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Bond request gets rolling

■ Bus garage
among district's
\$70.7M wish list

2006 NORTHVILLE SCHOOL BOND

First of an ongoing series previewing the Feb. 28 public school bond election, totaling \$70.7 million.

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Christine Lynch simply wants to shut the stall door when using the Northville Public Schools bus garage bathroom.

"It is too small in there," the Northville bus driver said. "Your knees hit the door. And if you are really tall, forget it."

Lynch wants voter support with a bond proposal appearing on the district's Feb. 28 school election ballot.

Voters will make two decisions on election Tuesday:

• A \$25.24 million bond will allow the district to construct a seventh elementary school;

• And a \$45.43 million bond will fund district-wide repairs and improvements; technology upgrades; an enhanced Eight Mile Road football stadium and Main Street School; and the construction of two facilities.

One of the facilities is a new bus garage. It's a building, Lynch longs for.

"This is my home away from home for 12 hours."

Christine Lynch
Bus driver, Northville Public Schools

"This is my home away from home for 12 hours," she said. Lynch and other Northville schools bus drivers spend time in the building's lounge in-between runs.

Lynch said through the near decade working as a driver, the number of employees has expanded to 50 without an expansion of space.

A lounge large enough to accommodate the number of employees is also on her wish list along with a non-leaking ceiling and escape from bus garage rodents.

Northville Public Schools mechanic Larry Wild said he would like to do his job on dry floors.

"We have several swamps," he said. "All the water seeps into this building."

He explains spots of low elevation cause the repair bays to fill with about 2-feet of water during rainfall.

Lynch and Wild join others who want their needs to become a priority with a brand new facility at a different location on the Eight Mile Road transportation facility.

The \$45.3 million bond request includes demolition of the current garage and salt storage barn. Construction of both will occur on the existing property.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Employees work inside Northville School District transportation garage.



A bridge to the future

■ City mulls Beal Street reconstruction

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

For 15 years, a dead end at Beal Street forced Lesley LaFave to drive half a mile to go two blocks.

LaFave's Yerkes Street house in the City of Northville's southeast corner is one of about 50 homes comprising the Beal Town neigh-

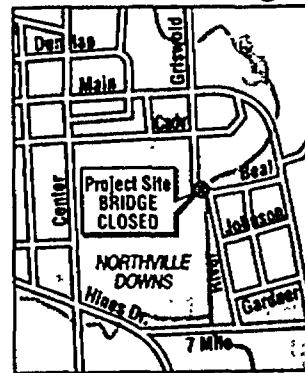
borhood. They border the city's core, but are connected only by a footpath.

The 69-year-old bridge hooking Beal Street's west end to Griswold Street was declared unsafe for vehicles and closed in 1993. Barricades cut off a neighborhood.

While the corner of the Northville Downs property allows familiar drivers to squeak through

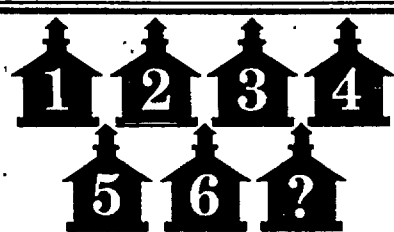
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Does Northville Schools need a seventh elementary school?

Garage sale

District officials make case for new bus garage, school

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

David Bolitho is certain the district's transportation facility won't go the distance.

The assistant superintendent for administrative services said the construction process for a new facility must begin this year.

"The building is basically falling down and rusting out," Bolitho said. "We're at the point now where if we have to repair this building, we'd be basically throwing away money."

Feb. 28 voter approval of a \$45.43 million bond proposal will begin the process. An additional \$25.24 million proposal for a seventh elementary school will also appear on the ballot.

School officials said included in the \$45.43 million bond is an amount needed to replace the aging 10,000-square-foot bus garage built in 1978.

**WHY,
NOW?**

The \$6.2 million price tag includes demolition of the current facility located next to the Eight Mile Road football stadium and a near \$100,000 salt storage barn.

Officials said new structures will be built on the same site.

"We want to stay here," Bolitho said. "It makes economic sense."

According to bond documents, the new 16,600-square-foot facility includes three repair bays, storage, drivers lounge, office area and wash bay.

"Drivers have to manually walk around the buses to wash them," Bolitho said.

Manual car wash equipment and an industrial jack to lift busses for repairs will be replaced



About 50 drivers use the Northville Public School District transportation garage employee breakroom.

with lifts and a bus wash bay, where drivers don't do the job themselves.

Bolitho said an integral part of the new facility is storage. Another feature Bolitho said is needed as soon as possible.

"Right now we store all tires

outside," he said. Fluid containers, out-of-use bus seats and equipment also collect snow and rain throughout the year.

Bolitho said the district's snow plow is stored where school busses are washed, and must be pulled in and out each time driv-

Photos by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

ers need to clean their vehicles.

Bond documents show other facility inclusions are a dispatch and reception area, conference room, new bathrooms, mechanic locker room with shower, supervisor office and loft storage area.

The number of regular

"We're at the point now where if we have to repair this building, we'd be basically throwing away money."

David Bolitho

Assistant Superintendent, Northville Public Schools

Northville Public Schools busses has grown from 17 in 1995 to 42 in 2006, officials said.

Officials said the number of special education busses has increased by four in the same time period.

Bolitho said as the fleet grows, so does the need for more room.

"If we can't maintain the vehicles, we can't provide the services," he said.

"The building has seen its best days. You can tell this is not a modern facility by any stretch."

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LEFT: Northville Public School District would like to replace the transportation depot on Taft Road.

RIGHT: A rusty door at the Northville Public School District transportation garage.



BOND: bus garage improvements proposed

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The new building will abut the Eight Mile Road football stadium, a short distance from where it sits now.

The salt storage barn will be moved from its current location by the watershed retention area.

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.

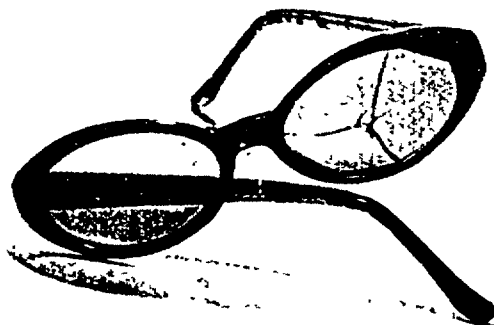
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COMMUNITY NOTES

The Northville Parks and Recreation Commission will be hosting a City Park Naming Workshop 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 11 at the Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main St. Residents are invited to provide input for potential names for unnamed city park property. For more information, call (248) 449-9941.

Amanda Geiger never saw the drunk driver.

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A Taste of Summer Sale

BRIDGE: city officials consider Beal Street reconstruction project

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from Beal Town's River Street, South Main Street was the prescribed detour.

But now, the promise of a sizable state grant could re-open the east-west passage into the city. If, local officials opt to accept it.

One shot deal

A planned public meeting later this month will describe the bridge reconstruction project and gauge Beal Town resident support.

"I would work with the neighborhood to accomplish this," said Jim Gallogly, city department of public works director. "There are advantages for them."

Reconstruction of the bridge would re-connect Beal Town to the city, he said, while creating a tidy, well-lit gateway to the neighborhood. The Middle Rouge River overpass is blocked at both ends where the stream begins its underground run beneath the Northville Downs parking lot.

This is the city's one shot at the approximate \$500,000 grant, Gallogly said. The project is proposed for summer 2007 completion.

After applying for Beal Street bridge funding for the past nine years, Gallogly received word in November the state would pay 95 percent of construction costs. The city would have to come up with about \$140,000 to cover engineering costs and the remaining construction expense, he said.

"The state changed the way they evaluate bridge applications," Gallogly said. "When we first applied, we were 400-and-something on the list. They do a dozen a year."

Pros and cons

City planning commissioner and 17-year Beal Street resident Steve Kirk said he wants to hear plans by the city and adjacent landowner, Northville Downs.

"It's nice to have a direct route into town," he said. "There's some pluses and minuses."

Kirk said he is familiar with his neighbors' concerns about increased traffic and city planners' hopes for Beal as a through-street. Homeowners on River, Johnson, Yerkes and Gardner streets would be affected by the bridge re-opening, he said, but not as much as Beal Street residents.

Kevin Wine, whose Beal Street home is four doors down from the bridge, is opposed to the reconstruction. He said he does not feel disconnected from the central business district.

"That doesn't bother me at all,"

he said. "Sixty to 70 percent of the time, I walk to downtown."

"Sometimes I cut through the Downs parking lot."

Wine said he would like to hear if plans include measures to slow Beal Street traffic.

"There's a lot of traffic that comes out there at night when the race ends," he said. "My concern would be the people in and out of the Downs. It would be a straight shot. Their first chance to stop would be at Northville Road."

New patterns

Since the close of Beal Street bridge, the amount and pattern of Northville Downs traffic has changed.

Beginning in 1996, simulcast racing distributed the track's draw throughout 12 months, instead of compacting the clientele into the live-racing season.

"Most of the traffic comes from Center Street," said Northville Downs business manager Mike Carlo. "I don't think (Beal Street) would be a big exit because we have the River exit already."

"I don't think it would change much."

From a personal standpoint, reopening Beal Street access from the west would be more convenient, said Carlo, who resides on the corner of Griswold and Beal streets.

"It really doesn't matter too much to us," he said. "It's pretty fascinating to see how many people make their way around from Griswold to River."

"I do the same thing some times as a cut through."

After living in Beal Town 15

"It's nice to have a direct route into town. There's some pluses and minuses."

Steve Kirk
Resident, City of Northville

years, the LaFaves moved to another Northville home. Last week, they finalized the sale of the historic Yerkes Street house they restored.

LaFave said she empathizes with positions for and against the reconstruction project.

"It would have been nice if it would have been connected," she said. "But the bridge open means more traffic. That would have bothered me."

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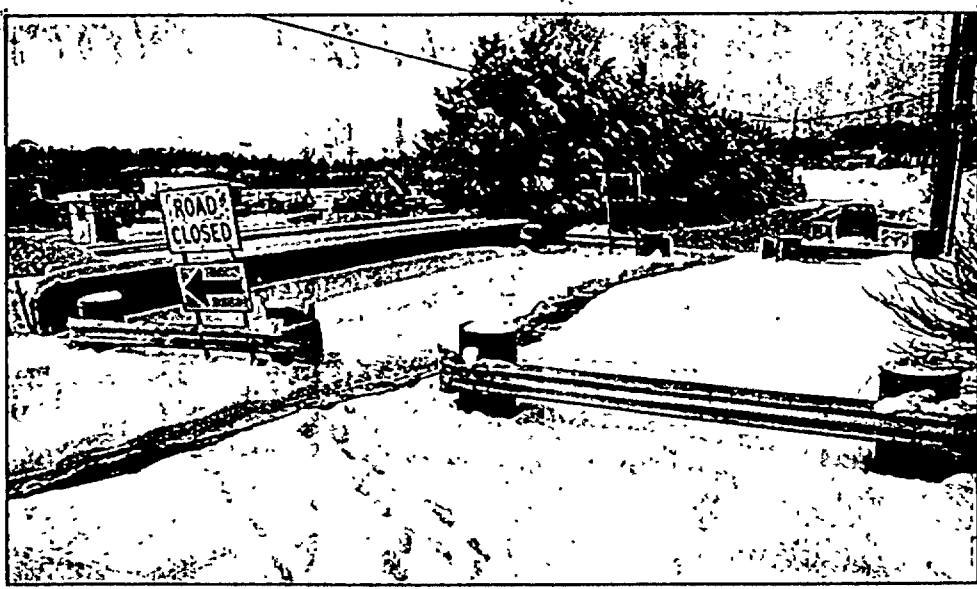


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City of Northville are considering possible reconstruction of the Beal Street bridge, near Northville Downs.

Wanted: east-west connection

Extending Beal Street west is an objective for the City of Northville's downtown development plan. Key to that strategy are the intentions of the Northville Driving Club, which owns the property west of the Beal-Griswold corner. The consulting firm hired by the city to develop a strategic plan for the downtown has described the Driving Club-owned property between Cady Street and a Beal extension as a potential location for dense residential development, like townhouses. Beal's connection to Center Street would provide another east-west avenue critical to traffic circulation in the city, said Greg Presley, a member of the

Northville Downtown Development Authority board member and downtown strategic plan steering committee.

Northville Downs business manager Mike Carlo said the enterprise postponed expansion plans when a 2004 state-wide ballot proposal killed video terminal gambling. Development of the north side of the Downs' parking lot was on the drawing board then. Carlo said he cannot comment on behalf of the Driving Club, but he is not aware of any plans in the works that would involve Beal Street. "Anything's possible with land development," he said. "It's absolutely been considered."

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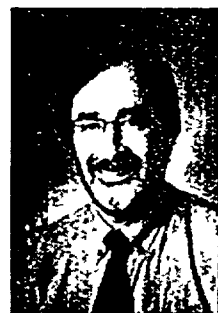
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A young lady's first visit with a gynecologist should be in a comfortable, relaxed and calm environment.

What's a healthy weight?

While many young women focus on a number, we are more interested in your lifestyle. Establishing healthy patterns now helps lifelong vitality and reproductive health.

Eat from all food groups, emphasizing fruits and vegetables.
Exercise regularly. Be kind to your body.

What are symptoms of postpartum depression?

Many women go through hormonal changes during pregnancy and after delivery. Hormones produce chemical changes in the brain that may lead to depression.

Initially, a new mom may feel the "baby blues." These occur within about three days after delivery and go away within about ten days.

Postpartum depression is different from "baby blues." It can last from two weeks after birth to up to one year.

Symptoms include:

- losing interest or pleasure in life
- losing appetite
- having less energy and motivation to do things
- having a hard time falling asleep or staying asleep
- sleeping more than usual
- excessive crying or tearfulness
- feeling worthless, hopeless or overly guilty
- feeling restless, irritable or anxious
- experiencing unexplained weight gain or loss
- having thoughts about hurting yourself or your baby.

During your post-delivery checkup, we will talk about your physical and emotional health.

When do I need a mammogram?

When you visit, we discuss family history and identify factors that may affect your health. This discussion helps us determine an appropriate time for your baseline mammogram, between 35 and 40 years of age.

At 40 years, plan an annual mammogram screening.

Close relative with breast cancer? Your first mammogram may be at an even younger age.

What are the symptoms of menopause?

It's a women's natural aging process; monthly menstruation ends. Hormonal changes leading up to menopause happen over several years, normally between the ages of 42 and 56.

The clearest sign of the start of menopause are irregular periods and when blood flow becomes lighter or heavier.

Additional signs may include the following: weight gain, hot flashes, insomnia, night sweats, vaginal dryness, joint pain, fatigue, short-term memory problems, bowel upset, dry eyes, itchy skin, mood swings and urinary tract infections.

After menopause, do I still need an annual exam?

Yes, including a breast exam, a check of your ovaries through a pelvic exam, a screen for cervical cancer through a Pap smear and a discussion about diet, nutrition and your emotional health.

Get a Pap smear about every three years after menopause. Low-risk women in their late sixties or early seventies may usually stop having Pap smears.

Emotionally, you'll probably experience new levels of satisfaction in your life. Women report having more fun in their everyday lives and enjoy their independence. Perhaps new freedom with less responsibility, retirement, travel or leisure activities encourages this period of great exploration.

Physically, you will probably feel much better as menopause symptoms and stress subside. As your body becomes accustomed to new hormone levels, you will begin to feel more comfortable in your body.

When will I need a pelvic exam?

Within three years of becoming sexually active. If not sexually active, plan your first visit between 18 and 21 years of age.

I want to talk with my daughter about growing up, but don't know what to say.

We will gladly talk with you about age-appropriate information for your daughter. From you, she'll learn about sensitive topics such as development and contraception.

When should I take prenatal vitamins?

As you begin to plan a family, talk with us about the many ways you can prepare your body for pregnancy, including prenatal vitamins. Taken before pregnancy, these help at the earliest stages of development, providing three very important nutrients - iron, folic acid and calcium.

Folic acid helps prevent birth defects very early in pregnancy. More iron meets the demands of pregnancy. Calcium helps build strong bones and teeth for your baby.

Do I need to take calcium to avoid osteoporosis?

Life can be hectic in your twenties, thirties and forties with friends, family and work commitments. These years cover your reproductive and premenopausal stages. Calcium maintains bone stability and strength when bone mass normally decreases.

Eat two to three serving of dairy foods per day. If this is not in your diet, take a supplement to achieve about 1,000 mg of calcium per day.

Bones need exercise, just like muscles, to gain strength. Weight-bearing exercise, such as walking, dancing or lifting weights, help build strong bones.

Do I need Pap smears after a hysterectomy?

It depends on your hysterectomy.

With a total hysterectomy, removing both cervix and uterus, you probably do not need an annual Pap smear. If only the uterus was removed, you do need the annual test.

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Mr. and Mrs. Tim Stelzer

Laurel Bolhouse and Tim Stelzer were married Dec. 4, 2005 in Austin, Texas.

The bride is the daughter of Robert and Valerie Bolhouse of Northville. She is a graduate of Mercy High School and the University of Illinois, Champagne. She is employed at AMD, Austin.

The groom is the son of Walter and Linda Stelzer of Boulder, Colo. He graduated from the University of Colorado and is employed at National Instruments.

The couple will be leaving for Shanghai, China in January on a two-year work assignment.



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Protect Yourself From Becoming A Victim Of Identity Theft This Holiday Season

Novi, Mich., January 5 2006 - While many shoppers were hitting the malls and Web sites for holiday gifts this season, criminals were also searching for a one-of-a-kind item—your identity.

Consumers should take special care to protect their identities from thieves, says Allstate Agent Louis Kirby. The increased spending during the holiday season provides more opportunities for criminals to steal your identity. The hustle and bustle of the holidays creates the perfect environment for thieves bent on stealing your credit cards or other financial information, says Kirby. "It's easy to become less guarded about personal information such as credit cards, personal checks, driver's licenses and social security numbers."

Identity thieves take personal information and use it to impersonate a victim, stealing from bank accounts, establishing phony insurance policies, opening unauthorized credit cards or obtaining unauthorized bank loans.

According to the Federal Trade Commission, over 27 million Americans have been the victim of identity theft in the last five years, costing consumers over \$5 billion in out-of-pocket expenses.

Victims of identity theft are often left with lower credit scores and spend months or even years getting credit records corrected. They frequently have difficulty getting credit, obtaining loans and even getting hired. According to the Identity Theft Resource Center, most identity theft victims end up spending 600 hours on restoring their identity. With so much increased spending, consumers should carefully monitor their credit card bills and bank balances to make sure that they actually made all of the purchases, says Kirby. In fact, the FTC reports that 52 percent of all identity theft victims discovered that their identity was stolen by monitoring their accounts.

To protect your hard earned money this holiday season, Kirby suggests you:

- Keep the amount of personal information in your purse or wallet to the bare minimum. Avoid carrying additional credit cards, or your social security card or passport unless absolutely necessary.

- When making purchases, guard your credit card. Shield your hand when using ATM machines or making long distance phone calls with phone cards. Don't fall prey to "shoulder surfers" who may be nearby.

- Always take credit card or ATM receipts. Don't throw them into public trash containers, leave them on the counter or put them in your shopping bag where they can easily fall out or get stolen.

- If you plan to do your shopping online, make sure that you are buying from a reputable retailer with a secure network.

- Don't rely on your credit card company or bank to alert you of suspicious activity. Carefully monitor your bank and credit card statements to make sure all transactions are accurate.

- Tear or shred any documents that have personal information such as credit card numbers, bank statements, charge receipts or credit card applications.

Theft of personal possessions is generally covered by homeowners and renters insurance policies; however, you may also want to consider obtaining identity theft insurance. The policy provides reimbursement to crime victims for the cost of restoring their identity and repairing credit reports. Some companies now include coverage for identity theft as part of their homeowners insurance policy. Others sell it as either a stand-alone policy or as an endorsement to a homeowners or renters insurance policy. Identity theft insurance generally covers expenses such as phone bills, lost wages, notary and certified mailing. "Simple preventative measures can keep identity thieves at bay. Knowing your rights and the steps you can take to restore your good name and credit is a valuable piece of mind this season," says Kirby.

For more information on this and other safety topics, contact Allstate Agent Louis Kirby, located at 49357 Pontiac Trail, Suite 103 in Wixom. Louis can be reached at 248-669-0755.



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POLICE BRIEFS

Busted

A 29-year-old Detroit woman was arrested for allegedly stealing a digital camera and car fuse at Meijer on Haggerty Road. The woman was shopping with her 30-year-old boyfriend and child. According to reports, the woman used a box cutter to open items and place them into her pockets. Police said the child was released to her boyfriend. The woman was cited for larceny and given a Jan. 19 court date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Stolen car

An 86-year-old Northville Township woman called police after her car was stolen from her home. According to reports, the woman was on her way to the doctor's office when she noticed her car missing. Police have no witnesses, and the case remains open.

