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Baseline Battle

Northville and Novi faced off last Saturday at Compuware Ice Arena. See who came out the victor.
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What's Going On?



Want to know what's happening in Northville this weekend? Check out Northville's official local events calendar!
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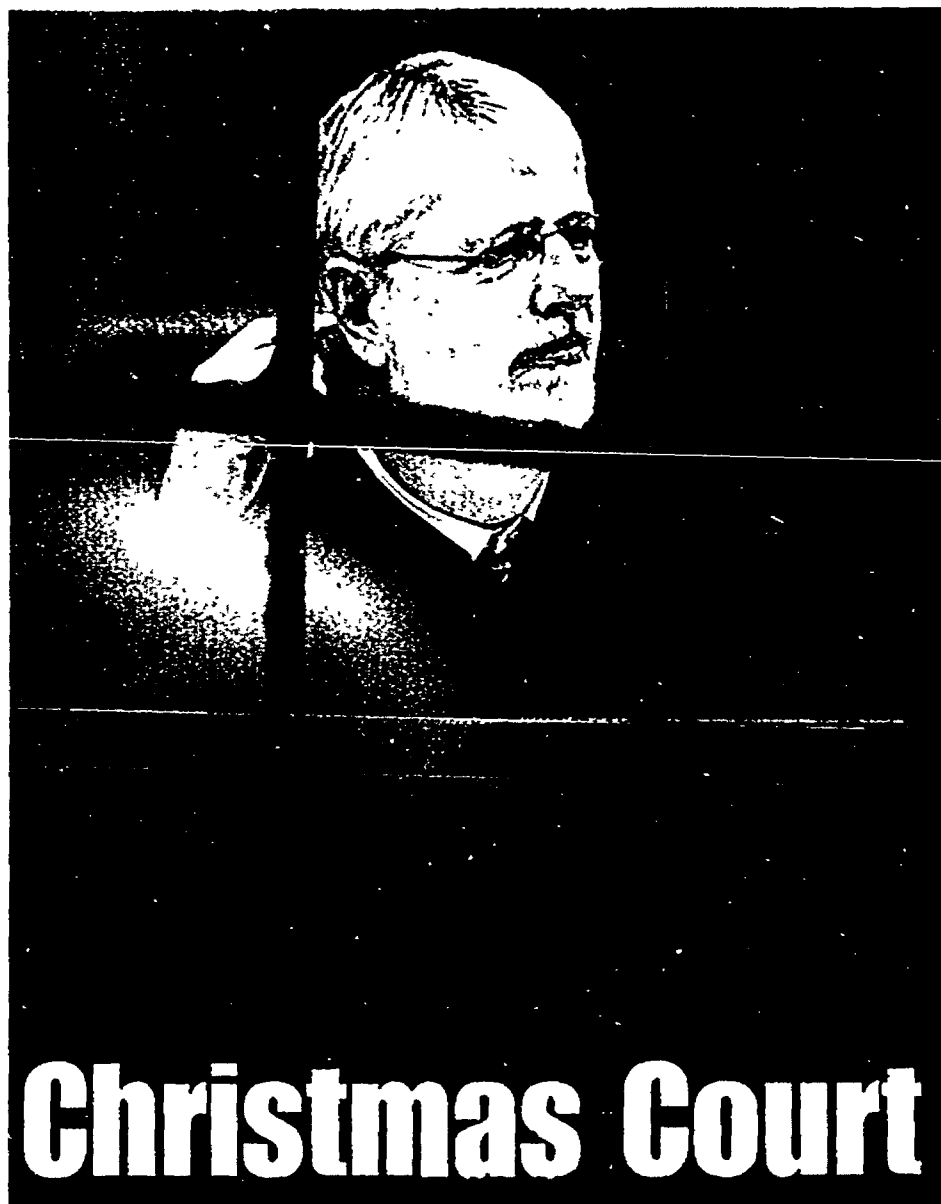
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Christmas Court

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Deck the halls with ... justice

■ For some, festive season still means jail time

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The sky is gray, dank. Winter clouds mean snow. The temperature is below freezing.

And inside the 52-1 District Court building in Novi, the reception many defendants receive today will be just as icy.

There is no wreath proclaiming Christmas and no jolly ole' soul bellowing "Ho! Ho! Ho!"

Christmas time in the halls of justice is many times frigid, a cold reality for those yearning to salvage a warm holiday season.

Behind the scenes

Snow flakes sailing outside a spacious wall of windows and a lone, tossed aside Christmas card are the only signs in 52-1 District Court Judge Brian MacKenzie's chambers that Christmas is three days away.

Traffic on Interstate 96



Holiday Justice

■ Christmas Court

52-1 District Court in Novi will hear about 623 cases this week, a lighter docket than normal, according to court officials. Court business will be conducted through 4:15 p.m. Friday and will resume at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

whizzes by. Nearby malls are packed with frenzied last-minute shoppers where Santa holds center court, accepting

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- First Church of the Nazarene
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Christmas Day: 10:50 a.m.
- First Presbyterian Church of Northville
200 E. Main St.
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Christmas Eve: 5 p.m., 7 p.m., 9 p.m., 11 p.m.
Christmas Day: 10:30 a.m.
- First United Methodist Church of Northville
777 W. Eight Mile Road
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Christmas Day: 10 a.m.
- Northville Christian Academy
41335 Six Mile Road
(248) 348-9030
Christmas Eve: 6 p.m.
Christmas Day: 10:15 a.m.
- Oak Pointe Church
Northville High School
45700 Six Mile Road
(248) 615-7050
Christmas Eve: 5 p.m., 6:15 p.m.
Christmas Day: 10 a.m.
- Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
770 Thayer St.
(248) 349-2621
Christmas Eve: 4 p.m., 6 p.m., 11:30 p.m.
Christmas Day: 8 a.m., 10 a.m.
- St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church
201 Elm St.
(248) 349-3140
Christmas Eve: 6 p.m., 8 p.m., 10 p.m.
Christmas Day: 10 a.m.
- Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church
40000 Six Mile Road
(248) 374-7400
Christmas Eve: 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m., 11 p.m.
Christmas Day: 10:20 a.m., 11:40 a.m.

Christmas, nine times over

■ Northville family of 11 ready for holiday season

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Carol Grimmer and her aunt Alberta have a running joke about the number of stockings she hangs by the chimney with care.

Twenty years ago, the aunt knitted a stocking gift when Carol married David. Then the needles went to work as a new baby joined the Grimmer family, Christmas after Christmas after Christmas.

The Northville Grimmers raise eyebrows traveling together, follow Marine-like routines and can't wait to spend a quiet Christmas Day together.

Just the 11 of them.
"We get all the questions," Carol said with a laugh. "I'm not Jewish. I'm not Mormon. I'm not Catholic. None of the above. I'm not a weird cult leader."

"I've been in the same marriage for 20 years. And yes, they're all mine."

Family dynamics

Sometimes the mom fumbles for a name and ends up pointing, "You!"



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Carol Grimmer and her son Nathan, 2, inspect nine Christmas stockings hung from their Northville Township fireplace mantle.

"... Even little children can do chores and they pride themselves in doing it well."

Carol Grimmer
Resident, Northville

Grimmer knows nine children is higher than the average these days. But the mouths to feed are part of faces to love.

There's "Chelle," nicknamed by her little brother away at

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Sentence: 'Ridiculous'

■ Parents fume after man who killed their son gets 9-month jail sentence

By Lisa Roose-Church
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

The father of a 2-year-old Northville boy said Monday a nine-month county jail sentence is "ridiculous" for the man who ran over and killed his son as he played at the Island State Recreation Area in July 2004.

"He killed a boy playing in the park; it's as simple as that," father Robert Gallon said about Damian

"It wasn't enough for what he did."

Robert Gallon
Resident, Northville

Jacob Phillips, who was convicted in October of negligent homicide for driving a 1997 Dodge Ram on July 30, 2004, that ran over and killed 2-year-old Jack Gallon.

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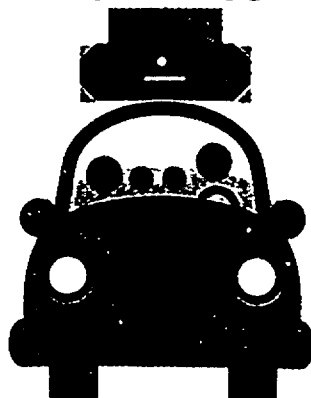
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- Walkman for songs and stories
- Portable gaming system and DVD player

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Holiday returns

■ For some local residents, the road home takes unconventional turn

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Sandwiched between two strangers and a Labrador retriever, Matt Mitchell made his way home for the holidays.

As he approached Haggerty and Eight Mile roads from midtown New York, he thought the cost savings was worth it. Even with the dog.

"The Labrador didn't like toll booth operators," he said. "Every time we approached one he would hang his slobbery head over my shoulder and bark."

For some local residents, getting home for the holidays means spending time on the information super highway.

Mitchell hooked up with the two females and the dog, on the Web site Craigslist.org.

"I'm on it all the time," he said.

The Web site, among just about anything else, allows people to arrange ride shares.

Mitchell logged on looking for someone going from New York to the Northville area for Thanksgiving.

He said they split the cost of the car rental and gas.

"Thankfully, because of the dog we were upgraded to a SUV at the car rental place," Mitchell said.

Ginny Engelland, associate at Brookside Travel in Northville, said going online for home travel arrangements is the trend.

"Most people will go through the Internet to purchase plane tickets," she said.

World wide wend

- www.ridecheck.com
- www.erideshare.com
- www.craigslist.org
- www.lonelyplanet.com
- www.travellerspoint.com

Engelland said agencies, like Brookside Travel, mainly focus on vacation packages.

But unlike the popular discount travel arrangement Web sites, Internet spots like Craigslist, allow for an even cheaper avenue. If you're willing to risk the unknown and drive.

According to the Bureau of Transportation Statistics, "the Thanksgiving and Christmas/New Year's holiday periods are among the busiest long-distance travel periods of the year."

According to data released by the bureau, 91 percent of long-distance holiday travel is by personal vehicle and only 5 to 6 percent of holiday trips are by air.

Data shows the average Christmas long-distance drive is 275 miles, traveled by drivers between 34-36.

Mitchell, 35, fits the age profile, although his drive is more than double the miles reported by the bureau.

For Christmas, he is going to mix things up a little.

Mitchell said he found a girl with a car on Craigslist.org driving to Midland, leaving Dec. 21.

"All I need to do is split gas and drive time," he said. "I'm going to her meet her and her Dachshund at 3 a.m. right in downtown and then we will leave."

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■ Holiday travel need not be a pain

"All that traveling can be rough on your body," says Dr. Kenneth Stopa, a Northville doctor of chiropractic. "Long hours in a car or on an airplane can leave you stressed, tired, stiff and sore."

Warm Up, Cool Down:

• Treat travel like an athletic event. Warm up before settling into a car or plane, and cool down once you reach your destination. Take a brisk walk to stretch your hamstring and calf muscles.

In The Car:

• Adjust the seat so you are as close to the steering wheel as comfortably possible. Your knees should be slightly higher than your hips. Place four fingers behind the back of your thigh closest to your knee. If you cannot easily slide your fingers in and out of that space, you need to re-adjust your seat.

• Consider a back support. Using a support behind your back may reduce the risk of low-back strain, pain or injury. The widest part of the support should be between the bottom of your rib cage and your waistline.

• Exercise your legs while driving to reduce the risk of swelling, fatigue or discomfort. Open your toes as wide as you can and count to 10. Count to five while you tighten your calf muscles, then your thigh muscles, and then your gluteal muscles. Roll your shoulders forward and back, making sure to keep your hands on the steering wheel and your eyes on the road.

• To minimize arm and hand tension while driving, hold the steering wheel at approximately 3 o'clock and 7 o'clock, periodically switching to 10 o'clock and 5 o'clock.

• Don't grip the steering wheel. Instead, tighten and loosen your grip to improve hand circulation and decrease muscle fatigue in your arms, wrists and hands.

• While always being careful to keep your eyes on the road, vary your focal point while driving to reduce the risk of eye fatigue and tension headaches.

In An Airplane:

• Stand up straight and feel the normal "S" curve of your spine. Then, use rolled-up pillows or blankets to maintain that curve when you sit on your seat. Tuck a pillow behind your back and just above the beltline and lay another pillow across the gap between your neck and the headrest. If the seat is hollowed from wear, use folded blankets to raise your buttocks a little.

• Check all bags heavier than 5-10 percent of your body weight. Overhead lifting of any significance amount of weight should be avoided to reduce the risk of pain in the lower back or neck. While lifting your bags, stand right in front of the overhead compartment so the spine is not rotated. Do not lift your bags over your head, or turn or twist your head and neck in the process.

Safe Travel for Children:

• Always use a car seat when traveling with children under the age of four and weighing less than 40 pounds. Some experts recommend using car seats until the child reaches the age of eight and/or eighty pounds. And, all children under age 12 should always ride in the back seat.

• Car seats for infants should always face the rear. In this position, the forces and impact of a crash will be spread more evenly along the back and shoulders, providing more protection for the neck.

Chiropractic Care Can Help

If you follow these simple tips, you can enjoy pain-free, safe travel. If you do experience pain and stress on your back, doctors of chiropractic are trained and licensed to diagnose and treat problems of the spine and nervous system. For more information on chiropractic treatment, contact Dr. Stopa, (248) 735-9600.

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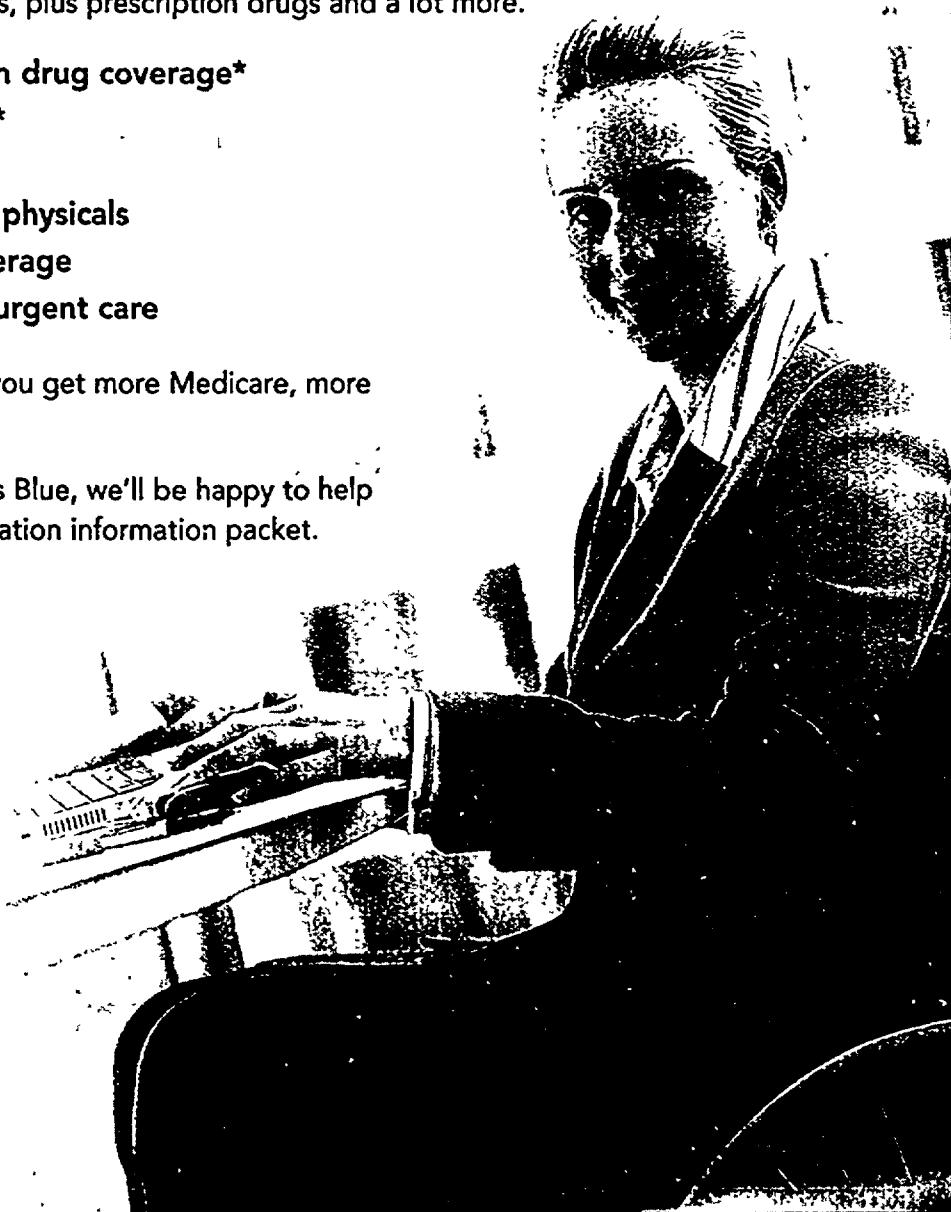
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Floors To Your Door



By: Mike Riley

Harmony at Home

When it comes to remodeling a home, selecting floor covering involves the same concerns for comfort, good taste and fashion that dressing suitably for a particular occasion demands.

And just like your appearance, you'll want decorating materials to harmonize with all other designer elements.

Begin by considering the mood and decorating style you want to create.

Do you want contemporary or country? Casual or formal? Are the colors of furnishings, wall and other decorating products bright, rich or subdued?

These considerations affect not only your choice of floor coverings, but window treatments and other interior decorating products as well.

There are six basic flooring categories - carpet, area rugs, resilient (or vinyl), hardwood, ceramic tile and laminate - each with its own performance, appearance and cost characteristics.

Some are more appropriate for specific areas, traffic patterns and lifestyles than others. Your local flooring retailer can help you choose the best product and grade that meets your budget and lifestyle needs.

After selecting your new floor, it's time to focus on choosing other decorative elements which, when similarly selected, bring to your home the function and fashion you envisioned.

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Christmas wishes and passing out candy to wide-eyed children.

But at 52-1, it's business as usual.

In court, Santa dons a black robe, offers stern lectures and doles out jail sentences to those who've been naughty.

"I don't think anyone would expect the criminal justice system to close down at the holidays," MacKenzie said.

Attorneys file in and out of his chambers prior to court. One is holding a red file folder; others are wearing red suits.

Some exchange holiday greetings, but most pre-courtroom talk is of drunk drivers and aggravated assault.

MacKenzie, despite parole officer urgings, decides to allow an area man a holiday Florida trip.

"You know he is going to stay there to live," the parole officer said.

MacKenzie doesn't waiver. Good will? No, good judgment MacKenzie insists.

"How can you not be aware it is Christmas?" he said. "I don't think it affects my decision-making, but I don't know, it might."

Lighten the load

52-1 District Court Judge Robert Bondy said the holiday season features a lighter court docket, but don't be mistaken. Crime doesn't let up. Police officers, attorneys and other key court players simply take holiday time off to spend with their families.

"The wheels of justice seem to grind forward and the pace as a general rule is a little lighter," he said.

Bondy said January will deliver an influx of retail fraud and drunk driving cases. These are the remnants of excessive holiday libation, and everyone will have an excuse.

"Sometimes it is a lapse in judgment, from an office party or holiday occasion," Bondy said.

MacKenzie feels the ease of a lightened holiday load, especially when it comes to civil litigation.

"It is easier to settle civil cases," he said. "They don't want to go to trial. They want to go shopping."

Holiday families

Standing in court, wearing a red sweatshirt, a young man is charged with armed robbery, aggravated stalking and felony assault.

"I don't think anyone would expect the criminal justice system to close down at the holidays."

Judge Brian MacKenzie
52-1 District Court, Nov

He already spent the night in jail. The real question: Will he stay there?

"I put people in jail this week," MacKenzie said. "I knew what I was doing."

"I knew it, but they still belong in jail. The world doesn't stop."

Another young man standing before MacKenzie during the holidays will eat Christmas dinner across from his 3-month-old son, after all. He'll join the boy's mother, the woman the young man allegedly beat.

Despite the charges, Joseph, nestled in an infant carrier, and his mother appear in court, on daddy's behalf.

MacKenzie explains life lessons to the man, talks about respecting women, staying drug-free and giving children the very best every day.

His holiday sentence: a long lecture, probation, community service and counseling.

It's a ruling's mother asked the judge to consider, ensuring a complete family table.

"I hope you enjoy your Christmas holidays with your kid," MacKenzie said.

"I'll keep the court costs low so you can have a little money left over to buy a present for your kid."

There is no Santa Claus

MacKenzie said he is no Santa Claus, not even at Christmas.

Aside from obvious physical differences - his beard is pepper-gray, not white; his robe is more toga-like than red velvet lined with fur trim - the senior judge is not guided solely by happy endings.

MacKenzie bellows to yet another defendant: "Let's you and I understand each other, I want you in jail. I can taste it."

Call it MacKenzie's personalized greeting card: Merry



PHOTOS BY JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

52-1 Judge Brian MacKenzie works in chambers with employee Joyce McKay.

Christmas, now straighten up your act.

He checks a list, often more than twice, before handing out gifts, ones he said are delivered from the bench on behalf of the community which has elected him. His lists include parole sheets and criminal records, rather than wish lists for coveted toys.

His favorite holiday gift: keeping drunk drivers off the road.

"I think the people who put me in this office expect me to make the roads safer," MacKenzie said.

His nightmare: a Christmas tree lined with unopened gifts, and a family devastated by news their kids were killed by a drunk driver.

A man charged with drinking and driving stands before MacKenzie, whose courtroom candor is part ballast and part walking stick.

"You are an alcoholic and a drug addict," MacKenzie said. "Last year people like you killed 17,000."

"I'm not going to let you kill some 3-year-old."

MacKenzie sentences the man to mandatory rehabilitation,

because that is what the law stipulates. It's the same legal system allowing a man accused of beating his baby's mother to go home and enjoy a warm holiday meal.

Making MacKenzie's "good" list has more to do with effort and accountability than coy smiles or springy pigtales.

A judge's gift

MacKenzie said he already received his Christmas gift this year. She stands before him at the holidays, clean and sober now for five months.

"That woman, I almost put in jail," MacKenzie said. "For a year, nothing seemed to be working."

"Lord knows, there it was, something clicked for her."

She was enrolled in Sobriety Court, a program begun at MacKenzie's urging, which allows selected drunk driving defendants a chance at treatment, accountability and a new chance at life.

This year she will be sober during the holidays, for maybe the

first time in years.

"We've achieved something here," MacKenzie said. "Her life is better and so are those in the community."

Not even a mouse

Back in his office, MacKenzie fiddles at Christmas with a few clicks of his computer mouse. He proudly shows off a limited edition Ford roadster pedal car his 10-month-old grandson will receive.

The car is still too big for him, he concedes. But who cares? It's Christmas.

"I love Christmas. We have a 12-foot Christmas tree we put up the day after Thanksgiving," he said. "I listen to Christmas music in my car, everything from jazz to Handel's Messiah."

"I enjoy all the festivities that go along with Christmas. I love giving presents better than receiving and all that sort of stuff."

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52-1 Court Administrator Joyce Renfrow poses in her office, decked out in holiday decor.

North star

Away from the district courtroom, court administrator Joyce Renfrow's office provides a little Joy to the World in an often downtrodden 52-1 scene. True, it's hardly the shining star Mary and Joseph followed, but it offers a glimpse of hope in what can be a depressing holiday scene.

A Christmas tree graces the meeting table in her spacious office. A ceramic tree on her desk beams conspicuously. She urges all court employees to bring an ornament from home for the lunch-room tree.

"I stress good customer service at all times," Renfrow said. "I don't think of it as different at Christmas."

"But I do tell every one, even though we're in a festive mood the person on the other end of the counter is not."

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POLICE BRIEFS

Car Accident

No one was injured after a 23-year-old Oak Park man failed to yield to traffic on Haggerty Road Dec. 13. According to reports, the driver disobeyed the flashing red light while turning left onto southbound Haggerty Road from Eight Mile Road.

Police said the driver had a suspended drivers license and was arrested for driving while license is suspended. He was also cited for failure to yield and given a Dec. 29 court date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth. The man was advised not to drive until his license was valid.



Photo by TRACY MISHLER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Mail found

A 47-year-old Northville Township man called police after finding several piles of mail in a parking lot near the Hampton Inn, off Haggerty Road. According to reports, the man used rubber gloves to pick the mail up and place in a plastic bag. The man told police he found more mail in a small trash can at the northeast corner of the hotel. According to reports, the mail was taken from a group of 19 mailboxes at the entrance of the Golfview subdivision. Police notified the Northville Township Post Office, and the mail was turned over to the United States Postal Inspection Service who will continue the investigation.

Broken windows

A 43-year-old Northville Township woman called police

Baseline bash!

A 25-year-old Rochester Hills woman was treated and released from the hospital Monday following a car accident on eastbound Eight Mile and Novi Street. The woman was a passenger in a silver Nissan attempting to turn left from westbound Eight Mile Road onto Novi Street when it struck a Ford Ranger, according to police. Police said the 23-year-old driving the Nissan was cited for failure to yield, and the 27-year-old male driving the Ranger was arrested for driving on a revoked license.

after returning from vacation to find holes in her home office windows. According to reports, police found aluminum pellets from a BB gun outside the window. Police questioned several neighbors, who claimed they saw nothing suspicious while the family was away. The case remains open.

Fighting at Farmer Jack

Police were called to Farmer Jack on Haggerty Road after a fight

broke out between two Detroit women over \$17,000. According to reports, the victim, a 48-year-old Detroit woman, owed the suspect, a 34-year-old Detroit woman, money from a property sale. The victim told police she was trying to leave the store when the suspect grabbed her arm and pushed her to the ground. Police arrested the suspect for assault and battery. She was given a Dec. 29 court date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Stolen meat

Police were called to Meijer on Haggerty Road after store officials noticed a \$194 sale of meat voided from a cash register. According to reports, the cashier who made the transaction gave the meat to her mother. The cashier was arrested and cited for retail fraud. She was given a Dec. 29 court date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Domestic violence

A 30-year-old Pontiac woman called police after her boyfriend, a 26-year-old Northville Township man, allegedly punched her. According to reports, the two were arguing about whether the man had been faithful to her. Police were concerned for the woman's three-year-old child, who was also visiting in the apartment. The man was arrested. But according to police, the Wayne County prosecutor's office denied a warrant to charge the man for domestic violence because the victim was uncooperative. The man was released, and the case was closed.

Stolen backpack

Police were called to Northville High School after a 15-year-old student had his backpack stolen. According to reports, the student left his backpack in the classroom while at lunch and when he returned his backpack was gone. Police said two other backpacks were also missing. The case was closed due to lack of investigative leads.

OBITUARIES



BARBARA J. SPESS

Age 71, of Northville, passed away Dec. 19. She is survived by her loving sisters Evalyn V. Garner and Charlene Priest. Private family services will be held. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

BETTY JANE SCHRADER

Age 89, of Traverse City, and formerly of Northville, died Tuesday, December 13, 2005 at Munson Medical Center. She was the widow of Nelson Schrader, Jr. Survivors include her children, Nelson (Diane) Schrader, III, of Traverse City, Sarah (Wade) Deal of Onekema and 4 grandchildren. Memorial services will be held at a later time. Memorial contributions in Betty's name may be directed to The National Kidney Foundation. The family is being served by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home of Traverse City.

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TOWNSHIP BRIEFS

Graduation

The newest Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) members were honored at the Northville Township Board of Trustees meeting last Thursday for completing the basic training program that began in October and ended in November.

Community Emergency Response volunteers are now on an emergency call out list in the event of a natural disaster, major event or any support to police and fire operations.

The next basic CERT training class will start at 7 p.m. Jan. 25. Interested volunteers can download

an application at twp.northville.mi.us/cert.htm or call Detective, Sgt. Matthew Mayes or Samantha Bowlin at (248) 349-9400.

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.

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 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. For more information, contact John Miller at (248) 596-9193.



