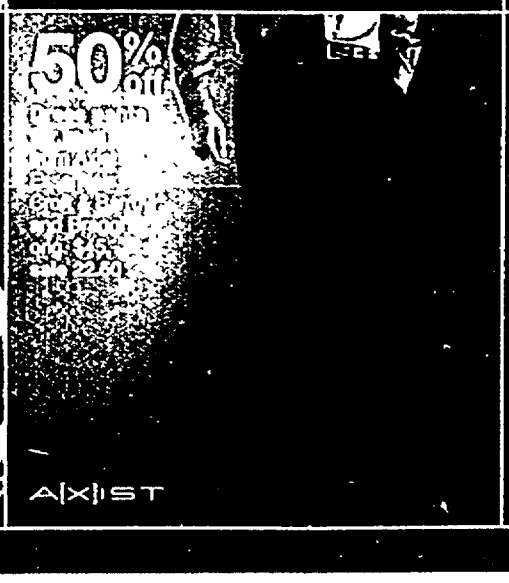
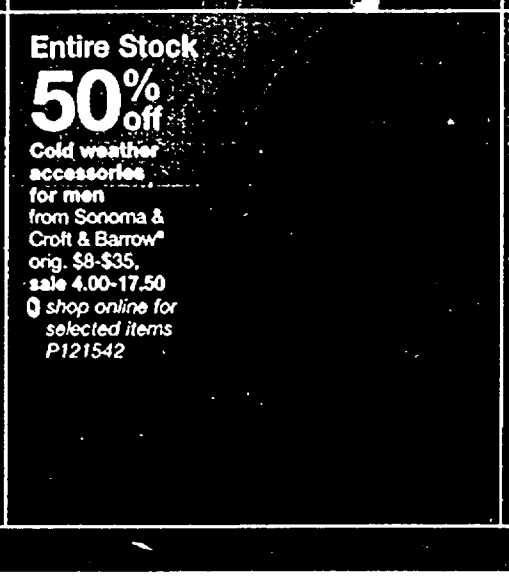




50-60% off athletic apparel for men
orig. $15-$60, sale 7.50-24.00
shop online for selected items P121537







New Balance® 381 cross training shoes for men

Nike® Attempt II running shoes for men

Nike® Air Shoo In for women

New Balance® 336 cross training shoes for women

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37.99
New Balance® and Nike® athletic shoes for men and women
reg. 59.99-60.00 *Selected styles*
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SO... Artic Blast for juniors

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boots for men, women, juniors and kids
orig. $30.00-$110.00
Excludes Candie's® Columbia Sportswear Company® and Sorel

27.99
Shoes for men and women from Reebok®, Avia® & Converse®
reg. 43.99-60.00
Selected styles.

Reebok® Edition Classic for men

Converse® Legend basketball shoes for men

Avia® 6038 running shoes for women

Reebok converse

30-50% off
Basketball shoes for the family.
reg. 34.99-69.99, **sale 24.49-41.99**
Selected styles.

Reebok® Initiator for men

Nike® PT Baller for men

Reebok® Off the Glass for kids

Reebok

save on all shoes

50% off
Dress Shoes and Casuals for men
orig. 29.99-70.00, **sale 14.99-35.00**
Selected styles

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40-50% off
Girls' and Juniors' Capris and Jeans for women

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Choose from natural or synthetic filled bed pillows and guaranteed to fit mattress pads.
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Entire Stock 50% off
Solid sheet sets
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Decorative pillows and throws
orig. 14.99-49.99, **sale 7.49-24.99**
shop online for selected items P121554

50-60% off entire stock
blankets and down comforters

50% off entire stock
bed pillows and mattress pads

great savings

Entire Stock 40-60% off
Accent, area and kitchen rugs and doormats
shop online for selected items P121555

Entire Stock 40-50% off
Bath coordinates
orig. 6.99-59.99, **sale 4.19-35.99**
shop online for selected items H1130

Rosetra®

50-60% off entire stock
solid bath towels and bath rugs
shop online for selected items P121556

50% off entire stock
table linens and kitchen textiles
orig. 1.99-54.99, **sale .99-27.49**

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luggage
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Decorative art
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Collages, wall frames and mirrors by North American Enclosures™

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Entire Stock
50% off
everyday dinnerware & pantryware

19.99
16-pc. expanded wine set. 8 red and 8 white glasses with reusable storage box. orig. 39.99

Entire Stock
50% off
Flatware

Wine

16.99 Your choice
20-pc. Oneida® colored handle flatware sets. Also available in olive, cobalt and black. orig. 34.99-39.99 ea.

50-60% off entire stock frames

Online for selected items P121550

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Entire Stock
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cutlery
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29.99
Farberware® 18-pc. fine edge cutlery set. reg. 170.99

FARBERWARE

Entire Stock
50% off
Dinnerware
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Weihnachten Christmas

49.99
Hamilton Beach® BrewStation 12-cup coffeemaker. reg. 59.99

for your home

Entire Stock
20-50% off
Kitchen gadgets
shop online for selected items H1570

Entire Stock
10-50% off
Cookware and bakeware

29.99 Your choice
Cooking with Calphalon® 12" covered omelette pan or chili pot. reg. 59.99 ea.

Entire Stock
10-50% off
Floorcare
shop online for selected items H1400

149.99
Hoover® SteamVac® deep cleaner. reg. 219.99

89.99
Eureka® Allmart bagless vacuum. reg. 119.99

Entire Stock
10-50% off
Personal care

shop online for selected items H2400

129.99
Braun Activator razor. orig. 179.99

59.99
After $20 mail-in rebate Remington® Smooth & Silky ladies' razor. orig. 99.99. sale 79.99

129.99
Oral-B® Triumph toothbrush. orig. 169.99

Entire Stock
50-60% off
Handheld games by Excalibur and Radica®
shop online for selected items P121552

Entire Stock
55-60% off
Casino games
shop online for selected items H4810

19.99
200 chip revolving poker chip caddy orig. 49.99

Entire Stock
55% off
St. Nicholas Square® wrap, accessories and boxed cards
Excludes Hallmark®.

Entire Stock
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Trim-A-Tree by St. Nicholas Square®
Includes ornaments, villages and accessories, decor, stockings, tree skirts and more.
Excludes Hallmark® and Carlton.

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DURING THESE SPECIAL HOURS, GET OUR BEST PRICES ON HOLIDAY GIFTS THROUGHOUT THE STORE

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FRI., 3PM-MIDNIGHT
Paramus, NJ store open until 11pm.

SHOP EARLY BIRDS
SAT., 6AM-1PM
Paramus, NJ store opens at 7am.

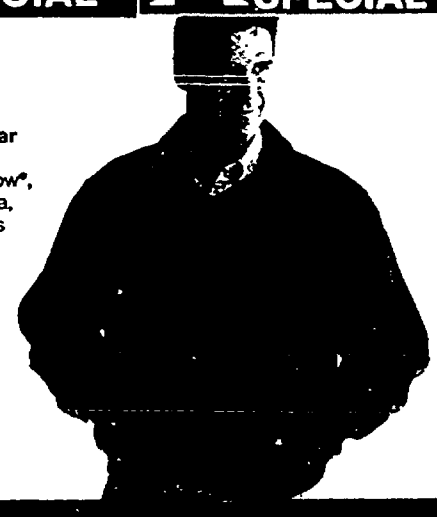
Selected Night Owls and Early Birds also available online.

NIGHTOWL SPECIAL / EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

50-60% off
entire stock fall & holiday sweaters and knit tops
for misses, petites, women & juniors
orig. $10-$50, sale $5-$25
Misses' and juniors' shown. Excludes collections.

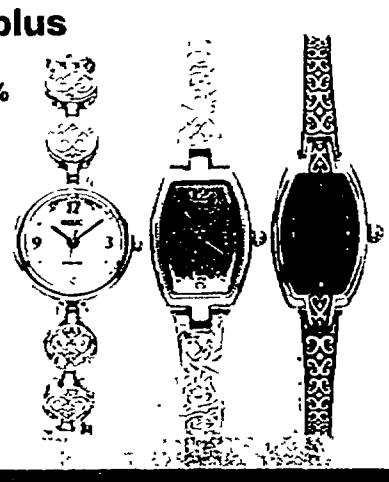
NIGHTOWL SPECIAL / EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

Entire Stock
60% off
Winter Outerwear for Men
from Croft & Barrow®, Dockers®, Sonoma, apt. 9™ and Chaps
ong $60-$380, sale $24-$152
shop online for selected items P121504



NIGHTOWL SPECIAL / EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

25-50* off plus save an extra 15%
on entire stock of watches
reg. 12.99-500.00, sale 5.99-375.00, final price 5.09-318.75
shop online for selected items F999



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199.99
Playstation® 2 gaming system gift set
Playstation® 2 game system, extra controller and three Playstation® 2 games. orig. 249.99
While quantities last - sorry no rain checks. Item available in store only.

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50-60% off
Villager, Requirements®, Norton McNaughton® & Sag Harbor® sportswear
for misses, petites and women. orig. $29-$72, sale 14.50-36.00 *Selected styles. Misses' shown.*
shop online for selected items P121505

NIGHT SPECIAL / EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

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Robes
for her. ong. $30-$60, sale $15-$30

15.99
Entire stock Sonoma short plush robes for her. orig. $40 *SONOMA life+style™.*

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NIGHT SPECIAL / EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

60% off
Slippers
for the family. orig. $15-$30, sale $6-$12
Selected styles. Excludes Isotoner® Classics.

60% off socks for
orig. $5-$15, sale $2-$6 Selected styles

NIGHT SPECIAL / EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

Entire Stock
60% off
Sweaters
for girls 4-16, boys 4-20 and toddlers.
shop online for selected items: SWEATERS

NIGHT SPECIAL / EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

Entire Stock
7.99
Knit and woven loungepants for men
from Croft & Barrow® and Sonoma
ong. $20-$24
shop online for selected items P121508

NIGHT SPECIAL / EARLYBIRD SPECIAL

Entire Stock
50-60% off
Fashion jeans & pants for young men
from U.S. Polo Assn., Unionbay®, PACO®, Urban Pipeline™, Avirex® & Plugg
orig. 29.99-58.00, sale 14.99-29.00
shop online for selected items P121509

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7.99 **Novelty decorative pillows & throws**
orig. 19.99-24.99 *Selected styles.*
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Entire Stock
60% off
Flannel sheet sets, comforters and comforter cover sets
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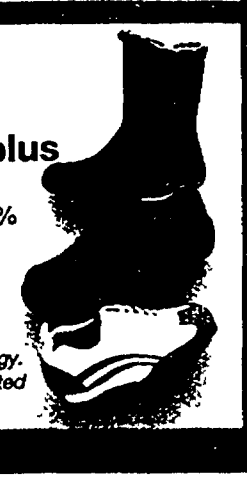

20-60* off plus save an extra 15%
on all boots and shoes
for the family.
Excludes Nike® Dual D and Visible Air Technology.
shop online for selected items: SHOES

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Sunbeam® 5-motor back massager with heat. reg. 39.99, sale 16.66

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on entire stock of personal care
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Conair® Ultra massaging footspa, orig. 59.99, sale 27.77

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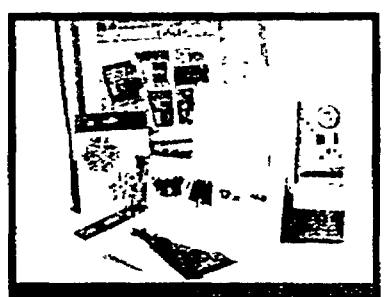

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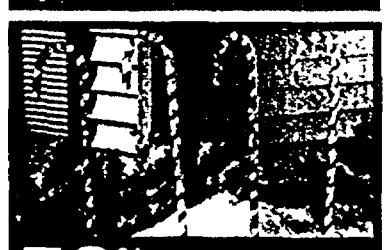

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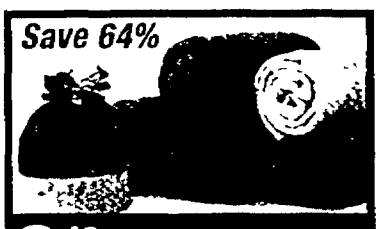

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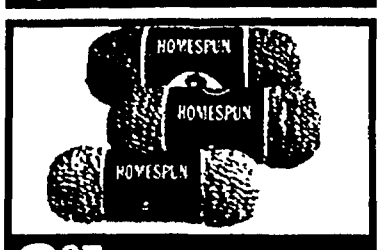

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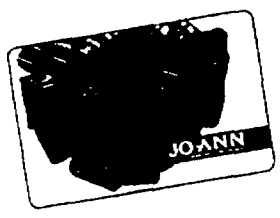

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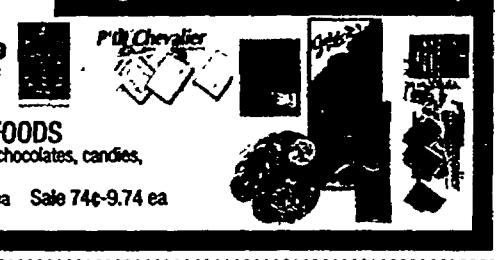

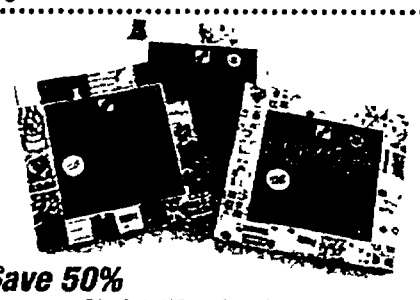

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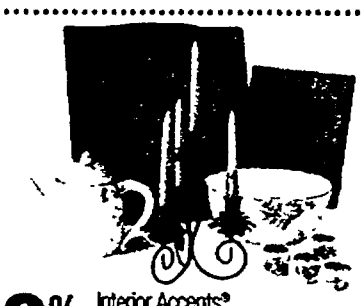

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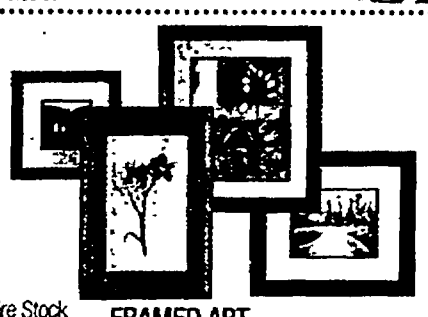

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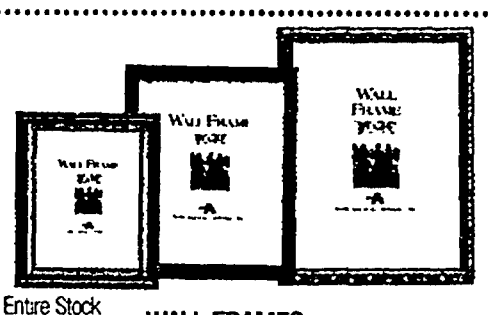

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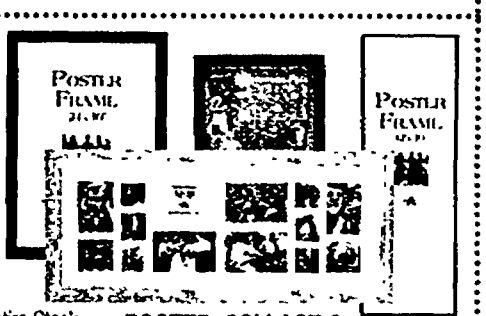