Truck found

A 28-year-old Northville Township man called police after his 2003 Dodge Dakota was stolen in front of his apartment. According to reports, the man said his truck was locked. Several hours later, the man called police stating his truck was located. According to police, the man said a friend borrowed the truck and forgot to tell him due to being intoxicated. All charges were dropped and the case was closed.

Burning threats

Police were called to a party store on Six Mile and Haggerty roads Dec. 17, after a Northville man threatened a store clerk. According to reports, the clerk said the man was drunk and made comments about the store burning down. The clerk was able to provide police with the license plate number from the man's car and a security tape of the incident.

Police were unable to locate the man, and the case remains open.

Smashed mailbox

A 56-year-old Northville Township man called police after his mailbox and subdivision parking sign were run over. According to reports, the roads were icy the night of the accident and there were no witnesses. The man said he would contact his neighborhood snowplow company. The case was closed.

Slippery ice

Police were called after a 23-year-old Detroit woman slipped on ice behind the Alterra store on Six Mile Road. According to reports, the woman was stepping out of her car when she slipped. She was transported to St. Mary's Hospital and later released. Pictures were taken of the area where the accident occurred.

According to reports, the area was unsalted. The case was closed.

Drugs found

During patrol, police arrested two men at Hines Park in Northville Township for possession of narcotics. According to reports, the driver, a 17-year-old Livonia man, and the passenger, a 17-year-old Plymouth man, told police there was marijuana and other drug paraphernalia in the car. Both men were arrested and given Jan. 12 court dates at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Losing control

Police were called after a 17-year-old Plymouth man ran over a tree in Northville Township. According to reports, the man said he lost control of his truck. He told police he would replace the tree. There were no other damages and the case was closed.

Robbed, again

Suspects fled with gaming units

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Ryan Hite couldn't believe his store was robbed, again.

EB Games on Haggerty Road was held up Dec. 16 for cash and merchandise, making this the third robbery for the store in 2005.

"I guess people think stores like this have a lot of cash on hand," said the store manager. "That's the funny thing. We barely have any cash. We do a lot of credit card sales."

According to Northville Township Police officials, two unknown robbers made off with more than \$5,000 in gaming units.

"The big thing is they can trade the units at other stores for cash," Hite said. "The units are also being sold online at places like eBay.com."

Hite said the robbers stole several Xbox units and PSP handheld units.

"An Xbox can be traded in for about \$40," he said, "and a PSP goes for about \$100 cash."

Hite said the store did not have any Xbox 360s in stock, which were selling online for about \$1,000, when the robbery occurred.

"A lot of people buy gaming units to sell," he said. "It's an easy way to make money, and people can always use the cash for some-

Business security tips

- Never work alone
- Be aware of your surroundings
- Don't count money in the open
- Keep a telephone nearby
- Don't hesitate to call the police
- Keep a pen and paper nearby if an incident occurs
- If you are a victim, go to a safe place before calling 911.

Source: Northville Township Police Department

thing better."

Detective Bill Helke said since the robbery he spoke with EB Games district manager who said several other communities have contacted the police department regarding similar robberies.

"They were there for the merchandise," Helke said. "(The newest systems) are highly desirable right now. There is a big after-market for them. It was like when the first digital camera came out, everyone wanted one."

Hite said he is working on increasing security in the store for the weekends.

"We're trying to get our corporate headquarters to install a panic alarm in the store," he said. "There's usually more than one person in the store during closing. It just so happens that one of our

part-time employees was out sick when we were robbed on the 16th."

Helke said the police department has increased patrol in the area and conducted several surveillances.

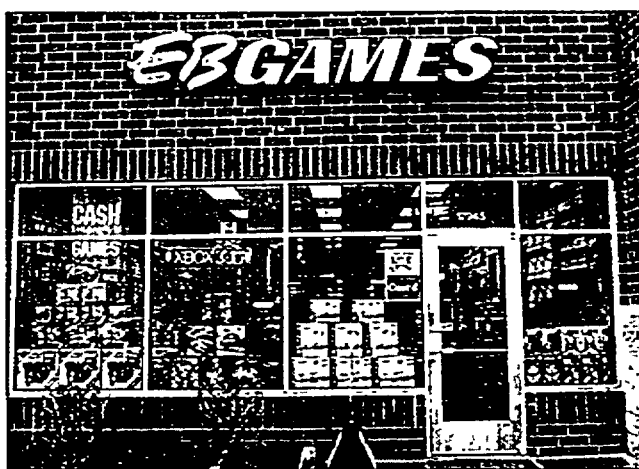
"We've never had prior knowledge of when a robbery is going to occur," he said. "Three robberies is a lot, but that still is only three days out of 365."

Helke said there is no way of knowing if the gaming systems would be sold back to other stores.

"With my experience of retail stores," he said, "they don't keep track of serial numbers."

"If I were to go down that road to find the stolen units, I would just find a block of serial numbers and I would never be able to find out which were stolen or not."

If the merchandise were resold,



EB Games in Northville Township was robbed three times in 2005, most recently on Dec. 16.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

OBITUARIES



PETER M. CUCCHETTI

Age 94, died December 15 at Brighton Gardens in Northville Twp., MI. Mr. Cucchetti was born Feb. 17, 1911 in Detroit, MI., to Giovanni and Galdina Cucchetti. Mr. Cucchetti was a long-time resident of Northville. He was employed as a Dental Ceramist in Ann Arbor. During World War II, he was in the Army Air Corp. Mr. Cucchetti is survived by his nieces, Kathleen (Joseph) Belfiori of Warren, Marie Figari of Lakeland, FL., and Dolores Borkowski of Auburndale FL., he is also survived by his sister-in-law, Jean Risner of Arizona and good friends Jack and Tootie Steele of Georgia. Mr. Cucchetti was preceded in death by his wife, Mildred in 2000. A funeral Mass for Mr. Cucchetti was celebrated December 23 at St. Sylvester Church with Rev. Gary Schulte officiating. Memorial service will be in the Spring of 2006. Interment will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Detroit, MI. Memorial contributions can be made to San Francisco Church Orphan Missionary, 22870 S. Nunneley Rd., Clinton Twp., MI. 48035. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc.

WALDO M. MCILMURRAY

Age 79, of Northville passed away on December 28, 2005. He was born April 7, 1926 to Arthur E. and Rosella (Paradise) McIlmurray. Wally served his country in the Army during World War II and was a lifetime member of Northville VFW Post 4012. He was an accomplished Harness Horse owner, trainer, and driver nationwide with over 2600 wins and 11.1 million in purses and was respected by all his peers. He was inducted into the Michigan Harness Racing Hall of Fame. He was a sports enthusiast, especially his hometown Detroit teams. He is survived by his children; Lella (Bryan) Montgomery, Adam Brownlee, Wally McIlmurray Jr., Arthur McIlmurray, and Mandy McIlmurray; stepchildren Robert McIlmurray, and John McIlmurray; sister Dorothy Barbat; and grandchildren Kyle and Craig. A funeral service was held Friday, December 30, 2005 at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville. Rev. James Russell officiated the service. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society, 18505 W. 12 Mile Road, Southfield, MI 48076; Angela Hospice, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia, MI 48154; or the Standardbred Retirement Foundation, P.O. Box 763, Freehold, NJ 07728.

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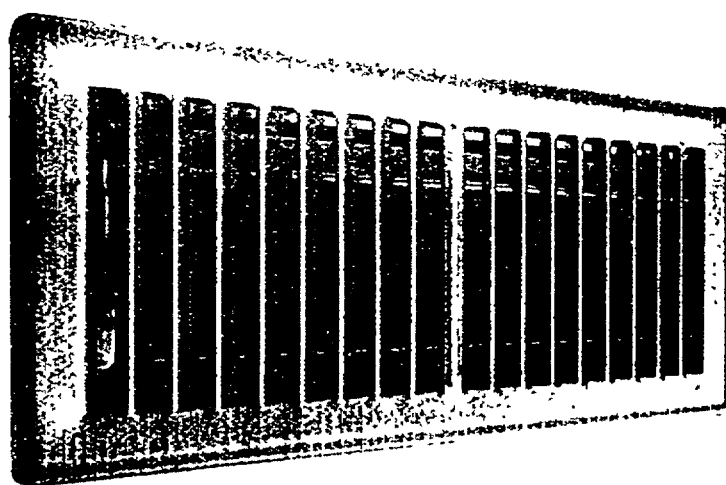
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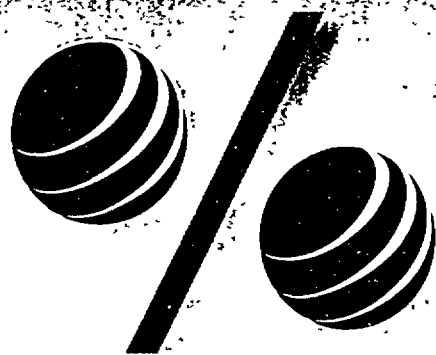
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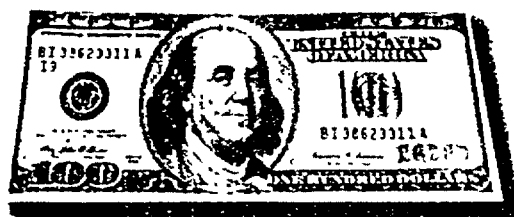
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Last Word

■ City management transition underway as Word says goodbye

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Nickie Bateson is going to walk in City Manager Gary Word's shoes for the next couple months. The Northville City Council Tuesday appointed the 11-year assistant city manager to an interim position until Word's replacement is hired. Tomorrow is Word's final day.

Bateson, who has worked alongside Word as finance director for 11 years, will ensure the city systems and services continue as usual, said Mayor Pro-tem Carolann Ayers. Residents will feel no effects of the behind-the-scenes transition, she said.

"She has plenty of experience doing it when he is not available, either out or on vacation," Ayers said. "Gary has told us he's available for phone calls, questions, whatever."

"I see no reason it should not be seamless."

A new manager should be in place by the end of March, Ayers said.

On Dec. 1, the council hired Steve Bernard, senior vice president of the Chicago-based PAR Group to find Word's replacement. The \$19,000 contract, includes expenses, a national search, credential screening and a

"I see no reason it should not be seamless."

Carolann Ayers
Mayor Pro-tem, City of Northville

■ **City manager salary**
Gary Word was the Northville city manager for 14 years.
Hired in 1991: \$58,000, plus car allowance and moving expenses
Ending salary: \$104,000 plus benefits

background check for candidates prior to making the cut for council interviews.

"I suspect we're going to get a very good response," Bernard said. "The community has a long and stable history in terms of elected leaders and city managers. It's a very charming community."

The recruitment profile PAR is sending this week to manager prospects includes a description of the city, the government structure, priorities identified by the council and staff, and qualities the council is seeking.

"It typically is about a 60-day process from that point," Bernard said. "We do a very exhaustive, pro-active search."

Since Word's Nov. 7 resignation



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

ABOVE: Northville Assistant City Manager Nickie Bateson was named as interim replacement for City Manager Gary Word, who is departing for a new job in Islamorada, Fla.

tion announcement, Bateson and the city manager have prepared for the transition, Ayers said. Budget preparation for the 2006-

07 fiscal year, downtown strategic planning and oversight of development projects will continue, she said.

After 14 years in Northville,

Word accepted a village manager position in Islamorada, Fla., effective Monday. Word was the guest of honor at a farewell party last night.

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



BELOW: Nickie Bateson, left, will take over as interim Northville City Manager from departing Gary Word.

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Seasons endings

Northville City employees John Borne and Ginny Kelly work as a team last Tuesday morning to take down the downtown's cedar bough garlands which were wrapped around lamp posts almost two months ago.



EDUCATION BRIEFS

Helping Hands

The Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center is in the process of completing its Hand and Heart to Heart: Helping our Colleagues and the Children and Families of the Gulf Coast drive.

So far, the center has been able to collect eight large boxes and more than \$1,000, said Joanne Payne, Early Childhood Center assistant coordinator.

Payne said after Hurricane Katrina center administrators contacted the National Organization for the Education of Young Children to ask how they could help.

"Several months later we were provided with an Early Childhood Center in Mississippi to partner with and offer support," Payne said.

Payne said the center's children painted a box and beautiful containers to fill with needed items for the Mississippi school.

Kids say the cutest things

When the preschool children in Mrs. Schuerman's Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center class learned about a school in Mississippi, ravaged by Hurricane Katrina they had a lot to say. Here are some of the children's comments, collected by Schuerman:

"I know about that storm. This really big storm with all that water. Some people died."

"Some roofs came off."
"Some children's toys got lost."
"Their things blew away."

"The ambulance took children to a school, 'cause they lost their moms and dads. And some moms and dads lost their kids."

"Some people's houses did not get broken."
"The children are sad."

"All of their paper got ruined."
"That would be bad."

"I know what we can do! We can buy toys and food for them! We could put toys in the box and mail

to them."

"Send it to them."
"Help them buy some wood (to build a new building)."
"They might need something to keep warm."

"I would save the people."
"We need to build them houses."

"The kids in the storm need help."

"Maybe they need coats."
"I think all of us should bring what we don't use anymore and some money and put 'em in the box. 'Cause we have a lot of stuff we don't use anymore."

"How 'bout we put toys in the box and send it away to somebody we don't know in Mississippi?"

"The teacher's sad 'cause all those toys blew away with her money."

"They need chairs and tables."

"What about we could put the money from our piggy bank in a bag and put it in the box?"

CLASS NOTES

Town Hall

State Schools' Superintendent Mike Flanagan will speak on the new graduation requirements and other topics at an Education Town Hall Meeting. Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) will sponsor the 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 12 event in the presentation room of the VisTaTech Center, room 550 at Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road. Reservations are required. Contact Christopher Gillett at (517) 373-7350 to RSVP.

Meeting

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

Presentation

Katie Finck, teacher consultant with Northville Public Schools, will present "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, the career event 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.

Early Childhood Openings

Kids' Creative Corner at Thornton Creek Elementary and Main Street locations 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 senior 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.

Tickets for the event are now \$70 per student.

Graduation

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

Books

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

St. Paul's

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

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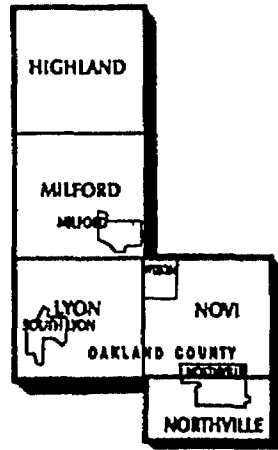


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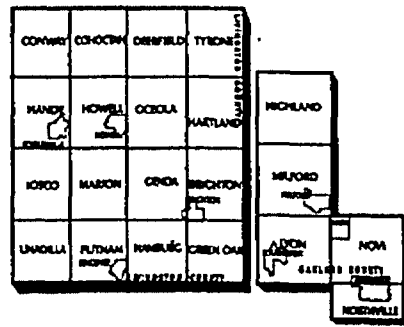
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Winter turns to strings

■ Meads Mill offers after-school music program

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Andrea Logan made it her mission to bring a string music program to the school district.

So when the Northville resident learned it was offering an after-school string music program this month, she was overjoyed.

"The fact that they are offering it, to me, is a huge step," Logan said. "Going from absolutely nothing a year-and-a-half ago, not even being at the talking point, to be at this point, and it is being organized through the Northville Public Schools, is great."

"I believe they are committed," Logan said. A community group she belongs to called Strings In Our Schools organized instruction during summer school, but this is the first undertaking by district officials.

An informational meeting for

After-School String Music Program

Informational parent and student meeting

7:00 p.m.
Today

Meads Mill Middle School



parents and students about the January after-school Northville Strings Exploratory program will take place 7 p.m. today at Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road.

School officials said a representative from Hewitt's Music will be on hand to answer questions

about instrument rental.

The program is for students in fifth through 12th grades with two years of experience or less playing violin, viola, cello or bass.

Private or group instruction will be provided by Jennifer Watkins from 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Mondays or Thursdays in the Meads Mill Middle School rondelle room beginning Monday, Jan. 23.

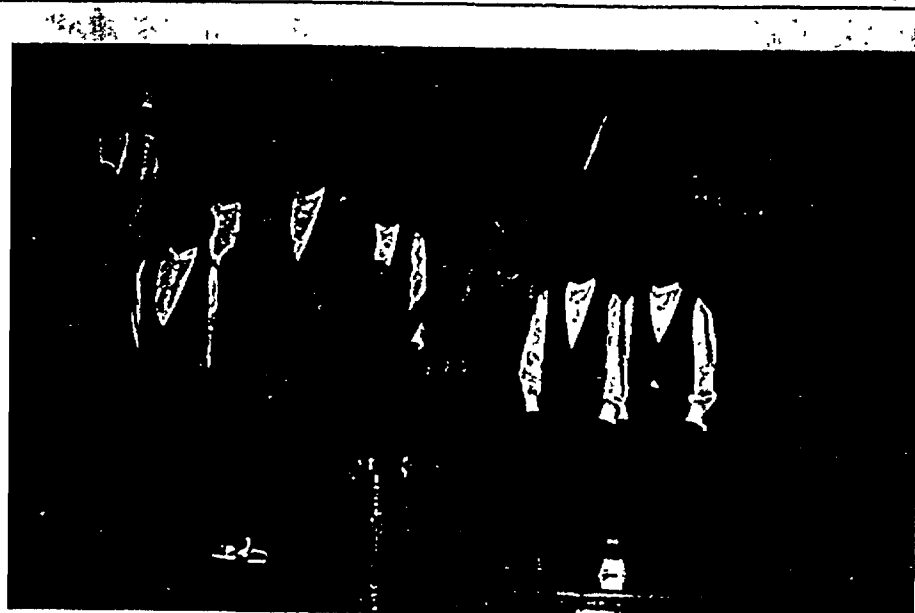
The cost of the program is \$12 per half-hour for group instruction and \$22 per half-hour for private instruction, payable directly to the teacher.

Watkins taught the summer beginners string program.

Registration forms will be available at the informational meeting or at the Northville Public Schools Web site, www.northville.k12.mi.us, and is open from Jan. 3-13.

"We are just looking at this as a really positive sign that they are considering this as part of a music program in Northville," Logan said.

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



Submitted photo

Sing your praises!

Members of the Northville Novi Youth Chorus take a break from performing at Fox Theatre in Detroit for the holidays. More than 30 boys and girls are members of the audition-level community choir.

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Farmington Hills will also be the site of the Advanced Breakfast Club program on Thursday.

The goals of the program are to improve players' overall knowledge of the game, teach new drills, increase enjoyment of the game, build confidence, conditioning and develop skating and puck skills in a competitive and fun environment. Coaches include former professional and collegiate players with vast coaching and playing experience.

All youth hockey coaches receive 50 percent off tuition to the Breakfast Club. New this year is a special offer from RBK Hockey — all registered players may purchase an RBK SK Modano pattern hockey stick for just \$75 (retail is \$150.) In addition, players who refer a new player to the Breakfast Club will receive \$50 off their tuition.

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

2006: Show some resolve

Many of us made 2006 resolutions. Likely, by now most of us have already broken them.

It happens. Don't fret. We're all in the same boat. The New Year is our annual second chance, an opportunity to lose a little weight, kick a bad habit or stand on a better foot.

Here's hoping you number the following among your 2006 pledges: help someone who needs assistance; write us

a letter to the editor.

Shovel someone's snow-filled driveway, or visit a local nursing home. Reach out and help a neighbor, or a stranger.

Then at some point during the coming year, write us a note about a topic you feel strongly. Tell us what's on your mind, good or bad.

Your input makes our editorial page stronger, and keeps us better connected with you.

What do you think?

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

City: Rebuild Beal Street bridge

Later this month, the City of Northville will describe to Beal Town residents the potential bridge reconstruction at the west end of Beal Street where it meets Griswold Street. A grant would pay for the bulk of the project, which has languished on the state's to-do list for nearly a decade. The city would have to cover professional fees, but re-connecting a corridor from the southeast corner of the city is a worthwhile investment. We urge the city council to incorporate homeowners' desires for traffic-calming measures for the restored through-street as part of a plan to accept the grant. It's a \$500,000 opportunity the city can't afford to pass up.

Township: Fogg helped us see clearly

Northville Township residents remember Russell Fogg, who served on the Northville Township Board of Trustees in 1992. Fogg's fight against brain cancer ended last week but his legacy will live on. From real estate sales by day and senior alliance member by night, Fogg is among several who will be remembered well into the new 2006 year — and beyond.

Schools: Bus garage needed, but ...

Northville Public Schools officials are asking voters to approve two bond proposals Feb. 28 totaling \$70.7 million. A portion of the amount will allow construction of a new transportation facility. The district's bus facilities are outdated and in need of serious repair. Employee growth has office personnel sharing work space, with certain hours of the day where one employee must stand. This piece of the proposal is worthy of a "yes" vote. Whether other projects detailed in the \$45.3 million proposal are worthy of voter approval remains to be seen.