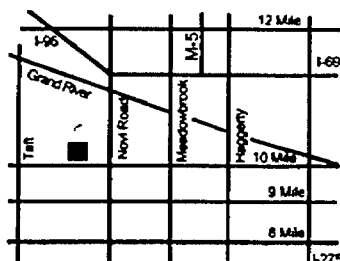
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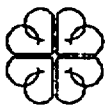
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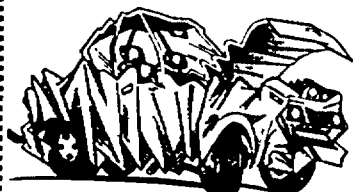
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New Hudson resident Damian Jacob Phillips, standing, turns to apologize to the parents of 2-year-old Jack Gallon, who died in July 2004 when Phillips ran over the boy as Phillips drove through a pavilion at the Island State Recreation Area in Green Oak Township.

SENTENCE: man gets jail time for killing Northville boy, 2

continued from 1A

Livingston County Circuit Judge Stanley J. Latreille sentenced Phillips to nine months in the Livingston County Jail and five years of probation.

"It wasn't enough for what he did," Robert Gallon said.

Latreille acknowledged that the case was "heart-wrenching," but he said he had "no compelling reasons to depart from the (sentencing) guidelines," which were zero months to nine months in the county jail.

"This is the kind of case that makes you wonder why God allows such evil things to happen," Latreille said. "I accept the verdict of the jury."

The 25-year-old Phillips, of New Hudson, had been charged with manslaughter with a motor vehicle, a 15-year felony, but the three-man, nine-woman jury convicted him of the lesser charge, negligent homicide.

Assistant Prosecutor Pamela Maas and probation officials recommended prison time. Maas

based her recommendation on information that was excluded by the judge from the trial, including witnesses who reportedly observed Phillips "carelessly and recklessly" using a tractor on the beach earlier in the day.

Parents in the area were so concerned with Phillips' actions that they moved their children off the beach that day, Maas noted.

"This was beyond ordinary negligence," Maas said.

Defense attorney Mitchell Ribitwer disagreed.

"Every negligent homicide involves a death," the defense attorney said. "He didn't intend to kill Jack Gallon. There is no reason to go outside the guidelines."

Prior to sentencing, Phillips apologized to the toddler's parents, saying, "I would gladly exchange places with him."

"You lied," Robert Gallon replied.

Phillips said he "accepts responsibility" for the accident that killed Jack Gallon, and acknowledged the Gallon family's

loss. He also noted that his family suffered, too, and that he has lost two jobs and a career in law enforcement as a result of the fatal accident.

"I accept responsibility," Phillips said. "I am, however, begging (that) the punishment not include incarceration" so he can stay home and care for his ailing mother.

Latreille denied the defense's request to allow Phillips to begin serving his jail sentence after Christmas.

Jack's mother, Marianne Gallon, described Phillips as an "arrogant" man who "had a bad attitude" that day at the park. The Gallon couple agreed they did not believe Phillips' trial testimony that he was "riding the brake" while driving through the pavilion, or that he exercised care while driving the Dodge Ram through the narrow pavilion.

Marianne Gallon, who was at the park with her son the day he was killed, said Phillips lied about the details from that day.

"He took my son's life."



Marianne Gallon, right, and Robert Gallon, second from right, listen as a Livingston County Circuit Court judge sentences the man convicted of running over and killing their son, Jack Gallon, 2, in July 2004.

Marianne Gallon said, noting that her daughter witnessed the accident. "Unfortunately Jack's not here. He should be."

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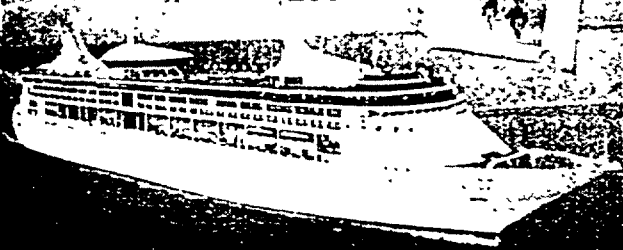
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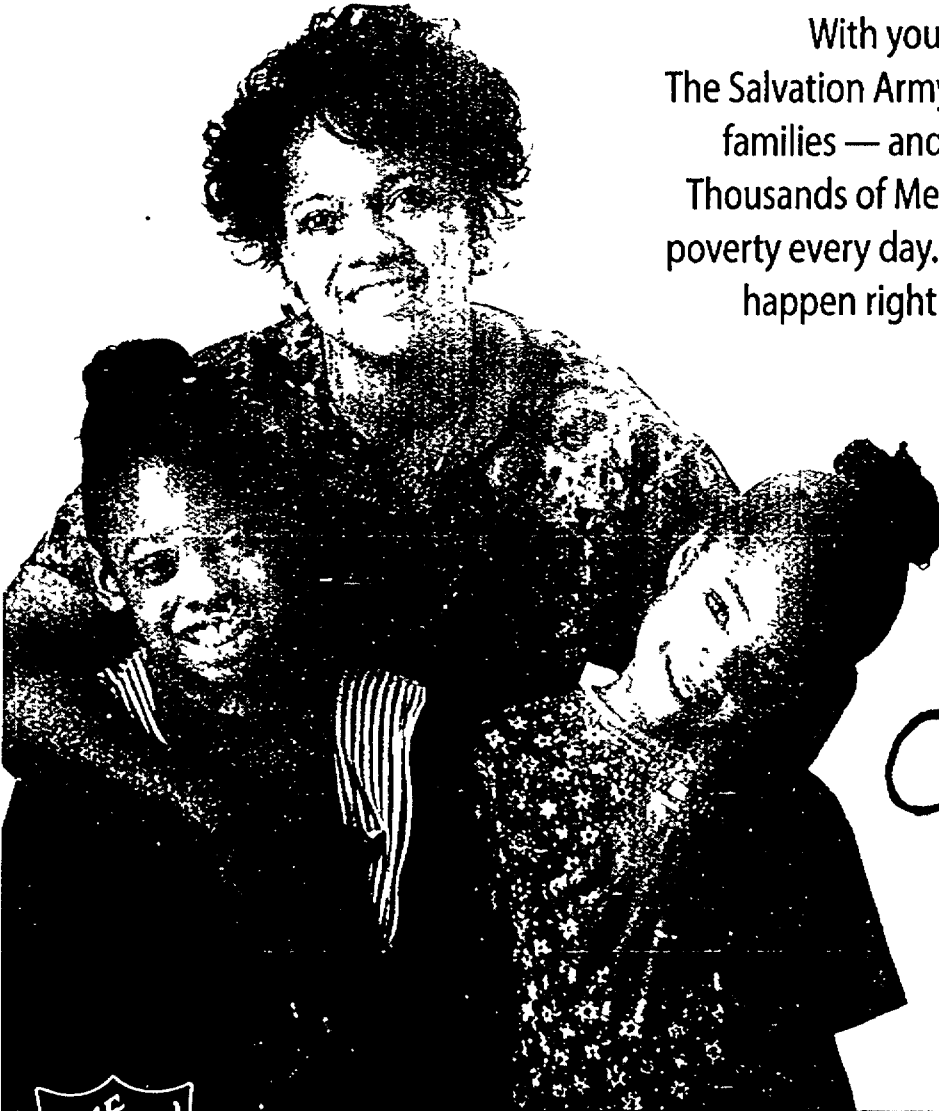
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Hanging in there

■ **Holiday ornament sale benefits Maybury State Park, commemorates former sanatorium**

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Dr. John Romanik remembers the long, hard years he spent working at the Maybury Sanatorium.

From 1964 to 1969, Romanik worked with children suffering from Tuberculosis and said he will never forget those who died.

"Tuberculosis killed more Americans than any war ever did," Romanik said. "The fact that today's modern medicine has made such good strides toward preventing this disease is amazing."

Romanik is among many Northville residents who anticipate the completion of the Maybury Sanatorium history trails at Maybury State Park.

"Anything that restores the memory of what Tuberculosis did to this country is very important," he said. "It's important, especially for the young people, to know about this disease and what took place on that land from 1919 to 1969."

The Friends of Maybury are currently offering hand-made glass ornaments for a \$20 tax-deductible donation with proceeds going toward the trail markers of the former sanatorium.

"I just saw the saw ornaments and I plan to pick one up," Romanik said. "It's such a great thing and I'm flabbergasted at how many they've already sold."

Holiday donations

Jennifer McFall, historical commission member and board member of the Friends of Maybury State Park, said when

Holiday ornaments

What: Hand-painted glass ornaments with Santa Claus holding the original American Lung Association seal for Tuberculosis.

Price: \$20 tax-deductible donation

Sold: Tuscan Cafe, Northville District Library, Maybury State Park offices, American Spoon, Northville Candle & Gifts and Northville Camera & Digital Imaging

Contact: Ornaments can also be purchased by calling Jennifer McFall at (248) 374-9928.

"It's such a great thing and I'm flabbergasted at how many they've already sold."

Dr. John Romanik
Resident, Northville

completed, the project will have cost about \$500,000.

With only \$2,000 raised so far, McFall said she hoped the ornaments would bring enough money to have the trail completed by Fall 2006.

Ornaments will remain on sale after Christmas.

"The markers are for the self guided tour to inform people about the story behind the sanatorium," McFall said.

"The markers will have pictures and quotes representing the people who worked and lived there and showing where the buildings would have been before they were demolished."

The ornaments, contributed by the American Lung Association, were hand-painted

by internationally acclaimed artist and Michigan native Peggy Abrams in 2004.

Chrystal Haggerty, spokesperson for the American Lung Association, said the ornaments were created for the association's 100th anniversary.

"The design painted on each ornament is Santa Claus holding the original American Lung Association seal, which is based on what our organization was founded for," Haggerty said. "(The seal) represents the treatment, care and research for Tuberculosis."

Haggerty said the association was approached by the Friends of Maybury to help with the project and there was no way they could pass it up.

"We thought it was a perfect partnership since we were founded solely to treat Tuberculosis," she said. "We



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Jennifer McFall, left, and Dr. John Romanik are Friends of Maybury who are selling Christmas ornaments to raise funds for the state park and maintain its trail system.

didn't have any grant money to give them and it was just coincidental that we still had several cases of the ornaments."

Haggerty said the association has donated 12 cases and will keep giving more as long as the

ornaments are selling.

"These ornaments are so beautiful and for a really good cause," McFall said. "People really do need to learn the history the sanatorium and we're trying to help them do that."

Tracy Mishler is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or at tmishler@gannett.com

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One empty chair

Local families find ways to remember loved ones during holidays

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Nolan and R.J. Transou miss their mom, Linda, but will always remember the good times they shared together.

The boys' father, Robert, said although his wife died in June from skin cancer at the age of 35, the family won't shy away from their memories of her.

"It is hard recognizing her chair will be empty this Christmas," said the 36-year-old Northville Township resident. "We've just taken it a day at a time."

"The boys know what happened to their mom, and I think it's helped all of us being able to talk about it."

Transou said he and his sons, Nolan, 7, and R.J., 9, will take a different approach to Christmas this year and visit family members instead of having a house full of guests.

"The holidays are hard because we know she's not with us," Transou said. "But we will always keep her memories with us and continue on."

Like the Transou family, many people have an empty chair during the holidays.

"When a family member dies, that changes the structure of the family," said Maryjane Bottonari, director of BraveHeart Grief Services and Arbor Hospice and Home Care. "Many families are very reluctant to bring up a loved one's name because it's difficult."

"You need to find a way to bring that person's name into the conversation - to bring that person's memory into the group and bring their presence back."

Grief support

Bottonari said the Transou's are among many families who have sought help through grief support groups.

"Being among other children who've lost a loved one really helped my boys," Transou said. "It made it easier for them to talk about it and understand their feelings."

Remembering loved ones

Holidays can create feelings of dread and anxiety in those who are bereaved. Creating new rituals and traditions that pay tribute to the memory of the deceased is one way to survive the holidays when a loved one has died. Here are some suggestions of what you can do:

- Tell stories behind the ornaments on the Christmas Tree and the role your loved one played in making those memories.
- Place a candle on the table and light it during meal time in memory of your loved one.
- Place a trinket, stocking or balloon in the seat where your loved one would have sat.
- Encourage children to draw pictures and create gifts inspired by their memories of the deceased to give to other family members.
- Bring your loved ones favorite food to share at a holiday dinner.
- Decorate a wreath with pictures and items that were loved by the person and place it at his or her grave.
- If it's hard to be in the same place where you spent holidays together with your loved one, opt for a change of scenery and go somewhere new.

Source: BraveHeart Grief Services

Grief Support Services

Location: Tuesday, Northville Library, 212 W. Cady St.; Wednesday, Arbor Hospice and Home Care, 331 Center St.
Time: 7-8:30 p.m.

What: Group begins Jan. 17-March 7 and is open to both city and township residents. Non-residents are also welcome. No fee is required.

Contact: Sandy Van Koeveering for advanced registration at (248) 348-4980.

Bottonari said many people do different things to keep the empty chair filled.

"Some people will put a balloon in the chair or a special trinket at the person's place setting," she said. "Some people hang holiday stockings and have family members put special memories in it."

"There's no right way to grieve and there is no set time limit. Everyone is different, and people we've loved and lost should not be forgotten."

Transou said even though his wife of 11 years in



Photo by TRACY MISHLER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Robert Transou and his sons, Nolan, 7, (left) and R.J., 9, (right) hold a glass cardinal representing their mother, Linda, who died in June from skin cancer.

October is gone, he will always feel her presence.

"When Linda died, we were given a tree to plant in our backyard in her memory," he said. "The boys placed a garden stone under it with messages to their mom and every time we look at the tree we think of her."

Transou also said Linda loved cardinal birds, which are scattered throughout the home.

"Losing someone close feels like a hole in your heart," said Sandy Van Koeveering, grief support

coordinator for BraveHeart. "Because society tells us we're suppose to have the perfect holiday, people are afraid to show their grief."

"Keeping the person's memory alive is what's important. There may be an empty chair at the table, but the person's spirit who sat their will live on."

Tracy Mishler is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or at tmishler@gannett.com



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Altera Wynwood of Northville and other area residents listen as Brownie troops 89 and 1050 sing carols recently at the assisted living facility. The girls are first and second graders at Ridge Wood Elementary School in Northville.

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Drink up: Northville officials say city water is lead-free

■ Follow-up test clears up previous lead content concerns, officials say

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The City of Northville's water is in the clear.

A second test at the home that turned up lead showed the initial results were a fluke, said Jim Gallogly, the city's department of public works director.

"I know I feel a lot better seeing the results," he said. "I just think that people don't have to worry."

"We don't believe lead is a problem."

Linda Lestock is just happy she is back to drinking from her

"I'm relieved, I really am."

Linda Lestock
Resident, City of Northville

tap without concerns.

After agreeing this summer to the city's routine measure for lead and copper, she was as surprised as anyone levels exceeded the federal limit.

"I'm relieved, I really am," Lestock said. "I didn't think there was a problem. Just like (Gallogly) said he thought it was a fluke and it was."

Her 17-year-old Abbey Knoll home was the only one of five houses tested throughout the

city that showed lead, triggering a state-mandated information campaign earlier this month.

"It's unfortunate we were forced to alarm people," Gallogly said. "But it's good for people to know. It's good common sense to be running the tap a little first."

"I wish we could have done it a little softer way."

The city's most recent samples at the Lestock house were from the kitchen tap and the downstairs powder room initially tested.

Gallogly said water sitting in pipes in the little-used room was probably the reason the first test showed lead.

Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103, or via e-mail at mjohnston@gannett.com.



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Jim Gallogly, the city of Northville's Department of Public Works director, and city resident Linda Lestock are once again tipping their glass to Northville's water supply.

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DECEMBER 15, 2005 - REGULAR MEETING

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, December 15, 2005

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Agendas: Approve Consent and Regular Agendas - approved

2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:

A. Citizen's Emergency Response Team (C.E.R.T.) graduates - approved

B. Appointment Janet Naughton to NYA - approved

C. Appointment Michael Hale & Tim Sheehan to the Ordinance Review Committee - approved

D. Re-appoint David Hursey & Bill James to Election Canvasser - approved

E. Re-appoint Ken Romine to NYA - approved

F. Re-appoint Carol Poenisch to P & R - approved

G. Re-appoint Kellianne Nagy to Board of Review - approved

H. Re-appoint James Nield to Planning Commission - approved

3. Public Hearings:

A. 2nd Public Hearing - Clement Road Water & Sanitary Sewer SAD - no action - removed

B. CDBG Public Hearing - Budget - conducted and budget approved

4. Brief Public Comments & Questions: Resident expressed concerns re: Six Mile Rd. improvements

5. New Business:

A. Solid Waste Collection/Disposal Contract - approved

B. Booster Water Station - Engineering Design Services - approved

C. Police 800 Megahertz Control Station - approved

D. Seven Mile Sub Area Plan - approved

E. Liquor License Change - George's Senate Bar & Grill - approved

F. Enhanced Access Policy - approved

G. GIS Fee Schedule - approved

H. Clement W & S Extension - Change order #4 - approved

I. Haggerty Five Gateway Center - Utility Agreement & Resolution - approved

J. Financial Institutions for 2006 - approved

K. W & S Meter Installation Vehicle - approved

L. W & S Sanitary Sewer Equipment - approved

M. 2006 Township Holiday Schedule - approved

N. Board of Trustees 2006 Meeting Dates - approved

O. Michigan Social Security Number Privacy Act - approved

P. Year-end Budget Amendments - approved

Q. Land Agreement with the Northville Public School District - approved

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. Ordinances: None

8. Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount \$1,291,113.89 - approved

9. Board Communication & Reports:

Reports from the following were given: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Chip Snider, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner

10. Any other business: Resident spoke on the High School Traffic in the Woodlands.

11. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED.
SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CMC

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Living room musicians are stars at the Art House

Novi Bowl is definitely on Santa's "good" list. On Christmas Eve, the Novi Road entertainment facility will host Northville Civic Concern's family dinner. The event will include dinner at 6 p.m., followed by open bowling. Novi Bowl has collected for the agency throughout the year. Civic Concern director Marlene Kunz said, "Anyone who still wants to get involved — volunteering or bringing cookies, gifts or appetizers — can call (248) 344-1033."

There's still time to get that one-size-fits-all gift of certificate checks from the Northville Chamber of Commerce. Buy \$10 or \$25 denominations online at www.northville.org or at the chamber office, 195 S. Main St. For more information, call (248) 349-7640.

Speaking of planning ahead ... Now is a great time to set a few goals for 2006, according to financial advisor Nicholas Hopwood. He said you need to develop rituals to increase the odds of achieving goals. Unlike discipline and willpower, which are pushes, he said a ritual is a pull. When you add powerful emotions and deeply held values to an activity, it no longer requires



discipline or willpower to accomplish. Instead, it turns into a ritual.

If you ran into a slew of tiny shoppers pushing baskets in Target, chances are they were students from Winchester Elementary School. The students raised \$3,441 and had fun spending the loot, shopping for the Toys-for-Tots Foundation.

A variety of community projects will benefit from 2005 grants from the Northville Community Foundation, including anti-

smoking programs at Meads Mill and Hillside middle schools. Old Village School equipment for non-verbal students, the Northville senior adult program and scholarships for 2006 Northville High School seniors.

To bid a fond farewell, the city is hosting a reception 5-7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 4 for Northville City Manager Gary Word. He accepted a position as village manager of Islamorada, Fla. The reception will be at the Northville Senior Community Center, including a brief program at 6 p.m. "It really is a community open house," said assistant city manager Nicki Bateson. "Everyone is invited so people can say 'hi' and 'good-bye' and 'good luck.'"

Sue Laabs spends the third Saturday of each month strumming her guitar and singing folk songs with other performing residents at the Northville Art House. "I have always just been a living room musician," she said. "It takes a lot of guts to get up there and perform in front of people, but it is just a lot of fun." Laabs said the open-mic, acoustic night is full of residents, like her, growing up in the 70s.



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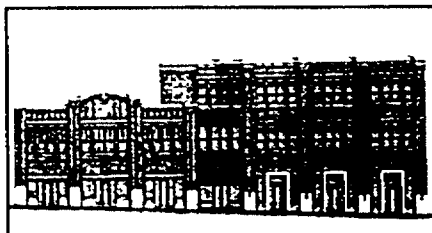
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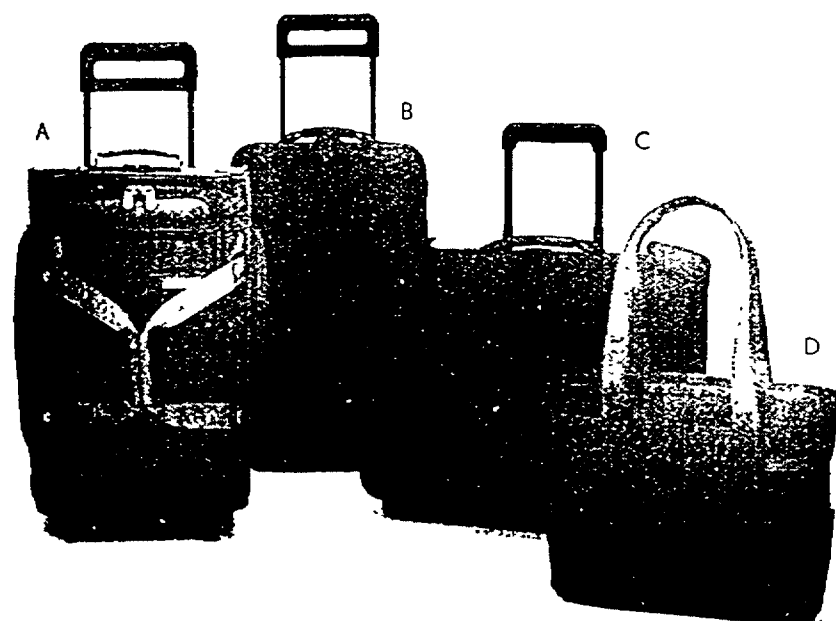
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Are you on the list?

Library readies final donor list for publication

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Al and Barbara Glover's names are on the books.

The Northville couple and nearly 200 other donors helped create the painted mural bookshelf in the Northville District Library.

The five-year fund-raising campaign ends Dec. 31. One-time or cumulative giving must reach \$250 by the deadline to earn a book designated as indicated by the donor.

Library holiday hours

Today until 9 p.m.
10 a.m.-9 p.m. Dec. 27-29
10 a.m.-5 p.m. Dec. 30
Donations must be postmarked by Dec. 31.

Books available

37 one-inch spine @ \$250
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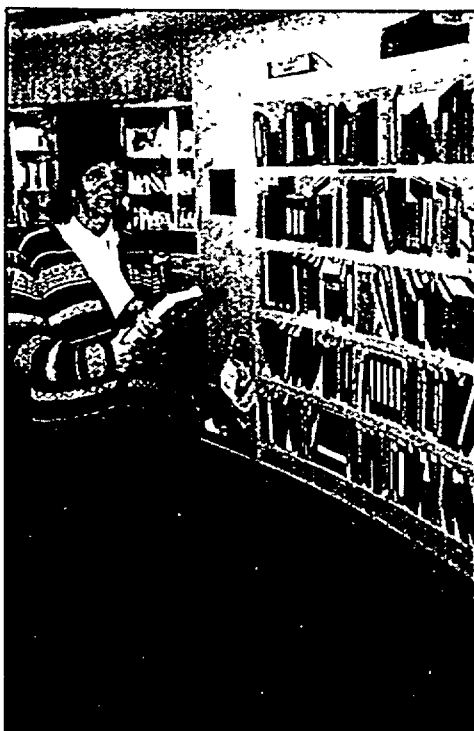


Photo by MICHAEL SHUSTER/Northville Record

Anne Mannisto said local residents can still contribute to the library's mural campaign.

"It does get a lot of people looking at names to see if they recognize anyone's."

Anne Mannisto

Assistant Director, Northville District Library

"We'll be selecting something in the next month or so," said assistant library director Anne Mannisto.

She and her husband Keith contributed to the endowment fund, intended as an ongoing income source for enhancing library services.

Donations recognize family members or friends and serve as a memorial, Mannisto said. They also qualify for Michigan tax credit of 50 percent.

Former library board member Barbara Glover, now endowment fund chair, came up with the idea for the original painting, Mannisto said.

"She has been the guiding force in establishing the mural."

Since the fund was created in 2001, people have contributed more than \$150,000, Mannisto said. The library board will designate interest proceeds from the total investment.

About 70 spines are still available.

Mike and Karri Mohr of The Painted Garden created the "trompe l'oeil" mural, meaning at a distance it looks real enough to "fool the eye," Mannisto said. They will add the final names in January, she said.

Resident, club and business names currently adorn richly colored bindings.

"It's very, very eye-catching," Mannisto said. "It does get a lot of people looking at names to see if they recognize anyone's."

"The mural is just so unusual. If you stand several feet away, it looks real."

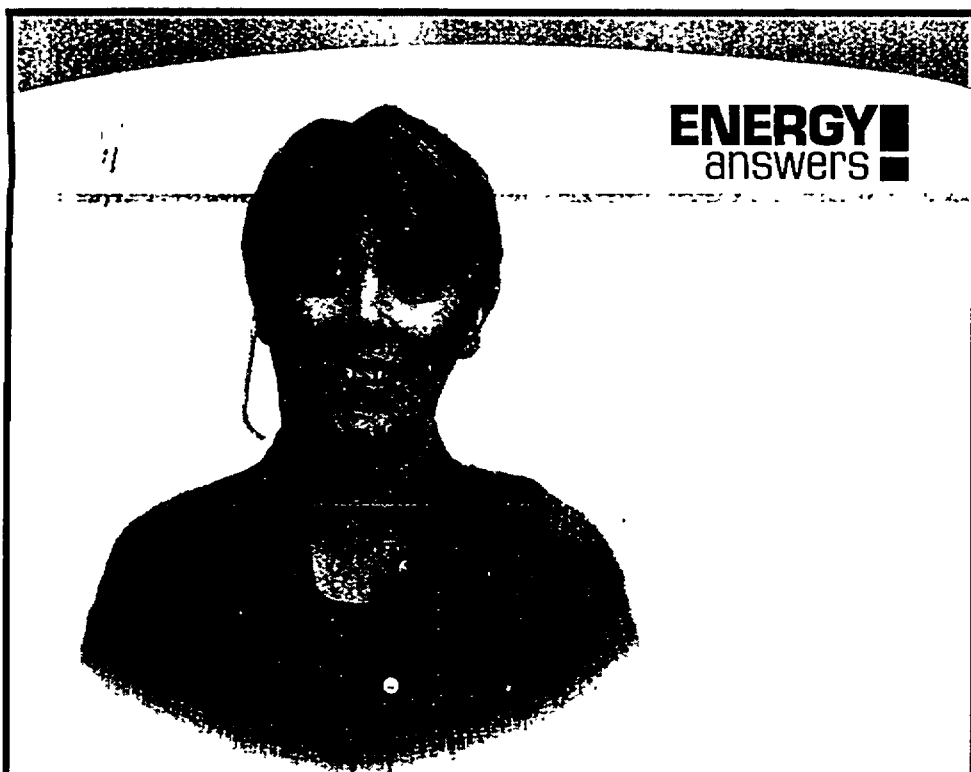
In addition to various size volumes, the mural

features whimsical touches such as mice peeking out from behind books and a little girl reading.

Donors write their check to the Community Foundation of Southeastern Michigan, which administers the library's endowment fund. In return, the library sends a card asking how they would like a name to appear, Mannisto said.

Forms are available at the 212 W. Cady St. library or online at www.northvillelibrary.org.

Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103, or via e-mail at mjohnston@gannett.com.



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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.

Wishing you a hopeful holiday

The holidays don't always arrive as we hope. Rarely, are they wrapped quite like we imagined, or delivered at just the right time.

Despite all our planning and best intentions, somehow there always seems to be one or two projects left incomplete.

We crave bountiful holidays, steeped in presents and awash with good cheer. We address best wishes to those we love and send them into the night, hoping the weekend snow storm does not hasten their swift arrival.

We plan, coordinate and research. Then shop, and shop some more, hoping our industry will yield happy memories, moments to one day cherish.

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.

Let's not forget simple gifts: acts of kindness.

Let us remember that many this holiday season will go without — without food, shelter, affection, family and hope.

Some will make a hospital bed their holiday home. Others are stationed overseas as part of a military assignment.

Some families are grieving the recent loss of a loved one.

