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FIVE MILE AND SHELDON

Tonight at 7 p.m., the Northville Township Board of Trustees will consider two plans regarding the potential development of the northeast corner of Five Mile and Sheldon roads. Plans for the 15-acre, township-owned site include a commercial center and a senior retirement facility. For more information, call (248) 348-5800.

What's Going On?

■ **In town**
See what's happening locally this weekend by checking out Northville's official events calendar. Page 20A.

MAY 2 ELECTION

Northville voters will elect two school board members from a field of three candidates. For complete candidate profiles, see Page 9A.

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Driving Motivation



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Ed Saja, 83, took a refresher driving course at the Northville Senior Community Center.

When should seniors stop driving?

Seniors watching for signals it's time to hang up the car keys

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

When Paul Houghton's 92nd birthday came screaming around the corner last month, he wondered if he'd be forced out of his car.

It was his turn to wait in the Secretary of State line. He dreaded the thought of surrendering his driver's license, his ticket to independence.

A vision test and 10-day paper shuffle later, Houghton was licensed until he turns 96 on March 28 in 2010.

"My father-in-law gave up driving when he was 91," Houghton said. "I really don't think I need to give it up yet. I live by myself."

Self-restricted

Houghton, who voluntarily avoids expressway and night driving, expects to permanently hang up his keys in a couple of years. But he's grateful Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land gave him a green light to continuing to buy groceries and take himself to the doctor.

He'll be behind the wheel this morning, arriving in plenty of time to play double-deck pinocle at the Northville Senior Community Center.

When Houghton turned 88, his clean driv-

What's inside:

■ **Why not a Michigan ID?**
Some seniors hang onto their driver's license for modern convenience. Page 7A.
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How do you know if it's time to give up driving? A few signs... Page 7A.

"If I was involved in an accident, they'd probably take my license away, whether it was my fault or not."

Paul Houghton
92-year-old driver

ing record allowed him to renew his license by mail. Regardless of age, state law requires renewal at a Secretary of State branch if your previous renewal was by mail.

State law also provides drivers 65 and older who give up their driving privilege to obtain for free a state identification card in place of their license. Those under age 65 applying for a state ID card must pay a fee, unless privileges were denied due to a physical or mental disability.

Houghton has 72 years of driving experience. He passed on a recent two-day driving refresher class at the center offered by the American Association of Retired Persons.

Monday is his euchre commitment; Tuesday, pinocle.

"I drive very defensively, always within the speed limit," Houghton said. "If I was involved in an accident, they'd probably take my license away, whether it was my fault or not."

He said he limits his motoring to a 25-mile radius of his Salem Township home.

Sharing transportation

Northville resident Ed Saja, 83, and his wife

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Waging annual budget debate

As city prepares for final budget draft, one question looms: where does all my money go?

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mayor Christopher Johnson paid more than \$7,000 in property taxes last year.

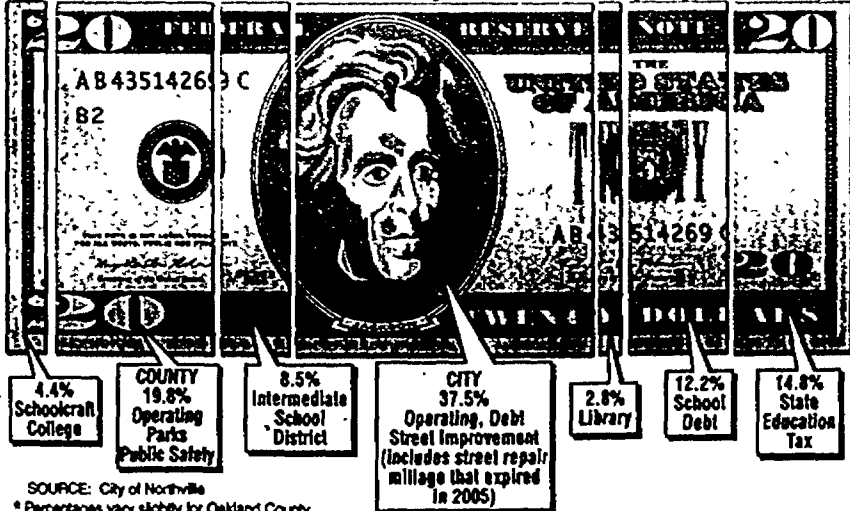
Like most of his City of Northville constituents, 2005 winter and summer bills bumped up his previous year's tax bill at a time the shaky state economy is rattling every check writer's willingness to pick up a pen.

Kick in a record number of property assessment appeals by homeowners last month and a February rejection by voters of two school bond proposals.

What remains is a sober backdrop for city council members attempting to wrap up budget hearings next Monday.

The bottom line: spend only what you earn. City charter requires council adopt a bal-

Where Your Tax Dollars Go...City of Northville (Wayne County)



anced budget at the second regular council meeting in May, this year May 15.

That's also when the council establishes the operating millage rate, the amount city officials set aside to turn on office lights and run basic operations.

The fiscal year begins July 1.

At budget meetings April 5 and 12, each department head presented his or her area's spending plan for the 2006-07 fiscal year, using terms like "hold-the-line" and "maintain."

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Share, but share alike?

City, township debate August millage requests

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Steve McGuirk wonders how much the economy is weighing on his neighbors' minds.

A key supporter of youth soccer in Northville, McGuirk was among the 20 residents who last Thursday listened to an EPIC/MRA pollster describe results of a 15-minute March survey of 500 voter attitudes toward funding.

shared services, including recreation, senior and youth assistance programs.

Results showed "unprecedented" support for shared services, said EPIC/MRA representative John Cavanaugh, but no ringing endorsement for changing the way they're funded.

This August, city and township voters are expected to have the final say when they will likely consider two separate proposals which, when combined, have one primary goal: maintain current services, but more equitably share the responsibility for funding them.

Survey says:

■ **What's on your mind?**

Polling results are in from a Northville survey intended to gauge public interest for a possible August millage request. What else did the numbers reveal? Page 17A.

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Mourn

Local girl, 7, dies following ATV accident

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

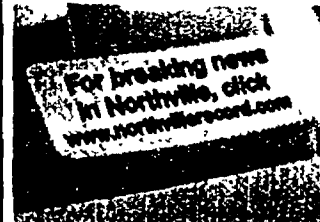
Hannah Doody, 7, died Saturday after the all-terrain-vehicle she and her father, Edward, were riding flipped and rolled 53 feet down a hill in Green Township, Ohio.

According to Harrison County Sheriff Mark Miller, Doody, of Northville

Also:


■ **High school counselor dies**
Northville High School counselor and assistant varsity basketball coach Tim Turner died Friday. Page 15A.

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TAXES: where does all your money go?

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Thus far, a draft of the \$6.46 million general fund budget is up .64 percent from the 2005-06 budget, and funded 71 percent by property taxes. State shared revenue, generated by the 6 percent state sales tax on goods sold statewide, is the second largest source of city revenue at almost 9 percent.

The proposed budget maintains the city's 13.3 operational millage rate, which will generate more tax revenue for the city due to the overall increase in taxable property value in Northville.

What's no longer in the budget? One bright spot for city taxpayers is the expiration a millage to pay back a 1990 street repair debt. That tax on the mayor's bill, levied

against his home's \$173,965 taxable value, was \$91.29 last year.

What's in? New in the 2006-07 budget are performance measures for each city department. Annual tables will give taxpayers a snapshot of what they're getting for their money.

For example, city council members attended 35 meetings in 2005 for their \$500 paycheck. Meanwhile, the police department, which accounts for 40 percent of general budget expenditures, fielded 5,743 calls for service with an average response time of 3.6 minutes.

When the council reconvenes on Monday, they will also look at a list of items excluded in the proposed spending plan, totaling \$378,004. The cuts list includes: a \$12,100 buyout of the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse

Follow the money
 What: Budget meeting III
 Who: Open to the public
 When: 7 p.m. Monday, April 24
 Where: Northville City Hall, council chambers, 215 W. Main St.
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Resistance Education) truck lease, \$25,000 for a technology contractor and a \$30,000 contingency fund to cover another state revenue sharing shortfall.

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ACCIDENT: Girl, 7, dies following ATV accident

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was sitting in front of her father while he was driving the recreation vehicle.

"He went up a 60-degree incline, got almost to the top and apparently it flipped over," Miller said. "Kids should never be on those type of vehicles."

According to police, the pair were visiting relatives when the accident occurred around 7:30 p.m.

Both were transported to Harrison Community Hospital in Cadiz, where the Moraine Elementary School first-grade student died. Hospital officials reported Sunday the father was in stable condition

and he was released Monday.

Miller said the girl was not wearing a helmet when the accident occurred.

"I can't speculate whether or not any injuries could have been prevented had she been wearing a helmet," he said. "It was a terrible, tragic accident."

Families members in Northville could not be reached for comment.

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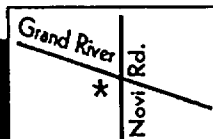
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Soldier returns to duty, from a distant War in Iraq

Postal carrier delivers war message: 'It's rough'

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Since returning from Iraq, army national guardsman Rick Hatfield considers delivering Northville mail a pretty smooth road.

The 44-year-old amiable letter carrier came back about a year ago and quietly goes about his daily routine. He talks little about his war experience, empathizing with the soldiers still at battle.

He's grateful to be home and will spend most of next week moving to a new house in Green Oak Township.

Next weekend, he'll be back in Howell with his fellow reserves.

Second tour

In December 2003, Hatfield swapped his rounds of Rogers, Scott, Dunlap and Spring for training in Wisconsin, then deployment overseas.

The 11-year letter carrier had a dozen years active duty in the National Guard as his first career out of high school, including an Iraq tour in 1990-91. So he knew his reserve status with the 1462nd transportation company in Howell could lead to more than a weekend a month and a couple of weeks in the summer.

"They kind of told us ahead of time we were going to go," he said. "They just didn't tell us when."

Quiet reflection

When Hatfield returned to the states last year, he had to allow time to heal.

Traveling makeshift roads in

Iraq injured his back. He wrenched it while transporting supplies and ammunition to marines on the front line.

"I had to pull a guy out of a truck," he said. "He got shot up pretty bad."

In the Northville post office yard, far removed from the war he's witnessed, Hatfield struggles to put his two lives in perspective.

He said he doesn't talk a lot about what he's seen and done, even with his wife and two daughters.

"Over there, you always have people trying to kill you," he said. "You don't know what's going on."

"Around here, you just have to worry about someone on a cell phone running a stop sign."

Kindred souls

Mostly, Hatfield shares his experiences with fellow guardsmen, individuals who have been to Iraq, too.

"I talk to other people in my unit," he said. "I guess that's why I'm still in. There's a closeness, like a different family."

Hatfield said he feels a sense of duty to train the younger troops just joining.

"It's kind of hard to describe," he said. "You just have to be

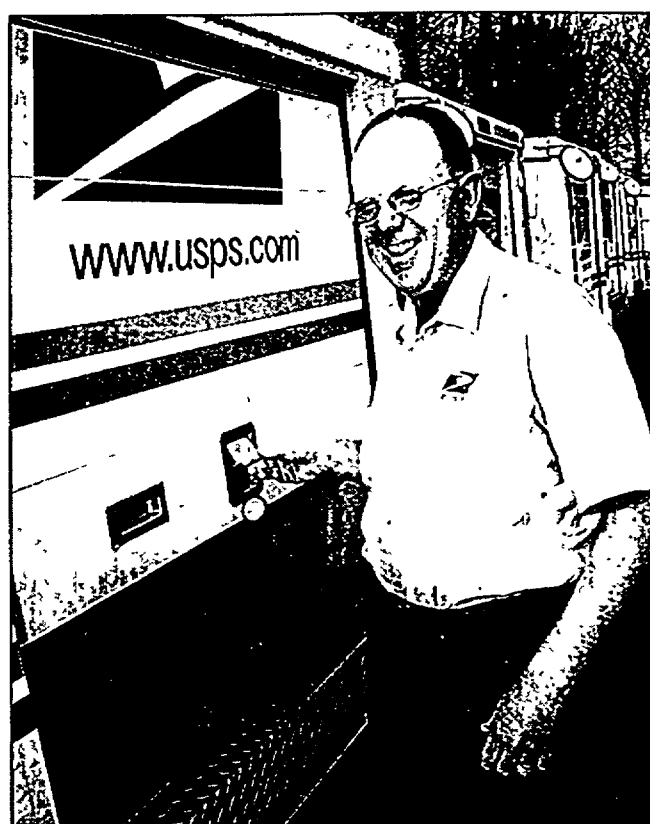


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville postal carrier Rick Hatfield served as a national guardsman in Iraq.

there. It's rough.

