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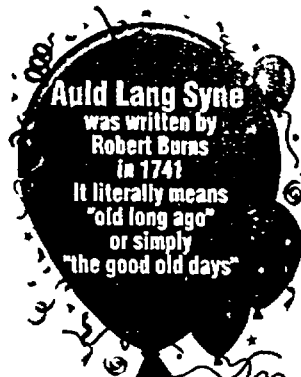
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Northville Township traffic control officer Chris Cox, right, demonstrates a Breathalyzer test with the help of Detective Paul Sumner.

"I thought I was cool. Trust me, it wasn't cool when the cop cuffed me and threw me in the back seat of his car."

Matt Stevens

Former Northville Township Resident

■ Too much New Year's Eve fun can be a costly mistake for those who drink, drive

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Matt Stevens was arrested two years ago on New Year's Eve for drunk driving.

The 25-year-old former Northville Township resident said it was the worst mistake of his life.

"You never think you'll get busted," Stevens said. "It was one of the most embarrassing moments of my life."

"I remember trying to walk that line, and I remember I couldn't walk that line."

Stevens said he knew police were out in full force, but he wasn't thinking clearly.

"This was a very expensive mistake," Stevens said. "People should think first before getting behind that wheel. I thought I was cool. Trust me, it wasn't cool when the cop cuffed me

■ Northville Township: Under the influence arrests

- 2004 arrests: 165
- 2005 to date: 100

Source: Northville Township Police Department

■ New Year's Eve Events

• Tickets are still available for Northville Nite, an annual New Year's event for local families. Page 2A.

• Want to know what else is happening in Northville this weekend? Check out What's Going On?, Northville's official events calendar. Page 12A.

and threw me in the back seat of his car."

Northville Township Police Lt. Ray Garbarino said New Year's Eve is a big night for busting drunk drivers.

"It's traditionally a party night," Garbarino said. "Over

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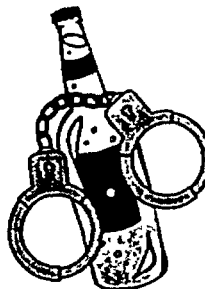
New Year's Eve Drinking

- 2005 - 0 arrests
- 2006 - Hoping for the same

Punishment if caught:

- First Time Offense:
 - Up to \$500 fine
 - Up to 93 days in Jail
 - Up to 45 days community service

SOURCE: Northville Township Police Dept.



Talking trash The \$70.7M question

■ Ongoing resident complaints cause township board to dump former trash hauler

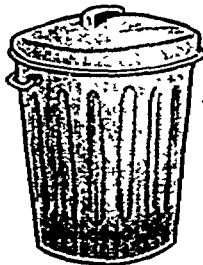
By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Joseph Miller said it's about time Northville Township dumped its current trash service and picked up another.

The 72-year-old township resident said he's fed up with never knowing what day his garbage will be taken away.

"We've been skipped several times," Miller said. "It's frustrating and I'm ready for a change."

■ Township garbage To the curb: Painter & Ruthenberg Industries New collector: Allied Waste Services Start date: Feb. 20 Garbage complaints: 10-15 calls per week



Allied Waste Services
New trash service begins Feb. 20

SOURCE: Allied Waste Services

Taking out the trash

The Northville Township Board of Trustees exercised its contractual right to terminate the current trash collector, Painter & Ruthenberg Industries, due to numerous resident complaints.

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■ Taxpayers have two months to mull Feb. 28 school bond request

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The future of Northville Public Schools is piled on David Bolitho's desk.

Bolitho hopes voters believe enough in the vision to approve two proposals placed on the Feb. 28 ballot.

But the stacks of architectural renderings piled on the assistant superintendent for administrative services' desk comes with taxpayer price tag: \$70.7 million.

Earlier this year, the board of education approved the design process for three 2006 proposed bond projects. Bolitho said doing so gives the district a jump-start for timely openings, if the bond is approved.

One project is a new elementary school scheduled to open in the fall of 2007.

"This is ready to go as soon as the bond passes," Bolitho said.

Voters will be asked to approve

As part of an ongoing series, the Northville Record will examine the upcoming bond, in-depth by project.

Bond proposal

Northville Public Schools officials will hold a Tuesday, Feb. 28 bond election.

The proposal will be divided into two ballot questions.

Bond 1 (\$25.24m): Purchase land and construct a seventh elementary school.

Bond 2 (\$45.43m): Construct a high school field house, refurbish the football stadium adjacent to Amerman Elementary School, build a new bus garage, remodel the Main Street administrative building and upgrade technology.

a \$25.24 million bond to acquire land and construct the school.

Plans also fill Bolitho's office for a transportation facility and high school athletic field house — part of the second February bond proposal.

Voters will be asked to approve

a \$45.43 million bond to build the transportation building and field house while shoring up other aging buildings.

District-wide technology upgrades, capital improvements to all district schools and repairs and enhancements to the Eight Mile Road stadium adjacent to Amerman Elementary School are also part of the second proposal.

Bolitho hopes voters understand the need for extensive repairs to Main Street School built in 1936, among other projects.

The downtown building houses most administrative offices and some Early Childhood Center classes.

Housing a 1930s boiler and extreme space constraints are just some of the building challenges, he said.

Northville Public Schools Director of Business and Finance John Street said if both proposals pass, the owner of a \$400,000 home would pay an additional \$180 per year.

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Take it back!

■ 'Tis the season to return holiday gift misses

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Downtown Northville shopper Nick Arnes isn't offended when someone returns his Christmas gift.

"Everyone has their own opinion and taste," he said.

Arnes said if he has a gift receipt he'll tape it to the present, making the process simpler.

According to the 2005 National Retail Federation Returns Survey, 49 percent of holiday gift givers enclose either a gift or original receipt with a present, up 2 percent from last year.

The survey conducted by BIGresearch polled 7,128 consumers in early November.

"Requesting a gift receipt has become second nature for many shoppers, alleviating post-holiday frustration for both consumers and retailers," said Tracy Mullin, National Retail Foundation president and CEO in a prepared statement.

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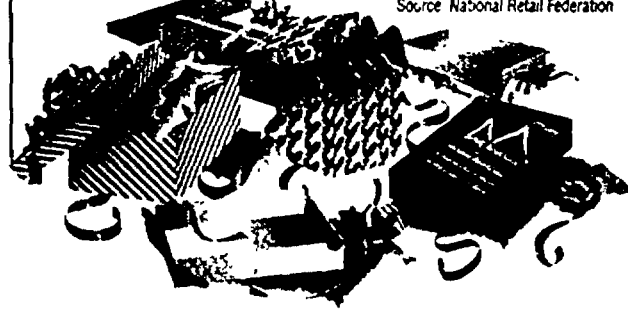


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD
Colleen Pozzuoli, owner Rock On Main clothier.

Tips for stress-free holiday returns

- Know the retailer's return policy. Most retailers have return policies prominently displayed.
- Keep all receipts. Receipts are still the key to hassle-free returns.
- Provide all original packaging and all parts, including tags.
- Ask for a gift receipt. These receipts contain all the necessary return information, minus the price.
- Make online returns easy by knowing the process including who pays for shipping the return, where to make returns and does the retailer have a physical store where returns or exchanges can be made.

Source: National Retail Federation



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Family Nite out

Local families will usher in New Year during annual event

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Nicholas and Gina Couyoumjian will be fast asleep when the clock strikes midnight Saturday.

But their faces will bear contented smiles after a New Year's Eve blur of bouncing, crafts and games with other children.

Northville residents Ann and Clark Couyoumjian are planning to take their 5-year-old son and 2-year-old daughter to Northville Nite 5-9 p.m. at the Recreation Center at Hillside.

"It's such a nice thing to do on New Year's Eve," said Ann, who attended the event last year. "It's a safe event. It's fun for the kids. It's fun for the adults because you see so many people you know."

Large draw

Tickets still are available, said Emily Sherman, Northville Parks and Recreation special events supervisor.

The ninth annual event features inflatable structures, games and prizes, live music and dinner. Sherman said the staff and volunteers are expecting to draw 1,000 people.

Returning attractions include Home Depot wood crafts, Oak Pointe Church's carnival challenges and dinner catered by Max & Erma's of Novi. This year's menu is chicken fingers, French fries, corn dogs, soup, cookies and soft pretzels.

Couyoumjian said the evening of food and entertainment comes at a reasonable price.

"In a sense it is like a reunion," said Couyoumjian, who bumped into neighbors and fellow parents from her son's preschool. "It's a real community event."

"It was surprising how many people we ran into that evening."

Ann Couyoumjian
Resident, Northville

Kids of all ages

Event organizers have added attractions to widen its appeal, said recreation superintendent Pat Brown.

"It's for all ages," she said. "The teenagers love the coffee-house stage."

"We have a lot of teen volunteers," Brown said. "They're out at 9, if they want to hang out with their friends, they can do it."

Last year, Couyoumjian said her nephews Miles, 9, and Robby, 8, enjoyed the event, too. Different craft projects set up in Hillside Middle School hallways were a fun break from bouncing, she said.

"They really enjoyed that," she said. "It gave them something to take away from the event, too."

Time to party

Tickets have been selling steadily, Sherman said.

"We've been getting a lot of people calling us this year, even before we've been getting the word out," she said. "I don't know if it took nine years for them to realize it's a community staple."

"That always feels good."

The event's 9 p.m. conclusion is timed so adults can unwind after putting youngsters to bed. Or head out for their own night on the town.

"The time frame of it is



Photo by MICHAEL SHUSTER

Nicholas and Gina Couyoumjian will be joining their mother, Ann, during Northville Nite Saturday.

Ticket info

What: Northville Nite

Who: Open to the public

When: 5-9 p.m., Dec. 31

Where: Recreation Center at Hillside

Cost: \$15 for adults; \$10 for children ages 2-12 and \$5 for tots.

Tickets available: until 4:30 p.m. today at the Hillside recreation department or at the door Saturday, if tickets remain.

For information: Call (248) 349-0203, ext. 1411.

great," Couyoumjian said. "That was all we did that evening (last year). We were in early enough. We were home safe."

"I just think it's perfect. The kids aren't out too late but they are still celebrating New Year's Eve."

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Making family music

Northville family strikes chord during acoustic event

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

It would be a rare occasion to walk into the Laabs' home without hearing a tune.

Making music has been the Northville family's centerpiece for years, beginning with family matricarch Sue.

"It is just something that I have done for my own self enjoyment," she said. "It is just my own little hobby that just fills my soul in a way that other things just can't."

So when Laabs discovered the opportunity to participate in a downtown acoustic coffeehouse, she was in.

Now the third Saturday of each month, Laabs and others pack up their guitars and strum on over to the Northville Art House.

She said it's a ritual established by the Baseline Folk Society.

"It is small and intimate," Laabs said. "It is kind of fun to go back to our acoustic folk roots, share what we know and people seem to enjoy it."

The next von Trapps?

Laabs started playing guitar in high school with her brother, a passion her children quickly absorbed.

Her oldest son, Denver, is a sophomore majoring in music education at Central Michigan University.

He plays trumpet, keyboard, piano, a little drums and picks up the guitar at times.

He was also the bassist in the rock band Violet Midnight Racehorse, playing gigs at the Northville American Legion Hall.

Denver created and ran a summer camp band with boy scouts from Northville Troop 755, a role his younger brother Weston since shouldered.

Scouts grades sixth-12th come to the Laabs home

"It is just my own little hobby that just fills my soul in a way that other things just can't."

Sue Laabs
Resident, Northville

every Monday night beginning in January to rehearse selections, many written and arranged by Denver.

Weston, a Northville High School senior, plays only guitar now, but started his musical journey playing fiddle and mandolin. He played saxophone in middle school and the first year of high school.

The youngest of the Laabs boys, sixth-grader Dawson, plays guitar - his musical outlet of choice.

He also plays trombone in the Hillside Middle School band.

"Music is just one of those things you can do forever," Sue said. "Sports you might get to the point where your body can't perform as well as it used to as a teenager."

"Music is just something you will always be able to do and is just something that can enhance your life forever."

Holiday appearance

During holiday break, the Laabs family gathered, performing acoustic music at the Northville Art House acoustic coffeehouse Saturday, Dec. 17.

Strumming their guitars while carrying a tune, Sue reveled in making music with her children.

"It turned out great, we had a full house," she said.

"It turned out really nice."

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Starting over — again

■ Unrealistic New Year's resolutions are made to be broken

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Ron Campbell prefers Life Resolutions to New Year's Resolutions.

The 63-year-old Northville Township resident has goals for 2006, and said nothing is going to stand in his way of achieving them.

"My number one goal is to stay active for another 20 years," Campbell said, "and in doing so I'm going to keep working out to continue on with the active life I'm living today."

Campbell is among several township residents pledging to do better in the upcoming year. Unlike most who don't stick to their plans, Campbell said he's made a list of things to accomplish — just during the coming year, but in his lifetime.

"If you write down a life plan, you may actually come up with a way of achieving it," he said.

"I'm not talking about simple things like telling yourself to take another class in school. I'm talking about life-changing achievements."

Sticking with goals

The 20-year township resident said one goal for 2006 was to continue getting in shape to decrease his time in the Detroit Free Press Half Marathon.

"I've always been a runner," Campbell said, "and getting my time down is something very

"If you put too much pressure on yourself then you're setting yourself up to fail."

Dianne Bensette
Resident, Northville Township

important to me.

"It's to prove that even people my age can still keep up with the young ones."

Campbell said he and his wife, Peggy, also stay active to keep up with their four grandchildren.

"If I weighed 200 pounds," he said, "there is no way I could keep up with those kids."

Path to success

Dianne Bensette said she is looking beyond New Year's resolutions this year and plans to make goals for the betterment of her own life and others.

"If you put too much pressure on yourself, then you're setting yourself up to fail," said the 47-year-old Northville Township resident. "New year's resolutions are usually broken because people make unrealistic goals."

Bensette has also claimed better health as her life resolution.

"I started realizing last spring that I needed to do something," she said. "I've lost about 25 pounds and I'm going to contin-

Top 10 New Year's resolutions

1. Spend more time with family and friends
2. Fit in fitness
3. Tame the bulge and lose weight
4. Quit smoking
5. Enjoy life more
6. Quit drinking
7. Get out of debt
8. Learn something new
9. Help others more
10. Get organized

Source: About Guide Inc.

ue to better my health because not only do I feel better, but those around me do as well."

Both Campbell and Bensette agreed the new year is a fresh start, but making goals to follow a trend in wrong.

"Whatever people choose to do in their own lives is their choice," Campbell said. "Making goals for the moment won't last, but making goals for the rest of your life is all that matters."

Bensette said she lost her mother when she was six years old.

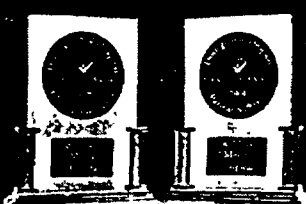
"Looking back at the loss of my own mother has made me realize that I need to be there for my kids," she said. "We need to make health a life priority and stay away from those unrealistic resolutions."

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Ron Campbell, 63, works out at the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, part of his annual regimen for improving his overall life.



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PIPER: drunk driving mistakes can be costly

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the last few years, we've seen less drunk drivers on New Year's and more on other holidays you wouldn't normally expect to see them."

Garbarino said New Year's is also known as amateur night.

"A lot of people who wouldn't normally go out and party tend to drink way too much," he said. "They end up not realizing they drank so much and that's where the trouble begins."

"We've arrested hundreds of people who thought they would never get caught, and they do."

Stevens said he's learned his lesson as a first time offender.

"I spent time in jail. I paid a bunch of fines and my car insurance spiked to an un-godly amount," he said. "I can't afford to drink and drive."

Price for drunk driving

According to the Northville

New Year's Eve rides

- Call a cab
- Rent a limo for the night
- Have a designated driver
- Stay put
- Don't drink

Source: Northville Township Police Department

Township Police Department, first time drunk drivers can pay up to \$500 in fines, spend up to 93 days in jail, work up to 45 days of community service and have a suspended license for up to five years.

"And the punishment for people who continuously break the law can be much worse," Garbarino said. "It's always good to think smart before you drink."

Holiday drunk driving arrests: 2004-05

- Christmas to New Year's

Day: 4

- St. Patrick's Day: 1
- Memorial Day weekend: 0
- Fourth of July: 1
- Labor Day weekend: 2
- Halloween: 0
- Thanksgiving: 2

Source: Northville Township Police Department

"We see a lot more designated drivers on the road. There are alternatives to getting behind the wheel drunk and taking the chance of getting arrested or even worse causing an accident."

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Brighton Hospital expert cautions against excessive drinking

While drinking and drug use patterns change throughout the years, one thing that has remained constant is the fact that the use of alcohol during the holiday season always increases, creating behaviors that can have dangerous consequences.

Traditionally, the time between Thanksgiving and the New Year should be a time of joy and hope, but it is also a time of excess. We sometimes celebrate by eating and drinking more than our usual amounts. Many people feel that since the holidays only come once a year, this over-indulgence is not a problem. When it comes to alcohol, that rationale could be a big mistake.

Problems with alcohol are not just limited to those people who have identified themselves as alcoholics or those who fit the specific definition. The holidays pose a dangerous temptation for people who tend to believe the normal restraints regarding alcohol disappear during holidays and everyone else will look the other way during these times to excuse their excesses.

People who consider themselves moderate or social drinkers can easily find themselves dealing with an alcohol-related concern this time of year. The fact is that the abundance of parties and the celebratory atmosphere puts pressure on people to drink. Therefore, anyone can end up having one too many without realizing it.

In addition, the strong emotions of the season can exacerbate existing alcohol concerns. Along with the celebration comes stress and depression caused by financial problems, sad memories and concerns with interpersonal relationships. The increased time demands of shopping, parties, and planning can create fatigue, tension and anxiety. People tend to have high, even idealized expectations for the holidays. If they are disappointed they may drink to console themselves.

Remember, you can have a happy holiday season without drinking. But if you do partake in drinking alcohol, do so in moderation and never drink and drive.

John A. Hopper M.D. is vice president of Medical Affairs at Brighton Hospital (a member of St. John Health). He can be reached at (888) 215-2700.

RETURNS: now take it back

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"Gift receipts guarantee that the consumer is credited the full amount for the item and allow retailers to confirm that the merchandise was purchased in their store."

Local etiquette expert Margit Erickson said including a gift receipt inside the package is acceptable.

"You could just put it right in the box if you want and let the person know that you have put in a gift receipt in case they need to exchange it," she said.

Erickson, a Novi resident offering etiquette seminars and advice, said another option is letting the recipient know a gift or original receipt is available.

"Once a gift is given it is up to that person whatever they want to do with it," she said. "So if they wish to return it, they may do so."

Financial experts recommend keeping a close eye on store policies, saying many major retailers offer 60-90 day windows for returns. And many stores, like Circuit City, charge a 15 percent restocking fee for one-time-use electronic equipment.

A spokeswoman for Target in Livonia said she recommends having a gift receipt. But when all else fails, returns may be tracked with the purchasers' credit cards. But only if they used one.

Northville shopper Louie Ronayne isn't concerned.

"I've never returned a gift before," he said.

And there is always another option if making it to the store seems impossible.

Swap it

Only 5'4" and received a gift card to the Big and Tall store? The World Wide Web offers a way to ditch less-than-desirable gift cards for cash or more acceptable pieces of plastic.

Swapagift.com offers the opportunity to buy, sell or even trade a gift card for someone else's.

Participating retailers include Barnes & Noble, Tiffany's, Pottery Barn and Sears. A fee is charged for the service.

Toss the tired label maker aside as a future gift for someone else.

Erickson said registering new, unopened items is an acceptable practice.

"Re-gifting has been done for years and years and years," she said. "It is OK, but it is not too conventional."

"You know Nancy Reagan did it all the time because they received so many gifts and if it was something they new someone else would love, they would pass the gift on."

Erickson said it is the giver's discretion to announce if the present is a regift.

But she has this word of advice for those passing it off as a new purchase: "If the recipient calls you for the receipt than you are in trouble."

"You have to be sure that person wants the gift. You don't want to cause embarrassment on anyone's part. That is not good manners."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Theresa Schierloh, right, owner of Northville's Dancing Eye Gallery, wraps a purchase for customer Colleen Siroonian as Brian Turnbull waits. Schierloh will offer in-store credit for cash-paid returns and refunds for credit card purchases.

TOWNSHIP BRIEFS

Northville Nite

Northville Parks and Recreation invites residents to join its New Year's Eve celebration, Northville Nite. The evening includes dinner from Max & Erma's of Novi, inflatable games and prizes, craft tables, live entertainment, magic and swimming. The party is 5-9 p.m. at the Hillside Recreation Center. Tickets are \$15 for adults; \$10 for kids and \$5 for tots. For more information, call (248) 349-0203.

Holiday trash pickup

Northville Township trash collector Painter & Ruthenberg will observe the New Year's holiday on Monday, Jan. 2. Trash pickup will be delayed one day.

Bill payments

Northville Township officials want to remind residents to bring payments for water, sewer and solid waste bills, tax bills, dog licenses and parking tickets in

person or through the drive-up window during regular business hours at township hall, 44405 Six Mile Rd.

Polar Bear Plunge

The Kiwanis Polar Bear Plunge along with the Northville Chamber Fire and Ice Festival will take place at noon, Jan. 28. There will also be a pre costume parade from the Water Wheel

Health Club to the plunge site at 11:45 a.m. Registration begins at 10 a.m. and a post-plunge party will follow. For more information, contact John Miller at (248) 596-9193.

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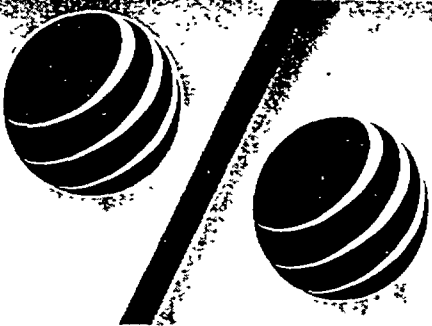
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A 46-year-old Northville Township woman called police after receiving several harassing phone calls from an unknown caller last week. According to reports, the woman was advised by SBC to make a report with police in order to trace the calls. The woman told police she believed the calls were from a student she teaches in Dearborn. The calls were unable to be traced and have tapered off, according to reports. The case was closed.

A 21-year-old Westland woman called police after losing her leather purse in Brann's Steakhouse on Six Mile Road. According to reports, the woman said she was having drinks with friends and wasn't sure if her purse, containing several credit cards, checkbook, cell phone and wallet, was stolen or left behind. Brann's officials checked the parking lot and restaurant for her belongings, according to reports. The case was closed.