A card, letter or phone call is sometimes the only gift the anonymous among us need. Take a moment this holiday season to remember how good most of us have it.

Then do something to make someone else's holiday a little brighter. That's a holiday tradition worth preserving.

City: Residents deserve public praise

A handful of Northville Township residents should be commended for their hard work and dedication upon completing the Community Emergency Response Team program. The township can now call upon 10 trained residents in the event of an emergency to help in any given situation. Having committed residents serve as backup to our police and fire departments is very important to the community. It's not too late to sign up for the next program, starting Jan. 25. Getting involved and helping protect the ones you love and the place you live is what makes Northville a solid community.

Schools: \$70M bond debate begins

As the new year approaches, Northville Public Schools prepares for its Feb. 28 \$70.7 million bond election. Officials are proposing construction of a new elementary school, transportation building, field house and other district-wide projects. Many questions loom. Beginning next week, the Northville Record will take an in-depth look into what voters will be asked at the polls.

Athletics: Applause, for the fans

Fans, by definition, are fanatical. Northville fans make that a good thing. The Mustangs faithful came out in force last Saturday for the Northville-Novice hockey game at Compuware arena. There were over 1,300 people in attendance and over 900 of them were backing the orange and black. That's school spirit.

RECORD CORRECTIONS

■ **Future funeral plans**
Contact information for a Dec. 8 story regarding "funerals of the future" should have read:
Who: Guardian Memorial Society
Contact: (888) 251-2200
Hours: open 24-hours every-day

Web site: www.guardian-memorialsociety.com
What: A nontraditional way for funeral planning in the future

■ Byline

Last week an article about holiday party planning should have included the author's name, Novi resident Margit Erickson.

CERT-ified!



The Northville Township Board of Trustees awarded graduates of the first Community Emergency Response Team with certificates for completion of the basic training program.

Will dramatic change spark Michigan rebound?

Remember the old adage that it's always darkest just before dawn?

I'm inclined to believe that the potential for a real revival of our economy is lurking under the superficial but very painful surface froth on our present economic misery.

As evidence, consider this: "The bad news is that there is an enormous crisis in the automobile industry; it's a terrific challenge to the state, the companies, the workers, the unions. But the good news is that it's creating a sense of urgency that will help get some things done in the industry that needed to be done for a long, long time."

That's the word from David Cole, the highly respected president of the Center for Automotive Research. Cole's point is that if you want to get big and important things done, it often takes a crisis to motivate people to make tough choices.

"My biggest fear about what could happen to the domestic auto industry," Cole says, "is for people not to take sufficiently radical steps to get the industry back on its feet."

"The worst thing that could happen is to wake up some day and discover the entire industry is dead, the victim of a thousand little cuts."

Cole is absolutely right, of course. The entire auto industry (and much of manufacturing, for that matter) is in the middle of an enormous transformation of its old business model.

There are three main components: • The role of organized labor. A globalized economy means the United Auto Workers' union has lost the ability to define wages and benefits.

It could do that back when the auto industry was a closed domestic market, and relations between labor and management were confrontational but mutually dependent.

Today's economic realities will require labor and management to collaborate if both are to survive.

• The nature of work and pay. The days are over when high school dropouts could earn a good wage as an essentially unskilled auto worker. Today's manufacturing requires workers with

a minimum two-year degree from a community college, and most guess that the high productivity, flexible manufacturing of the near future will require a four-year college degree. Today, it is high skills that are needed to lead to high productivity, and high productivity makes high wages economically possible.

• Competition. In the old days, auto companies competed to bring their own unique design and engineering features to their products. But going it alone today is just too expensive.

So you see Ford and General Motors collaborating on developing a new six-speed automatic transmission, and DaimlerChrysler, GM and BMW working together on hybrid technology for use on larger vehicles.

Cole calls this development "cooperation," and it's likely to become the norm in the relatively near future.

As a sign of what the future of the auto industry might look like, Cole points to the joint venture between DaimlerChrysler (Germany), Mitsubishi Motors Corp. (Japan) and Hyundai Motor Co. (Korea).

Located in union-friendly Dundee in Monroe County, the Global Engine Manufacturing Alliance employs a couple of hundred UAW members who earn standard union wages and benefits.



Phil Power

But nearly everything else is different.

The minimum requirement for a production employee is a two-year community college degree; many workers have four-year degrees. There are few work rules; workers are cross-trained and work in teams, so there is essentially only one job classification.

Outside suppliers, some union and some nonunion, provide some 45 different business services to the plant, including building and equipment maintenance. Management topiders and leaders of UAW Local 723, which represents the workers, both think it's a great arrangement.

Cole thinks plants like Dundee represent a hopeful future for the auto industry. Even though the 2007 contracts between the Big Three and the UAW are in effect being re-negotiated right now, it's more likely that Dundee-like arrangements will bubble up from the bottom as local plant managers and union local leaders realize there is much more to be gained from collaboration than from conflict.

I suspect that when we come to write the history of this period, we will realize the tipping point was the Delphi bankruptcy. It challenged the notion that great big companies would survive forever, regardless of what happened to their costs or the market. In a slightly perverse sense, it's the UAW leadership that is the greatest beneficiary of Delphi's restructuring, because it made it crystal clear that it can no longer be business as usual.

There's an old line that aptly catches today's requirement for collaboration, "Better to be in the train than on the tracks."

Here's hoping everybody pays attention — and here's hoping your holidays are merry and bright.

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.

LETTERS

U.S. presence in Iraq justified

Perhaps many of our U.S. senators and representatives are just too old.

The United States has spent some of the best lives of our military and treasure to oust a tyrant and lift the possibilities for Iraqis. To choose a course summarily removing troops and abandon our currently evolving defensive military position will lead to a vicious, brutal unending civil war. This should be clearly understood. The death toll, the unreparable new destruction and full partitioning of Iraq would certainly follow. The carnivores are at the borders of Iraq are waiting for the opportunity. We hope the Iraqis can capture the opportunity for a great future.

No one can satisfactorily write a suitable script for an attacking media or dissenting partisans when you are not thinking along the same path

Jim Nowka
Northville

Life savers

The Northville Township rescue team responded promptly to a 911 call urged by my doctor whom I phoned after briefly losing vision, balance and muscle control. Two paramedics took a quick history, made a concise physical exam,

called in a colleague who performed a blood sugar measurement and reached the conclusion that the diagnosis was uncertain and further studies were needed. They didn't miss a thing; essentially the same conclusion was reached after a day and a half at the excellent University of Michigan Hospital, using X-ray, CAT scan and an array of blood tests in heart, brain and diabetes specialty work-ups. To this old retired M.D., the paramedics' performance seemed impressively efficient and expert, which reflects well on their training.

After their professional service, policy matters intruded. Ambulance transport, restricted to local hospitals, barred my being conveyed to U of M Hospital, the location of my physicians and records of many years, and since I had become stable and ambulatory, there was no longer an emergency. That made it most reasonable to have my wife drive me to Ann Arbor for definitive medical care. The problem was that the big snow plus snow plows' roadside deposit had blocked the driveway, so she couldn't get out (The paramedics had walked in from Eight Mile Road.) So, before briefly stopping traffic to let her slip across Eight Mile Road without the usual long wait, they had cleared the driveway with my snow blower and some shovels, salted a slippery spot on the porch and used a tip with the comment, "We like to help people." They served well beyond the call of duty and with good

cheer. My wife and I think that was the best Christmas present we could have received.

Bent G. Boving, M.D. &
Renée L. Boving, M.D.
Northville

Thank you

I want to thank Donna Pallas and Barbara Davis for the fantastic article they wrote for the Victorian Trunk sale.

Also, the Chamber of Commerce and everyone involved for another very successful season at the farmers market.

There's no nicer time than Christmas to remember special people in Northville. See you in May.

Sharon Vige
Northville

Stamped out

During this season of kindness to your fellow man and love thy neighbor, what a surprise I heard from the U.S. Post Office in Northville.

The Salvation Army Bellingers will not be allowed to stand against the building this year, as this is government property and no solicitors are wanted. All these years, I was under the conception that "we" were the government. I thought it

was meant "Of us, by us and for us." Was I wrong?

Mention was made that it gets too cold for the people working inside. Would their doors open and close even if the Salvation Army were not there? Could their people not put sweaters on, which is, after all, what the Salvation Army is trying to do, provide sweaters to all? Maybe it is the nerve-racking of the "bells" that is bothersome. Could these two things have condemned the good samaritans to the corner sidewalk, without the protection of the building, which they had for years and years?

Do I have to point out that these wonderful volunteers are doing a good thing. It isn't easy standing for one or two hours out in the elements to collect a little money to help less fortunate people. This deed really brings out the meaning of the word cold.

Whoever banned these volunteers to the street, should open their eyes and see the friendly people who deposit their money in the red kettles.

Shame. Shame on the post office for doing this.

All is not lost, though. Maybe their hearts will grow and be kind to those who are so desperately trying to provide for those who are in need.

A warm, giving and comfortable Merry Christmas is wished to each of them and a Happy New Year, too.

Charlotte Zabell
Northville

WHAT'S GOING ON?

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Members of the Northville High School "Treble Makers" choir, including Clara Fecht, left, entertain Thornton Creek Elementary School students with Christmas carols Monday.

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Thornton Creek Elementary School students listen to the "Treble Makers."

NORTHVILLE EVENTS

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 Koeveing, (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: Shermus 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

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 ages 2 and under, \$10 for ages 2 to 12, and \$15 for ages 13 and up.
CONTACT: Parks and Recreation, (248) 349-0203

Art Event

DATE: Friday, Jan. 6
TIME: 6 p.m.
LOCATION: Shermus Gallery of Fine Art, 109 N. Center St.
DETAILS: This includes abstract and mixed media artist, Jeri Fellwock; abstract artist, Shadia Sassak; watercolorist, Gwen Tomkow; and acrylic/oil artist, Jeff Von Buskirk performing in "The Painters' Play."
CONTACT: (248) 380-0470

American Association of University Women

DATE: Saturday, Jan. 7
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia
DETAILS: The cost is \$22 and includes a lunch. The program will be "True Colors" by Barbara DeGrazia.
CONTACT: Mary Ann Stewart, (248) 449-7602

Open Mic Night

DATE: Third Saturday of every month through May
TIME: 6:15 p.m., sign-up; 7 p.m., performance
LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
DETAILS: Northville Arts Commission hosts this event for acoustic, folk and traditional musicians. The cost is \$5 at the door, performers are free.
CONTACT: (248) 449-9950

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; art demonstrations and exhibits available in shops.
CONTACT: Tom James, Northville Camera and Digital Imaging, (248) 349-0105

Marquis Theater

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

"Pinochio"

DATE: Monday through Sunday, Dec. 26-Jan. 1.
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$7.50 per person. Call for reservations.

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 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.

Maybury Park/Farm Programs

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

Library Lines

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall; parking off Cady Street
CONTACT: For information about programs, services or to request or renew library materials, (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 collection and donates the rest to the Friends for sale, with proceeds benefiting the library. 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

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. 22
9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Tai Chi
1 p.m.: Computer I
By appointment: Massage
Friday, Dec. 23
Senior Community Center closed
Monday, Dec. 26
Senior Community Center closed
Tuesday, Dec. 27
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Computers I
1:30 p.m.: Games
Wednesday, Dec. 28
10 a.m.: Oxyrise Level I
11 a.m.: Oxyrise Level II
noon: Bridge
1 p.m.: Computer II
By appointment: Foot reflexology

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. 22: Brownie Scouts, 3:45 p.m.; Cub Scouts, 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, Dec. 25: Mill Creek Church, 10 a.m.
Monday, Dec. 26-Thursday, Dec. 29: Office closed
*Grounds closed to public

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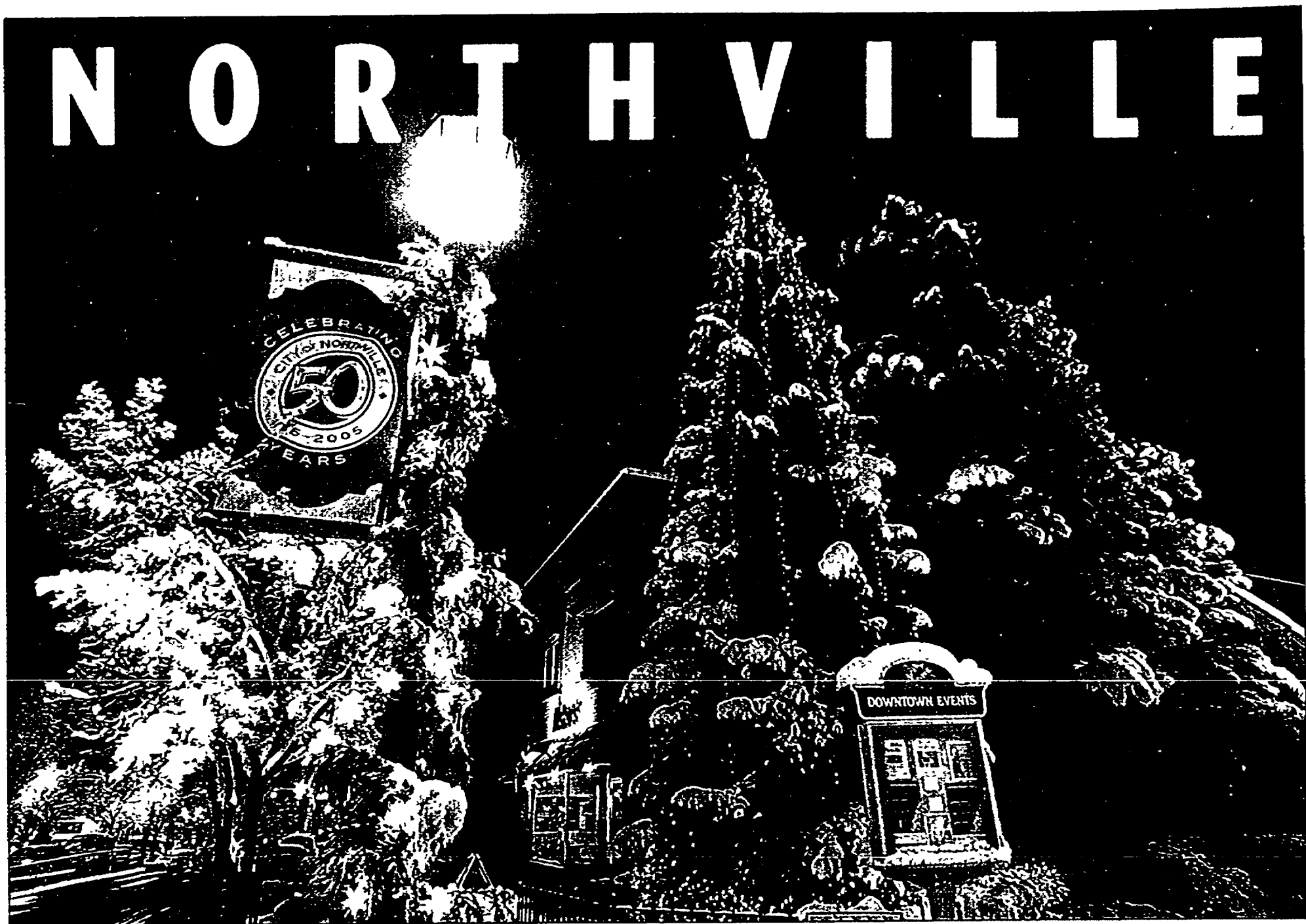


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Main Street in downtown Northville following a winter snow storm last week. Local stores have been busy, helping last-minute shoppers prepare for the holiday season.

Christmas Portraits



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Roxanne Barrick-Sassaman of Northville Civic Concern receives presents on the charity's behalf, including Ridge Wood Elementary student Tony Miller, right. Ridge Wood students raised funds and visited local shops.



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Everett Waldo, 7, and Spencer Waldo, 9, of Northville memorialize the bible verse: "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord."



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Cassandra Kennedy gets a kiss from Marlene Kunz of Northville Civic Concern Tuesday during the Christmas distribution day. About 150 individuals and families stopped by the group's office on Seven Mile Road to pick up presents wrapped for them by "adopted" families.



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Holsting bags filled with Christmas presents for local families, Maryann Cotterill and her daughter Jennifer, right, help out during the Northville Civic Concern Christmas distribution day. More than 150 families and individuals benefited from donations by Northville residents, civic organizations and churches.



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Old Village School student Danny Latour gets his photo taken with Santa Claus by Al Hembra member Ken Kress. The catholic fraternal organization has been visiting Old Village, with Santa, for the past 15 years.

GRIMMERS: family celebrates holidays — en masse

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school, the three musketeers, her quiet one, her little guy and the one who looks just like her brother. They're athletes, scholars, scouts and helpers, age 2-19.

"It wasn't like we planned all of them," Grimmer said. "They just came along."

After the big snowfall last week, they teamed up to shovel the driveway. They alternate cleaning six bedrooms and five bathrooms.

"They're just like normal kids," Grimmer said. "They're very close. They'll fight like cats and dogs."

"Sometimes, they try to get out of their chores."

Even the 5-year-old is an old hand at setting the table.

"If he can go online, he can set the table," Grimmer said.

A 10-foot Christmas tree stands in the family room, decorated with dozens of handmade ornaments, awaiting Santa's visit Saturday night. Nine photograph portraits smile in neat rows over one loveseat.

Buying in bulk

Her husband's salary in corporate program management and her registered nurse wage as an intravenous specialist make financial ends meet.

His international travels are fre-

■ The Grimmer children

- Michelle, 19, sophomore, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- Daniel, 18, senior, Northville High School
- Angela, 16, sophomore, Northville High School
- Stephen, 14, eighth grader, Meads Mill Middle School
- Natalie, 12, seventh grader, Meads Mill Middle School
- Brian, 11, fifth grader, Ridge Wood Elementary School
- Rachel, 8, third grader, Ridge Wood Elementary School
- Jacob, 5, kindergartner, Silver Springs Elementary School
- Nathan, 2

quent. Demand for her expertise and teaching ability take her all over Michigan and Ohio. Older siblings step in when Grimmer reports to work.

The family primarily patronizes Costco, usually two to three times per week, spending \$200-300 each trip. Five gallons of milk Grimmer purchased Wednesday afternoon are nearly gone Friday morning.

"We should have our own cow," she said. "We drink a gallon to a gallon and a half every meal."

David Grimmer's military background helped oil the machine that



12 Days of Christmas with the Grimms

- 1 A 20-year marriage between Carol and David
- 2 Vans to travel in
- 3 Birthdays between Thanksgiving and Christmas
- 4 Northville Public Schools children are attending
- 5 Bathrooms to vie for
- 6 Bedrooms to sleep in
- 7 Days for laundry
- 8 Gallons of milk every 8 meals
- 9 Brothers and sisters
- 10 Kids it sometimes seems like
- 11 Stockings on the fireplace
- 12 Months as a close-knit family

is their Hills of Crestwood household. There are chore charts and binders for school, sports and extra-curricular activities.

"My husband is very systematic," Grimmer said. "He's an ex-Marine, what can I say? Sometimes, you have to be over-organized to be a big family."



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

The Grimmer family (minus husband David and son Daniel) gather around the dining room table for a meal. Pictured are Nathan, 2, Jacob, 5, Rachel, 8, Brian, 11, Natalie, 12, Stephen, 14, Angela, 16, and Michelle, 19.

Stranger than fiction

Movies like "Cheaper by the Dozen" don't do giant families justice, Grimmer said. "It could never function if it were that dysfunctional."

"I have 18 years to teach them to be a responsible adult," she said. "They need to know that 'no' is 'no'."

"I have found that even little children can do chores and they pride themselves in doing it well."

Keeping clothes clean is one of the endless tasks, Grimmer said. She does about five laundry loads a

day, divided by child to save sorting time.

"I must fold hundreds of socks every week," she said. "I do that at night when I'm trying to unwind."

"I don't have any down time." Production for "The Grimms Go To Washington" was canceled, the mom said with a laugh. When the troupe visited the White House, a bumped Christopher Columbus bust had the security team abuzz.

"It was just hysterics," she said. "We've had some interesting vacations."

The "Home Alone" tale of the child left behind hits closest to the mark, the mom said. A little Grimmer has been left, then found, at Yellowstone, Six Flags and at a Tennessee national park.

Long waits, crowded quarters and a mandatory gratuity has taught the family to split into two groups when going out to dine, Grimmer said.

"We take two vans," she said. "We caravan."

"When we go on vacation for a week, it's like three weeks for anyone else." The cost to enter Disney World: more than \$500.

Holiday traditions

Christmas eve will be a family meal, followed by candlelight service at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

"When we come back we have cookies, lots of cookies," Grimmer said. The family gathers around a small tree in the living room which memorializes two stillborn sib-

"We should have our own cow. We drink a gallon to a gallon and a half every meal."

Carol Grimmer

Resident, Northville Township

lings. They share the story of Christ's birth, sing carols and exchange small gifts they've made, purchased and wrapped for each other.

On Christmas Day, the family unwraps gifts left by "Jesus' helper," Santa.

"It takes us a few hours, usually 'til noon, to get everything open," Grimmer said. "It's probably one of our most relaxing days. We just share each others' time."

"It's kind of just a family day," Grimmer smiles at the thought of Aunt Alberta.

"She kept saying, 'Am I going to knit yet?'" Carol said. "I used to say never, after two, then after three."

"Now I never say never anymore."

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Photo courtesy the Grimmer family

The Grimms: husband and wife David and Carol and their kids Nathan, 2, Jacob, 5, Rachel, 8, Brian, 11, Natalie, 12, Stephen, 14, Angela, 16, Daniel, 18, and Michelle, 19.

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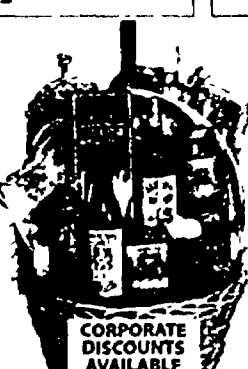
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The captains

Max Lenn and Derek Mohacsi are two great captains for the Northville Mustangs hockey team. They're dedicated and they love the sport.

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More hockey!

There's just way too much action from the Northville and Novi hockey game to not put more of it in this section! Check out the photopage this week.

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CHECK!

Wildcats slap Northville with rivalry loss

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville's special teams didn't look very special Saturday.

The Mustangs boys hockey team squared off against Novi at Compuware Arena and came away with a 6-3 loss.

"They were a lot faster than us out there tonight," said Northville coach Brad O'Neill. "They got to the puck faster than we did and they responded faster than we did."

"I was also very disappointed in our physical presence out there. They just outplayed us."

Northville, which won the first game between the two teams, 4-3, in overtime, couldn't capitalize on the majority of their powerplays and let the Wildcats score three times while short-handed.

The Wildcats tallied a short-handed goal at 12:03 in the third period to take a 4-2 lead when Northville goalie Scott Ozog came out of the crease to retrieve the puck. He bobbled it, lost it and watched as it was recovered by Novi's Tom Ciaverilla, who skated around the net and scored despite a quick Mustang defenseman who took position between the posts.

**Novi 6,
Northville 3**

Just 25 seconds later, the Wildcats put the game away for good when sophomore Ryan Timar notched a short-handed goal by skating between two defenders and fired home an off-balance wrist shot.

"I'm really proud of the way we played tonight," said Dan Phelps. "We sat down and watched some tape (of the 9-0 loss to South Lyon) and we talked about what kind of team we are going to be. This is the team we selected in November. They didn't surprise me tonight, because I knew this is what they could do."

Northville scored a final goal in the third period with a powerplay of their own. Senior Pat Uetz wound up and slapped home a shot from just inside the blue line with 8:39 left on the clock for the final score of the game. Brandon Wales earned the assist.

Northville tallied the first goal of the night at 13:16 in the first period on a shot by Wales, unassisted, before Novi's Shamus Finnerty tied it up four minutes later with an assist from Andrew Haggerty. Northville added another from Derek Mohacsi at 2:20 with an assist from Tim Fick before Novi answered a minute later on a goal by captain Steve Rousseau with an assist from Ciaverilla to end the first period, 2-2.

Novi notched the lone goal of the second period on a short-handed play with 1:33 left. Timar skated in alone off a pass from Matt Ericson and fired it past Ozog for the score.



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Novi goalie Brad Clos goes airborne after a collision with a Northville skater.

Bad Boys

There were a few tense moments for both teams when it came to powerplays. Novi and Northville combined for a total of 26 penalty minutes in their game Saturday.

TEAM	PLAYER	TIME/PERIOD	PENALTY	MINUTES
*Northville	Matt Long	7:20/First	Unsportsman	2
*Novi	Ryan Fox	7:20/First	Hooking	2
*Northville	Kyle Storey	3:39/First	Unsportsman	2
*Novi	Scott Eberline	3:39/First	Unsportsman	2
Novi	Scott Eberline	15:55/Second	Hooking	2
Novi	Scott Eberline	11:07/Second	Hooking	2
Northville	Brandon Wales	5:50/Second	High Stick	2
Novi	Ryan Fox	3:43/Second	Unsportsman	2
Novi	Ryan Fox	3:43/Second	2nd Unsportsman	2
Novi	Greg Morissette	13:58/Third	High Stick	2
Northville	Matt Long	10:30/Third	Slashing	2
Novi	Brett Walczak	9:51/Third	Holding	2
Northville	Anthony Deneau	3:59/Third	Holding	2

* indicates off-setting penalties

"We couldn't have asked for a better performance from our team," said Phelps. "We made the best out of every situation and had some great plays."

Ozog took the loss for Northville, which is now 6-3, while Novi's Brad Clos earned the win with some impressive play to help Novi to a 3-6 mark.

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ABOVE: Northville's Corey Campbell tries to take up position in front of Novi goalie Brad Clos. Defender Greg Morissette is preparing to clear him. LEFT: Novi's Ryan Timar tries to get a shot in for a goal while Scott Ozog defends.

By the numbers	26	9	6-3	3-6	1,300	8-3	3
	Total minutes the Novi and Northville hockey teams had for penalties.	Goals, combined, scored by the two teams during Saturday's game.	Northville's new hockey record following the loss to the Wildcats.	Novi's new hockey record thanks to their huge win over the Mustangs.	Number of fans at Saturday's game, a record for a Northville home game.	Score between Novi and Northville's junior varsity hockey teams. Northville won.	Days until Santa Claus finally comes with all those gifts!

NO CONTEST

Northville can't find a way to whoop their weight in Wildcats



Northville goalie Scotty Ozog had to make some big saves against Novi, including this one headed for the five hole.

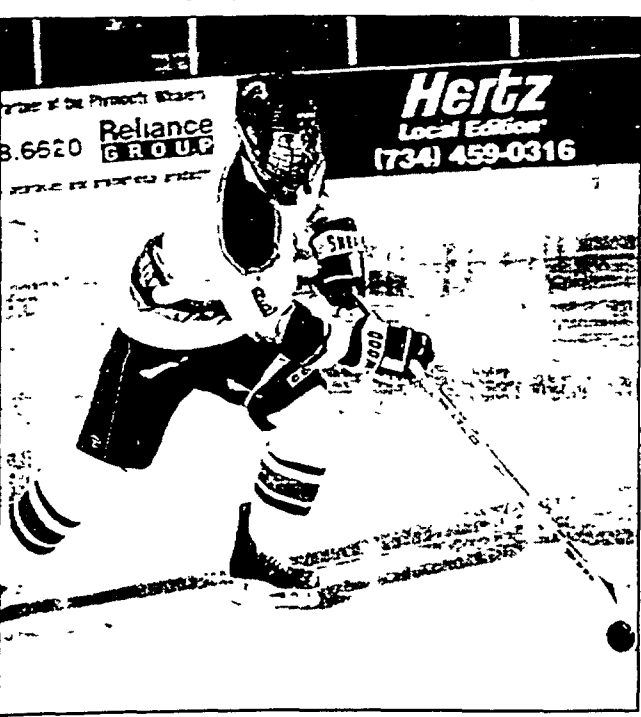
Novi senior Kyle Mouch slams a Northville player into the glass. Novi, the underdog in the contest, won, 6-3.



Northville's Kenny Papich works against Novi's Ryan Timar.



Northville head coach Brad O'Neill talks with his players during a break in the action.



Northville senior Pat Uetz takes the puck up the ice. He scored a goal in the 6-3 loss to Novi.