Athletics: Get back in the swing

The Northville Mustangs winter sports teams will all be back in full swing this week. Though the long winter break may make it seem like there are no sports going on, there are. We urge everyone to take a little time out of their schedules and cheer the Mustangs to victory in 2006.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Om Kathuria, right, reviews PC word processing skills with Gordon Emlinger Tuesday during an afternoon class held at the Northville Senior Community Center. The "Computer 1" class introduces seniors to computers and helps them access the Internet, e-mail and word processing. For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

Strength in numbers? Maybe not

Straws in the wind as we make the turn into memory

"DEMOGRAPHY IS HISTORY," the experts say. That's a bit cloudy, but it basically means that a state's or a nation's future is profoundly determined by the size and nature of its population. In Michigan's case, the demographic trends that will determine what happens to our state in the long run will start becoming clear in 2006.

First glimpses are not encouraging. The auto industry is settling back and closing plants. Michigan's total auto employment is still 223,000, but that's down 79,000 from a decade ago.

That means that one out of every four 1996 auto jobs has disappeared. Blue collar workers are especially feeling the pinch, finding jobs outside the industry and often moving out of state.

That's especially true for younger workers who can't see much of a future in the auto industry — or elsewhere — here.

This also means that Michigan's population growth will likely continue to lag other states. Overall, we have grown by only 1.8 percent since 2000, which puts us 42nd among the states.

Keep this trend up, and we'll lose another seat in the U.S. House of Representatives — and the political clout that goes with it — after the 2010 census. (We've already lost four seats since 1980.)

The big question has to do with the education and skill level of those who stay. It's clear the manufacturing jobs of the future — like those at the DaimlerChrysler engine plant in Monroe or the Toyota tech center near Ann Arbor — will require post-high school credentials.

But the quality of Michigan's workforce overall lags behind other states — the consequence of a culture that assumed that any high school drop-out could get a good paying job at the auto plants.

THE DOMESTIC AUTO INDUSTRY will continue to shrink, of course, bringing the toughest economic times to Michigan in living



Phil Power

David Cole, the head of the Center for Automotive Research and the ranking independent expert on the industry, thinks the chance of a strike at the now-bankrupt Delphi bringing General Motors down is less than 20 percent. I hope he's right.

It's a funny feeling, though, to realize that to a large degree the economic fate of Michigan depends on decisions to be made by only three people: GM's Rick Wagoner, Delphi Corp.'s Steve Miller and the United Auto Workers' Ron

Gettelfinger. They may not be able to save our economy, but they could destroy it with a few bad moves.

You have to hope they're all as sane and smart as they appear.

SOME HOPEFUL SIGNS are on the horizon, though. State Superintendent of Instruction Mike Flanagan has recommended a seriously beefed-up curriculum for Michigan schools.

The State Board of Education has endorsed the idea, but it has to get through the legislature to become effective this year. I'd be surprised if our political masters actually stepped forward this year, but stranger things have happened. With a newly elected school board taking over in Detroit, I doubt anything of any substance will happen in what certainly is the most crisis-ridden district in the state.

And by mid-March, parts of six communities in Oakland County will be hooked up for widespread wireless Internet access in homes, cars, stores, parks and anywhere else. By the end of 2007, all 910 square miles of the county will be wired for wireless.

County Executive L. Brooks Patterson, the moving force behind this leap forward, says it's "history in the making." What puzzles me is why, if our political masters are so fired up about fixing Michigan's economy, they don't push a program like this statewide.

WHICH BRINGS US TO BUSINESS TAXES. Gov. Jennifer Granholm, House Speaker Craig DeRoche, R- Novi, and Senate

Majority Leader Ken Sikkema, R-Grandville, have all agreed that Michigan's business tax structure badly needs to be simplified and restructured.

Granholm proposed a fairly substantial program early last year, but it languished amid partisan sniping. And the tax changes passed at the end of last year were marginal, at best.

Personally, I think a radical program is called for: Repeal the Single Business Tax and replace it by extending the sales tax to services while reducing the 6 per cent rate. But don't hold your breath. Unless I am happily wrong, the political system is sufficiently broken to insure nothing substantive or far-reaching will happen, even though this state is literally fighting for its economic life.

WITH THE FAILURE OF THE POLITICAL SYSTEM over the past few years, you can expect a whole bunch of measures to be placed directly on the November ballot, bypassing a paralyzed legislature with "citizen-based" (i.e. special interest-financed) initiatives.

A partial list includes: Bans on abortion, dove hunting and affirmative action; raising the minimum wage; hiring preferences for veterans; guaranteeing funding increases for schools; strengthening private property rights; relaxing legislative term limits.

California leads the nation in this, a trend much criticized by political scientists as replacing representative democracy with direct vote by an uninformed and easily manipulated electorate.

"Californiaocracy," however, is the inevitable outcome of a political system that is dysfunctional and out of touch with the big concerns of real people. We need to change this — and my new year's wish for us all is that we figure out how.

Happy New Year!

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

LETTERS

Thank you!

My deepest appreciation to the Novi Police Department, the Paramedics and the citizens of

Novi who attended to me as I lay bleeding and throwing up on the sidewalk. They all must have strong stomachs. I was the victim of an assault and purse-snatching

outside a credit union in Novi last week and the two men responsible were in custody and my money retrieved within hours. Their combined efforts were outstanding.

Thank God for people who do get involved.

Name withheld upon request
Northville

RECORD SOURCES

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

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

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

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

WHAT'S GOING ON?

David Aguilar, editor (248) 349-1700, ext. 102 daguilar@gannett.com

NORTHVILLE EVENTS

Grief Support Groups

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

Art Exhibit

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

Art Event

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

American Association of University Women

DATE: Saturday
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Schoolcraft College, VisTaTech Center, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia
DETAILS: The cost is \$22 and includes lunch. The program will be "True Colors" by Barbara DeGrazia.
CONTACT: Mary Ann Stewart, (248) 449-7602

Northville Garden Club

DATE: Monday
TIME: noon
LOCATION: Cady Inn, Mill Race Village
DETAILS: Patty Page will be leading a hands-on session of painting on glass. Members and guests should bring a glass item to paint.
CONTACT: Julie Mantay, (248) 349-1602



John Walker, 5, laughs and runs for cover as his dad, Jon Walker barrels down the snowy slope at Cass Benton Park in Northville last week.

Northville Genealogical Society

DATE: Sunday
TIME: 1:15 p.m., Computer Class; 2:30 p.m., Program
LOCATION: Library, 212 W. Cady St.
DETAILS: Susan Vitali will be the presenter of "Capturing Your Ancestors Through Photos and Journaling." All are welcome.
CONTACT: www.rootweb.com/~mings

Country Garden Club of Northville

DATE: Tuesday
TIME: noon
LOCATION: Cady Inn, Mill Village
DETAILS: The speaker will be George Papdelis from Telly's Greenhouse. Visitors are welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 349-7783

Ladies Night

DATE: Friday, Jan. 13
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Hills Golf Club villas, 44426 Broadmoor Boulevard, north-west corner of Five Mile and Sheldon roads
DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support and Paula Neys of Arbonne will be hosting this fund-raiser. There will be a

model condo tour, an Arbonne makeover, Healing Touch massages, acupuncture, manicures, pedicures, and chair massages. The cost is \$10 and refreshments will be served.
CONTACT: Call Paula Neys, (248) 982-5971 or e-mail pneys@wideopenwest.com.

Open Mic Night

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

Art Walk

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

Marquis Theater

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

"Pinocchio"

DATE: Saturday and Sunday through January
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$7.50, no children under 3 years old.
CONTACT: Call (248) 349-8110 or www.northvillamarquistheatre.com

Genitt's Little Theater

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

Lunch/Dinner Theater

DATES: Friday and Saturday
DETAILS: The theme is "Super Bowl Scramble." Tickets are \$45 per person and includes meal and show.

Maybury Park/Farm Programs

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

Library Lines

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall; parking off Cady Street
CONTACT: For information about programs, services or to request or renew library materials, (248) 349-3020
TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday and Saturday; and 1-5 p.m., Sunday

Adult Book Discussion

DATE: Monday
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: This discussion will be on the book "Talk to the Hand: the utter bloody rudeness of the world today" by Lynne Truss.

Internet Basics

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 11
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Learn the fundamentals of finding information on the Internet, including hands-on practice on a laptop computer. The class is open to anyone experienced in using a computer mouse.
CONTACT: To register, call (248) 349-3020.

Crafts Class

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 24
TIME: 4 p.m.
DETAILS: All ages are welcome to make a hanging beaded star. Children ages 5 and under should attend with a caregiver. No registration required.

Ireland Presentation

DATE: Wednesday, Feb. 15
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Tour guide, Kathy Thornton will present slides of castles, towns and historic sites of Ireland. The program is free but space is limited. Reservations can be made by calling the library.
CONTACT: To register, call (248) 349-3020

Herniated Disc Technology Discovered by NASA Scientists

Ann Arbor - A new free report has recently been released that reveals how breakthrough medical technology is offering new hope for sciatica sufferers. Discover how research has proven non-surgical decompression 86% successful in treating debilitating back pain. Find out how NASA's accidental discovery led to the most promising treatment today. For your free report entitled, "How Space Age Technology Is Solving Back Pain Without Drugs Or Surgery!" Call 1-800-862-6185 for the toll-free recorded message. Supplies are limited - call now. If phone lines are busy, visit: www.free-discreport4u.com

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Jon Walker pulls his son John, 5, up the snowy slopes of Cass Benton Park in Northville last week.

WHAT'S GOING ON? (CONT'D)

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Tot Storytime

TIME/DATE: 10:15 a.m., Monday, Jan. 23-Feb. 27; 10:15 or 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, Jan. 25-March 1; 10:15 a.m., Thursdays, Jan. 26-March 2

DETAILS: This storytime is for 2- and 3-year-olds with a parent or caregiver. Babies, additional siblings, or non-registered children may not attend.

CONTACT: To register, call (248) 349-3020.

Kids Club

DATE: Thursday, Jan. 19, Librarians Choice; Thursday, Feb. 16, Amazing Balloons.

TIME: 4:30-5:15 p.m.

DETAILS: This is an after-school program for first, second and third grades featuring stories, games and crafts. Each session includes 20 children.

CONTACT: To register, call (248) 349-3020.

Junior Books, Chat and Chow

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 25

TIME: 4:15 p.m.

DETAILS: This program is for fourth and fifth grades. It will include snacks and discussing the book, "Chasing Vermeer" by Blue Balliett.

CONTACT: To register, call (248) 349-3020.

Teen Books, Chat and Chow

DATE: Monday

TIME: 4 p.m.

DETAILS: Students in middle and high school are invited to have snacks, meet other teens and discuss the novel, "Breathe" by Jo Napoli. Registration required.

CONTACT: (248) 349-3020

Friends Store

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

Book Donations

DETAILS: Used books and materials are needed by the Friends of the Library. The library adds to the collection and donates the rest to the Friends for sale, with proceeds benefiting the library. Donations are tax deductible. If you need assistance unloading books from your car, call (248) 349-3020 in advance to make arrangements.

Library Board of Trustee Meetings

DATE: Fourth Thursday of the month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Public is welcome.

Church Events

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile

Road

Single Adults

DATE: Sunday

TIME: 11:30 a.m.

CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

College Age

DATE: Sunday

TIME: 10:20 a.m.

CONTACT: Mark Tarpinian, (248) 347-3525

First United Methodist Church

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

Healing Service

DATE: First Monday of each month

TIME: 4 p.m.

CONTACT: (248) 349-1144

Grief Support Group

DATE: Fourth Monday of each month

TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.

DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. No registration is necessary.

CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support, (248) 348-0115 or www.newhope-center.net

Senior Events

Thursday, Jan. 5

9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds

Sensibly

10 a.m.: Red Hatters Meeting

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

1 p.m.: Tai Chi

By appointment: Massage

Friday, Jan. 6

10 a.m.: Strength Training

11:30 a.m.: Computer I

1 p.m.: Movie: March of the

Penguins

By appointment: Massage

Monday, Jan. 9

10 a.m.: Line Dancing

10 a.m.: Oxygene I

11 a.m.: Oxygene II

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

1 p.m.: Computer I

1:30 p.m.: Eye Disease

Seminar

Tuesday, Jan. 10

10 a.m.: Travel Show

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

1 p.m.: Computers I

4:30 p.m.: "Menopause the

Musical" Trip

Wednesday, Jan. 11

9 a.m.: Motor City Casino

Trip

10 a.m.: Oxygene Level I

11 a.m.: Oxygene Level II

noon: Bridge

1 p.m.: Computer II

By appointment: Foot

Reflexology

Travel Show

DATE: Tuesday

TIME: 10 a.m.-noon

LOCATION: Senior

Community Center, 303 W.

Main St.

DETAILS: This show

includes information on upcoming

trips, refreshments and door

prizes. There is no charge, pre-

registration is requested.

CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Medicare Information Seminar

DATE: Tuesday, Jan. 17

TIME: 10:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Senior

Community Center, 303 W.

Main St.

DETAILS: This seminar will

include choosing a drug plan,

cost comparison, qualifying,

enrollment and exemptions

from enrollment. Mr. Ted

Kinard, Visiting Physician

Association, will be the speaker.

The seminar is free, pre-regis-

tration requested.

CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Auto Show Trip

DATE: Wednesday, Jan. 19

TIME: 9:30 a.m. Bus departs

from parking lot across from the

post office, Wing Street.

DETAILS: The cost is \$18 for

transportation plus \$6 auto

show admission. Pre-registra-

tion requested.

CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

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,

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War: What is it good for?

■ Gathering will discuss impacts of war in Iraq

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Scott Craig and Bill Joyner need help to end the war in Iraq.

Craig said he now knows the four-year war was a mistake.

"If you look at the country

as a whole, the majority of

Americans, both democratic

and republican, are now saying

the war was a mistake, but no

one is sure how to get out of it," said the 51-year-old Northville Township resident.

The Northville and Livonia Democratic Clubs

are co-sponsoring a community town hall meet-

ing Saturday aimed toward raising levels of con-

sciousness on the impact of the war in Iraq and

the effects it is having on specific local issues.

"This discussion was organized because there

is not an easy answer and this is a critical discus-

sion," Craig said.

Joyner, 56, of Livonia, said residents need to

get their priorities straight and let their elected

officials know how they feel about the war.

"With the war taking away from our domestic

needs such as education, we must become

increasingly vigilant as America depletes our

resources on a war half a world away," Joyner

said. "How are we going to educate our children,

create jobs for our grandchildren and provide

economic stability for our families?"

Craig and Joyner will be hosting the meeting

and expect more than 150 people.

■ Impact from war

Where: Livonia Senior Citizen Center, 15218 Farmington Road

When: 10 a.m.-noon, Saturday

Who: Open to the public for

discussion format.

Contact: Scott Craig at

scraig27@comcast.net or Bill

Joyner at farmville.joyner@sbc-

global.net.

"Scott and I have a deep and

abiding belief that if we're

going to change anything in

this world, it starts at the grass

roots level," Joyner said.

"People need to understand

that the war in Iraq is half a

world away, and the potholes

are in front of our homes and

the hospitals are across the

street that we can't afford to go

to."

More than 200 communities throughout the

nation are scheduled to have similar town discus-

sions Saturday. A number of organizations

including, Progressive Democrats of America,

Cities for Peace and Gold Star Families for Peace

stand behind educating residents across the

country on the war.

"There's an old saying in politics: all politics

start out local," Craig said. "(The discussions) will

definitely put the pressure on politicians in

Washington."

Both Joyner and Craig agreed anyone can

speak their mind and join in fighting back for their

country.

"People are sitting at home wondering what

they can do," Joyner said. "One person with one

dollar and one idea can only go so far, but if you

can get 10 people with \$10 and 10 ideas you can

go that much further."

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Mill Race Historical Village

LOCATION: Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

Thursday, Jan. 5: Brownie

Scouts, 3:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 6: Service Unit B

Scouts, 9:30 a.m.; Junior

Scouts, 4 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 7: 24th

Michigan, 2 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 8: Mill Creek

Church, 10 a.m.; Rug Hookers,

1 p.m.; Venture Scouts, 6:30

p.m.

Monday, Jan. 9: Hand All

Around Quilters, 9 a.m.;

Northville Garden Club, 11

a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 4:15

p.m.; Lions Club, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 10: Stone Gang,

9 a.m.; Country Garden Club,

11 a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 4

p.m.; Cub Scouts, 6 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 12: Archives

open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scouts,

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

p.m.

*Grounds closed to public

Looking for You

GROUND LEVEL

■ Coffee house patrons known best by their drink, not their names

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Jim Buettner is a grande regular coffee about five times a week.

Baristas at the Main Street Starbucks greet his familiar face, take his cash and hand over a cup.

Northville leapt with the rest of the country into the specialty coffee craze. They jam parking lots and shuffle in lines, seeking their java jolt.

From behind the counter, Starbucks shift manager Vicki Wood said repeat patrons become the drink they regularly order.

Drinking It In

Local baristas said customers perk up with recognition of their coffee identity. They warm up to the nickname of their coffee, custom latte or cappuccino, Wood said.

Patrons who drop in often enough, with time enough to talk, sometimes tip the server to their real names.

Tuscan Café owner Will Hundley said relationships are inevitable, greeting people 60 hours per week.

"I know more about my regulars than I do my girlfriend," he said. "I know about their friends, their family, what their son or daughter is involved in after school."

"We want to become not only a coffee destination, we want to become your friends and family."

'Norm!'

Independent or corporate, coffee houses become the domain of their clients.

■ Cuppa Joe?

Starbucks serves about an equal amount of regular coffee and specialty coffee; drinkers, downtown store manager Liz Carnwath said.

Increased confidence in the coffee world comes from increased visits, she said.

"It's like a learning process," Carnwath said. "It's cool."

Regular coffee drinkers eventually step into bolder blends with more flavor, she said.

On Center Street, Tuscan Café serves more brewed coffee than cappuccino, owner Will Hundley said.

"It's mainly because we offer such a variety of brewed coffee," he said, typically eight types are freshly brewed and ready-to-pour. "And because it's so cheap."

Carnwath said Starbucks patrons sometimes change with the seasons, opting for hot or cold versions of the same beverage.

"We do have a lot of people who switch to our holiday drinks," Carnwath said. "Most have their signature drink."

Starbucks calls it the "third place," six-year Starbucks veteran Wood said.

"They stop on the way to and from work," she said. "Sometimes we see people twice a day."

"We want to make that connection, to make someone feel comfortable. It is that 'Cheers.'"

Wood said the staff experimented with labeling cups by customer name because they are so familiar.

Ironically, they found people are fine with being called what they drink.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville Starbucks regular Jim Buettner gets a cup of coffee and a smile from barista Vicki Wood.

"I know more about my regulars than I do my girlfriend."

Will Hundley
Owner, Tuscan Café

About pace

It's a caffeine shot and a meeting place. A quick dash or leisurely stroll in from the sidewalk dictates Hundley's service pace.

"You can tell by the body language from the moment they walk in that door," he said. Part of his expertise as barista is serving what they want in the manner they prefer.

"They throw a dollar at us, we catch it and they're out the door," he said. "It's easy, it's convenient."

"If they have that extra two seconds, they can talk to us." That's the on-the-clock crew. Then there are the regulars who

pour, talk, pour and hang out.

The usual?

"I have regulars who come in once a day, once a week, three times a day," Hundley said. "I have regulars who come in once a year when they visit their families from out-of-town."

Hundley knows one three-times-a-day patron as huge-decaf.

"When our regulars come in, I know by the time of the day it is what they're going to be drinking," he said. "That's one of the things I like best about being a barista, knowing what they want."

Coffee houses assumed a more prominent role as an American social gathering place in the 1990s. Television shows such as *Friends* (1994) and *Frasier* (1993) featured coffee houses as settings for many scenes; whereas in previous decades bars were seen as usual gathering places e.g., *Cheers* (1982).

Where everyone knows your (coffee) name

SOURCE: wikipedia.org

Tuscan and Starbucks baristas described how a person's face lights up the first time you remember their drink.

"We're here to serve them a cup of coffee," Starbucks manager Liz Carnwath said. "If that helps improve their day, all the

better. That's what we're here for."

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WHAT'S GOING ON? (CONT'D)

continued from 12A

Housing Commission

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

Youth Assistance

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

Parks and Recreation Commission

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

Parks and Recreation

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-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 the Return to Learn scholarship. Recipients get either \$500 or \$1,000, depending on the number of registered credit hours.

CONTACT: Cindy Cichelli, (834) 462-4400, ext. #5202 or www.schoolcraft.edu/r2l

Ford Rouge Plant Tour

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

Miranda Mill, 11, yells as she's snapped back by a bungee cord Saturday while competing in one of the many games offered during Northville Nite.



Residents reflect on passing year, then anticipate 2006 changes

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Seven-year-old Natalie Baier isn't sure 2006 is the year she'll learn to swim in the deep end.

But Northville High School senior Dan Grimmer is certain a trophy will return to Detroit.

"The Pistons are going to win the national championship," he said. "That's all I got."

Local residents shared their 2006 prophecies, including puppy train-

ing, travel and political potshots.