A 44-year-old construction worker called police after noticing his trailer had been turned over with a front-end loader at Meijer on Haggerty Road. According to reports, the trailer was forced over onto its right side after being pushed against the parking lot curb. Meijer officials told police they saw a Meijer employee climbing down from the loader a few weeks prior, but did not report the incident. Police advised the man to move his equipment in the parking lot's camera view for the future parking. The case was closed.

Police were called to Epic Enterprise on Northville Road after a 43-year-old Bloomfield Hills employee noticed a commercial space heater missing. According to reports, the woman said the owner of the business sharing the building saw the heater earlier in the week. The woman told police she believed her brother might have stolen it, due to prior thefts. Police tried to contact her brother, and the case remains open.

Police were called to Kohl's on Haggerty Road after store officials stopped a woman and her son allegedly trying to steal a flat screen TV, leather jacket and several bags of candy. According to reports, Kohl's loss prevention officials were tipped off earlier in the day about the woman from the Novi location. When confronted in the parking lot, the woman set the merchandise down and fled the scene. The case was closed due to lack of investigative leads.

A 60-year-old Northville Township woman called police after noticing her license plate was stolen from her car. According to reports, the woman's car was parked under her apartment carport and not moved. Police found no damage to the car. The case remains open.

No one was injured Dec. 16 after two men robbed EB Games on Haggerty Road about 9:50 p.m. Two armed men entered the store just before closing and stole more than \$5,000 in gaming units and several hundred dollars in cash, according to police. Police have received several reports from other cities with similar robberies.

Police described one suspect as a black male in his early 20s with a slim build. The second suspect was described as a black male in his 20s, about 6-foot with a large build. He was wearing a black hooded winter coat.

EB games has been robbed three times since 2004. According to police, the robberies were not related.

Police have no leads at this time, but the case remains open.



Police are asking anyone who can identify this robbery suspect or with information about the EB Games robbery Dec. 16 to contact the Northville Township Police Department at (248) 349-9400.

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TRASH: township cans former garbage collector

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Painter & Ruthenberg's five year contract is up in April, and Don Weaver, director of public services for Northville Township, said the board had the option of terminating it 60 days early.

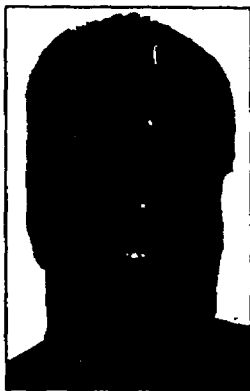
"We started researching other companies in the fall and invited four to submit bids," Weaver said. "Painter & Ruthenberg were not invited to bid."

"The last few months of their services has just been unacceptable."

Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said as the township has grown, the number of complaints have grown.

"I would get two to three phone calls a day from unhappy people," Hillebrand said. "It just seems that Painter & Ruthenberg didn't have the resources to do the job and weren't willing to keep up with the demand in the township."

Four companies bid on the township, including Onyx Waste Services, Republic Waste Services, Waste Management and Allied Waste Services.



Allied takes over

Allied Waste Industries, Inc., the parent company of Allied Waste Services, is the second largest non-hazardous solid waste management company in the United States, with annual revenues of more than \$5 billion and nearly \$14 billion in assets. Headquartered in Scottsdale, Ariz. Allied serves approximately 10 million residential,

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NORTHVILLE RECORD

Jack Iwema, general manager of Allied Waste Services, said his company is ready to assume trash collection responsibilities in Northville Township.

The criteria the board used to choose a new service included the company's bidding price, experience and quality of equipment.

Allied Waste bid \$5.4 million and was chosen as the township's trash service for the next five years. The company will start collecting Feb. 20.

Painter & Ruthenberg officials could not be reached for comment.

Cleaning up the mess

"Things are definitely going to change," said Jack Iwema, general manager for Allied Waste Services. "For one thing, residents can expect to have their trash, recyclables and compost picked

up on their scheduled days. I guarantee that."

Weaver said the board received several positive references for Allied, including neighboring community Plymouth Township, where Allied signed a contract in July.

"Our goal is to have zero complaints," Weaver said. "We're hoping to get that with Allied."

Iwema, a former Northville Township resident, said Allied, in business since 1997, is looking forward to doing a great job in the township.

"All the trucks will be monitored by an area supervisor and if there are any complaints they will be resolved immediately," Iwema said. "Just like the township, our goal is to have zero complaints."

"The last few months of their services has just been unacceptable."

Don Weaver

Director of Public Services, Northville Township

Iwema said Allied will be deploying brand new trucks when they start in February.

"The people are looking for a high caliber of service," Iwema said, "and that's what we're giving them."

Allied will include a company information brochure for residents as part of their their February water and sewer bill.

Iwema said there will be an increase in collection fees, from \$10.94 to \$11.53 per month.

"Allied is looking to expand and we're happy to be doing business with Northville Township," Iwema said. "When February gets here, we'll be ready."

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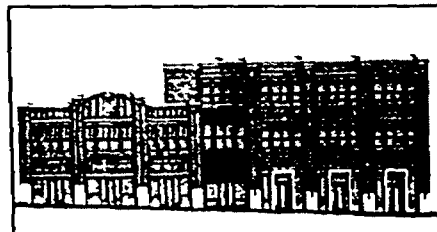
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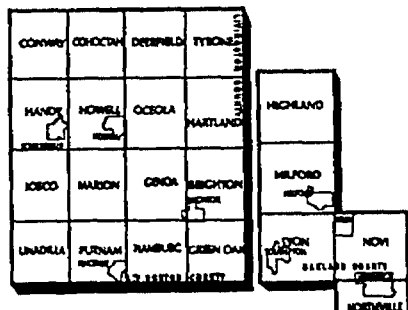
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CLASS NOTES

Recess

All Northville public schools, including the Early Childhood Center, are closed for holiday recess through Jan. 2. Classes will resume Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Meeting

The next Northville Board of Education regular meeting is 7:30 p.m. Jan. 10 at Old Village School, 405 W. Main St. For more information, call (248) 344-3400.

Presentation

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

Career Day

The Northville High School make-up Career Day will take place Thursday, April 6. Originally scheduled for Dec. 9, Career Day was canceled because of snow. Organizers are hoping the near 85 professionals slated for the December event will return in the spring.

Girls Varsity Tennis

The Northville High School 2005 Girls Varsity Tennis team was applauded by members of the Northville board of education this month for its regional championship finish. Congratulated were: Virginia Calkins, Ursula Cauffiel, Christine Curran, Lindsay Hagan, Chelsea Johnston, Haley Johnston, Sarah Koupal, Jonnie Powers, Kristin Randall, Sindhu Ravipati, Christina Ruiz, Jacqueline Taylor, Kelsey Thomas, Alicia Weber, Caitlin Wheeler and Sylvia Zannis. The winning team was coached by Mike Knoll and Sandy Woolfall.



Election Results

According to documents issued by the Office of the Wayne County Treasurer, official results of the Nov. 8 Northville Public Schools election have been tabulated. The County Board of Canvassers certified 3,669 voters cast yes ballots while 1,859 voters said no. The results were for the district's Headlee Override Election.

Early Childhood Openings

Kids' Creative Corner, at the Thornton Creek Elementary and Main Street locations currently has openings for 3- and 4-year-olds; Parent/Child at Main Street has openings for 1- and 2-year-olds and Child Care at Main Street and Thornton Creek Elementary has openings for 2-5 year olds. For more information, call (248) 344-8465.

Senior Party Donations

The Northville High School sen-

ior class post-graduation, all-night party will take place 10 p.m.-4 a.m. Saturday, June 3 at the school, 45700 Six Mile Road. Donations of merchandise, services and/or cash are needed from local businesses and individuals. The names of donors will be displayed at the party and published in the Northville Record. All donations are tax deductible. For more information, call Carol Grimmer, (248) 380-7244 or Linda Daul, (248) 349-9394.

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

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David Ammes, above, a trumpeter with the Ann Arbor Symphony Brass Quintet, plays at Thornton Creek Elementary School as students clap along.

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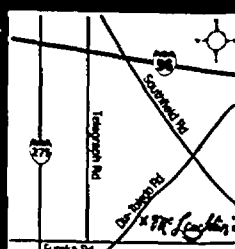
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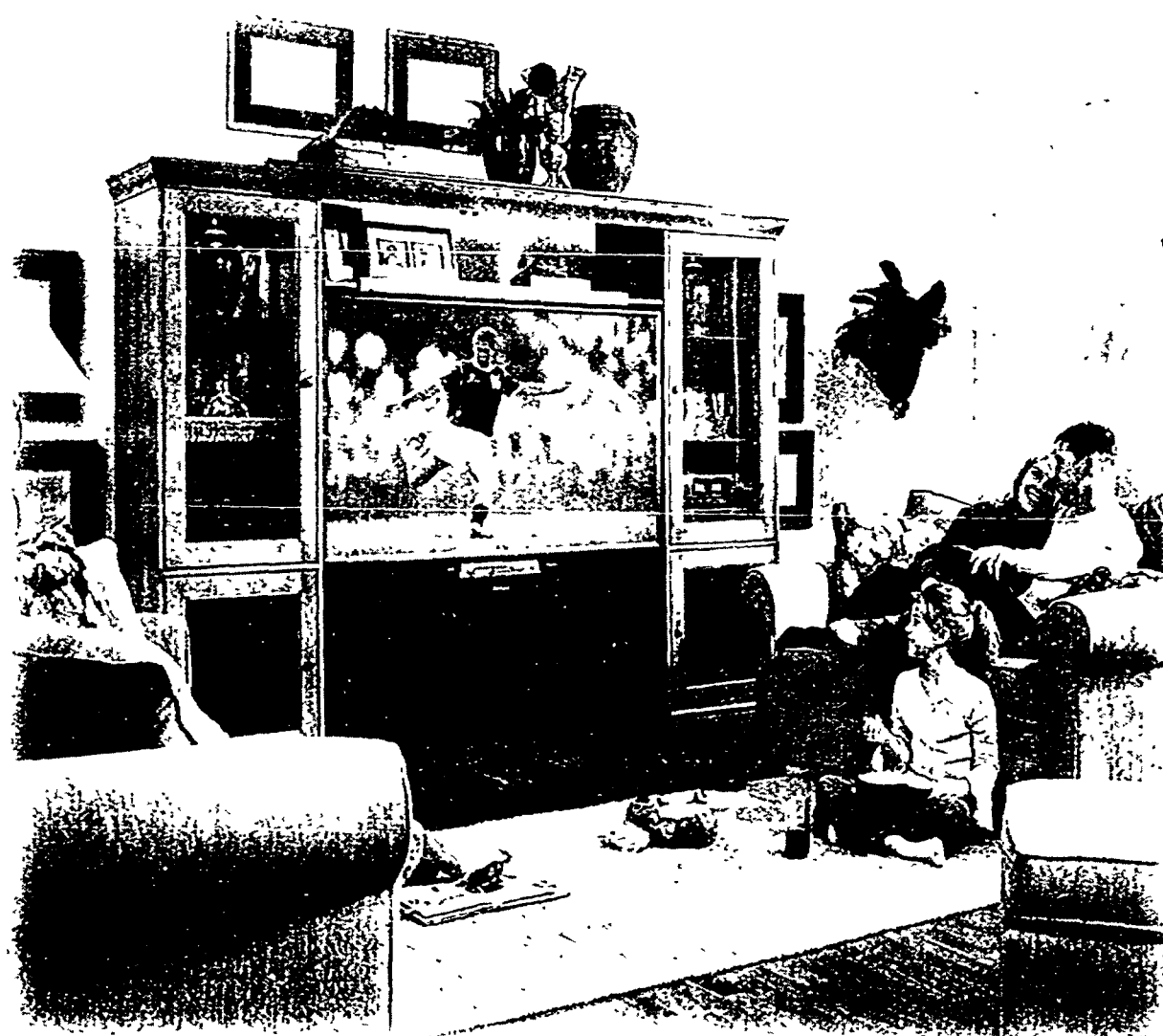
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Fewer passengers, safer drivers

A bill that would limit the number of passengers in the car of a first-year driver is a positive step toward preventing accidents.

We think the bill is warranted, but there's room for it to be improved and strengthened.

The measure, which passed the state House in December, would limit new drivers on the second level of the state's three-tiered graduated license program to take one passenger younger than 18 during the first 90 days.

The restriction does not apply to family members.

Michigan's graduated driver's license has three levels — level one requires teen drivers have a parent or adult in the car, level two allows them to drive on their own but restricts nighttime driving, and level three gives full privileges on a probationary basis, revocable by the state or by parents.

No earlier than age 17, they can receive a full, unrestricted license.

So the proposed restriction on passengers would apply when teens are on the second level and driving on their own for the first time.

Ninety infraction-free days later, the driver would be able to add another passenger younger than 18; and after 180 days without a blemish on his or her record, the driver could take

another person under 18.

There is a strange exemption in the bill, saying the restrictions on passengers doesn't apply if they are traveling to or from a house of worship.

Do lawmakers think teens won't still act like teens just because they are headed to a church-related activity? That exemption should be removed.

Nonetheless, the bill aims to curb distractions by cutting back on passengers for drivers as they are learning.

But the bill could present an enforcement nightmare for police. Unless an officer has the wherewithal to conduct DNA testing on everybody in a young driver's car, for instance, it's going to be awfully hard to determine who's related to the driver and who isn't if they don't all have identification.

So there should be a specific limit on the number of passengers, related or not.

We applaud measures aimed at saving lives. After all, young drivers represent 7 percent of all motorists but they are 14.2 percent of the drivers involved in fatal crashes, according to data from the House Fiscal Agency.

However, if the Legislature wants to limit the distractions facing novice drivers, it ought to take firm steps to reach that goal instead of pussyfooting around it.

Get moving!



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville resident Mike Motowski cross country skis at Maybury State Park.

LETTERS

Mr. President: What a waste

Could it be possible, if President Bush slowed down a bit he would not find himself in the dilemma of low approval ratings he is facing today?

Nevertheless, President Bush insists that he has to be fast on his feet and "quick to act."

This is exactly what he did when he rushed to war without waiting to gather accurate intelligence to justify the act of war.

Again, this is exactly what he did when he ordered a secretive domestic spy operation without waiting to get a court order to justify this act of investigation.

However, the President assures the public everything he has done was the "right thing to do."

Well, it's not for me to burst the President's bubble. I'll let him do that for himself.

I can only remind the President, "Haste makes waste."

Phyllis Clancy
Northville Township

Safety concerns

So many of us who live in condos are concerned about break-ins. But what about the service people who come in to do repairs. I've lived in one for 20 years plus and many things do need repairs. In my house many things develop legs and depart with the ones you trusted. You don't miss them until you need them.

Recently I've lost a doll that I treasured which I've had for 50 years. I can't tell you how I have wept. I can say the "Grinch who

stole my Christmas."

Would somebody please tell me what compels to steal when I am the opposite-my Christmas has been marred and my faith in people has been shattered.

Anne Ryan
Livonia

City: A new year, and a new attitude?

Flipping the calendar page to 2006 is a chance to take a fresh look at opportunities and challenges of a new year. During the coming weeks, city leaders will formally review progress on 2005-06 goals and plan for the next fiscal year. What's not on paper anywhere is a resolution to establish a more conciliatory tone in the council chambers, increasingly tense in recent months.

Nitpickers have contended malfeasance on several fronts, from the pace ordinances are revised to parking favoritism to commission appointments. With a long-range planning effort afoot for the good of the entire city, what Northville needs most is open minds and cooperation, not stewing in past conflicts and conspiracy theories.

Residents can help foster a spirit of community by participating in the process. Vigilance is encouraged. But when the majority has spoken, so the saying goes, if you can't say something nice, zip it.

Township: Toys for Tots success

Everyone deserves a good Christmas, and hundreds of kids got one, thanks to the support of Northville Township residents.

The Northville Township Police Department and community liaison officer Samantha Bowlin would like to thank township residents for donating several boxes of toys for the 2005 U.S. Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. It's important to continue participating every year because every toy needs a good home.

Schools: Is \$70.7M bond worth it?

As the new year rolls in, Northville Public Schools officials will be waging an educational campaign for its Feb. 28 \$70.7 million bond request. Officials seek voter support on two proposals. One proposal will help fund construction for a seventh elementary school. The other bond proposal asks for district-wide improvements and repairs and construction of a transportation facility and high school field house. In the weeks leading up to the bond, the Northville Record will take an in-depth look at specific projects making up the 2006 proposal. And then you can decide for yourself.

Historically speaking!

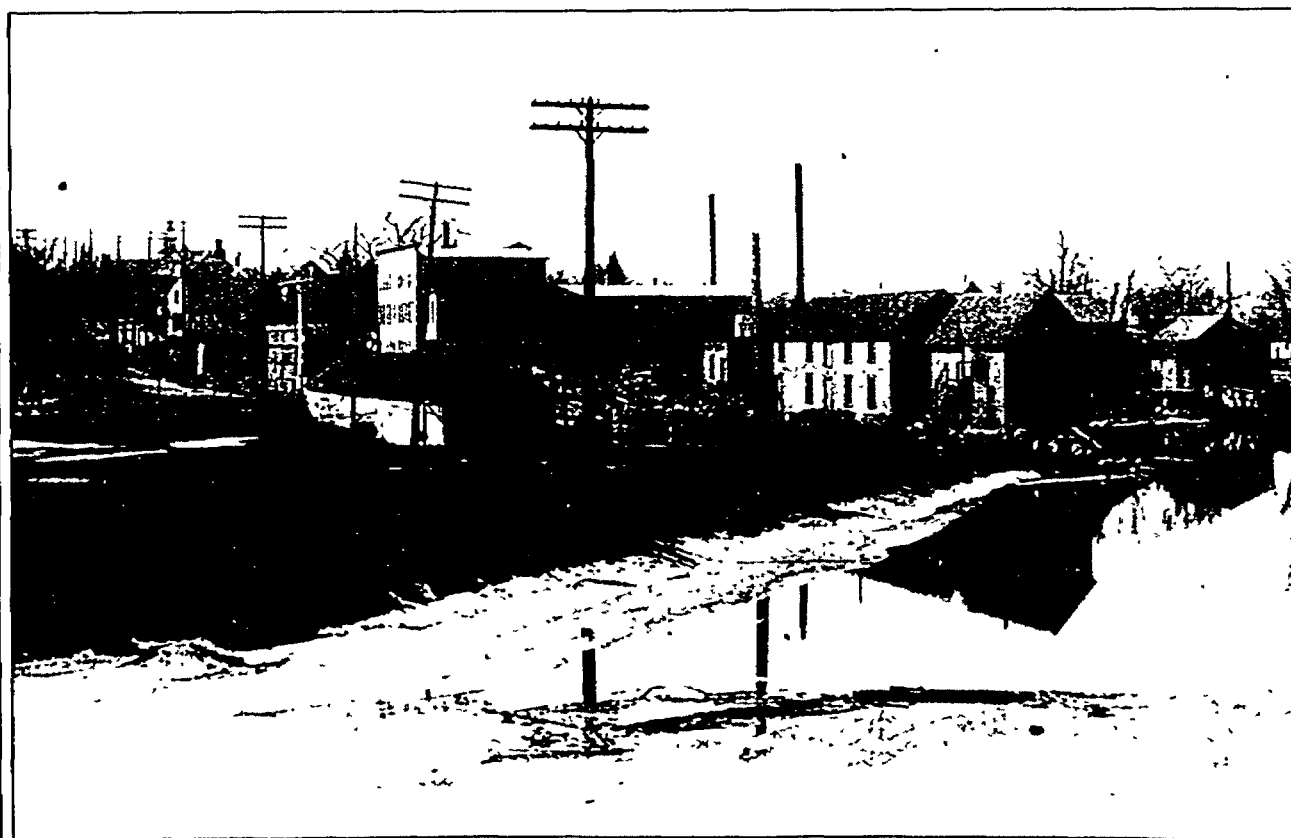


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Dubuar Manufacturing, at the end of Main Street, 1901.

RECORD SOURCES

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

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

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

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

TAKING FLIGHT

Local Eagle Scout earns wings by making blankets for cancer patients

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Matthew Tolkacz admits choosing fabric patterns really isn't his thing.

So when he needed to select fleece for 186 blankets, the teen solicited his mother's help.

"She picked out patterns that she thought would be good for all ranges of ages; patterns good for children, and older men and women."

A member of the First United Methodist Church of Northville Boy Scout Troop 777, Tolkacz chose making blankets for hospital patients as his final accomplishment toward reaching the rank of Eagle.

It's a goal he aimed for since fifth grade.

The honored project

Every Eagle Scout adopts a service project demonstrating community leadership. The project follows scouting skill mastery, rank advancement, dozens of merit badges and an intimidating board of review.

Most Eagle Scouts earn the rank by age 18.

Tolkacz, 15, chose making no-sew blankets for University of Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center patients.

"The blankets are used to keep them warm during cancer treatment, like chemotherapy," he said.

Tolkacz said the inspiration came after a family friend's mother died of cancer.

"In her will she asked that money be donated to the U-M cancer center," he said. "My mom and I went to the Web site and saw a plea for blankets."

Nancy said her son also toured the Ann Arbor facility, learning about patients whose lives would be comforted by his blankets.

"The director showed him where they would get treatment so that he would know and it would be personal to him on why he was doing it," Nancy said. "It affects many people, and he realized that once he got involved."

A means to the fleece

The process began with empty cans and bottles.

For months, Tolkacz collected returnables after Our Lady of Victory Church masses and from Novi Parks and Recreation games.

He then spent hours returning nearly \$1,000 worth of cans and bottles at Hiller's Market in downtown Northville.

Tolkacz, a sophomore at Detroit Catholic Central High School in Novi, said he purchased fleece as the money came in.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Eagle Scout Matthew Tolkacz assembled more than 180 no-sew fleece blankets for patients at the University of Michigan Cancer Center.

Nancy said they were frugal, always watching for sales. A 10 percent discount offered by Jo-Ann Fabric and Crafts helped a great deal, too, she said.

Then with help from fellow scouts, Tolkacz cut and tied the single-layer covers.

"It took around a half-hour for each blanket," he said. "It's not difficult, it just took a little while to get done."

The delivery

Each hand-made blanket was tied with Boy Scout Troop 777 colors and stuffed with a note, explaining the thoughtful origin. Tolkacz created each note.

"He wrote, 'I hope these will keep you warm and that they were given from the heart from Troop 777,'" Nancy said.