LEFT: Captain Max Lenn skates up the ice on the look out for some very physical Novi Wildcats. Lenn is a four-year member of the team. Check page 4B for more details.



Northville senior Matt Long brings the puck up the ice during a 6-3 loss to Novi last Saturday.

Photos by MARK HICKS/WESTSIDE PHOTO

Three years in the making

■ Lenn, hockey boosters see long-awaited dream a reality

Bill Lenn stood at the door of Compuware Ice Arena, shaking hands with people as they entered to watch the Northville-Novice Battle of the Baseline Saturday.

He smiled, which he often does, and then thanked them for coming. It was a goal of Lenn's, from the day he took over the hockey boost-

ers three years ago, to see the Mustangs play their cross-town rivals in a large venue in front of a lot of fans.

He watched as his goal blossomed into fruition like a blossom in the spring. "Bill really deserves a lot of credit for putting that all together," said girls hockey coach Bill Holden. "He's a focused individual who doesn't give up."

It wasn't all great moments for Lenn, who watched his son and the Mustangs fall, 6-3, to the Wildcats. He knew it was a potential outcome of the game despite Novi's 2-6 record and Northville's 6-2 record coming into the game.

Records, between Novi and

Northville, don't mean anything. But it was worth it. He watched his son, Max, play in front of the largest turnout in Northville hockey history. They cheered, let out boos and banged on the glass.

"My dad loves seeing my play and this game is especially great for him," said Max Lenn before the game. "It's my last chance to play Novi in a game like this and it's everyone's chance to see one of the best games ever between these two teams."

"I know this is exciting for him and he's going to enjoy it, no matter what the outcome is."

Lenn has been a big part of the hockey booster's success since he became president. He's organized fund-raising events, sold old jerseys and has found ways to keep the kids on the ice no matter how the costs have climbed.

It's what he does best, said Holden. "Bill Lenn likes fund-raising like I like coaching," he said. "It's something he's great at. Who

knows where we'd be if it weren't for Bill and the booster club."

Northville boys coach Brad O'Neill said the boosters have helped the Mustangs keep the price of playing down.

They help pay for equipment, ice time and anything else the team needs.

"We live and die with the hockey boosters and what they do for our program," said O'Neill. "They've done such a great job, everyone that's involved. From security to fund-raising, they do it all."

"They let me coach, which means a lot. They let me focus on coaching while they take care of the things a lot of other coaches have to worry about."

So when Lenn and the boosters asked O'Neill if he'd be willing to drop a home game in trade for a stint at Compuware Ice Arena, there was no question to what the answer was going to be.

"My dad has been talking about this game and this kind of venue for three years," Max Lenn said. "I'm glad to see it has worked out for him. I'm really happy for him."

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Sam Eggleston

Work hard, play harder

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Max Lenn skated onto the ice, looked around in awe and then smiled to himself. He was a freshman on Northville's varsity hockey team.

In his fourth season, he still smiles when he skates onto the ice. It could be because he's a three-year captain and the only four-year member of the hockey team.

Or it could be something else. "I just absolutely love it," he said. "I enjoy every bit of it. It's never been a hassle to me. I just want to go out, skate hard and work my hardest every day."

Lenn's is a career that hasn't been the kindest to him. His freshman year his club skated to a .500 record and had it's head coach fired just before the post-season. The following year was much better, sending Northville to the state playoff semifinals, but his junior year was hampered with a knee surgery, physical therapy and a cautiousness on the ice that hobbled the usually aggressive defenseman.

Now with his senior season, Lenn wants to make the best of every situation.

"I never want to look back and regret anything," he said. "When

it's 10 years down the road and I look back on my senior year in hockey, I don't want to say I could have worked harder. If I do, then I've failed."

Lenn isn't the kind of player his coaches worry about seeing at off-season workouts or skating his hardest during practice.

In fact, he's so dedicated to that aspect of hockey other players don't believe they can keep up.

"Max is a rare breed," said Northville coach Brad O'Neill. "We try and get the kids to do off-ice conditioning and in our weight program. Through the grapevine I hear the comments some of the kids make and when we get on them about not working at it enough they'll often say 'Not everybody can be a Max Lenn.'"

Lenn admits he isn't blessed with the greatest hockey talent. He's small compared to most defensemen, standing 5-foot-6-inches and weighing in at 152 pounds.

But his work ethic makes up for it. He lifts weights, runs, swims and skates as much as he can.

"I just want to be good at what I do," he said. "I always work hard, especially since I'm one of the smaller guys out there. Not being very big and not being very strong doesn't help me out much, so I have to work hard so my size and strength don't hold me back."

When it comes to his off-ice life, Lenn works just as hard. He maintains a high grade-point average and has been accepted to Indiana, Wisconsin, Miami of Ohio, Michigan State University and Western Michigan. Two of the schools have even offered him academic scholarships.

He hopes to study physical therapy, especially after his knee injury his junior year and a youth baseball injury that had him rehabilitating his shoulder.

Until then, he said he's going to focus on hockey and then lacrosse in the spring.

"Max Lenn goes out and does what has to be done," said O'Neill. "He's a remarkable athlete and a real credit to his school and community. We're really fortunate to have him around."

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IN THE KITCHEN

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Thursday, December 22, 2005



Filet Mignon With Cabernet Potato Butter Sauce

6 (7-ounce) Omaha Steaks
Filet Mignons, grilled

Sauce:

- 2 teaspoons plus 1 pound unsalted butter, divided
- 1/4 cup finely minced shallots
- 3 cups Cabernet Sauvignon (about one 750ml bottle)
- 1/2 cup dry Idahoan Buttery Homestyle Mashed Potatoes
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt

1. In small stainless steel saucepan, place 2 teaspoons butter and shallots. Sauté briefly, until shallots are transparent
2. Add wine.
3. Over high heat, reduce liquid by half (cooking about 10 minutes)
4. Reduce heat to low and stir in dry mashed potatoes. Cook and stir 1 minute.
5. Cut 1 pound butter into 1/2-ounce cubes.
6. Over low heat, add butter cubes to sauce 1 at a time while continually whisking. If sauce gets too hot and starts to get thin or separate, add more butter cubes to cool it down. If sauce starts to cool down and get thick, let it heat up before adding another cube. Keep between 100°-120°F.
7. Season with salt.
8. Serve immediately over grilled steaks or hold at 100°-120°F in double boiler. Complete the meal with Green Beans With Butter and Lemon (recipe below) plus prepared Idahoan mashed potatoes using remainder of the pouch for the sauce, with one additional pouch

Yield: 6 servings

Green Beans With Butter and Lemon

Pinch of baking soda

- 1 1/2 pounds fresh green beans, ends snipped
- 1/4 pound butter
- 1/2 cup diced (3/8 inch) red pepper
- Juice and zest of 2 lemons
- 1 teaspoon sea salt

1. In boiling water with pinch of baking soda, cook green beans to desired doneness
2. Drain beans, then toss with butter, red pepper, lemon juice, lemon zest and sea salt. Serve immediately.

Yield: 6 servings

Secretly Simple

HOLIDAY DINING

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

Potato Chocolate Cake

- 1 cup margarine or shortening
- 2 cups sugar
- 4 eggs
- 3 squares chocolate, melted
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup cold, prepared Idahoan Original Mashed Potatoes
- 2 cups flour, sifted
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup buttermilk
- 1 tub chocolate frosting

1. Preheat oven to 375°F.
2. Cream together margarine or shortening and sugar. Beat in eggs one at a time.
3. Stir in melted chocolate and vanilla. Add mashed potatoes and mix well.
4. Combine flour, baking soda and salt. Add this sifted, dry mix alternately to batter with buttermilk. Blend well with each addition
5. Grease and flour baking pans. Distribute batter evenly between three 9-inch layer pans. Bake 20 minutes
6. Frost with favorite chocolate frosting. Garnish as desired.

Variation:
For Chocolate Spice Cake, add 1 teaspoon each cinnamon and allspice to sifted dry mix. One cup raisins or nuts also may be added

Yield: 12 servings

With the hustle and bustle of the holidays, it can feel like days, even weeks, go by without sitting down to dinner with your family. Entice them back to the table this holiday season, with a meal that is elegant enough to serve to company, but simple enough to prepare for the family on a busy weeknight

These delicious recipes look and taste like you've been in the kitchen for hours, but don't worry, we won't tell your secret. They're created by using versatile pantry staples — including pouches of 100% Idaho mashed potatoes (so you don't have to spend time peeling), and a frozen asset you'll always want keep on hand — grain-fed, well-marbled, tender Midwestern beef. With these items, you can make almost any night "secretly simple."

Every one loves appetizers that feel like party food — these savory mushroom caps are perfect to pass around as the meal is cooking. Or, for those really chilly nights, serve creamy roasted garlic potato soup. Your family will surely ooh and ahh as you present them with the main course of sizzling hot filet mignons, drizzled with wine sauce and served with festive green beans and the classic companion to a steak — buttery mashed potatoes. After dinner, wow the kids with a moist chocolate cake. With all of these quick and tasty recipes, you might actually need to remind everyone to save room for dessert!



Four Cheese Potato-Stuffed Mushrooms

- 1 (4-ounce) pouch Idahoan Four Cheese Mashed Potatoes
- 12 large or 18 medium mushrooms
- 3 tablespoons butter, margarine or olive oil, divided
- 3/4 teaspoon salt

1. Preheat oven to 450°F.
2. Prepare mashed potatoes as package directs.
3. Remove stems from mushrooms, chop stems and set aside.
4. Carefully scoop out center of each mushroom cap with spoon, leaving 1/2-inch shell.
5. Melt butter in 10-inch skillet over medium heat. Add chopped mushroom stems and cook 3 minutes or until tender. Remove from heat and stir in mashed potatoes, 2 tablespoons chives and salt.
6. Fill each mushroom cap with potato mixture, mounding slightly. Bake 10 minutes or until potatoes are lightly golden. Sprinkle mushrooms with remaining 1 tablespoon chives

Yield: 12 appetizer servings

Roasted Garlic Potato Soup

- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 large leeks, sliced
- 2 (13 3/4-ounce) cans vegetable or chicken broth
- 1/8 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 (4-ounce) pouch Idahoan Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, dry

1. Melt butter in 3-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add sliced leeks and cook 5 minutes or until tender, stirring occasionally.
2. Add broth and pepper. Heat to boiling. Stir in dry mashed potatoes until mixture has thickened

Yield: 6 servings

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Allstate Offers Christmas Tree Safety Tips For A Brighter Holiday

Wixom, Mich., December 22, 2005 – For many people, decorating the Christmas tree is a favorite part of the holiday and adds to the spirit of Christmas. However, with the addition of a Christmas tree to your home, the risk of fire and other household accidents increases. Each year, home fires and other accidents during the holiday season injure 2,000 individuals and cause over \$500 million in damage.

"There are simple life-saving steps you can take to ensure a safe and happy holiday," says Allstate Agent Louis Kirby. "By following these steps, individuals can greatly reduce their chances of becoming a holiday casualty."

Allstate Insurance Co. and the National Safety Council offer the following safety tips to ensure a fire or other accident doesn't spoil your holiday season:

Christmas trees

1 A real tree can fill your home with beauty and the scent of pine. But a real tree can also pose a fire hazard. Select a fresh tree by looking for one that is green. The needles of pines and spruces should bend and not break. Branches should be hard to pull off the branches. With fir trees, a needle pulled from a fresh tree will snap when bent, much like a fresh carrot. Also, look for a trunk sticky with sap.

2 Cut off about two inches of the trunk and put the tree in a sturdy, water-holding stand. Keep the stand filled with water so the tree does not dry out quickly.

3 Stand your tree away from fireplaces, radiators and other heat sources. Make sure the tree does not block foot traffic or doorways.

4 If you use an artificial tree, choose one that is tested and labeled as fire resistant. Artificial trees with built-in electrical systems should have the Underwriters Laboratory (UL) label.

Tree lights

Turn off all lights on trees and decorations when you go to bed or leave the house.

Tree ornaments

1 Always use the proper step stool or ladder to reach high places.

2 Read labels before you use materials that come in jars, cans and spray cans.

3 Never place lighted candles on a tree or near any flammable materials.

4 Avoid placing breakable tree ornaments or ones with small, detachable parts on lower branches where small children or pets can reach them.

5 Do not hang popcorn chains and candy canes on the tree when small children are present. They may think that other tree ornaments are also edible.

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Restaurant offers authentic Mexican food

Drop by for a chimichanga and a fun night out

By Kate Phillips
SPECIAL WRITER

After one bite of the food at La Casa del Rio Grande customers never go back to chain restaurants. The authentic Mexican flavor at La Casa is nothing like other restaurants, which often serve spicy Tex-Mex. The food recipes were actually imported directly from Central and Southern Mexico.

"There's nowhere else in the area to get this type of food," said owner Dawn Salvati. "It's real Mexican food, not Americanized Tex-Mex."

Try a bite

La Casa del Rio Grande offers something for every member of the family. It serves lunch and dinner seven days a week. There are a variety of Mexican appetizers, lunch and dinner specials, unique desserts and a full-service bar.

Lunch specials offered Monday through Friday include favorites like Mexican Pizza. It's made with two fried flour tortillas with a choice of meats inside and topped with cheese and vegetables.

"The food is not overly spicy or hot but we'll make it hot upon request," said Salvati.

The restaurant is home to several groups of regulars who like the fast lunch-time service. For those looking for a quick lunch, Salvati suggests calling in orders ahead of time. Those who place phone orders can pick up, carry-out or dine in the restaurant.

"Your meals will be on the table waiting for you when you arrive," said Salvati.

Of all the appetizers, a customer favorite is the Mexican flaming cheese — without the fire. The restaurant has also brought back a winter time favorite, the chicken tortilla soup. The hearty chicken soup includes black beans and vegetables.

The selection of entrees features chimichanga platters, fajitas, enchiladas and burritos.

"We have the best fajitas around," said Salvati.

Pedro's stacked sandwich is another recommended dish. It starts with three flour tortillas layered with rice, refried beans and your choice of tender diced pork, shredded beef or chicken. It's topped with melted mozzarella cheese and jalapenos by request.

Another favorite is the seafood salad, a fresh garden salad topped with shrimp, crab meat, avocado, tomatoes, onions, olives and muenster cheese.

On Monday there is dine-in all-you-can-eat taco special for \$7.25. Hungry guests can order up as many tacos as they like, filled with ground beef, shredded beef, chicken or traditional bean and potato. Some try one of each. For only \$8.25 chefs will fry up soft flour tortillas into crispy taco shells for the all-you-can-eat-special.

"The flour tacos are absolutely amazing," said Salvati.

Since plenty of people can't choose just one item, sampler platters provide a taste of several. A Don Pedro sampler comes with a ground beef taco, enchilada, ground beef, shredded beef flauta, ground beef tostada, beans and rice. Or the Rio Grande sampler includes a chicken taco, ground beef enchilada, small pork chimichanga, beans and rice.

Early birds that come in din-



Photos by HAL GOULD

Owner Dawn Salvati (right) and Melissa Littlemyer serve up real Mexican food at La Casa del Rio Grande.

ner between 3 and 5 p.m. can cash in with a "buy one get the second dinner half off," by request.

With huge serving sizes, it's hard to save room for dessert. But the Xango is tempting. It's made of cheesecake inside of flour tortillas, deep fried to a golden brown and served with ice cream, cinnamon and sugar topping and whipped cream.

Party down

The festive atmosphere at La Casa del Rio Grande sets the tone for fun, casual dining. Colorful blankets, wooden benches and sombreros are part of the cheerful decor. "Don't be afraid to use your fingers," the menu explains. It's about having a good time.

"It's family dining that's fun and casual," said Salvati. "You can dress up if you want, but you can come as you are and bring the whole family."

With free chips and salsa, the fun starts as soon as the family takes a seat.

The dining room keeps the atmosphere moving with festive Mexican music, while the bar plays classic rock. It was the customers who came up with the musical preferences.

The community is invited to come home from the holidays, to the home on Grand River, which in Spanish is called La Casa del Rio Grande. The restaurant is open on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve.

But no one needs a refresher course in Spanish, because the menu explains everything in English. The staff is glad to help folks find their way around the menu and make a dinner choice.

Treating you right

Affordable pricing makes La Casa del Rio Grande a great place to bring the entire family. Adult dinners average around \$7.50 and kids meals are \$3.50, including beverage. Tuesday and Saturday are kids days with meals for just \$2.99, including a beverage and



The bar at La Casa Del Rio Grande.

Dessert

The restaurant is happy to accommodate special requests and allergy concerns. No lard or chicken stock is used in the beans and rice to provide a vegetarian friendly experience.

Most items are easily adaptable to a low carbohydrate diet.

"Mexican food is great for low carb diets," said Salvati. "You just have to cut down the beans, rice and tortillas."

The restaurant also offers smoke free nights in the dining room on Friday and Saturday. On those nights patrons are allowed to smoke in the bar or on the patio when weather permits.

Special nights

Families pack the place on clown night. A side-splitting clown known as Jannie Annie entertains the kids and the adults, too. Jannie Annie is coming Dec. 17, Jan. 14, Feb. 18 and March 18, from 6 to 8 p.m. Children enjoy the \$2.99 kids days meals.

For adults looking for a night out, La Casa del Rio Grande stocks a full-service bar with a large selection of both American and Mexican beer. Happy hour prices run on beer and alcoholic drinks from 3 to 7 p.m. daily.

There are always running beer specials. In December Labatt and Labatt Light beer is on special for \$2.25 a bottle. In January Coors Light is only \$2 a bottle. There are

also ongoing mixed drink specials.

Wednesday and Sunday are "margarita days" with all house margaritas at happy hour prices. The Spyder margarita is Salvati's own secret recipe, made with citrus tequila.

There's even Spyder parties to celebrate every month. The next spyder party is coming up Dec. 21 from 6 to 9 p.m. The Spyder margarita is specially priced at \$4.50, plus bar items, like T-shirts, are given away as prizes.

Check out the Web site at riogrande-restaurant.com for more information on special promotions. Diners can also sign up for an e-mail club to receive a free dinner on their birthday and wedding anniversary plus buy one, get one half off coupons. To join go to theemailclub.com/riogrande.

A family effort

Owner Dawn Salvati actually operates the restaurant in the home where she lived as a child. Her father bought it more than 35 years ago. New Hudson is Salvati's beloved hometown, through and through.

After operating Don Pedro's Restaurant in Detroit with ex-husband Tom Salvati, she saw how much folks loved the food, and decided that New Hudson would be the perfect place to open another restaurant.

Since the home on Grand River was still in the family, Salvati

AT A GLANCE

- La Casa del Rio Grande is located at 57721 Grand River Ave. in New Hudson. The restaurant is just west of Milford Road, or drivers can follow the Lyon Center Drive loop from Wal-Mart to Grand River Avenue.
- Call (248) 446-7700 or fax (248) 446-7701 or go to the Web: www.riogrande-restaurant.com
- Open for lunch and dinner 7 days a week with a full-service bar.
- Reservations accepted.
- Carry-out and call-ahead meals can save time. Party and catering menus available. All major credit cards accepted.

Celebrate the holidays

- Christmas Eve: 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Christmas: Closed
- New Year's Eve: Noon to 10 p.m.
- Temporary delivery service available weekly Dec. 26 through Jan. 31 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for all orders over \$25 within 10 miles.
- New Year's Day delivery service available, from 1 to 8 p.m. for all orders over \$25 within 10 miles.

decided to transform the building into a homestyle restaurant, hence the Spanish name for "the house on Grand River."

The food at Don Pedro's and La Casa del Rio Grande is the same, so many loyal customers drive out to La Casa now that Don Pedro's has closed.

Most of the staff are family members of some sort, including Salvati's mother and two daughters, Samantha and Carmen.

"It's a small-town family atmosphere," said Salvati. "You can feel the love of family here."



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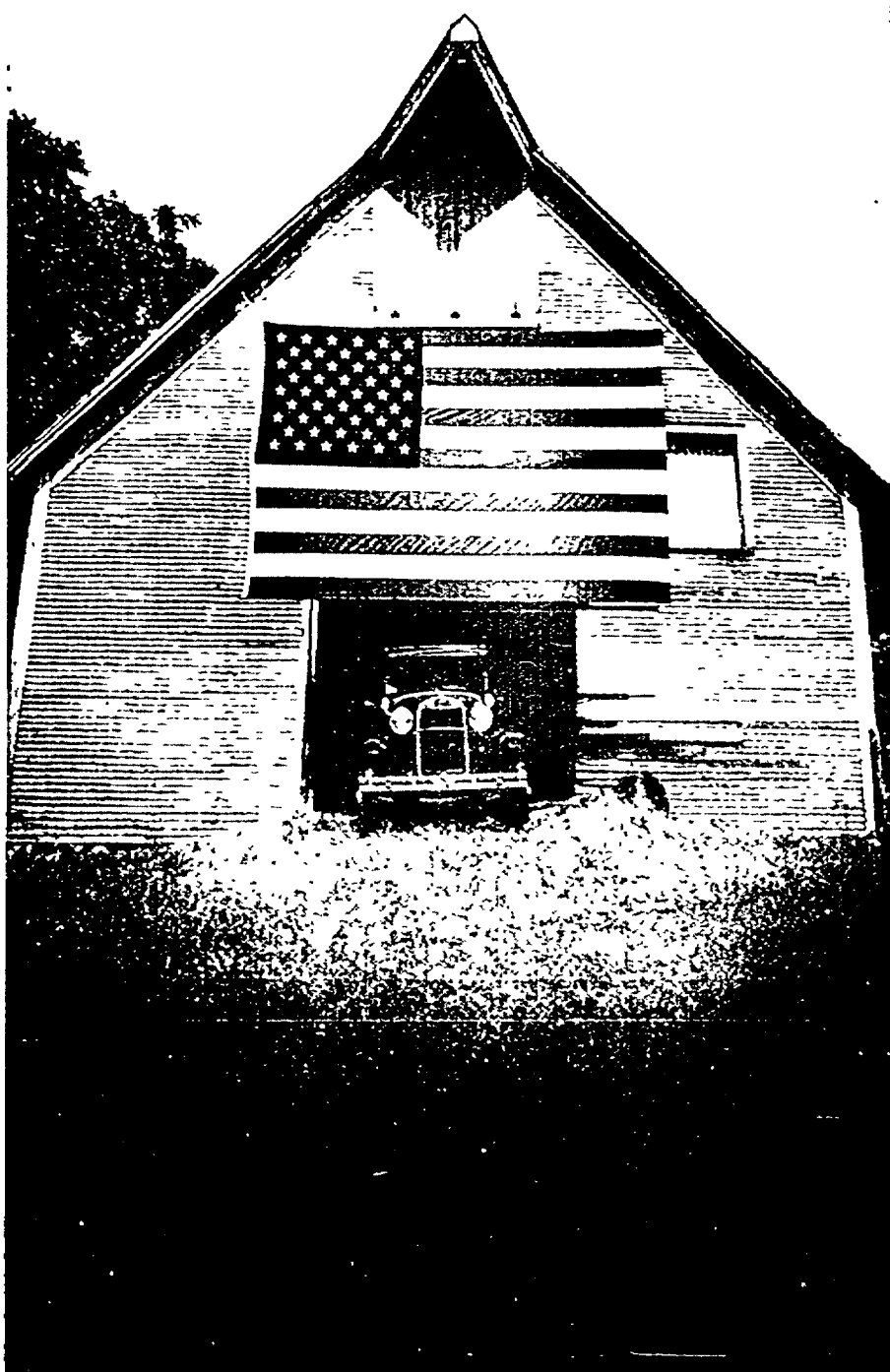
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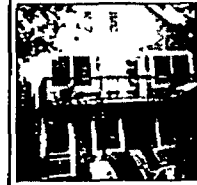
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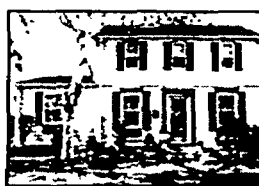
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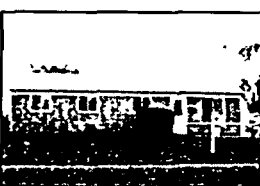
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YOU FOUND IT! Gorgeous Northville condo has everything but the maintenance! Clean and beautifully decorated, this end unit offers a great master, new floors and fixtures, dining and study areas, enclosed seasonal porch, appliances and a great location! \$134,900 (P-560NO)



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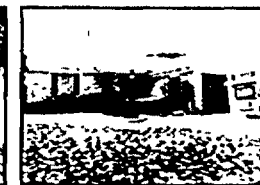
HOME SWEET HOME Comfortable colonial with a large family room off of the updated kitchen with lots of cabinets. Hardwood floors, oversized garage, vinyl windows and more! 3 block from the elementary school \$169,900 (C-835MO)



AFFORDABLE CANTON Updated 2 bedroom condo with new windows and carpeting in a great area in Canton. Appliances, central air, attached garage, balcony, 1st floor laundry and more. Come see it today! \$99,900 (C-544SA)



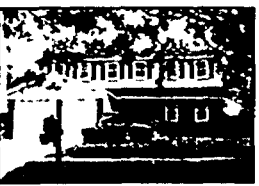
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DESIRABLE COURT LOCATION Spacious and updated Canton colonial with formal living/dining, updated open kitchen, family room fireplace and French doors to the patio. New carpeting, new roof, central air and 1st floor laundry. Walk to elementary \$259,900 (P-285OA)



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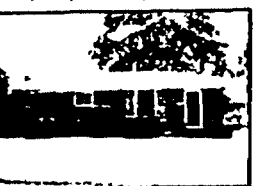
CUTE AS CAN BE! Huge front porch for relaxing summer nights, hardwood floors, cove ceilings, large family room and Florida room, finished basement, a white kitchen with appliances and a big back yard. \$164,000 (P-585DO)



CLEAN AND CONTEMPORARY Livonia ranch with many quality updates! Gorgeous finished basement, remodeled heated Florida room, newer central air, furnace, carpeting and light fixtures. Home warranty too! \$179,999 (P-600HA)



A SHOWPLACE Lavishly landscaped lot, premium elevation, palatial window with Romeo & Juliet balcony, great room with volume ceiling, maple kitchen, finished basement, game room and more Fabulous! \$399,000 (C-291LA)



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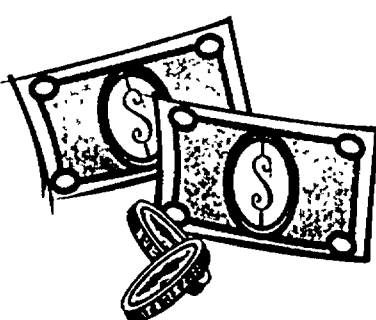
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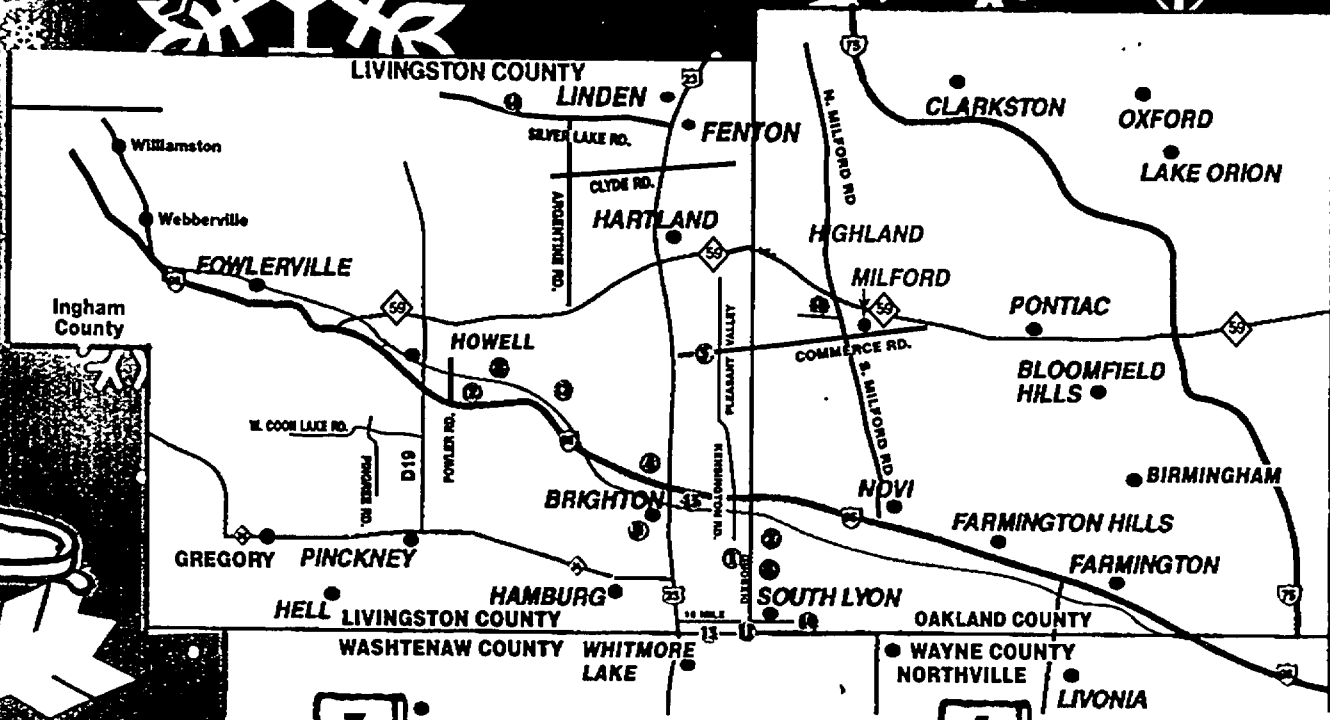