More than 800 area residents spent the final hours of 2005 at Hillside Middle School, enjoying the ninth annual Northville Nite. While youngsters bounced, played games and created crafts, observers shared expectations for the forthcoming year, grim and optimistic, general and specific.

Near and far

Since Christmas morning meant a four-legged addition to her family

of six, Cathy Doolittle could see how the new year would unfold.

"We got a new puppy," she said. "It's so cute. So we've got a big year of chewing and housebreaking."

Several parents said the coming year would mean changes at home.

"We're remodeling our house," said Laura Lucida. "And we're looking forward to doing something more as a family activity, like taking swimming lessons together."

Janet Bloom hopes to set aside more leisure time in 2006, "a little

Mom time, a little more me time."

Rita Bryndza said 2006 will mean more adventures in new places for her husband and two sons.

"We like to travel a lot," she said. "We'll be taking lots of trips."

Anna Kuznetsova said travel also is on her family's itinerary. After a trip to Switzerland, she will host her parents visiting from her native Russia.

Others hoped for the return of service personnel serving in the Middle East, predicting an end to U.S. involvement in Iraq after the transition to local rule.

Star gazing

Betty Baier will be watching a couple of ongoing sagas in the new year.

"I'm thinking about actors Brad (Pitt) and Angelina (Jolie)," Baier said. "What will they do? Will they still be together?"

On the Detroit sports scene, she said, "Joey Harrington will find a better life."

Mark Kesson, who is planning for the Red Wings to win the Stanley Cup, was one of many partiers who predicted Detroit sports teams will bring home championship trophies.

For Chris Popp, 2006 will be "one year closer to getting Bush out of office."

Others had different ideas.

"I predict that Bill Clinton will start writing children's stories to support him and his family," Emily Sherman said. "I don't think Hillary is going to make it as a candidate. I just don't think even her own party is that fond of her."

Marcia Sherman added, "I predict Geoffrey Feiger will start writing children's books."

Ups, downs ahead

Mike Hart and Clark Couyoumjian hoped for an improved 2006 economy.

"The Dow Jones will be at 11,700," Couyoumjian said. Hopefully, the war in Iraq will be over. The Pistons will win an NBA championship again. The Colts will win the Superbowl."

Meads Mill Middle School seventh graders Haley Guilfoile and Olivia Niemiec, helping with one of the Northville Nite craft activities, didn't have high hopes on New Year's Eve.

"I think it's going to be a lucky year," Niemiec said. "With the good luck that comes in there will be bad luck right after it."

Guilfoile added, "I think this year there probably will be more hurricanes than last year because of global warming."



Alaina Barnes, 6, makes a butterfly out of colorful foam during Northville Nite at Hillside Middle School.

"The Dow Jones will be at 11,700. Hopefully, the war in Iraq will be over. The Pistons will win an NBA championship again. The Colts will win the Superbowl."

Clark Couyoumjian
Resident, Northville

Auld Lang Syne

Emily Sherman, Northville Parks and Recreation Department special events supervisor, said she looks back and forward on New Year's Eve. The Northville Nite organizer took a deep breath after the evening unfolded as planned.

"I look at 2006 as a new slate," she said. "There is so much opportunity there."

"You don't know what's going to happen."

Sherman said she wouldn't mind a year just like the one just ended.

"I'm really hopeful I'll finish 2006 as happy as I finished 2005," she said. "I don't know that I'm really reflective, just hopeful."

"God is good."

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Dan Frich guides daughter Sarah, 1, across the recreation center at Hillside Middle School during Northville Nite Saturday.

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Dearborn Federal Savings Bank	(313) 565-3100	6.125	0	5.75	0	3.625	2	A
DFCU Financial	(800) 739-2770	5.875	2	5.375	2	NR	NR	J/A
Fifth Third Bank	(800) 792-9830	6.25	0	5.75	0.375	5.125	0.375	J/A/F
First Alliance Mortgage Co.	(800) 292-7367	6	0	5.625	0	NR	NR	J/A/N/F
First International Mortgage	(248) 258-1684	6.75	0	6.375	0	NR	NR	J/A
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Janine Marks, a 12-year-old, was fairly normal.

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They liked the same bands.

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Only her friend wasn't in Junior High.

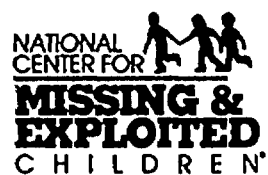
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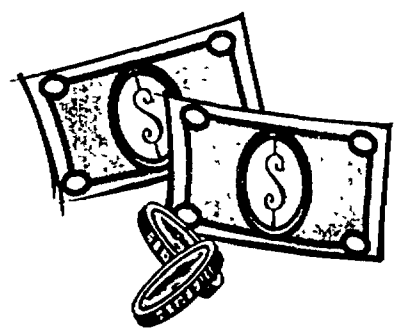
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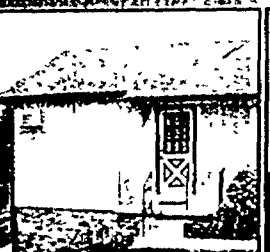
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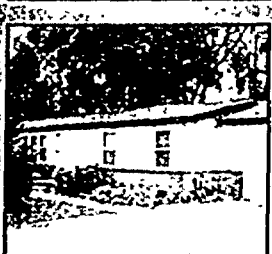
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**LIVONIA** \$184,000

Priced to sell! 3 bdrm brick ranch, w/ing area Florida rm, basement offers separate laundry room and 2 family areas/forces Fenced yard 2 garage central air heat off roof 05, newer furnace Home warranty MLS# 25156155 248-437-4500

**LYONS** \$534,900

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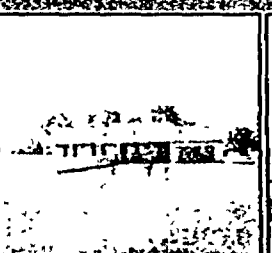
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2 staircases, wooded priv cul-de-sac lot 3.5 car garage w/bsmnt underneath study w/judge's paneling, kit w/42" cabs w/granite, stone top in fr w/mahogany fr, fin ll w/o w/gr w/p bar w/kit, bdrm, bath, wine cellar deck MLS# 25174142 248-347-3050

**NORTHVILLE** \$1,225,000

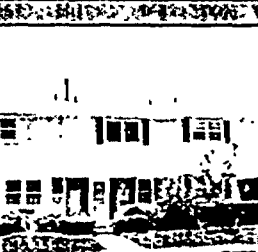
On 4.43 Acres Granite Counters In Kitchen/bath/laundry Kitchen w/Cherry Cabinets/limestone/cherry plank flrs & built-ins Stone top in front rm/french Drs Master Bedrm w/jack & Jill Bath 3rd Lev Poss Bedrm! MLS# 25170112 248-347-3050

**NORTHVILLE** \$800,000

1st Flr Mstr Designed Jobe Wheelchair Accessible & Has A Huge Mstr Ba & Walk in Closet Lovely Granite & Cherry Kit Oak Flrs Fin Bsmnt W full Bath Add Part Fin Space Up Could Be Home Office Asupr Ste, Etc MLS# 25169210 248-347-3050

**NORTHVILLE** \$600,000

Kitchen w/granite, upgraded appliances, 2 wine coolers, extra large Pantry Dual staircases leading to 4 large bedrooms that all have their own bathrooms 3 car garage prof landscaped & elevated stone patio w/brick pavers MLS# 25174768 248-347-3050

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**NOVI** \$1,300,000

2-story foyer & gr w/hall of windows granite counters hwd flrs in fr study & 12 bath kitchen marble fr in foyer dual staircases 3 fpl's extra deep daylight bsmnt w/rough-ins bridge overlooking 4 1/2 car garage! MLS# 25175887 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$725,000

2-story foyer, 12th ceilings in Lr, fr & Dr brazilian Cherry Fr in Dr & Study Study tray Ceiling in Mstr Ste Granite & Conan Counters in Kit w/42" maple Cabs epoxy Fr in Garage Fin W/o cherry w/ bar gr exercise Rm MLS# 25179229 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$540,000

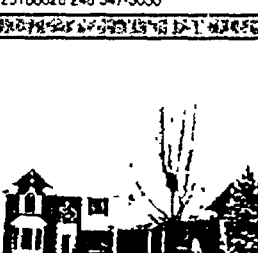
2-story Foyer Formal Living dining Rm W/vaulted Ceiling Library Kitchen w/hwd tile oven family rm W/frst Stunning Mstr Ste 21x8 Wic Finished Lower level W/theater Rm & Bath Perfect For Au Pair in-law Ste! MLS# 25170409 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$400,000

On 1/2 acre lot w/updates! 2 story foyer, library living room w/frplc & French Drs Kitchen w/new hwd Fr Island Cooktop DR w/buffers Pantry Mstr ste w/frplc vaulted ceiling bath w/garden tub & 2 WIC process ste! MLS# 25173948 248-347-3050

**NOVI** \$250,000

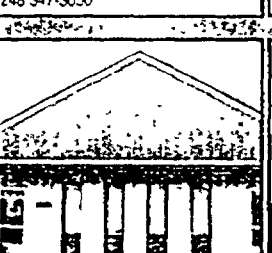
2-story GR Each BR suite offers a Full Bath and Wc Kitchen has upgraded Maple cabs w/extra storage, prof painted T.O spacious Den Overlooking Great Rm Full Finished bsmnt w/family rm & Bar MLS# 25166374 248-347-3050

**PLYMOUTH** \$470,000

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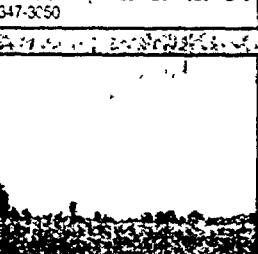
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**SOUTH LYON** \$350,000

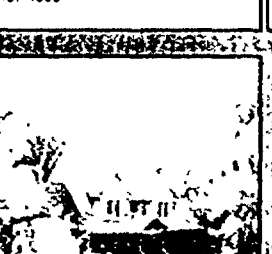
2 Story foyer kitchen w/land 42" Cabinets, Hwd Fr bay nook 11th Ceiling On 1st Flr DR w/ey ceiling wainscoting LR vaulted mstr ste w/WIC bath w/sep garden tub daylight bsmnt plumbed for bath! MLS# 25176886 248-347-3050

**SOUTH LYON** \$154,900

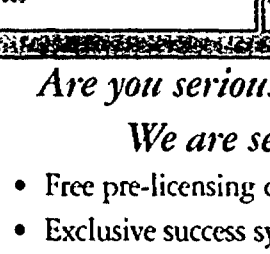
Great piece of property! Survey perk, township taxes South Lyon schools Build your dream home! MLS# 25177793 248-437-4500

**SOUTHFIELD** \$160,000

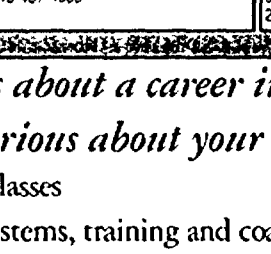
Super condo in NW corner of Southfield, private and quiet! Ceiling fans in all bedrooms, recent paint Pergo floors and newer kitchen Assoc fee includes water and sewer trash and road MLS# 25136541 248-437-4500

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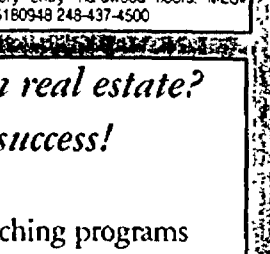
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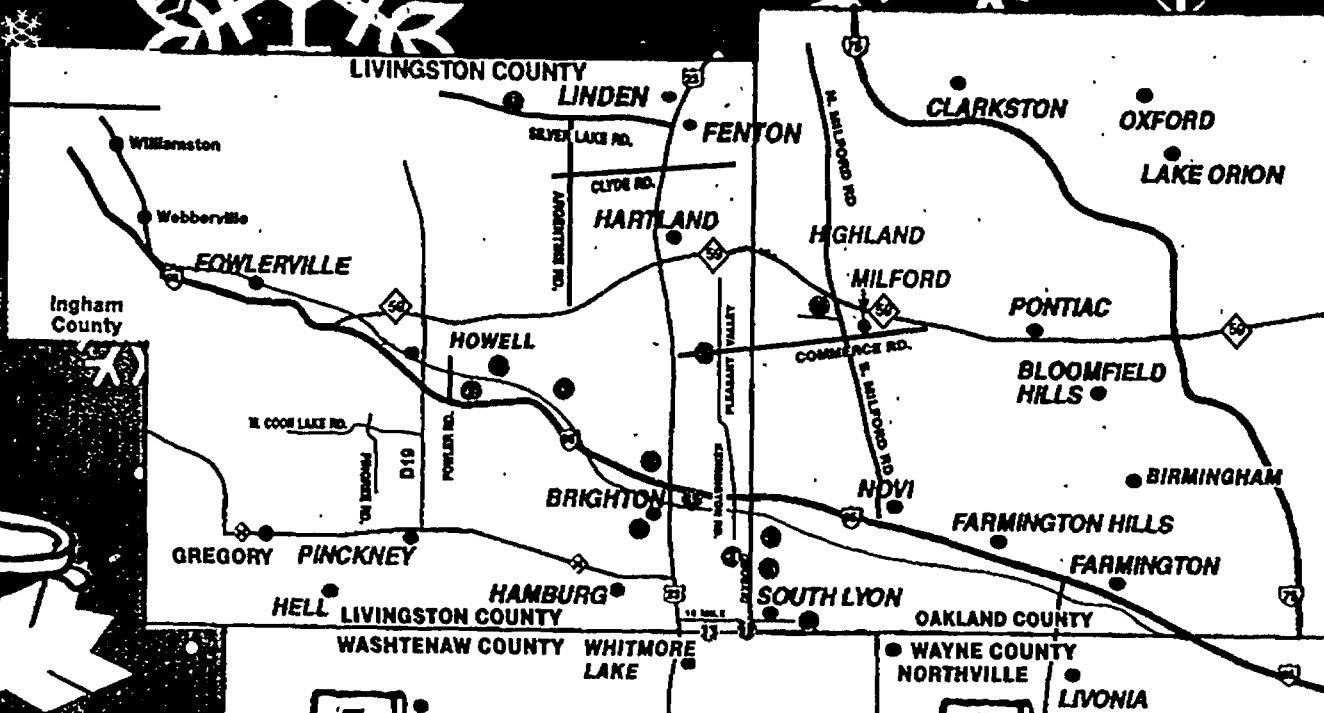
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(T32NOR) 248-349-5600 \$122,900



DEARBORN Hqts. Well Kpt Cape Cod
3BR, 2 full bath home w/updated dimensional roof. Gorgeous kit w/oak cabs & neutral counters. Upstairs BR w/WIC & full bath. Oil lot w/fruit trees, patio, gazebo & pond. Two car attached garage. One year warranty.
(T00ROB) 248-349-5600 \$199,000



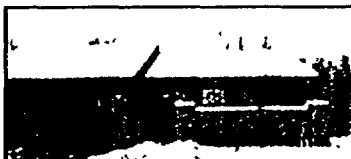
REDFORD My First Home
Great brick ranch with many updates throughout. Refinished hardwood floors, newer windows & some painting. Finished basement, private fenced yard & one year home warranty included.
(T23FIV) 248-349-5600 \$116,000



YPSILANTI It Will Capture Your Heart
This charming 4 bdrm cape cod offers private back yard, newer HWY, bath, roof, vinyl windows, car breakers & new wood porch in 05. Open staircase, heated flrs & 2 car gar.
(T10LEX) 734-455-5600 \$121,900



WESTLAND Fantastic Buy!
This charming 3 bdrm brick ranch offers livable schools, partially fin bsmt, huge deck, hrdwd flrs in liv rm & under cpt in bdrms & updated kitchen. Also a nice 2 car gar.
(T25MER) 734-455-5600 \$154,900



SOUTHFIELD A Rare Find-Ranch Condo
All appliances, 1 year home warranty & quick occupancy are just a few of the pluses offered. Large GR & DR w/door wall to private patio & view of the woods. Full bsmt & att gar. Master suite w/full bath. Won't last!
(T05CUM) 248-349-5600 \$149,900




SOUTHFIELD Exceptional Value!
Very well maintained 3BR 2BA ranch on large lot. Features: newer vinyl windows, attached garage, first floor laundry, huge deck, master bath. Across from beautiful Plum Hollow Golf Course! Home warranty.
(T70LAH) 248-349-5600 \$126,900




DEARBORN Near Fordson High School
3BR brick home near Fordson High School with hardwood floors T/O 2nd floor bedroom w/huge walk-in closet. Partially finished basement. All appliances included. Two car garage. In acely fenced deep yard.
(T49MAP) 248-349-5600 \$149,900



WOODHAVEN Move Right In
Lg 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath brick ranch offering updated oak kit, open fam rm w/gas frpl, Pella doorwall to southern exposed covered patio, 2 car garage & part fin bsmt.
(T63LOR) 734-455-5600 \$159,900



ROMULUS Great Looking House
This 3 bdrm tri-level has many updates, lg yard, open kitchen, freshly painted, 2 c gar w/newer door. Appl. deck & home warranty.
(T06HAL) 734-455-5600 \$134,000



FARMINGTON HILLS Custom Brick Ranch
W/3 spacious BRs & 3.5BAs. Remodeled dream kit w/granite counters & tile floors. Two fireplaces. Huge GR, formal DR, super fin bsmt w/full kit. One year home warranty. Close to Hilsde Elementary school. Nice lot.
(T01DRA) 248-349-5600 \$349,900



SOUTH LYON Tanglewood Condo
Seller will assist with closing costs if offer accepted by 11/24. Large family room, MBR on 1st floor, W/O lower level. Hardwood floors & carpet, large windows allow lots of sunshine.
(T28SAW) 248-349-5600 \$388,000



NORTHVILLE Golf Course Community
4BR, 4.5BA colonial w/hardwood floors, kit w/granite counters & tiled marble backsplash. Green molding. Wow! Lower level w/built-in media center/surround sound. Raised patio w/Pergola that backs to 1st fairway.
(T93RVN) 248-349-5600 \$659,000




DEARBORN Charming Brick Ranch
Popular location close to Ford Motor Co., Hospital, freeways & shopping offers 3 bdrm, 2 baths, fin bsmt, 2 car garage, 2 bed deck & patio, newer roof, windows & furnace & all appls stay.
(T65SNO) 734-455-5600 \$154,900




DETROIT Remodeled Gem
1.5 bath bungalow offers newer eat-in kit, bath, furnace, CA, windows, 2 c gar, roof & updated elec. Appliances stay & 1 year home warranty.
(T34PEN) 734-455-5600 \$74,990



WATERFORD Newly Remodeled Ranch
3BR, 1.5BA home with newer carpet and fresh paint throughout. Oversized 4 car garage. Huge kitchen with fireplace. Fenced yard. In great location.
(T42AIR) 248-349-5600 \$164,900



BRIGHTON Home With a Heart
Picturesque approx 80 acre lot. Fantastic 3BR, 2.5BA ranch w/walk-out bsmt, heated 2.5 car gar, 2-level deck and top quality updates T/O. A rare find & worth bragging about. This home won't last. So hurry.
(T52WAS) 248-349-5600 \$279,900




NORTHVILLE Stately Colonial
4BR, 3.5BA colonial on approx 2.4 acres. Home boasts formal DR, FR, master suite w/trpc & balcony. 2nd floor laundry lovely kit w/marble cabs HWY. Conan counters. 2nd BR has priv bath & Jack & Jill bath for 3 & 4th BR.
(T01SEV) 248-349-5600 \$714,900



GARDEN CITY Bigger Than The Rest
This lg 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial presents 2 c att gar, bsmt, great rm w/trpc, cable/tered upper deck off mstr ste, kit w/quality cabinets, lower deck w/hot tub w/privacy enclosure & beautiful main yard.
(T70BRO) 734-455-5600 \$239,900



TAYLOR Enjoy the Park Across the Street
Numerous updates in this charming 2 bdrm ranch including steel doors, 6 panel interior doors, remodeled kit w/solid red oak cabs & 2 c gar, fin bsmt & patio & pond in private yard.
(T62HUR) 734-455-5600 \$110,000



FARMINGTON One of the Larger Ranches
3BR, 1.5BA home with newer carpet and fresh paint throughout. Oversized 4 car garage. Huge kitchen with fireplace. Fenced yard. In great location.
(T55WAI) 248-349-5600 \$197,900



NOVI Contemporary Resort Style Living
Relax by nature watching on your deck or clubhouse, restaurant or the golf course. This 3BR, 2.5BA detached condo features custom ceramic tile, fireplace, appliances & fin bsmt. Light bright & neutral.
(T28COL) 248-349-5600 \$210,000



REDFORD Four Bedroom Home
On nice size corner lot. New windows, gutters & glass block in cedar-paneled LL. Since 2004. Hardwood under carpet on 1st floor. Entire home repainted in 05. Part fin LL. 2 car garage w/extra storage next to it for boat/RV.
(T02WOR) 248-349-5600 \$135,000