"It was nice what he wrote. It wasn't anything really big, but he wanted the patients to know where they came from."

The cozy creations were given to cancer patients last year at Christmas.

"It is just a great accomplishment. I'm glad there has been everyone to support me, my parents, my friends, and my family," Tolkacz said.

"I enjoyed getting through scouts and getting to this point, and I hope to continue in scouting."

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

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Matthew Tolkacz
Eagle Scout, Northville

More local Eagle Scouts honored

Proud Community

Northville welcomed six new Eagle Scouts into the community last month.

That's an arduous task, considering less than 5 percent of boys entering scouting achieve the rank.

Troop 755 of the First Presbyterian Church of Northville congratulated the following new Eagle Scouts:

Matt Paletta

Matt Paletta, 18, attends University of Detroit High School. His Eagle project included giving baby items to an orphanage in Guatemala he personally delivered with his church mission trip. He is a varsity member of the hockey and lacrosse teams, a National Merit Scholar and a member of the National Honor Society. Paletta plans to attend Boston College.

Jake Myers

Jake Myers, 15, attends Northville High School. His Eagle project was collecting school supplies and other items from the Northville community for distribution at an orphanage in Nicaragua. He was sponsored by Partners in Christ Ministry based in Phoenix, Ariz. Myers is a varsity member of the track and cross-country teams and plays trumpet in the high school marching and symphonic bands. He plans on attending Albion College.

Dan Dulzo

Dan Dulzo, 17, attends Northville High School. His Eagle project was creating a butterfly garden at Moraine Elementary School. He and his team put in more than 300 hours of work constructing the garden complete with benches and walkways. Dulzo is on the wrestling team and a member of the National Honor Society. He plans



Submitted Photos

Pictured from right to left are Matt Paletta, Jake Myers, Dan Dulzo and Robert Davison. The new Eagle Scouts are from Northville Troop 755.

on attending University of Michigan and majoring in electrical engineering.

Robert Davison

Robert Davison, 18, attends Northville High School. His Eagle project consisted of planting trees and shrubs at Northville High School. He is on the hockey team and plays trumpet in the marching, symphonic and Jazz Ensemble I bands. He plans on attending Western Michigan University.

Troop 777 of the First United Methodist Church of Northville

William Waterstreet

William Waterstreet, 15, attends Detroit Catholic Central High School. His Eagle project consisted of creating an outdoor classroom in the Hillside Middle School eighth-grade courtyard. Waterstreet earned the Ad Altari religious medal and attends Our Lady of Victory Church in Northville. He has participated in high school adventure trips including Northern Tier in Minnesota and the National Scout Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia in the summer.

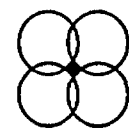
Eagle Scout William Waterstreet belongs to Troop 777.



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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: 7:30 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. 29
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. 30
Senior Community Center closed
Monday, Jan. 2
Senior Community Center closed
Tuesday, Jan. 3
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Computers I
Wednesday, Jan. 4
10 a.m.: Oxyceise Level I

10:30 a.m.: Health Alliance Medicare Seminar
10:30 a.m.: Medicare Seminar
11 a.m.: Oxyceise Level II
noon: Bridge
1 p.m.: Computer II

Board Games

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

Ongoing Card Games Bridge

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

Pinochle (double deck)

TIME/DAY: 12:30-4:30 p.m., Monday and Thursday

Pinochle (single deck)

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

Euchre

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

Healthy Walking

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

Computer Courses

TIME/DAY: 1-3 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday, Beginning Computers I; 1-3 p.m., Wednesday and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Friday, Intermediate Computers II
LOCATION: Library, 212 W. Cady St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Mill Race Historical Village

LOCATION: Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field
CONTACT: (248) 348-1845
Thursday, Dec. 29-Friday, Dec. 30: Office closed
Sunday, Jan. 1: Mill Creek Church, 10 a.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 3: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 4: Basket Guild, 9 a.m.
Thursday, Jan. 5: Brownie Scouts, 3:30 p.m.
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Looking for You

Civic Concern Donations

TIME/DATE: Drop-offs, 9 a.m.-8 p.m., today; 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday
LOCATION: Century 21 Town



Submitted Photo

Kids at heart!

Carpenter Street neighbors Jeff Gill and Jim Allen took advantage of a recent snowstorm and built an oversized snowman.

Volunteers Wanted

DETAILS: There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available for all age groups. Assignments include Northville Senior Community Center front desk, special assistance and special park projects. Northville High School volunteer hours and scout badge projects are welcome.
CONTACT: Amy Zubor, (248) 735-2569

Meals-on-Wheels

DATE: Ongoing
TIME: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Permanent and substitute drivers needed
CONTACT: Eileen at Allen Terrace, (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday or Judy LaManna, (248) 348-1761

Camera Club

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northville-camera@sbglobal.net, Ken Naigus of the arts commission at recr@ci.northville.mi.us

Arts Commission

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

kdn@comcast.net or Northville Arts Commission, (248) 449-9950

Housing Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
TIME: 3 p.m.
LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.

Youth Assistance

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

Beautification Commission

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St., Meeting Room B

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Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

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

Parks and Recreation

Kiddie Sports and Games

DETAILS: Registration for Kiddie Sports and Games, Sports Starters and Sports Sampler for Preschoolers is going on now. These classes are an introduction to sports and games and include teaching effort, cooperation and teamwork.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

Ski and Snowboard Club

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

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

Junior Ski and Snowboard Club

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

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

Drop In Cheerleading

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

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

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

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

Open Basketball

DATE: Tuesday

TIME: 7-10 p.m.

LOCATION: Senior

Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: The fee is \$3 per person.

Open Badminton

DATE: Tuesday and Friday

TIME: 7-9:30 p.m.

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

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

Table Tennis

TIME/DAY: 6-10 p.m., Monday and noon-4 p.m., Saturday

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road

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

Regional

Cabaret Concert

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 18

TIME: noon

LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, VisTaTech Center, Haggerty Road, Livonia

DETAILS: Mezzo soprano Deanna Relyea will be performing. It is free and open to the public.

CONTACT: (734) 462-4403

Adult Scholarships

DETAILS: Persons age 25 years or older thinking of attending Schoolcraft College for the winter term may apply for a Return to Learn scholarship. Recipients get either \$500 or \$1,000, depending on the number of registered credit hours.

CONTACT: Cindy Cichelli, (834) 462-4400, ext. #5202 or www.schoolcraft.edu/r21

Ice Skating

TIME/DATE: Various times through Jan. 2

LOCATION: Campus Martius Park, Woodward Avenue between Fort Street and Michigan Avenue, Detroit

DETAILS: Skate rental and refreshments are available.

CONTACT: (313) 963-9393 or www.campusmartiusprk.org

Ford Rouge Plant Tour

DATE: Daily

TIME: 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

LOCATION: Tour begins at the Henry Ford plant, 20900 Oakwood Boulevard, Dearborn

DETAILS: This is a five-part tour including a driving tour of auto-related landmarks and behind-the-scenes of the Rouge

complex; a look at the history through video footage; a virtual reality theatre; a walking tour of the factory's 'living roof'; and a walking tour above the assembly area where Ford F-150s are made. The cost is \$14 for adults, \$13 for seniors, \$10 for ages 3-10 and free for ages 2 and under.

CONTACT: (313) 982-6001

Kensington Metropark

LOCATION: Near Milford/Brighton exit off I-96

CONTACT: (800) 477-3178

Master Gardener Association

DAY: Second Thursday of every month

TIME: 7 p.m.

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

Parks Pass

DETAILS: Metroparks and Oakland County Parks are now offering a dual park pass. The annual cost is \$43 and can be purchased at any park office.

CONTACT: (800) 477-3178 or www.metroparks.com

Ann Arbor Museum

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

LOCATION: 220 E. Ann St., Ann Arbor

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

CONTACT: (734) 995-5437

Mothers of Multiples

DATE: Second Thursday of every month

TIME: 7 p.m.

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

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

CONTACT: Jackie, (248) 437-5496

Detroit Zoo

LOCATION: 8450 W. 10 Mile Road, Royal Oak

CONTACT: (248) 398-0903 or www.detroitzoo.org

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WEDDINGS

Mr. and Mrs. John Sassaman

Roxanne Barrick and John B. Sassaman were married Dec. 5, 2005. The unity sand ceremony was held "barefoot on the beach in St. Lucia." A reception was held at Castries, St. Lucia.

Matron of honor was Debbie Peck. Best man was Tom Peck.

John is an owner of Northrup-Sassaman Funeral Home and Roxanne volunteers at Northville Civic Center. The couple will reside in Northville.



ENGAGEMENTS

Abbo-Gargol

Mark and Patty Abbo of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Erica Elizabeth Abbo to Ryan Michael Gargol, son of Milo Gargol of Phoenix and Kate White, Farmington.

The bride-elect is a 1998 graduate of Northville High School and a 2002 graduate of Arizona State University. She is employed as a Financial Advisor at Linsco Private Ledger.

The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Farmington High School and also a 2002 graduate of Arizona State University. He is employed as a General Manager of Grilled Expedition.

A May 2007 wedding is planned.



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Education

Taking it to the NEXT level

■ Former Mustang talks about adjusting to college life

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

When Annie Kirkpatrick navigated the halls of Northville High School she knew everyone's name.

"I do miss walking down the halls and seeing everyone I know," she said.

The 2005 graduate was named to the All-Area Academic Team, chosen as Who's Who Among American High School Students and the assistant captain of the girls varsity hockey team. And that's just a small sampling of her high school involvement.

But then it happened: she became a freshman at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

In the same year, Kirkpatrick found herself at the base of the academic hill she once crowned.

"I had the map in my hand and was asking people where I was going," she said while home on holiday break. "I was the obvious freshman."

Blind entry

Kirkpatrick made an important decision while filling out her dormitory paperwork: she would enter the Ann Arbor campus blind.

Instead of rooming with her high school friends, she would start fresh.

"I live in the west quad," Kirkpatrick said. "It's kind of weird because it is on the central campus and pretty much almost everyone else from Northville is on the hill, which is on the opposite side of campus."

Landing a spot on the University of Michigan synchronized skating team helped Kirkpatrick forge new friendships.

She already plans on living with one of her teammates next year.

"It worked out really well," she said. "And I met a lot of new people, and I have a lot of new friends out of it."

She recommends all Northville High School students do the same, or at least make the effort to meet new people.

First impressions

Kirkpatrick's first impression of her new beginnings came fast when she moved to the campus in early August for skating practice.

While opening her dorm door, her wide-eyed excitement sank.

■ Celebration

How did Northville High School 2005 graduate Annie Kirkpatrick celebrate her first successful semester at college? Once home in Northville, the University of Michigan student took a seven-hour nap, she said.

"All the beds were lofted in the middle of the room, and it was just a mess, like all the furniture. I didn't know what to do, I was like, 'I hate college.'"

Annie Kirkpatrick
2005 Graduate, Northville High School

"All the beds were lofted in the middle of the room, and it was just a mess, like all the furniture," she said. "I didn't know what to do, I was like, 'I hate college.'"

Slightly defeated, Kirkpatrick said she went off to skating practice.

Her spirits were lifted when she returned to her dorm room and found her parents magically put everything in its place.

"I felt bad for them, but I was so thankful," she said.

Kirkpatrick was now ready to greet the college world as an engineering major. And as just another face in the crowd.

Tow the load

Preparing for the holidays at her Northville home, Kirkpatrick said she survived her first semester.

"It was OK," she said. "I felt I had to work a lot more than when I was in high school."

Kirkpatrick went from straight As in high school to As and Bs at the university.

"It seems like at Michigan students are more stressed out, and more competitive," Kirkpatrick said. "I think that is the hardest part."

The teen said it's different being in a situation where everybody is the best.

Another new first semester experience: freedom.

"It is a lot of fun at the dorms, but you have to focus and in the dorm there is always something going on," she said.

Kirkpatrick said she quickly learned the advantages of her controlled Northville study environment.

When she returns for second semester, she said, she will find respite at the student union or library.

"A lot is going on and you want to do it, but you have to choose," she said.

Ready for more

Kirkpatrick said she is really enjoying her first vacation.

"I'm in between semesters so there really isn't anything to do, she said.

But Kirkpatrick said she is ready to head back to the University of Michigan for her second semester. Life at the bottom isn't that bad.

"I knew things were going well when it was time to come home and I was kind of sad," she said.

Kirkpatrick returns to campus Tuesday.

"I feel I'm sort of used to it now," she said. "I like it a lot. It is a lot of fun."

"But I'm glad to be home, too."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville High School graduate Annie Kirkpatrick talks about adjusting to the next academic level: classes at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

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Holiday safety is no accident

■ Awareness, prevention remain the best cure for holiday ills

By Aileen Wingblad
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

'Tis the season to hang holly and be jolly, visit with family and friends, and share gifts and goodies.

But the most celebrated time of year can easily turn tragic, too, with medical problems, house fires and other emergencies entering the holiday mix, noted local physician Deborah Bennett, DO.

Fortunately, a bit of knowledge and a few reminders can go a long way in helping to keep Christmastime safe for everybody, said Bennett, who chairs the Family Practice Department at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital and has an office in Novi.

"During the holidays, kids end up in the emergency room, the elderly end up in the emergency room — but some of it is so preventable," Bennett said.

All too often, people are so busy in the days leading up to Christmas and during holiday parties that they forget about simple procedures that can have an enormous impact, she explained.

For instance, supervising children is extremely important, particularly when they are surrounded by holiday decorations. Trimmings, ornaments and other decor might appear harmless when in fact they can be dangerous to youngsters, Bennett said. Some snowglobes, for example, contain an antifreeze-like substance which is poisonous if ingested. Angel hair is spun glass and can irritate skin, eyes and the gastrointestinal tract. Old tinsel and some wrapping paper contain lead, which shouldn't be ingested.

Holiday plants, such as mistletoe, poinsettias and holly, offer a festive touch and might be nice to look at, but have toxic portions and should be kept out of reach of children.

Candles pose another danger, especially when children are around. In some homes, candles are used only during the holidays, so kids might be particularly fascinated with them, said Bennett, and sneak them into their bedrooms and accidentally catch stuffed animals, blankets or other items on fire. The results can be deadly. About 25 percent of lives lost in house fires each year are attributed to fires that began in the bedroom, she added.

Be wary of other fire hazards, too. Make sure electrical circuits aren't overloaded, especially with added demand from Christmas lights and other decor. Check for frayed wires, too. And if a space heater is used in the home, keep it away from anything that could catch on fire.

Toy safety is a concern, as well. Even though warnings go out each year to keep a child's toys age-appropriate and to watch out for small parts and sharp pieces, additional reminders can't hurt, Bennett said.

"The best thing to remember is adult supervision. That's what kids really need," she said. "Some people think if their kids are occupied, they can leave them alone for awhile and get done what needs to be done. But kids need an adult in the room, especially when there are things there that they can put in their mouths or get into some other trouble with."

At the other end of the spectrum are concerns with the elderly. Visiting with older friends and relatives around Christmas gives the opportunity for a closer look at their behavior and habits, Bennett

said, and alert people to brewing problems with senior citizens.

The holidays play a role in soaring suicide rates among the general population during December and January, and seniors are no exception. Watch their behavior and attitude. If concerns arise and remain for two weeks or so, it's a good idea to get that person to a doctor for an evaluation. Common signs of depression include withdrawal, excessive sleep and not participating in activities. These clues can be particularly subtle in seniors, Bennett added.

Watch for problems with foods, too. Mary Beth Lepczyk from the Krieger Geriatric Center at Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital said chocolate and peppermint — including candy canes — should be limited. These are common treats during the holidays, but eating them can add to reflux, leading to stomach complaints.

As for other illnesses, Bennett said it's not too late to get a flu shot. Most doctors' offices should have an ample supply, she said, or check with the county health department. Other health tips include getting plenty of sleep, avoiding or limiting alcohol, eating in moderation and staying active.

By doing so, the holidays are likely to be more enjoyable, Bennett said. "Think ahead and take some time to ensure your family has a safe holiday time," Bennett said. "And take the time to be with your family, time to really enjoy being with them. Staying low-key reduces stress and leads to quality family time. And that's really what everybody needs."

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Home Owners Do You Know... About Sick House Syndrome?

Sick House Syndrome is a consequence of poor indoor air quality. This can cause or aggravate allergies, asthma, chemical sensitivity, migraines, cancer and emphysema. These conditions alone may affect many different people in the population.

Indoor air contains particles, fibers and gases, of which many are substances of concern. They may be categorized as irritants, allergens, sensitizers, estrogenic substances or toxins.

Particles:

- Of concern include lime and silica dust from concrete, older homes which may have lead paint, pet dander, carbon from burning fuels & candles, and body parts from mites and mold fibers.

- Of concern include asbestos, fiberglass, animal hair, and carpet/textile fibers.

- Of concern include volatile and semi-volatile organic compounds and solvents, carbon monoxide, and moisture.

The above items may be emitted from buildings, furnishing, cleaning materials, or brought into home on shoes, clothes, pets, air leaks in the home, or by development of mildew/mold, or mites in the house.

To improve Indoor Air Quality it is best to perform an audit to locate typical sources, perform tests as necessary, and to ensure the heating, cooling, and ventilation equipment is cleaned and in efficient operation.

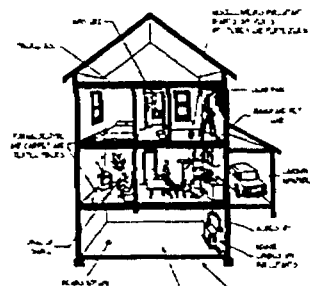
Each substance has a recommended EPA method for remediation (clean up) and some like lead, asbestos, radon, and mold should be assessed by trained and licensed professionals. Always take caution on do-it-yourself renovations and clean up projects in order to avoid serious health effects.



Randall Patterson

Typical Ways To Improve Indoor Air Quality Include:

- Install improved filters in furnace
- Clean Air Ducts on regular basis
- Use bath & Kitchen exhaust fans for proper moisture removal from home
- Ensure downspouts and landscape drainage is away from foundation (basement)
- Use mite proof mattress and pillow covers
- If you have allergies use non-allergenic blankets, etc.
- Avoid using pesticides and synthetic fertilizers for house plants
- Use mats at doors to wipe shoes prior to entering home
- Air out dry cleaning prior to bringing indoors.
- Remove paints, solvents, pesticides from inside storage in home
- Use solvent-free, low toxicity, and hypoallergenic products
- Consider carbon filters on shower to reduce chlorine exposure
- Consider using a HEPA vacuum cleaner
- Do not smoke in the home



ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATION AND ACTION TO TAKE-MINIMIZE MOLD GROWTH TO IMPROVE INDOOR AIR QUALITY. Once a mold problem has been detected, the two main courses of action are to eliminate the moist conditions that allow the mold to grow and to remove any mold that has grown. A number of allergenic molds can be removed by utilizing an anti-fungal solution or chlorine on hard surfaces and by removing the insulation, and drywall, if it has been contaminated. If the property is contaminated with a toxic mold it is necessary to remove all porous materials such as drywall, insulation, some types of sheathing, flooring, etc. Depending on the amount of penetration and contamination to the structural system it may be necessary to also remove and replace the framing.

Additional steps to help include:

- DRAIN AND VENTILATE AREAS UNDER & AROUND THE HOUSE, ESPECIALLY CRAWLSPACES
- DECREASE MOISTURE AND KEEP HUMIDITY LEVELS LOWER THAN 40%
- REMOVE OR REPLACE PREVIOUSLY SOAKED CARPETS AND FURNITURE
- REPAIR ALL WATER-DAMAGED AREAS
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Facing from left, Jen D'Annunzio, director of the Lil' Kickers program at Total Sports Complex, "Hoppy" the mascot, and Casey Peterson, one of the coaches, instruct the children in one of the classes.

Total Sports Complex

Facility offers Lil' Kickers Child Development Program, lacrosse, soccer, baseball, softball, flag football and roller hockey

The Total Sports Complex in Wixom is more than largest indoor venue for sports and athletic training in the area. The versatile facility also offers the nationally renowned Lil' Kickers child development program.

Lil' Kickers is a non-competitive, introductory soccer and movement skills program that teaches kids about life through soccer. The program was originally developed by a child psychologist and is now available locally at the Total Sports Complex.

The Lil' Kickers program is designed for boys and girls from 18 months to nine years old with several levels of classes for 10-12 weeks. The 40 to 50-minute classes are available on a variety of days and times including weekday mornings and afternoons or Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"They are structured classes with constant changes to keep the kids' interest," said Jen D'Annunzio, director of the Lil' Kickers program at Total Sports Complex. "It's a comfortable atmosphere and we have great camaraderie among our staff."

Total Sports Complex invites parents to bring their children and try the first class for free. With nearly 200 participants, the program currently has openings at most age levels with open enrollment for all classes.

"It's a wonderful program that helps build the child's self esteem while developing happier and healthier kids," said Ericka Lipman of West Bloomfield, whose 3-year old son Ryan is enrolled in Lil' Kickers.

"He absolutely loves it. We are already

seeing improvement in his physical skills," Lipman said.

Parents are required to participate in the "Bunnies" class for 18-24 month olds and "Thumpers" class for 2 to 3-year olds.

The classes are designed to develop balance, listening and physical coordination skills, while teaching ball and soccer movements.

The most popular "Hoppers" class for 3 to 4-year olds introduces the concepts of teamwork and co-operation with some non-competitive soccer games. The "Jackrabbits" class is designed for kids in that age group with some soccer experience and the "Big Feet" class for 5 and 6-year olds who have not played soccer.

Non-competitive, developmental micro leagues are offered for 4 to 9-year olds with some soccer experience. Advanced clinical leagues are available for 6 to 8-year olds.

The curriculum for the Lil' Kickers program is developed by licensed coaches and child development professionals who conduct the classes. All classes are limited in size to provide low coach-to-child ratios.

"We encourage men to bring their kids on Saturday. It's a wonderful opportunity for dads to bond with their kids," said D'Annunzio.

Lipman, who teaches sign language from birth to two-year olds, is planning to hold a Baby Signs® class at Total Sports Complex beginning Feb. 3. She says the program allows children to communicate before they can talk.

Lipman also hopes to offer music, art, and parent-toddler classes for preschoolers in the future there. For more information, contact Ericka at 248-360-1323.

Total Sports Complex is planning a Summer Camp program for children to run from mid-June through August. It would begin with a breakfast club at 7:30 a.m., include morning and afternoon programs, and offer extended day care from 3 to 6 p.m. for working parents. A brochure with complete details about the summer camp will be available in February.