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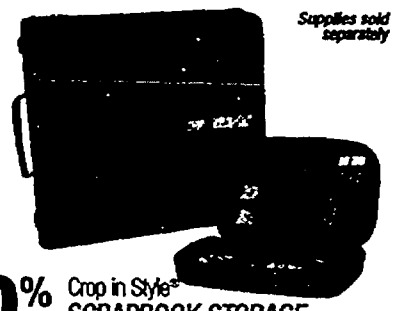

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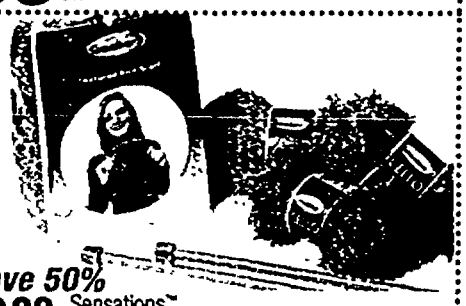

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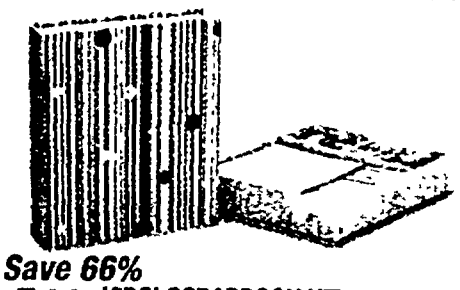

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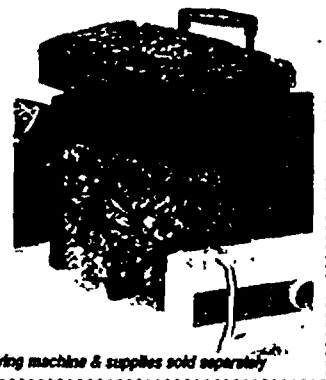

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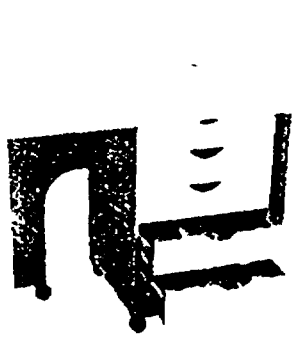

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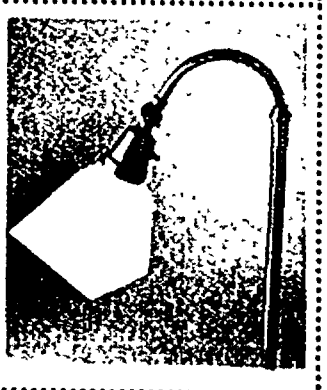

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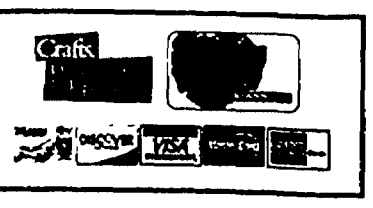

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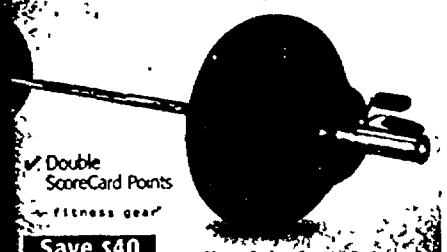

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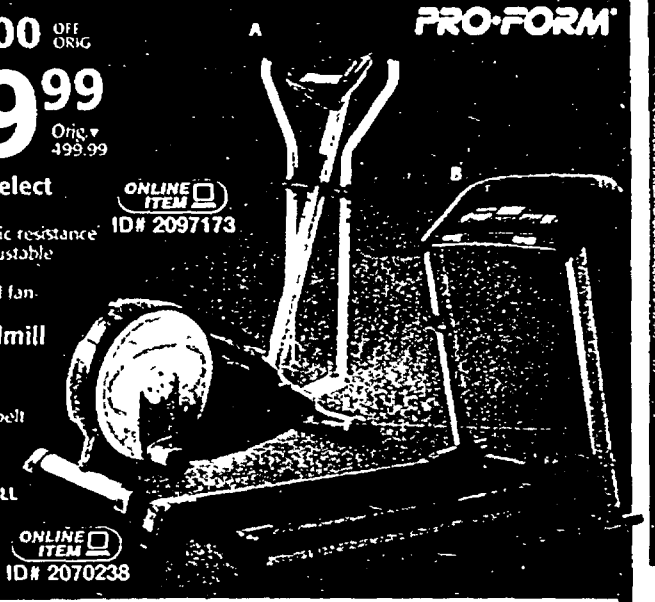

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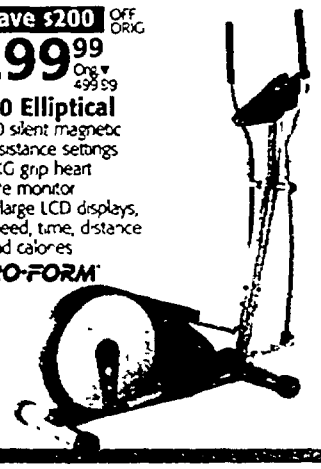

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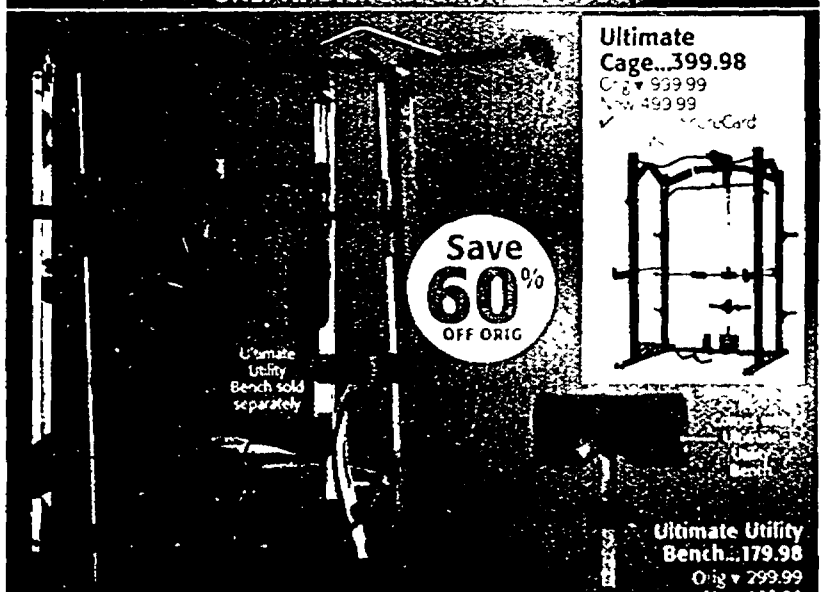

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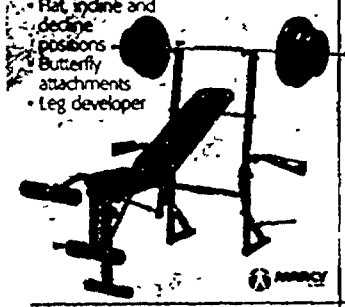

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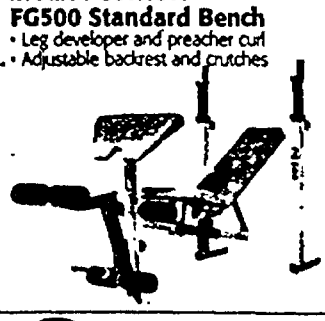

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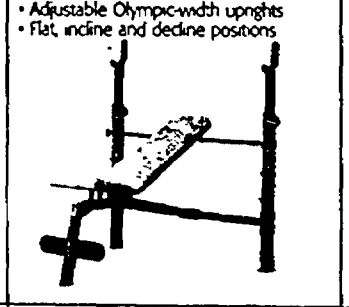

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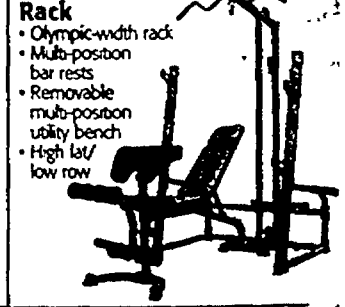

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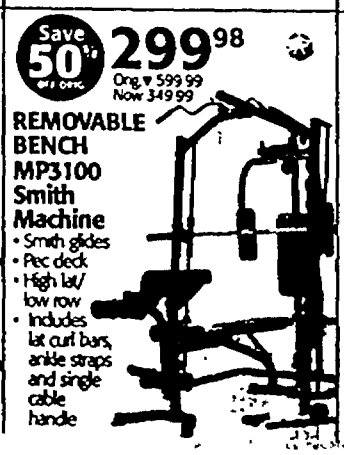

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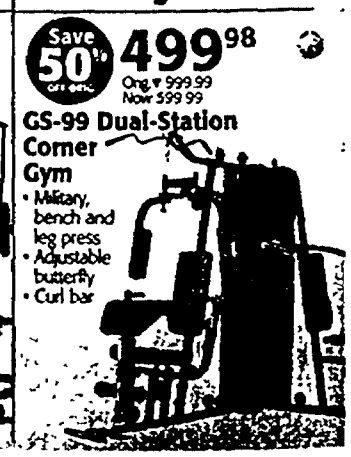

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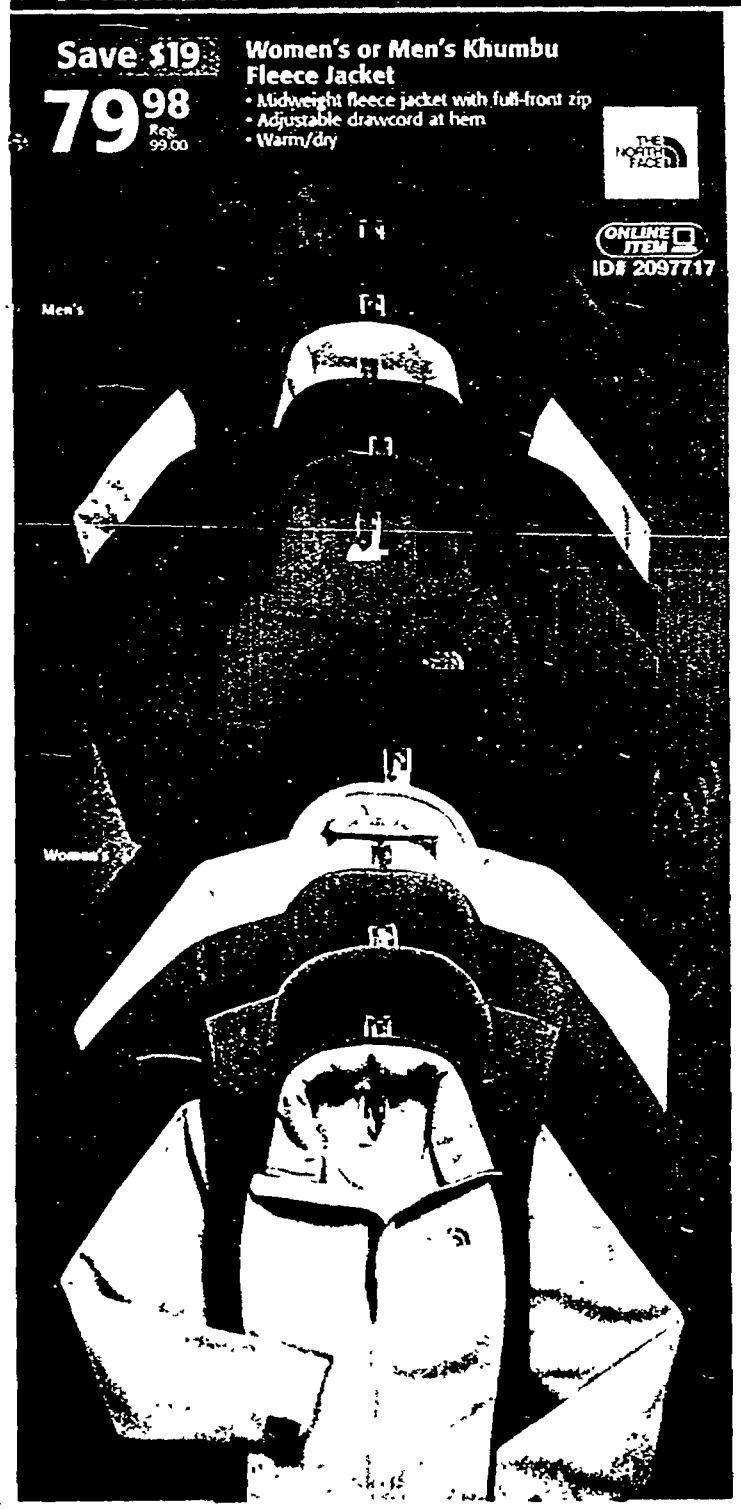

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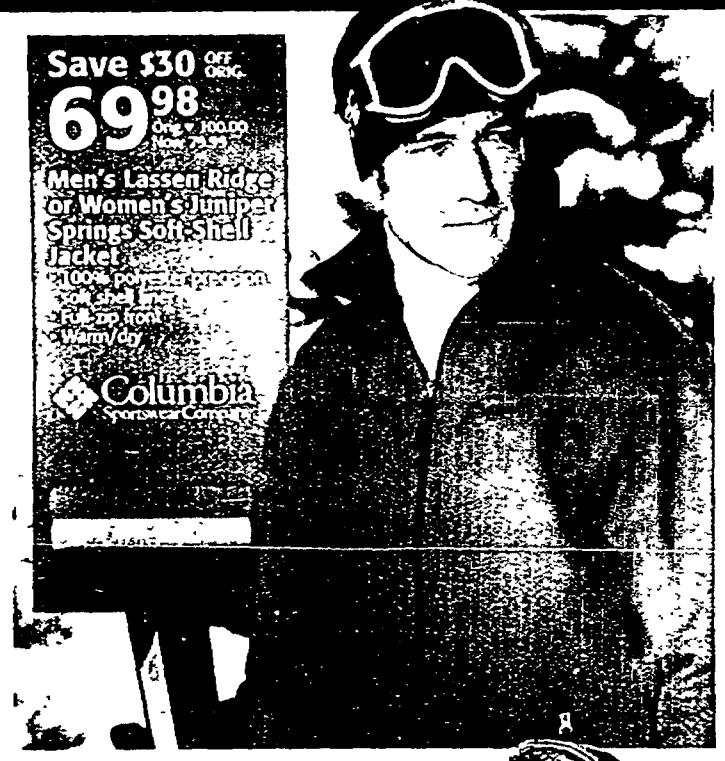