VAN BUREN Outstanding Condo
2 bdrm, 2 bath upper unit ranch w/WIC in mstr bdrm, GR w/vaulted ceiling, lg oak kit w/snack bar, doorwall to deck & appliances.
(T33WIL) 734-455-5600 \$127,500




VAN BUREN Awesome Location
This 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial backing to Stonebridge Park offers spacious liv rm, fam rm w/trpc & media rm, 2 car att gar, bsmt, & kit appls. Walking trails, common pool & so much more in this 2001 built home.
(T60WAL) 734-455-5600 \$299,900



BRIGHTON Charming 2BR, 1.5BA Condo
That backs to beautiful wooded area. Eat-in kit w/ lots of counter space. Fin bsmt w/large walk-out doors that open to deck & wooded ravine view. All appl. Lg MBR. Walk to downtown shopping & restaurants.
(T16RIC) 248-349-5600 \$117,000




CANTON Extraordinary Home
You'll certainly fall in love with this awesome 3BR, 1.5BA home offering a lot of living space. Large oak kit & dining w/appliances, big family room w/natural fireplace. CA, large gar, fenced yard, many upgrades.
(T17LAR) 248-349-5600 \$189,900




DEARBORN This Could Be Yours
Extremely clean and ready to enjoy. This charming 3 bdrm colonial offers new in 2005 roof, furn, AC, steel doors & block windows. Recently painted, newer cpt & flr, bsmt & garage.
(T35WAV) 734-455-5600 \$155,000



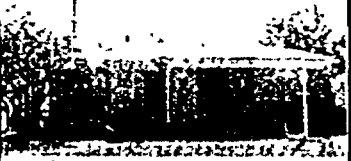
FARMINGTON HILLS Elegance at its Best
Sharp 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath home w/lg deck & 2 c gar sitting on approx 1 acre wooded lot. 1st flr laundry trpc in GR, prof fin bsmt, new closet organizer in mstr bdrm & home warranty.
(T11BRJ) 734-455-5600 \$264,900




LIVONIA Non-traditional Ranch
Rare find in Livonia! Open floor plan, cathedral ceiling, custom floor to ceiling windows, Bright & airy. Hrdwd flrs 1 to 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath, bsmt, move in condition. Beautiful.
(T27CIN) 734-455-5600 \$169,000



FARMINGTON Newly Decorated Quaid
Updated 4BR, 2BA home. Hardwood floors. Living room w/picture window walk-out room. Kitchen with appliances. Breakfast room w/door wall to fenced yard & garage.
(T30KIR) 248-349-5600 \$216,500



SOUTHFIELD Super Brick Ranch
Three bedroom home with nicely decorated country kitchen. Large living room, basement, CA, large deck, fenced backyard & Southfield schools.
(T22INK) 284-349-5600 \$109,000




WESTLAND Beautiful Brick Ranch
Living rm has newer neutral cpt, freshly painted decor. Cheerful kit w/ceramic tile oak cabs & appl inc. Refin hrdwd flr in bdrm, fin bsmt for fam rm, exercise area, new bath in 05. Vinyl windows, paver patio, 2.5 c gar.
(T12MOC) 734-455-5600 \$164,500



WESTLAND Great Location
For this 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath condo w/Livonia schools! Close to shopping & dining. Neutral decor, liv rm w/hdrlt prof fin bsmt, new closet organizer in mstr bdrm. Eat-in hook w/washer & dryer inc. 2 WIC, bsmt & att gar.
(T33PRI) 734-455-5600 \$137,500



GARDEN CITY Buyer Alert
Very nice 2 bdrm home offering newer living in kit & bath, file foyer, newer windows & custom blinds. Newer entry & exterior doors. Hrdwd flrs under carpet. Privacy fenced & gar.
(T29ELM) 734-455-5600 \$109,900



NORTHVILLE Condo Living
At Country Club Village. Motivated seller best describes the owner of this spacious 3BR condo. Owner hates to leave this freshly remodeled and redecorated unit. Prime locations view of pristine pond many upgrades.
(T72EAG) 248-349-5600 \$274,900




DEARBORN Hqts. Big Bungalow
Looking good! 4BR, 2BA, partially finished basement. Updated roof, furnace, windows & C/A. Hardwood floors & coved ceilings. 2 car garage & fenced yard. Take a look!
(T98GRA) 248-349-5600 \$148,900




DEARBORN Hqts. Beautiful Home
Charming 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath brick ranch move in. Fantastic finished basement with family room & 1/2 bath. 2 car garage. Newer furn, CA, HWY, driveway & roof, plus updated kitchen. 1 year home warranty.
(T35SHAN) 734-455-5600 \$124,900



CANTON Unbelievable Value!
In this 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath updated colonial w/part fin bsmt, 2 c att gar, newer kit w/oak cabs, flr, sink & countertop. Fam rm w/trpc formal liv rm & din rm. Eat-in hook w/doorwall to deck.
(T84RAJ) 734-455-5600 \$229,900



DEARBORN Not Your Ordinary Bungalow
Spacious home with an artist's flare features updated furn, A/C, roof, windows, bath & kit. Add'l birdst nook leads to newer deck & private yard. Hrdwd flring huge porch, lovely landscaping & appls included.
(T36CAR) 734-455-5600 \$134,900



FERNDALE Newer Ranch Style Home
Crisp & neutral T/O 3BR, 1BA. Large eat-in kitchen w/wood cabinets. First floor laundry. Lots of cabinet space & storage. Nice fenced yard w/sml gardens.
(T44PIN) 248-349-5600 \$137,000



FARMINGTON An Ideal Location
Cozy and comfortable ground floor condo in the heart of town. Freshly painted in neutral tones. New kit & entry hall floor. Large bedroom, screened sun porch & overlooks landscaped common area. One car garage.
(T53KIN) 248-349-5600 \$70,900




LIVONIA So Much More!
3 bdrm, 2 bath ranch on lg treeed cor. Lot bear walk path to Hines. Updated kit & baths. Great bsmt fin w/hall bath. Newer windows, furn, CA, 2.5 c gar w/heated workshop. Fresh paint, hrdwd flrs, move in cond.
(T90ANG) 734-455-5600 \$184,900



WESTLAND Cute As Can Be!
This 3 bdrm ranch offers Livonia schools, neutral decor, newer windows, lg 2 c gar, CA & some appls. This one won't last at this price.
(T77ARC) 734-455-5600 \$115,900




CANTON Sunflower Village
This attractive home offers 4 bdrms, 2.5 baths, numerous updates incl. roof, windows, furn, cpt, deck & the list goes on. Also 2 c att gar, bsmt, FR w/trpc formal din rm & lg eat in kit.
(T72CLA) 734-455-5600 \$240,000



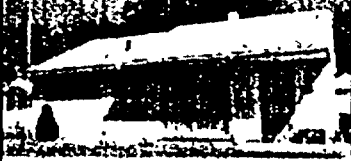
LIVONIA Spectacular Ranch
Recently redone 3BR, 2.5BA home on over 1 acre private wooded lot. Newer kit & baths. Lovely sun room w/loads of windows & newer blinds. Newer roof. Newly landscaped. Guest storage barn w/elec heat & phone.
(T43BET) 248-349-5600 \$299,900



DEARBORN Remarkable Home
4BR, 2BA brick hqdr w/2 full baths, professionally finished basement, 2.5 car garage, newer furnace-00, newer roof-001, excellent landscaping. Great location-close to schools, shopping and expressways.
(T18KEN) 248-349-5600 \$224,900



VAN BUREN Newer Cape Cod
3 bdrm, 2.5 baths, great open flr plan, maple kitchen w/land, ceramic mstr bath with separate shower, great rm w/trpc, hrdwd flr entry, 2 c att gar, 1st flr laundry, full bsmt.
(T22DAN) 734-455-5600 \$248,900



GARDEN CITY This Could Be Yours
Charming 3 bdrm ranch offers garage, CA, stove & fridge & close to schools. You have to see this one at this great price.
(T28KAT) 734-455-5600 \$124,900



NORTHVILLE Absolutely Stunning
This charming 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial has it all. Newer siding, windows, roof, furnace, & kit cabinets & flooring. Family room with trpc, 2 car att gar, lg deck with newer lumber top & so much more.
(T00LAD) 734-455-5600 \$319,900

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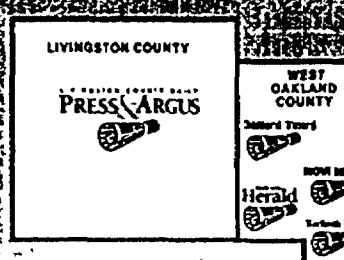
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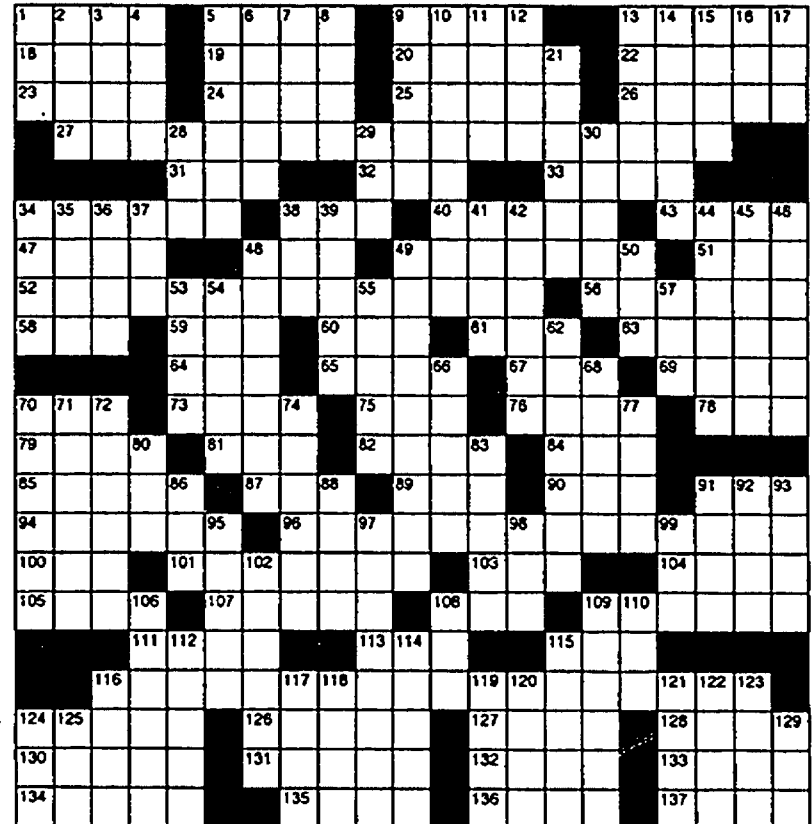
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5 Gregory Peck role
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18 Spread in a tub
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25 Declaim
26 Part owner?
27 Start of a remark by Steve Allen
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48 HS exam
49 Sang on a mountain
51 Bovine below
52 Part 2 of remark
56 One of the Jacksons
58 Mexican Mrs.
59 Hubba
60 Ott or Gibson
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63 Cronies
67 Collar a crook
69 Rocker Joan
70 Deranged
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76 Sunflower support
78 Actress Susan
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82 Bit of kindling
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85 Praised passionately
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89 Tallahassee sch.
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91 Woods' grp.
94 Tolerates
96 Part 4 of remark
100 "The Longest Day" extras
101 Austere
103 Pledge
104 Hit the chips
105 Return address?
107 — salts
108 Mozart's "Così — tutte"
109 Artist
111 Wall Street pessimist
113 Pressure meas.
115 Flagon fiber
116 End of remark
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126 "Star Trek" Hall of
127 Neighbor of
124 Across
130 Pile up
131 Artery
132 Famed orca
133 Born's opponent
134 Football's Lavell
135 TV host John
136 Healing plant
137 Canadian cat
138 "Wild Child" singer
1 Roy's "The — of Small Things"
2 Jal —
3 TV tycoon
4 Garment feature
5 Hudson River city
6 Hard to lift
7 Away from the wind
8 Pole star?
9 "H. Ho" in the Park
11 Dutch town
12 Apollo's mom
13 Vaccines
14 Defense plant?
15 Football Hall of
16 Former Jim
18 Rock's — Speed
19 Fumble
21 Actor Washington
28 Cul-de-
29 Little one
30 Stand for Sten
34 Heidi's hangout
35 Paraphernalia
36 "Wild Child" singer
37 "Platoon" setting
38 Bud
39 "The Bristol" (81 hit)
41 "An apple —"
42 Dan Rather and Trini Lopez
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45 Prairie wolf
46 Warm
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55 Had in mind
57 — Mahal
62 An Apostle
68 Rustic
69 Surround
70 Sahara vision
71 The Koran's language
72 Peaceful
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77 Note
80 Beatty or Florem
83 Tropical fruit
86 — Planes, IL
88 Choir member
89 Magic-show sound
92 Essence
93 Pale
95 "Aldo" prop
97 Mocks
98 Ludwig — Drake
99 "Jurassic Park" stuff
102 Stage parts
108 Orchestra
109 "Pshaw" figure
109 In-crowd
110 Gun the engine
112 Expanse
114 Rocker
115 Baste side of 1836
116 Fiber source
117 Skater
118 "Peter Pan" pirate
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Car
House

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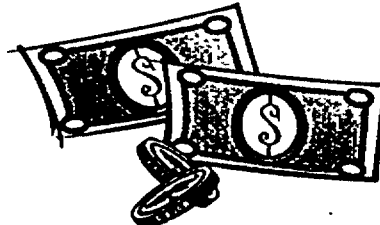
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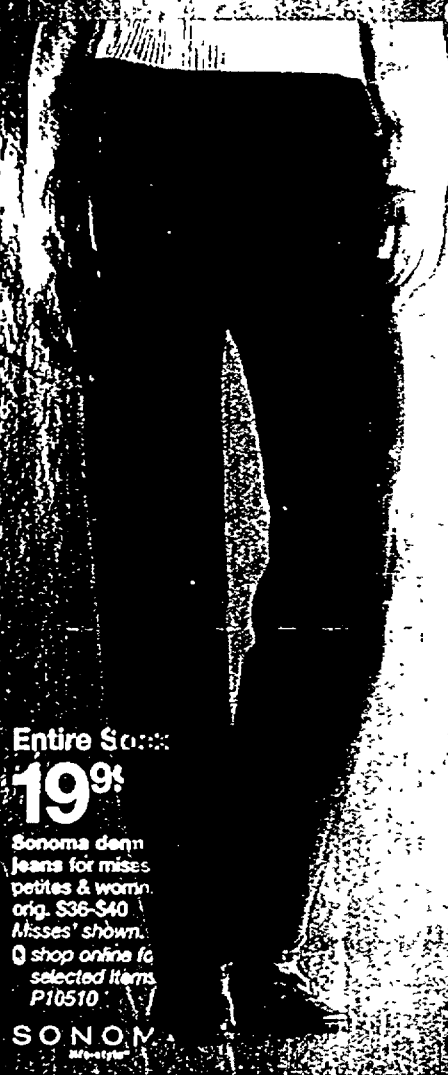


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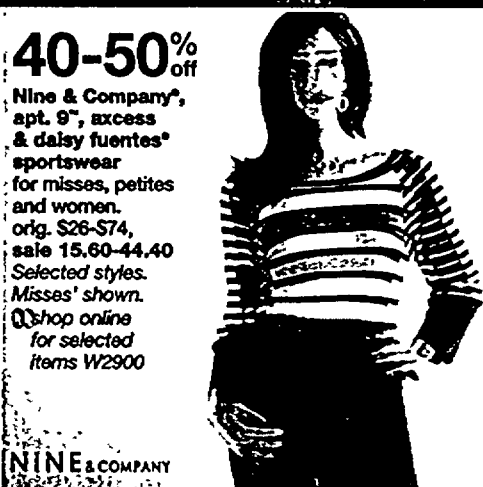
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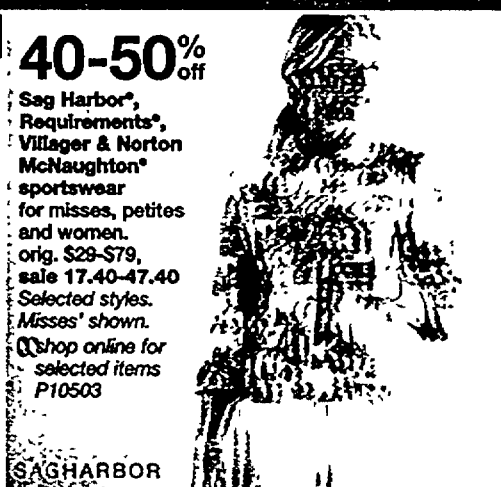
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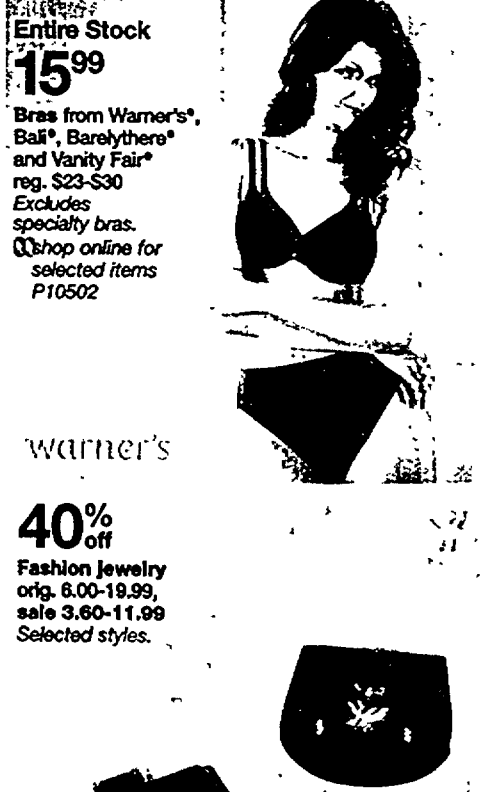
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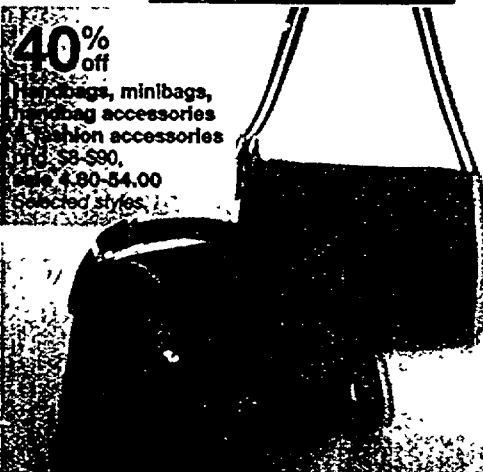


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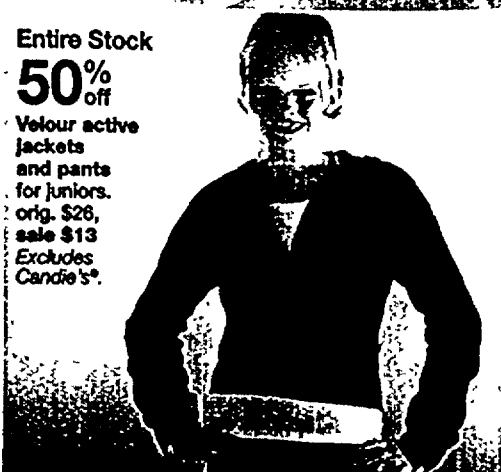
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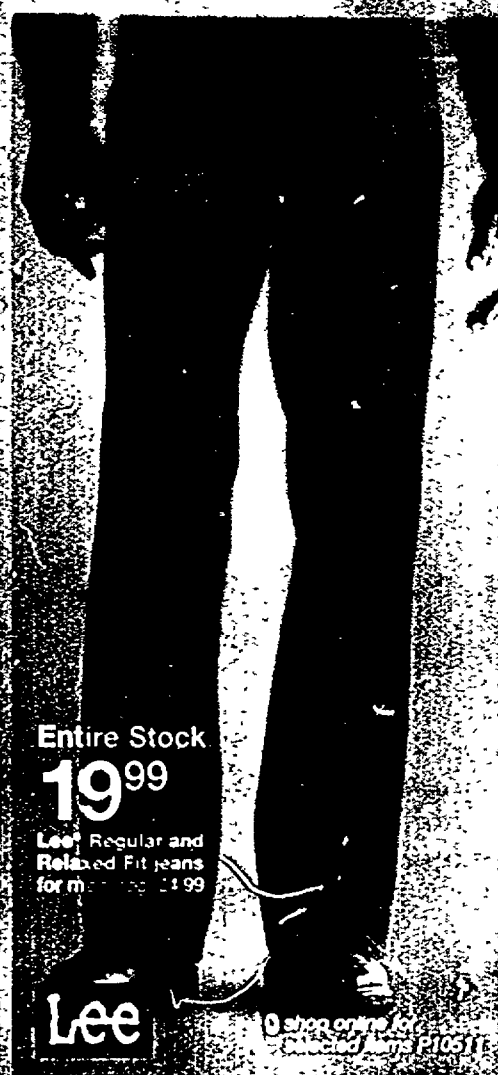