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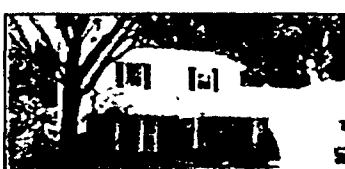
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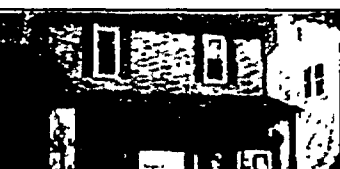
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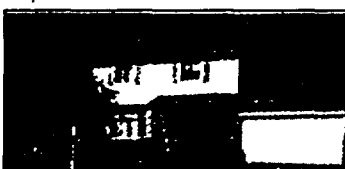
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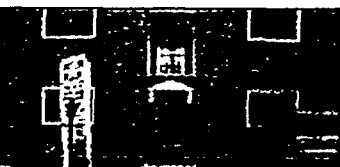
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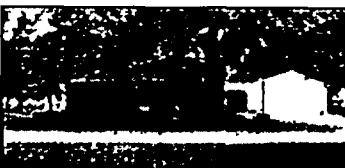
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End unit w/attached garage. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, large open living/dining room area. Spacious master bedroom with WIC. Enjoy maintenance free living. Pool and clubhouse. Immediate occupancy.
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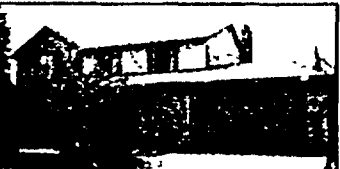
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Overlooking park, shows like a model! Built in 2002 offering 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, an attached garage, vaulted ceiling, GR balcony, hardwood floors, open kit w/island, all appls, dining room, C/A, att gar w/storage.
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PLYMOUTH Spacious Beacon Hill Home
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WAYNE Beautiful Ranch With Updates
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FARMINGTON Best View In Complex
Beautiful light & bright - feels like home! 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car attached garage & basement. Updated T/O w/newer kitchen and both baths. Some newer windows. Shiny hardwood floors. Spacious FR w/triple.
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3 bedroom bungalow sitting on double lot offers newer roof, some windows & refinished hardwood floors. Huge fenced yard with deck & a garage. Partially finished basement & all appliances stay.
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CANTON New Construction Home
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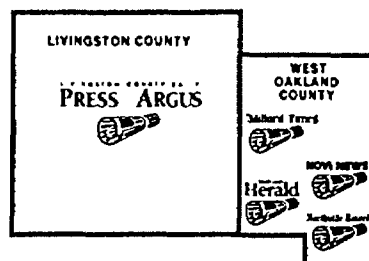
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Michigan's leading provider of home health seeks a liaison with physicians as well as medical and residential facilities. (Howell to Ann Arbor territory). Prefer experience and knowledge of discharge planning and home health. Medicare ranks us among the best in Michigan. Successful candidate will work independently, is personable, and work well with the public. If you have home health experience we will train you to sell. Offering competitive compensation and benefits. Send resume or apply on line.

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0010-2980 SERVICE GUIDE

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Auction Sales (7060)

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Garage Sales (7110)

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Clothing (7140)

GORGEOUS Azurene Mink Jacket, Vintage 60s \$250 (810) 229-9741

Baby & Children Items (7150)

Baby Crib Stroller (Natural). Includes mattress. Purchased from Baby and Kids department \$150.00 Tel: 248-449-5079

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MCOHR
(734) 647-4622
E-mail: Amy.S.Kim@umich.edu

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Birds & Fish (7820)

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Announcements & Notices (6200)

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Walter Kulowski aka Sharon Fisher, Sr. #279-273 8 household furnishings, 3 misc. household goods, 30 misc. boxes/bags, 2 lawn care equipment, 10 other misc. items

Coach Carter, Sr. #137-338 40 household furnishings, 1 misc. household goods, 20 restaurant items

Joey Combs, Sr. #302 4 household furnishings, 2 misc. household goods, 10 misc. boxes/bags, 4 recreation equipment, 1 office equipment, 5 other misc. items

Jett Langer, Sr. #392-393 1 freezer, 2 misc. small appliances, 5 household furnishings, 1 misc. household goods, 10 hand tools, 3 power tools, 10 recreation equipment, 5 lawn care equipment, 10 other misc. items

Ken Dobbs, Sr. #108 2 toys, 5 hand tools, 6 power tools, 30 other misc. items, 1, 2 Reese Hitch, 1, 2 truck side steps

Kerlin D. Fugere, Sr. #139 1 misc. small appliances, 3 household furnishings, 40 misc. boxes/bags, 2 recreation equipment, 10 other misc. items

Todd M. Conner, Sr. #33 1 misc. small appliances, 8 household furnishings, 5 misc. household, 20 misc. boxes/bags, 20 clothing, 2 recreation equipment, 10 other misc. items

Christopher Kaser, Sr. #215 8 misc. boxes/bags, 4 hand tools, 5 power tools, 1 recreation equipment, 1 other misc. item, 1, 10 motorcycle parts, 1, 25 car parts

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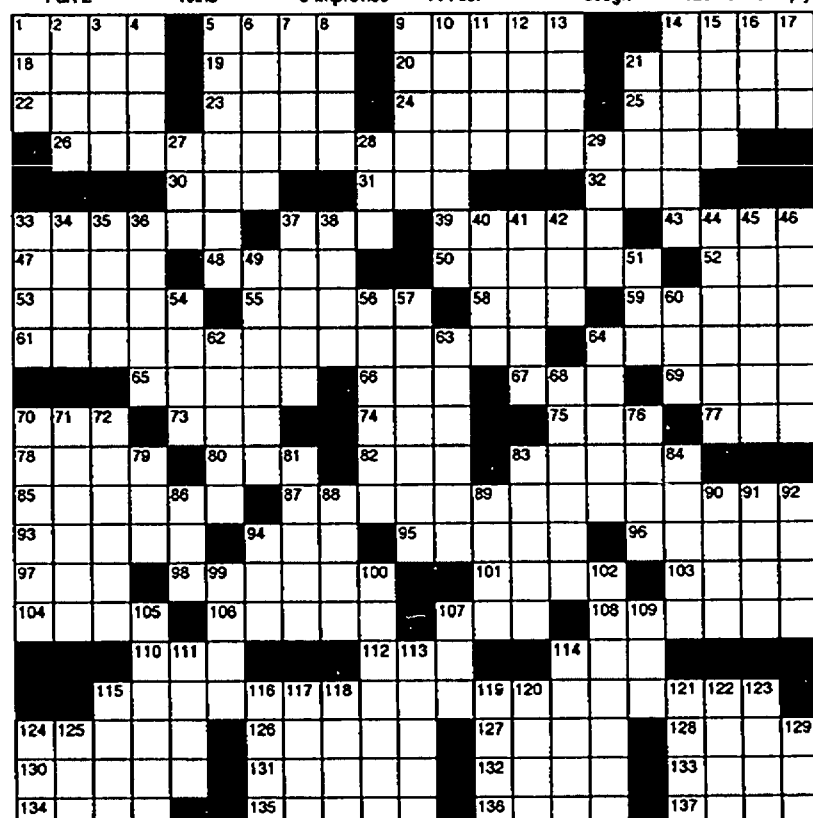
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1 Move swiftly
5 Dates' partner
9 Leans fast
14 Split the beans
18 Art deco designer
19 Concept
20 Spartan seal
21 "Train" (71 hit)
22 Marsh duck
23 Family
24 Cremona craftsman
25 Kickoff
30 Elf
31 "A mouse"
32 Slippery
33 Paris, to Helen
37 Take the honey and run
43 — ghanouj
47 On a whale
48 Hoffer
50 Pay up
52 Actor
53 McKellen
55 Wise guy
55 Treats
58 — standstill
59 Heavyweight
61 Riddle: Part 2

64 With hands on hips
65 Activist
66 Misjudge
67 Went logging
69 Saw a foe
70 Beaver or boaster
73 Figs.
74 By means of
75 Alphabet sequence
77 Duncan's denial
78 Singer
80 "Waking — Devine" (98 film)
82 Part of SASE
83 Coral outcrop
85 Cruise
87 Riddle: Part 3
93 Luncheonette lure
94 Every last bit
95 Disort
96 Bryant or Elberg
97 "Unforgettable" name
98 Socked a shuttlecock
101 Sharp
103 Thicken
104 Sid's st.
106 Take the reins

107 — diem
108 On the beach
110 Torrid
112 Beame or Burrows
114 Soupy dessert?
115 Answer to riddle
124 Sarangeli group
126 Dunk il
127 Clinton Cabinet member
128 Deride
130 Seasonal song
131 "Gay"
132 Riyadh resident
133 "—Ca-Dabra" (74 song)
134 Fret
135 Barrett and Jaffe
136 Spanish surrealist
137 Bog, for short

DOWN
1 Matching pieces
2 Hands
3 Bountiful setting
4 Oscar — Renta
5 Handle wood
6 Improvise
7 Slender
8 Polaroid inventor
9 Rub the wrong way
10 Some movies
11 Bo — unto oneself
12 Lora role
13 Tend the sauce
14 Stupely
15 Endure
16 Mr. Lucky's card
17 Wager
21 Shooting match?
27 Even if, informally
28 Above, to Arnold
29 Boat bottom
33 Credit alternative
34 — forgive those...
35 Boofy sound
36 Buccaneers' headquarters
37 Cereal bit
38 Nobelist
40 Raminol
41 "The King of Queens"
41 Furry fisherman
42 Child welfare org.
44 Fiber

45 Ms. Stralsand
46 "Tennis."
49 Plaza Hotel kid
51 Lodge brother
54 Library abbr.
56 Keanu of "Hardball"
57 Short races
60 Lend a hand
62 Porterhouse alternative
63 TV's "Have Gun Will —"
64 Composer
68 Perceptive
70 Cigar city
71 Lacking principles
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76 Skeleton part
79 Snead or Shepard
81 Investigate
83 Capp character
84 "The Elephant Man" director
86 Vapor
88 Nautical adverb
89 Gardener's tool
90 Mideastern dough
91 "Rupley's Believe — Not" conductor
92 Joffrey
94 Collectibles, collectively
99 Tivoli's Villa d'—
100 Blood count?
102 "Out of Africa" setting
105 "— of a Doubt" (43 film)
107 Cello part
109 Wine word
111 Hurler
113 Hersher
113 Greek consonants
114 Confectional
115 Employ
118 — Neisse
119 Line
117 Singer
118 Sonny
118 Aware of
119 Gowned figure
120 Blood components
121 Gulf country
122 "A Tiger Walks" actor
123 Philanthropist
124 Off. equipment
125 Sneaky sort
129 Turn sharply



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WASP YELL GROOM RASTA
OLLA ODDIE LENTO ERWIN
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UTA WEVE URSAL EARTH
GAMEST ASSAULT ACHERE
HELM SNIT ENID ALES
LIAM DAYS ALOE INS
MUST BELLETER PERFECT
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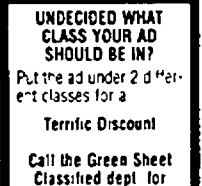
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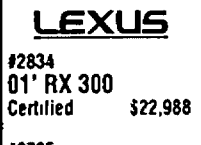
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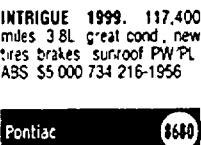
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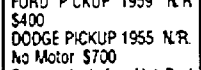
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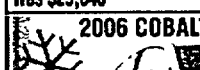
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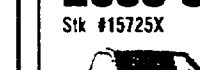
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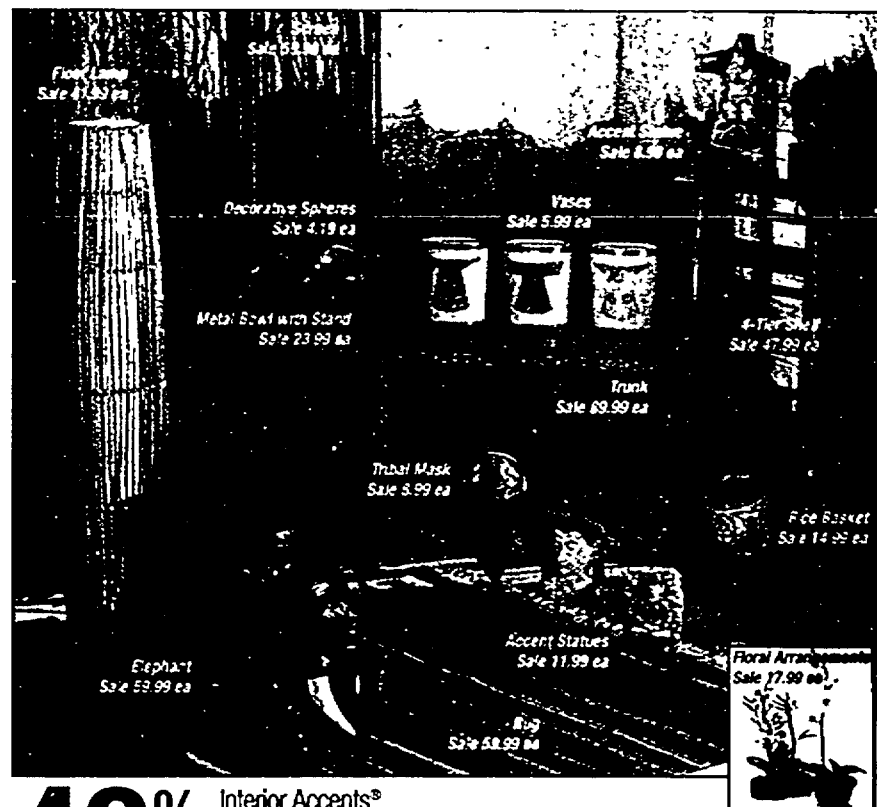
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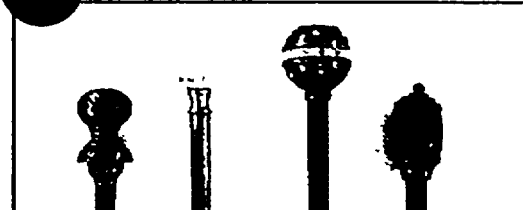
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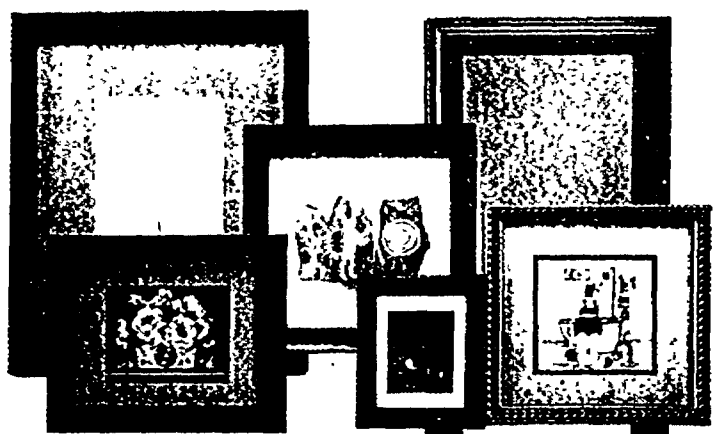
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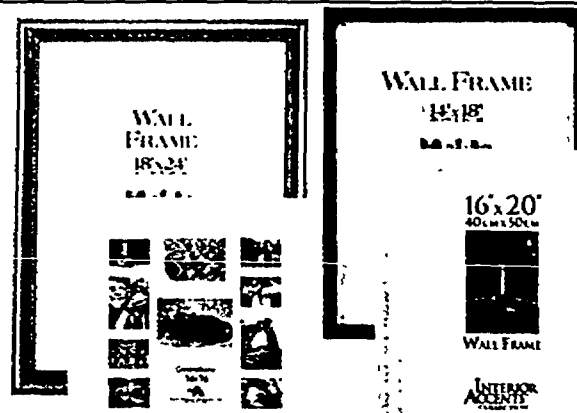
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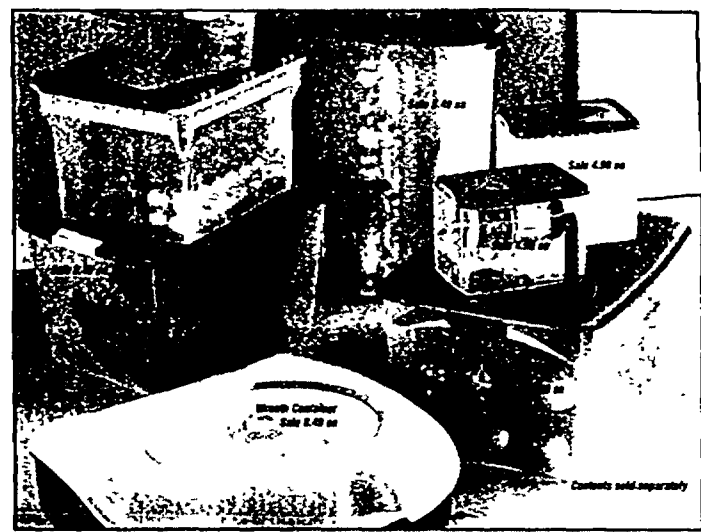
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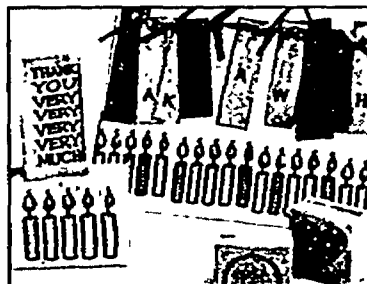
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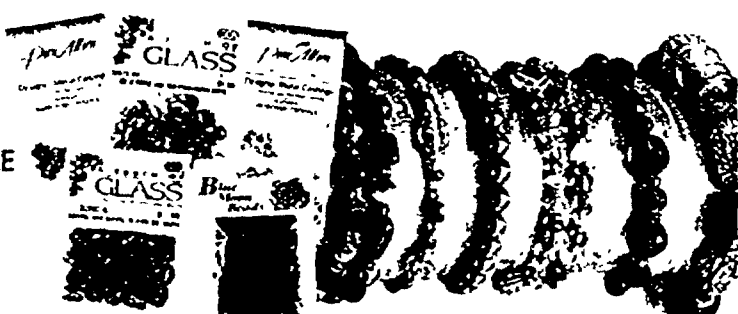


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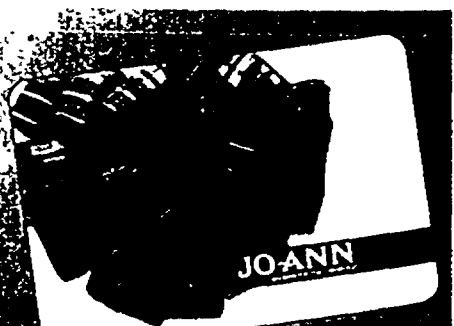
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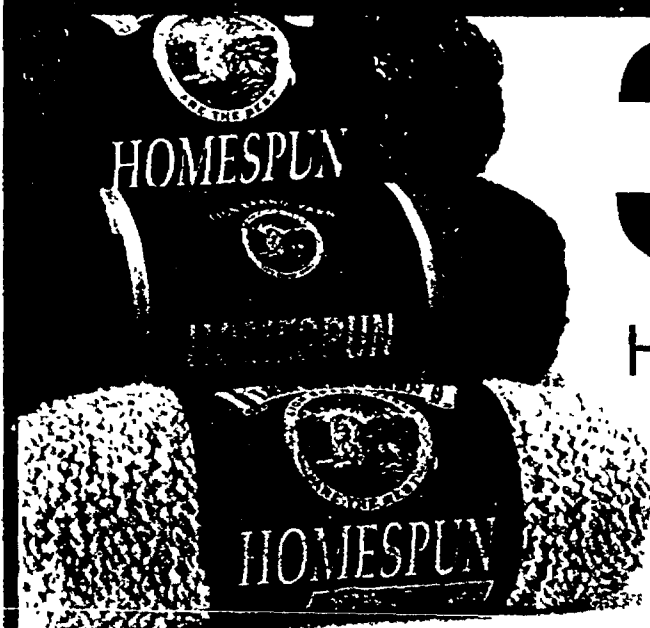


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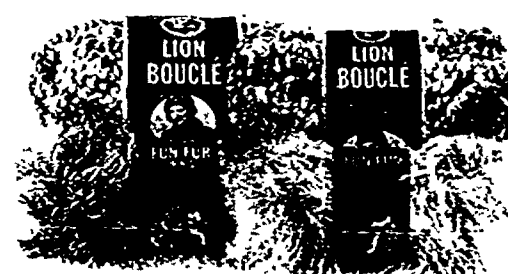
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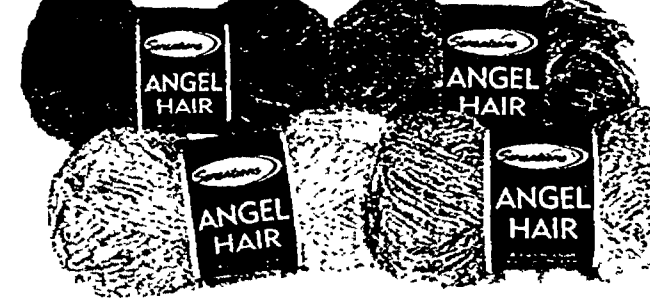
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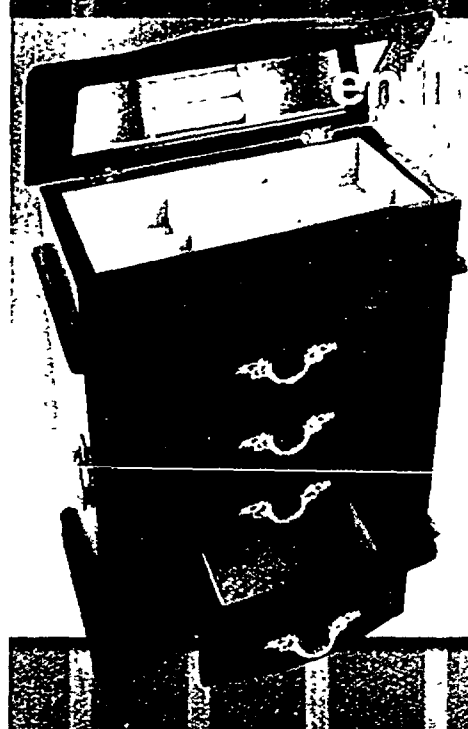
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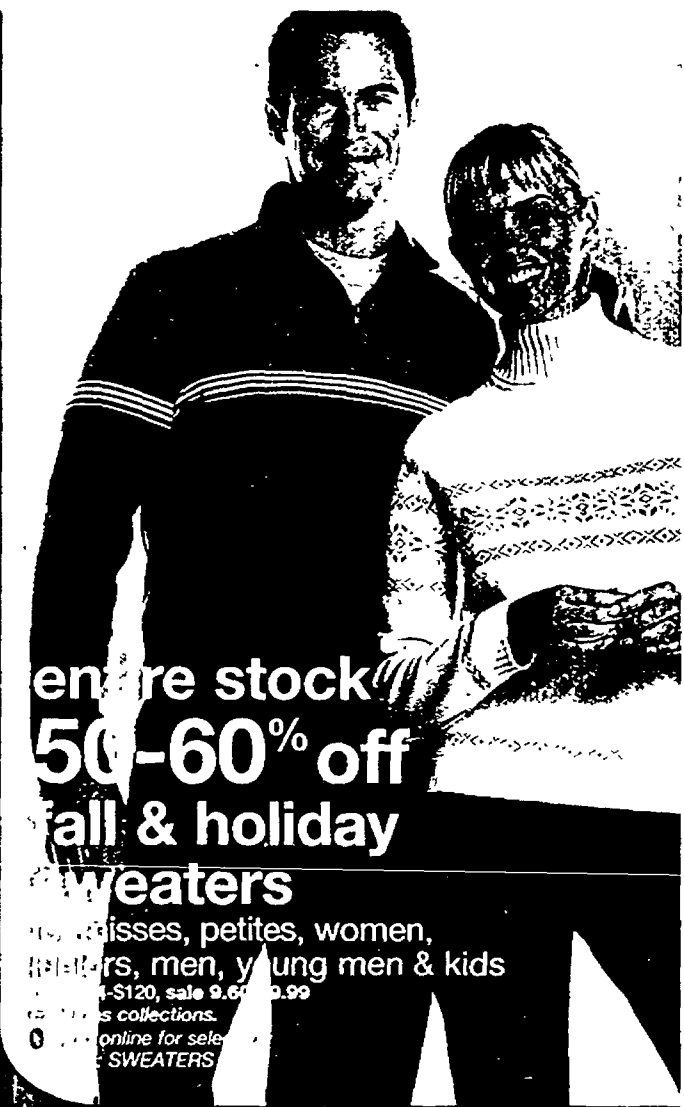
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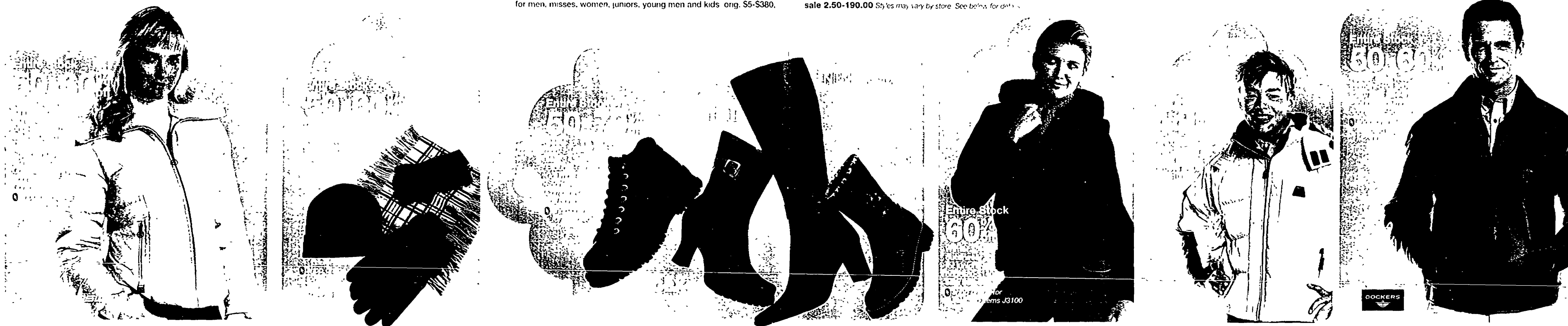
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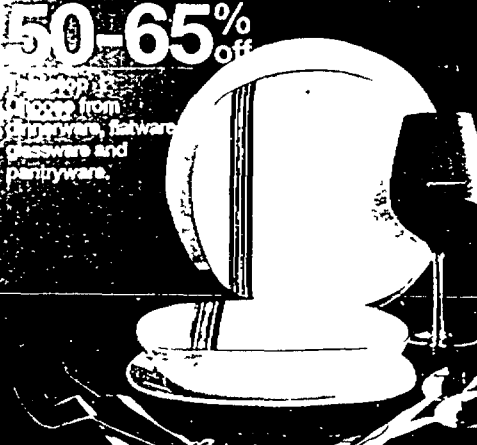
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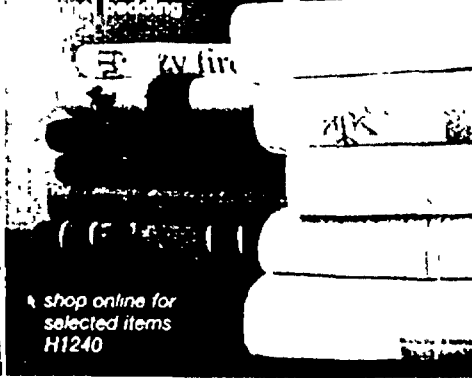