"Especially with the little kids on the road, begging for food ... You can't really give them anything."

What's a wait in a grocery store line? he asked.

"People are used to living

here," he said. "They don't know how rough it is in other countries."

Keeping step

When a new postal route became available, Hatfield trad-

"Around here, you just have to worry about someone on a cell phone running a stop sign."

Rick Hatfield
Army National Guard Reserve

ed for a change of pace.

Now he mostly walks around the south end of the city, streets like Gerald, Doheny, Beal, Yerkes, Wing, Fairbrook, Frederick and Sunset. At camp, Hatfield said he doesn't miss a step alongside his younger counterparts.

But a year after his return, the novelty of being back is wearing off.

Enemy insurgents have given way to local traffic jams.

But the story an Iraqi 14-year-old told him stays with him. Saddam Hussein entered his village, the boy said, recruiting. When his brothers refused to enlist, the boy told Hatfield, they were executed.

"That's what happened over there a lot," Hatfield said.

Still on guard

Eighteen months ago, Hatfield said he told a few familiar faces along his route he was going to serve their country.

He saw gratitude and tears.

"Sometimes, I was better off not telling."

His employers at the post office were supportive of his duty, Hatfield said, including checking in with his wife while he was gone.

With his reserve status, Hatfield said he could be called to duty again.

"I've been back a year, I'm fair game," he said. "It's just one of the things you got to do."

"Somebody's got to do it."

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Steaks for vets

The Marine Corps League Detachment 162 is hosting a dinner 5-7:30 p.m. Saturday at Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4012, 438 S. Main St. Proceeds will help local veterans and veteran organizations. The cost is \$10 for a ten ounce steak and \$14 for a 16-ounce steak. For more information, call (248) 477-6377 or visit www.sempref1162.org.

Frog survey

Friends of the Rouge is seeking volunteers for its 9th Annual Rouge River Watershed Frog and Toad Survey. The survey includes the Northville portion of the Rouge. Volunteers need no prior experience, but must attend one two-hour training workshop. Surveys are conducted several times a month through July. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call (313) 792-9621 or e-mail picoordinator@therouge.org.

Grief Support

New Hope Center for Grief Support are offering groups for young widows and widowers and their children 3 and up. There are groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss and other specialized groups at various times of the year. There is no cost for participants. For more information, contact (248) 348-0115 or visit www.newhopecenter.net.

Ready to work?

The Johnson Creek Protection Group is hosting Work Day at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 22 at Northville Community Park. The group will be clearing trails and cleaning up the park. Wear work clothes, boots and gloves. The groups needs extra clip-pers.

History of Maybury Sanatorium

The Friends of Maybury State Park are hosting a free seminar on the history of Maybury Sanatorium 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 27 at the Northville Senior Community center. Registration is required. For more information, contact (248) 349-4140.

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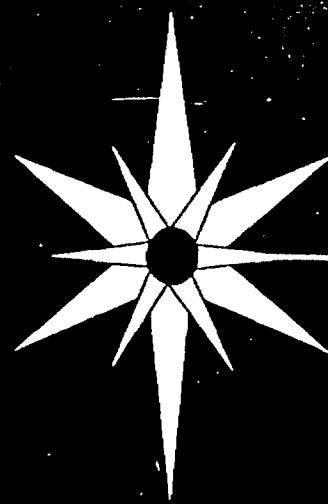
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Village 'expecting' June store openings

Hail to the chief! Fox Hills Country Club in Plymouth will be the May 12 setting for the fond farewell to the city's police chief Jim Petres, retiring after 34 years with the Northville Police Department. The deadline to purchase \$30 dinner tickets is May 5. Contact senior police clerk Susan Hatch at shatch@ci.northville.mi.us.

Speaking of the city's top cop job ... a posting for the vacancy went up Monday. That's the same day Patrick Sullivan reported to work as the new city manager, you know, the guy in charge of hiring department heads.

It's the first day of spring break for the Northville Public Schools. Hillside Middle School principal Jim Cracraft, what are you going to do? Go to ... Hiller's Market downtown! Wearing a baseball cap and pushing a cart, the fearless leader was spotted in the pasta/rice aisle. And no, it didn't look like he was shopping for Japanese cuisine.

What can happen when you let go and let God? Hundreds of seventh through 12th graders participating in the First United Methodist Church's 2006 musical "In His Name" can tell you! Under the vision and direction of Stacey Becker, more than 220 kids from Northville and the surrounding area have been practicing since January to share

their faith with audiences all over the state. For information on final May 14 performances, call (248) 348-4853. Inspiring!

Speaking of inspiring ... Our very own state representative, John Stewart, is going to lead a rally running up the Lansing capitol stairs next Wednesday. An avid-runner, Stewart will be joined by EMU graduate and 1964 Olympic Gold medal winner Hayes Jones and representatives from 60 Michigan universities and colleges carrying their school flags.

City of Northville business owners were busy checking boxes on a 24-question survey mailed to 170 downtown addresses last week. Part of the strategic planning process ... their responses to questions about business hours, number of employees and parking preferences will be submitted in consultant Beckett and Raeder's final report to city council in June.

It looks as though Northville may just have another teacher of the year in the making... Moraine Elementary School first grade teacher Karen Stuard was chosen as one of four finalists to advance to the state interview stage for Michigan Teacher of the Year. If chosen for the honor, she would follow in the footsteps of Hillside Middle School assistant principal Heidi Capraro who held the 2004-

05 title while teaching science at the downtown middle school.

And speaking of Heidi Capraro ... The assistant principal had a "small world" experience a couple of weeks ago. While helping package meals for Kids Against Hunger, she ran into one of her former teachers in the Plymouth-Canton School District. The meeting took her on a trip down memory lane ...

What economic downturn? Where? Meadowbrook Country Club guests at the Chamber of Commerce's State of the Community lunch last week heard Mayor Christopher Johnson rattle off a laundry list of development projects in the City of Northville. Among them, Jim Long's 120 West Main building, Jeff and Tita Daskal's east Main Street building, Lee Holland's new Dunlap Street building. The Village renovation by Erwin and Barbara Tonch and Bob and Margene Buckhave and the Corner House work/residential condominiums that will replace the house with the trees growing in it at the corner of Cady and Griswold streets.

And speaking of the site of the new Daskal building ... the disassembled wood-frame building formerly at 166 E. Main Street remains in neat, canvass-covered piles in the Mill Race Historical Village parking lot. Stay tuned for plans for a May 7 event to raise funds to rebuild the vintage store on the park grounds ...

Tomorrow's Friday Flick is a don't-miss for anyone who loves family comedies. "Yours, Mine, and Ours," starring Rene

Russo and Dennis Quaid, tells the story of single parents who plan to tie the knot. Their 18 children between them try to sabotage the marriage. Show time at the Northville Senior Community Center is 1 p.m. Cost: \$1.

Dam tasty and easy-to-make. Those are some of the rave reviews rolling in for recipes found in the Northville Civic Concern cookbook. Director Marlene Kunz said the agency only has 100 copies remaining of the original 546 \$10 fund-raising books helping put groceries on needy Northville family shelves. Get them while they last. Call (248) 344-1033.

If you see a gang of coffee-toting workers wielding hoes and rakes, don't be alarmed. Representatives from Starbucks in downtown Northville have volunteered to spruce up the grounds in front of Old Village School. The effort will be in celebration of Earth Day and is part of an ongoing relationship between the coffee shop and downtown school.

And speaking of Art Fischer ... Has anyone seen the photo of his grandson on his desk? It appears he loves his grandpa! And it's safe to say, the Old Village School principal is pretty fond of the future linebacker, too.

Have you seen the poster adorning one of the front windows of The Village? (That's the former MAGS building, for you old timers). It's a clever announcement of the upscale maternity store "due" in June, Belli Couture.



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Over before it started!

Heritage Building and Remodeling will not be opening in the former Traditions space at 120 N. Center Street. A rift in the partnership reportedly kept the venture from moving forward. The 1,800-square-foot showroom, with some additional basement space, is available for lease and immediate occupancy.

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POLICE BRIEFS

Talking safety

Northville Colony Estates Homeowners Association will meet 7 p.m. April 24 at Northville Township Hall. Special guests include Police Chief John Werth and Fire Chief William Zhmendak who will discuss home security and fire safety. The association will also discuss details regarding its subdivision garage sale.

Wanted: Spray paint vandals

Several Northville Township residents on Tournament Drive called police after waking April 13 to find their vehicles, driveways and doors spray painted with obscenities and other vulgar remarks. According to police, more than seven reports were made, including one by a 50-year-old man who had two cars vandalized. Police found several messages spray-painted, including the letters "BD" and "Black Dragons." Police have no witnesses, and all cases are closed.

Unwanted guest

A 42-year-old Northville Township man called police April 6, after telling a 40-year-old Flatrock woman she was not welcome at his home. According to reports, the man said he was friends with the woman in the

past, but due to an argument and her alleged drug use, he wanted nothing to do with her. The man told police the woman had been calling and e-mailing him for several days and wanted to say goodbye. According to reports, the woman came to the man's home and struck a trash can and mailbox with her car. The man contacted police April 13 and said he had no further contact with the woman and he did not want to prosecute. The man is expected to request a personal protection order against her. The case is closed.

Bad getaway

Police were called to Meijer on Haggerty Road after two men, 17- and 19 from Northville, were allegedly caught stealing DVDs. According to police, loss prevention officials observed the men select three DVDs, place them in a shopping cart and slide them under the gate in the garden area. Loss prevention officials say the men then exited the store and drove a van to the garden area to retrieve the DVDs. Loss prevention officials were able to apprehend the 17-year-old male while the other man drove away.

The man was arrested and charged with retail fraud. He was given a court date for today at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Police were unable to contact the second suspect. The case remains open.

Stolen backpack

A 44-year-old Northville Township woman called police after finding her car had been broken into on Rollingwoods Circle. According to reports, the car was parked in the woman's driveway and left unlocked. Her backpack, containing two history books, two binders, a day planner and a calculator, was taken. Police found no damage to the car. The case is closed.

Double trouble

Police were dispatched to Baby's-R-Us on Haggerty Road after a 21-year-old Garden City man was caught allegedly stealing two breast pumps. According to police, witnesses saw the man leave the store and head east-bound on foot. Police searched the area and noticed a Smart Bus parked in the Target parking lot. Police searched the bus and found the suspect lying down between the seats. According to reports, the breast pumps were recovered. The man was arrested and charged with second-degree retail fraud. He was given a court date for today at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Assault

A 16-year-old Northville Township youth reported being assaulted near his home near Pickford and Valencia Drive. According to reports, the boy said he was driving with friends and decided to stop the car to smoke. The boy told police another boy struck him with a baseball bat several times and left the scene. The case remains open.