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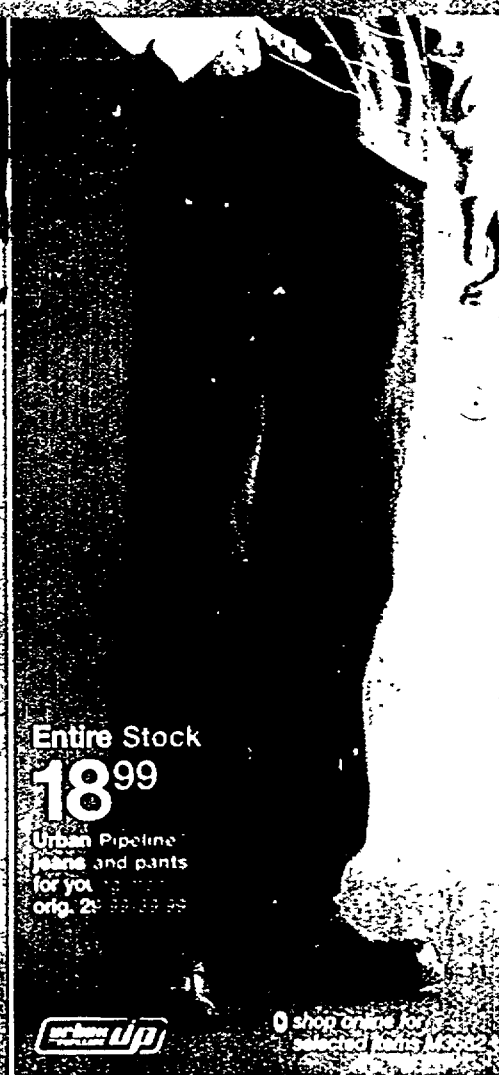
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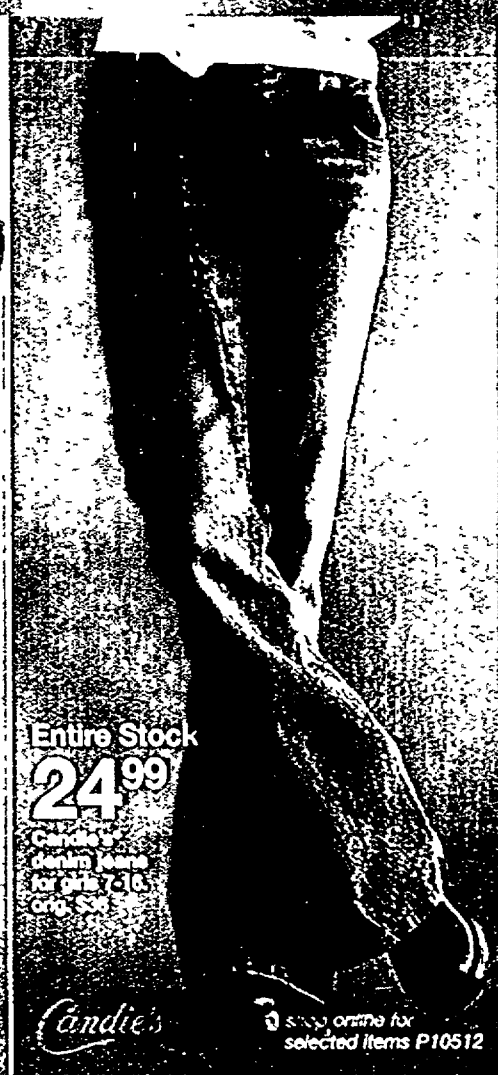
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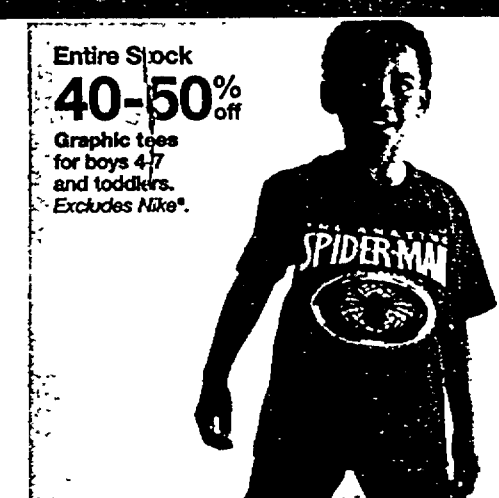
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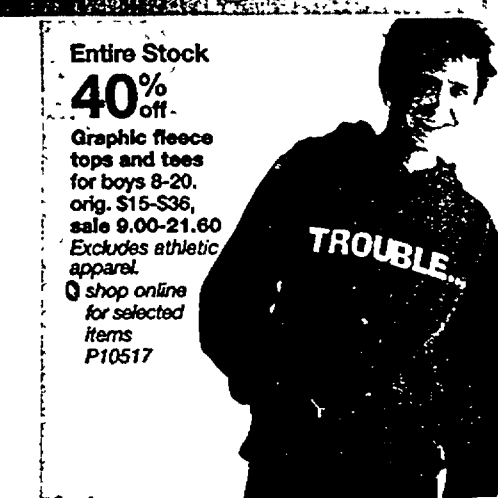
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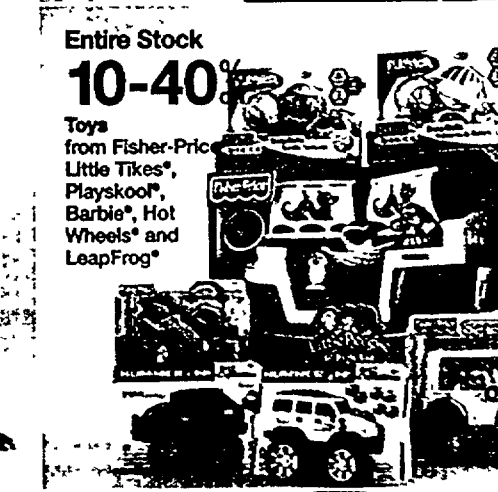
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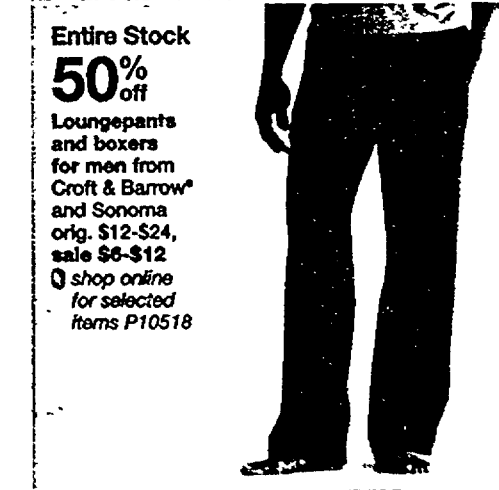
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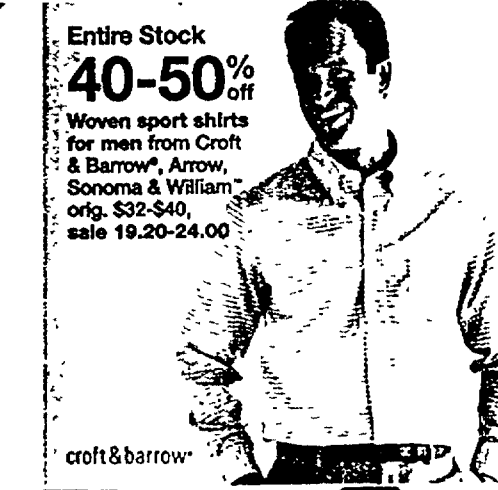
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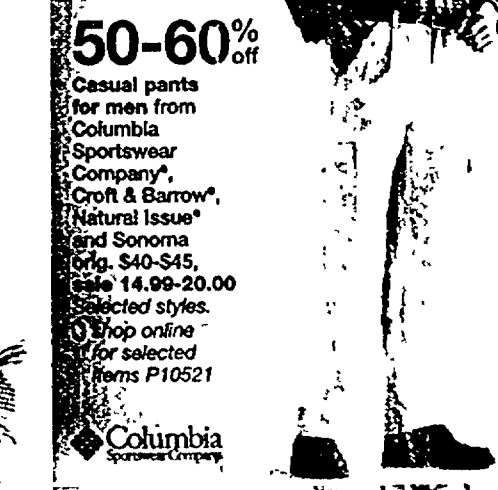
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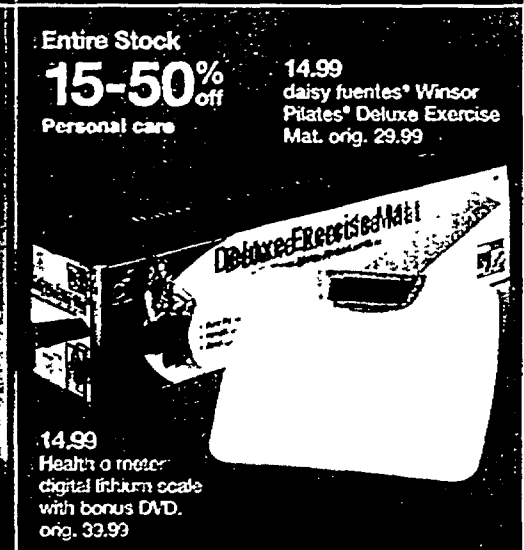
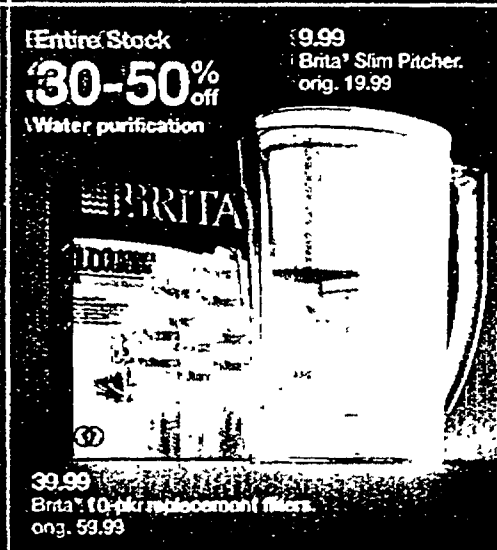
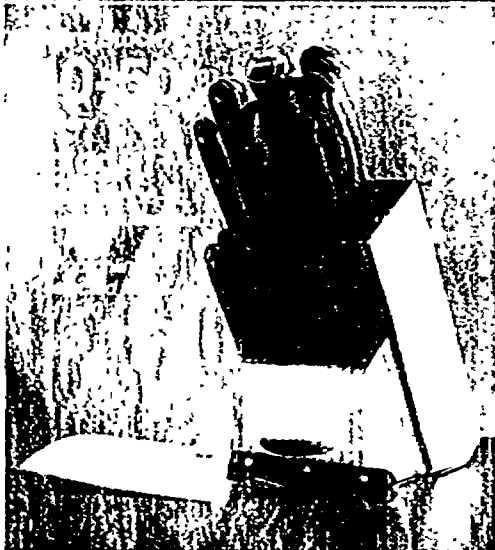
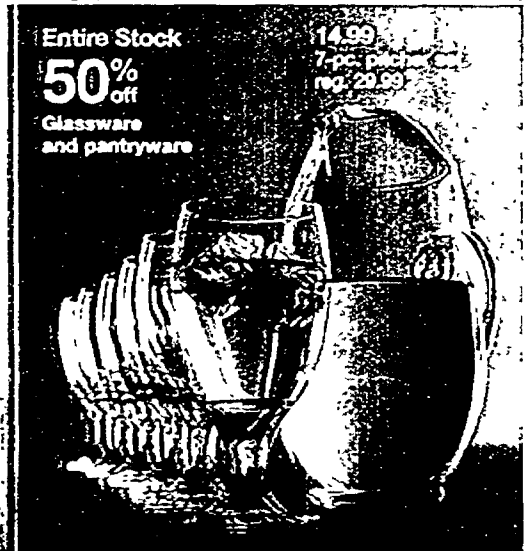
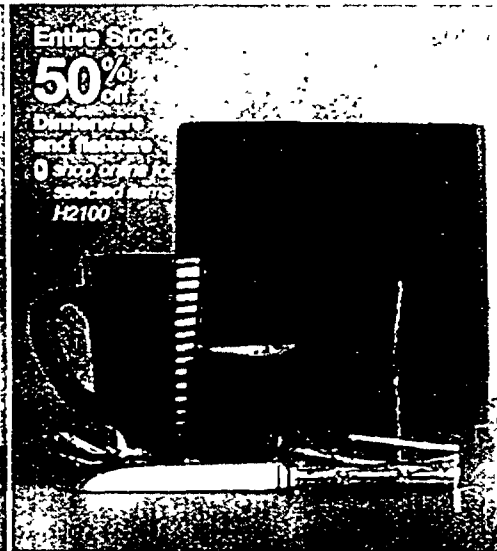
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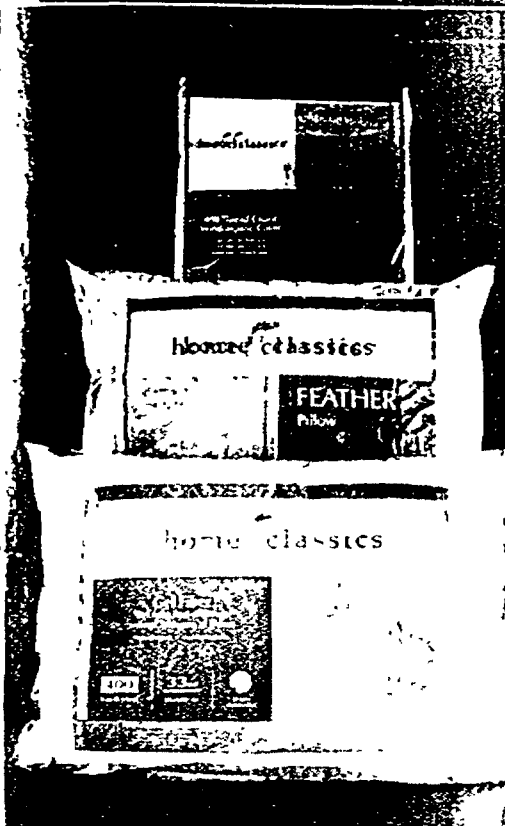
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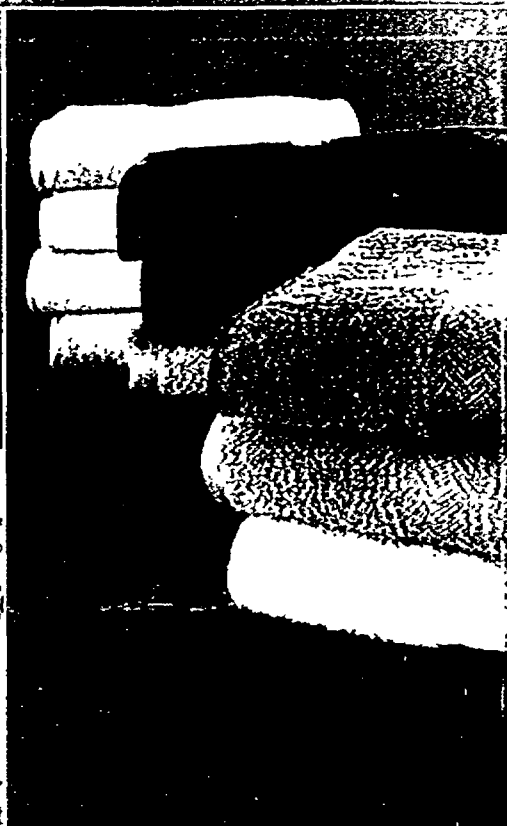
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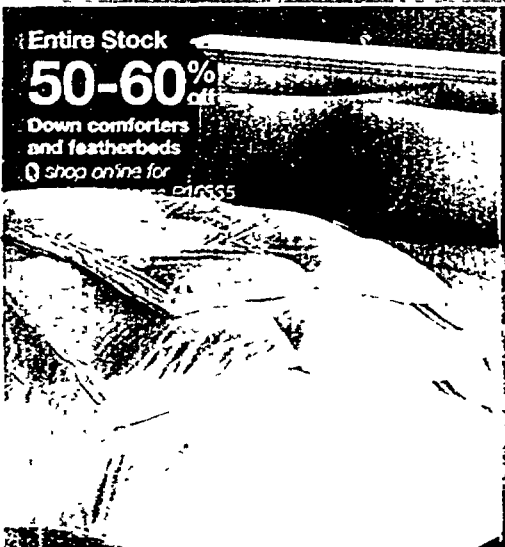
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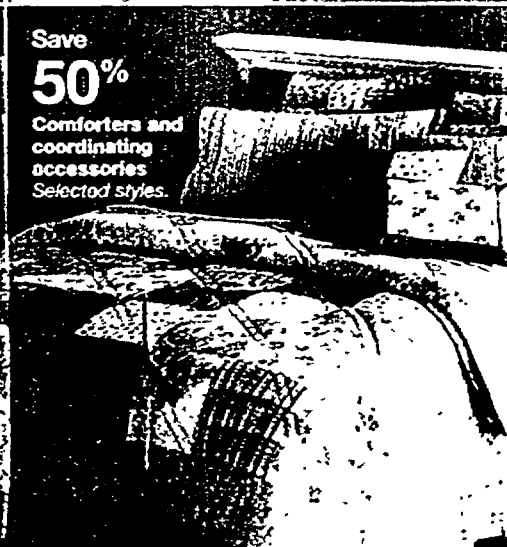
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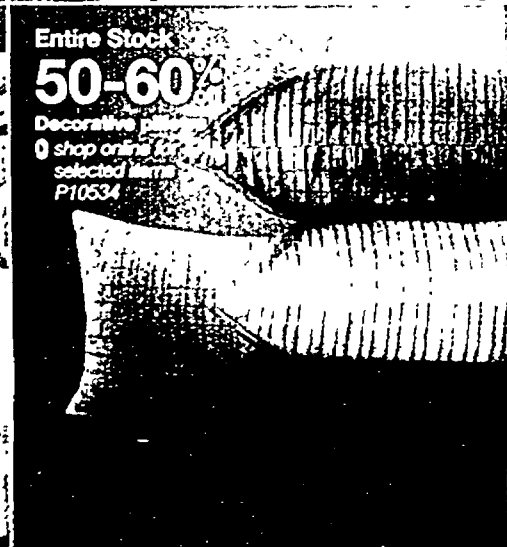
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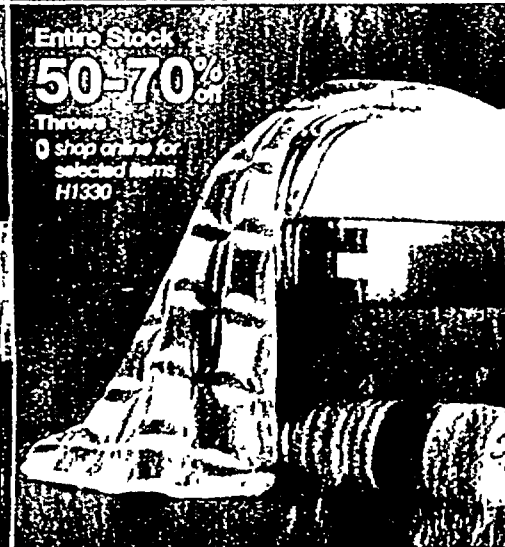
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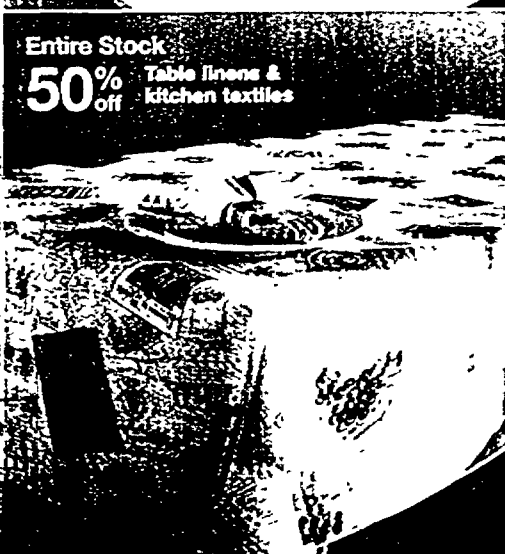
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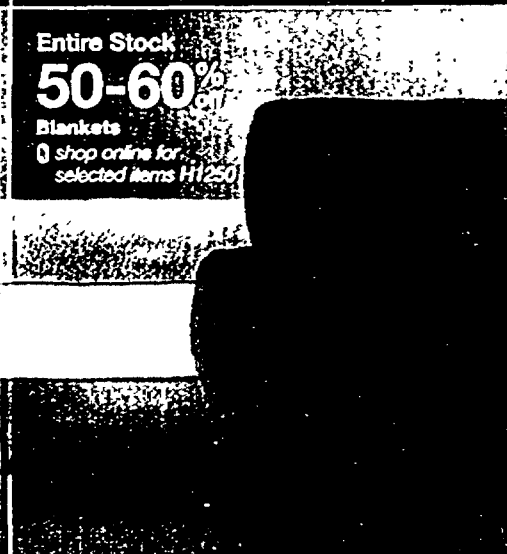
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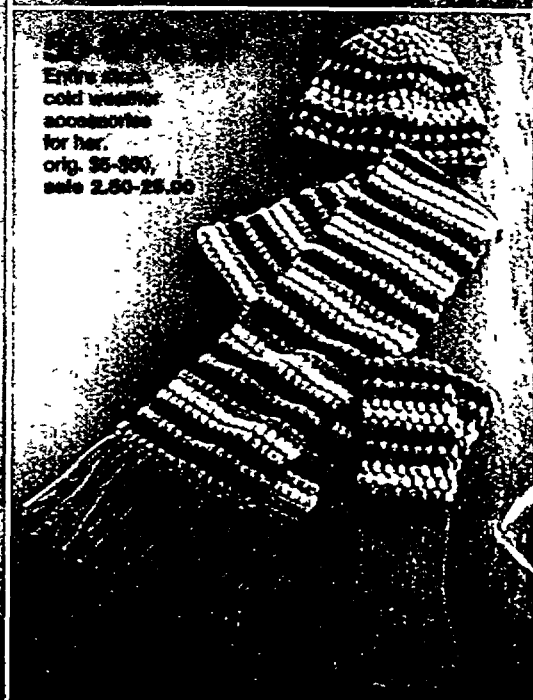
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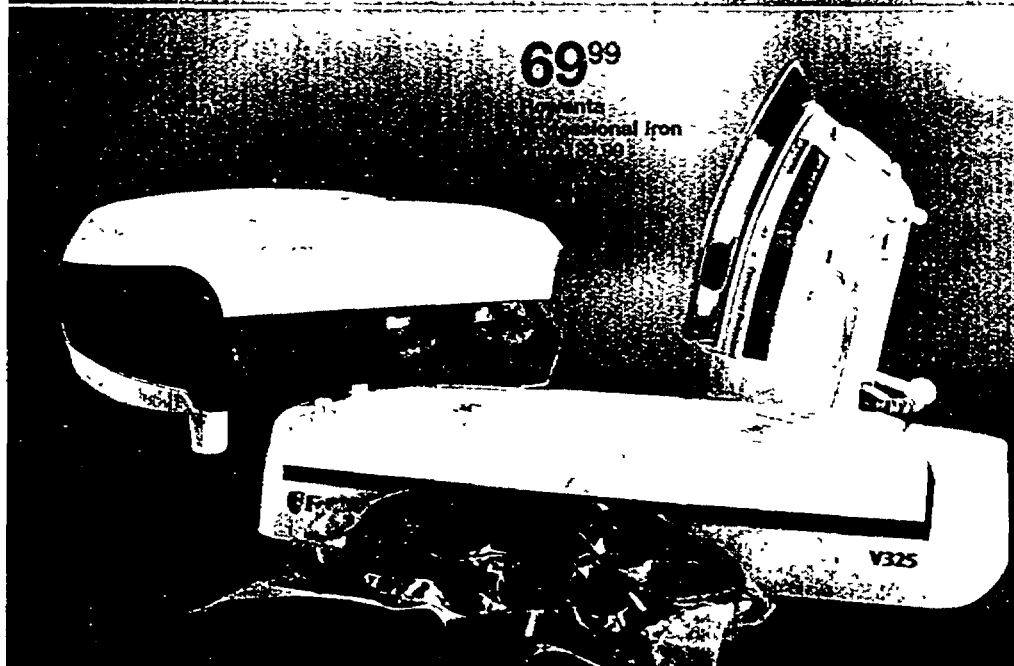
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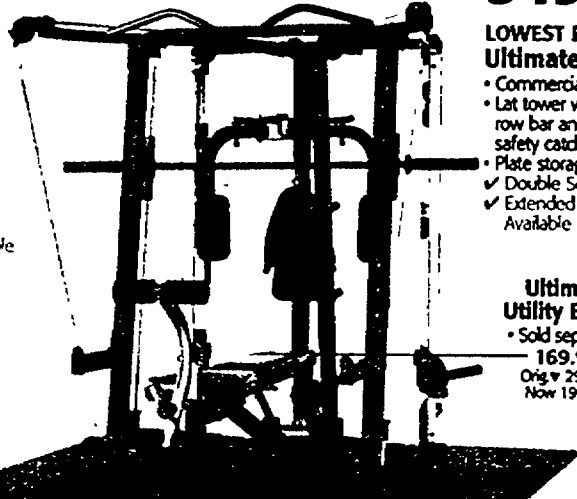
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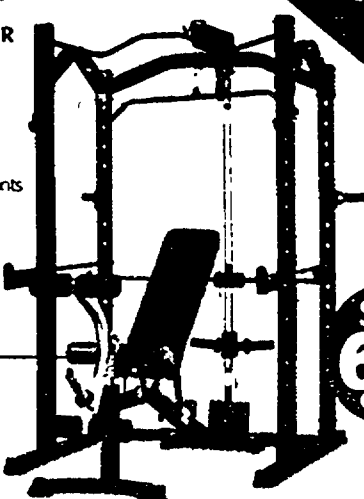
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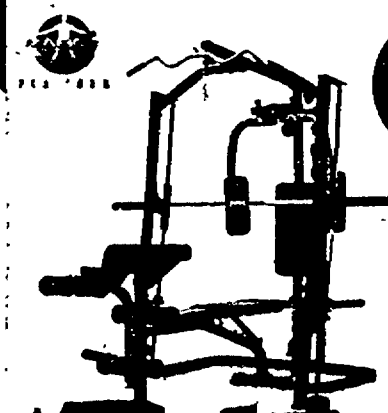
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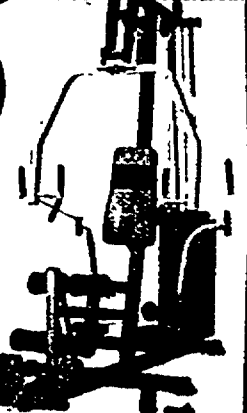
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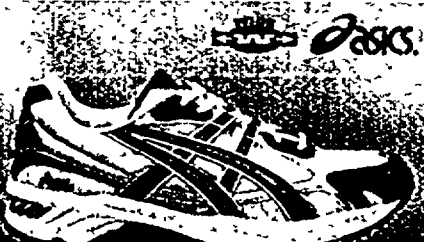