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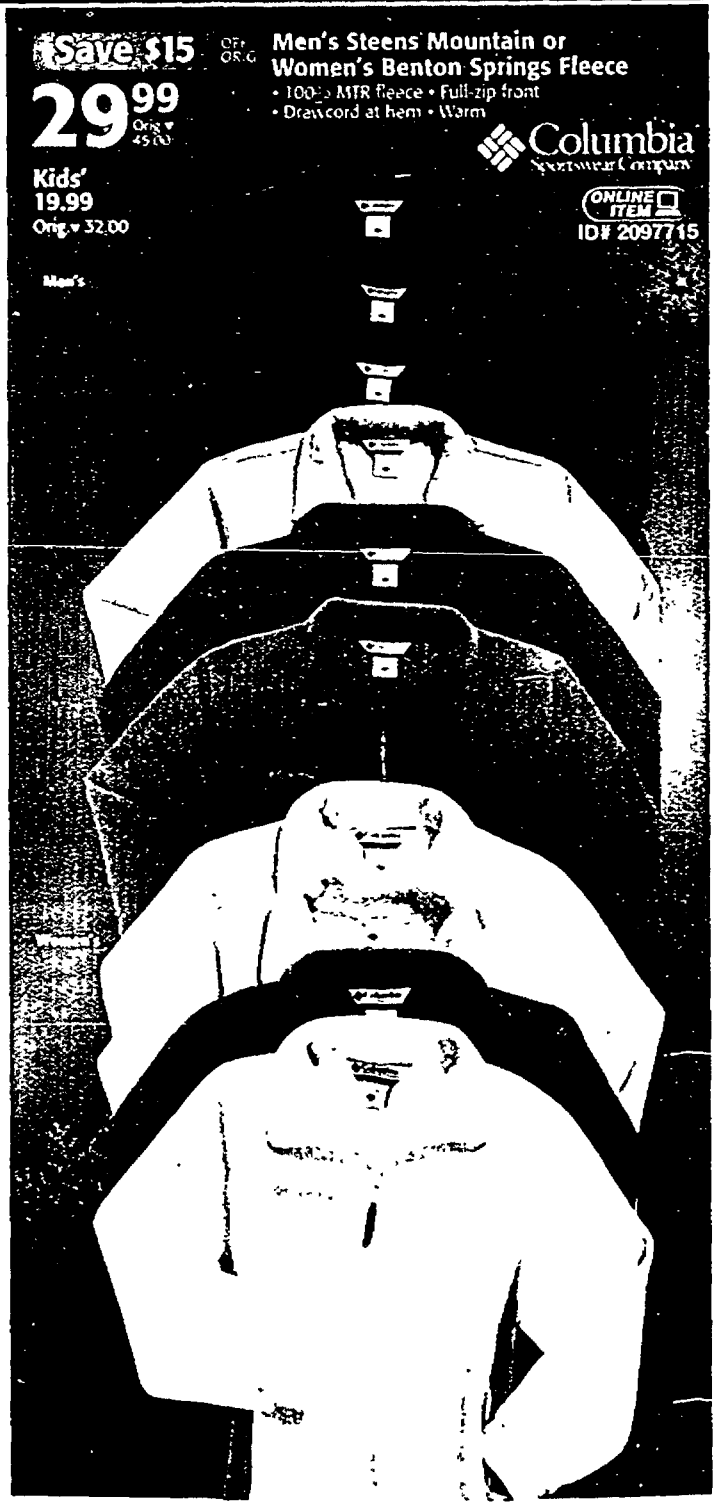

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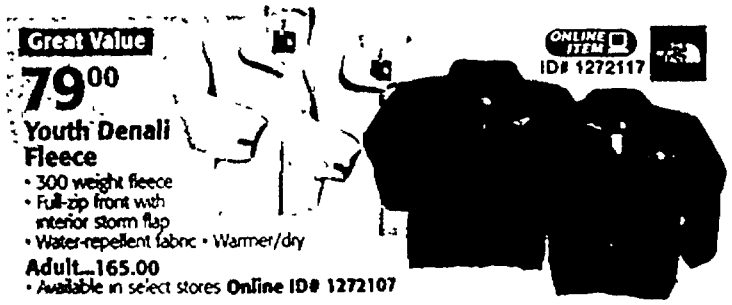

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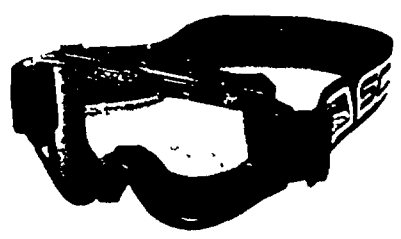

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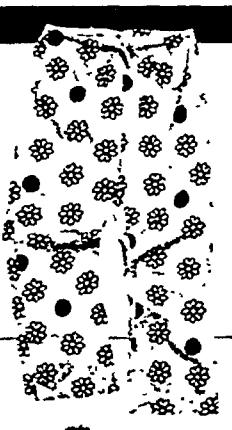

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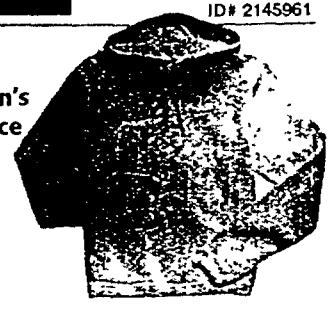

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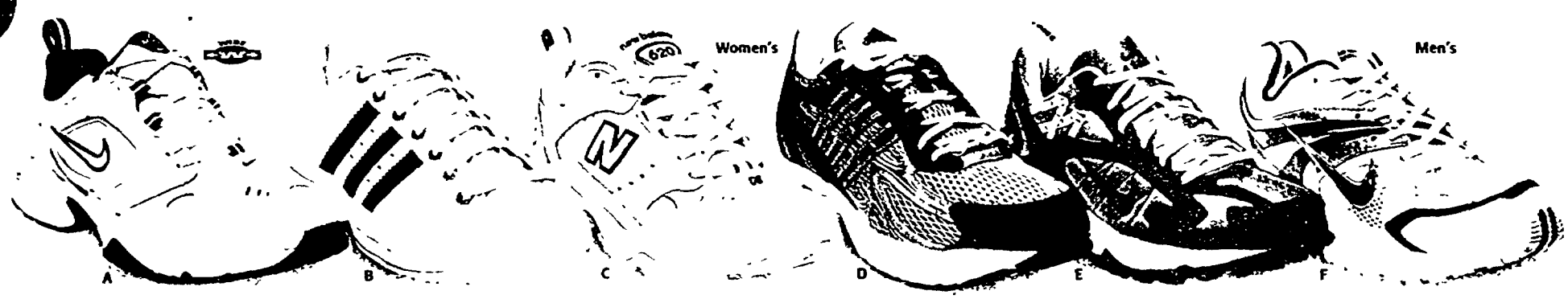

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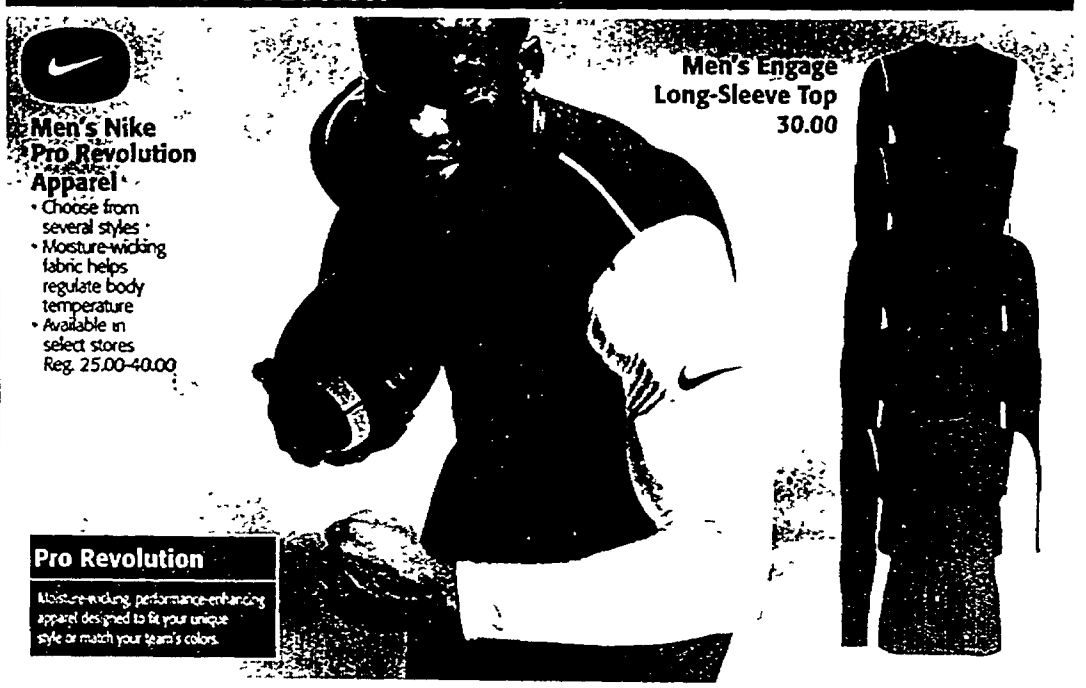

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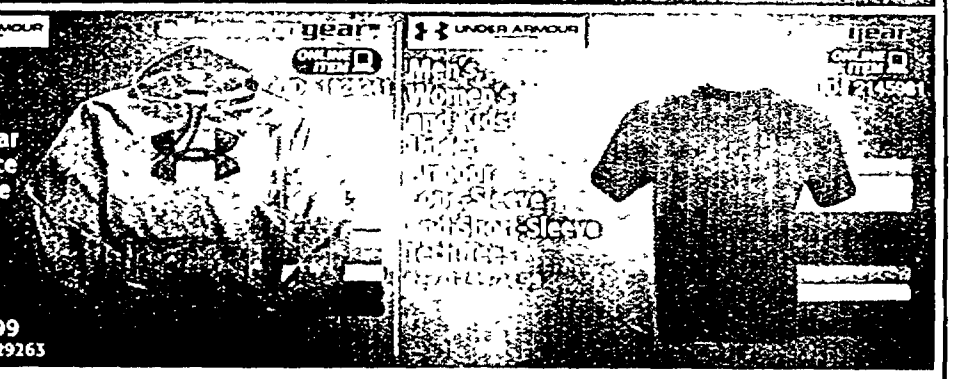

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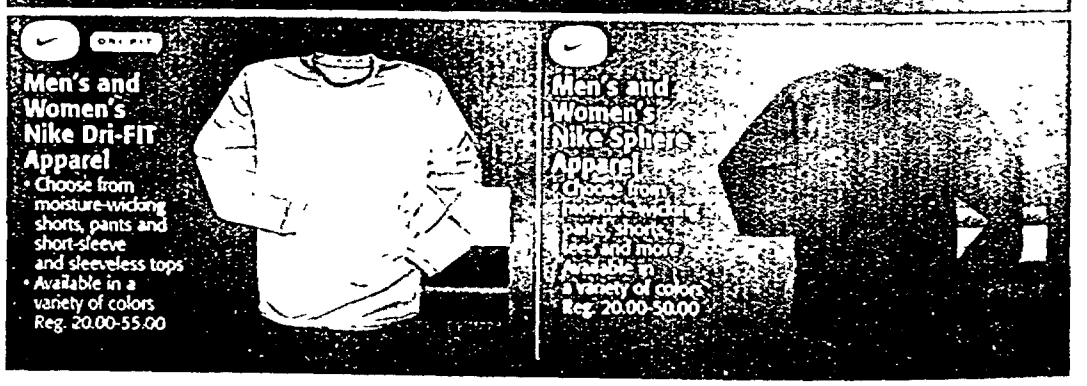

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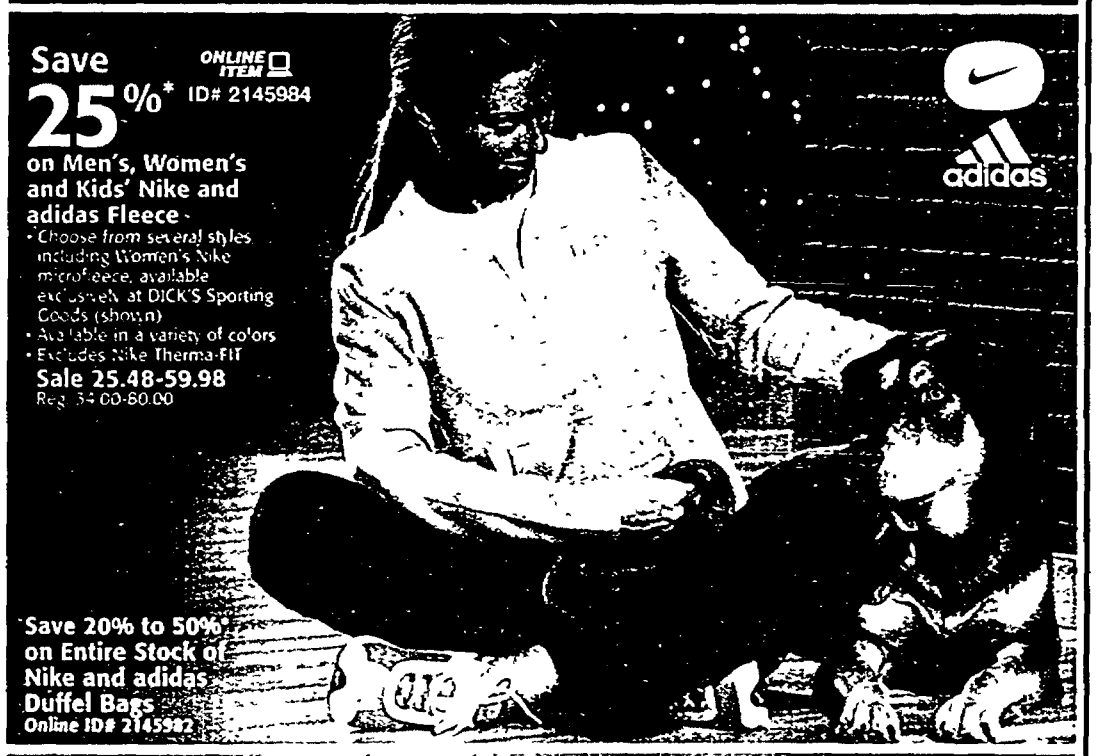

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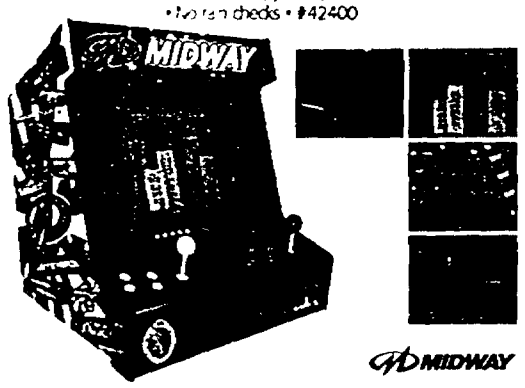

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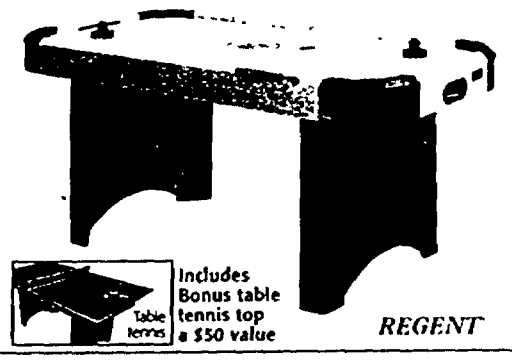

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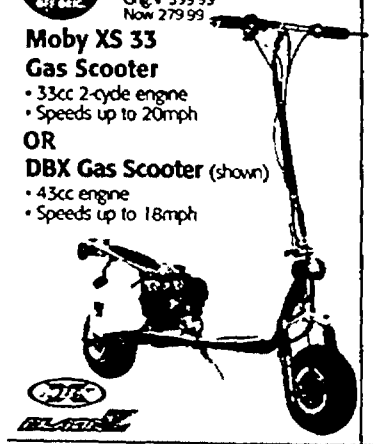

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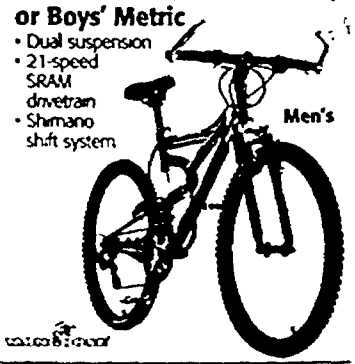