Assault and battery

Police were called to Meijer on Haggerty Road after loss prevention officials observed a 35-year-old Redford Township man allegedly steal a bottle of alcohol and tobacco. According to reports, the man hid the items in his waistband and attempted to exit the store without offering to pay. Loss prevention officials tried to apprehend the man, but he struggled and began yelling obscenities. Police arrested the man and charged him with retail fraud and assault and battery. He was given an April 27 court date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

OBITUARIES

MELENA C. JAGUSCH

Age 93, passed April 7, 2006 at Star Manor of Northville, MI. She was born in Calumet, MI to the late Joseph and Clara Brule. She was preceded in passing by her 14 brothers and sisters. Visitation for Melena was on Monday, April 10th at Vermeulen Funeral Home. The funeral liturgy was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church of Wayne on April 11, 2006 11:00AM. Father Jack Baker officiated. Interment was in Cadillac Memorial Gardens. Melena is survived by her two daughters, Janet (Wayne) Nelson and Judy (Gordon) Bullock; seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

HAROLD W. PRICE


Age 80, of Northville, passed away April 11, 2006. He was born April 12, 1925 in Muscatine, Iowa to Koehler and Nellie (Dora) Price. Harold received his Bachelor Degree in Engineering from the University of Iowa. He retired from Ford Motor Company in 1991 after working as a mechanical engineer for 28 years. He was a member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. Harold enjoyed golfing and was interested in professional football. He was very active with the Northville Civic Concern. On September 7, 2000 he received the Claude Ely Memorial Fund Award for his unselfish time and effort, dedication and commitment to the mission and service of Northville Civic Concern. He is survived by his beloved wife, Carol, whom he married on October 10, 1992; his children Mark Price and Anne Price; his brother Ralph Price; and his grandchildren Lesley, Luke, Stephanie, Zachary, and Tara. A Funeral Mass was held Tuesday at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. Father Terrance Kerner officiated the Mass. Mr. Price was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to Northville Civic Concern, PO Box 323, Northville, MI 48167.

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DRIVING: should seniors have to give up the wheel?

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by an Upper Peninsula police officer.

"I'm a little more cautious," Saja said. "Your reflexes kind of slow up as you get older."

"My wife says sometimes I'm a little aggressive."

The Sajas share a gold Buick Century now and drive mostly close to home. Gone are the days when they racked up miles on two vehicles, working full-time or traveling continually to their four children's various college campuses.

Like many seniors, Saja picked up his first license at his local police precinct, at age 14. As the oldest child, he took on delivery responsibilities for his family's bakery business.

Planning ahead

In the weeks leading up to his birthday and license renewal, Houghton investigated alterna-

tives to driving himself.

And then his worst fears were realized. The first time he went in, a Secretary of State employee told the 92-year-old he flunked the vision test.

"Before I went down there, I said, 'What if they don't pass me?'" Houghton said. "The bus only goes to Eight Mile and Currie."

"I would have had to walk that half mile."

After an examination, his optometrist supplied his written approval. He was on the road again.

Houghton, whose first job was with his father's employer, rode to work with his dad, postponing learning to drive until age 20.

"Then I met a girlfriend. I needed a car of my own," he said with a smile. "I was married to that girlfriend 63 years."

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

Do You Know This Person?

Why some older drivers have retired from driving

- I was uncomfortable, unsure and frightened behind the wheel. Driving was a burden, not a pleasure.
- I realized that owning and operating a car cost me thousands of dollars each year. I could get around and spend less money weekly on taxis, buses and gas money for neighbors and friends.
- My friends or family expressed concern about my driving. My children and grandchildren would not ride with me.
- I often became physically exhausted when driving.
- I got lost a lot while driving and my thoughts wandered frequently.
- I had more and more minor scrapes and dents on my car.
- I was afraid I would kill or hurt someone.
- I was honked at frequently by other drivers.
- My physician, family and clergy asked me to stop.
- I didn't want to be left to forever question why I didn't stop when I knew there was a problem.



Source: AARP

count on their auto insurance premiums.

The 12 residents who completed the AARP course last week received a certificate of completion. In 36 states, discounts are mandatory after completing the course, Smith said, but Michigan is not among them.

A current legislative proposal says insurance companies may offer a discount, Smith said.

"If we had it mandatory, we'd have this class filled every time," he said.

For information, call AARP at (888) 227-7669.

Need a ride?

Curb-to-curb service is available for area seniors through the Northville Senior Community Center. Rides for medical appointments, hair appointments and other errands are available 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. The cost is \$3 each way. Medical appointments have first priority. Call the transportation office at (248) 449-9934 at least two days in advance between 9-11:30 a.m. Monday through Friday. Requests cannot be accepted at any other time.

'Capability Index'

As the AARP course drew to a close, instructor Bob Smith encouraged students to review a workbook evaluation of their emotional and physical experiences while driving.

Participants ranked frequency on topics like: I have trouble maneuvering through intersections ... I get nervous making left turns ... I have trouble looking over my shoulder to change lanes ... I fail to

notice red lights or traffic signs ... I find that drivers seem to stop in front of me suddenly ... I find that cars suddenly come from out of nowhere.

"Think of the implications," the workbook suggests. "Review this index every six months."

Simple measures can make a difference, Smith said, such as adding hand motions to the car's signal when stopped at an intersection, removing obstructions dangling from the rear-view mirror, or making three right turns around a block to avoid making one left turn.

"We all want to drive as long as we can as safely as we can," Smith said. Friends and family members can anonymously suggest to the Secretary of State a driver who should surrender their privileges, he said.

Insurance break

Driving instructor Bob Smith said some insurance companies offer AARP 55 Alive students a dis-

Classes help older drivers sharpen skills

By Scheri Smith and Sarah Zopfi

GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

If you've been driving for 50 years or more, you may think you know the rules of the road. But now may be time for a refresher course.

"I have never had an accident, but I really have to be cautious," says Arlene Melton of Huntington, W.Va., who's getting close to 90. "I drive slower now, and I also watch the speed limit."

Because age slows everybody's reaction time and can cause changes in eyesight, hearing and flexibility, older drivers have to be especially attentive to what's going on around them.

"You have to be constantly alert," says Robert Gilbreath of Louisville, Ky., who's past age 80 and took an AARP driving course last year. "You shouldn't be talking on cell phones or smoking cigarettes or eating."

Keeping driving skills in tip-top shape is especially important to seniors to help them maintain some of their independence.

Alternatives to driving can be inconvenient or almost nonexistent, especially in small towns or suburban areas far from the city center. Half of all adults cannot take public transportation because service is not available in their area, according to a 2004 Surface Transportation Policy Project report.

And more than half of the people 65 and older who don't drive - 3.6 million Americans - stay home on any given day because they don't have transportation options, the report says.

AARP began offering its older driver courses, sometimes called the 55 Alive Driver Safety Program, in 1969. In 2003, more than 700,000 took the organization's eight-hour classes over two days. Some AAA clubs across the country also offer a senior driver's course called Safe Driving for Mature Operators.

In addition to the rules of the road, the AARP class teaches older drivers stretches to loosen their muscles, which can make it easier to move in a vehicle. The course also tackles touchy issues, such as when to give up driving, said William Weber, a former student and current instructor from Louisville.

"They're all convinced they're

10 tips for driving safely

Though driving laws can differ from state to state, here are 10 tips to help any driver stay safe:

1. Always wear your seat belt. It may not keep you from getting killed in a crash, but it increases your chances of survival.
2. Never drive impaired. Alcohol gets most of the attention, but drowsiness from too little sleep, dizziness from medications and poor judgment from illegal drugs also keep a driver from reacting quickly and correctly.
3. Drive defensively. Use the acronym SIPDE to help you remember: Scan for potential risks. Identify possible problems. Predict what might develop. Decide what to do to avoid a collision. Execute your decision.
4. Let the other driver in. The fourth leading cause of fatal crashes is failure to yield right of way. You might be in the right, but it's not worth losing your life over it.
5. Don't worry, be happy. Increased traffic congestion in many areas is triggering more and

more road rage over small problems, such as getting cut off. Brush off the slight and find a way to channel your frustration away from the gas pedal.

6. Obey the speed limit. Speeding or driving too fast for conditions is the reason for 1 in 5 fatal crashes.

7. Allow ample time. Add a safety cushion to the amount of time you think you need to get to your destination. That way you won't be tempted to dart through traffic to make up lost minutes.

8. Stay off the phone. Don't eat, apply makeup or fiddle with the radio either. They're all distractions that keep your attention off the road. Driving is its own multitasking.

9. Check your blind spots. Remember you share the road with motorcycles and bicycles that can disappear quickly between your mirrors.

10. Use your turn signals. That way other drivers can correctly anticipate your movements.

nal Clinic Medicine and Research.

Tests can measure perception, memory and judgment to help determine whether someone of any age is competent to drive, he says. But an on-road driving assessment is the best gauge.

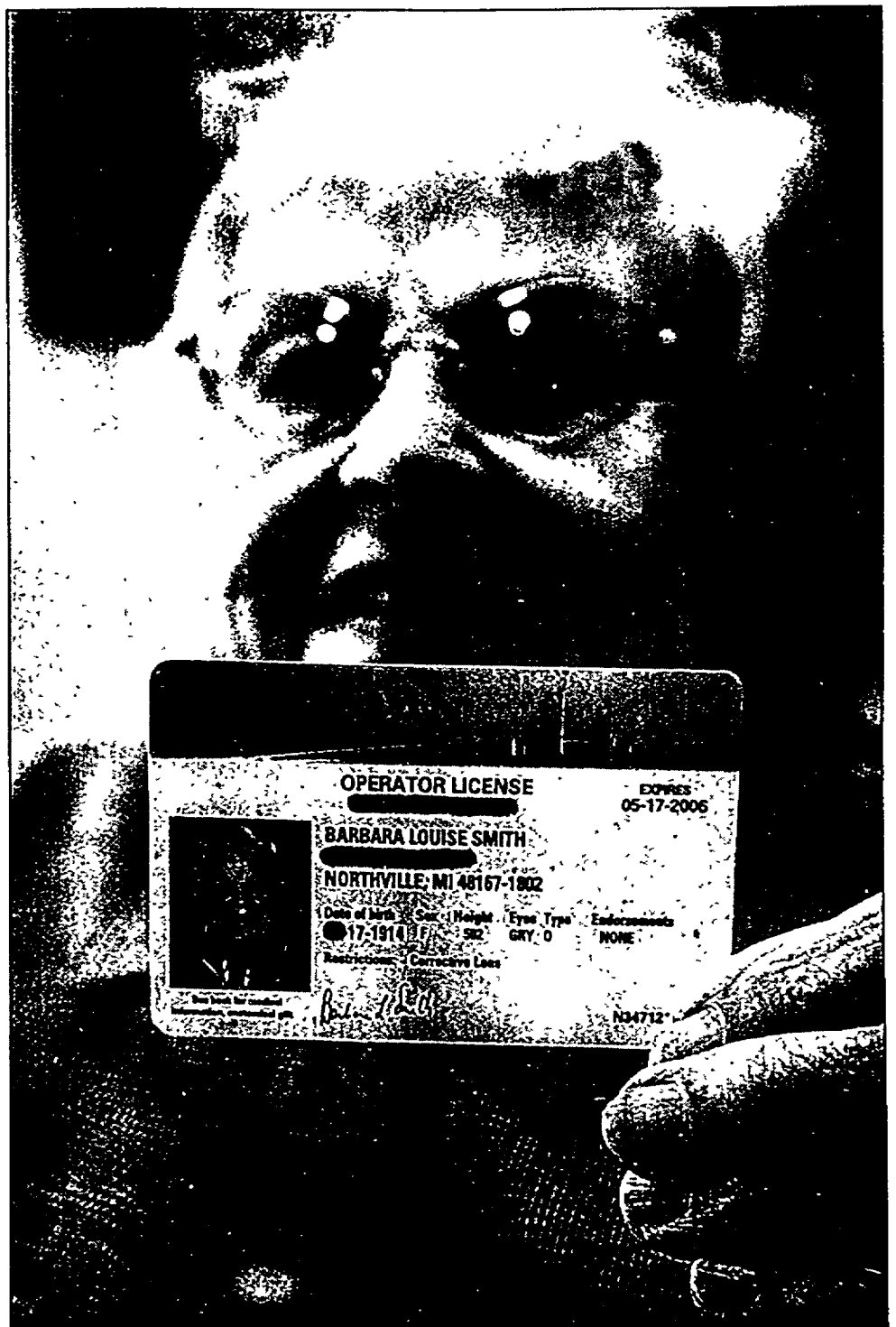
"People with dementia or Alzheimer's, it's quite difficult to know when they should stop driving," Yale says. "People with early dementia may be able to keep driving. There is no perfect assessment."