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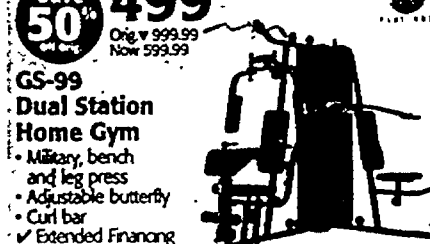
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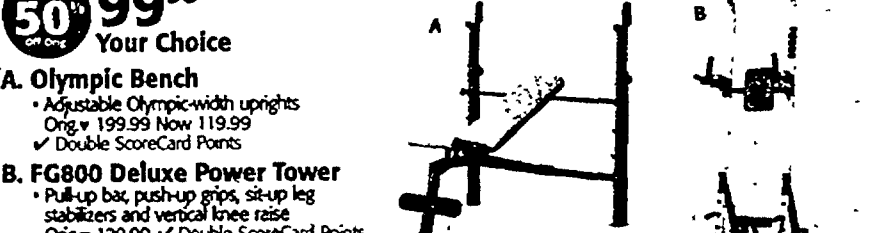
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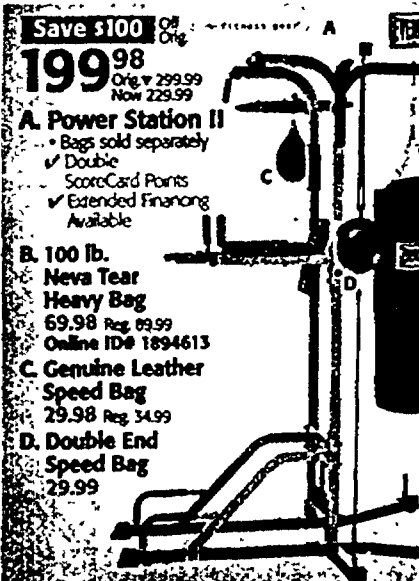
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A. Power Station II
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B. 100 lb. Neva Tear Heavy Bag
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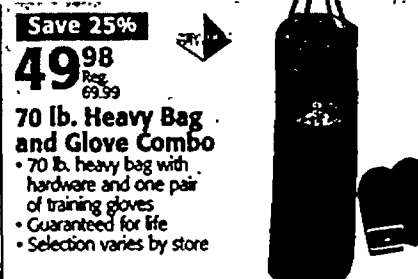
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• 20"x55" treadmill
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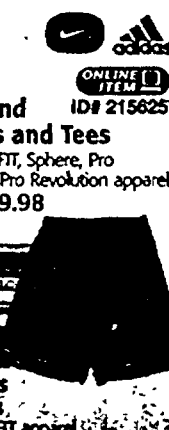
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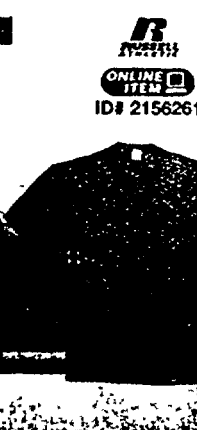
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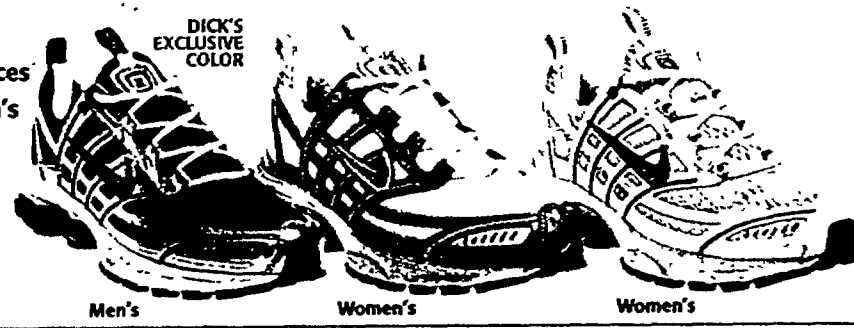
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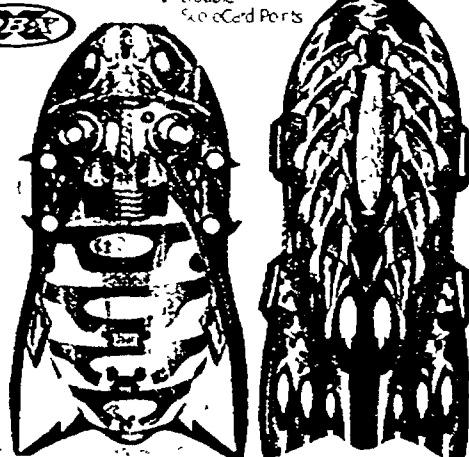
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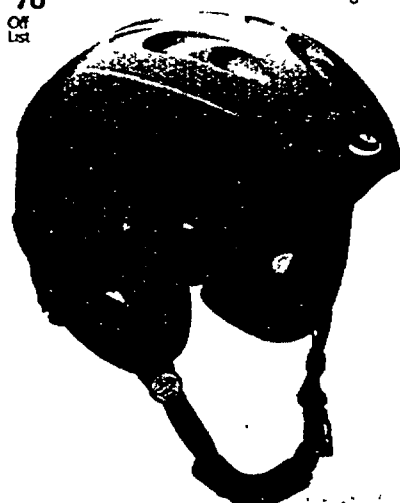
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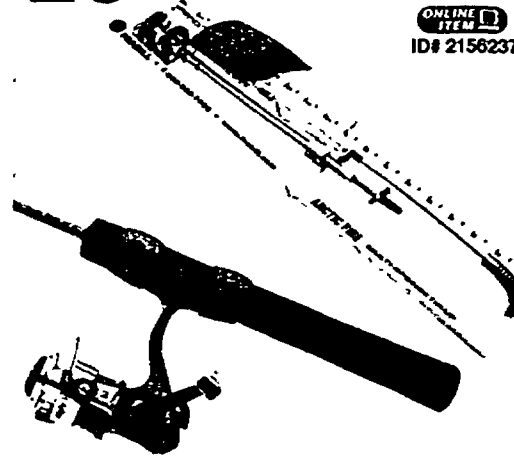
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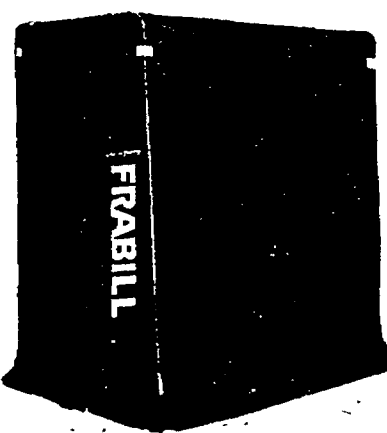


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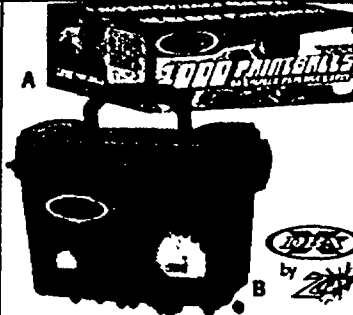
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Ask American Profile

Q Whatever became of Robert Fuller? Does he still act?

—Kenneth Houston, Maple Hill, N.C.

Fuller, 71, who rose to stardom as a cowboy on the TV-Western series *Laramie* and then *Wagon Train*, is basically retired from acting. In 2001, he appeared in guest roles on TV's *JAG* and *Walker, Texas Ranger*. He lives in Texas with his second wife, actress Jennifer Savidge, who plays Commander Amy Helfman on *JAG*.

But if you want to catch up with him out on the trail, he's scheduled to appear at The Festival of the West in Phoenix, Ariz., March 16-19.

Q What can you tell me about Kellie Martin, star of Hallmark's *Mystery Home Theater*?

—Wes Dower, Brookings, Ore.
California-born Martin, who grew up reading Nancy Drew crime-solving mysteries, says she loves how her *Mystery Home Theater* character is "fearless, just like Nancy." She turned 30 last October. "I'm such an old soul. I've never really felt my age," confesses Martin, who at 13 began starring in the TV series *Life Goes On* and went on to major roles in *Christy* and *ER*. Martin is married to an attorney and they're talking about starting a family. "I'm so in love and so happy," she beams. "He's my rock."

Actress Kellie Martin channels Nancy Drew for inspiration.



TV cowboy Robert Fuller is now retired.



Richard Thomas: fond memories of *The Waltons*

Q What is actor Richard Thomas doing these days?

—Gerald Maynard, Henderson, Texas

Thomas, who recently relocated his family to New York, just finished a run on Broadway in *A Naked Girl on the Appian Way* with actress Jill Clayburgh, and he recently acted in a TV movie, *Wild Hearts*, for the Hallmark Channel, to air early this year. He's remained steadily busy since ending his Emmy-winning run as John Boy on *The Waltons* in 1981. "I loved doing *The Waltons*. It was a very special time," says Thomas, now 54, a father of four grown children from his first marriage, and two grown stepdaughters and a 9-year-old son from his second marriage. ★

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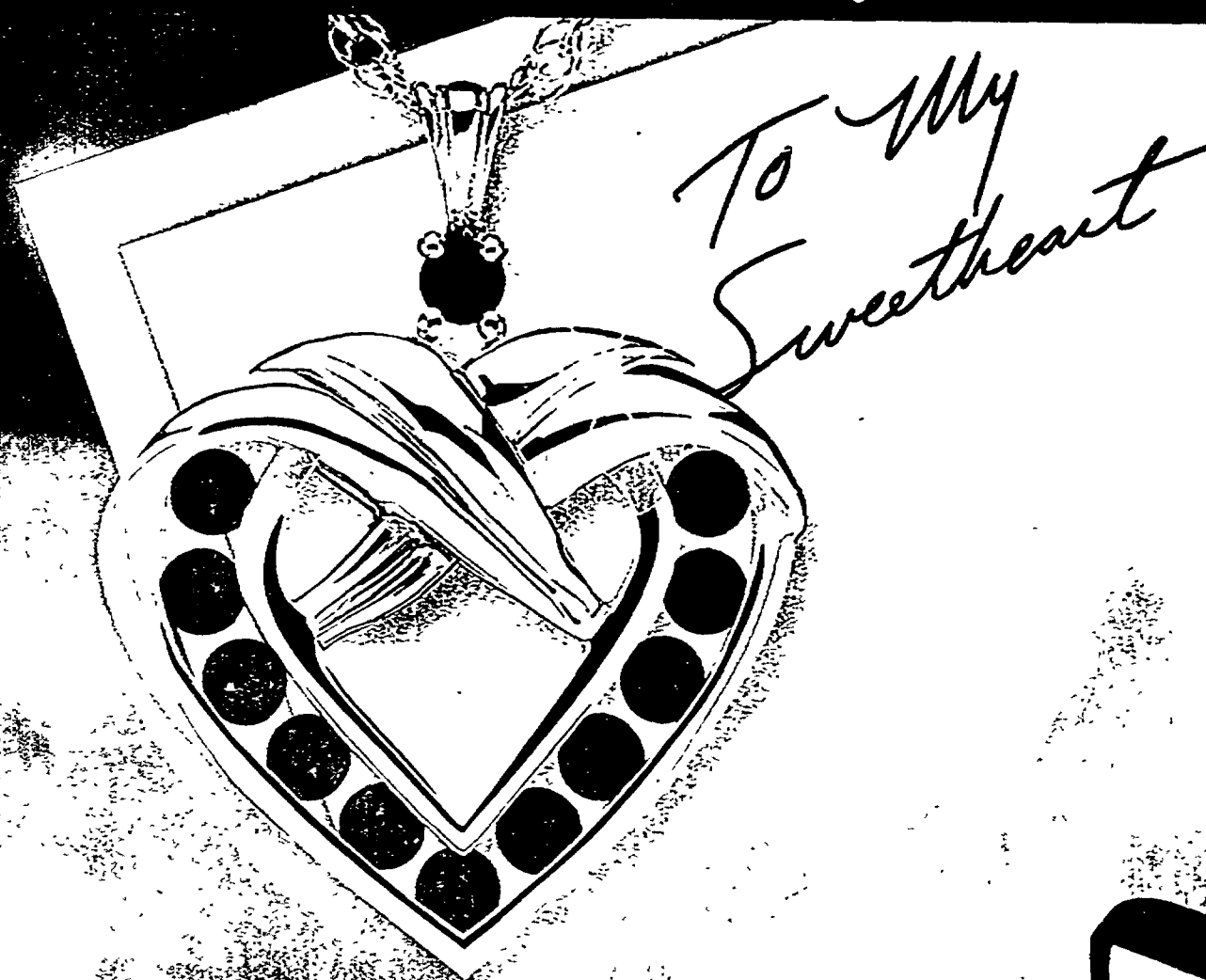
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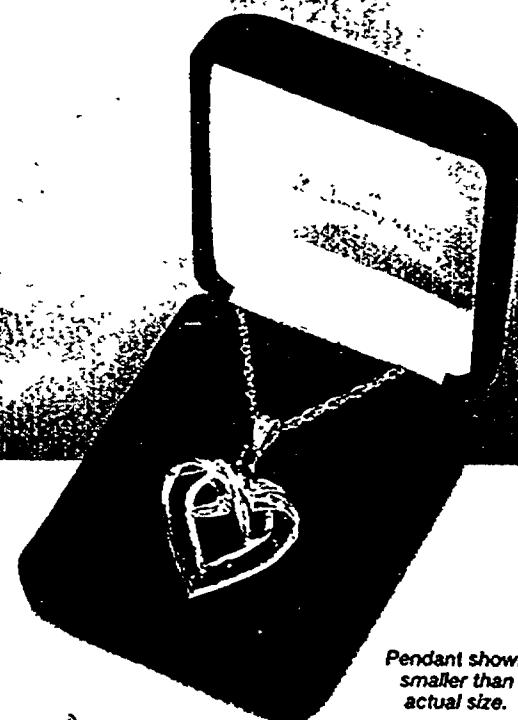
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Fostering Family Ties

by DEBBE GEIGER

Pam Koner was reading the Sunday newspaper on her deck in 2002 when she spotted a photograph of a girl sitting on a filthy mattress, eating her one meal of the day—pasta with chicken neck bones. A story accompanying the photograph described one of the nation's poorest places: Pembroke, a township in Kankakee County, Ill.

What moved Koner most was learning that at the end of each month, the shelves of the only local food pantry, in Hopkins Park, Ill. (pop. 711), were empty and some families barely had enough to eat. "When I walked off my deck that day, I said, 'I've got to do something,'" recalls Koner, 54, owner and director of several creative arts-based childcare programs in Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. (pop. 7,648).