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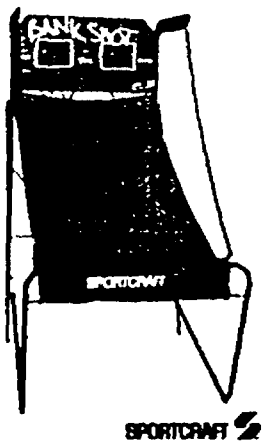

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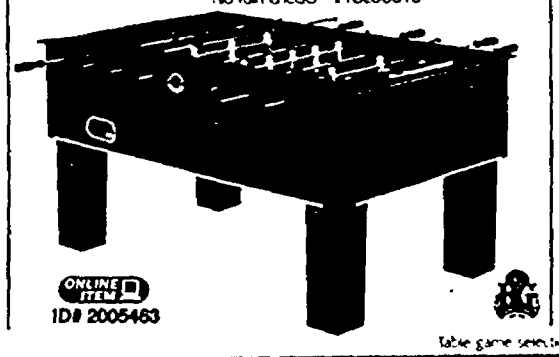

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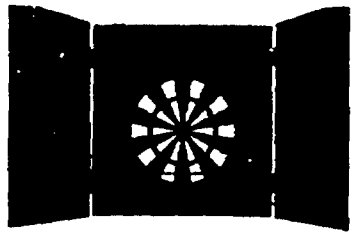

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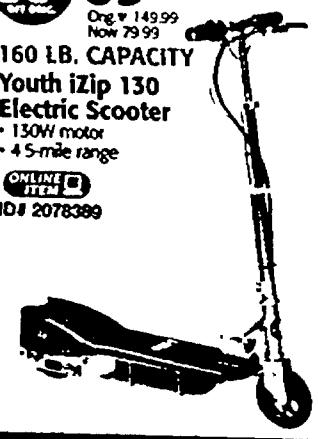

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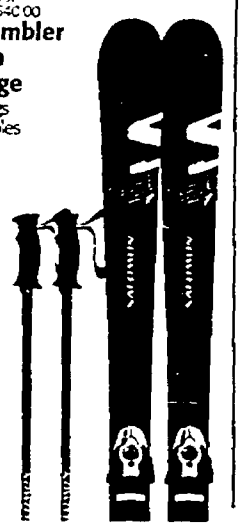

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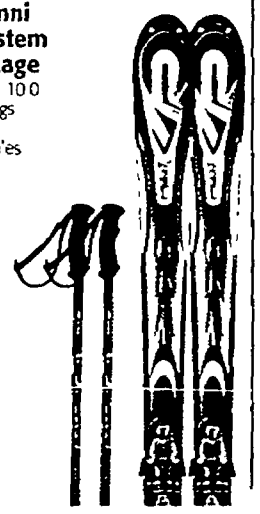

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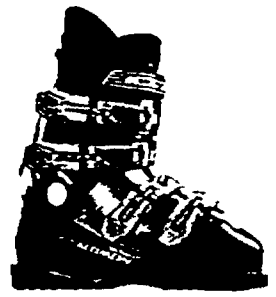

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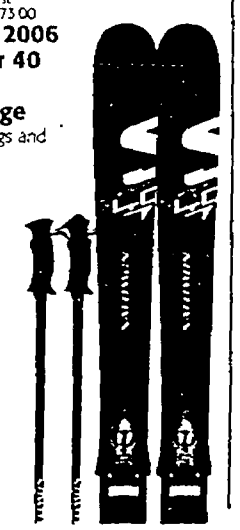

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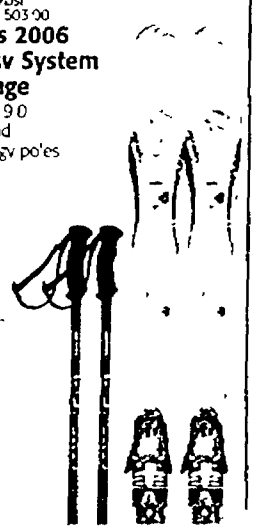

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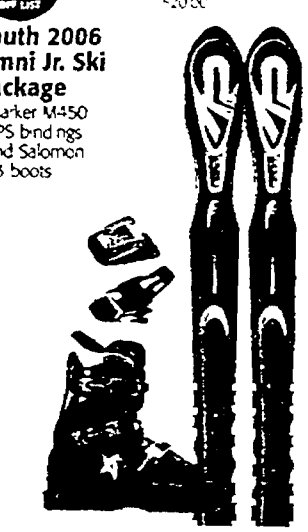

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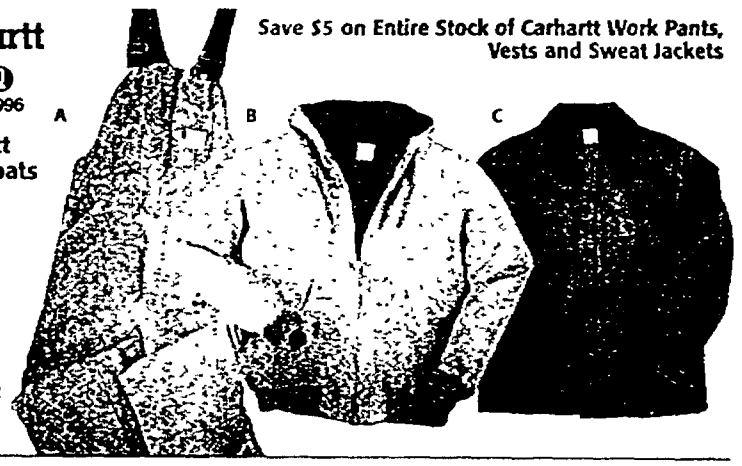

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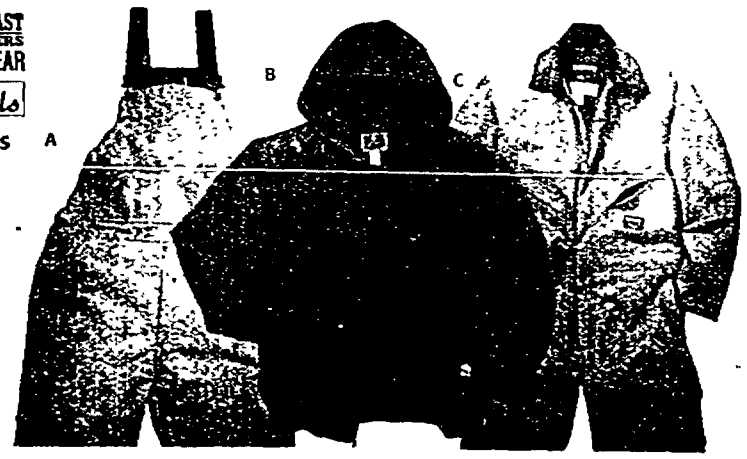

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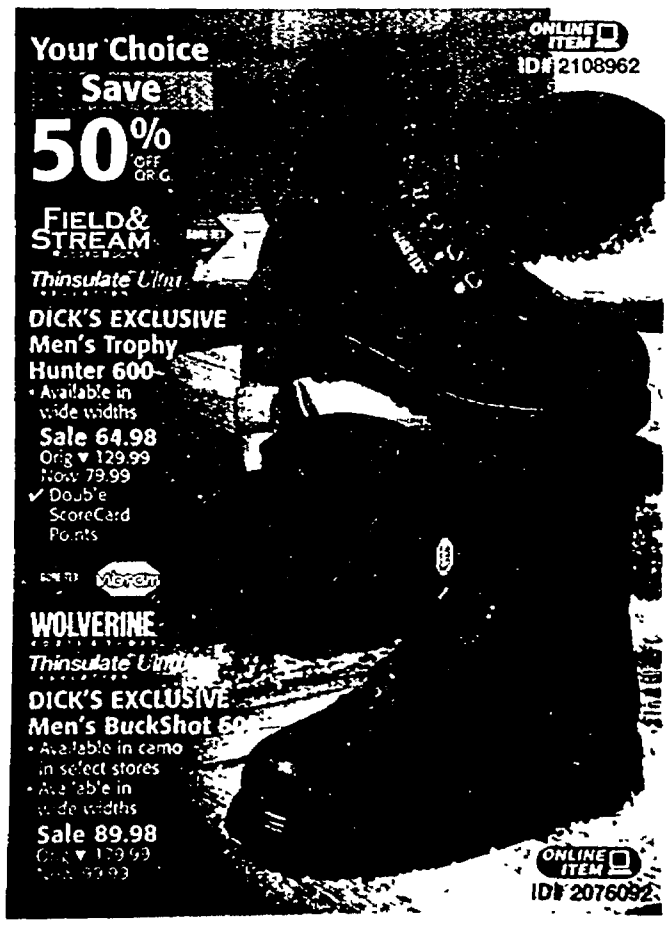

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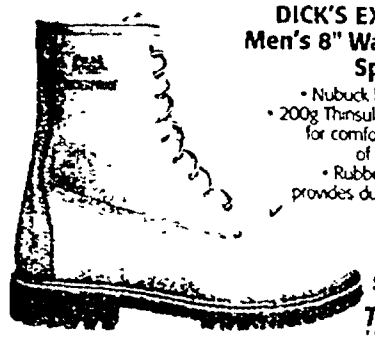

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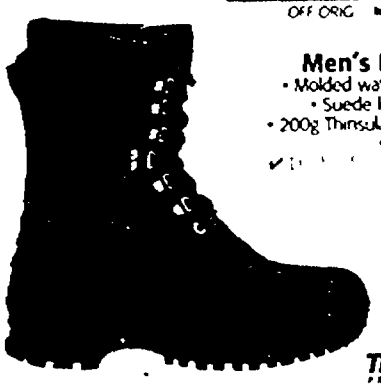

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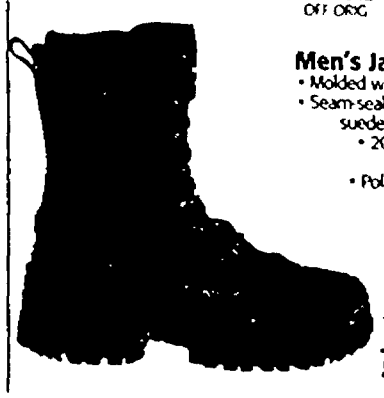

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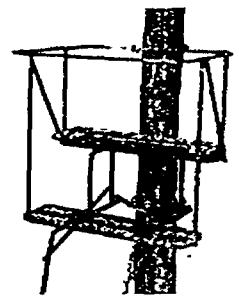

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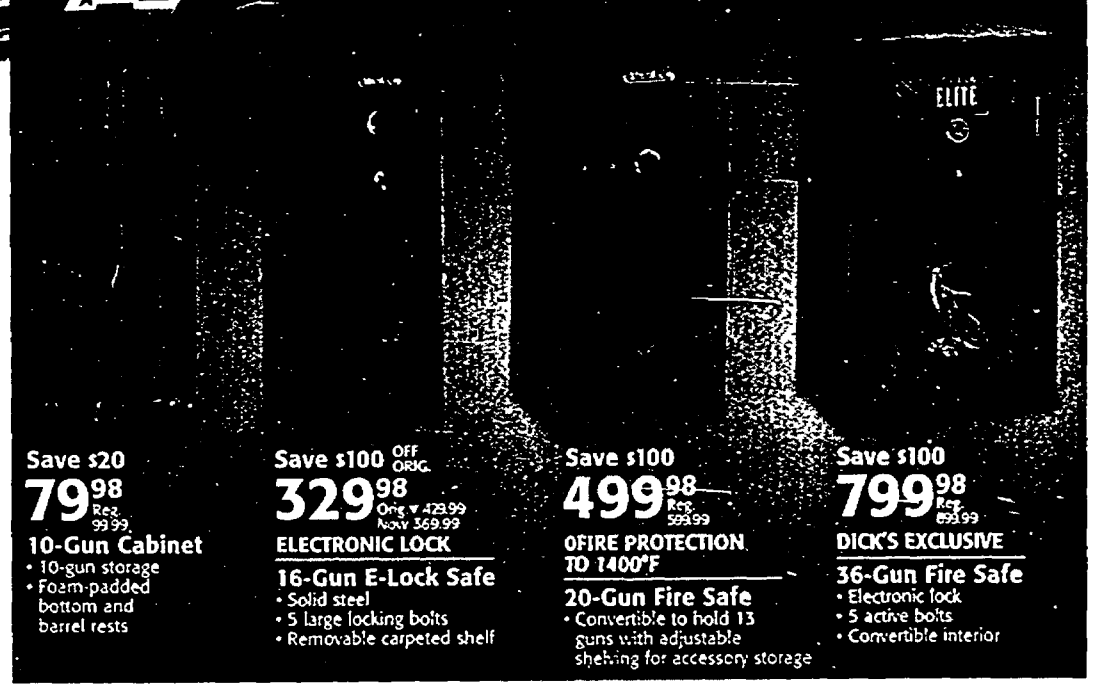

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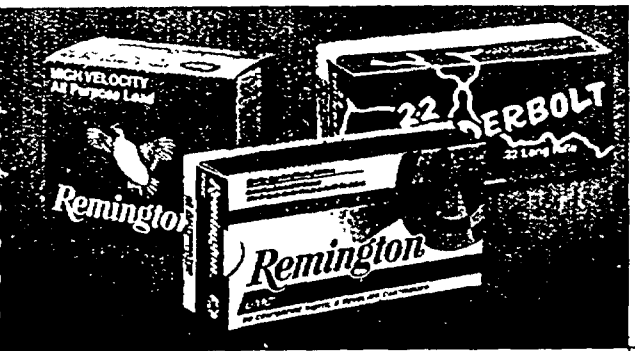

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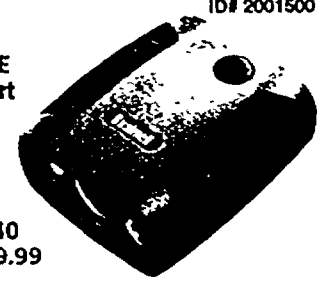

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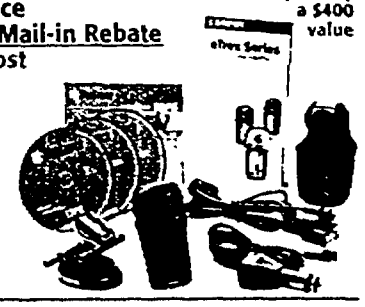

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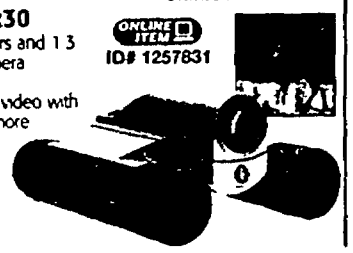

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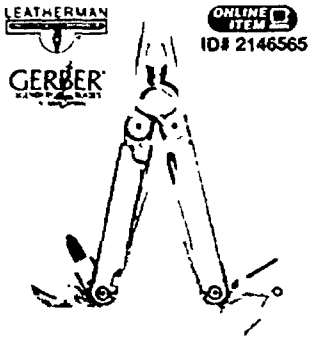

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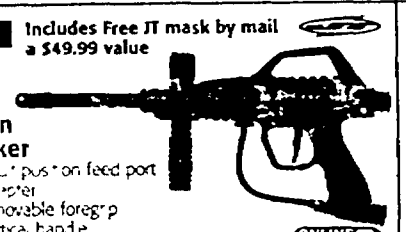

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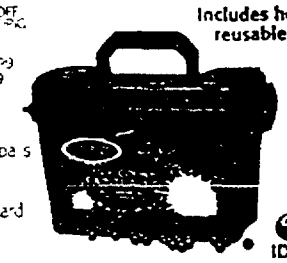