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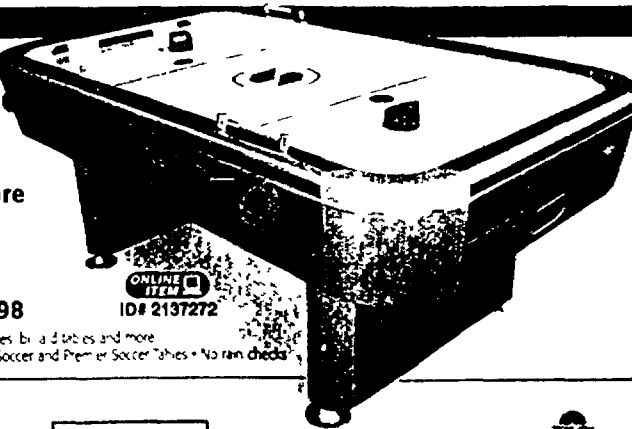
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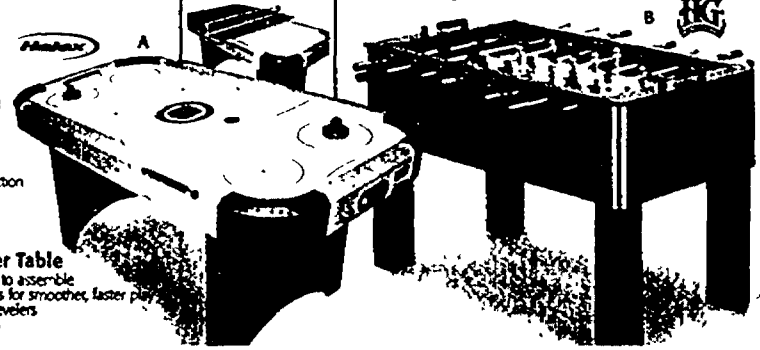


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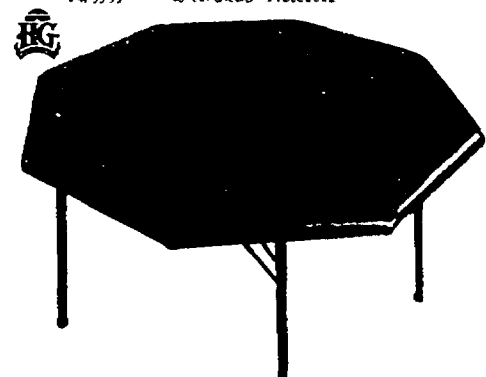
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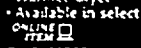


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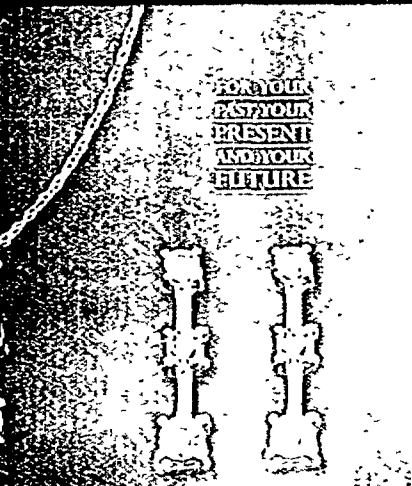
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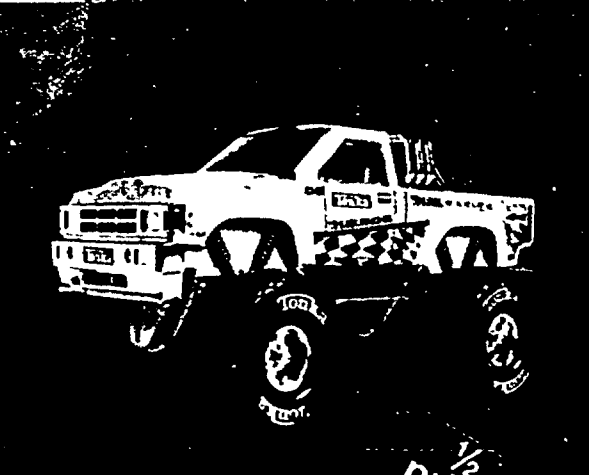


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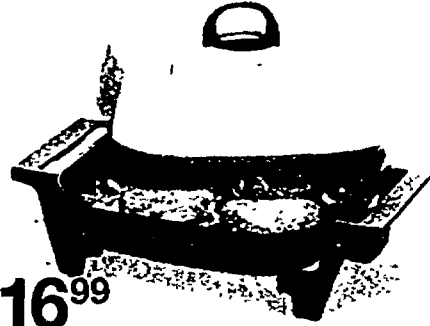
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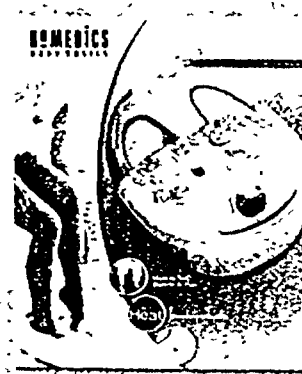
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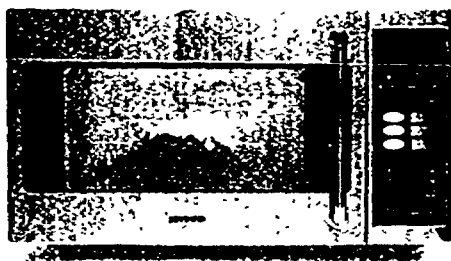
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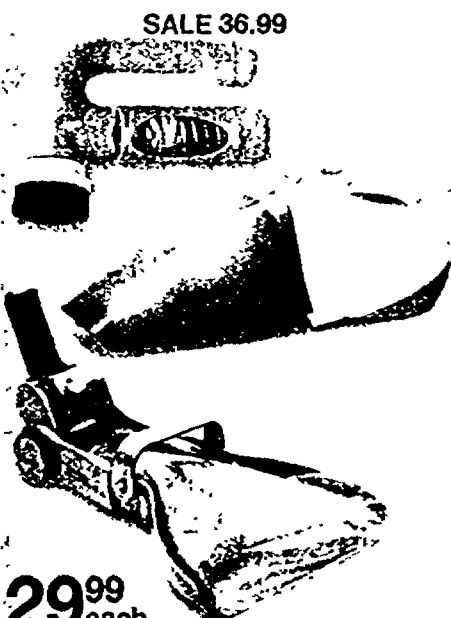
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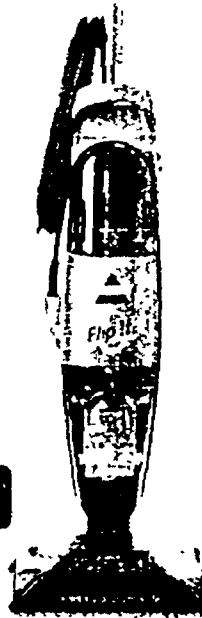
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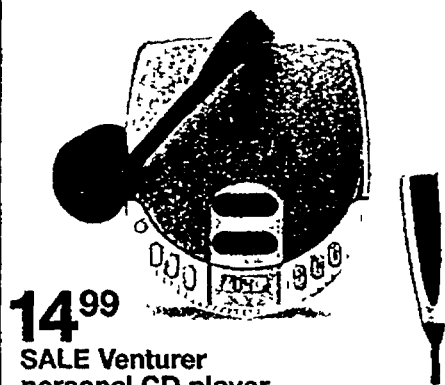
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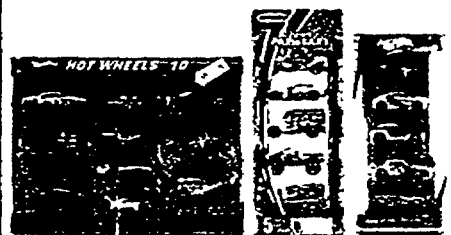
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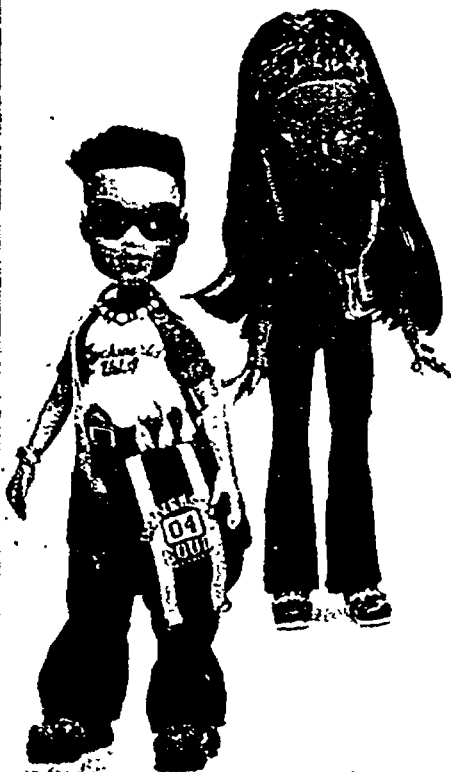
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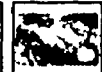
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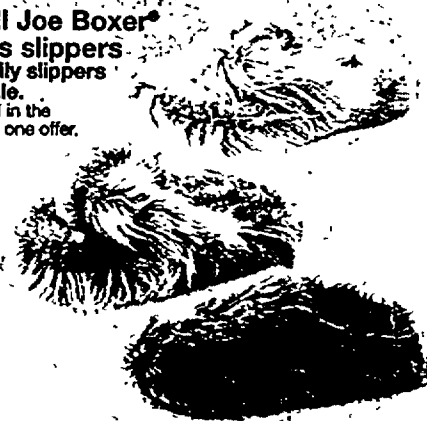
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Q I always love watching *A Christmas Story* every year. Whatever became of the actor who played the little boy who wanted the Red Ryder BB gun?

—Robert T., Marthaville, La.
Now 34, Peter Billingsley, who played the bespectacled Ralphie in the 1983 movie *A Christmas Story*, is a successful Hollywood producer with several projects to his credit, including the TV series *Dinner for Five* and the upcoming movie *The Breakup*, starring Vince Vaughn and Jennifer Aniston. But if you just can't get enough of Ralphie, you can watch the 24-hour *Christmas Story* marathon on TBS, which runs Christmas Eve into Christmas morning.

Q Is the rock band Deep Purple still around?

—Mark Hillman, Sunnyside, Wash.
Yes. The British band that gave the world the durable hard-rock classic "Smoke on the Water" in 1972 still is touring and recording. Although the band has undergone numerous personnel changes, original member and drummer Ian Paice soldiers on, as do members Roger Glover and Ian Gillan, and they've just released a new album, *Rapture of the Deep*. "There is only one thing that would stop me from continuing what I'm doing—if I lost the physical ability to live up to my standards," says Paice, 57. "I wouldn't want to go out with a whimper."



Peter Billingsley has a disappointing encounter with Santa Claus in *A Christmas Story*.

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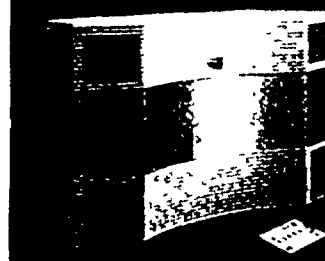
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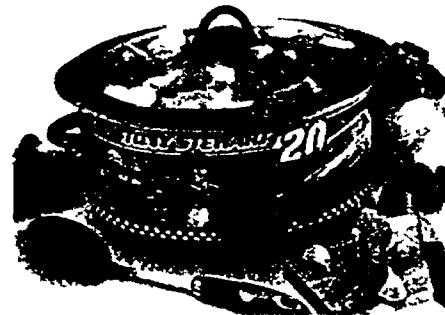
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As he's done for nearly four decades, music producer Bill Szymczyk sits behind a recording studio console as a drummer adds his part to a song. After the session is completed, Szymczyk (pronounced *sim-zik*) retreats to the lobby of a nearby hotel to soak up the soothing strains of a pianist playing a classical tune.

But this isn't just business as usual for Szymczyk, 62, one of rock music's most successful producers. Although he's worked with acts such as the Eagles, the Who, Bob Seger, Joe Walsh and B.B. King, his activities on this particular day are a family affair. His son, Michael, 18, is the drummer in Szymczyk's basement studio, while son Daniel, 13, is the one tickling the ivories in the hotel lobby after a family dinner at the Switzerland Inn near their home in Little Switzerland, N.C.

Although Szymczyk spent most of his career working in top-line recording studios in New York, Los Angeles and Miami, he moved to Little Switzerland, a resort community along the Blue Ridge Parkway, in 1990 to raise his sons in a more child-friendly environment. Truly committed to fatherhood, he vows to have a better balance between work and family than his hectic, 12-hour-a-day, six-days-a-week schedule had allowed in decades past.

"I really wasn't there, because of my work schedule, for my first two children," says Szymczyk, who also has two grown children from his first marriage. "So when my wife, Lisi, and I made the commitment to have children, I decided to be there for every basketball game, soccer game and piano recital. It's very fulfilling."

Finding the perfect balance—at least in the recording studio—has always seemed to come easily for Szymczyk, who is praised for his attentive ears, sense of perfection and patience for creating the right mix of sound. "He pioneered the careful making of records," says his friend, producer/musician Al Kooper. "With his work with the Eagles, every little piece of music on the record was made perfect. That really hadn't been done before."

Musicians who've worked with Szymczyk adore him for his infectious sense of humor, booming voice and larger-than-life personality that complements his 6-foot-4-inch frame. He's always had the knack of getting along with band members who can't seem to get along with each other, such as the Who and the Eagles, who called him "Coach."

Szymczyk grew up near the shores of Lake Michigan in Muskegon, Mich. (pop. 40,105), where his mother was a nurse and his

Szymczyk "pioneered the careful making of records," says a colleague.

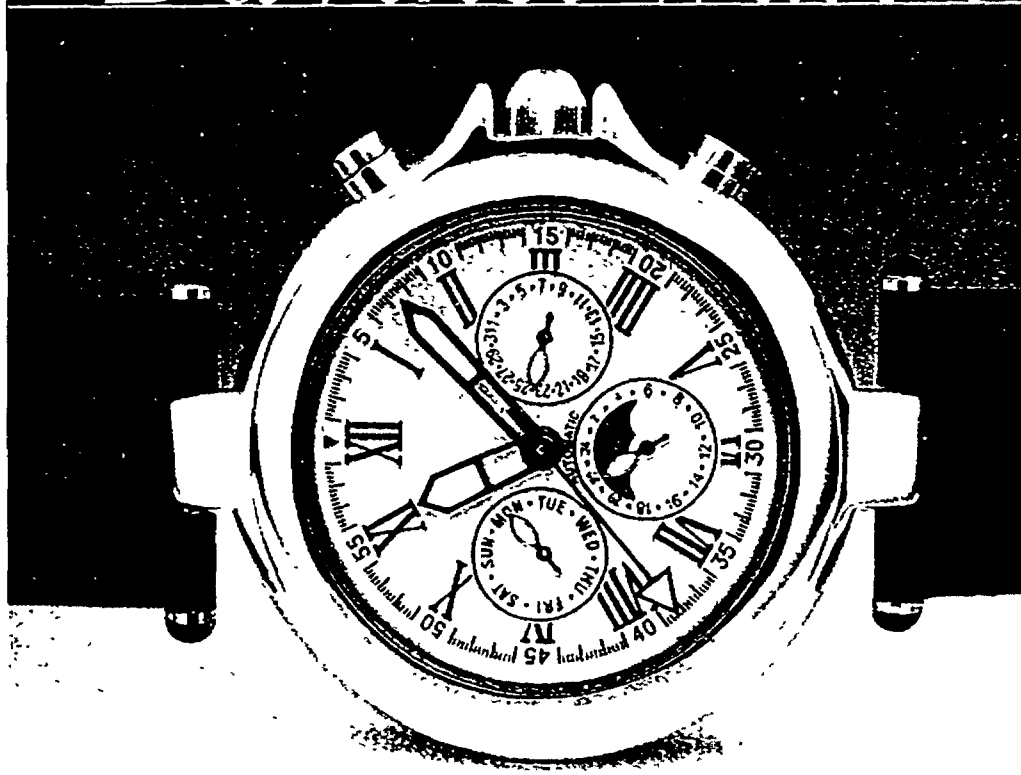


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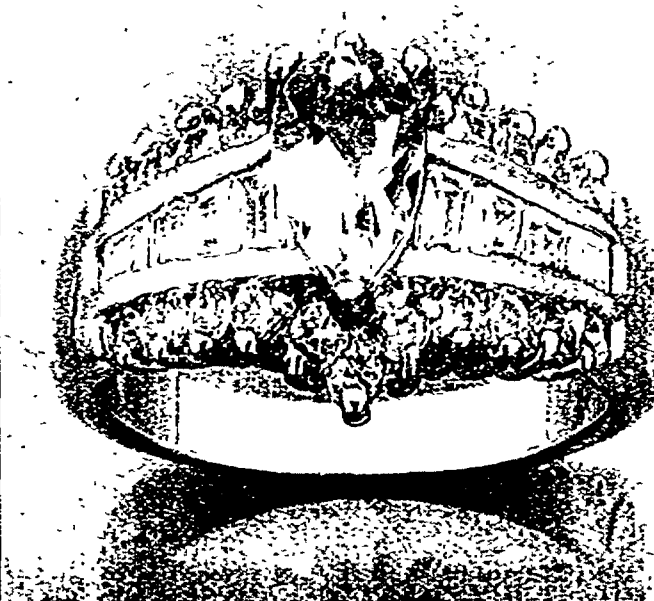
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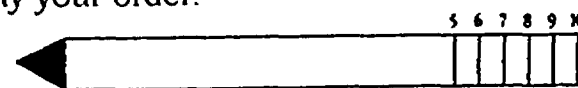
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For weeks leading up to Dec. 25, Christmas songs abound. You hear them on the radio and television, in shopping malls and stores, as you're wandering the grocery aisles or waiting to get your transmission repaired. They flow from concert halls, school auditoriums and church sanctuaries. In many neighborhoods, groups of carolers deliver them door-to-door.

Clearly, no other holiday has a soundtrack like Christmas.

Over the centuries, thousands of carols, hymns, anthems, ballads and even novelty songs have been written about Christmas and everything associated with it. But of those thousands, only a relative handful continue to endure as evergreens from generation to generation, according to William Studwell, a music historian and retired Northern Illinois University professor who is nationally recognized as an expert on Christmas songs.

Studwell estimates that "handful" of tunes to be no more than 50.

"Those 50 songs, which might change a little bit from generation to generation, are very powerful culturally," says Studwell, who has written four definitive books about Christmas music. "Just about everybody, except for a few Christmas grouches, sings and hears them for a month or more. You don't have to be a Christian or even like Christmas, but you're exposed to them. They have a great deal of impact."

Like the gifts in Santa's sack, the songs of Christmas are a mixed bag. They represent a variety of themes, topics and timelines. Some are distinctly American; others have roots in our country's European ancestry. Some are serious and formal; others light, lively and even silly.

So sit back, pour yourself some eggnog and put on your favorite Christmas CD as we unwrap the stories behind 10 of the most popular songs of the season.

Jingle Bells

This festive, well-known Christmas song didn't actually begin as a Christmas song at all. It was written by James Pierpoint for his father's Sunday school class in Boston for children to perform as part of a Thanksgiving service in 1857. It's not surprising, then, that it doesn't contain a single reference to Christmas, the Nativity or any of the icons typically associated with the holiday. Yet, with its

jaunty melody, colorful sleigh-ride imagery and join-in, sing-a-long chorus, it has been a musical staple of holiday programs for nearly 150 years and is possibly one of the best-known songs in the world.

White Christmas

Unquestionably America's most popular Christmas song, this warm, sentimental classic is also the most commercially successful in history. Bing Crosby's rendition alone sold more than 31 million copies. Written by Broadway and show-tune composer Irving Berlin for the 1942 movie *Holiday Inn*, starring Crosby and Fred Astaire, it won the Academy Award that year for the best original song. When Hollywood remade the film in color in 1954, the title of the movie was changed—to *White Christmas*, of course.



God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

A misplaced typesetter's comma somewhere along the way in this carol's early life led many people, even to this day, to think of it as "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen." But the word "rest" meant much the same as "keep," and the song was a boisterous exhortation of love and brotherhood with a blessing that "God keep you merry." Its authorship is unknown, but it probably dates from England and the 1600s, where it was presumably sung on the streets by strolling, serenading carolers during the Christmas season. (In Charles Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol*, the happy sound of a caroler—singing "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"—infuriates Ebenezer Scrooge.) The song's unusual, minor-key arrangement makes it somewhat unique among traditional Christmas tunes.

Away in a Manger

Often misattributed to Protestant reformer Martin Luther, this gentle, lullaby-like song actually was written in 1855 by an unknown Pennsylvanian, who likely drew inspiration from an old German folk tune. A byline in an 1887 songbook gave credit (perhaps mistakenly or possibly deliberately, to hype sales) to Luther, who actually *did* write the words for many hymns and other songs—but not this one.

What Child Is This?

William Chatterton Dix, an insurance company executive by trade, wrote this soft and sweet ode to the



baby Jesus sometime in the late 1800s. It was one of the first Christmas songs to depict the traditional Nativity scene in detail—the gifts of the "wise men," the shepherds, even the ox and ass. Dix set his song to the tune of "Greensleeves," a traditional melody so ancient it's mentioned in two of Shakespeare's plays.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

This stately, richly detailed carol was penned around 1857 by Pittsburgh native John Henry Hopkins Jr., who worked as a newspaper reporter, attended law school, edited a religious magazine and designed stained-glass windows before finally becoming ordained as a deacon—at the ripe old age of 72. Its narrative structure, depicting the three wise men bringing gifts to the Christ child, gives it a reverent, scriptural feel. But the wise men barely made it into the Bible—they are mentioned only in one account of Jesus' birth (in Matthew). In the years before this song was written, the

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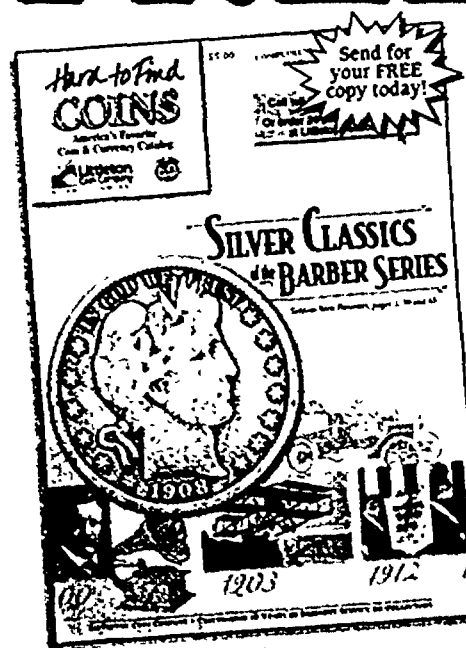
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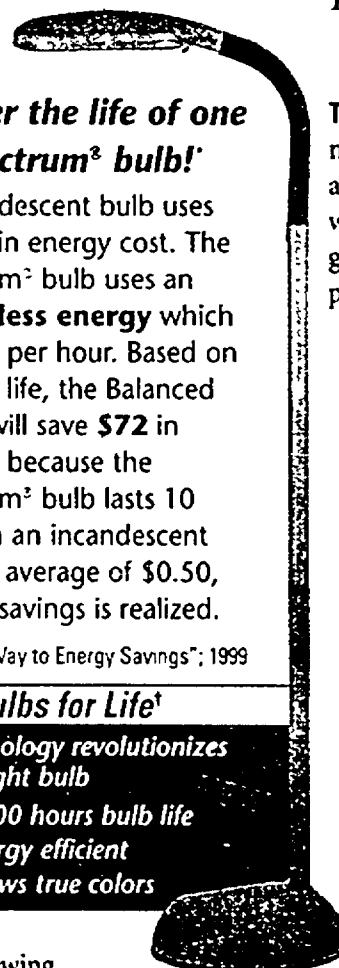
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father was a factory worker and school maintenance worker. "It was a rural Midwest town in the 1950s—very open doors, non-locked cars and kids in the neighborhood," he says. "It was mellow and unthreatening. The upper Midwest upbringing and school of thought is just real down-home, basic common sense."

He found this same mellowness and sense of security in North Carolina, where he and Lisi became active members of the community. They don't hesitate to dash off a letter to the editor of the local newspaper, or vocalize their opinions at school board meetings. When efforts began in the late 1990s to raise money for a domestic-violence shelter, they tirelessly called upon their famous friends to donate unique items for two auctions they hosted that raised \$30,000 for the Mitchell County Safe Place.

"He does a lot of community work, and a lot of it is quiet," says his friend and golf partner, Jim Meyer, owner of Wildflowers Natural Foods & Etc. in nearby Spruce Pine (pop. 2,030). "We met when we were out picking up yard-sale items for a project to develop a tile wall at one of the schools. He is a regular guy, even though he's a musical genius."

Szymczyk continues to produce both big-name acts, like the Eagles (they've recorded 17 tracks for a new album), as well as local musicians, such as singer/songwriter Grant Sparks, but nowadays his travel is self-limited and the schedule is based on his terms. "I still produce and I still love to do it, but I am not angsty if the phone doesn't ring anymore," he says.

"I was born and raised in a nice small-town environment, [then] went to all the big cities and did all the rock and roll things and accomplished a ton," Szymczyk says. "I'm very comfortable with how much I've done, and I don't have to do anymore. I am not driven; I'm not a Type A."

"It's almost full circle," he says. "Here I am back in the country again."