Ron Johnson of Huntington, W.Va., who's not yet 60, says he has noticed changes in his body in the past 15 years. He said the AARP course helped him calm down.

"We have arthritis, and it affects the lower back," Johnson says of himself and his wife. "We find that we take more little breaks about every two hours to help."

He also learned that some medication that's supposed to help him can hurt his driving.

Age alone does not indicate a person's driving ability, Gilbreath says. "There's some young people that shouldn't be driving, and some old ones that shouldn't continue."



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville resident Barbara Smith, 91, renews her Michigan driver's license and utilizes it as an ID card.

Who am I?

Non-drivers can opt for state-issued ID card instead of license

By Maureen Johnston

RECORD STAFF WRITER

Barbara Smith renewed her license by mail a couple of weeks ago.

Never mind the fact the 91-year-old hasn't driven for two years.

After Smith's May birthday, she'll still be able to write checks, cross the border into Windsor for dinner and prove who she is to anyone who needs to know. She'll pull from her purse her two-inch-by-three-inch laminated license.

"It's the only ID I have," she said. When she turns 96, Smith will think about obtaining a state ID card instead.

But for many Michigan seniors, a State of Michigan ID isn't worth the paper it's laminated beneath. For practical reasons, many prefer to maintain their driver's license instead, a reality keeping them driver-eligible, whether or not they are able to traverse area roads.

Alternate ID

That's not the route Iris Antuna took. The Red Hat Society member said her state ID card has held up just fine, thank you.

"It's acceptable in all banks, like if I'm cashing a check, in stores," she said.

Any Michigan resident, who does not have a driver's license, is eligible to obtain a personal identification card from a Secretary of State office. The \$10 fee is waived for applicants 65 or older, persons who are legally blind or individuals who do not have a license because of physical or mental disabilities.

Road wary

Antuna drove most of her life. Then 14 years of caring for an ailing aunt kept her close to home and she eventually stopped driving anywhere.

Now 70, she said she has no interest in returning to the road.

"I realized all that time of not driving — the better part of 10 years — I realized I wouldn't be good on the roads," she said. "I would be too careful."

Like Smith, Antuna looks to family and friends for a ride where she needs to go. She also frequently takes advantage of the bus service based at the Northville Senior Community Center.

"They take you to lunch and pick you up and hour later, to doctor appointments, shopping," she said. "That's quite terrific and it's reasonable."

"There's really not much excuse for seniors to be immobile."

Road ready

When Smith moved from North Carolina to Michigan three years ago, she passed the vision test and swapped her new license for her old one.

This spring, she took advantage of the state's provision to apply on paper every other four-year term. She doesn't plan to resume driving, but wants to hold on to her license for identification purposes just the same.

Her children helped her sell her car when she made the tough decision to permanently turn over the keys. But the license she'll keep.

Smith has traveled to 100 countries, lived in several states and has family members throughout the country. So, there might be miles to travel yet.

"It's acceptable in all banks, like if I'm cashing a check, in stores."

Iris Antuna

Resident, Northville Township

The Real ID Act

On May 11, 2005, President Bush signed the Real ID Act into law.

The act mandates that three years after enactment (May 2008), a state driver's license or ID card cannot be used for any federal purpose unless it meets the specific federal requirements.

For example, non-compliant IDs cannot be used for identification to board federally regulated commercial aircraft, enter nuclear power plants or to access any federal facility. In anticipation of the 2008 compliance deadline, the state is working to begin issuing a compliant license sometime in 2007.

Source: www.michigan.gov

"I've gone on several trips through the senior center," Smith said. "I'd go on more if I just knew someone to go with me."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville resident Barbara Smith.

Write-in candidate: no thanks Maloney: 'I didn't want to be a total quitter'

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

You won't see Christopher Maloney's name on the May 2 ballot, and he doesn't want your vote.

But the Northville resident is eligible to receive votes May 2 for the Northville Public Schools Board of Education as a write-in candidate.

Northville Township Clerk Sue Hillebrand said Maloney filed a petition with more than the required 40 signatures in early February to run as an official candidate, but withdrew his nomination 24 hours later.

Hillebrand said he then filed the affidavit to collect votes as a write-in candidate.

"I didn't want to be a total quitter," Maloney said, before further deciding he wouldn't have time for the job.

Maloney, 39, said his medical

research and doctoral pursuits would likely take him out of the Northville area during his school board term, if elected.

He said supportive Northville residents inspired by his fiscal conservatism originally brought him to the township clerk's office.

Not a well-thought out plan, he said. Maloney is a controversial candidate.

According to reports, he was sentenced in 1995 to eight months in the Wayne County Correctional Facility for aggravated stalking and attempting to disarm a police officer. He subsequently served five years probation.

Maloney said he served four of the eight-month term and satisfied his probation requirements.

"It is a very snowballed situation, where small things happened before it snowballed into the crime of the century," he said.

Maloney said the charges

stemmed from a relationship, beginning nearly 18 years ago, one he said he should have walked away from.

"It is embarrassing," he said. "It appears sensational, but it was really very pathetic."

"I'm embarrassed. I shouldn't have fallen in love. It was the wrong place at the wrong time."

Maloney said he is a third generation resident of Northville, Eagle Scout and his mother is a former teacher. That heritage led him to file for a school board seat.

He said he now takes care of his ailing mother, while working as an engineer and pursuing research in the field of polycystic kidney disease.

■ School Election: Tuesday, May 2

Northville Public Schools registered voters will have the opportunity to voice their opinions 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 2. Voters will be asked to choose two school board candidates, both serving four-year terms. Challenger Kristin Smith is running against incumbents Ken Roth and Karen Packorek.

Northville resident Christopher Maloney is an official write-in candidate.

Northville Township residents living in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools will choose two school board candidates from a field of eight and cast ballots on two bond proposals totaling \$120 million for district-wide school enhancements and improvements for extra-curricular activities at Plymouth-Canton Educational Park. Improvements include a theater, pool, auxiliary

Hillebrand said criminal history does not preclude a resident from holding public office.

"It does preclude you from being hired or volunteering as a precinct inspectors position

gym and field upgrades.

Northville residents in the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools district vote at Meads Mill Middle School.

■ Candidate Coffee

Northville Public Schools Board of Education trustee candidate Kristin Smith will host three "Coffee with the Candidate" meetings this month:

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. tomorrow at Starbucks Coffee, 302 E. Main Street, Northville
- 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, April 25 at Caribou Coffee, 44601 Five Mile Road, Plymouth Township
- 2-3:30 p.m. Friday, April 28 at Starbucks Coffee, 302 E. Main Street, Northville

The Northville Public Schools election is Tuesday, May 2.

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May 2 election: three candidates for two seats

KRISTIN SMITH: Challenger offers a different perspective

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Kristin Smith feels she represents a new Northville.

"A lot of people moved here, it is not the same community," she said. "The question is, how do we meet the same excellence status?"

Smith, 37, is running for one of two open seats on the Northville Public Schools Board of Education, hoping to bring a fresh perspective to an established community and board. The election is May 2.

Smith moved to Northville from Livonia in December.

"I come with no bias," she said. "I am the mother of a young child invested in this community."

"I have a long-term personal stake in the decisions made by this board."

Unlimited time

Smith said, if elected, she would begin her four-year term by offering unlimited

time to members of the community, soliciting opinions and sharing information on looming district issues.

"I realize there are a lot of great ideas that will not be my own," Smith said. "I think there is a very fine line. That makes me open-minded."

And the candidate said she would like to hear from everyone regarding community growth difficulties.

"Whether you have a child in the system or not, it is an entire community problem," she said.

A former attorney who is now a stay-at-home mom, Smith said she has the time to lend an ear and will support hosting public forums where residents are encouraged to speak without time limits or constraints.

"I know it takes time, but I'm willing to take the time to listen to what people have to say," she said.

Dissecting growth

Smith wants research and ongoing dialogue on how to solve the district's projected overcrowding issue.

An independent survey speculates schools will be at or over capacity for the 2007-08 school year.

The candidate's solution: set a time frame, assign specific tasks and conduct research on all options.

Smith said she won't back away from looking into the financial and educational ramifications of leasing buildings from Livonia or the concept of a year-round school, like a 45-15 schedule.

Other options Smith would like to explore include relocating the Northville

"I realize there are a lot of great ideas that will not be my own."

Kristin Smith

Candidate, Northville Public Schools Board of Education

■ KRISTIN SMITH

Personal
Age: 37
Northville resident
Married, 3-year-old son
Education
J.D. Michigan State University Law School, 1995

B.A. The University of Michigan, 1982

Work experience
General Electric Capital Corporation, in-house legal department; Domestic law relations, 5 years

Community involvement
Northville Newcomers member; Women's Survival Center free legal clinic volunteer; Volunteer Special Olympics and Livonia YMCA
Web site:
www.squidoo.com/kristin-smithfornorthville/

ing division.

"I gained asset negotiations skills and would take on projects I would then follow through."

"My negotiating skills are very strong."

Smith said practicing family law has given her the skills and compassion necessary to manage emotional topics, including residents' children.

And don't discount her motherly experience, Smith said.

"The fact that I'm a parent makes me qualified," she said.

The parent link

Smith believes school districts should work successfully with parents, which is why she would like to see more attention paid to student-parent relations.

"I think the cornerstone of a successful school system is the parents," Smith said. She said a good start is bringing more parents into the classroom.

If elected, Smith said she would draw upon her experience with co-op preschool.

"We knew who all the kids were and we knew who all the parents were. We all had

jobs," Smith said.

If elected, she vows to listen to parents in good times and bad.

"When you take on that role (school board) you have to look at it as constructive criticism and not criticize it."

"I think that goes a long way."

Educational focus

Smith vows to keep and exceed the district's tradition of academic excellence.

"I'm not opposed to going above and beyond what the state requires," she said. But first things first, Smith said.

The board's top priorities, she said:

- Handling growth while maintaining educational excellence

- Focus on technology, including math and sciences, an area she believes students must thrive to graduate into today's global market.

"I think there is always room for improvement," she said.

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KAREN PACIOREK: Incumbent views growth as challenge

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Karen Paciorek said she wants to continue her work maintaining Northville Public Schools "excellent" standing.

"Of course, we in Northville believe we are a strong district, but that is also reiterated by reports such as the Standard & Poor's School Matters report, which ranks Northville as one of the top 3 performing districts in the state," she stated in an e-mail.

Paciorek, 52, is running for one of two open seats on the Northville Public Schools Board of Education, hoping to serve the district another term. The election is May 2. She currently serves as the board of education president.

More than grades

In a written e-mail response to Northville Record questions, Paciorek said education is about more than academics.

"I am very proud of the programs in which students in this district participate that may not make it into any report of

school quality," she stated in an e-mail.

"I am speaking about programs such as the early childhood education centers adopting an early childhood program in Hattiesburg, Miss., and sending books and clay mobiles the children made to the center hit hard by Hurricane Katrina."

She said the district's partnership with the Fulbright Program and schools in Japan and the Afghan Kids helping Kids program are examples of non-academic success.

"All of these service programs in which Northville teachers, administrators and many community members participate, involve children and allow for that value added component to an academic education," she stated in an e-mail.

Exploring growth

If re-elected, Paciorek said handling district overcrowding will remain a priority.