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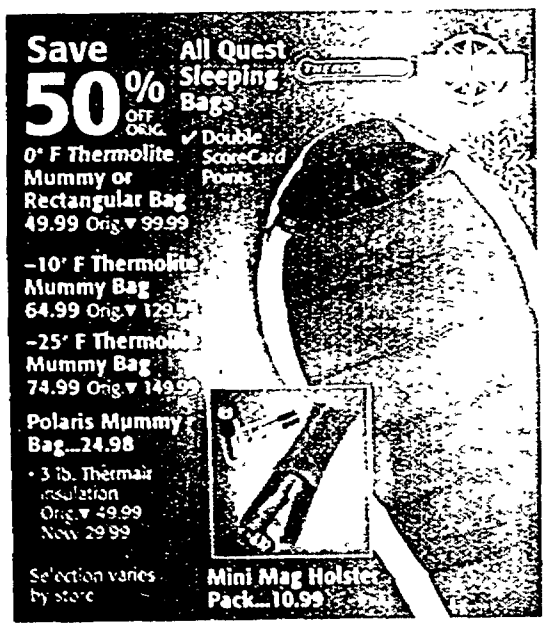

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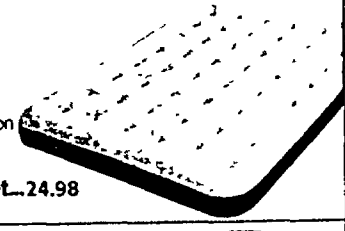

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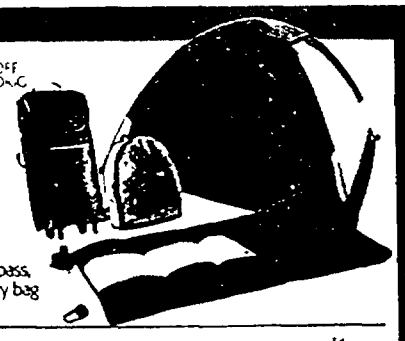

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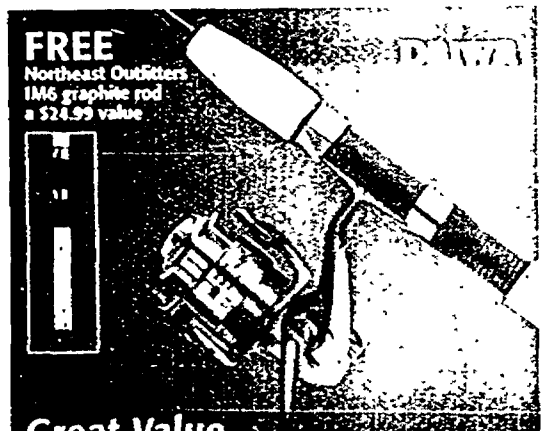

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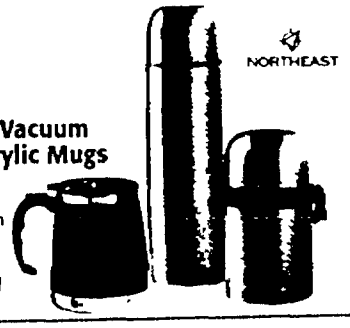

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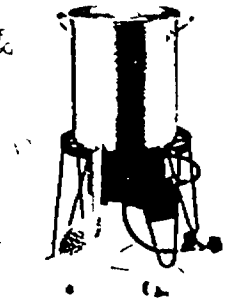

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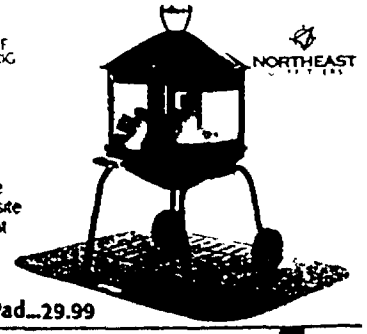

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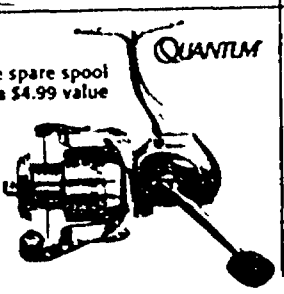

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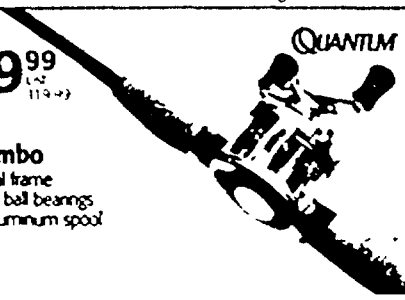

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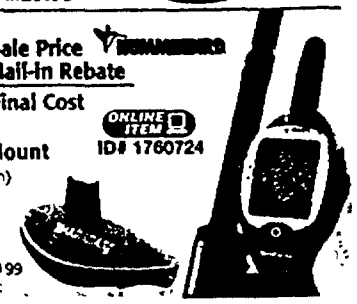

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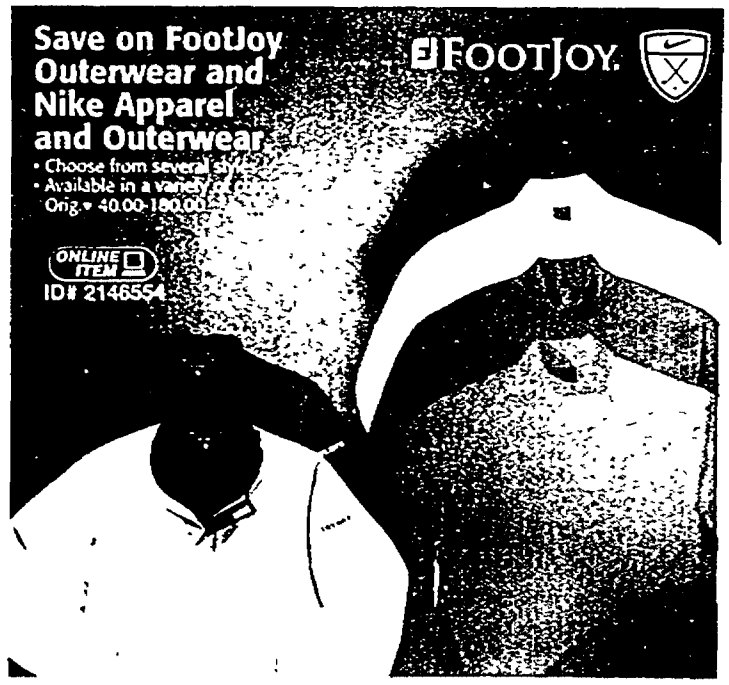

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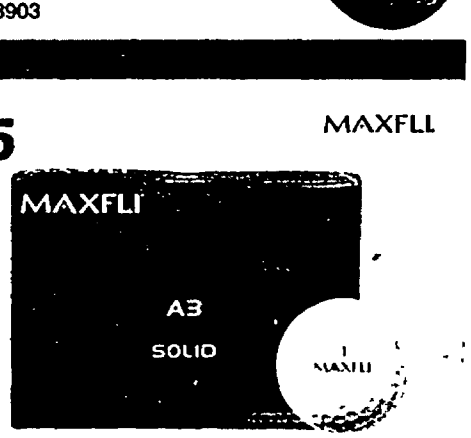

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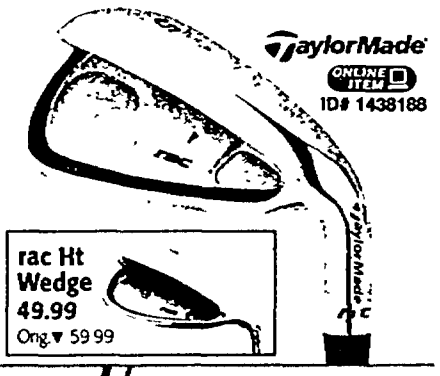

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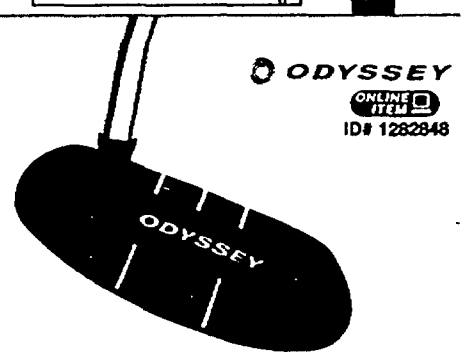

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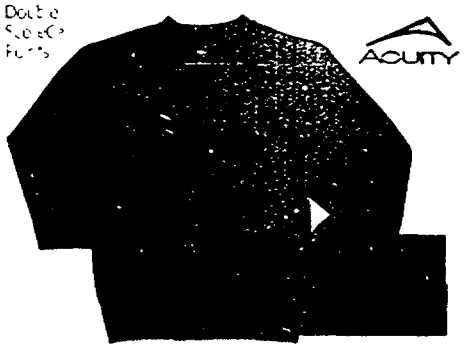

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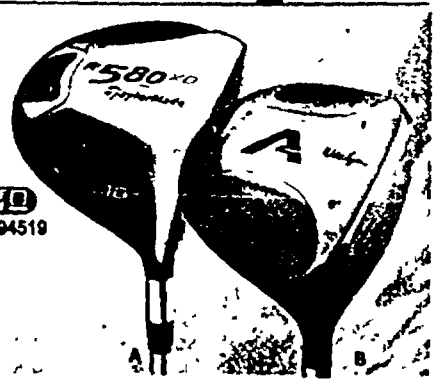

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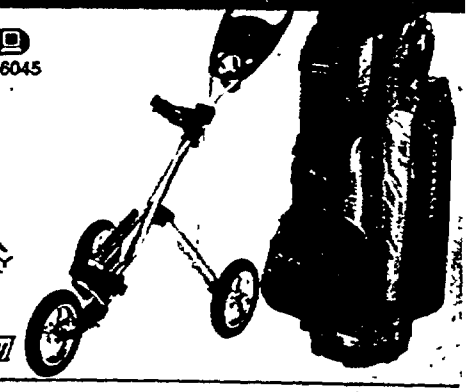

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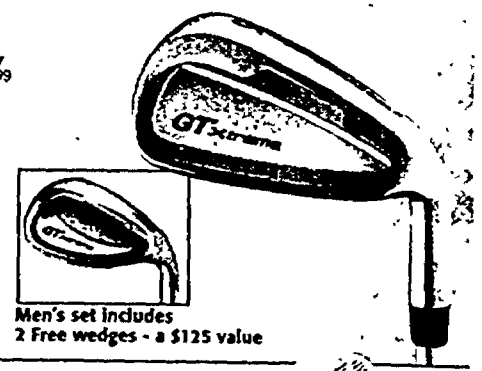

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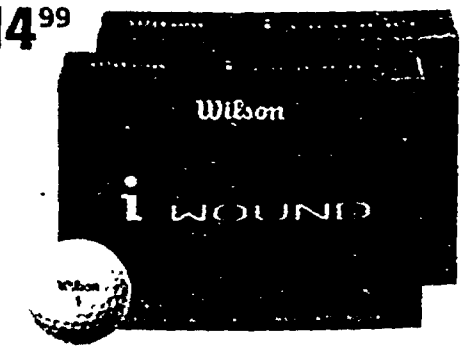

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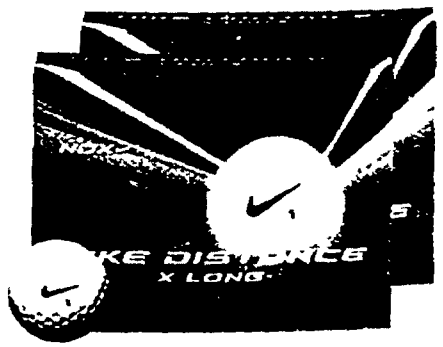

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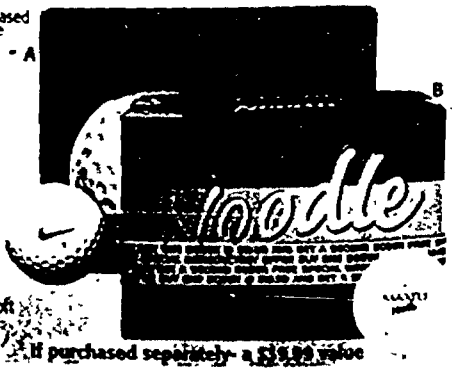

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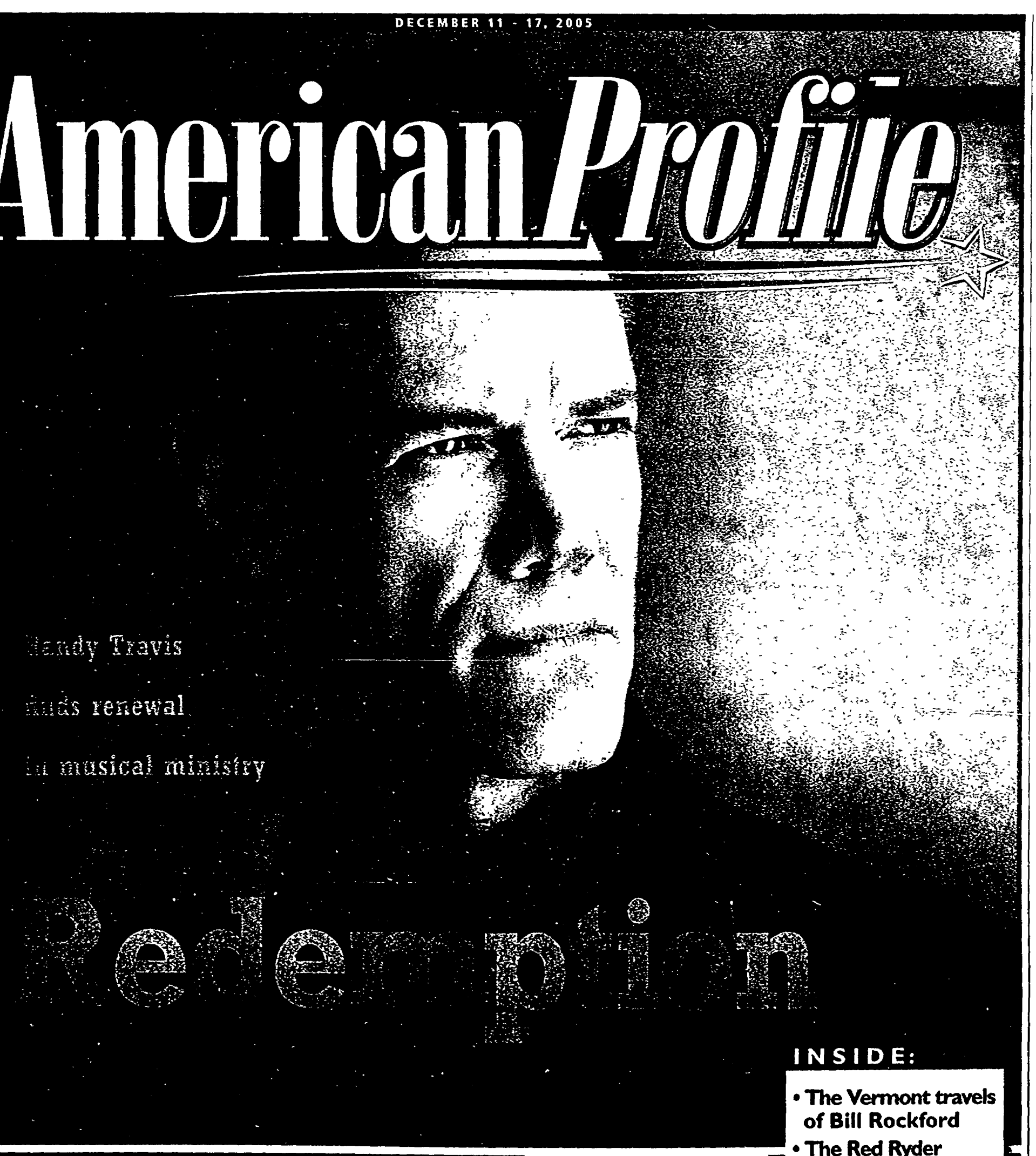

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Q I would like to know about Betsy Stark of *ABC News*. I think she is a wonderful reporter.