The facilities at Total Sports Complex are second to none, featuring the only indoor full-size soccer and lacrosse fields in Michigan. The 220,000 square-foot facility also includes 3 indoor soccer rinks, one inline skating rink, 3 batting cages, 10 baseball instructional tunnels, and a 70,000 square-foot dome with an additional soccer field.

The facility also houses a Total Performance Training Center staffed with athletic and personal trainers to help amateur athletes improve their skills and conditioning or any person to stay physically fit.

Total Sports Complex offers clinics in baseball, softball, soccer and lacrosse with competitive play in soccer, lacrosse and inline or roller hockey. Many local athletes use the facilities to workout during off-seasons as well.


In addition to all the sports facilities, there is a snack bar and full-service bar and restaurant, the Total Sports Grille.

DETAILS


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Macomb Schools & Gov. CAJ	(586) 263-8800	6	0	5.525	0	4.875	0	J/A	
Mansfield Mortgage	(800) 900-1313	5.875	0	5.625	0	NR	NR	J/A/V/F	
Manufacturers	(586) 777-1000	5.75	1	5.375	1	NR	NR	J/A	
Mortgages by Golden Rule	(800) 991-9922	5.75	0.375	5.25	0.75	2.5	1	J/A/V/F	
National City Bank	(586) 825-0825	5.75	2	5.25	2	5.375	0.875	J/A	
Northlawn Financial	(248) 988-8498	5.875	0	5.5	0	NR	NR	J/A/V/F	
Pathway Financial LLC	(800) 726-2274	5.875	0	5.5	0	3.375	0	J/A/V/F	
Peoples Mortgage	(800) 730-5087	5.75	0.375	5.5	0.125	NR	NR	J/A	
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York Financial Inc.	(888) 839-9675	6	0	5.625	0	4.625	0	J/A	

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29302 Weston Dr.	\$239,000
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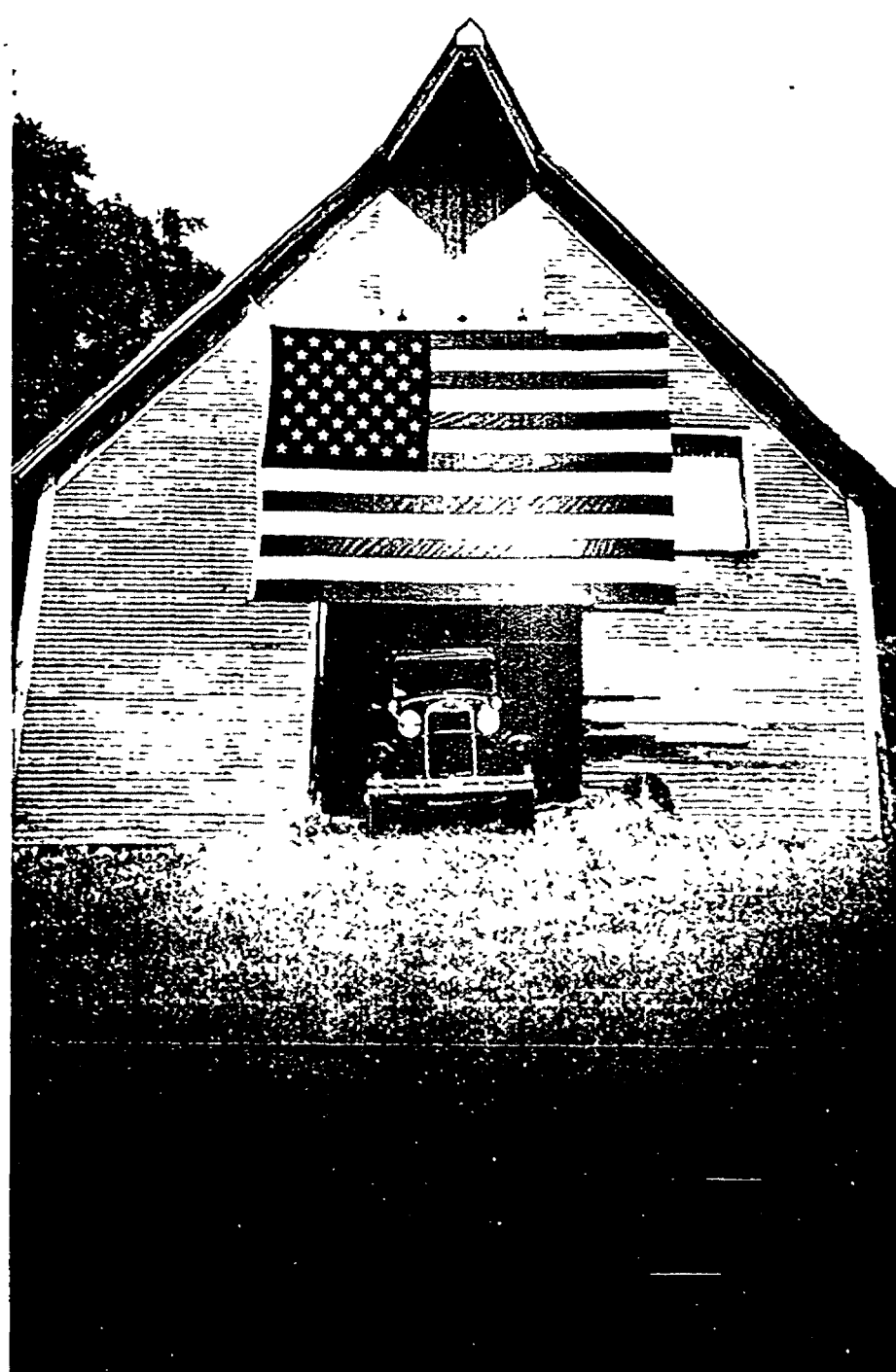
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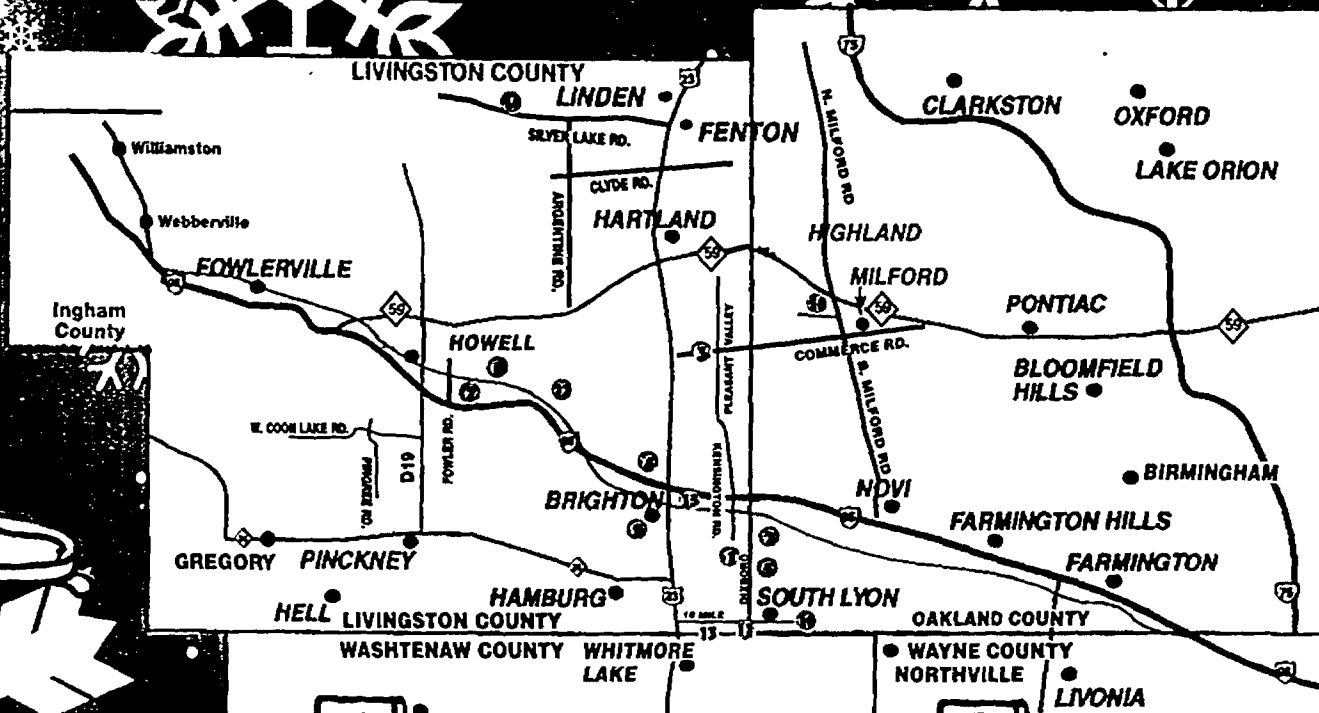
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3 bedrooms, 2.5 bath home with full basement, 2 car
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Spacious Tudor style colonial. 4 BR formal LR & DR plus
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BROWNSTOWN A Rare Find
In this 3 bedroom condo in newer complex offering east-
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master suite w/WIC, C/A, 2 car attached garage, bsmt &
close to freeway & shopping. Built in 2002.
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REDFORD Super Sharp Brick Ranch
Finished basement in the 3 bedroom, 1.5 bath home
with 2 car attached garage, updated kitchen and bath,
hardwood floors T/O. Beautiful yard with patio, deck &
in-ground pool. A must see and a great buy.
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DEARBORN Dearborn Hills Beauty
3 BR colonial w/lots of updates. Newer furnace, C/A,
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be 4th bedroom. Two trpicks including one in finished
bsmt. Newer HWY. Quick occup. 2 car x-deep garage.
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DEARBORN HGTS A Wonderful Condo
Spacious 2 bedrooms, 1.5 bath condo offers hardwood
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bedrooms. Very nice layout and glass block windows in
basement.
(T28GAR) 734-455-5600 \$88,500



NORTHVILLE Great End Unit Ranch
Spacious 3 BR 2 BA condo w/1st floor laundry. Nice
deck w/wooded views. Large living room w/valued
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Formal dining room. Full bsmt & 2 car attached garage.
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2 BR 2.5 BA w/open fr plan. LR w/brick & vaulted
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NORTHVILLE Executive Retreat
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pool - daylight. A must see.
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In this 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/high ceilings,
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Wonderful ranch offering 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, wet
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lovely 4 season room overlooking deck, in-ground pool
& patio. 2 car attached garage w/2nd all appls & warr.
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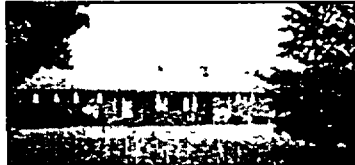
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Beautiful 3 bedroom, 2 bath brick ranch overlooking a
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fireplace, finished basement with full bath. Newer
carpet, roof and painted.
(T35WES) 734-455-5600 \$129,000



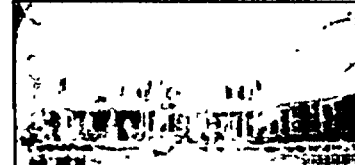
CANTON Freedom From The City
Updated 3 bedroom custom brick ranch on approx 1
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basement, fireplace in living room & heated workshop
in 2 car garage.
(T88DO) 734-455-5600 \$249,900



PLYMOUTH A Pleasure To Show
Shows like a model! Clean & many updates! 3 bedroom
ranch has Andersen wood windows. Newer roof 2003.
open kit w/blk-in-deck, pantry stove & frig inc. FR has
doorway to deck & priv landscaped yard. Fin LL, 2.5 car gar.
(T83RED) 734-455-5600 \$229,500



WEST BLOOMFIELD Bring Your Fullest Buyer
4 BR 2.5 BA colonial on prem lot landscaped w/yard to
play. GR w/brick fireplace study w/frnch drs. lg kit
w/earth tone cabinets & island. Master suite w/dressing
area. Huge LL & 2nd BA. 3 car side entry gar.
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NORTHVILLE Eastern Seaboard Cape Cod
Country living in the city for this 5 BR, 4.5 BA home on
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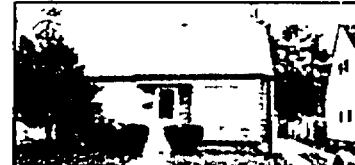
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Gorgeous 10th flr, 1 BR, 1 BA condo. Freshly painted
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WESTLAND A Place To Call Home
Charming 3 bedroom 2 bath ranch offers 2.5 car
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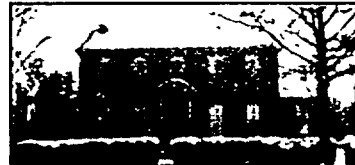
BROWNSTOWN Beauty From Door To Door
Brick 1.5 story condo - new in 2005. Open island
kitchen great room w/fireplace. FTL, 3 bedrooms, 3
baths, 2 car attached garage. C/A, sprinklers & deck.
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REDFORD Nicely Updated Bungalow
3 bedroom updated home with finished basement &
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PLYMOUTH Move Right In!
Excellent location in Plymouth. This 2 bedroom condo
has newer carpet, kitchen cabinets, dining room flooring
and windows in living room. Large private basement
and more.
(T99SHE) 734-455-5600 \$84,900



GROSSE ILE Brick Stately Manor
5 bedroom, 3.5 bath, att side entry garage. Pella
windows, gas fireplace, large park-like yard. Open kitchen
w/Corian counters & island. Hard frs, ceramic baths.
FR, den, office, library DR & finished bsmt w/bath.
(T41MER) 734-455-5600 \$494,900



WESTLAND Maplehurst Condo
This immaculate premium location 2 bedroom, 1.5 bath
condo backs to woods and pond offers full basement,
spacious deck, attached garage and 2 walk in closets.
Built in 1998.
(T51SHE) 734-455-5600 \$174,900



NORTHVILLE Residence Of Dignity
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overlooking pond. Walk to town. 5 bedrooms, 4 baths.
4 fireplaces. 3+ car garage. Master bedroom retreat.
Finished lower level. Finest quality.
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WATERFORD Must See!
3 BR 1.5 BA ranch. Move in condition. Deck with
2 sliding glass doors. Large MBR w/WIC. New roof. 04.
vinyl windows. 00 ceramic tile in bath. Hardwood floor
in LR. 2 car attached garage. Immediate occup. w/warr.
(T36HAN) 248-349-5600 \$165,000



PLYMOUTH In The Heart Of Town
Charming colonial w/wonderful curb appeal offers
newer vinyl siding & windows open floor plan, oak
staircase & banister, living room with fireplace, marble
partially finished basement & garage.
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DEARBORN Shows Like A Model
Super clean & well maintained. From the recently refinished
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windows. Partially finished basement, fireplace in living
room. 2 car garage all in this 3 bedroom colonial.
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GARDEN CITY Charm & Character
Fall this 1930's farm house on a large private lot offers 4
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DEARBORN Unique Home
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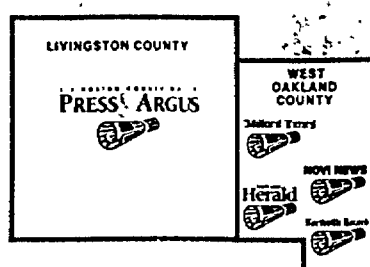
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ACCOUNTING ASSISTANT
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT
Large property management company located in Farmington Hills needs a high energy individual to handle varied administrative duties in busy office. Email to: jobs@wardrose.com or mail to Accounting Manager, PO Box 9154, Farmington Hills, MI 48333-9154 or fax to 248-539-2135

ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT FULL TIME
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Real Estate Office Manager
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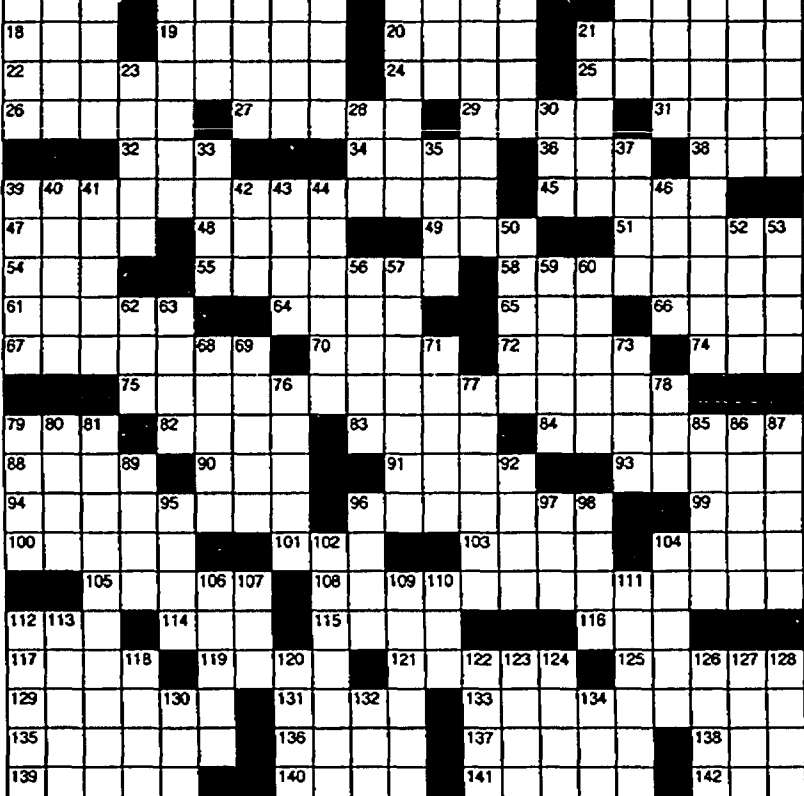


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ACROSS
1 Pugilistic poke
4 Stenciled a squeak
9 Fuel source
13 "Turandot" tenor
18 Heady quaff
19 Savanna sight
20 Lhasa —
21 Arbus apparatus
22 Rodent's favorite Monkees tune?
24 Lost in thought
25 Nuclear
26 Brimming
27 Join up
29 Take into account
31 Hook's male
32 — reaction
34 Diva
36 Moon crawler
38 Relative of -ator
39 Rodent cheese-cake?
45 Laundry problem
47 Frigga's fellow
48 Young boxers
49 Relished a roast
51 "Taras Bulba" author
54 Emulate Pinocchio
55 Brandy cocktail
58 Protect with plastic
61 Resident
64 "Yours, Mine and —" (68 film)
65 Keatsian creation
66 Redact
67 "The Bartered Bride" composer
70 Serenade accompaniment
72 TV's "South
74 Road curve
75 Rodent's educational level?
79 Dix's cousin
82 Read quickly
83 Address
84 Peepers protectors
88 Omph
90 Tokyo, once
91 Like some cellars
93 It may suit you
94 Closet fresher
96 Calculator features
99 Winter hazard
100 Traitoria treat
101 TV chef Martin
103 "Shuffle" (77 song)
104 Seaweed product
105 Bobby's flashlight
108 Rodent's Olympic motto?
112 Broad st.
114 "Gotcha!"
115 Article
116 "Night" (58 hit)
117 Apt rhyme for squirrel
119 "L—", c'est moi
121 Matches
125 Inexpensive
129 Cartoonist Charles
131 Wm. Charles
133 Fictional rodent?
135 Rink rental
136 List ender
137 "Peer Gynt" composer
138 Psych Geller
139 Veronica of "Hill Street Blues"
140 Surrender
141 Big revolver?
142 Sticky stuff
DOWN
1 Secure spot
2 — mater
3 Rosary part
4 Speak freely
5 Roth —
6 Exist
7 Temptation location
8 Earl —
9 Bigger
9 Living room
10 Antipollution grp
11 "The —" (50 film)
12 Carry
13 Punctured pet?
14 Grandpa
15 Rodent refreshment?
16 Pices
17 Sapphire side
21 Future officer
23 "We've Only Just —" (70 hit)
28 Hockey legend
30 Urban transport
33 Sugar arms.
35 Barbecue
37 Christmas visitors
39 Voting venue
40 Turn of phrase
41 Sib's kid
42 On the —
43 Summer
44 Tristram's lootsie
46 Actress
48 Skye
50 Take the money and run
52 Strawberry town drunk
53 "Why don't we?"
56 Sadsic
57 In the saddle
59 Saying
60 Cheerful
62 Elk convenience
63 Neighbor of Thailand
68 Used the microwave
69 Depression
71 Prose piece
73 Boat bottom
76 Atlanta campus
77 Indentation
78 Mintz or Whitney
79 Johnny of "Chocolat"
80 Soap
81 City of rodents?
85 Architect Jones
88 Window dressing?
87 McCarthy's trunkmate
89 West
92 Brace
95 Asta's mistress
96 Snarl
97 Banned pesticide
98 London district
102 Shake up
104 Actor's actor?
106 Spassky's game
107 Pinbox, e.g.
109 B4 of a beach
110 Medical grp.
111 TV's "Eight is Enough"
112 About to sink
113 Screwdriver ingredient
118 Spouse
120 Composer
122 Prodig
123 Binky's "— Road"
124 Tard the sauce
126 Wallop
127 Architect Saarienen
128 Small combo
130 Gibson or Tiles
132 Unbalanced
134 Wager



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ERTE IDEA HELOT PEACE
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CAPTOR FER ELOPE BABA
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ABBIE ERR RAN DARN
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HOT ABE PIE
HAREOBICEGGSERCISE
PRIDE DONUT RENO RAZZ
CAROL DONOLA ARAB ABRA
STEW ROMAS DALI QUAG

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Saturday, December 31 @ 10 am
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New quality accent furniture. Hall cases, Galie's, ornately carved furniture, show cases, artwork, mirrors, lamps and handbags, trunks, accent tables, Barbie collection, cash register & more.
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Byron, MI

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Eligible participants will receive a full mouth examination, and dental cleaning or deep cleaning (scaling and root planing) at no cost.
Major Inclusion Criteria:
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Patients with gum disease OR healthy patients in need of regular dental cleaning
No antibiotics or NSAIDs use
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Amy Kim, DDS
Project Director
MCOHR
(734) 647-4622
E-mail: Amy.S.Kim@umich.edu

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Announcements & Notices

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Walter Klutowski
Ch. Shanon Fisher, Sp. #1278-273
8 household furnishings
3 misc. household goods
30 misc. boxes/bags
2 lawn care equipment
10 other misc. items

Cash Cases Cash, Sp. #127-34
40 household furnishings
1 misc. household goods
20 restaurant items

Joey Combs, Sp. #392
4 household furnishings
2 misc. household goods
10 misc. boxes/bags
4 recreation equipment
1 office equipment
5 other misc. items

Jeff Long, Sp. #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 Dobrinski, Sp. #108
2 toys, 5 hand tools
6 power tools, 30
other misc. items
1, 2 Reese Hitch
1, 2 truck side steps

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

Todd M. Covens, Sp. #393
5 misc. household
20 misc. boxes/bags
20 clothing
2 recreation equipment
10 other misc. items

Christopher Kaser, Sp. #213
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

Christopher Kaser, Sp. #375-376
8 household furnishings
5 misc. household goods
21 misc. boxes/bags
5 hand tools
2 power tools
1 recreation equipment
15 other misc. items

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FOUND 1-POD, CALL TO ID (248) 445-9528

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7000-7780

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AUCTION REAL ESTATE

Home on large corner lot in Howell, Michigan 563 S. Walnut. 1-3.4 story home with detached garage in city. Great starter home or investment property.