It didn't take long for Koner to figure out a way to help. She called the pastor of the Church of the Cross, which runs the food pantry in Hopkins Park, and pitched her idea. "I said, 'What if I have families in my community adopt families in yours and send them one week of food when the food pantry's empty?'"



A newspaper article inspired Koner to help.



Pam Koner, founder of Family-to-Family, and her daughter, Chloe, pack a box of food for an adopted family in Illinois. "I'm the mother of adopted children," she added, referring to her girls, Olivia, 18, and Chloe, 15. "To me, the word *adoption* means 'to make families.'"

Within a few weeks, Koner had the names of 17 families in Pembroke Township willing to be adopted, and she recruited neighbors and friends in her hometown to serve as donors. Within a month, she had linked 34 families, and the Family-to-Family program was born.

Today, through word of mouth and media coverage, the program has grown to more than 475 donor families who send monthly food parcels to 475 recipient families in 13 communities in Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Mississippi, New Mexico, New York, Louisiana, South Dakota and West Virginia. "Our mission is to have 20 communities by next year," Koner says.

Each month, donor families log on to her website—www.family-to-family.com—to access their monthly shopping lists, which includes items such as soup, pasta, tuna fish and other pre-packaged food. In addition to food, the program encourages donors to send other needed items, such as over-the-counter medications, sheets, towels, clothing and back-to-school supplies. The monthly cost per donor family averages \$35 to \$40. Federal Express ships more than 500 Family-to-Family food packages free of charge each month.

Lori Ratner of Stamford, Conn., has been involved with Family-to-Family for almost two years. "Without doing much, you're doing so much," Ratner says. "It's had a big impact, not only on myself, but also on my husband and my four kids. It shows them you can give in more ways than just giving money, and it shows them the little things do make a difference."

Koner acknowledges it takes time to shop for another family and package the food every month, but she does it because it's more meaningful than

sending money, and it provides an important message about caring and compassion to her children.

"It's easy to write a check, but it's not always easy to do the right thing when you're busy," she says. "I came up with something that is hands-on. We're teaching our children that giving often has some sense of personal sacrifice. This creates a sense of living empathy."

So does the letter writing in which Koner strongly encourages both donor and recipient families to participate. "There is no middle-person charity. I pack my box, I put my letter in, and the person who opens it up and puts on my daughter's jacket is my family. My family and I will always stay connected."

Lisa Dyson, a pastor at Church of the Cross, says the relationship between donor and recipient families is just as important as what's packed in the boxes. "It sends a message that somebody cares, and that somebody thought of them time after time. Some of them have had the same families for almost four years. The Family-to-Family program expands their horizons." ✨

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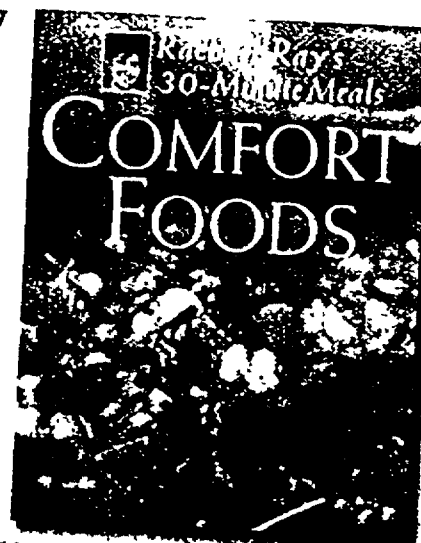
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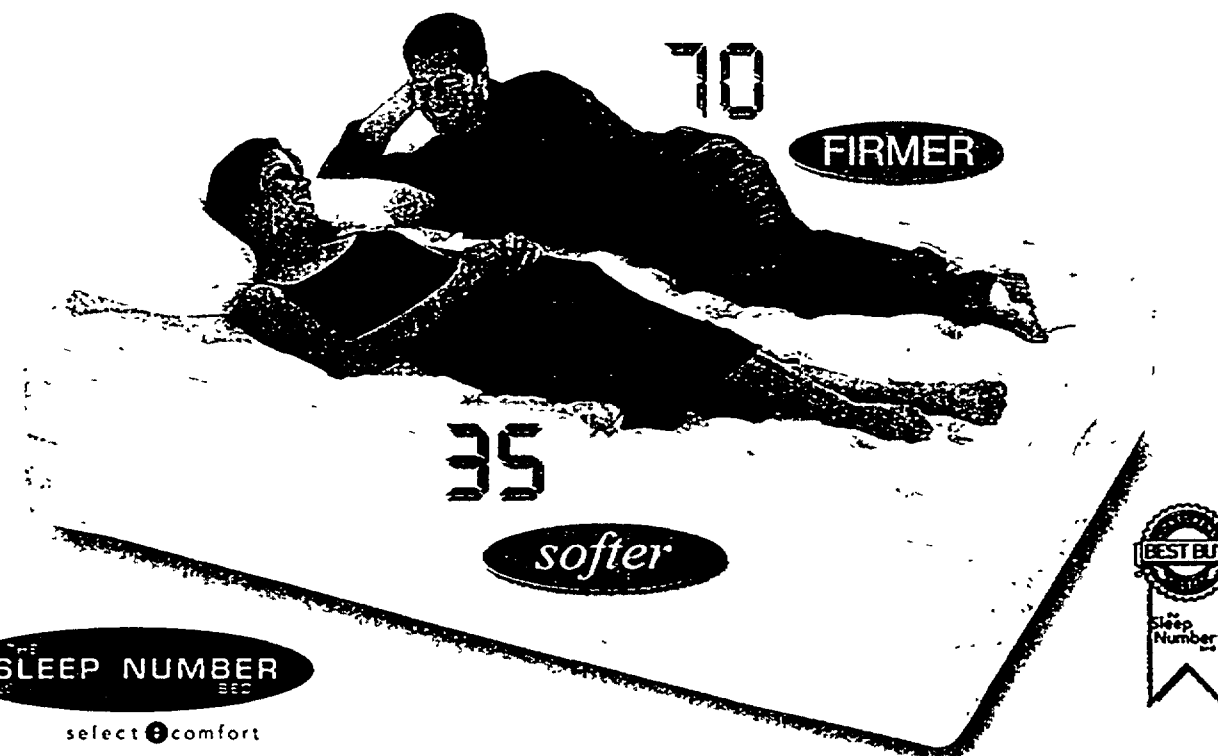
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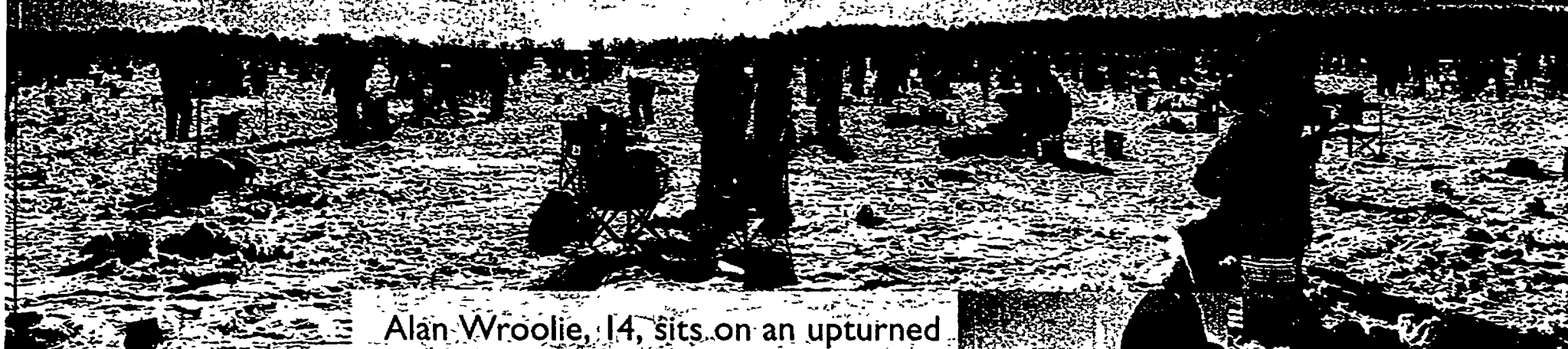
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Spectacle on Ice

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Nationally, 2.6 million anglers spend time ice fishing each year, according to the American Recreation Coalition.




Alan Wroolie, 14, sits on an upturned plastic bucket in the middle of frozen Gull Lake near Brainerd, Minn. (pop. 13,718), and drops his baited hook into a coffee can-sized hole in the 2-foot thick ice. "Just a hook and a hole," Wroolie says. "It's about all you need to ice fish."

Every minute or so Wroolie lifts the tip of his pole up, then allows it to drop down a foot or two, hoping the movement of the bait—a large shiner minnow—attracts a fish in the deep dark water 30 feet below. Mostly, though, he just sits and waits, watching the thousands of other contestants in the world's largest ice fishing tournament.

Last January, Wroolie and nearly 10,000 anglers paid \$45 each to take part in the 15th annual Brainerd Jaycees Ice Fishing Extravaganza, a three-hour tournament in which participants endured subfreezing temperatures and bone-chilling winds for a chance to win \$150,000 in cash and prizes.

"This tournament gives people who've never tried ice fishing a chance see how easy it is," says Bob Slaybaugh, president of the Brainerd Jaycees, who host the event and fund local charities with proceeds. "We've had 4-year-olds catch fish here."



Sarah Dano, of Brainerd, Minn., displays her catch.



Wintertime sport

Ice fishing is a popular winter pastime from Alaska to Maine, and in every state in between where freezing temperatures turn water into ice thick enough to support the weight of an angler, his gear, a shelter and maybe even his pickup truck. Depending on the location and the weather, the sport can commence as early as October and continue as late as April.

"People ice fish for the same reasons people climb the Grand Tetons or hike through the desert," Slaybaugh says. "It's communing with nature, and nature, up North in winter, is cold."

Diehard anglers tolerate the bitter weather because fishing is a way of life in the frozen North, and hefty prizes provide an incentive to get off of the couch and wet a line at hundreds of ice fishing tournaments across the country each winter.

At the Brainerd tournament, anglers who catch the 150 heaviest fish win prizes ranging from fishing gear to a new pickup truck. Some contestants travel long distances to attend the festive event where people grill bratwursts, toss footballs and stand in line at one of the 40 food tents before a cannon fires a firework shell into the air signaling the start of the spectacular fishing contest.

"We live in Oklahoma, so we don't do much ice fishing," says Wroolie, wearing winter boots borrowed from a cousin. "My family and I drove all the way from Konawa—it's 908 miles—to visit relatives here and go ice fishing."

"It gives us a reason to get up North and get outdoors," says Alan's dad, Dennis. "We've come here for eight years. It's about the



Flashing an oversized ring, Shannon Rasch celebrates her bachelorette party on the ice with a group of friends.

adventure and the camaraderie. It's like the infield of the Indy 500, except the people are dressed warmer."

Across the ice, bride-to-be Shannon Rasch and six female friends are doing more celebrating than fishing. "I wanted a nontraditional bachelorette party, and this was it," says Rasch, 33, of Albertville, Minn., wearing green winter overalls, a large ring with a plastic diamond and a white lace veil. "Sometimes ice fishing is just a reason to force yourself to get out of the house and have some fun."

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Ice angling and augering

"The beauty of ice fishing," says Slaybaugh, "is that you don't need a boat to access the lake. You need a fishing license and about \$10 worth of equipment."

Poles range from short cane poles to open-face spinning reels attached to an ultra-sensitive rod. Bait—minnows and worms—generally is the same as used for summer fishing, though a colored, weighted hook, which attracts more attention in the darker water, often replaces a standard one. A minnow bucket with a lid doubles as a chair.

Holes are dug with either a large steel chisel used to chop through the ice, or, more commonly, with a hand-powered or motorized auger that bores a hole with a 6- to 10-inch diameter blade.

"Once you dig a hole," Slaybaugh says, "it's a lot like bobber fishing. You bait up a hook and try different depths. If the fish aren't biting, you spend a few minutes hand-drilling another hole someplace else on the lake."

While gear is important, making certain that ice depth and conditions are safe for fishing is critical. Never venture on to a frozen lake unless you've done your homework.

"Always check with local resorts or bait shops and ask about conditions for the lake you want to fish," says Tim Smalley, a water safety specialist with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. "Nobody wants to die for a fish, no matter how nice that fish is."

Shelters, shacks and shanties

Across the Great Lakes region and beyond, some avid anglers set up shelters to stake out the same spot

during the ice fishing season, forming temporary towns often larger than permanent nearby cities.

Some shacks and shanties are simple—two-by-fours and plywood nailed together for shelter from the wind. Others are more like cabins on skis, dragged onto the ice by snowmobiles or trucks and left on the lake for three months. They feature bunk beds and propane heaters and fishing holes dug through trap doors in the floor. Gasoline generators power radios and televisions.

When people talk about ice fishing, though, they are referring to the mobile, often solitary pursuit of finding and catching fish from under a layer of ice.

"People ask how I explain the appeal of ice fishing," says Slaybaugh, 39, whose first ice fishing experience came on the Mississippi River at age 7. "But I can't explain why you'd drill a hole in the ice and sit on a bucket on a frozen lake when it's 10 below. If you don't do it, then you can't fish up here for four months."

At 3 p.m., a cannon blast signals that fishing must cease on Gull Lake. A crowd gathers around the main stage, where a giant board lists the top 150 fish caught during the tournament. When the results are finalized, 24-year-old Sara Kitzman, of St. Cloud, Minn., has landed the day's biggest fish, a 3.7-pound walleye. Kitzman—the second female and youngest winner in the event's history—will drive home the new Ford truck.

Alan Wroolie, like thousands of others, did not get a single bite during the three-hour tournament, but he doesn't seem to mind.

"This is a family tradition now," he says. "And I can go back and tell my friends I was walking on water. Maybe I'll catch a big one next year. You just never know."

"You just need a hook and a hole." ★

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Alexandria Ice Fishing Challenge—Alexandria, Minn. Jan. 28. An average of 4,000 people turn out for this family-friendly event. www.icefishingchallenge.org

Devils Lake Fire Department Ice Fishing Tourney—Devils Lake, N.D. Jan. 28. More than 3,500 anglers vied for \$110,000 in prizes in 2005, the 21st year of this alcohol-free, family-focused event that raises money for the local volunteer fire department. (701) 662-3913; www.dlvsdicefishingtourney.com

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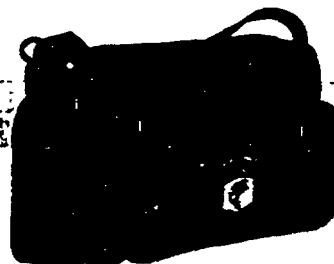
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Hot Seafood Casserole

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- 1 cup celery, chopped
- 1 6-ounce can crab meat (flaked)
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- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup buttered, Ritz-style cracker crumbs

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine green pepper, onion, celery, crab meat, shrimp, salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce and mayonnaise in a medium-size bowl. Mix gently. Spoon into an 8-inch square baking dish or individual ramekins. Sprinkle with buttered cracker crumbs. Bake for 30 minutes.

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KANSAS—In the late 1950s, when his fountain machine fizzled at his Coffeyville (pop. 11,021) Dairy Queen, Omar Knedlik cooled soda bottles in a freezer. The slushy drinks were so popular that he went on to invent the machine to make Slurpees.

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MICHIGAN—The nation's first museum devoted to Arab Americans opened last May in Dearborn. The \$15.3 million Arab American National Museum showcases famous Americans, including actor Danny Thomas, journalist Helen Thomas and astronaut Christa McAuliffe, of Arab ancestry.

MINNESOTA—To celebrate its centennial last year, the Red Wing (pop. 16,116) Shoe Co. built the world's largest leather boot, size 638 1/2 D, which is 20 feet long and 16 feet tall and weighs 2,300 pounds. The style was Red Wing's signature work boot.

MISSOURI—In 1899, ragtime composer Scott Joplin published "Maple Leaf Rag" with music publisher John Stark in Sedalia (pop. 20,339) and received a 1-cent royalty on each sale. By 1909, he had sold a half-million copies.

NEBRASKA—St. Paul (pop. 2,218) is the state's "Historical Baseball Capital" where Hall of Fame pitcher Grover Cleveland Alexander is buried. "Old Pete" played for the Philadelphia Phillies, Chicago Cubs and St. Louis Cardinals from 1911 to 1930.

NORTH DAKOTA—The Bagg Bonanza Farm, a National Historic Landmark near Mooreton (pop. 204), is one of the last "bonanza" farms. The farms of several thousand acres were created in the late 1800s when Northern Pacific Railroad sold land to investors to cover its debts.

OHIO—Auctioneer Ron Kreis of Adamsville (pop. 127) talked his way to the 2005 World Livestock Auctioneer Championship last June in Tulsa, Okla. Contestants were scored on vocal clarity, bid-catching skills and the ability to keep the sale moving.

SOUTH DAKOTA—The Akta Lakota Museum and Cultural Center, located on the campus of St. Joseph's Indian School in Chamberlain (pop. 2,338), showcases Sioux history and sells arts and crafts made by area American Indian artists.

WISCONSIN—In 2001, the last of four dams on the Baraboo River was removed, making the 115-mile river the longest in American history to be restored to free flowing. The river meanders from Elroy (pop. 1,578) to Portage (pop. 9,728). ★

Bronze Buckaroo Riding High

At 94, Herb Jeffries still knows the tricks of his trade. "I still have a four-and-a-half octave range," asserts the robust singer, minutes after performing classic jazz tunes at the 2005 Sweet & Hot Music Festival in Los Angeles.

Jeffries received rousing applause after he sang gems such as "It Don't Mean a Thing (If It Ain't Got That Swing)" and "Flamingo," which he originally performed in the 1930s and '40s as a jazz singer in the band of the legendary Duke Ellington.

But it was a career detour from jazz in the '30s that most defines Jeffries' place in history. Billed as America's first black singing movie cowboy, he made four Westerns as the Bronze Buckaroo, a character who blazed a new trail for people of color in Hollywood.

Jeffries recalls taking a break from a musical performance in Cincinnati in 1934 and seeing a black child crying in an alley because a group of white children wouldn't

Jeffries still belts 'em out.

let him play cowboys with them. The white kids were the child's friends, not neighborhood bullies. They simply thought cowboys couldn't be black.

After all, who could blame them? Hollywood's portrayal of cowboys was all-white, despite the fact that, historically, blacks played a major role in domesticating the Western frontier.

"That really hit me hard," Jeffries says. "I wanted to do something



Herb Jeffries in the '30s (below), and today

I thought would benefit everyone, not just dark-skinned children. Something to provide a little education. So I became the Bronze Buckaroo."

Jeffries' ethnicity is a smooth, blended cocktail mix of Italian, Irish, Ethiopian and French Canadian. The tan tone of his skin always made it fairly easy to label him "black," a designation he never shunned—but never wholly embraced, either.

"I have never seen a white man, and I have never seen a black man. We're all human beings," he says. "We all have the same two ears, hair on our head, two eyes, a nose and mouth, ten fingers and ten toes, and we all go to the bathroom."

He persuaded a Hollywood producer to back him, learned some horse-riding stunts and starred in the first singing Western with an all-black cast. "I picked up one script that said *Sunset on the Prairie*," Jeffries recalls. "I said, 'Why not use this and call it *Harlem on the Prairie*?'"

The movie was a hit, so Jeffries made four more. As his films played the big screens across America, black children could look up to a cowboy who looked more like them.

"I liked Gene Autry and Hopalong Cassidy," says blues guitarist B.B. King, recalling his own fondness for cowboys as a youngster. "But [Herb] happened to be a black one, and that made it very good." Today, King has Jeffries' movies in his home-video collection.

After making the Bronze Buckaroo films, Jeffries went back to jazz, becoming the first permanent male vocalist in Ellington's band. After Pearl Harbor was attacked, he joined the Army's Special Services unit and entertained troops during World War II and the Korean War. Returning to civilian life, he recorded several albums, guest-starred on TV programs such as *Hawaii 5-0* and *I Dream of Jeannie*, appeared in several made-for-TV movies and became a popular nightclub singer . . . again.

Last year, on his 93rd birthday, he got his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. He has been inducted into the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma City and honored at Los Angeles' (Gene) Autry National Center museum, which is named after Jeffries' late friend and fellow singing cowboy. And in 2003, Jeffries was invited for the first time to perform at the White House, where President George W. Bush hugged him onstage and then-Secretary of State Colin Powell told Jeffries how much the Bronze Buckaroo films meant to him as a child.

Jeffries, who lives in Idyllwild, Calif. (pop. 3,504), still honors both his Western and musical heritages. His most recent album is a collection of Western tunes, *The Bronze Buckaroo Rides Again*.

Currently at work on his autobiography, Jeffries insists he is not old, just "vintage." Before his performance at the Sweet & Hot Festival, he playfully addressed his audience. "How would you like to have a bottle of 94-year-old vintage wine?" he asked.

Judging from the applause, they liked it just fine. ☆

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