—Betty Welch, Oil City, Pa.

Stark is the business correspondent for *ABC News* and is featured regularly on *World News Tonight* and *Good Morning America*. A graduate of Smith College, she started her career at PBS as a documentary producer for *Inside Story*, for which she won an Emmy for Outstanding Investigative Reporting. She took home another Emmy for ABC's millennium coverage and a Peabody Award for her participation in the network's 9/11 reportage. A mother to two college-age children, she was born and still lives in New York City.

Q What has Crystal Bernard from *Wings* been doing lately?

—Barbara Talbert, Fresno, Calif.

Since *Wings*, Bernard has had roles in several TV movies, including last year's *Single Santa Seeks Mrs. Claus*, which recently was released on DVD. On Dec. 17, the sequel, *Meet the Santas*, will air on the Hallmark Channel. "I loved getting to be Mrs. Santa," says the 44-year-old Garland, Texas, native. "We've tried to make it very contemporary so everyone can relate to it." Bernard also reports that she's recording a country-rock album.

Crystal Bernard and Steve Guttenberg star in *Meet the Santas*.

Actor Carroll O'Connor was very different from the character of Archie Bunker.

Q I loved watching Carroll O'Connor in *All in the Family*. Was he anything at all like his character, Archie Bunker? What can you tell me about him?

—B. Shipley, Hutchinson, Kan.

O'Connor actually was a well-educated, socially progressive, politically liberal man of the world, the opposite of *All in the Family*'s bigoted, loudmouthed, blue-collar Archie. Born in Manhattan, N.Y., and raised in the borough of Queens, O'Connor studied abroad at the University of Ireland before earning a master's degree in speech in 1956 from the University of Montana. He died in June 2001 at age 76 due to heart failure, one month before his 50th wedding anniversary to wife Nancy Fields. His one son, Hugh, died of a drug overdose in 1995, spurring a heartbroken O'Connor on a mission to warn others about the dangers of addiction. He starred in *In the Heat of the Night* from 1988 to 1994, and also served as the TV series' executive producer and story editor, under the alias "Matt Harris."

Q What's going on with the Statler Brothers?

—G. Weber, Glen Haven, Wis.

One of country music's all-time fan-favorite singing groups, the Statlers—who took their name from the label on a box of bathroom tissues in their hotel room—retired in October 2002 with a final concert, near their hometown of Staunton, Va., which was recorded and made available on CD and DVD. Phil Balsley still is at the Statler offices in Staunton daily. Jimmy Fortune has relocated to Nashville, Tenn., and released a solo album of gospel songs called *I Believe*. Don Reid has written two books, *Heroes and Outlaws of the Bible* and *Sunday Morning Memories*, with another due out at Christmas called *It Isn't Christmas Till ...* Along with his brother and fellow founding group member Harold, Reid also is working on a Statler memoir scheduled for a summer 2006 release.

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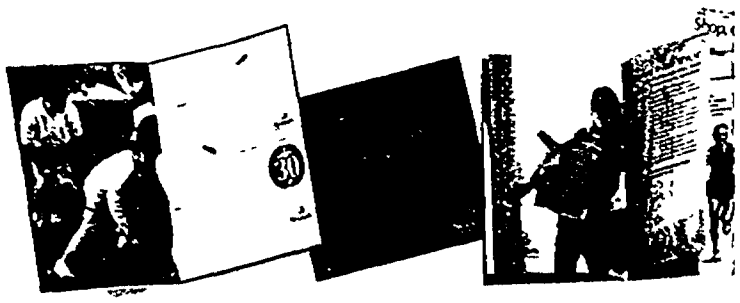

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Hometown Hero

Adventuring through Vermont

by WARREN D. JORGENSEN

Vermont has 251 cities and towns, and Bill Rockford, 71, has a photo and memory of every one of them. As director of the Vermont 251 Club—an organization dedicated to the pursuit of visiting all 251 locations—he leads by example, having traveled to every town and city in the Green Mountain State; some more than a dozen times.

Photo: Jeb Wallace Brodeur

"I've never met a town I didn't like," says Rockford, who's often referred to as "Mr. 251." The club is headquartered in the dining room of his Montpelier, Vt. (pop. 8,035), home, where shelves are lined with statuettes and trinkets collected from his many travels.

The club can trace its origins to a 1954 article in *Vermont Life* magazine that encouraged travelers to "adventure through Vermont" and visit each of its towns. The travel club grew purely as a grassroots movement, and by 1956, it had 400 members.

Photo: Jeb Wallace Brodeur

Known as "Mr. 251", Bill Rockford (pictured with his wife, Fran) has visited all

Rockford, originally from Schenectady, N.Y. (pop. 61,821), moved to Vermont in 1971 with his wife, Fran, and son William III. Someone suggested that since he worked as a home appraiser and traveled around the central part of the state, he would be an ideal 251 member. So around 1975, he joined the club, and, in addition to traveling during the workweek, he would pack his family in the car for weekend trips as well. "It was just a great way to be together," he says.

In each town, he would take a photo, most often with his son posed in front of a post office, a country store or an area park. Even today, Rockford still makes a point to meet people in each town, and if they haven't heard of the club, he tells them about it. "We got to meet people and see areas of the state that we would not normally experience," he says.

And Rockford has had his share of experiences, such as being charged by a 200-pound pig near the northern Vermont town of Stowe ("The closer it got, the bigger it got"), and driving his wife's new car through a beaver pond into the remote town of Lewis ("She wasn't too happy with me when I did that").

While he won't name a favorite town, his true pleasure is in meeting people, and he disputes the popular view of Vermonters as reserved and standoffish. "They keep to themselves, but if you ask for help, they'll bend over backward to help you," he says.

Rockford has been helping 251 Club members since 1985, when he took over as the club's director. At the time, membership stood at 2,300, whereas today it boasts more than 4,200 members in 39 states and 5 countries. A modest enrollment fee of $3.50 and annual dues of $5 keep members in touch through a monthly newsletter, which he writes.

According to Rockford, the club gives people a direction and a purpose to visit areas they wouldn't ordinarily visit. "We are all promoting Vermont in our own unique way," he says. "It is a chance to give something back."

Rockford proudly recalls that he and his family became "Plus" members—

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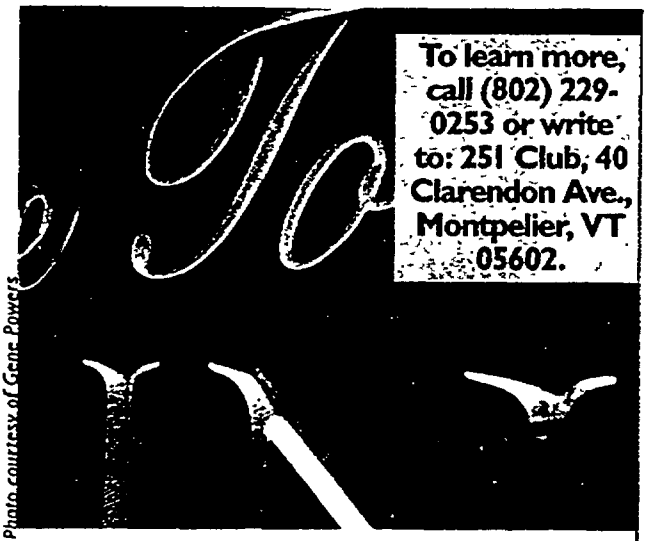

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251 cities and towns in Vermont, including Berlin.

The Rockfords reminisce about their travels as they peruse a photo album in their Montpelier, Vt., home.

those who reach the 251 goal—on Aug. 18, 1982, in Somerset (pop. 5). No proof of completion is required, as members are taken at their word. Currently, 10 percent of the club can boast the distinction.

One "Plus" member did all of his travels on a moped, another on a motorcycle, and still another snow-shoed into Lewis in the dead of winter. In 2000, lifelong canoeists David and Lynn Perrin of Charlotte (pop. 3,569) began their quest. They spent 120 days over four years, putting their 16-foot canoe down in water in every town. Rockford, of course, encouraged them every step of the way, as he does with all members. "He is a very good supporter," Lynn says, "certainly encouraging to everybody, and the club is expanding largely because of him."

"I always encourage people to just pack a picnic lunch, go to an area and then just see where the road takes you," Rockford says, and following the advice he was given long ago, "Just keep turning left, and you're going to wind up somewhere."

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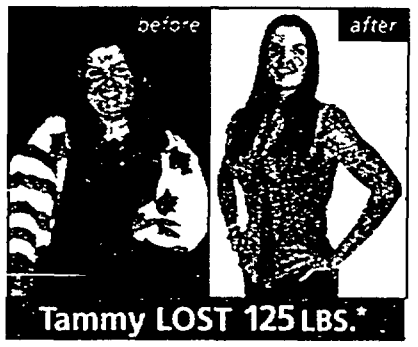

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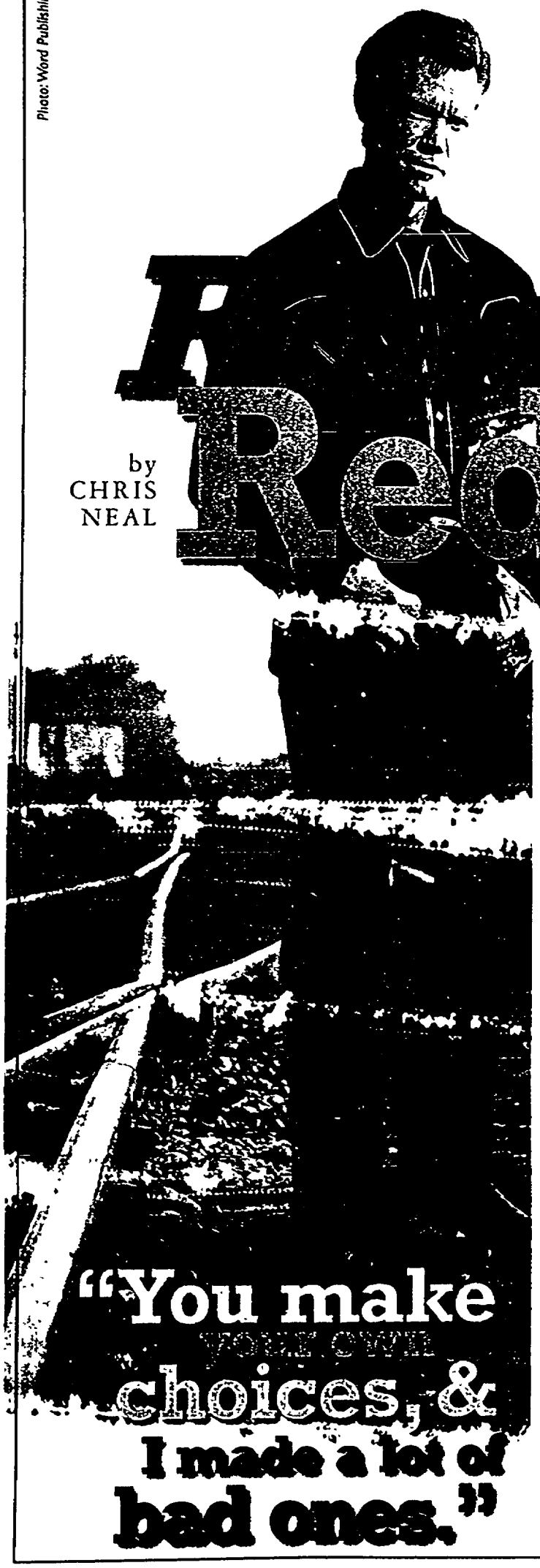

Road to Redemption

by CHRIS NEAL

Singing superstar Randy Travis can't remember how many times he was arrested as a teenager. He wracks his brain for a moment. "Uh . . . ooh, I'm not sure," he says hesitantly, then smiles. "There was a bunch, though."

Travis was nabbed for breaking and entering, stealing cars and other offenses during his wayward-teen years in his hometown of Marshville, N.C. (pop. 2,360). He totaled two motorcycles and got into dozens of fights. "Trying to outrun policemen, just insane things," says Travis, now 46. "It's hard to imagine it's the same person when I think back now."

"You make your own choices, & I made a lot of bad ones."

Nor could trouble-making teenage Travis have imagined the man he would become: a musical icon and a long-settled husband whose 14-year marriage is as strong as ever.

Travis' accomplishments in country music are numerous: five Grammy awards, five Country Music Association awards, nine Academy of Country Music awards and 15 No. 1 hits, more than 17 million albums sold. But more importantly, his deep, distinctive baritone has become a dominant influence on up-and-coming country artists who were just kids when Travis' debut album, 1986's quadruple-platinum *Storms of Life*, helped usher in country music's "New Traditionalist" return to its roots in previous eras.

"The first time anybody said, 'I grew up with your music,' I thought, 'No you didn't! I'm not that old!'" laughs Travis, relaxing between concerts in Chicago. "But it's a wonderful thing to think that the stuff you recorded influenced someone."

From country to gospel

In the last five years, Travis has made his influence felt in a new field: gospel music. He has earned six Dove Awards from the Gospel Music Association, and his song "Three Wooden Crosses," a story of sin and salvation that returned him to the top of the charts in 2002 after several years away, ushered in a trend toward spiritual themes on country radio.

Surprisingly, Travis' switch from country to gospel isn't exactly a return to his roots. "I spent a very, very small amount of time in church as a kid," admits Travis, born Randy Bruce Traywick, the second of six children of Harold and Bobby Traywick. "And as they say in the South, 'It didn't take.' I had to grow up a lot more and go through the insane teenage years before I ever considered having a relationship with God. I had a long way to go."

Fueling his bad behavior during that time was chemical abuse. "It was all kinds of drugs and alcohol," he says. "I'm not just talking about smoking some marijuana. It was taking hallucinogenics, uppers, downers, drinking everything I could find. That led to a lot of the other things that were going on."

Travis attributes the beginning of his wayward ways to imitating his hard-partying father. "That's how it started," he recalls. "My mom was a very sweet lady, and if I'd been smart, I'd have learned from her instead. But I didn't." Still, Travis accepts responsibility for his dangerous youth. "You make your own choices," he says, "and I made a lot of bad ones."

He might not have been the best example, but Travis' father inadvertently set his son on the path to both stardom and redemption. He entered teenage Randy in a talent competition at the Country City USA nightclub in Charlotte, N.C., 35 miles from Marshville. Travis won the contest and caught the attention of club owner Mary Elizabeth "Lib" Hatcher, who gave him a job singing there. By 1981, she was his manager, and the two had migrated to Nashville, Tenn., in search of greener professional pastures.

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Being around his new manager, watching her focused professionalism balanced with nurturing support, had a profound effect on Travis' own behavior. "In her, I saw somebody who was at peace with everything and everybody around her, somebody who had lived as clean a life as anybody I had ever seen," he remembers. "That in itself made me want to clean up my act and be a better person."