Open House: Jan. 8th 2-4pm
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Arrow Auction Service
810-227-6000

BUSINESS CLOSE OUT AUCTION

12/31, 10am, Holly. All inventory, new accent furniture, lamps, glassware, custom jewelry chests, cabinets. Barbie collection, www.na-hauctions.com

Garage Sales

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THE LIVINGSTON COUNTY DAILY PRESS & ARGUS GREEN SHEET DEADLINE
Sunday - Monday - Tuesday, December 25-26-27 is Friday. Deadline for Sunday-Monday-Tuesday day, January 1-2-3 is Friday, December 30 at 4pm.

Real Estate deadline for Thursday December 29 is Friday December 23 at 4pm. Thursday, January 5 deadline is Friday December 30 at 4pm.

CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR
The GreenSheet Staff

Moving Sales

NOV 24527 Kings Pointe, Meadowbrook Gless, N. of 10 Mile, W. of Meadowbrook, Jan 5-8, 9am-3pm. Living room, antique furniture & collectibles, power & hand wood working tools, yard tools.

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

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10% Discount "RENEW & SAVE" Special

Renew your ad and receive a 10% discount off the cost of your ad. Call 888-999-1288 today!

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BEST FIREWOOD \$75 delivered.

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Wanted to Buy

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7800-7980

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\$23,360A PLAN LEASE \$67 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE
EVERYONE X PLAN LEASE \$163 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE

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**2006
MOUNTAINEER
4 DR
AWD LUXURY**

Was \$34,255

A PLAN BUY
\$25,746EVERYONE X PLAN BUY
\$29,067A PLAN LEASE \$227 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE
EVERYONE X PLAN LEASE \$328 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE

Stk. #835

**2006 MILAN
V6**

Was \$22,110

A PLAN BUY
\$17,540EVERYONE X PLAN BUY
\$19,375A PLAN LEASE \$157 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE
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SE V6**

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A PLAN BUY
\$17,129EVERYONE X PLAN BUY
\$18,941A PLAN LEASE \$156 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE
EVERYONE X PLAN LEASE \$238 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE

Stk. #605

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FX4**

Was \$36,575

A PLAN BUY
\$23,851EVERYONE X PLAN BUY
\$26,235

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**2005 F250 4X4
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XLT**

Was \$38,075

A PLAN BUY
\$26,172EVERYONE X PLAN BUY
\$28,608

Stk. #3131

**2005 GRAND
MARQUIS GS SEDAN**

Was \$25,430

A PLAN BUY
\$14,313EVERYONE X PLAN BUY
\$16,313

Stk. #905

**2006 EXPLORER
EDDIE BAUER
4 DR 4WD**

Was \$33,580

A PLAN BUY
\$25,678EVERYONE X PLAN BUY
\$28,454A PLAN LEASE \$197 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE
EVERYONE X PLAN LEASE \$320 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE

Stk. #870

**2006 ESCAPE
XLT 4X4 4 DR**

Was \$27,085

A PLAN BUY
\$20,417EVERYONE X PLAN BUY
\$22,406A PLAN LEASE \$155 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE
EVERYONE X PLAN LEASE \$276 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE

Stk. #450

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CARGO VAN**

Was \$29,185

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\$22,399A PLAN LEASE \$167 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE
EVERYONE X PLAN LEASE \$289 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE

Stk. #648

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SEL AWD**

Was \$27,675

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\$21,939EVERYONE X PLAN BUY
\$23,940A PLAN LEASE \$210 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE
EVERYONE X PLAN LEASE \$299 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE

Stk. #850

**2006 FOCUS
ZX5 SES 5DR**

Was \$18,020

A PLAN BUY
\$13,802EVERYONE X PLAN BUY
\$15,469A PLAN LEASE \$91 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE
EVERYONE X PLAN LEASE \$134 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE

Stk. #842

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4x4**

Was \$47,960

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\$35,399EVERYONE X PLAN BUY
\$38,149A PLAN LEASE \$395 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE
EVERYONE X PLAN LEASE \$515 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE

Stk. #843

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XLT SUPERCAB
4x4**

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\$19,845EVERYONE X PLAN BUY
\$21,801A PLAN LEASE \$141 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE
EVERYONE X PLAN LEASE \$226 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE

Stk. #844

**2006 MONTEGO
LUXURY FWD**

Was \$26,920

A PLAN BUY
\$21,340EVERYONE X PLAN BUY
\$23,353A PLAN LEASE \$209 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE
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Stk. #521

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\$24,130EVERYONE X PLAN BUY
\$25,739A PLAN LEASE \$208 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE
EVERYONE X PLAN LEASE \$301 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE

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GT COUPE**

Was \$27,490

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\$23,576EVERYONE X PLAN BUY
\$25,589A PLAN LEASE \$313 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE
EVERYONE X PLAN LEASE \$408 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE

Stk. #668

**2006 FREESTAR
SEL VAN**

Was \$30,510

A PLAN BUY
\$22,637EVERYONE X PLAN BUY
\$24,767A PLAN LEASE \$354 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE
EVERYONE X PLAN LEASE \$449 x 24 MO. WITH '2000 DUE

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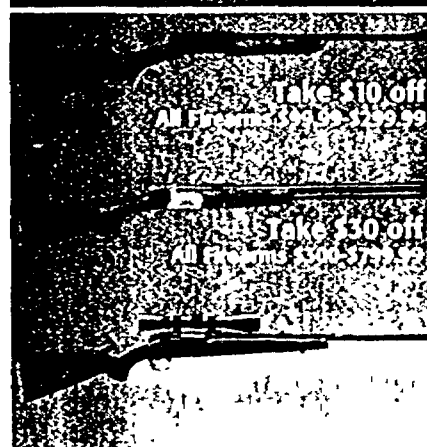
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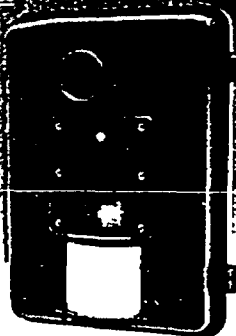
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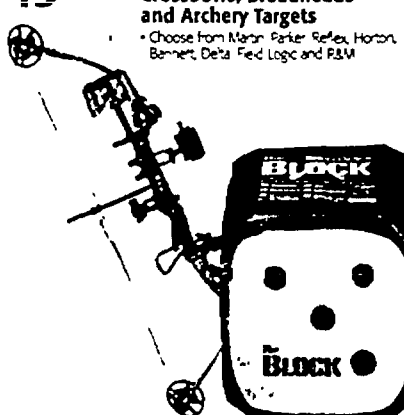
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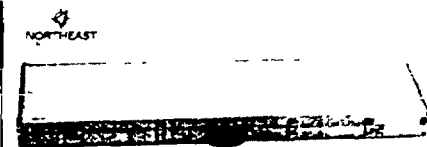
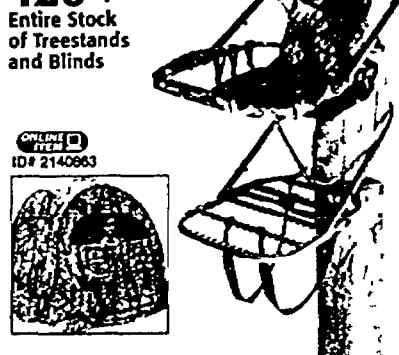
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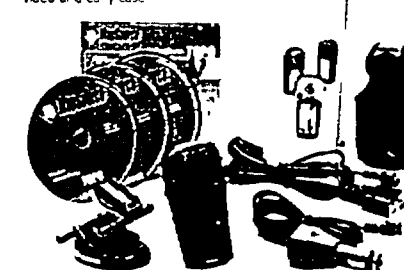
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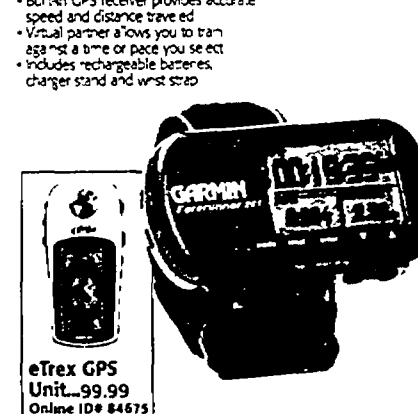
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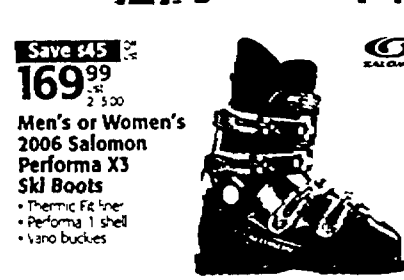
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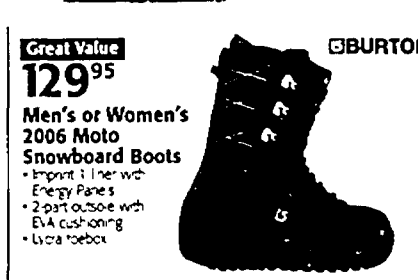
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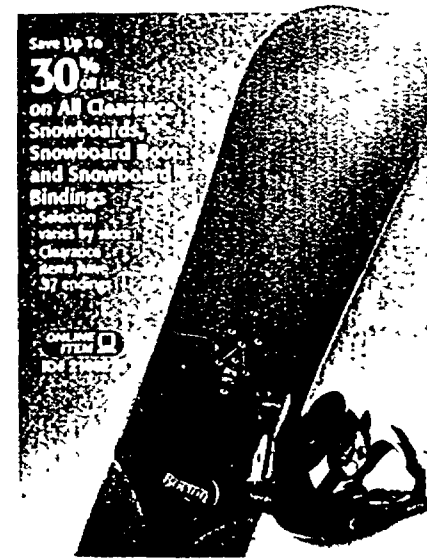
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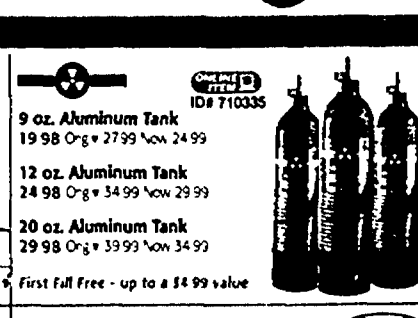
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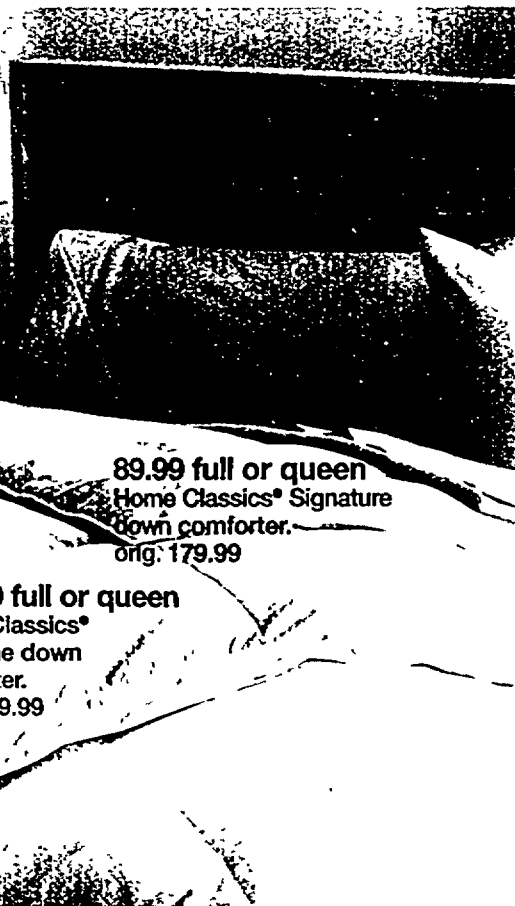
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selected items
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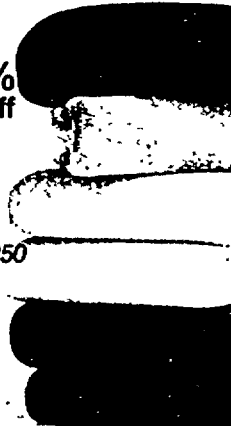


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orig. 25.99-199.99,
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14.99
Martex® Vellux®
twin blankets.
reg. 29.99



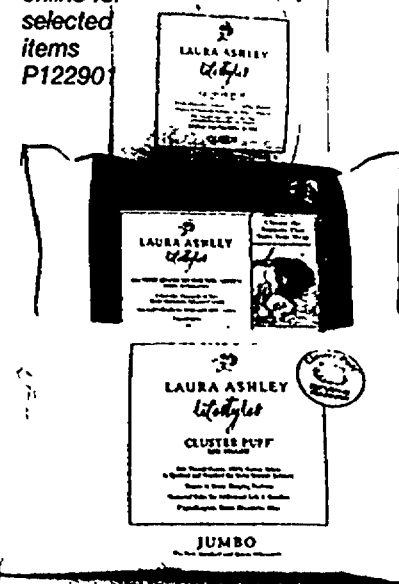
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Solid sheet
sets
reg. 26.99-
179.99, sale
13.49-89.99

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online for
selected
items
P122901

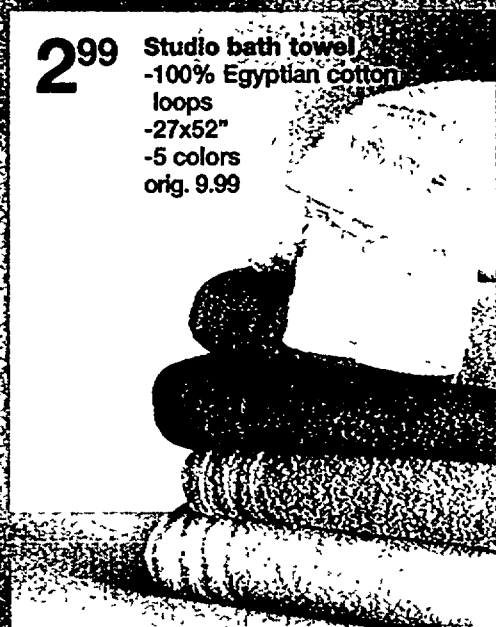


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bed pillows & mattress pads**
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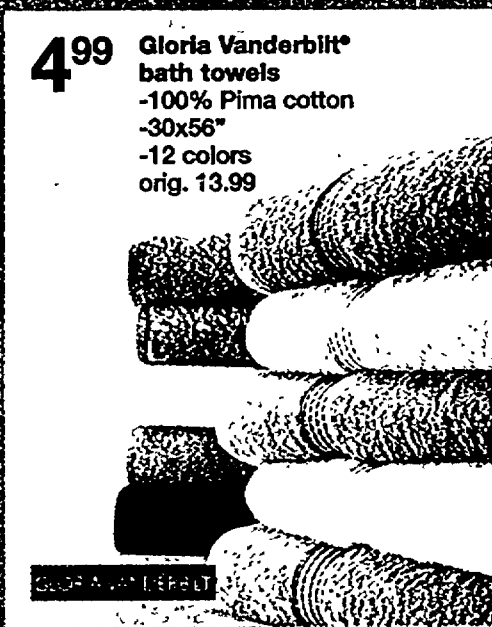
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2⁹⁹ Studio bath towel
-100% Egyptian cotton
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-27x52"
-5 colors
orig. 9.99

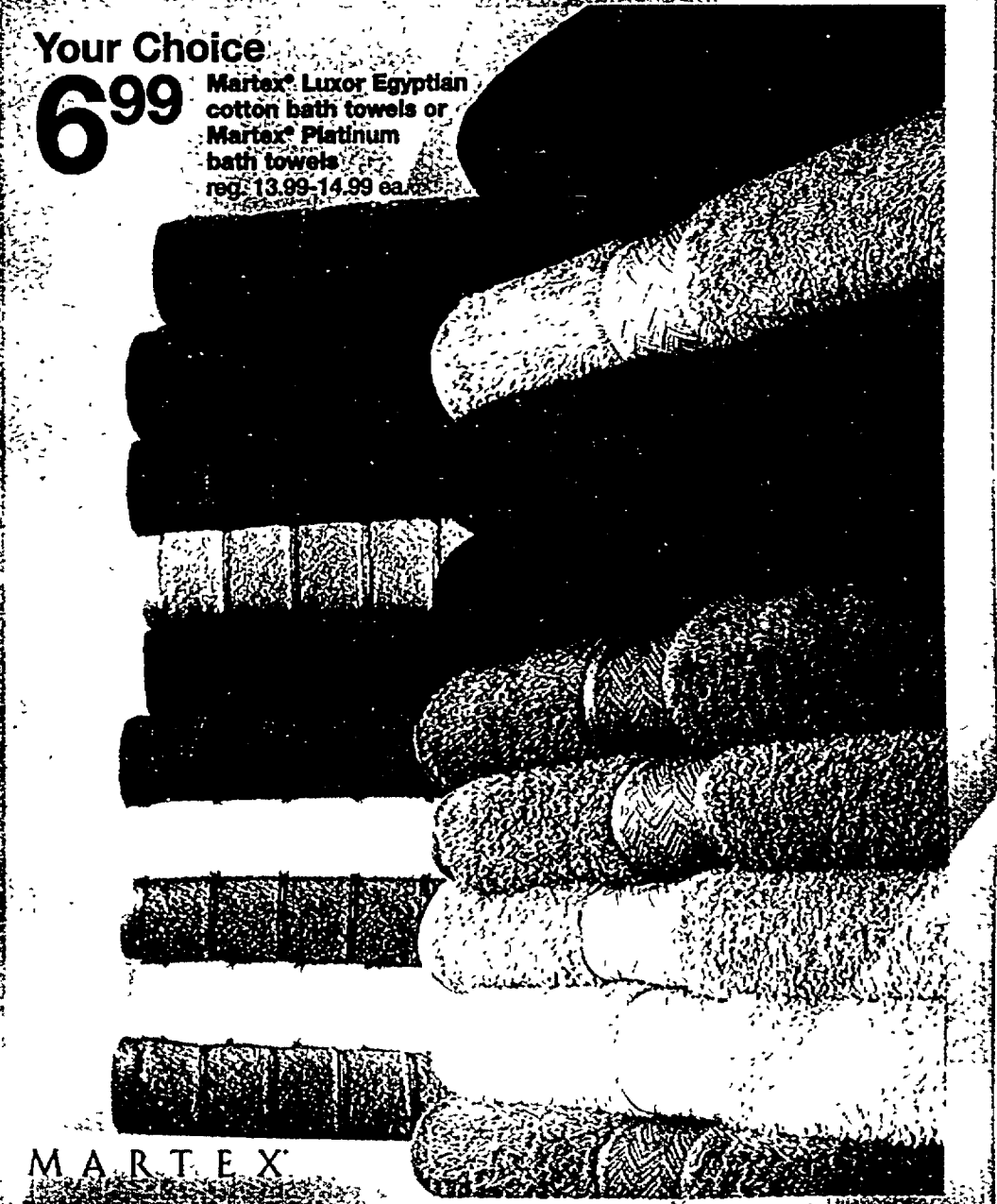


4⁹⁹ Gloria Vanderbilt®
bath towels
-100% Pima cotton
-30x56"
-12 colors
orig. 13.99

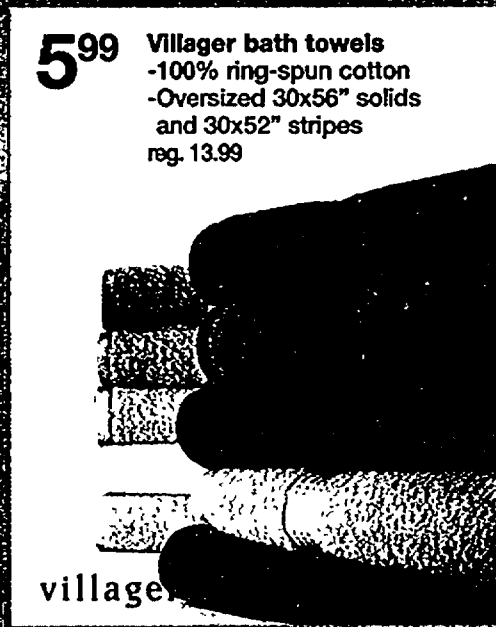


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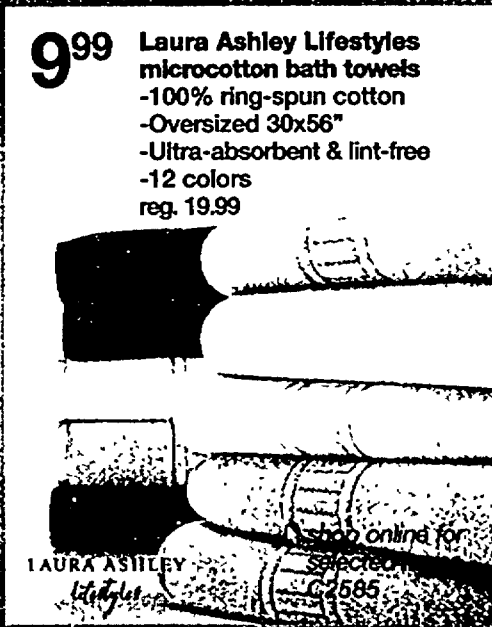
6⁹⁹ Martex® Luxor Egyptian
cotton bath towels or
Martex® Platinum
bath towels
reg. 13.99-14.99 ea.