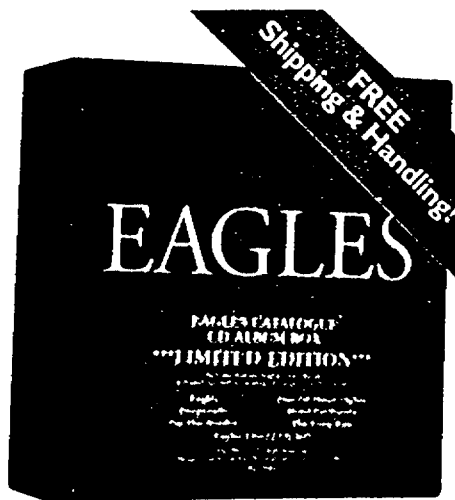
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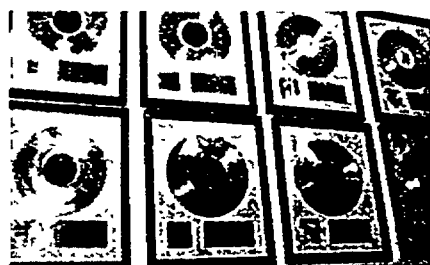
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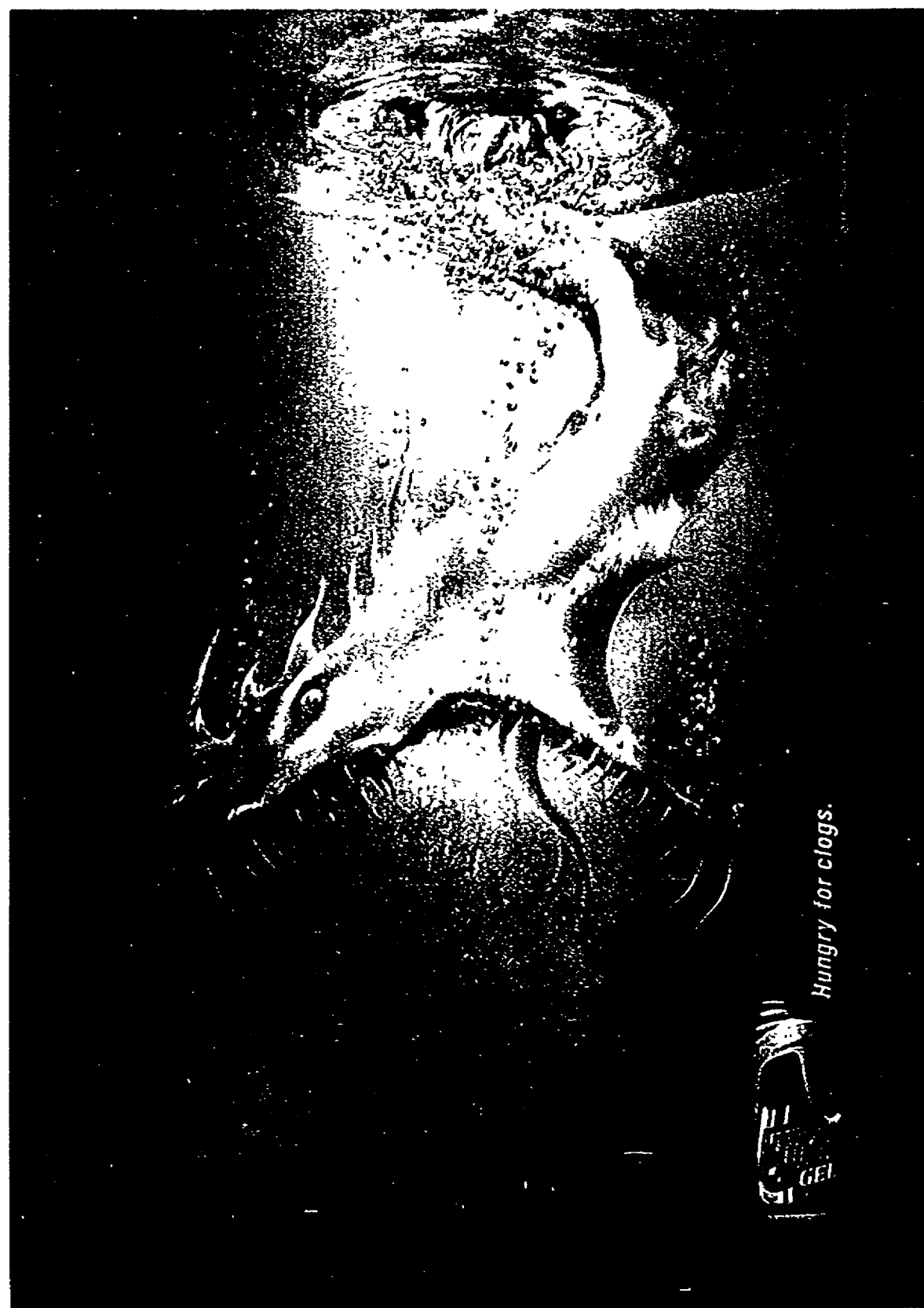
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When Szymczyk and wife Lisi were looking for a place to raise their sons, Daniel (left) and Michael, out of the urban sprawl, they found it along the Blue Ridge Parkway in Little Switzerland, N.C.



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Music Director Darryl Engler leads the Glen Rock (Pa.) Carolers in song as residents gather in the square.

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At the stroke of midnight on Christmas morn, the Glen Rock Carolers gather in the town square of Glen Rock, Pa. (pop. 1,809), to begin a celebration of song that takes them throughout the town and into the dawn of the day. Onlookers also gather in the square to hear the sounds of yuletide songs and watch as the carolers carry on a 158-year-old town tradition.

"The square is packed," says Darryl Engler, music director for the Glen Rock Carolers. "There must be a thousand or more people. They come from all over, and every year it gets bigger."

The holiday tradition began on Christmas in 1848, when four newly arrived settlers grew homesick for the carol singing they left behind in England. With the help of a bassoon player, the four men walked to each of the town's 12 homes, singing the same four carols at each stop.

Today, the carolers—all male, ranging in age from 10 to 87—still perform those original four songs, along with 10 new songs.

"Since 1848, not wars, illness or weather has caused a break in the tradition," says Engler, 58. "We're the custodians of this tradition, and we take it very seriously."

The singing group has 50 official "Caped Carolers," who sport the Dickens-style caped coats and enjoy the privilege of voting on everything from awarding honorary memberships to filling a vacancy. Sixteen associate members, dressed in dark blue capes lined with red silk, accompany their singing brethren, practicing the songs, learning the tradition and waiting for an opening with the Caped Carolers.

"Someone has to die or resign to take in a new member," says Engler, who has been with the group 34 years—13 singing and 21 directing.

In 1997, when White House officials extended an invitation for only 20 of the carolers to perform, the Caped Carolers voted to graciously decline.

During the group's annual trek through Glen Rock, a town crier walks ahead of the singers handing out fresh roasted peanuts and announcing, "The carolers are coming! The carolers are coming!"

Some families follow the carolers through the streets. Many host all-night parties, gathering on their porches or at their windows to watch and listen as the carolers stop at each street light to sing. James Kroh, 87, who will mark his 71st Christmas caroling on the streets of Glen Rock this year, recalls listening to the singers as a child.

Carolers in the 1940s harmonize during their all-night trek through town.



"I remember being a baby in my mother's arms, wrapped in a blanket as she held me up to the window to hear the carolers," says Kroh, whose family is a direct descendant of original caroler Mark Radcliffe. "I always knew I'd be a caroler one day."

Kroh's brother Mark, who died in April, would have celebrated his 76th year with the group. Still the family legacy continues on as both of the Kroh brothers have sons, grandsons, and even a great-grandson involved with the group.

The carolers usually make three stops along the way for food, drink and warmth. The home of Don Swartz and his wife, Janice Dean, is one of their rest stops.

"We moved here 20 years ago, and no one told us about the carolers," says Swartz, recalling his introduction to the tradition. "Here it was the early hours of Christmas morning when we heard

voices. When we got to our balcony, we were stunned. We had never heard or seen anything like it."

While much of America is waking at dawn to greet Christmas morning, many in Glen Rock are just falling into bed. And although aching legs and cold feet come with the caroling tradition, the carolers wouldn't have it any other way.

"I have nothing better to do. Literally!" Engler says. "Truly, there isn't anything better in the whole world than being part of this tradition." ☆

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Christmas caroler James Kroh

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INDIANA—Squire Boone Caverns near Corydon (pop. 2,715) is named after the brother of Daniel Boone. Squire, a prominent explorer and woodsman, discovered the cave in 1790, considered it holy ground and asked to be buried there.

IOWA—Organized-labor leader John L. Lewis, born in 1880 to Welsh immigrants near Lucas (pop. 243), worked as a teenager in the local coalmines. He served as president of the United Mine Workers of America from 1920 to 1960, and died at his home in Alexandria, Va., in 1969.

KANSAS—The world's smallest presidential library will open in February in Atchison (pop. 10,232) to honor David Rice Atchison, who some say was president for one day in 1849 after newly elected Zachary Taylor refused to take the oath on Sunday.

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OHIO—"Boneshaker" bicycles from the 1800s, balloon-tire classics of the 1940s and '50s and a one-of-a-kind 1936 Pedi-Plane are among bicycles from every era at the Bicycle Museum of America in New Bremen (pop. 2,909).

SOUTH DAKOTA—The Turner County Fair in Parker (pop. 1,031) celebrated its 125th anniversary in August and has the distinction of being the state's oldest county fair. The gathering existed nine years before statehood in 1889.

WISCONSIN—Completed in 1916, the world's largest round barn at the Central Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in Marshfield (pop. 18,800) was designed to hold bleachers and 250 head of cattle for shows and sales. The barn is 150 feet in diameter, 70 feet high and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. ☆



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wise men—most likely astrologers from Persia—came to be described as “kings,” a significant symbolic shift that denoted even royal rulers humbling themselves in the presence of the infant Son of God.

The First Noel

One of the most ancient of Christmas carols, this song married words from the 1600s with a much older melody dating perhaps as far back as the 13th century. It's been traced to France, but no one knows who wrote either the words or the music. Early English versions of the original French lyrics transcribed the word “noel” phonetically as “nowell,” which was fancifully thought to be a contraction of what the angels might have spoken to calm the shepherds: “Now all is well.” But actually, the French “noel” referred interchangeably to both “Christmas” and “carol,” and may have even been a variation of an older Latin word, “natalis,” which means “birthday.”

Santa Claus Is Coming to Town

Pop star Eddie Cantor unveiled this new tune on his radio program in 1934, but didn't want to record it—he thought it was too juvenile. His wife loved it, however, and convinced him to give it a try. It became a smash hit after Cantor performed it later that year at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, at the climactic moment as Santa was making his entrance into Macy's department store. Written by Haven Gillespie, a Kentuckian transplanted to New York, and Brooklyn's

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Fred Coots, a songwriter for Cantor's radio show, it's also been a hit for Bing Crosby, Perry Como, the Four Seasons, the Jackson Five and Bruce Springsteen.

Silent Night

Perhaps the most beloved of all Christmas carols, the tender “Silent Night” was written by a priest and hastily arranged by a church organist who had to improvise on guitar because the organ bellows had rusted and couldn't be played. The priest, Joseph Mohr, had written the words previously and the organist, Franz Guber, mapped out the melody shortly before its first performance on Christmas Eve 1818 in an Austrian village. It went on to become a worldwide standard. On a Christmas Eve during

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Probably the only Christmas song that began in the corporate towers of a giant retail conglomerate, “Rudolph” sprang to life in 1939 after Robert L. May, an ad copywriter for Montgomery Ward, was asked by his boss to churn out a storybook for the chain to sell at Christmas. May's tale about a misfit reindeer who guides Santa's sleigh sold millions as a children's book before being set to music by his brother-in-law, songwriter Johnny Marks. It was turned into an international smash by singing cowboy star Gene Autry in 1949, and later a perennial Christmas TV special and a feature-length movie. Autry went on to record numerous other Christmas songs, including another all-time classic, “Here Comes Santa Claus,” which he co-wrote.

World War I, fighting was temporarily suspended along several fronts in Europe while soldiers on both sides turned on their radios to hear a broadcast of an internationally famous Austrian opera star performing the song. Her name was Ernestine Schumann Heine, and she had two sons—one of them fighting for the Allies, and the other on the side of the Germans. For a few tranquil minutes during the world's first “great war,” this song's powerful, hopeful message of “heavenly peace” rang dramatically true. ☆

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Improvised Pies

Pies are as varied as the imaginations of their makers. With fillings that include fruit, sweet custards or ice creams, pies make great after-meal desserts and snacks.

Despite their versatility, many cooks shy away from pies because of the daunting challenge posed by the piecrust. Creating a perfectly flaky, tender crust is part science and part art and takes a lot of practice. So if your crust turns out to be the consistency of shoe leather, buy one ready-made. Today's varieties come packaged in an aluminum pan or folded or rolled so that you can unfurl them into your own pie pan and perhaps fool your diners into believing you made your own crust.

Mary Bishop, of North Platte, Neb., sent us her recipe for Crazy Cappuccino Pie. Proving that pies are ready ground for experimentation, Bishop says, "When a friend introduced me to Pennsylvania Shoofly Pie, I liked it and decided to create some variations. This one has been a hit with all who have tried it."

Another experimental pie maker, Christine Mauch of American Falls, Idaho, submitted her recipe for Apple Dumpling Pie. "My mother loved to bake. She baked love into her delicious apple dumplings, so I created a pie that combines her filling with an easy-to-make, no-roll pie crust from my sister," she explains.

As always, *American Profile* looks forward to receiving—and publishing—your favorite recipes each week, and sharing them with our millions of readers across the nation. ☆

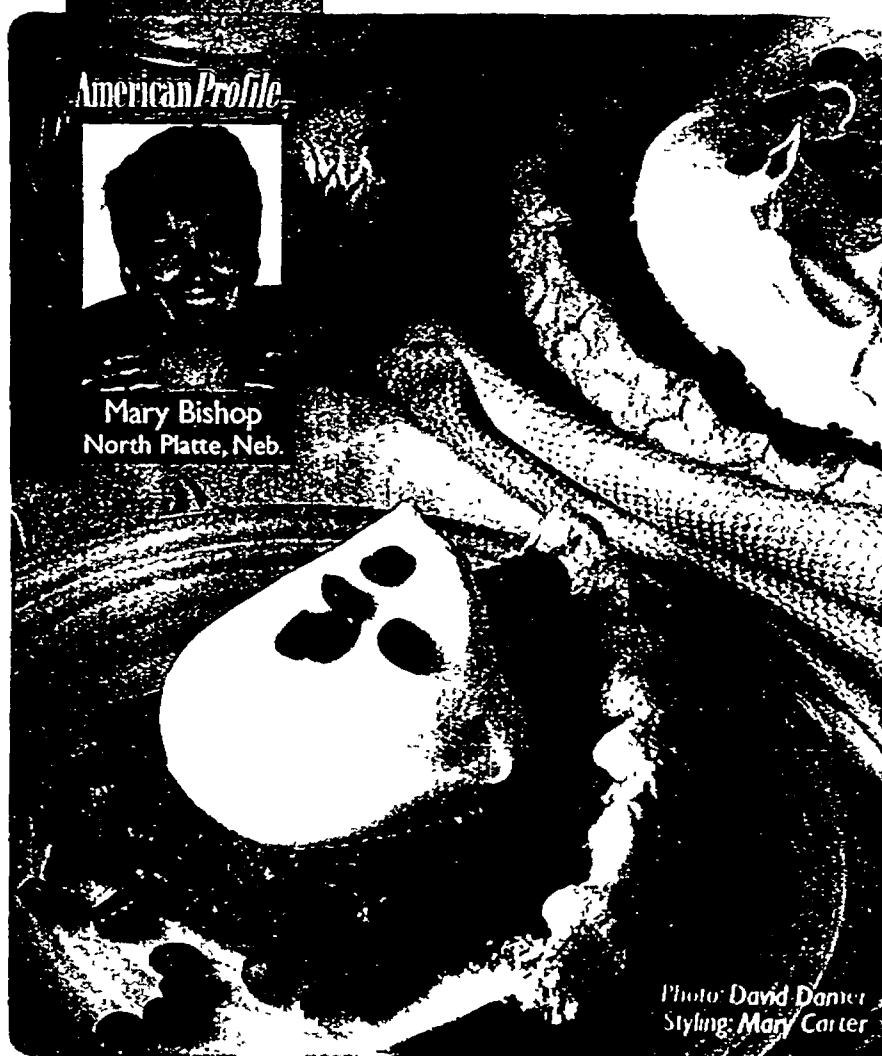
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RECIPE Crazy Cappuccino Pie



Crazy Cappuccino Pie

1 9-inch unbaked piecrust

Filling:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 cup very strong hot coffee
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup chocolate syrup
- 1/2 cup corn syrup
- 1 egg, beaten

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine flour, brown sugar and butter. Mix well. Set aside 1/2 cup of this mixture. Mix together 1/4 cup of coffee with baking soda. In a separate bowl, combine chocolate syrup, corn syrup and egg. Add remaining 3/4 cup of coffee and soda mixture and mix well. Add crumb mixture (excluding the 1/2 cup reserved) and mix well. Pour into piecrust. Sprinkle top with reserved crumbs. Cover loosely with foil. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until center is done. Cool. If desired, flavor 2 cups of whipped topping with 1 teaspoon instant coffee crystals dissolved in 1 teaspoon hot water. Serve each slice with plain or flavored whipped topping.

RECIPE Apple Dumpling Pie



Apple Dumpling Pie

Crust:

- 1 and 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 and 1/2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup cooking oil
- 2 tablespoons milk

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Combine flour, sugar, salt, oil and milk. Press into an 8-inch deep-dish pie pan.

Filling:

- 1 cup sugar
 - 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 - 8 cups thinly sliced, peeled, tart baking apples (about 7 apples)
 - 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- Toss apples in sugar and flour. Place in piecrust and dot with the butter.

Topping:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter

Combine flour and sugar, then cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse meal. Spread evenly over apples. Cover pie lightly with aluminum foil and bake for 40 to 50 minutes. Remove foil for the last 15 minutes of baking.

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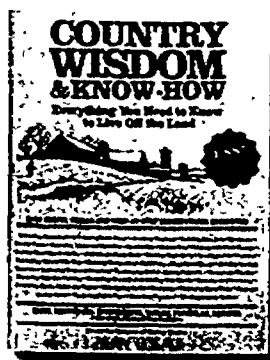
McLintock! (Authentic Collector's Edition) Paramount



The extras included with this DVD offer more than two hours of insight into the making of the rollicking, slapstick 1963 Western classic and John Wayne's famous macho persona. Interviews with co-stars Maureen O'Hara and Stephanie Powers are the next best thing to

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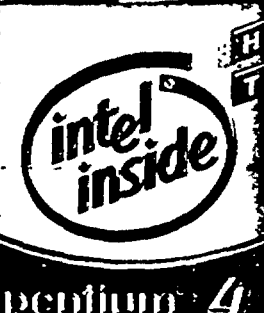
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Q I always love watching *A Christmas Story* every year. What ever became of the actor who played the little boy who wanted the Red Ryder BB gun?

—Robert T., Marthaville, La.
Now 34, Peter Billingsley, who played the bespectacled Ralphie in the 1983 movie *A Christmas Story*, is a successful Hollywood producer with several projects to his credit, including the TV series *Dinner for Five* and the upcoming movie *The Breakup*, starring Vince Vaughn and Jennifer Aniston. But if you just can't get enough of Ralphie, you can watch the 24-hour *Christmas Story* marathon on TBS, which runs Christmas Eve into Christmas morning.

Q Is the rock band Deep Purple still around?

—Mark Hillman, Sunnyside, Wash.
Yes. The British band that gave the world the durable hard-rock classic "Smoke on the Water" in 1972 still is touring and recording. Although the band has undergone numerous personnel changes, original member and drummer Ian Paice soldiers on, as do members Roger Glover and Ian Gillan, and they've just released a new album, *Rapture of the Deep*. "There is only one thing that would stop me from continuing what I'm doing—if I lost the physical ability to live up to my standards," says Paice, 57. "I wouldn't want to go out with a whimper."



Peter Billingsley has a disappointing encounter with Santa Claus in *A Christmas Story*.

Q I was wondering about the red-haired girl in the "If you can find a better car, buy it," commercial with Lee Iacocca. Is she really his granddaughter?

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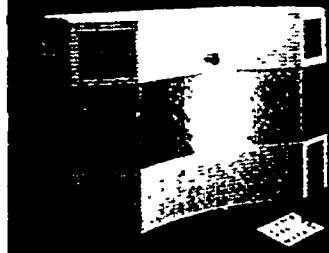
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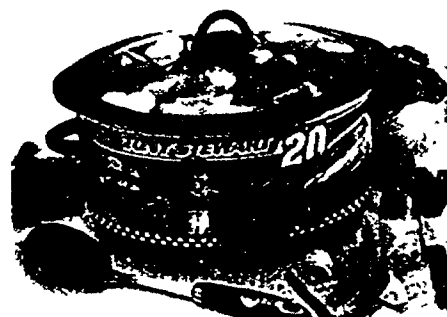
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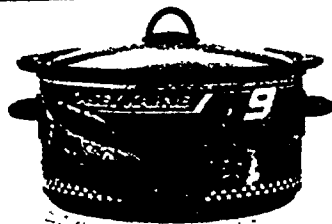


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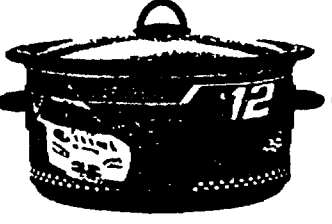
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Life in the Slow Lane



As he's done for nearly four decades, music producer Bill Szymczyk sits behind a recording studio console as a drummer adds his part to a song. After the session is completed, Szymczyk (pronounced *sim-zik*) retreats to the lobby of a nearby hotel to soak up the soothing strains of a pianist playing a classical tune.

But this isn't just business as usual for Szymczyk, 62, one of rock music's most successful producers. Although he's worked with acts such as the Eagles, the Who, Bob Seger, Joe Walsh and B.B. King, his activities on this particular day are a family affair. His son, Michael, 18, is the drummer in Szymczyk's basement studio, while son Daniel, 13, is the one tickling the ivories in the hotel lobby after a family dinner at the Switzerland Inn near their home in Little Switzerland, N.C.

Although Szymczyk spent most of his career working in top-line recording studios in New York, Los Angeles and Miami, he moved to Little Switzerland, a resort community along the Blue Ridge Parkway, in 1990 to raise his sons in a more child-friendly environment. Truly committed to fatherhood, he vows to have a better balance between work and family than his hectic, 12-hour-a-day, six-days-a-week schedule had allowed in decades past.

"I really wasn't there, because of my work schedule, for my first two children," says Szymczyk, who also has two grown children from his first marriage. "So when my wife, Lisi, and I made the commitment to have children, I decided to be there for every basketball game, soccer game and piano recital. It's very fulfilling."

Finding the perfect balance—at least in the recording studio—has always seemed to come easily for Szymczyk, who is praised for his attentive ears, sense of perfection and patience for creating the right mix of sound. "He pioneered the careful making of records," says his friend, producer/musician Al Kooper. "With his work with the Eagles, every little piece of music on the record was made perfect. That really hadn't been done before."

Musicians who've worked with Szymczyk adore him for his infectious sense of humor, booming voice and larger-than-life personality that complements his 6-foot-4-inch frame. He's always had the knack of getting along with band members who can't seem to get along with each other, such as the Who and the Eagles, who called him "Coach."

Szymczyk grew up near the shores of Lake Michigan in Muskegon, Mich. (pop. 40,105), where his mother was a nurse and his

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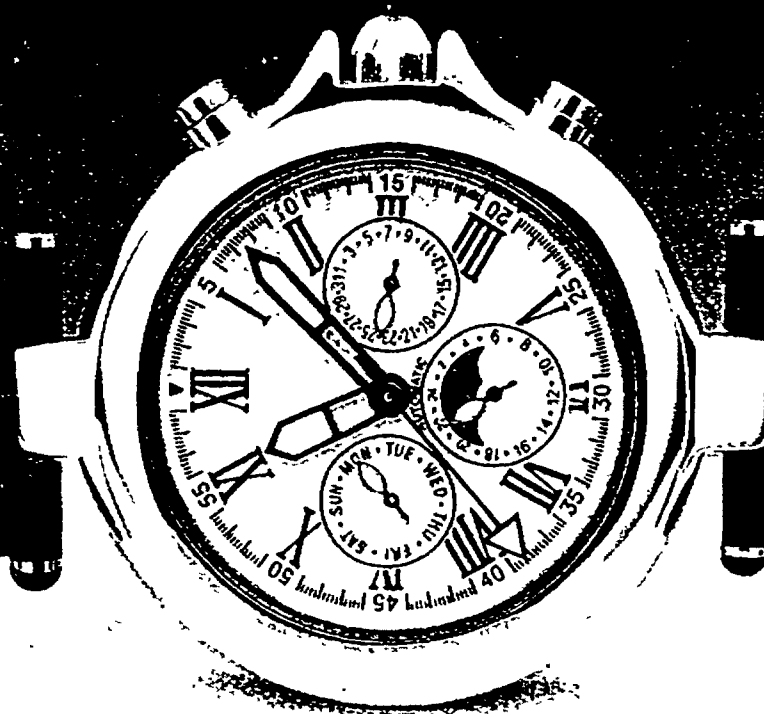


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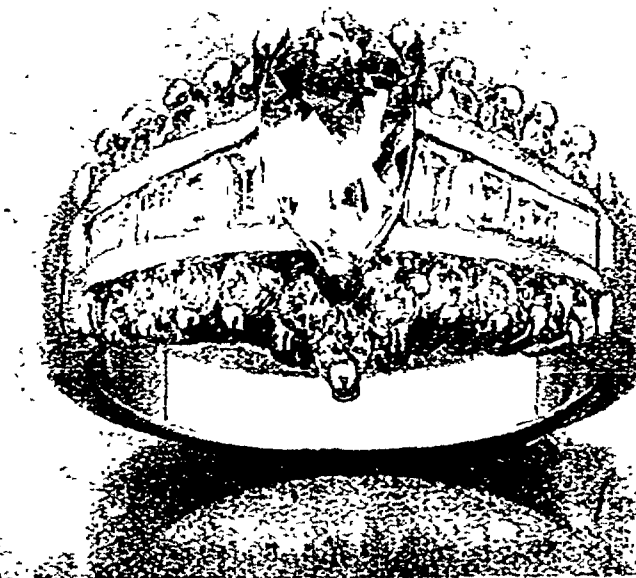
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Clearly, no other holiday has a soundtrack like Christmas.

Over the centuries, thousands of carols, hymns, anthems, ballads and even novelty songs have been written about Christmas and everything associated with it. But of those thousands, only a relative handful continue to endure as evergreens from generation to generation, according to William Studwell, a music historian and retired Northern Illinois University professor who is nationally recognized as an expert on Christmas songs.

Studwell estimates that "handful" of tunes to be no more than 50.

"Those 50 songs, which might change a little bit from generation to generation, are very powerful culturally," says Studwell, who has written four definitive books about Christmas music. "Just about everybody, except for a few Christmas grouches, sings and hears them for a month or more. You don't have to be a Christian or even like Christmas, but you're exposed to them. They have a great deal of impact."

Like the gifts in Santa's sack, the songs of Christmas are a mixed bag. They represent a variety of themes, topics and timelines. Some are distinctly American; others have roots in our country's European ancestry. Some are serious and formal; others light, lively and even silly.

So sit back, pour yourself some eggnog and put on your favorite Christmas CD as we unwrap the stories behind 10 of the most popular songs of the season.

Jingle Bells

This festive, well-known Christmas song didn't actually begin as a Christmas song at all. It was written by James Pierpoint for his father's Sunday school class in Boston for children to perform as part of a Thanksgiving service in 1857. It's not surprising, then, that it doesn't contain a single reference to Christmas, the Nativity or any of the icons typically associated with the holiday. Yet, with its

jaunty melody, colorful sleigh-ride imagery and join-in, sing-a-long chorus, it has been a musical staple of holiday programs for nearly 150 years and is possibly one of the best-known songs in the world.

White Christmas

Unquestionably America's most popular Christmas song, this warm, sentimental classic is also the most commercially successful in history. Bing Crosby's rendition alone sold more than 31 million copies. Written by Broadway and show-tune composer Irving Berlin for the 1942 movie *Holiday Inn*, starring Crosby and Fred Astaire, it won the Academy Award that year for the best original song. When Hollywood remade the film in color in 1954, the title of the movie was changed—to *White Christmas*, of course.

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

A misplaced typesetter's comma somewhere along the way in this carol's early life led many people, even to this day, to think of it as "God Rest Ye, Merry Gentlemen." But the word "rest" meant much the same as "keep," and the song was a boisterous exhortation of love and brotherhood with a blessing that "God keep you merry." Its authorship is unknown, but it probably dates from England and the 1600s, where it was presumably sung on the streets by strolling, serenading carolers during the Christmas season. (In Charles Dickens' classic *A Christmas Carol*, the happy sound of a caroler—singing "God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen"—infuriates Ebenezer Scrooge.) The song's unusual, minor-key arrangement makes it somewhat unique among traditional Christmas tunes.

Away in a Manger

Often misattributed to Protestant reformer Martin Luther, this gentle, lullaby-like song actually was written in 1855 by an unknown Pennsylvanian, who likely drew inspiration from an old German folk tune. A byline in an 1887 songbook gave credit (perhaps mistakenly or possibly deliberately, to hype sales) to Luther, who actually *did* write the words for many hymns and other songs—but not this one.

What Child Is This?

William Chatterton Dix, an insurance company executive by trade, wrote this soft and sweet ode to the



baby Jesus sometime in the late 1800s. It was one of the first Christmas songs to depict the traditional Nativity scene in detail—the gifts of the "wise men," the shepherds, even the ox and ass. Dix set his song to the tune of "Greensleeves," a traditional melody so ancient it's mentioned in two of Shakespeare's plays.