An independent survey speculates schools will be at or over capacity for the 2007-08 school year.

"The board will explore all options, such as renting space and looking at some partnerships without neighboring districts just to name a few that are options other districts around the country have considered," she stated via e-mail.

Paciorek noted the board of education approved the district Kindergarten Relocation Plan last April, as a two-year plan addressing growth through the 2006-07 school year.

The growth-solution plan redistricted kindergarten students from Ridge Wood Elementary School. Only students with older siblings are returning next year for first grade.

"The part of the budget that is used for direct services for children will continue to be my number one concern."

Karen Paciorek

Candidate, Northville Public Schools Board of Education

■ KAREN PACIOREK

Personal
Age: 52
Novi resident
Married, two Northville
Public School educated children
Education
Ph.D. Vanderbilt University,
M.A. George Washington

University
B.S. University of Pittsburgh

Work Experience
Professor of Early Childhood Education, Eastern Michigan University; Faculty member at Eastern Michigan University since 1981; Preschool teacher- Washington, D.C. Public

School teacher; Instructor,
Shippensburg University
Community involvement
Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children, Wolverine Human Resources, Karla Fund, Northville Educational Foundation, Michigan Association of School Boards.

services is her top budgetary priority.

"The part of the budget that is used for direct services for children will continue to be my number one concern," she stated via e-mail.

Making the return

Paciorek said she would like another four-year term.

"My vision would be to have this district continue to graduate students who move on to successful post-secondary education and then become productive and committed citizens," she stated in an e-mail.

Paciorek wrote reconnecting with existing board members and continuing the positive relationship is a plus.

"Since we spend so much time working together, it is important for the board and administration to have a positive working relationship," she said. "The seven current school board members work very well together and feel we can continue to keep this district achieving at its current level if we can maintain the momentum."

The commitment

Paciorek said being a Northville school board member requires at least 5-20 hours per week.

"I feel I have done quite well committing to the Northville Schools for the past 13 years and plan on continuing to serve this community as a school board member," she stated in an e-mail.

Paciorek wrote she has a deep and longstanding interest in the Northville School district, is an attentive listener and will continue to make decisions that are in the best interest of the Northville Public School children.

"As a former public school teacher and currently a university professor who prepares teachers, I feel I have a great deal to bring to the board," she stated in an e-mail: "I also am able to benefit greatly from my service to the board."

Paciorek teaches graduate curriculum classes at Eastern Michigan University.

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KEN ROTH: Incumbent says fiscal prudence pays

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Ken Roth looks at his school board role objectively.

The current Northville Public Schools Board of Education vice president said it isn't the subjective milestones, but the objective facts making the district a success.

Roth, 45, is running for one of two open seats on the Northville Public Schools Board of Education, and hopes to continue adding up accomplishments. The election is May 2.

"By all objective measurements, we are giving people, what in my own opinion, the two most important goals of a school district: great education in a fiscally responsible way," he said. "Standard & Poor's tells us that, Plante & Moran tells us that and our MEAP scores tell us that."

Roth said Northville Public Schools rated second in the state by Standard & Poor's for 2005 in terms of adding value to tax dollars for educational outcomes.

Fiscal point of view

Roth said his record shows experience dealing with tough financial issues.

He said it's a needed voice on the board to manage a nearly \$70 million operating budget.

Understanding and implementing business applications is part of his daily life as a small business owner and operator.

"I have the history of having to meet a payroll every week and understanding what it is like to live in a real world situation where you have to be comfortable with what your revenues are and you have to be comfortable with what your costs are as well," Roth said.

Before Roth stepped into the business ownership role 14 years ago, he practiced law as a prosecuting attorney.

"I think it puts me in a very unique position," he said. "It helps with making decisions when you have the viewpoint of not just how it works within government, but also how it works when there are taxpayers out there who ultimately have to foot the bill for our decisions of which I am one."

Community growth

Roth said the answer to handling projected growth the district faces is another school.

An independent survey speculates schools will be at or over capacity for the 2007-08 school year.

Roth anticipates the board will return with another bond proposal for a seventh elementary school.

"We're going to have to come back relatively soon," he said. "In the meantime we have the plan in place to manage growth in

"If we had more money, we could actually be more efficient ..."

Ken Roth

Candidate, Northville Public Schools Board of Education

■ KEN ROTH

Personal
Age: 45
Northville resident
Married, no children
Education
J.D. Boston University, 1985; B.A. The University of

Michigan, 1982

Work experience
Small business owner, 14 years; Former prosecuting attorney, 6 years
Community involvement
NPS board of education member, 4 years; Northville

Park and Recreation
Commission member, 4 years; Member of the Downtown Steering Committee, phase one; Chairman of the Northville Art placement committee; Member of the CENC, 2001

development.

"If we had more money, we could actually be more efficient in our oversight of development of district programs and goals," he said.

"My goal (if re-elected) would be to improve and maintain the fiscal stability of the district. Improve and maintain the outstanding level of education the district is providing to the kids. And to continue to go forward with managing the growth of the district."

Budget balance

Roth said it is his priority to maintain the integrity of the district's fund balance, including increasing the total back to a healthy amount after several years of state funding cuts.

"You dip into fund balance for what it is, an emergency need. You don't routinely fund operational costs through your fund balance," he said.

Roth said a district's fund balance is critical for reacting to difficult, emerging financial times and determining the bond rating for the school district.

Roth said he will maintain the budget philosophy while tackling difficult state and local budget issues including Proposal A

reform, restructuring of school state-aid funding, reconciliation of state and school budget adoption dates and educating taxpayers about how property tax dollars do not go directly to the district, but first to the state.

Representing all

Roth said 65 percent of the Northville school district population does not have public school children.

"It is their money, too, and you represent them by being fiscally responsible," he said.

"I am thinking about what is the best decisions not just for the small area of school parents but for the school district as a whole."

Roth said he believes residents without children in the district are still looking for a great school system.

"People understand the cornerstone of a great community, like ours, is a great school system," he said. "The history of the area bears me out on that, but they are also looking for us to not only deliver a great education, but also in a fiscally responsible way."

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CLASS NOTES

Board Meeting

The next Northville Board of Education regular meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at Ridge Wood Elementary School, 49775 Six Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

Dining to Donate

On Thursday, April 27 Old Village School will host "Dining to Donate" at Applebee's restaurant on Haggerty and Eight Mile roads. The Novi restaurant will donate 10 percent of each participating patron's bill to Old Village School as part of a fund-raising effort. To participate, diners must collect a voucher from an on-site, Old Village representative the day of the event. For more information, call (248) 344-8460.

Essay Contest

United Cerebral Palsy of Michigan invites students in sixth-eighth grades to take part in a state-wide essay contest about disabilities. Essays can be about a personal disability or a friend or family member with a disability

and should be 500 words. Deadline for entries is Friday, April 28 and can be mailed to UCP Michigan, 3401 E. Saginaw, Ste. 216, Lansing MI, 48912. All entries must include the student's name, age and school address. For more information, e-mail Pam Patchak-Schuster at schuster@ucpmichigan.org or call (517) 203-1200.

Parent Program

The Parent Awareness Committee is sponsoring Detective Sgt. Joe Brian from the Oakland County Computer Crime Unit 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 2 in the NHS Forum, 45700 Six Mile Road. He will be speaking to parents about dangers of the Internet, predator tricks and what rules to set on computer use in the home. Kevin Mooney and Pete Marsack of Vision Computer Solution, will demonstrate how to set up a defense system on personal computers. For more information, call (248) 465-9987.

Heart N Sole Race

The Northville High School Rotary Interact Club is hosting its seventh annual Heart 'N' Sole race 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 6 at the Hillside Middle School track, 775 N. Center St. The race is for children ages 5-14. There will be a 1 mile run, 1/2 mile run, 400K, 200K and 100K. Fun races such as gunny sack and the three-legged race will also take place. The entrance fee is \$5 per person with proceeds going to Operation Blessing: Hunger Relief, a program providing world-wide aid to the hungry.

Senior Party

The NHS class of 2006 Senior All Night Party will be 10 p.m.-4 a.m. Saturday, June 3. To volunteer with decorations, come to the Rite Aid building on Seven Mile 7-9 p.m. Wednesday or Thursday evening or call Karen Poulos at (248) 349-4684 for additional times. To help with party set-up on June 2 or staffing the party on June 3, call Chairwoman Vessa Fefopoulos at (248) 347-4389 or

e-mail at Fefop@comcast.net

To make a donation of merchandise, services or cash, call Carol Grimmer by May 31 at (248) 380-7244.

To offer send-off advice, fill out a "Words of Wisdom" form to be presented to your senior at the

party. Call Kathleen Kosztowny at (248) 380-8156 or print a form from the NHS Web site at www.northville.k12.mi.us/nhs

If you purchased a Wooden Mustang, you can get it at the drive-through pickup 3-6 p.m. Friday, April 28 and 10 a.m.-2

p.m. Saturday, April 29 at the NHS soccer/track field concession stand. If you have any questions, call Mary Jo Blasius at (248) 349-0101 or (248) 444-2771.

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Standard & Poor's: District rates high marks statewide

Northville Public Schools is a great value, according to a report recently released by Standard & Poor's.

When compared with statewide school districts, the report showed Northville Public Schools' students score well above average in reading and math proficiency while the district's core spending per student ranks average among Michigan schools.

The report analyzed academic, financial and demographic data for schools throughout Michigan and compared key performance indicators for individual districts with state averages and trends.

The goal of the report is to help the education community better understand the complex relationship between achievement, spending and demographics.

The report looked at data from the 1999-00 through 2004-05 school years.

'SAVE the Children' bill signed by governor

Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed into law Friday a legislative package aimed at preventing early learning failure and providing students tools and skills for educational life success, said State Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Now).

Cassis, the key sponsor and coordinator of the SAVE the Children package, said it was an amazing achievement to see the legislation become state policy.

Following funding approval, the policy will establish an Early Intervening Grant Program administered by the Department of Education to help school districts with above average special education rates identify and help struggling students before they are placed in a special education program.

Cassis said the initiative could save districts millions of dollars spent on special education.

The Northville Public Schools early intervention program was used as a model for the SAVE the Children package.

Cassis said by identifying, reaching and helping struggling children early, Northville Public Schools dramatically reduced the number of students placed in special education programming and saved \$7.3 million.

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SCHOOL BOARD NOTEBOOK

April 11 Meeting

• Vice president Ken Roth was absent.

• Next Meeting: April 25

Consent Resolutions

Items on the Northville Public Schools Board of Education consent agenda unanimously approved authorizing board members to temporarily serve as board secretaries for the purpose of signing graduation diplomas and accepting a \$1,000 donation to the Old Village School Music Therapy Program from the Optimist Club of Northville/Novi.

Outstanding teachers

Members of the Northville Public Schools community were honored last Tuesday for nomination as Wayne RESA 2005-06 Outstanding teacher/employees of the year. Recognized were: Scott Sankitis, Rookie Teacher of the Year - Northville High School; Lisa Rohde, Teacher of the Year - Northville High School; Sheri Janer, Teacher of the Year - Meads Middle School; Sherry Lemourie, Support Employee of the Year - Hillside Middle School; Valerie Kaplansky, ancillary Professional of the Year - Hillside Middle School; and Marie Thomas, Teacher of the Year - Ridge Wood Elementary School.

Early Childhood Center

The Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center Coordinator Eileen Freeman presented board members with highlights, program reports and examples of charitable work conducted by the center's students. Total enrollment for all of the center's programs, including Parent/Child, Child Care, Classrooms, Kids' Creative Corner, Wonders of Nature and Kids' Club is 1,005. Northville Public Schools Assistant Superintendent for Instructional Services Casey Reason said the ECC program is an integral part of the district's ongoing academic success.

Month of the Young Child

Members of the board of education unanimously voted in favor of designating April as "Month of the Young Child" in the Northville Public Schools in accordance with the efforts of the Michigan Association for the Education of Young Children and the Michigan Department of Education.