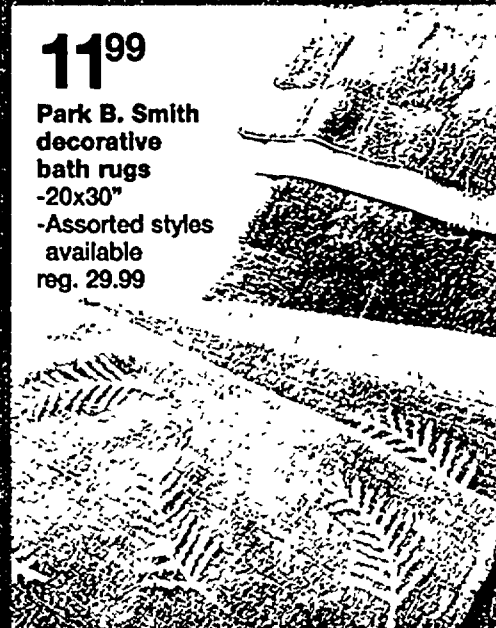
5⁹⁹ Villager bath towels
-100% ring-spun cotton
-Oversized 30x56" solids
and 30x52" stripes
reg. 13.99



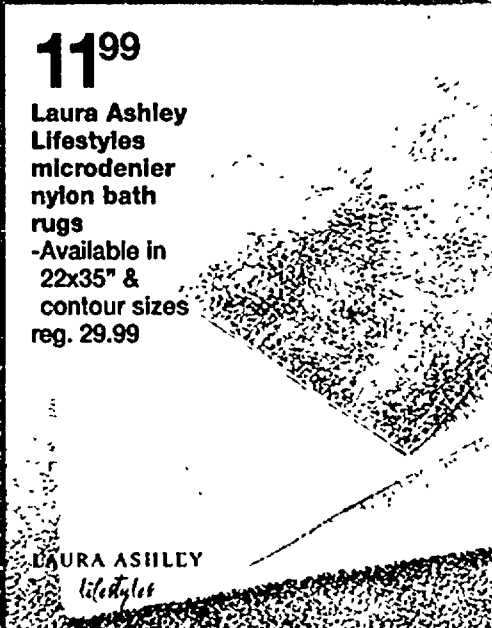
9⁹⁹ Laura Ashley Lifestyles
microcotton bath towels
-100% ring-spun cotton
-Oversized 30x56"
-Ultra-absorbent & lint-free
-12 colors
reg. 19.99



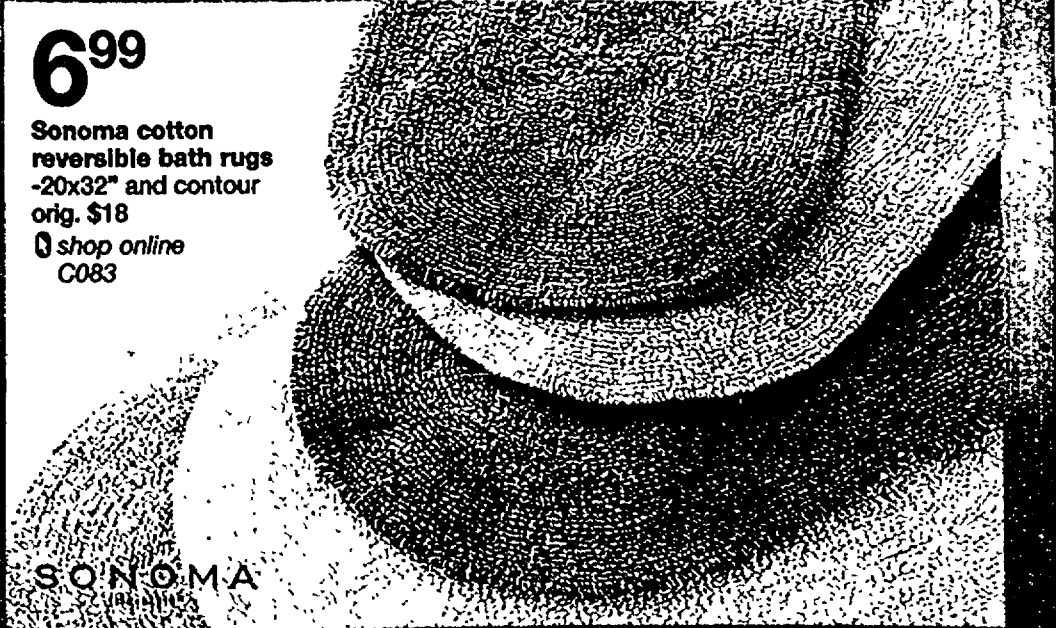
11⁹⁹ Park B. Smith
decorative
bath rugs
-20x30"
-Assorted styles
available
reg. 29.99



11⁹⁹ Laura Ashley
Lifestyles
microdenier
nylon bath
rugs
-Available in
22x35" &
contour sizes
reg. 29.99



6⁹⁹ Sonoma cotton
reversible bath rugs
-20x32" and contour
orig. \$18
Shop online
C083

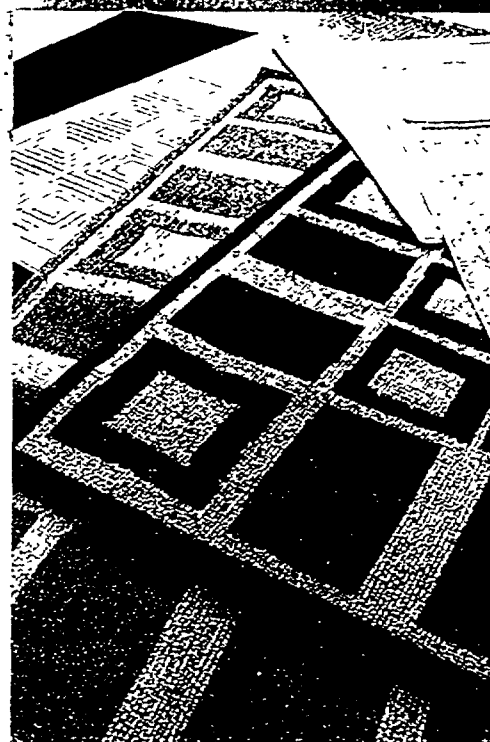


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Choose from 9 styles
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34.99 all

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for selected
items H1330

Throws

orig. 19.99-49.99,
sale 7.99-22.49

15.99

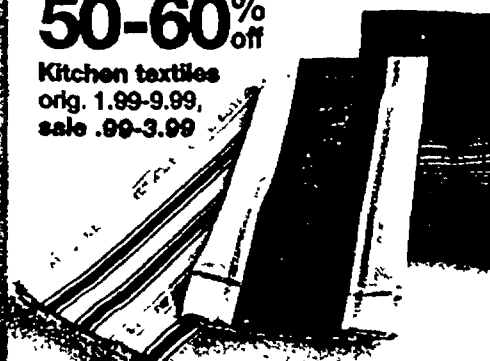
50x60" luxury
chenille
throws.
reg. 39.99



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Kitchen textiles
orig. 1.99-9.99,
sale .99-3.99



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of table linens

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4⁷⁹

3x4" Aroma Mix®
pillar candles
reg. 7.99



5⁹⁹

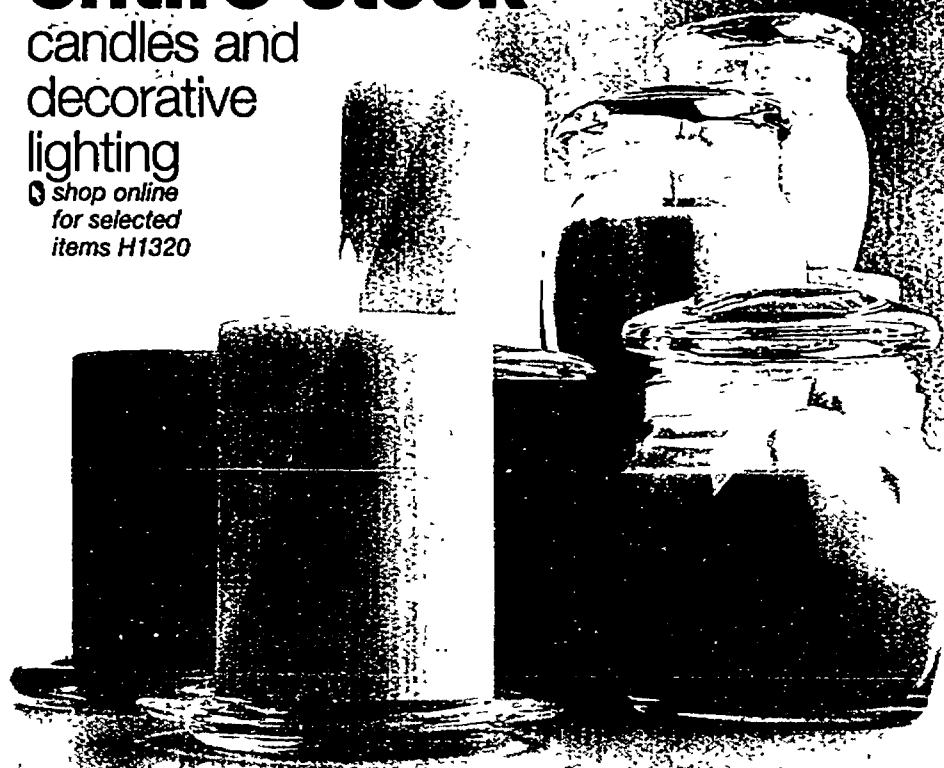
For Every Body®
10-oz. glass
jar candles
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candles and
decorative
lighting

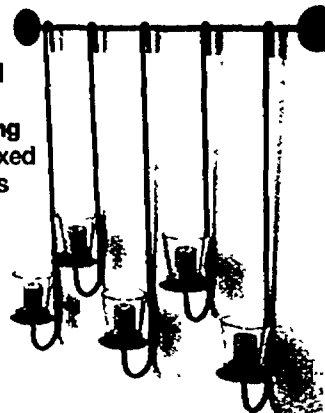
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for selected
items H1320



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23⁹⁹

San Miguel
Vanguard
wall hanging
27x23x" boxed
item; votives
included.
reg. 39.99



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wall decor
reg. 19.99



40% off all other
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decorative art
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Malden® and
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14⁹⁹

Melancco
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collage
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11⁹⁹

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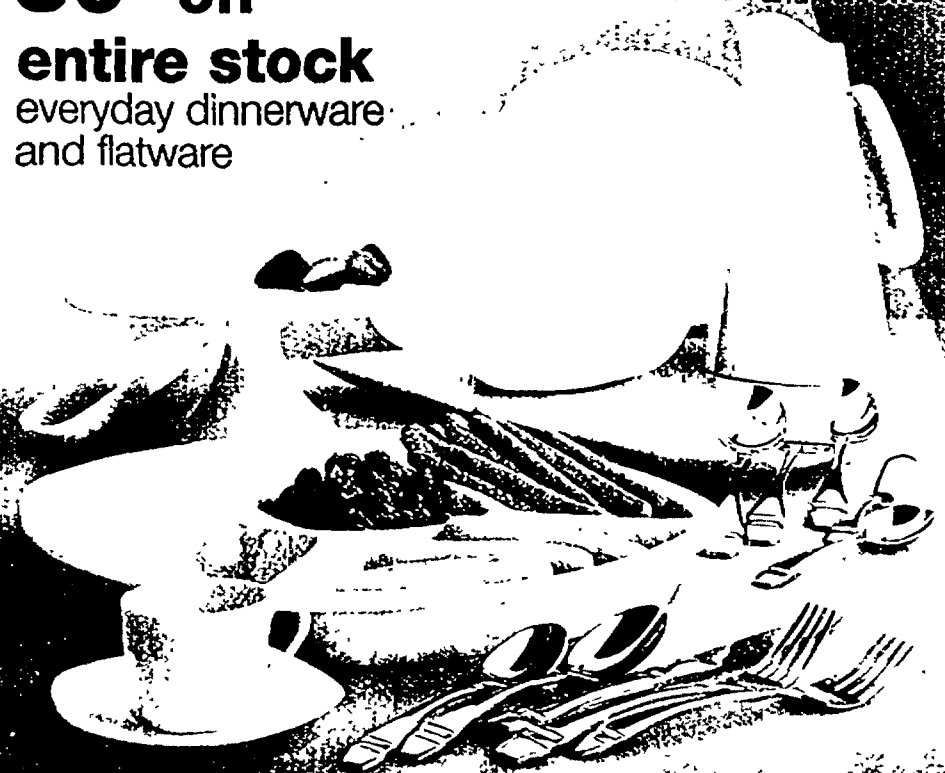
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12-pc. hard anodized
cookware set
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H3300



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Cutlery

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selected items
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steel cutlery set.
reg. 169.99



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new year's
sale

Entire Stock
20-50% off

Kitchen gadgets

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selected items
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29.99

Novelty liquor
dispensers
orig. 49.99-59.99
shop online for
selected items
P1229101



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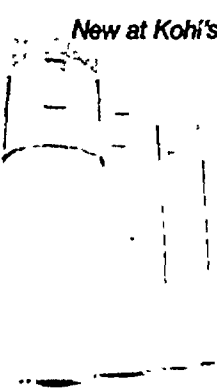
7.99 Set of 4 stemless wine
glasses reg. 16.99 ea.



7.99

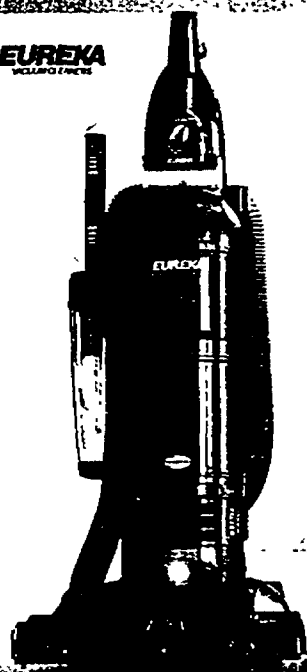
Set of 4 stemless
champagne flutes
reg. 16.99

50% off
all other
glassware
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selected items
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70% off all trim & holiday

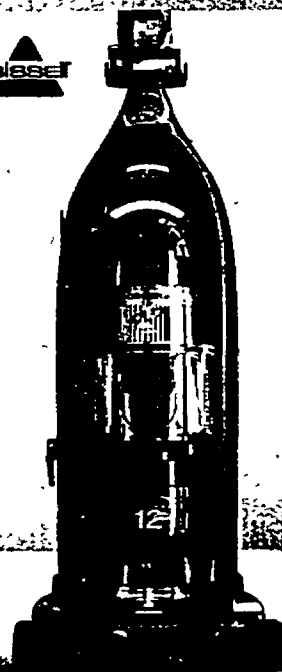
EUREKA
VACUUM CLEANERS



99.99
Eureka® Altima® bagless
vacuum.
reg. 119.99

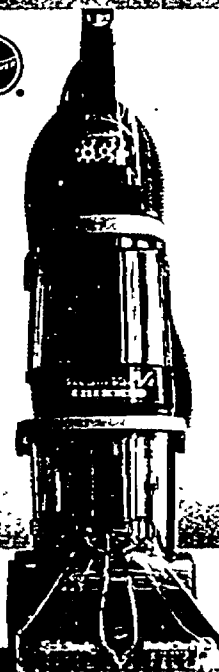
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179.99
Bissell® Lift-off® Revolution
Turbo Bagless vacuum.
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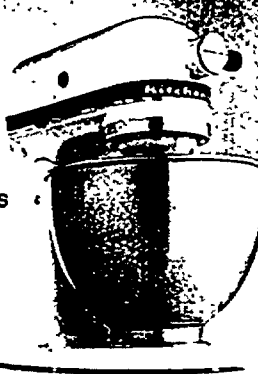
Hoover



249.99
Hoover® Dual V™ steam
vacuum deep cleaner.
reg. 299.99

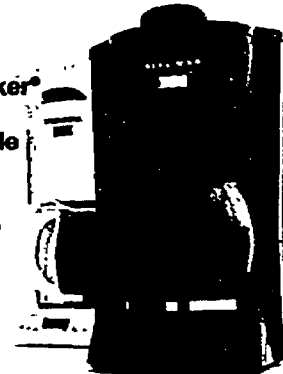
169.99

KitchenAid®
Classic Plus
Stand Mixer
10 speeds;
4½-qt. stainless
steel bowl.
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shop online
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Black & Decker®
10-cup
programmable
coffeemaker
reg. 34.99
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54198



39.99 your choice

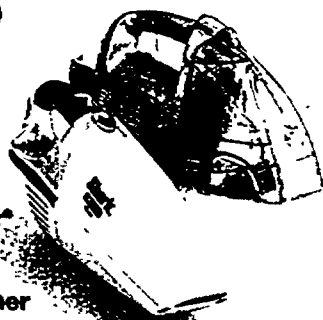
Emerson 900-watt 9.9 cubic ft.
microwave oven, George Foreman™ grill
with 160 square inch grilling surface
or FoodSaver® Mini Plus food sealer

reg. 99.99 ea.

Your Choice

39.99

Euro-Pro™
cordless
15.6V
hand vac
or Bissell®
SPOT lifter®
handheld
portable
deep cleaner
reg. 49.99 ea.



49.99

Scunci steamer
with bonus sweeper
reg. 69.99

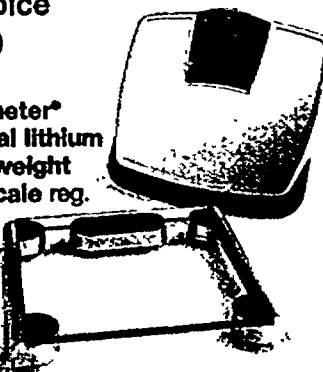


Your Choice

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Health o meter®
glass digital lithium
or 4-user weight
tracking scale reg.
49.99 ea.

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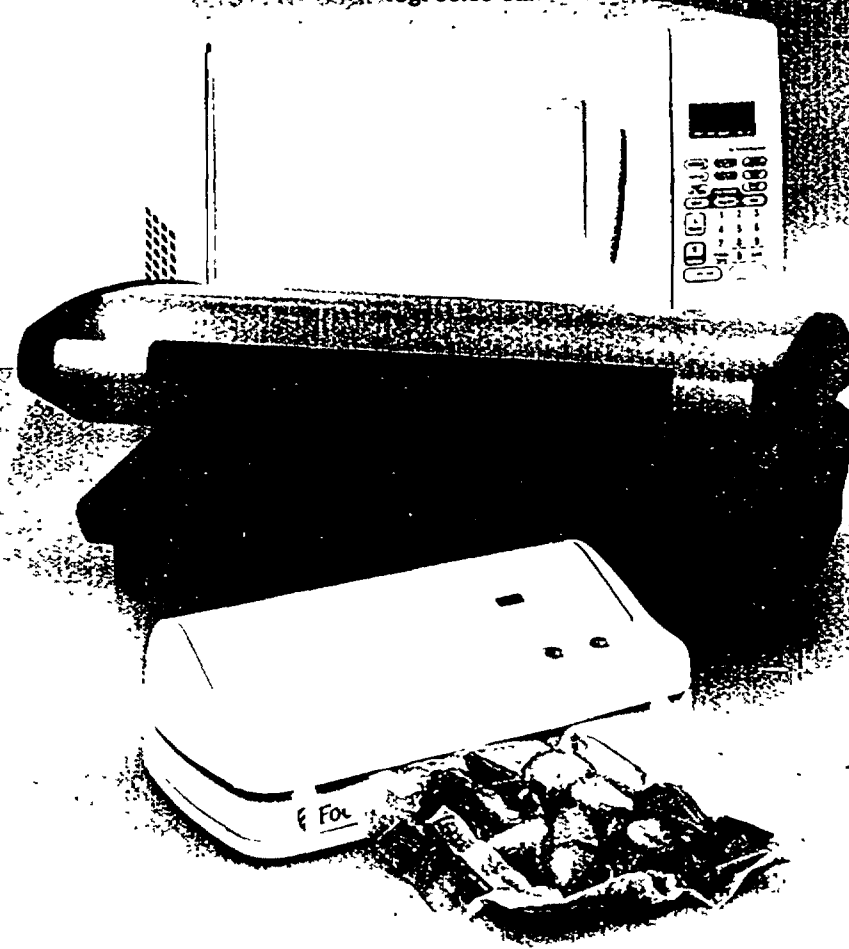


79.99

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Professional Care
7850 toothbrush
reg. 109.99

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replacement brush
heads. reg. 19.99



home decor

Excludes Hallmark® and Carlton

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50-70% off entire stock luggage

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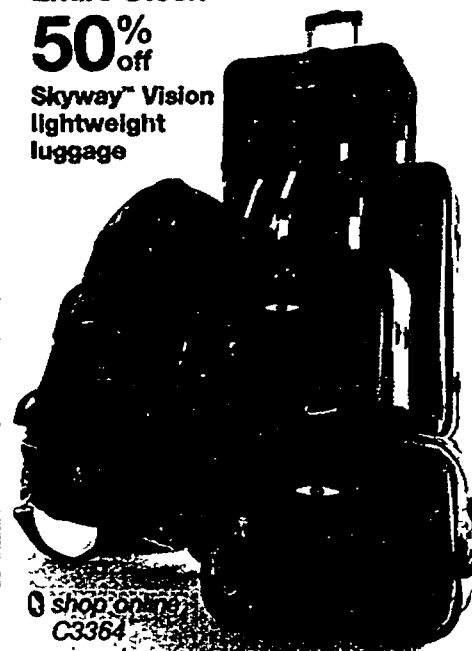


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50% off

Skyway™ Vision
lightweight
luggage

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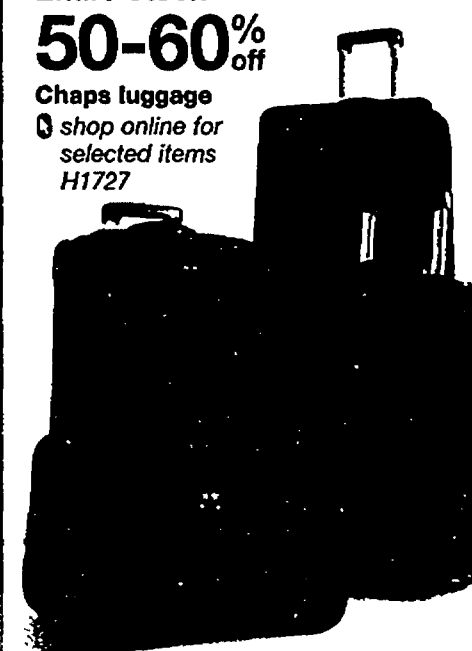


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Chaps luggage

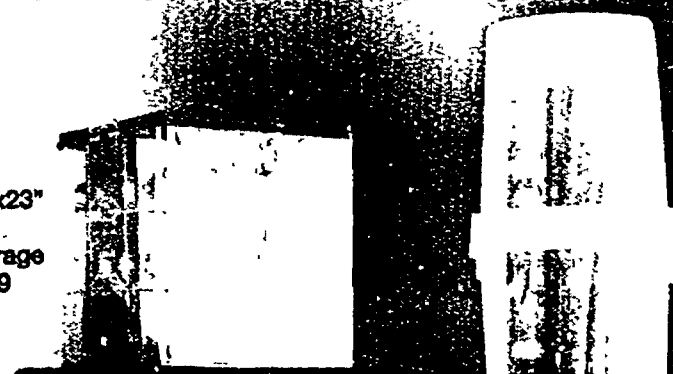
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selected items
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11.875x16.75x23"
detachable
ornament storage
box. reg. 17.99



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latch storage box.
reg. 12.99



14.99

reg. 19.99

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box reg. 17.99

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Specialty gifts
and games
While
supplies
last.