We Three Kings of Orient Are

This stately, richly detailed carol was penned around 1857 by Pittsburgh native John Henry Hopkins Jr., who worked as a newspaper reporter, attended law school, edited a religious magazine and designed stained-glass windows before finally becoming ordained as a deacon—at the ripe old age of 72. Its narrative structure, depicting the three wise men bringing gifts to the Christ child, gives it a reverent, scriptural feel. But the wise men barely made it into the Bible—they are mentioned only in one account of Jesus' birth (in Matthew). In the years before this song was written, the

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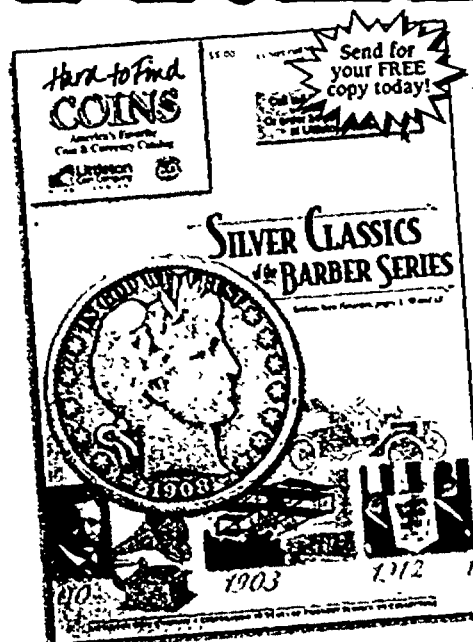
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farther was a factory worker and school maintenance worker. "It was a rural Midwest town in the 1950s—very open doors, non-locked cars and kids in the neighborhood," he says. "It was mellow and unthreatening. The upper Midwest upbringing and school of thought is just real down-home, basic common sense."

He found this same mellowness and sense of security in North Carolina, where he and Lisi became active members of the community. They don't hesitate to dash off a letter to the editor of the local newspaper, or vocalize their opinions at school board meetings. When efforts began in the late 1990s to raise money for a domestic-violence shelter, they tirelessly called upon their famous friends to donate unique items for two auctions they hosted that raised \$30,000 for the Mitchell County Safe Place.

"He does a lot of community work, and a lot of it is quiet," says his friend and golf partner, Jim Meyer, owner of Wildflowers Natural Foods & Etc. in nearby Spruce Pine (pop. 2,030). "We met when we were out picking up yard-sale items for a project to develop a tile wall at one of the schools. He is a regular guy, even though he's a musical genius."

Szymczyk continues to produce both big-name acts, like the Eagles (they've recorded 17 tracks for a new album), as well as local musicians, such as singer/songwriter Grant Sparks, but nowadays his travel is self-limited and the schedule is based on his terms. "I still produce and I still love to do it, but I am not angsty if the phone doesn't ring anymore," he says.

"I was born and raised in a nice small-town environment, [then] went to all the big cities and did all the rock and roll things and accomplished a ton," Szymczyk says. "I'm very comfortable with how much I've done, and I don't have to do anymore. I am not driven; I'm not a Type A."

"It's almost full circle," he says. "Here I am back in the country again."

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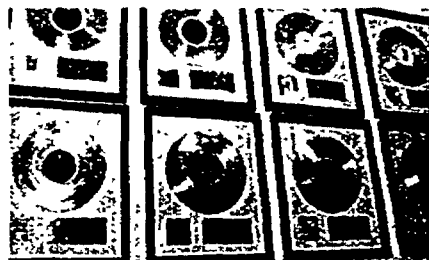
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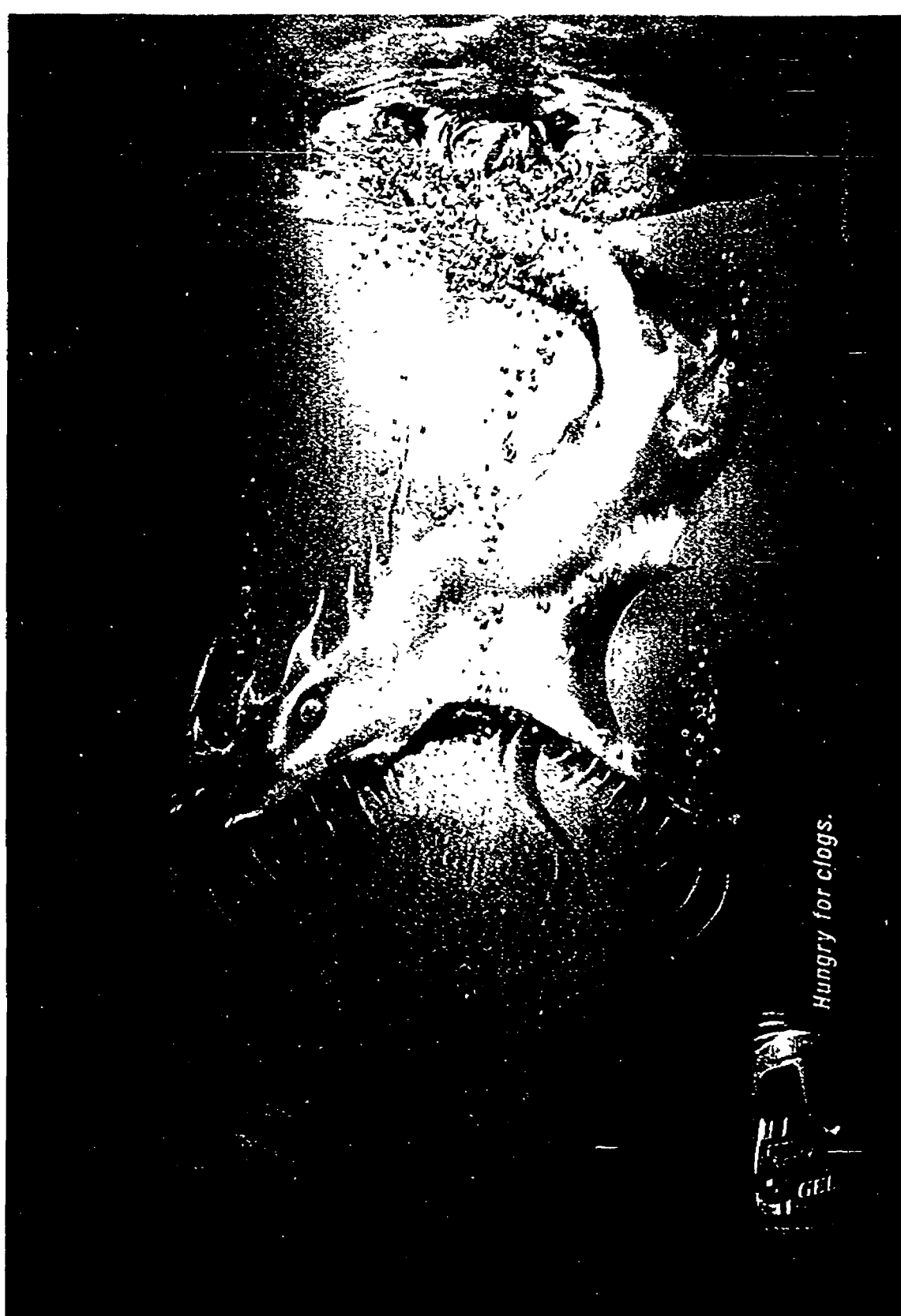
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Gold records line his home studio walls.



When Szymczyk and wife Lisi were looking for a place to raise their sons, Daniel (left) and Michael, out of the urban sprawl, they found it along the Blue Ridge Parkway in Little Switzerland, N.C.



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Music Director Darryl Engler leads the Glen Rock (Pa.) Carolers in song as residents gather in the square.

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Hark the Herald Glen Rock Sings

At the stroke of midnight on Christmas mom, the Glen Rock Carolers gather in the town square of Glen Rock, Pa. (pop. 1,809), to begin a celebration of song that takes them throughout the town and into the dawn of the day. Onlookers also gather in the square to hear the sounds of yuletide songs and watch as the carolers carry on a 158-year-old town tradition.

"The square is packed," says Darryl Engler, music director for the Glen Rock Carolers. "There must be a thousand or more people. They come from all over, and every year it gets bigger."

The holiday tradition began on Christmas in 1848, when four newly arrived settlers grew homesick for the carol singing they left behind in England. With the help of a bassoon player, the four men walked to each of the town's 12 homes, singing the same four carols at each stop.

Today, the carolers—all male, ranging in age from 10 to 87—still perform those original four songs, along with 10 new songs.

"Since 1848, not wars, illness or weather has caused a break in the tradition," says Engler, 58. "We're the custodians of this tradition, and we take it very seriously."

The singing group has 50 official "Caped Carolers," who sport the Dickens-style caped coats and enjoy the privilege of voting on everything from awarding honorary memberships to filling a vacancy. Sixteen associate members, dressed in dark blue capes lined with red silk, accompany their singing brethren, practicing the songs, learning the tradition and waiting for an opening with the Caped Carolers.

"Someone has to die or resign to take in a new member," says Engler, who has been with the group 34 years—13 singing and 21 directing.

In 1997, when White House officials extended an invitation for only 20 of the carolers to perform, the Caped Carolers voted to graciously decline.

During the group's annual trek through Glen Rock, a town crier walks ahead of the singers handing out fresh roasted peanuts and announcing, "The carolers are coming! The carolers are coming!"

Some families follow the carolers through the streets. Many host all-night parties, gathering on their porches or at their windows to watch and listen as the carolers stop at each street light to sing. James Kroh, 87, who will mark his 71st Christmas caroling on the streets of Glen Rock this year, recalls listening to the singers as a child.

Carolers in the 1940s harmonize during their all-night trek through town.



"I remember being a baby in my mother's arms, wrapped in a blanket as she held me up to the window to hear the carolers," says Kroh, whose family is a direct descendant of original caroler Mark Radcliffe. "I always knew I'd be a caroler one day."

Kroh's brother Mark, who died in April, would have celebrated his 76th year with the group. Still the family legacy continues on as both of the Kroh brothers have sons, grandsons, and even a great-grandson involved with the group.

The carolers usually make three stops along the way for food, drink and warmth. The home of Don Swartz and his wife, Janice Dean, is one of their rest stops.

"We moved here 20 years ago, and no one told us about the carolers," says Swartz, recalling his introduction to the tradition. "Here it was the early hours of Christmas morning when we heard

voices. When we got to our balcony, we were stunned. We had never heard or seen anything like it."

While much of America is waking at dawn to greet Christmas morning, many in Glen Rock are just falling into bed. And although aching legs and cold feet come with the caroling tradition, the carolers wouldn't have it any other way.

"I have nothing better to do. Literally!" Engler says. "Truly, there isn't anything better in the whole world than being part of this tradition." ☆

Tracy Leinberger-Leonardi is a freelance writer in Elkton, Md.

Christmas caroler James Kroh

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INDIANA—Squire Boone Caverns near Corydon (pop. 2,715) is named after the brother of Daniel Boone. Squire, a prominent explorer and woodsman, discovered the cave in 1790, considered it holy ground and asked to be buried there.

IOWA—Organized-labor leader John L. Lewis, born in 1880 to Welsh immigrants near Lucas (pop. 243), worked as a teenager in the local coalmines. He served as president of the United Mine Workers of America from 1920 to 1960, and died at his home in Alexandria, Va., in 1969.

KANSAS—The world's smallest presidential library will open in February in Atchison (pop. 10,232) to honor David Rice Atchison, who some say was president for one day in 1849 after newly elected Zachary Taylor refused to take the oath on Sunday.

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MINNESOTA—Minneapolis' most famous career woman is portrayed in a downtown statue of actress Mary Tyler Moore tossing her hat in the air as Mary Richards, Minneapolis TV producer on *The Mary Tyler Moore Show*, which aired on CBS from 1970 to 1977.

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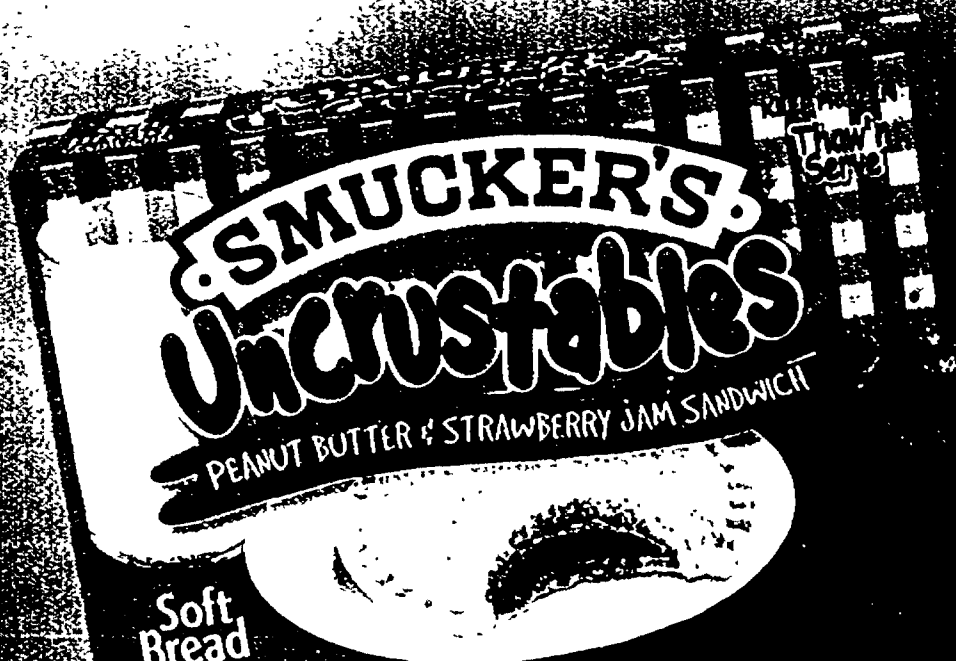
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OHIO—"Boneshaker" bicycles from the 1800s, balloon-tire classics of the 1940s and '50s and a one-of-a-kind 1936 Pedit-Plane are among bicycles from every era at the Bicycle Museum of America in New Bremen (pop. 2,909).

SOUTH DAKOTA—The Turner County Fair in Parker (pop. 1,031) celebrated its 125th anniversary in August and has the distinction of being the state's oldest county fair. The gathering existed nine years before statehood in 1889.

WISCONSIN—Completed in 1916, the world's largest round barn at the Central Wisconsin State Fairgrounds in Marshfield (pop. 18,800) was designed to hold bleachers and 250 head of cattle for shows and sales. The barn is 150 feet in diameter, 70 feet high and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. ☆



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wise men—most likely astrologers from Persia—came to be described as “kings,” a significant symbolic shift that denoted even royal rulers humbling themselves in the presence of the infant Son of God.

The First Noel

One of the most ancient of Christmas carols, this song married words from the 1600s with a much older melody dating perhaps as far back as the 13th century. It's been traced to France, but no one knows who wrote either the words or the music. Early English versions of the original French lyrics transcribed the word “noel” phonerically as “nowell,” which was fancifully thought to be a contraction of what the angels might have spoken to calm the shepherds: “Now all is well.” But actually, the French “noel” referred interchangeably to both “Christmas” and “carol,” and may have even been a variation of an older Latin word, “natalis,” which means “birthday.”

Santa Claus Is Coming to Town

Pop star Eddie Cantor unveiled this new tune on his radio program in 1934, but didn't want to record it—he thought it was too juvenile. His wife loved it, however, and convinced him to give it a try. It became a smash hit after Cantor performed it later that year at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, at the climactic moment as Santa was making his entrance into Macy's department store. Written by Haven Gillespie, a Kentuckian transplanted to New York, and Brooklyn's



Fred Coots, a songwriter for Cantor's radio show, it's also been a hit for Bing Crosby, Perry Como, the Four Seasons, the Jackson Five and Bruce Springsteen.

Silent Night

Perhaps the most beloved of all Christmas carols, the tender “Silent Night” was written by a priest and hastily arranged by a church organist who had to improvise on guitar because the organ bellows had rusted and couldn't be played. The priest, Joseph Mohr, had written the words previously and the organist, Franz Guber, mapped out the melody shortly before its first performance on Christmas Eve 1818 in an Austrian village. It went on to become a worldwide standard. On a Christmas Eve during

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Probably the only Christmas song that began in the corporate towers of a giant retail conglomerate, “Rudolph” sprang to life in 1939 after Robert L. May, an ad copywriter for Montgomery Ward, was asked by his boss to churn out a storybook for the chain to sell at Christmas. May's tale about a misfit reindeer who guides Santa's sleigh sold millions as a children's book before being set to music by his brother-in-law, songwriter Johnny Marks. It was turned into an international smash by singing cowboy star Gene Autry in 1949, and later a perennial Christmas TV special and a feature-length movie. Autry went on to record numerous other Christmas songs, including another all-time classic, “Here Comes Santa Claus,” which he co-wrote.

World War I, fighting was temporarily suspended along several fronts in Europe while soldiers on both sides turned on their radios to hear a broadcast of an internationally famous Austrian opera star performing the song. Her name was Ernestine Schumann Heine, and she had two sons—one of them fighting for the Allies, and the other on the side of the Germans. For a few tranquil minutes during the world's first “great war,” this song's powerful, hopeful message of “heavenly peace” rang dramatically true. ☆

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Hometown Recipes

Improvised Pies

Pies are as varied as the imaginations of their makers. With fillings that include fruit, sweet custards or ice creams, pies make great after-meal desserts and snacks.

Despite their versatility, many cooks shy away from pies because of the daunting challenge posed by the piecrust. Creating a perfectly flaky, tender crust is part science and part art and takes a lot of practice. So if your crust turns out to be the consistency of shoe leather, buy one ready-made. Today's varieties come packaged in an aluminum pan or folded or rolled so that you can unfurl them into your own pie pan and perhaps fool your diners into believing you made your own crust.

Mary Bishop, of North Platte, Neb., sent us her recipe for Crazy Cappuccino Pie. Proving that pies are ready ground for experimentation, Bishop says, "When a friend introduced me to Pennsylvania Shoofly Pie, I liked it and decided to create some variations. This one has been a hit with all who have tried it."

Another experimental pie maker, Christine Mauch of American Falls, Idaho, submitted her recipe for Apple Dumpling Pie. "My mother loved to bake. She baked love into her delicious apple dumplings, so I created a pie that combines her filling with an easy-to-make, no-roll pie crust from my sister," she explains.

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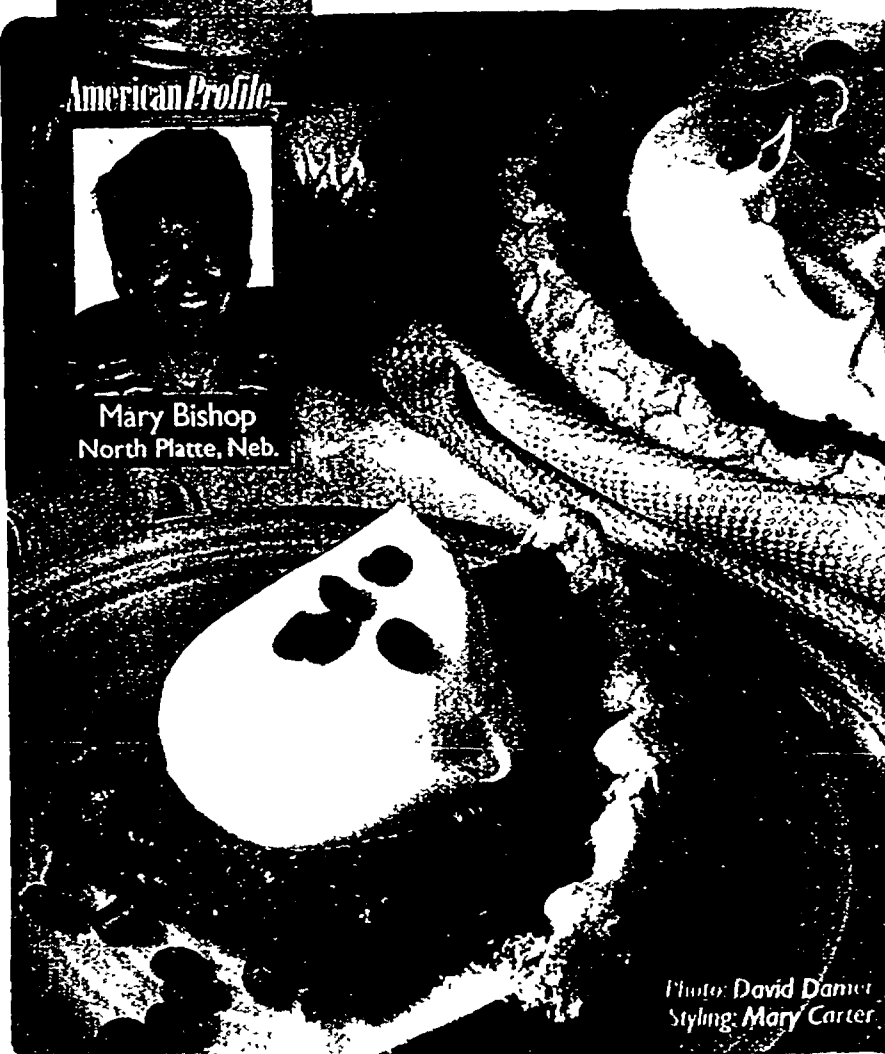


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Crazy Cappuccino Pie

1 9-inch unbaked piecrust

Filling:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 2/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 cup very strong hot coffee
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/2 cup chocolate syrup
- 1/2 cup corn syrup
- 1 egg, beaten

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine flour, brown sugar and butter. Mix well. Set aside 1/2 cup of this mixture. Mix together 1/4 cup of coffee with baking soda. In a separate bowl, combine chocolate syrup, corn syrup and egg. Add remaining 3/4 cup of coffee and soda mixture and mix well. Add crumb mixture (excluding the 1/2 cup reserved) and mix well. Pour into piecrust. Sprinkle top with reserved crumbs. Cover loosely with foil. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes or until center is done. Cool. If desired, flavor 2 cups of whipped topping with 1 teaspoon instant coffee crystals dissolved in 1 teaspoon hot water. Serve each slice with plain or flavored whipped topping.

RECIPE: Apple Dumpling Pie

American Profile



Christine Mauch
American Falls, Idaho



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Apple Dumpling Pie

Crust:

- 1 and 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 and 1/2 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup cooking oil
- 2 tablespoons milk

Preheat oven to 425 degrees. Combine flour, sugar, salt, oil and milk. Press into an 8-inch deep-dish pie pan.

Filling:

- 1 cup sugar
 - 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
 - 8 cups thinly sliced, peeled, tart baking apples (about 7 apples)
 - 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- Toss apples in sugar and flour. Place in piecrust and dot with the butter.

Topping:

- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup butter

Combine flour and sugar, then cut in butter until mixture resembles coarse meal. Spread evenly over apples. Cover pie lightly with aluminum foil and bake for 40 to 50 minutes. Remove foil for the last 15 minutes of baking.

Our Picks

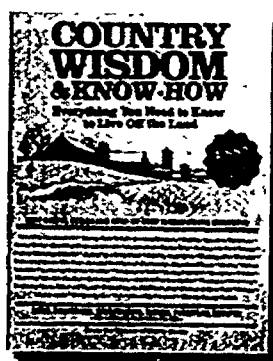
McLintock! (Authentic Collector's Edition) Paramount



The extras included with this DVD offer more than two hours of insight into the making of the rollicking, slapstick 1963 Western classic and John Wayne's famous macho persona. Interviews with co-stars Maureen O'Hara and Stephanie Powers are the next best thing to

being on the set with "the Duke" himself. "When I read the script, I thought, 'They wrote it for the two of us,'" says O'Hara, the headstrong leading lady of *McIntock!* and several other Wayne pictures. Powers offers a little-known fact: Legendary moviemaker John Ford stepped in for a week of uncredited work when the director, Andrew McLaglen, was temporarily sidelined. Movie critic Leonard Maltin adds informative commentary about this sprawling comedy Western that one reviewer dubbed "the Duke at his two-fisted, brawlin' best!"

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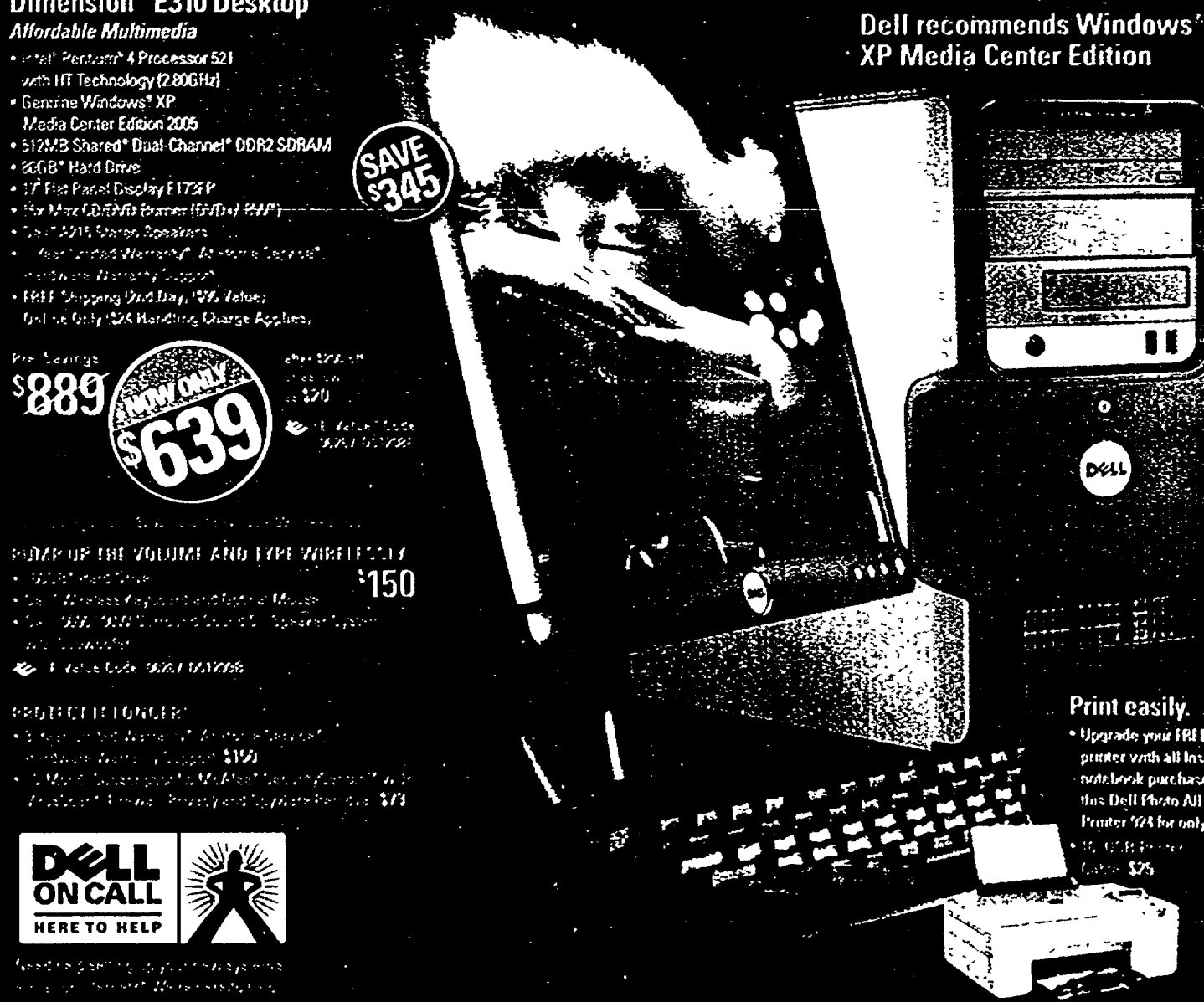
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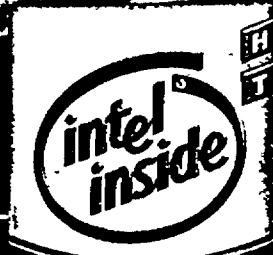
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