Bid awards

Members of the board of education unanimously approved \$5.2 million worth of bid awards for projects approved as part of the 2004 bond election. Approval was given to numerous companies for Silver Springs and Winchester elementary schools projects. The board also voted in favor of awarding contracts to Cavalier Painting

and Envision Electric for work scheduled at Hillside Middle School. Projects include multi-purpose room additions for Winchester and Silver Springs.

Policy consideration

The first reading of Northville Public Schools Policy 6200 was unanimously approved by members of the board of education. The policy governs conducting independent special education educational evaluation at public expense. It is the policy of the district that parents may, at their own expense, have their students evaluated by evaluators of their own choice for consideration in decisions made with respect to the provision of a free appropriate public education.



Lorraine Lyjak displays a rose she received during last week's Senior Prom held at Hillside Middle School.

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Hillside Middle School student George Li serves dinner at Northville resident Otte Kowalis during the annual Senior Prom held last week.

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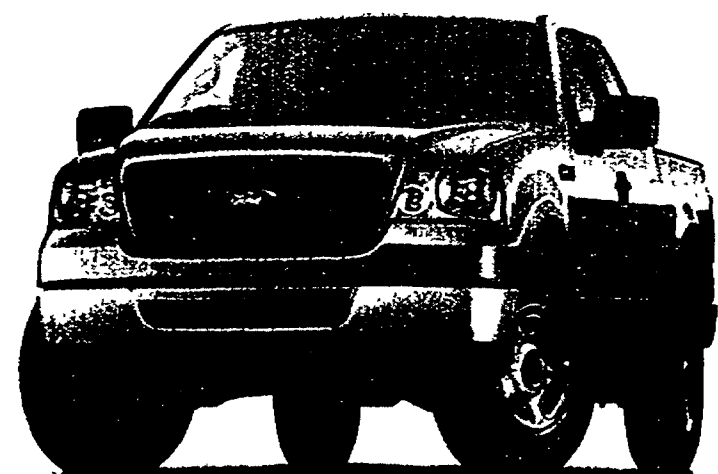
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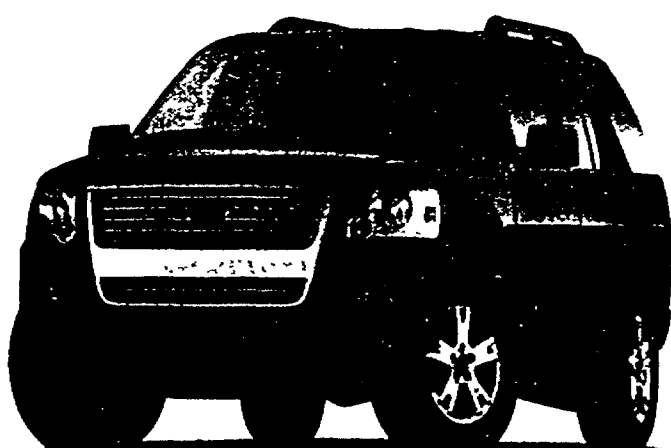


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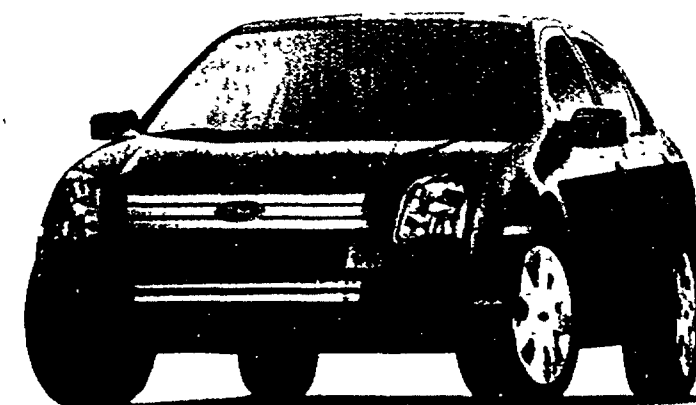


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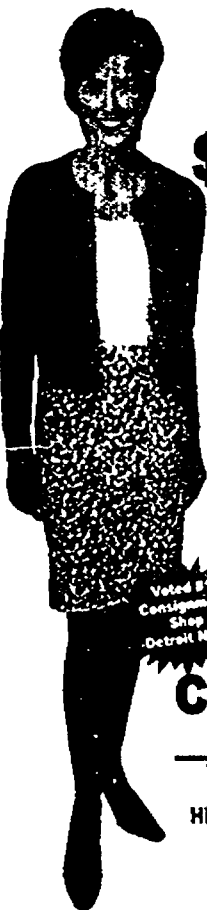
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Northville Mustangs assistant basketball coach Tim Turner, left, talks to guard Alvin Storrs during a state playoff game against Catholic Central. Turner, who was also a high school counselor, died Friday.

High school coach, counselor dies

District mourns loss of consummate professional, friend

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Members of the Northville Public Schools community mourn the loss of colleague and friend Tim Turner.

Turner, 52, died Friday, April 14. He was married with three children.

School officials said his death was "very unexpected" and at press time there was no information on the cause.

His funeral was held Tuesday at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Dearborn Heights.

Turner worked at Northville High School as a guidance counselor and boys basketball coach.

Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said Turner worked in the district for 12 years.

"He had an outstanding career," he said.

Rezmierski said not only did Turner spearhead high school efforts with MEAP testing, many of his ideas and program suggestions were instrumental in the district's success.

"And he was also a very good counselor and mentor to students, which will be a tough act to follow," he said.

Rezmierski said Turner began coaching with the district at the beginning of his career, prior to taking a break to dedicate time to his own children. He recently made his way back to the court.

"I vividly recall seeing Tim jump up, and I don't know all the rules, but he went far out on the court complaining about a call," Rezmierski said. "He was always involved. He was there in many ways, a kind of quiet, compassionate individual would be my way of thinking of Tim."

"He's going to be missed by all of us, and I think the shock will be ever more the apparent as we go through the remaining of the school year."

Northville High School students and staff were on spring break at the time of Turner's death.

Rezmierski said as students return to class Monday, counselors, social workers and support staff will be on hand to help students grieve.

"We will have coordinated team efforts under our crisis team plan," he said.

Rezmierski said full support will also be in place at Moraine Elementary School Monday, to help first graders mourn the death of classmate, Hannah Doody, who died Saturday following an ATV accident in Green Township, Ohio.

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

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Leonard Rezmierski
Superintendent,
Northville Public Schools

TAKE A BOW

Paul Rabahy

Paul Rabahy of First United Methodist Church of Northville, Troop 777, was honored for receiving the Boy Scouts of America Eagle Rank earlier this year. Rabahy, 17, is a senior at Catholic Central High School and will attend Kettering University in the fall. For an Eagle project, he created a detailed plan, solicited significant donations and led a team of volunteers to enhance the outside exercise course at Hillside Middle School. The project included 149 hours of constructing and installing three benches and planting trees. Rabahy's path to Eagle Scout included earning the prestigious Ad Altare Dei Religious Award.



Brownie Troop 64, Daisy Troops 704, 526, 311 and 244, all from Northville, participated in the annual Earth Day Groceries Project. Members decorated paper grocery bags with environmental messages and artwork. On Earth Day, April 22, these bags will be passed out (full of purchased groceries) to Farmer Jack shoppers on Haggerty Road in Northville.



Brownie Troop 2048, Winchester School, enjoys an afternoon at Bravo Italian Restaurant in Livonia. They were invited to visit and make pizzas as they work towards a Career Try-It Badge.

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Northville Public School District has developed a specification for the purchase and installation of security cameras at all school buildings. The Request For Proposal can be obtained from Fanning and Howey Architects and Engineers, contact person Dwayne Henderson, 248-848-0123 (4-20-06 NR 279559)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Public Accuracy Test for the May 2, 2006 School Election has been scheduled for Thursday, April 27, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in the Township Hall training room located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and the computer being used, to tabulate the results of the election, count the votes in the manner prescribed by the law.

The public is welcome and invited to attend (4-20-06 NR 278062) SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK

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The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Northville High School and a 2001 graduate of the University of Michigan, earning a bachelors degree in

political science and Russian studies. She is currently attending Case Western Reserve University School of Law, anticipating graduation in May. She will then become an associate with the firm of Cavitch, Familo, Durkin and Frutkin in Cleveland, Ohio.

The groom-elect is a 1993 graduate of St. Joseph's Collegiate Institute, Buffalo, N.Y. and a 1997 graduate of

Case Western Reserve University, earning a bachelors degree in computer engineering. He currently attends the University of Michigan Law School, anticipating graduation in May. He will then become an associate with the firm of Jones Day, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Proud grandparents are Nav and Pai Shah and Alan and Eva Schultz, all of Northville. Proud great-grandparents are Elizabeth Riddle and Lee and Thelma Schultz, all of Northville.



Greta Lily McKee

David and Erika McKee of Novi are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Greta Lily McKee. She was born Feb. 15, 2006 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor. She weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces. Greta joins big brother, Daniel, 6, and big sister, Caitlin, 3.

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Seeking answers SHARE: funding options pose questions

Reading between the lines of recent survey takes many turns

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Lynne Harrison-David wants details before she opens her wallet, again.

The Northville Township resident was among several members of the community interested in the results of a telephone survey, given to 500 residents living in City of Northville and Northville Township, on shared government services.

"We just want specifics," Harrison-David said. "If we're going to pay more, we need to know what the money is going for."

Township Manager Chip Snider said the survey's purpose was to collect and capture information from the different views of residents in both communities, relating to shared services, public safety and funding strategies currently in effect.

"This survey is done in order to give us an indication of the probabilities of success of an upcoming millage," Snider said.

Steve McGurik said the survey results were too much to digest. "It's too vague and I need to know how funding is going to be affected," he said.

McGurik, president of the Northville Soccer Association, said the right questions weren't asked in the survey.

"Fees are going up so high," he said. "There are fewer kids on teams because families can't afford to pay."

According to results of the survey, only 46 percent of people

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Lynne Harrison-David
Resident, Northville Township

surveyed participate in recreational programs offered by Northville Parks and Recreation, and 61 percent believe there is enough funding.

"There is definitely something wrong when a community would rather not use the facilities offered to them," said Allan Grimskey. "I think the results would be significantly different if they would have interviewed more people."

Tax increases resulted in 51 percent of the people interviewed saying they would vote no on proposals in their community.

"If our government was looking for answers, I think they've found them," Grimskey said, "based on the past school board election and this survey."

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

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An alternate means

Toward that end, the Northville City Council is expected to discuss a possible dedicated shared services millage during its special budget meeting Monday.

City finance director Nickie Bateson said the proposal includes funding levels similar to last year for recreation, senior and youth assistance programs — commonly referred to as "shared services."

The main difference offered by the proposal, she said: city residents would pay directly for shared services via a dedicated millage, rather than have them annually funded via the city's general fund. Such a funding trigger would better promote funding stability, she said.

Based on Fiscal Year 2006-07 budget projections, city taxpayers should pay about \$251,000 for shared services, according to a funding formula used by the two communities. But those same projections indicate the city will fall short by about \$30,000.

To date, the township has subsidized funding imbalances, a reality officials from both municipalities are now trying to mitigate.

Next week, the township board is expected to approve Aug. 8 ballot language for proposals to replace shared services and public safety millages expiring Dec. 31.

The way to go?

To date, the city has been funding shared services as a 3.4 percent portion of its \$6.5

What are shared services

The City of Northville and Northville Township combine resources and deliver annual program funding for Parks and Recreation, Northville Youth Assistance and the Northville Senior Community Center.

How equitably funding is delivered — the township commonly covers funding shortfalls — is the subject of current debate. Northville Township funds shared services via a dedicated millage. Currently, the city contributes via its general fund, though officials are considering an August proposal providing a dedicated millage.

million budget. A dedicated millage would represent a fundamental change in the way the city contributes to such partnerships.