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Travis' head, if by then not quite clear, was at least not as cloudy as it had been—a good thing, as he was about to rocket to fame with the release of *Storms of Life* and chart-topping songs like "On the Other Hand," "Diggin' Up Bones" and "Forever and Ever, Amen." The quick ride to the top took him by surprise. "I never considered how fast and how big things would grow once they started," he admits.

Filling a spiritual void

The music business is rife with tales of young performers who find themselves falling deeper into debauchery and degradation as their stars rise. But as Travis ascended, he found himself drawn instead to fill the spiritual void in his life. He began reading the Bible. "I began to realize that I was about as lost as I could be," he says. "I needed to make some big changes."

Travis didn't just straighten up, he also fell in love—he and Hatcher married in 1991. Fourteen years later, his devotion to her has only grown. "We've been together so long, I couldn't imagine not being with her," he says. "I would be lost. I love her more than anybody in the world."

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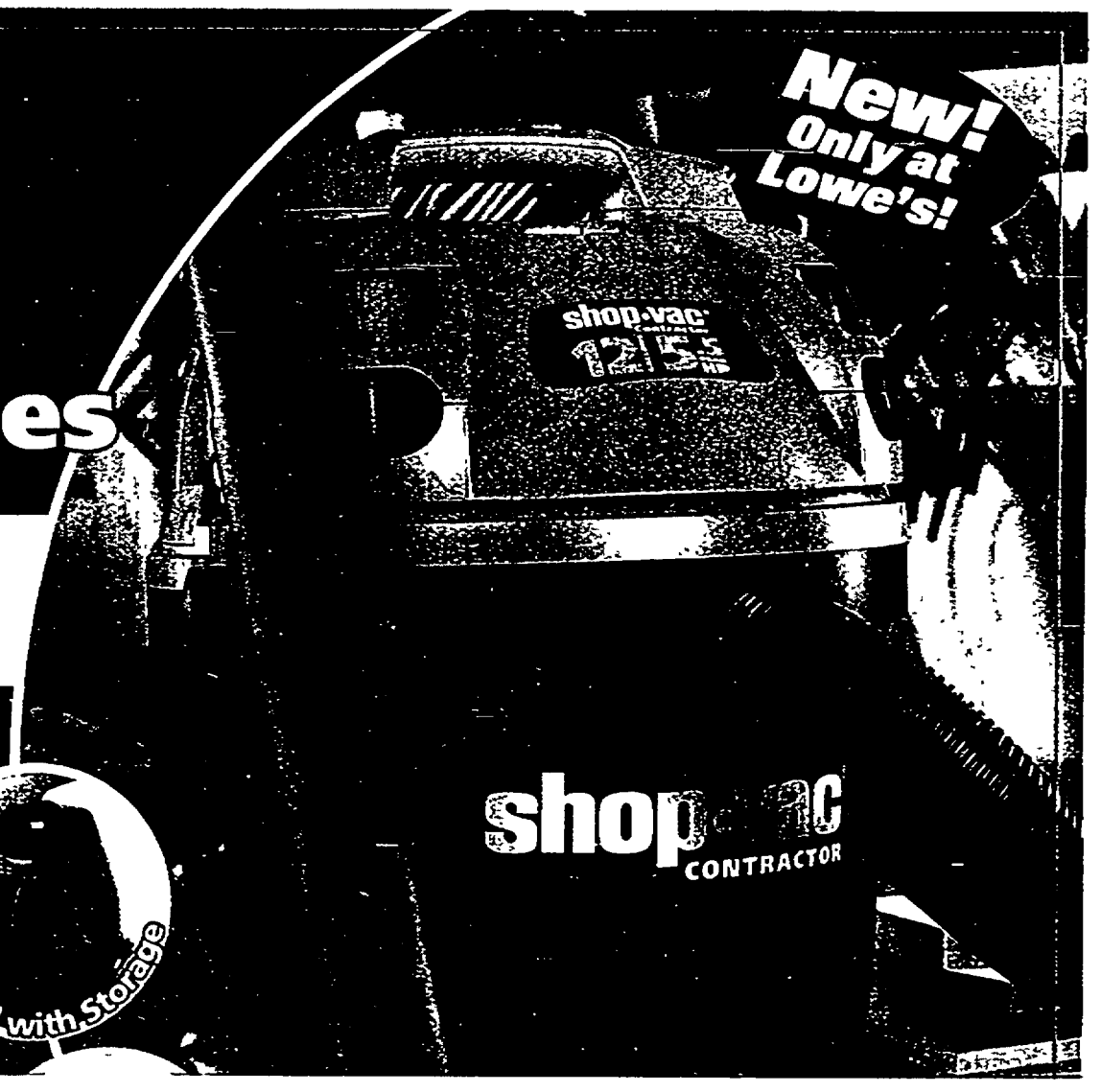

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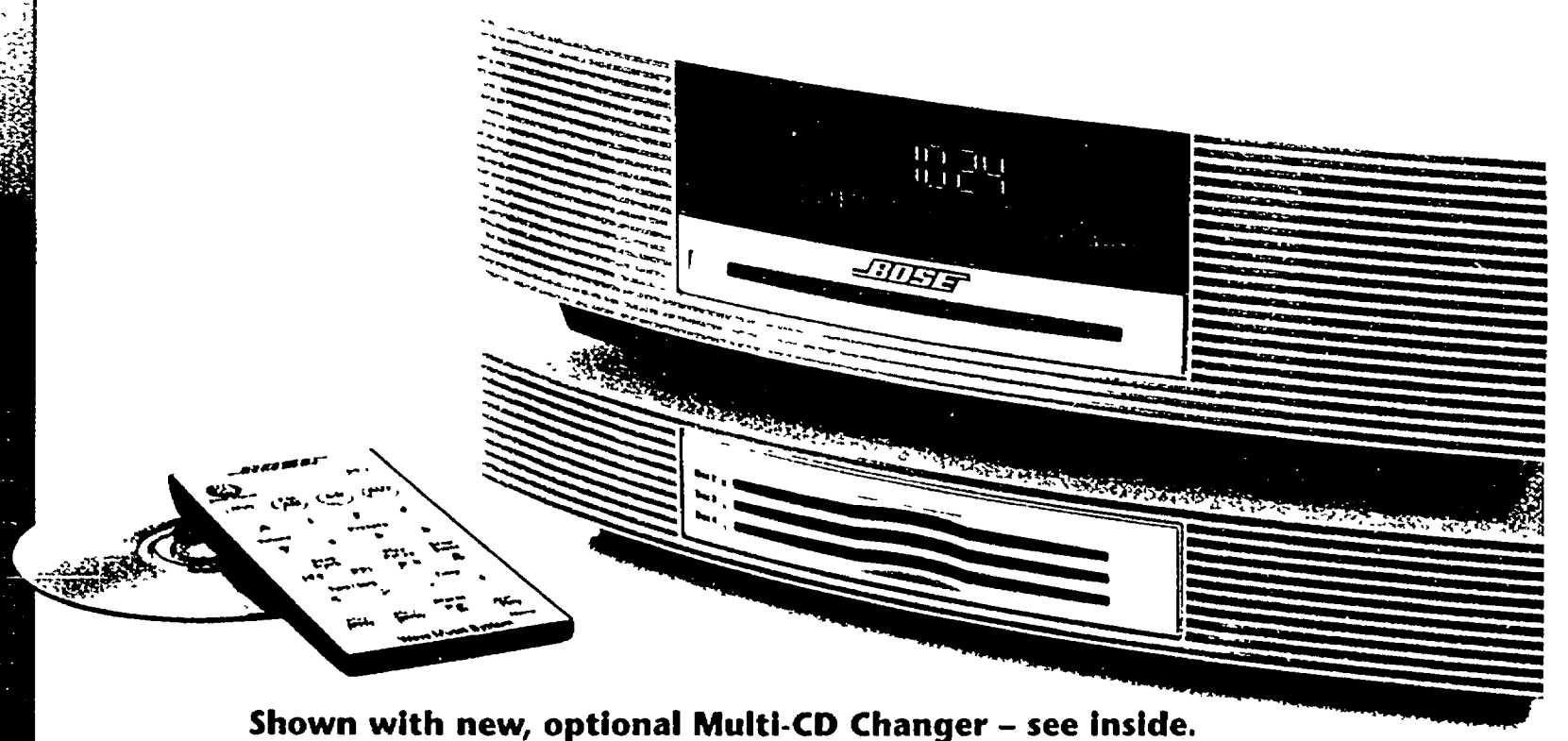

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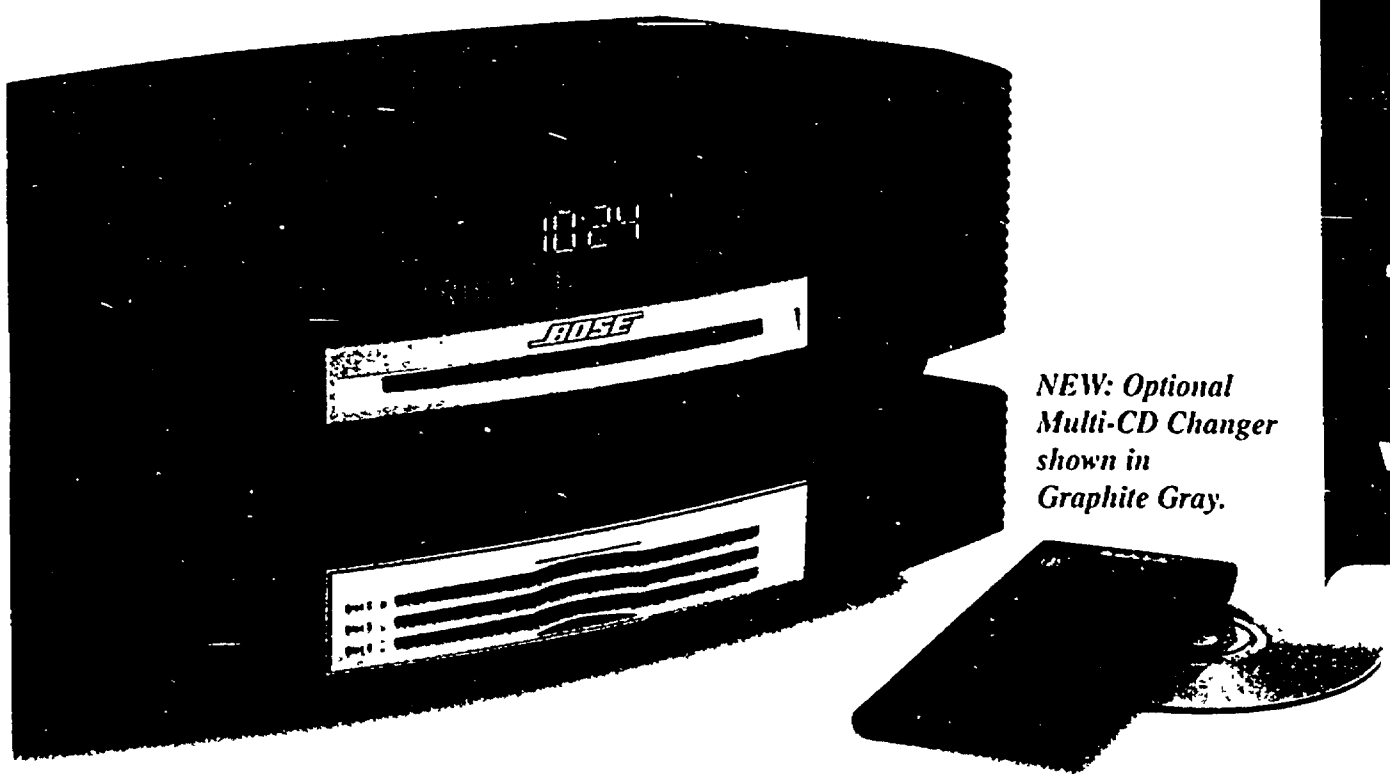

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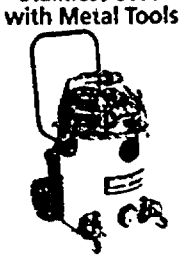	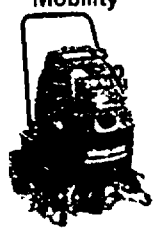			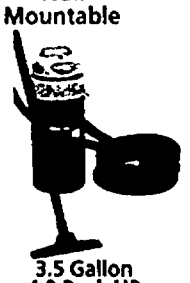				
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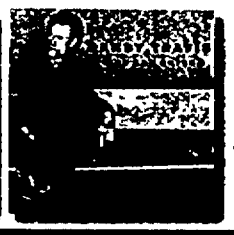

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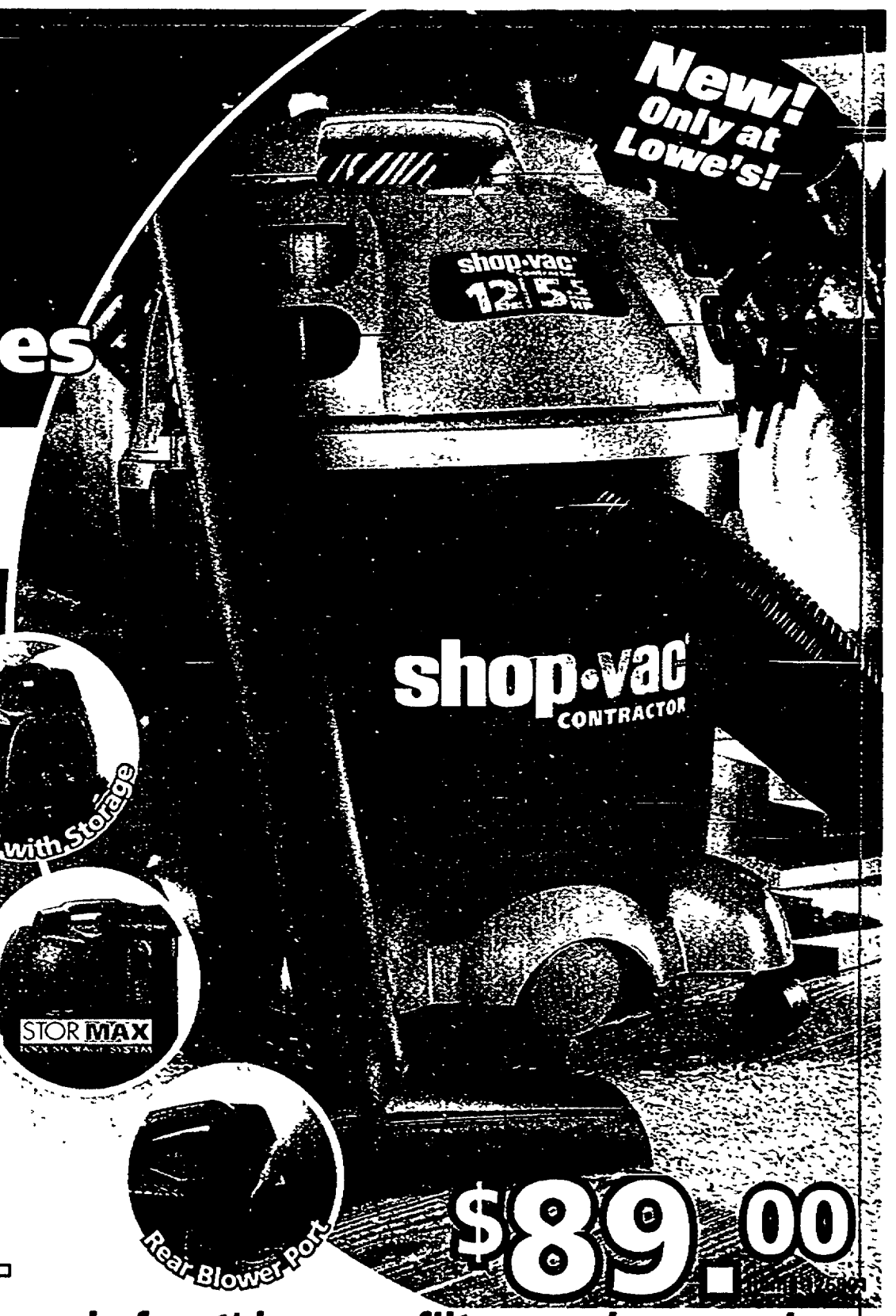

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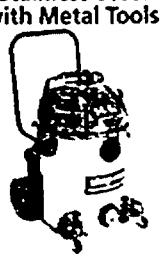								
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American Roots

Oh Boy, It's a Daisy!

by MARTI ATTOUN

Gene Powers, 77, wholeheartedly identified with his 11-year-old grandson when the boy yearned for a Daisy Red Ryder BB gun last year. After all, the same gun topped his Christmas list in 1940.