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for selected items
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on all other
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system
reg. 29.99



Entire Stock

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for newborns
from First
Moments®
& Second
Step®



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entire stock Sonoma
and SO® casual tops
and pants for girls 4-14
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K4100

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entire stock
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and boys 4-20
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K4100

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Entire Stock

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separates
for boys 4-7
& toddlers.

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for selected
items
P122913



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online for
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items
P122912



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Graphic tees
for boys 8-20
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Excludes
athletic
tees.



save 50%-60%

entire stock Russell,
Athletic, Reebok® and
Tek Gear® active apparel
for boys 8-20

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and athletic outerwear. shop online for selected items K3600



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40-50%**

**Sonoma
sportswear**

for misses, petites
and women.

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Selected styles.

Misses' shown.

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selected items
P122916

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access and
Nine & Company®
sportswear for
misses, petites &
women. orig. \$26-\$74,
sale 18.20-51.80**

Selected styles.

Misses' shown.

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selected items
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daisy fuentes



40-50% off

**apt. 9™ sportswear
for misses, petites &
women. orig. \$30-\$48,
sale 17.99-26.40**

Selected styles.

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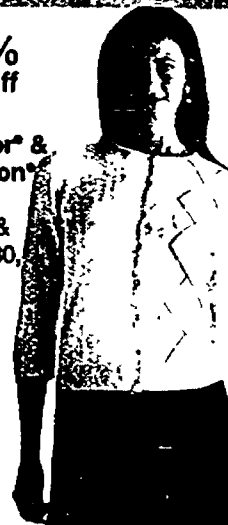
40-60% off

**Requirements*,
Villager, Sag Harbor® &
Norton McNaughton®
sportswear
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women. orig. \$36-\$80,
sale 21.60-48.00**

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Misses' shown.

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40-50% off

**Activewear for misses
& women from N.Y.L.*,
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daisy fuentes® sport,
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sale \$18-\$24**

Misses' shown.

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selected items
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NEW YORK LAUNDRY®



40-50% off

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Sag Harbor®,
Nine & Company®,
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sale 8.00-41.40**

Selected styles.

croft & barrow®



40-50% off

**Women's sportswear
from apt. 9™,
Croft & Barrow®
and Sag Harbor®
Sizes 1X-3X &
16W-24W.
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sale 9.00-
38.40**

Selected styles.

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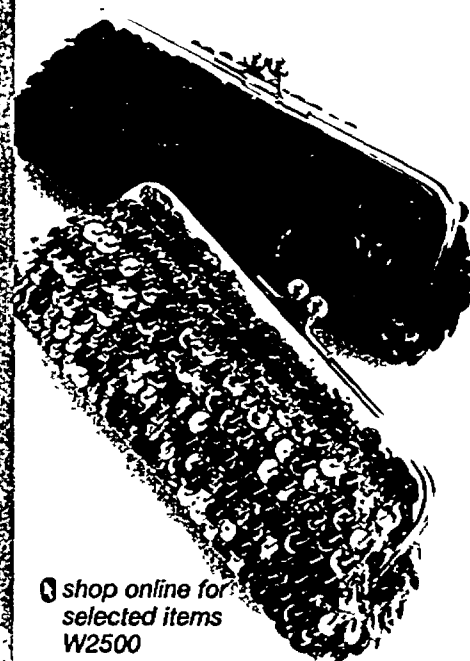
winter outerwear & cold weather accessories

for misses, juniors & women. orig. \$5-\$250, sale 2.00-124.99

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selected items
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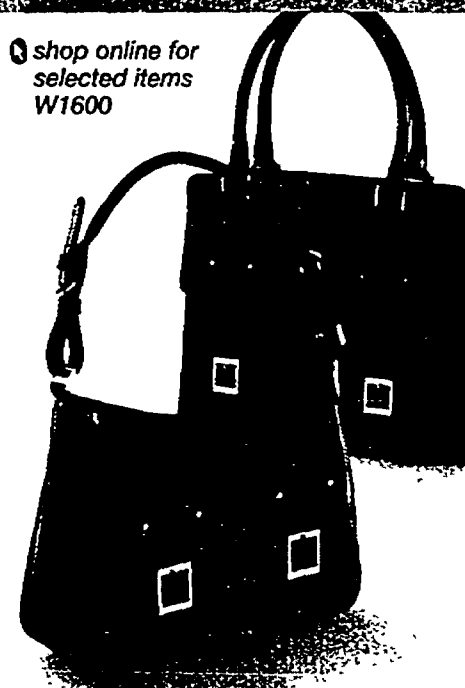
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cosmetic bags

and bath & body

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handbags, minibags &

handbag accessories

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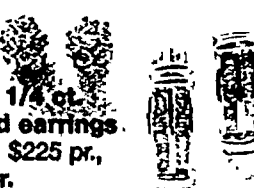
50-60% off plus save an extra 10% on entire stock of fine jewelry & sterling silver jewelry

shop online for
selected items F999

Final Price

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pr.

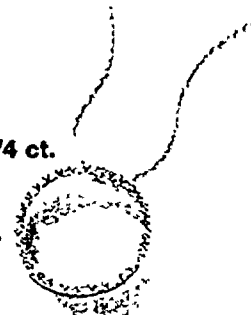
Entire stock 1/4 ct.
T.W. diamond earrings.
10k gold. reg. \$225 pr.,
sale 77.77 pr.



Final Price

89⁹⁹
ea.

Entire stock 1/4 ct.
T.W. diamond
pendants
10k or 14k gold.
reg. \$300 ea.,
sale 99.99 ea.



Final Price

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ea.

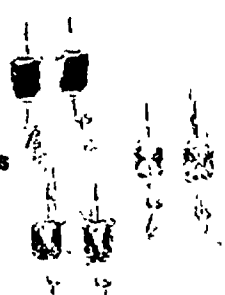
Entire stock 1/2 ct. T.W.
diamond earrings & 1 ct.
T.W. diamond bracelets
10k gold. reg. \$350 ea.,
sale 109.99 ea.



Final Price

17⁹⁹
pr.

Entire stock
14k gold earrings
reg. \$50 pr.,
sale 19.99 pr.
Cubic Zirconia
styles shown.



Final Price

6⁹⁹
pr.

Sterling silver
earrings
reg. \$20 pr.,
sale 7.77 pr.



40%
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Fashion Jewelry
orig. \$2-\$20,
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Selected styles.



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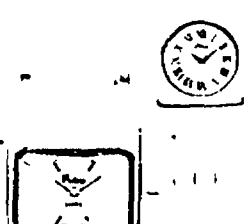


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Entire Stock

50%
off

Fashion
boxed watches
orig. 29.99-39.99,
sale 14.99-19.99
Excludes Candie's®



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Vivani® boxed
fashion watch.
orig. 29.99 ea.

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15⁹⁹ your choice bras

from Bali®, Warners®, Lily of France® & Maidenform®

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35-40% off

sleepwear,
loungewear
and robes

for her, orig. \$12-\$40,

sale 7.80-26.00

Selected styles.

Shop online for
selected items

P122919



villager

of
lily of france



entire stock
40% off

Shapewear
reg. 2/\$20 to
\$49 ea., sale
2/12.00 to
29.40 ea.

Excludes
Jockey®.

Shop online for
selected items
W1821

barely there

Save
30-40%

Socks
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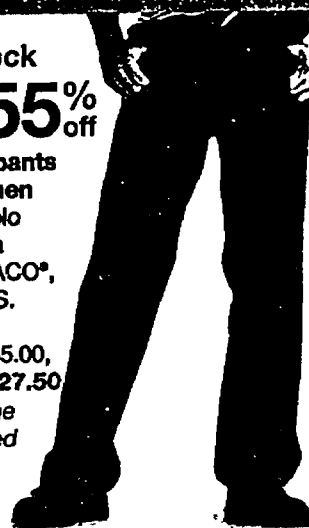
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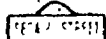
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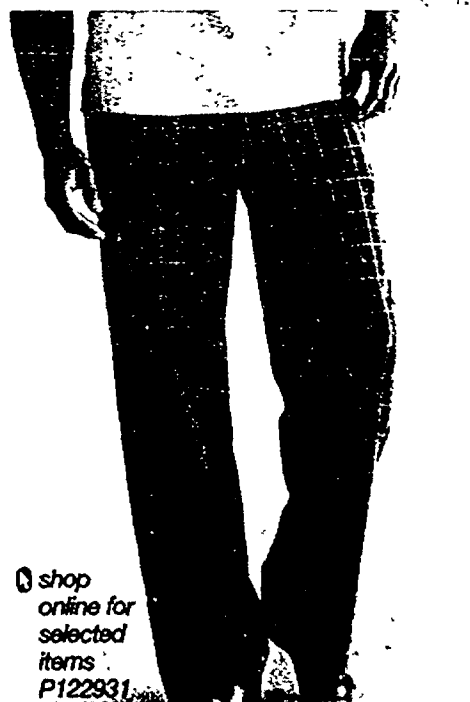
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Ask American Profile

Q Can you tell me if Anthony LaPaglia from *Without a Trace* and Jonathan LaPaglia from *The District* are brothers?

—Sue Stevenson, Howell, Mich.

Yes indeed. Anthony, 47, is the oldest of three brothers, and Jonathan, 36, is the youngest. Born in Adelaide, Australia, Anthony, usually cast as a New York "tough guy," has been a successful actor since the late 1980s. Jonathan followed suit in the mid-'90s.

Q What is racer Shirley Muldowney doing these days?

—Sally Pratt, Jamestown, Ind.

Drag racing superstar Muldowney, who in 1965 became the first woman licensed by the National Hot Rod Association, officially retired in 2003, but she still attends some NHRA racing events, serving as a sponsor rep for one of the cars on the Kalitta Motorsports team. "I spend a lot of time with the fans at the track," says Muldowney, 65, who was portrayed by actress Bonnie Bedelia in the 1983 movie *Heart Like a Wheel*. She's also there to support her husband, Rahn Tobler, a racing crew chief. "I miss driving, but I don't miss the travel. I have pets that I'm very close with, and I'm always in a hurry to get back to my babies." Muldowney, who resides near Ann Arbor, Mich., paved the way for all women racers and says she is very proud of winning four world championships, but most proud of winning the U.S. Nationals in 1982. "I won Indy, and if a racer doesn't have Indy as one of their credits, they still haven't done it."



Anthony LaPaglia: a likeable "tough guy"



Muldowney is still on track.

After vaudeville and radiocasts, he—and his banjo—broke into films in the 1930s, where he often portrayed circus characters. But in 1957, the *Zorro* television series, in which he played the role of Bernardo, forged his fame. Sheldon's output as a recording artist was sparse and is hard to track down today; musicologists agree that he recorded and released at least two songs, "Darktown Strutter's Ball" and "Hey! Mr. Banjo." He died May 1, 1982. ☆

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Q What can you tell us about the life and career of Floyd Cramer?

—Harvey and Tere Hutchings, Tolarosa, N.M.

One of the most popular and distinctive piano players of all time, Cramer was born Oct. 27, 1933, in Campti, La. (pop. 1,057). After a stint as a performer on *The Louisiana Hayride*, the live radio show based in Shreveport, La., he moved to Nashville, Tenn., in 1955 and soon was in high demand for recording sessions. Cramer perfected a melancholy, "slip note" style of piano playing, sliding up to a note from the one beneath it, which became his trademark on numerous country hits of the 1950s and '60s, and most notably on his own hit single, "Last Date," in 1960. He died of cancer on Dec. 31, 1997.

Q Years ago, there was a comedian, Gene Sheldon, who played the banjo and also starred on the TV series *Zorro* as a deaf mute. His banjo playing was superior, and I would like to know if he ever made any records? Whatever happened to him?

—Ronald Diven, Kansas City, Mo.

Born Eugene Hume in Columbus, Ohio, in 1908, Sheldon often was believed to be mute, but it was only part of his act. The son of a magician, he began his career as his

father's assistant, dressed as a girl, where he learned how to mime. After vaudeville and radiocasts, he—and his banjo—broke into films in the 1930s, where he often portrayed circus characters.

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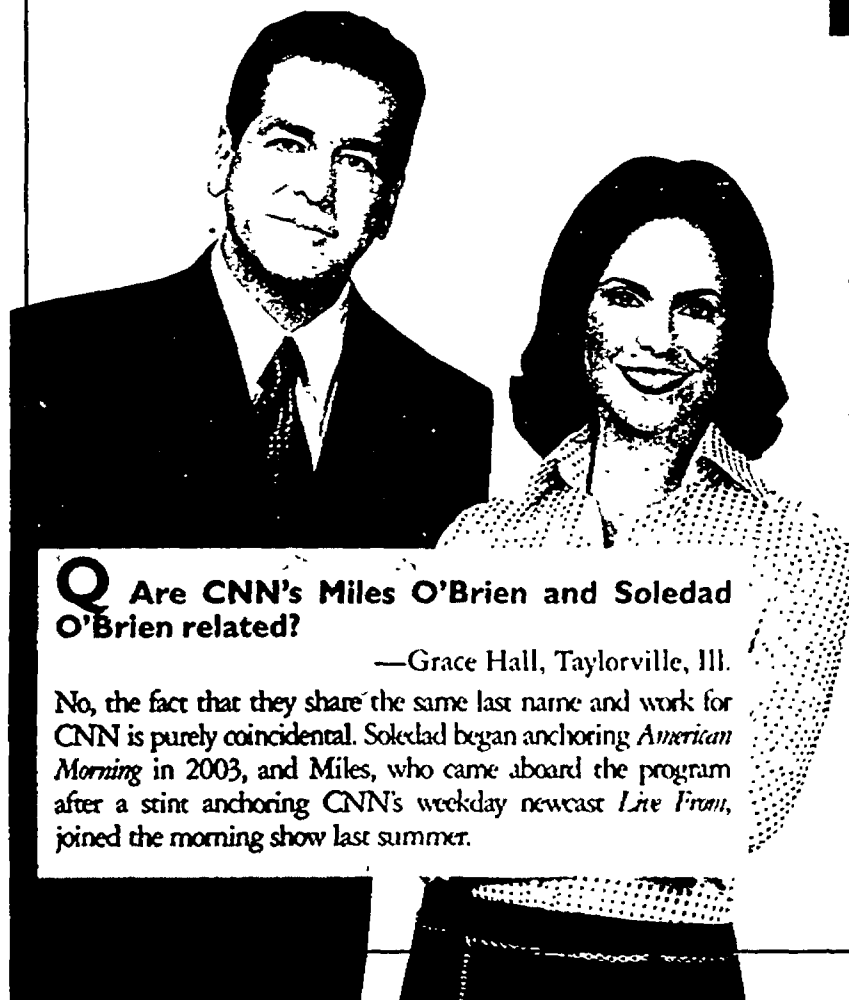
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Q Are CNN's Miles O'Brien and Soledad O'Brien related?

—Grace Hall, Taylorville, Ill.

No, the fact that they share the same last name and work for CNN is purely coincidental. Soledad began anchoring *American Morning* in 2003, and Miles, who came aboard the program after a stint anchoring CNN's weekday newscast *Live From*, joined the morning show last summer.



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Women wear many hats as mothers, daughters, sisters, friends, students and workers. More than 59 percent of America's women are in the labor force, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Women juggle careers and family activities as they scurry from their offices to PTA meetings and church suppers.

While they have little time to spare, it's important for women to recharge their batteries and nurture themselves emotionally, physically, spiritually and mentally.

Dr. Eve A. Wood, author of *Medicine, Mind and Meaning: A Psychiatrist's Guide to Treating the Body, Mind and Spirit*, cites studies showing less depression, anxiety and illnesses, such as heart disease, in women who exercise regularly, eat right, get sufficient sleep and find satisfaction in their work and personal lives.

Several ideas follow to spark your thinking. Hop on the self-care bandwagon and discover ideas that ring true for you.

Boost vim and vigor

Get your zzz's, nourishing food and regular exercise. Good hygiene, neat attire and a smile enhance your looks and mood.

Pamper your health

A dental checkup, well-woman examination and prompt attention to medical conditions reap big rewards.

Treat yourself with respect and compassion

Don't listen to negative people or critical messages. If you need to lose or gain weight, ask for help from friends, family or a nutritionist. If you're struck in self-destructive behaviors, don't get down on yourself. Consult caring clergy or a therapist and attend a 12-step program.

"There's always help; there's always hope," Wood says. If one method doesn't work, keep on searching."

The longest journey starts with one small step. Be willing to head in a new direction and do something a little differently.



by NANCY ANDRES

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Time out for fun

Watch a favorite movie, play with a pet or create a scrapbook of fun-filled memories. When you laugh heartily, it triggers endorphins, a substance in your brain that creates a sense of ease.

"When I'm out kayaking, I can let go of everyday concerns," says Mary Anne Civiok of Beulah, Mich. "Out on the lake I reconnect with my creative mind. I come up with new ideas, as well as get great exercise. Kayaking also provides me with a very spiritual time."

Expand your mind

Experts agree that stretching your mind and mental capacities slows aging. Learn to paint, play the piano or speak a foreign language. Take an investment or financial planning course. Financial independence increases peace of mind. Go on a weekend getaway or spontaneously take a new route home. A change of scene can spice things up.

Spend quality time with a friend

Attentive listening enriches relationships and adds joy to life.

"Humans, by their very nature, are social beings," says Dr. Bernie S. Siegel, author of *101 Exercises for the Soul: A Divine Workout Plan for Body, Mind and Spirit*. "They need support and interactions with other people on their journey through life."

Don't expect to be a superwoman

Say no to perfectionism, criticism, procrastination, petty grievances and gossip. Do chores promptly and appreciate progress. Know when to say "no" to extra jobs and relegate responsibilities.

Get organized

Simplify home, office and personal life to create more time for yourself. Set priorities and attack cluttered schedules and spaces.

Communicate your thoughts

When you express your needs, wants, values and boundaries clearly, it saves time and energy and makes you feel good about yourself.

Reserve time for simple pleasures

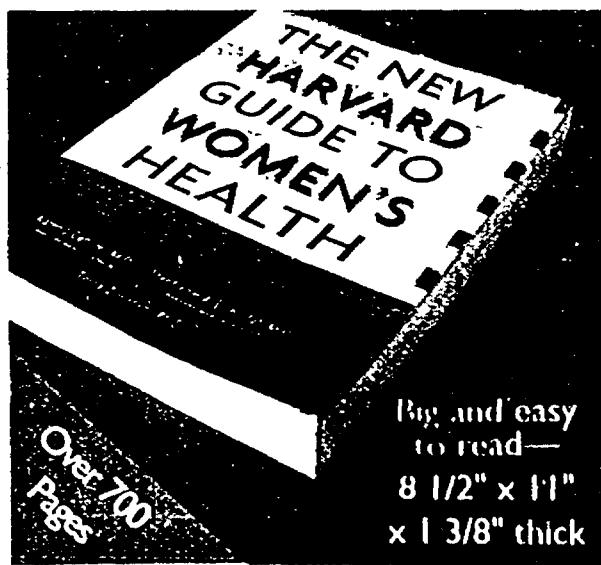
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Pat Daniels, of Bridgeport, W.Va., buys bikes for boys.

American Profile received more than 70 letters from readers this year describing the generous acts of friends, neighbors, family members and anonymous individuals who helped stranded motorists, collected money for charity and lent a helping hand to someone in need. Below are the stories of a few people whose thoughtful and selfless acts restore one's faith in humanity.

Christmas bicycles

Pat Daniels, 51, believes every little boy should have a new bicycle at least once in his life. "All kids, really, but especially boys," says the mother of three boys herself. "It's a boy thing."

A special-education teacher's aide in Bridgeport, W.Va., Daniels has anonymously given a new bike to an unsuspecting child each Christmas for 25 years (except for one year when, as a divorced mother, she just didn't have the money.)

She was 25 and a social worker for the state when she bought her first Christmas bike for a needy youngster. Hooked by the gift of giving, she continued each year to seek out an 8- to 10-year-old boy who would appreciate a new bike.

"Every year, I find someone, and it just happens," says Daniels, who works with the recipient's parents or guardians to make the delivery. "I never see the child get the bike. I let their parents decide whether it's from Santa or whatever they think best."

Selfless class act

Since seventh grade, the Class of 2005 at Lima High School had organized bake sales, spaghetti dinners, car washes and cake raffles to raise money for its senior class trip. Living in the small mountainous town of Lima, Mont., the kids dreamed of traveling to the Pacific Coast to see the ocean. But upon learning a beloved teacher was diagnosed with advanced cancer, the eight-member senior class made a quick and unanimous decision last December—to forego the trip and give their \$5,000 savings toward Karla McGraw's medical expenses.

"It was something they decided on their own," says McGraw, who had taught many of the students since the first grade. "I was so humbled, and it just blew this community away. The next day at school, the teachers couldn't even look at each other without crying."

The story did not end there. When The Associated Press ran a story nationwide about the selfless class act, checks poured in from readers wanting to resurrect the trip plans. In all, \$10,000 was donated to the teens and, in March, they traveled to Seaside, Ore., for an adventure of a lifetime. Leftover trip money went to McGraw's medical fund and, after months of treatments, she returned to her teaching job in September.

"Even though the kids have moved on with their own lives, they will always be remembered around our small town as heroes," says Dianna Slater, the school's secretary.

Cuts of kindness

Trish Dacanay understands the power of a good haircut. "It just makes you feel good about yourself when you know your hair looks good," says Dacanay, a barber in Tulsa, Okla., for 27 years.

For the last five years, she has volunteered her day off to give free haircuts to low-income children in her neighborhood who attend Kendall-Whittier Elementary School. She gives about 20 haircuts each Monday.

"I'm a single mom, and I've been there," she says. "I know that sometimes you choose between food or new shoes or a haircut. This just helps take some pressure off of some families."

Why does she do it? "I don't really know," she says. "God blesses me. I love when the kids look in the mirror and say 'Tight!' That means it's good."