"That's what the council really needs to discuss among themselves, what their approach is going to be with that," Bateson said.

Mayor Christopher Johnson said he was not sure if the city's operational millage would be decreased by the same amount of a proposed dedicated shared services millage.

When the Northville library system began being funded by a dedicated millage, Johnson said the city's operational millage was reduced by the same proportion.

If a dedicated shared millage is proposed this August, and subsequently approved by voters, officials believe the system would for the first time be based on a stable, equitable platform.

A split vote would mean city and township

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Nickie Bateson
Finance Director, City of Northville

residents would pay different program prices for the first time in 30 years.

Testing the waters

Among the survey questions posed to city and township residents was a proposal to levy .875 mills to fund recreation, senior and student assistance programs, an amount equating to less than \$200 annually for the owner of a \$400,000 home.

Bateson said funding Northville's growing shared services programs will become more challenging as projects like Community Park, which includes an off-leash dog park and multiple playing fields, come on-line and command increased operational costs.

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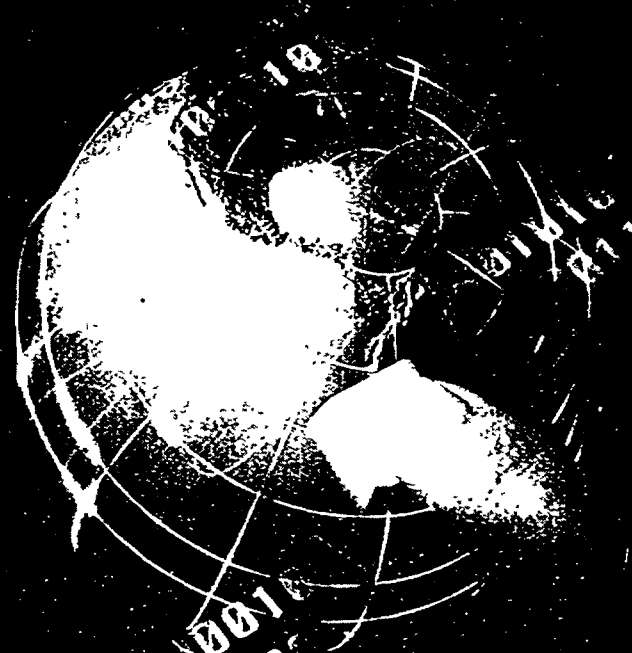
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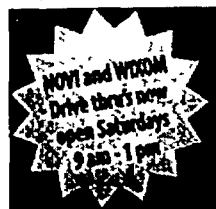
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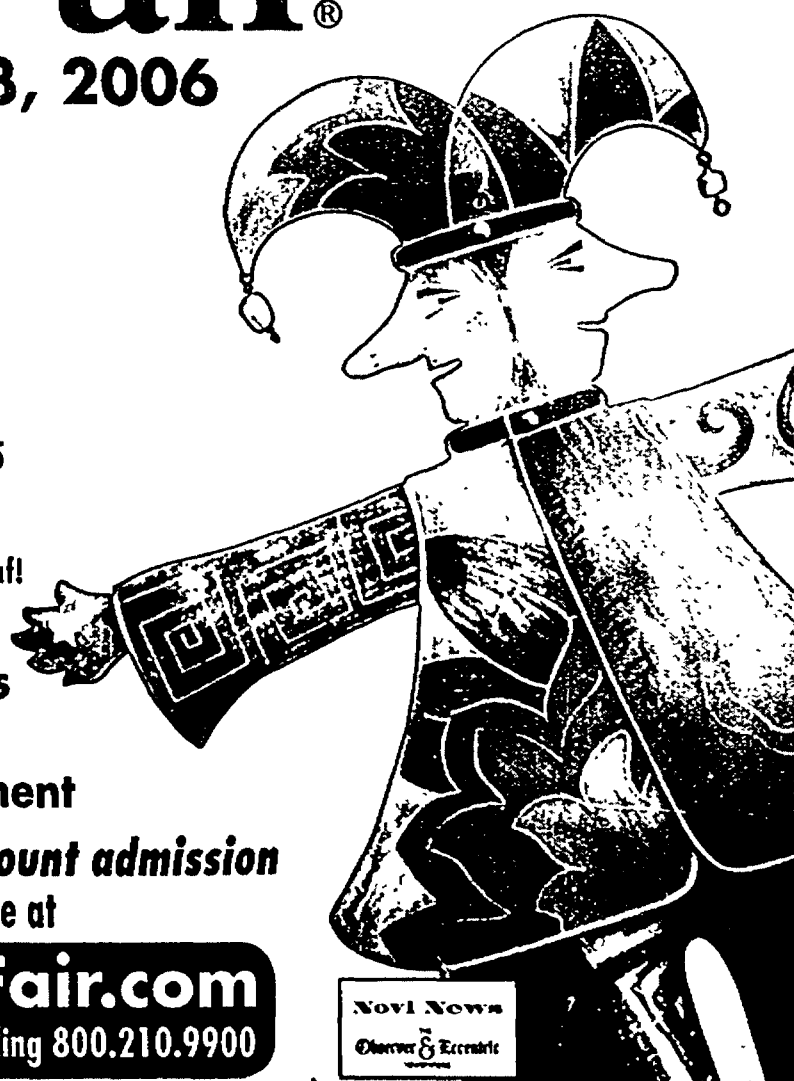
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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Five and Sheldon: what's the rush?

Let's pretend Northville Township didn't receive only four responses out of 60 letters sent to developers whom they thought would be interested in developing a township-owned, 15-acre parcel located at the northeast corner of Five Mile and Sheldon roads.

A cynic may think such a response was meager, and perhaps a true reflection of an unstable economy. Or they might think the value of an increasingly busy corner property has not yet fully matured.

A cynic may also wonder why the subcommittee assigned to sift through the proposals and make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees had such trouble doing so. Unable to reach consensus, they chose two.

One is a commercial development featuring a \$4 million check, a CVS drug store and multiple small businesses, along with a generous landscaping buffer around the outer ring.

The second proposal includes \$2 million, a long, narrow 30-acre strip of land beginning at Ridge Road and stretching east along Five Mile Road and a senior continuum care facility, which is a fancy-speak for a senior retirement community catered to those capable of living on their own and those who require assisted living amenities.

Each proposal has merit, and township officials have a serious decision to make.

But should they make that decision tonight, barely one week after formally receiving detailed information about each proposal? We hope not.

The township should discuss the proposals, weigh carefully the pros and cons — then table the issue until its next meeting, at least. Many believe the board will vote tonight.

What's the rush? Is the land on fire? Why risk making an impulsive decision at the tail

end of heated board discussion? Who benefits from that?

Developers, that's who. Whenever developers convince elected officials that "time is of the essence," the tail is officially wagging the dog.

Need an example of how such decision-making plays out? Take the relocation of the "historic" Sheldon Road barn. Last year, the well-intended board believed a homeowner association would dismantle the barn board by board — if someone didn't act quickly.

Oh, please. The board should have let them schedule the barn's implosion, then let them bear the heat for even implying it. They would have backed down and the board could have better coordinated the effort.

Instead, here's what happened: Originally, we were told the township would pay \$38,000 to move the barn. Then the board approved \$62,000. A month ago, because of "unexpected costs," the board approved another \$18,000. Today, the barn sits empty, painted, tilted on an angle to the road (don't "historic" barns sit 90 degrees to the road?) and with no available money for programming.

Why? Because an over-anxious board jumped when a few spoke up, instead of taking another moment to re-think all of the available options.

So enamored was the board with doing "the right thing, for all the right reasons," they forgot doing nothing — at least for the time being — is sometimes much more practical.

During shaky economic times, when dollars are tight and funding is scarce, all we have left is our common sense.

We shouldn't throw it haphazardly into the nearest penny fountain, appeasing only developers and private groups who act primarily in self-interest.

These tests are getting old. And the lessons are getting expensive.

Well done!

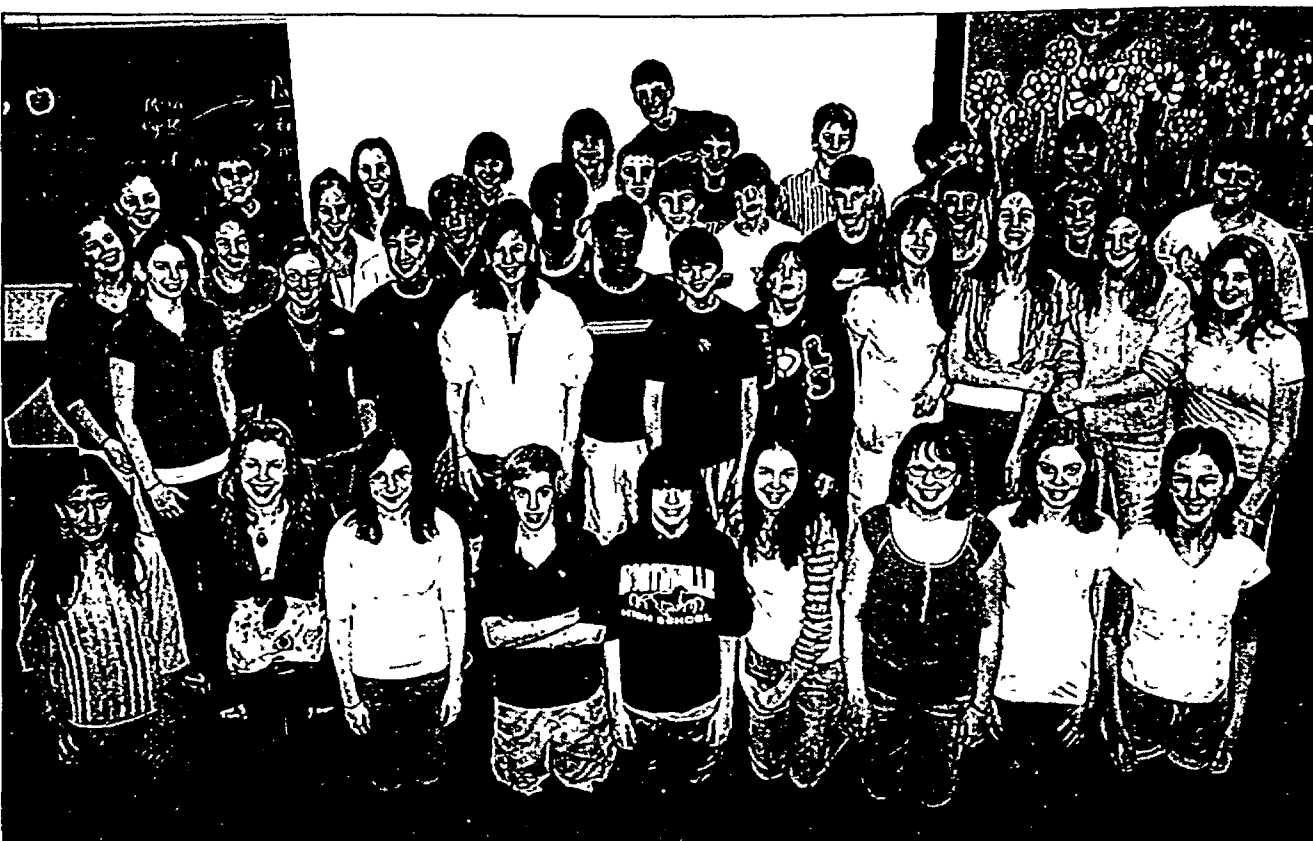


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2005-06 Hillside Middle School Eighth Grade Science Fair Competition Winners

Chemistry
First Place: Jason Hughes, Mike Walton and Cory Reitman
Second Place: Rebecca Myers
Third Place: Christy Mueller and Callan Gavigan
Honorable Mention: Paige Roberts and Casey Waldo
Physics
First Place: Neethu Jacob
Second Place: Dan Darga and Chris Harris

Third Place: Teja Ravipati
Honorable Mention: Andrew Ukrop and Brian Forrieder
Earth Science
First Place: Kelsey Wickham and Suzie Schmelter
Second Place: Julia Ramey and Morgan Mazuchowski
Third Place: Robby Maurer
Honorable Mention: Jaclyn Konopka and Marla Govan
Life Science
First Place: Josh Behmer and Patrick Frasier
Second Place: Haley Goldberg
Third Place: Emma Doyle

Honorable Mention: Zach Fuller, Erik Perkins, Anthony Adamowicz, John Heinonen, Jordan Blough, Myles Baker, Katelyn Matych, Eleanor Feltner and Kinza Ahmed
Product Testing
First Place: Kathryn Best
Second Place: Jenna Pierson and Caiti Danish
3rd Place: Aris Zervos, Max McHugh and Viktor Puskorius
Honorable Mention: Jack Cotrone, Michelle Ho, Alex Bloch, Zack Kendra, Robert Address, Eric Goebel, Trevor Grigg and Lindsay Rootare

GUEST COLUMN: STATE SEN. BRUCE PATTERSON

Tax change will open college doors

"Do for one, do for all."