"It still looks brand new, and I still shoot it," Powers says about his original Red Ryder, made by the nation's oldest air gun company. It didn't take much arm-twisting for the grandfather in Hawkinsville, Ga. (pop. 3,280), to buy each of his four grandsons his own classic Red Ryder. Now, when the boys visit, they head to the backyard to practice their marksmanship on a plywood bull's-eye propped against the azalea bushes.

Memories of three generations of his family's backyard competitions, sweetened with laughter and praise, prompted Powers' son to write to the Daisy company last July: "Once in a while, you have an experience with a product that is so positive you literally become a customer for life," wrote David G. Powers, 48, of Altamonte Springs, Fla. (pop. 41,200). "You have become a fixture in a family's legacy."

Gene Powers with his 1940 Red Ryder

Photo courtesy of Gene Powers

Letters sharing these family stories are cherished by Ray Hobbs, president of Daisy Outdoor Products, headquartered in Rogers, Ark. (pop. 38,829). "A lot of Daisys get passed down, grandfathers to fathers to sons," says Hobbs, 49. "It's a rite-of-passage."

Letters from farmers in the 1880s first revealed the popularity of the Daisy BB gun. Inventor Clarence Hamilton of Plymouth, Mich., introduced the metal and wire rifle, which could fire a lead ball using compressed air, to the Plymouth Iron Windmill Co. in 1886.

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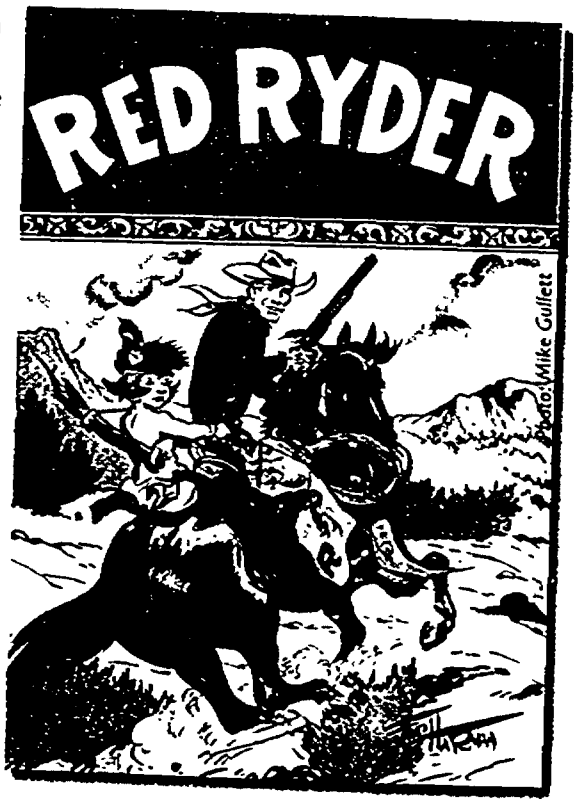
A classic comic strip (below) promoted Red Ryder BB guns, sought by boys for generations.



Lewis Cass Hough, then the company's general manager, fired the contraption and exclaimed, "Boy, that's a daisy!" The name struck, and soon the company was offering the Daisy BB gun as a premium item to farmers who purchased a windmill.

Before long the company was receiving letters from farmers who wanted to buy a BB gun, not a windmill. By 1890, 25 employees were producing 50,000 guns a year. In 1895, the company stopped building windmills, changed its name to Daisy Manufacturing Co. and began making air guns full time.

Daisy hit the bull's-eye again in 1938 by teaming with artist Fred Harman, creator of the popular Red Ryder comic strip. The company had long promoted its products with Western and circus stars, but the perfect partner was the fictional cowboy who always shot straight. In 1940, Daisy's Red Ryders hit the market, and young boys across America set their sights on owning one.

In 1958, Daisy, which had outgrown its Michigan factory and faced a tight labor market, relocated to Rogers, Ark. Today, Daisy's Red Ryders, Buck and Grizzly model youth rifles, and higher-velocity PowerLine model air rifles and pistols are manufactured in an energy-efficient underground cavern in Neosho, Mo. (pop. 10,505). About 100 employees assemble the guns, which remain popular—and nostalgic—gifts during the holiday season thanks in part to the showing of the 1983 classic, *A Christmas Story*.

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In reality, the Red Ryder rifle Ralphie described in the film didn't exist; the Buck Jones model had the sundial and compass in the stock. However, Daisy accommodated filmmakers by producing three custom-made models for the movie.

"The movie was so successful that we had to reproduce that model," says Joe Murfin, Daisy's vice president of marketing. "This was a case of life imitating art."

And a case where Red Ryder remains a Christmas wish come true—for Daisy and the millions of buckaroos who yearn for a BB gun of their own. ☆

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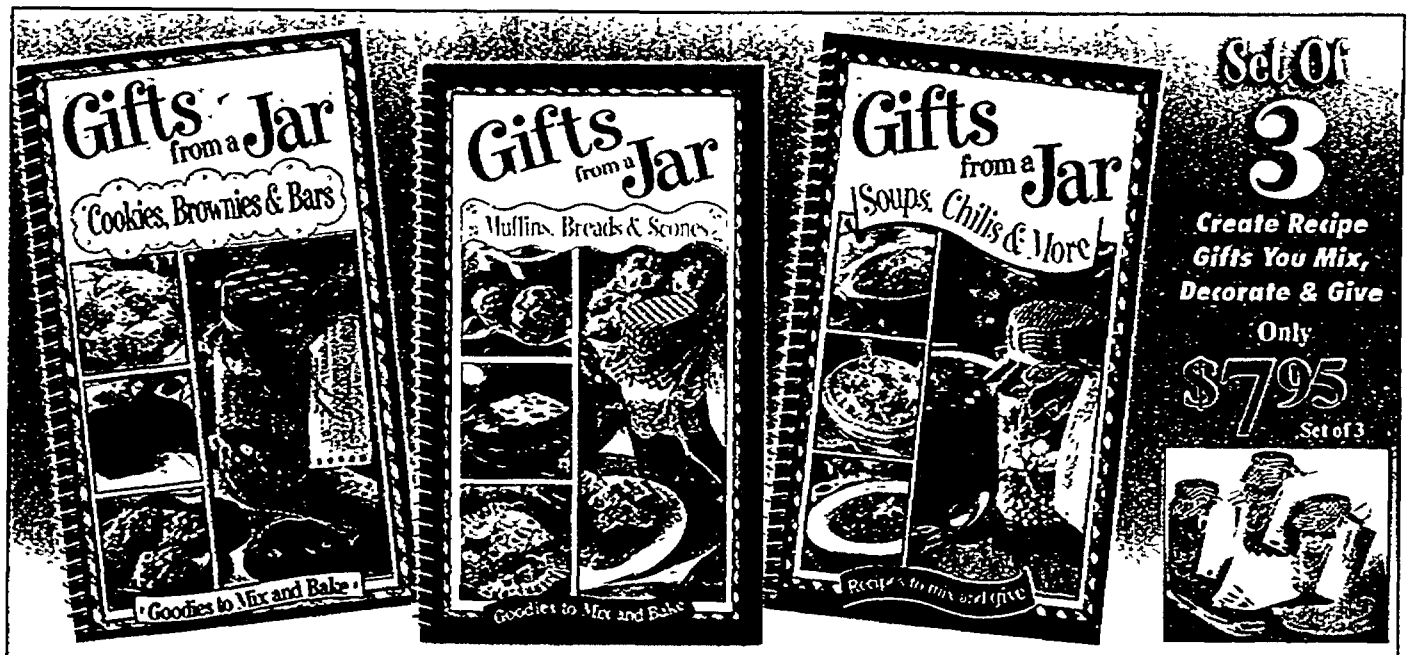

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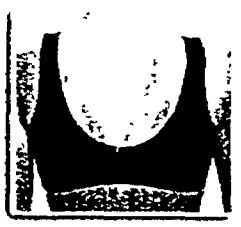

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Hometown Recipes

Legendary Sweets

In this week's "Hometown Recipes," we present a cake whose origins are rooted in urban legend and a candy so tasty, and easy, that your family may devise a myth that surrounds its creation.

According to various published accounts of Red Velvet Cake, a woman wrote to the chef at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City to ask for the recipe of the delicious cake she enjoyed while staying at the hotel. Shortly afterward, she received the recipe along with a bill for $100. Outraged at the cost, she decided to circulate the instructions to anyone who would take her recipe cards. Red Velvet Cake soon became popular, and recipes for it began appearing in community cookbooks in the middle of the 20th century.

Carla Champion, of Buffalo, S.C., sent us her favorite recipe for this bright red cake with a mild chocolate flavor. "I baked many Red Velvet Cakes before this recipe. Some were hard and others were awful. This one is moist and has become a family favorite," she says.

The recipe for Pecan Bark comes from Dorothy Huberman of Kilgore, Texas. A perfect holiday snack, this easy-to-make treat makes a great holiday gift because it doesn't require refrigeration. "I've had this recipe for years," Huberman says. "People always rave about it! I like to make it with Keebler brand Cinnamon Crisp crackers."

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RECIPE: *Red Velvet Cake*

Photo: Adam Barnes
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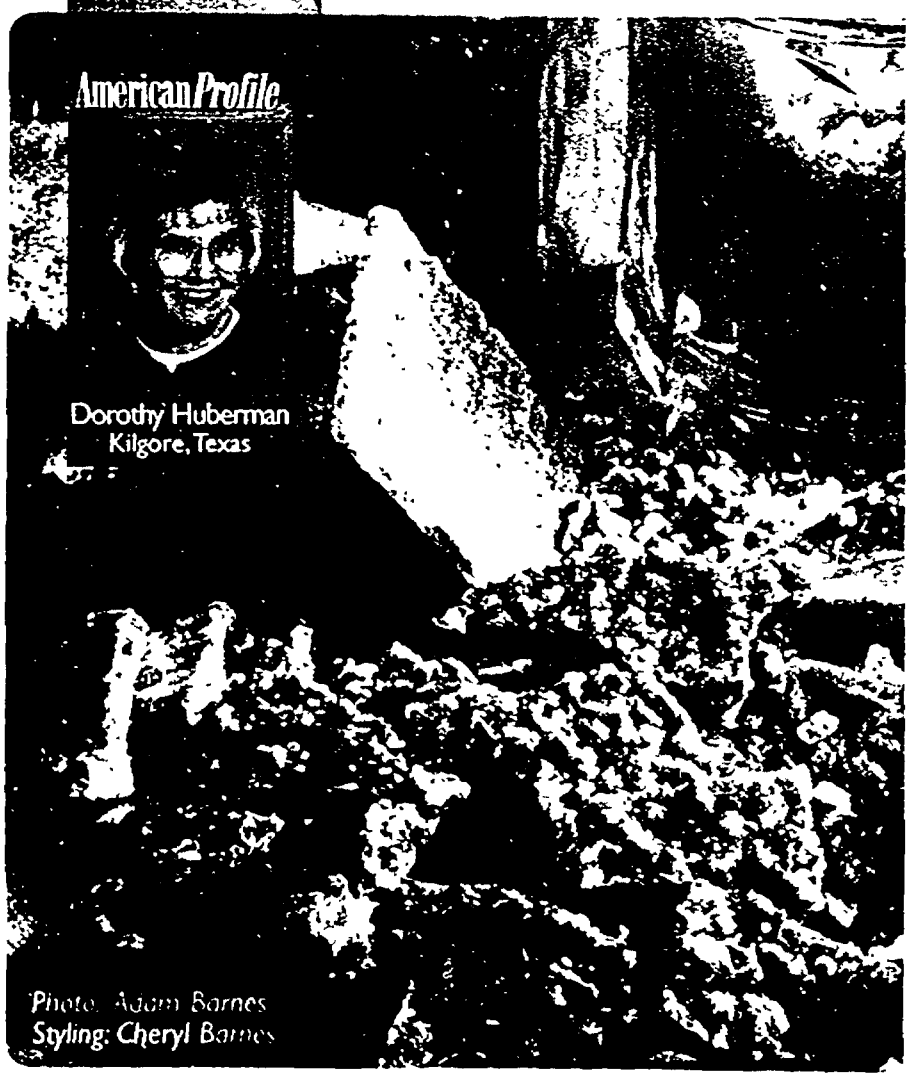
Red Velvet Cake

Cake:
2 and 1/2 cups self-rising flour
1 and 1/2 cups sugar
2 eggs
1 and 1/2 cups vegetable oil
1 tablespoon baking soda
1 tablespoon vanilla extract
1 ounce red food coloring
1 cup buttermilk
1 tablespoon cocoa powder
1 tablespoon vinegar

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease and flour three 9-inch round pans. In a large bowl, mix flour, sugar, eggs, oil, baking soda, vanilla and food coloring. In another bowl, combine buttermilk, cocoa powder and vinegar. Stir well. Combine contents of both bowls and blend well. Pour batter into pans and bake for 20 to 25 minutes, or until center springs to the touch. Allow cake to cool for 10 minutes and turn layers out onto waxed paper. Set aside to cool and make icing.

RECIPE: *Pecan Bark*



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Pecan Bark

1 cup unsalted butter, no substitutes
1 cup firmly packed brown sugar
1 cup chopped pecans
24 graham cracker squares

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 10-by-15-inch cookie sheet with aluminum foil. Lightly grease the foil. Place graham crackers on the cookie sheet in one layer. (It should fit exactly 24.) Sprinkle pecans evenly over the top and set aside. Melt butter in a small saucepan. Add brown sugar, and stir until the mixture boils. Boil for 1 minute. Pour mixture evenly over graham crackers and pecans. Bake for 10 minutes. Remove from oven, and immediately place the hot cookie sheet in the freezer. Remove the pan after 1 hour, and break the bark into pieces. This candy does not need to be refrigerated.

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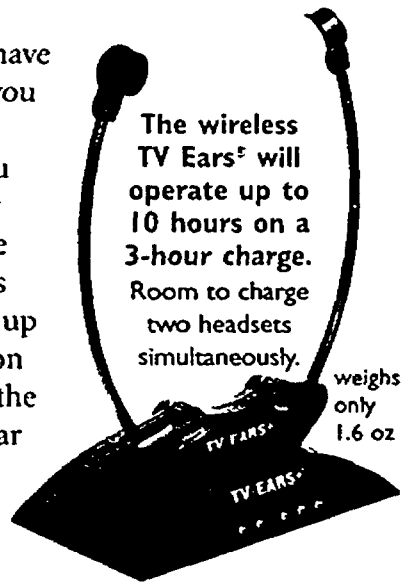

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