Good medicine

It had been a bad day for Amy Shinn. The Hoschton, Ga., mother had been up all night with her 3-year-old daughter, who was miserable with a high fever and body rash. The doctor diagnosed scarlet fever and wrote several prescriptions, including one for an expensive antibiotic.

"We were really tight on money that week," recalls Shinn, who had missed two workdays because of Taylor's illness.

Shinn spoke at length with her pharmacist, who said he'd try to get a reduced rate. "When I went back to pick up the prescription, he said it was free. I just stood there, shocked," she says. "He told me a gentleman in line had overheard us talking and just paid for my prescription in full."

Shinn began crying in the store and, even a year later, gets emotional recalling the act of kindness. "To this day, I don't know who it was. But I want to thank that person from the bottom of my heart," she says.

Winter warmth

It was Christmas 1984 and Norma Perez had just surprised her husband with a new jacket to replace the raggedy one he'd outgrown. The newlyweds didn't have much money, but as they drove their Ford Pinto home, they saw a homeless man walking the streets of Laredo, Texas. The temperature had dropped into the low 30s, and he was shivering.

Without hesitation, Tony Perez stopped the car, pulled off his new jacket and gave it to the stranger. "Tony gently patted him Barber Trish Dacanay gives kids free haircuts.



Jacob Soncarty, 8, made a birthday special for a new-found friend in Moscow, Idaho.

on the back as the man whispered, "Thank you," his wife recalls.

As the couple drove off, not a word was spoken but Tony wore a glowing smile while his wife's eyes brimmed with tears. "That day, I learned the true meaning of love as the Lord intended," says Norma of her husband, now a school bus driver, father of their four children and grandfather to two more. "To this day, he never ceases to amaze me. He sees things with his heart that others never notice."

Touched by a prayer

Traveling by plane for the first time, the five-member Scieneke family of Cherokee, Iowa, was landing at Chicago's O'Hare airport when their 10-year-old son became upset and began to sob loudly.

"He was inconsolable," recalls Elaine Scieneke of her son, who has expressive language disorder and wailed for nearly 25 minutes once they reached the terminal.

Some passengers offered "advice," some sympathetic looks and others appeared disgusted and annoyed. However, one woman sat quietly watching, wiping away tears as she scribbled a note. She handed it to the flustered mom, who was too distraught to even acknowledge it.

Later on a connecting flight, Scieneke pulled out the note. It read: "I've been there—not this exact situation but close enough. I asked God to give you everything good that I was going to receive today. The very best to you."

"I cried like a baby when I read it," Scieneke says. "I was so overwhelmed by this message. It got me through that week and quite a few since then."

She keeps the crumpled paper tucked in

her journal to remind her "there are a lot of good people out there."

Caring letter carrier

Walking his daily 10-mile route in Las Cruces, N.M., mail carrier Dave Woodwell, 50, gets to know his customers face to face. "It doesn't take long to observe the habits of the neighborhood, both good and bad," he says.

And the needs of the neighbors, as well. So in his off hours, he visits customers in the hospital, carries in groceries for the ill, fixes mailboxes and even pulls weeds for the elderly. And he always has a listening ear.

"None of it is really that big or takes that much time. But when you add it all up, I guess it's a lot," he says. "It's just simple little things I can do that help me sleep easy at night."

A special birthday

Eight-year-old Jacob Soncarty loves a birthday party.

Celebrating his dad's 40th in May at a restaurant in Moscow, Idaho, he helped choose the cake, place the candles and sing the birthday song. But when the applause

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ended, a gentleman at the next table pointed to an elderly friend and said, "You can sing to her. Today is her birthday, too."

Jacob, who has Prader Willi Syndrome, a complex genetic disorder that causes learning disabilities, immediately gave the stranger a hug and a kiss. He wished her a "very happy birthday" and asked how old she was. "I am 92," she replied, "and this is the best hug and kiss I ever got for a birthday. And it's from a little boy I have never met before!" Jacob then shared birthday cake with his new friends.

"That's just Jacob," says his grandmother, Virginia Soncarty. "He made their day special and he also made his parents and grandparents very proud of him." ☆

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of Bridgeport, W.Va., buys bikes for boys.

American Profile received more than 70 letters from readers this year describing the generous acts of friends, neighbors, family members and anonymous individuals who helped stranded motorists, collected money for charity and lent a helping hand to someone in need. Below are the stories of a few people whose thoughtful and selfless acts restore one's faith in humanity.

Christmas bicycles

Pat Daniels, 51, believes every little boy should have a new bicycle at least once in his life. "All kids, really, but especially boys," says the mother of three boys herself. "It's a boy thing."

A special-education teacher's aide in Bridgeport, W.Va., Daniels has anonymously given a new bike to an unsuspecting child each Christmas for 25 years (except for one year when, as a divorced mother, she just didn't have the money.)

She was 25 and a social worker for the state when she bought her first Christmas bike for a needy youngster. Hooked by the gift of giving, she continued each year to seek out an 8- to 10-year-old boy who would appreciate a new bike.

"Every year, I find someone, and it just happens," says Daniels, who works with the recipient's parents or guardians to make the delivery. "I never see the child get the bike. I let their parents decide whether it's from Santa or whatever they think best."

Selfless class act

Since seventh grade, the Class of 2005 at Lima High School had organized bake sales, spaghetti dinners, car washes and cake raffles to raise money for its senior class trip. Living in the small mountainous town of Lima, Mont., the kids dreamed of traveling to the Pacific Coast to see the ocean. But upon learning a beloved teacher was diagnosed with advanced cancer, the eight-member senior class made a quick and unanimous decision last December—to forego the trip and give their \$5,000 savings toward Karla McGraw's medical expenses.

"It was something they decided on their own," says McGraw, who had taught many of the students since the first grade. "I was so humbled, and it just blew this community away. The next day at school, the teachers couldn't even look at each other without crying."

The story did not end there. When The Associated Press ran a story nationwide about the selfless class act, checks poured in from readers wanting to resurrect the trip plans. In all, \$10,000 was donated to the teens and, in March, they traveled to Seaside, Ore., for an adventure of a lifetime. Leftover trip money went to McGraw's medical fund and, after months of treatments, she returned to her teaching job in September.

"Even though the kids have moved on with their own lives, they will always be remembered around our small town as heroes," says Dianna Slater, the school's secretary.

Cuts of kindness

Trish Dacanay understands the power of a good haircut. "It just makes you feel good about yourself when you know your hair looks good," says Dacanay, a barber in Tulsa, Okla., for 27 years.

For the last five years, she has volunteered her day off to give free haircuts to low-income children in her neighborhood who attend Kendall-Whittier Elementary School. She gives about 20 haircuts each Monday.

"I'm a single mom, and I've been there," she says. "I know that sometimes you choose between food or new shoes or a haircut. This just helps take some pressure off of some families."

Why does she do it? "I don't really know," she says. "God blesses me. I love when the kids look in the mirror and say 'Tight!' That means it's good."

Good medicine

It had been a bad day for Amy Shinn. The Hoschton, Ga., mother had been up all night with her 3-year-old daughter, who was miserable with a high fever and body rash. The doctor diagnosed scarlet fever and wrote several prescriptions, including one for an expensive antibiotic.

"We were really tight on money that week," recalls Shinn, who had missed two workdays because of Taylor's illness.

Shinn spoke at length with her pharmacist, who said he'd try to get a reduced rate. "When I went back to pick up the prescription, he said it was free. I just stood there, shocked," she says. "He told me a gentleman in line had overheard us talking and just paid for my prescription in full."

Shinn began crying in the store and, even a year later, gets emotional recalling the act of kindness. "To this day, I don't know who it was. But I want to thank that person from the bottom of my heart," she says.

Winter warmth

It was Christmas 1984 and Norma Perez had just surprised her husband with a new jacket to replace the raggedy one he'd outgrown. The newlyweds didn't have much money, but as they drove their Ford Pinto home, they saw a homeless man walking the streets of Laredo, Texas. The temperature had dropped into the low 30s, and he was shivering.

Without hesitation, Tony Perez stopped the car, pulled off his new jacket and gave it to the stranger. "Tony gently patted him Barber Trish Dacanay gives kids free haircuts.



Jacob Soncarty, 8, made a birthday special for a new-found friend in Moscow, Idaho.

on the back as the man whispered, "Thank you," his wife recalls.

As the couple drove off, not a word was spoken but Tony wore a glowing smile while his wife's eyes brimmed with tears. "That day, I learned the true meaning of love as the Lord intended," says Norma of her husband, now a school bus driver, father of their four children and grandfather to two more. "To this day, he never ceases to amaze me. He sees things with his heart that others never notice."

Touched by a prayer

Traveling by plane for the first time, the five-member Scieneke family of Cherokee, Iowa, was landing at Chicago's O'Hare airport when their 10-year-old son became upset and began to sob loudly.

"He was inconsolable," recalls Elaine Scieneke of her son, who has expressive language disorder and wailed for nearly 25 minutes once they reached the terminal.

Some passengers offered "advice," some sympathetic looks and others appeared disgusted and annoyed. However, one woman sat quietly watching, wiping away tears as she scribbled a note. She handed it to the flustered mom, who was too distraught to even acknowledge it.

Later on a connecting flight, Scieneke pulled out the note. It read: "I've been there—not this exact situation but close enough. I asked God to give you everything good that I was going to receive today. The very best to you."

"I cried like a baby when I read it," Scieneke says. "I was so overwhelmed by this message. It got me through that week and quite a few since then."

She keeps the crumpled paper tucked in

her journal to remind her "there are a lot of good people out there."

Caring letter carrier

Walking his daily 10-mile route in Las Cruces, N.M., mail carrier Dave Woodwell, 50, gets to know his customers face to face. "It doesn't take long to observe the habits of the neighborhood, both good and bad," he says.

And the needs of the neighbors, as well. So in his off hours, he visits customers in the hospital, carries in groceries for the ill, fixes mailboxes and even pulls weeds for the elderly. And he always has a listening ear.

"None of it is really that big or takes that much time. But when you add it all up, I guess it's a lot," he says. "It's just simple little things I can do that help me sleep easy at night."

A special birthday

Eight-year-old Jacob Soncarty loves a birthday party.

Celebrating his dad's 40th in May at a restaurant in Moscow, Idaho, he helped choose the cake, place the candles and sing the birthday song. But when the applause

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ended, a gentleman at the next table pointed to an elderly friend and said, "You can sing to her. Today is her birthday, too."

Jacob, who has Prader Willi Syndrome, a complex genetic disorder that causes learning disabilities, immediately gave the stranger a hug and a kiss. He wished her a "very happy birthday" and asked how old she was. "I am 92," she replied, "and this is the best hug and kiss I ever got for a birthday. And it's from a little boy I have never met before!" Jacob then shared birthday cake with his new friends.

"That's just Jacob," says his grandmother, Virginia Soncarty. "He made their day special and he also made his parents and grandparents very proud of him." ☆

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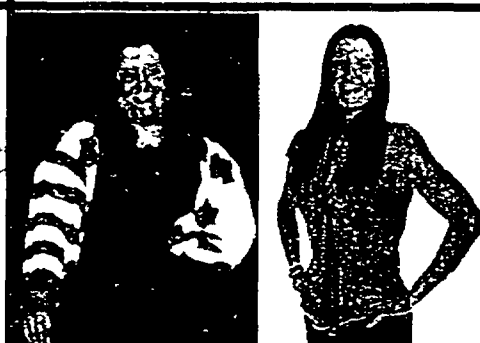
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For Old Time's Sake

by VIRGINIA WRIGHT

At the stroke of midnight on Dec. 31, historic tower clocks across the nation will ring in the New Year, thanks to the Balzer Family Clock Works of Freeport, Maine (pop. 7,800). Since 1985, Rick Balzer, with wife, Linda, and son, Chris, has restored more than 100 landmark timepieces whose enormous dials have cheered holiday revelers for more than a century.

The Balzers are among a handful of tower-clock restorers in North America and the only ones who custom-build large pendulum-regulated timepieces. Their restorations prod students at Harvard, Yale and Duke universities and pace workers in New York City, Grand Rapids, Mich., and Sapporo, Japan.

The Balzers' reputation is such that they need no sign on their workshop, tucked in their home on a quiet residential street in Freeport. A door at the rear of the garage opens to reveal dozens of small antique clocks awaiting repair. Several large clock mechanisms, each one a chest-high kinetic sculpture of brass wheels, steel shafts, pinions and levers, sit atop graceful curved iron frames.

"In these, you have longevity, beauty and education," says Rick, 58, pointing to the century-old clockworks which, he adds, embody the genius of pendulum clock designers Galileo and Christiaan Huygens, the persistence of chronometer inventor John Harrison, and the ingenuity of 19th-century clockmakers Edward Howard and Seth Thomas.

A former bank officer, Rick turned his hobby into a career in 1978. He worked strictly on small timepieces until 1985 when he restored a 128-year-old schoolhouse clock in Gray, Maine. Word of his expertise traveled.

"At that time, there were a lot of dead towers around," says Linda, 60, the shop's business manager.

The late 19th century launched the heyday of American clock tower construction. Large timepieces, symbols of new priorities in the Industrial Age, were mounted on churches, railroad stations, banks and city halls. After decades of neglect, the clocks typically were electrified, their pendulums and large gears amputated.

Rick rebuilds the superior mechanisms to



Kathryn, Chris, Linda and Rick Balzer pose below a schoolhouse clock in Gray, Maine. Rick restored the towering timepiece 20 years ago, giving birth to the family business.

their original condition, replicating parts on antique gear-cutting machines. Chris, 35, helps dismantle the clocks and lug pieces weighing as much as 150 pounds down winding stairways and into the family's station wagon for transport to Freeport. Restorations cost from \$13,000 to \$125,000, depending on the condition of each clock, which requires regular maintenance sometimes performed by Chris' wife, Kathryn.

When Rick and Chris reassemble a clock, they often place the beautiful and mesmerizing mechanism in a permanent display case on a lower floor. A rod extends to the clock face and moves the hands. "It changes the public attitude toward the timepiece if they can see it," Rick says. "It becomes an educational tool. And if it's in front of them, they take care of it. It's easy in subzero weather to talk yourself out of climbing an icy ladder into a tower."

The Balzers are "national treasures" for rescuing superbly crafted artifacts of American history, says Donald Saff, an authority on large timepieces and senior curator of the Guggenheim Museum in New York.

"Rick's understanding is from the fundamentals on up, and it's combined with an enthusiasm and energy that is always brought to the work," Saff says. "They are faithful to the originals, right down to the shape of the screw heads and surface finishes. There's a mission to what they do."

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Sandy Selesky, building manager at Harvard University's Center for European Studies, agrees. Once a month, she dusts and oils Harvard's only remaining mechanized tower clock, a 1919 E. Howard refurbished by the Balzers six years ago.

"When I got this job, one of the things I was most excited about was being able to take care of the clock," she says, "and I love it even more now."

Among the Balzers' recent projects is a custom-built, 700-pound clock for the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. The timepiece was created for the 1875 Old Main building, a Victorian gem that's the heart of the campus, and will be installed this spring, filling the clock tower's once-blank circles with cast bronze dials.

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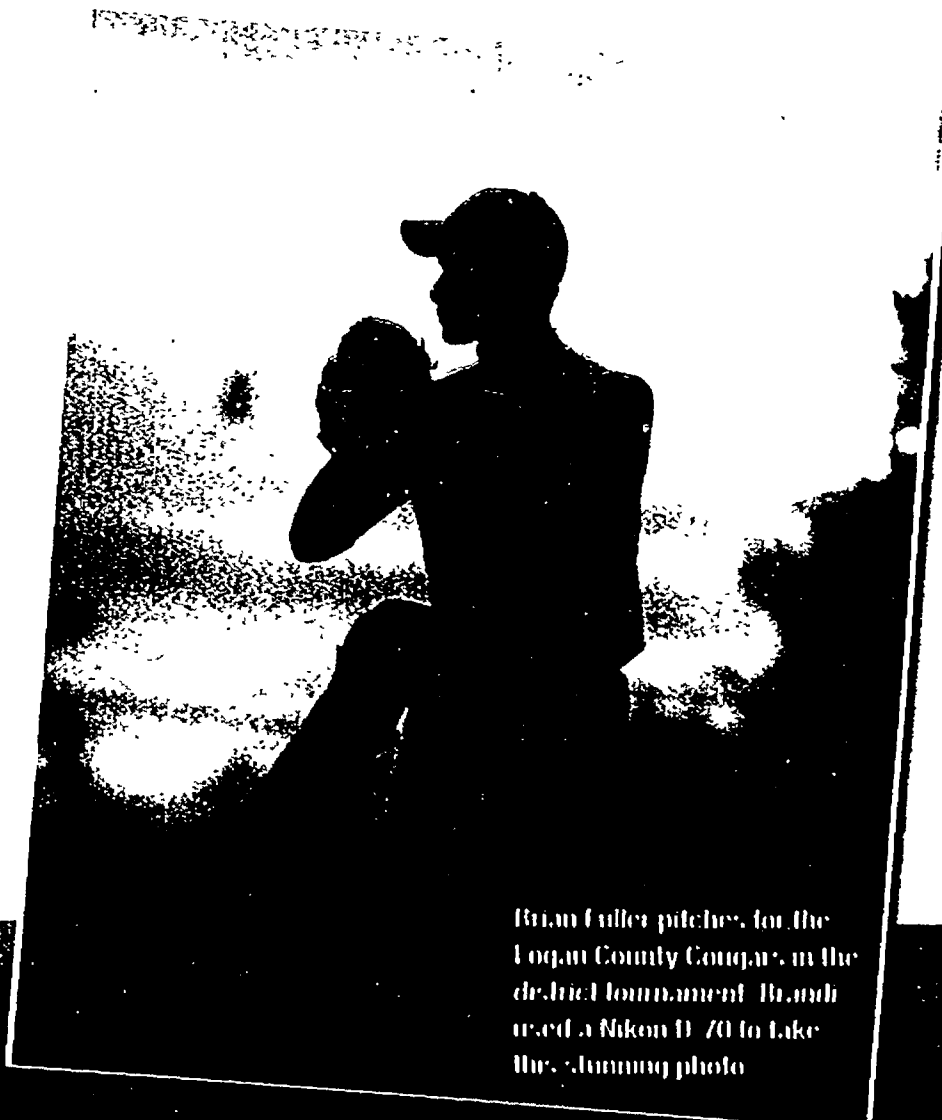
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Creating a First Aid Kit

by AMY HOUTS

Emergency preparedness begins

at home, and one of the first lines of defense is having a first aid kit. Each family should have at least one and parents can involve children in gathering supplies that might be needed in the event of a natural disaster or scraped knee.

Most of the time, a first aid kit is used for minor injuries, but it also can be the first step in medical care before a trip to the emergency room. According to the National Center for Health Statistics, of the 113.9 million visits to hospital emergency rooms in 2003, 40.2 million were injury related. You can be prepared by creating your own first aid kit using a cardboard box, lunch box or plastic bag.

"It's good to custom-make your own first aid kit," says Kary Weybrew, a registered nurse at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville, Mo. (pop. 10,581), explaining that your kit should include medication if you or a family member is allergic to insect bites or specific foods, or has diabetes or seizures.

Weybrew created her first aid kit when her daughter was born. Today, her family—husband Syd, daughter Ashley, 12 and son, Brendan, 9—maintains three first aid kits in different locations. A small cardboard box is stored in a drawer in their upstairs bathroom, a mid-size box travels with them in the car, and for football games or practices, a large plastic tackle box contains all the essentials.

Important items for a household first aid kit include: latex gloves, alcohol pads, Band-Aids, sterile gauze pads, roller gauze, adhesive tape, scissors, tweezers, sterilized needles, burn gel and a flashlight.

"These things don't always happen during the daytime," Weybrew says, adding that a home first aid kit should be stored in a convenient place, but out of the reach of small children.

Many times an injury occurs away from home, at the playground or a family picnic. Make your first aid kit for

the car more extensive than a kit at home, where running water and other items are readily available.

For your car, include everything in the home kit, plus: antiseptic wash to clean cuts and scrapes; a gallon-size plastic bag should someone get motion sick; a blanket or towel for warmth as well as to control excessive bleeding; and a cold pack to reduce swelling of sprains, fractures and injured muscles.

"Buy a cold pack that does not need refrigeration—one you break—if you need to use it," Weybrew says. "This type lasts 10 to 15 minutes."

If you know how to administer cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), a breathing barrier is a sensible device to have in your first aid kit. A CPR breathing barrier—available at most pharmacies—is a plastic mouthpiece that protects you and the cardiac or respiratory arrest victim from transmitting germs during the potentially life-saving procedure.

Actually, you should know how to use each item in your first aid kit. It's also a good idea to periodically restock the contents of your kit and review basic first aid procedures. "A first aid kit is one component of a total disaster-preparedness kit," says Dr. Margaret A. Dolan of Richmond, Va. "It's not enough to have a first aid kit, you have to know how to use it."

First aid and CPR training workshops often are available through your local hospital. You also can increase your emergency medical knowledge and treatment skills through an American Red Cross training course or with the organization's publication *First Aid Fast*, which is available for \$5. For more information, visit www.redcross.org.

Weybrew recalls one day when her traveling first aid kit was invaluable. "It was Fourth of July at a campground," she recalls. "My family and I were with friends who had lit some hand-held fireworks. One of our friends received



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The American Red Cross suggests a basic household first aid kit should include:

- (20) Adhesive bandages, various sizes
- (1) 5-inch-by-9-inch sterile dressing
- (1) Roller gauze bandage
- (2) Triangular bandages
- (2) 3-inch-by-3-inch sterile gauze pads
- (2) 4-inch-by-4-inch sterile gauze pads
- (1) Roll 3-inch cohesive bandage
- (2) Germicidal hand wipes or waterless alcohol-based hand sanitizer
- (6) Antiseptic wipes
- (2) Pair large medical grade non-latex gloves
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Without the burn gel, the injury would have not only caused severe pain, but might have ruined the evening.

Each family should have a first aid kit, primarily for the physical aspect of medical care, but also for psychological reasons.

"Sometimes a first aid kit is a little TLC, a little reassurance," Weybrew says. "What's happening is traumatic for little kids. Using a first aid kit is something to calm them down." ☆

Amy Houts is a freelance writer from Maryville, Mo.

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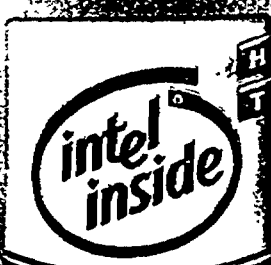
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