Phyllis and I used that phrase quite a bit in raising our children. It was our shorthand way of saying that all our children would be treated fairly.

For example, if the family took a trip to the zoo and one child was allowed to get cotton candy, all would be allowed to get cotton candy. It was important for our children to know that we didn't play favorites and that they were all loved equally.

"Do for one, do for all."

Unfortunately, the state of Michigan does not subscribe to this belief and routinely treats children unfairly.

The funding disparity among school districts is widely known and is something I've been working to reduce since arriving in the Legislature. But only recently did I learn that not only does the state treat children differently, it treats children differently within the same

family.

The Michigan Educational Savings Program (MESP) was created to help parents save for college expenses. It provides a state tax break, in addition to the federal tax break, for contributions to a child's college account.

Families with a second child (or more) may find the MESP's tax benefit on annual contributions is reduced or eliminated once the first child in the family enters college. Under current law, withdrawals from the oldest child's account are subtracted from contributions to younger siblings' accounts.

This state-sponsored preferential treatment of first-born children may shut the door to a college education for a working family's other children.

For wealthy families, it's not an issue. They can easily overcome the law's first-child bias because they are able to contribute enough money to younger siblings' accounts to offset

the withdrawals from the oldest child's account.

To fix this problem and expand access to a college education for all, I've introduced Senate Bill 1048 to expand the tax incentive to all of a family's children. Under my bill, when the oldest child starts college the parents can still receive the full benefit of the tax break on their contributions to their younger children's accounts.

This small change in the MESP will make a big difference for many western Wayne County families with more than one college-bound student. This tax change will help open the door to college to all our children.

"Do for one, do for all."

State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) represents Northville.

GUEST COLUMN: TOM WATKINS

Engage China, don't blame them

I have just returned from a trade mission to China. I visited five cities in 10 days: Beijing, the nation's capital; Chongqing, the auto capital of China; Chengdu, the home of the lovable giant Panda; Mianyang, sci-tech city, which mass produces many of the TVs watched in America; and Shanghai, the financial capital of this country with a booming global economy.

As a student of China since a great teacher opened my eyes to the country in grade school, I have traveled to China six times since my first trip in 1989. I was with the hundreds of thousands of students in Tiananmen Square just prior to the June 4 massacre.

I will never forget a young Chinese student asking me as I stood in Tiananmen Square, to "describe democracy, describe freedom." While I answered with my best civic lesson ringing in my ear, I felt inadequate explaining what many of us take for granted. It was like attempting to tell someone how you get up and start to breathe in the morning — it is just so natural and instinctive for Americans.

On this return trip, I was reminded that it is through cultural, academic, scientific, business and professional exchanges that ideas and commerce have flourished since the doors of China opened. As a Chinese student told me in Tiananmen Square in 1989, "When you open the window — all the flies can come in."

Today, with the transformational sea change in global economics that is taking place in the world and drastically impacting numerous Michigan families, many fear Chinese competition and blame China for our current economic woes.

Our nation's history is littered with this same reaction. The Chinese Exclusionary Act prohibited Chinese laborers from coming to this country for 10 years (1882-92) and was later renewed in 1892, made permanent in 1902 because it "endangers the good order of certain localities." Chinese were treated as heathen and subjected to widespread discrimination, persecution and violence. The law was finally eliminated in 1943.

Fast forward to 1982 and here in Michigan, Vincent Chin, a Chinese American at his bachelor party celebration, was beaten to death by two angry autoworkers. One of the men had been recently laid off, and both blamed the Japanese — and, mistakenly, Vincent Chin — for their loss. He paid the ultimate price for their ignorance.

Most recently, on the University of Michigan campus, a Chinese student had insults hurled at him and then was urinated on for the "crime" of being Chinese. Fortunately, Mary Sue Coleman, the U-M president, quickly and forcibly denounced this behavior.

Yet with xenophobia running high, I fear that further incidents of violence against Asians will take place as our economy continues to sour. We need pre-emptive action by Michigan leaders to speak out against such behavior and turn down the political rhetoric that seeks to blame the Chinese for our current economic ills. I fear the tone currently being set will provide the ignorant with license to insult, intimidate or, worse yet, harm Asian Americans out of fear and stupidity.

I suspect as the political season heats up we will see many attempting to exploit the current

economic fear of China for short-term political gain. This strategy reminds me of a CEO only looking at the next quarterly report rather than the long-term vitality of the business. China's leadership has the opposite view of the world and their economic prosperity.

China's economy is expanding at double-digit rates and they are sitting on hundreds of billions of dollars in cash, looking for places to invest. It should be the goal of our leaders to make Michigan the place for China's investment, to help put our people to work.

Michigan has much to sell the Chinese, from our manufacturing know-how to the agricultural products we produce. At every stop, I heard government officials eager to have two-way trade with Michigan.

Wayne and Oakland County executives Bob Ficano and L. Brooks Patterson realize this potential and have sent trade missions to China that have produced economic opportunities benefiting their citizens.

We must fight for fair trade and do our best to protect Michigan workers from the global transformation that is stripping many jobs of both hope and their jobs. We also must stay engaged with the people of China so the young man who asked me to "describe democracy, describe freedom" will someday have his question answered.

Northville resident Tom Watkins is a business and economic consultant. He served as Michigan's superintendent of schools from 2001-05. Read his Michigan Education (R)evolution report at www.coe.wayne.edu. He can be reached at tdwatkins@aol.com.

City: Welcome to town, Mr. Sullivan

We would like to formally welcome Patrick Sullivan, who this past week officially arrived as the City of Northville's new city manager. Mr. Sullivan, you are stepping into a vibrant community where opinions and development options are never in short supply. Mostly, you are stepping into a community where historical heritage is valued and modern amenities are appreciated. But know this: Northville's true value is not measured in demographics, but by people, rich with ideas and guided most of all by a well-intended spirit. One day soon they will help you move mountains, if given direction and provided serious leadership. Welcome to Northville, Mr. Sullivan. We look forward to making your acquaintance.

Schools: Turner will be missed by all

Members of the public school community mourn the untimely loss of Northville High School guidance counselor and assistant basketball coach Tim Turner. Turner served as a beacon to students and friend to coworkers for many years. He will be missed greatly by many. As students return from spring break next week, counseling will be available to those wishing to share their loss.

COMMENTARY

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Eliminating SBT could leave coffers AWOL

In some ways, the battle over what to do about Michigan's Single Business Tax (SBT) resembles the Vietnam War. Nobody is quite sure how it all started. Nor is it clear what we should do, or how we can get ourselves out of it — or who we should blame.

So let's start off by recounting some chronology.

Last year, in response to criticism that the SBT was at heart a job-killing tax on payroll (meaning it punishes employers for hiring more workers)

Democratic Gov. Jennifer Granholm

proposed substantial modifications, designed to benefit mostly Michigan's struggling manufacturers.

The Republican-led Legislature ignored her proposals.

Then, earlier this year, the Michigan House and Senate passed bills repealing the SBT at the end of 2007 without addressing the problem of how to come up with the \$1.9 billion the repeal would cost the state. Gov. Granholm last month vetoed the measure, saying it was "the height of irresponsibility" to cut nearly a quarter of the state's General Fund revenue without providing a clue as how to replace it.

While all this was going on, Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson in early February announced he would lead a petition drive to put repeal of the SBT to the voters this fall.

The State Board of Canvassers last week approved the wording of the petition, obliging supporters to collect 254,206 valid signatures by May 31 to put the measure on the ballot.

Last week, Gov. Granholm upped the ante. She sent a challenge to Senate Majority Leader Ken Sikema (R-Grandville) and House Speaker Craig DeRoche (R-Novi) to sign an "Agreement to Lead," committing everybody to repeal the SBT at the end of 2007 and adopt a "better business tax" that fully replaces SBT revenues lost and does not put the tax burden on the backs of individuals.

Both GOP leaders promptly rejected the proposal, calling it a "campaign gimmick." So where does this leave us, other than up the Au Sable without a paddle?

First, a far-reaching tax proposal that in a non-election year would be the subject of serious-minded discussion has been entirely swallowed by up political rhetoric, games of chicken, gotcha maneuvers and partisan gridlock. For example, a hand-



Phil Power

DeVos this week was headed, "On the road campaigning against the jobs-killing SBT."

Governor Granholm's press release accompanying her challenge said, "I will not allow the business tax burden to be put on the backs of Michigan families."

Republicans think they've got the Gov over a barrel by proposing a big tax cut that promises to create badly needed jobs in Michigan's stricken economy. The Granholm camp figures that voters will recognize how irresponsible it is to blow a \$1.9 billion hole in the state's budget without talking about how to repair the damage.

Second, much of the sound and fury is fueled by two myths. Myth No. 1: Michigan is a high business tax state. False. The taxes businesses pay reflect the sum of both state and local taxes.

According to a recent study conducted by the Council on State Taxation, Michigan's business tax burden is the 17th lowest in the nation. According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, Michigan business taxes rank 36th in the country as a percentage of personal income and 31st as a percentage of business profits.

The Small Business Survival Index ranked Michigan as fifth most small-business friendly in the country, while Site Selection magazine rated our business climate eighth in the nation last year, up seven places from the year before.

Myth No. 2: More tax cuts are the answer to all our economic

problems. Not so. According to an EPIC-MRA survey of 1,200 "new economy" business executives, a skilled work force and excellent universities are just as important as the business tax climate.

Despite their heavy business tax structures, high growth states like California and Massachusetts got the highest ratings as states most favorable to high-tech businesses.

And it's not just high-tech industries. Speaking to the Detroit Economic Club last month, an "old-tech" manufacturer, Delphi Corp. CEO Steve Miller, said there was nothing any state government could do to prevent Delphi from shutting 21 of 29 U.S. plant sites.

Not tax cuts. Not financial lures. The underlying economic realities trump all. Ask General Motors' boss Rick Wagoner if tax cuts would have resolved his market share problems, or, for that matter, his relations with the United Auto Workers' union.

Any CEO in the private sector would chop off the head of any silly subordinate who walked into the board room and proposed eliminating one-quarter of the company's revenue — without at the same time explaining either how to cut costs or get enough new income to at least replace the money lost.

Why should Michigan — the one company in which we all have a major stake — be any different?

Putting repeal of the SBT on the ballot could hurt the state's bond ratings. John Cefalio, Fitch's Ratings analyst for Michigan, says our financial picture is cloudy and eliminating the SBT without a replacement for the \$1.9 billion it generates would create more uncertainty. On Wall Street, or anywhere else for that matter, uncertainty costs money.

Our political leaders are playing a very dangerous game. A story I picked up last week on a visit to Lansing tells it all. A top aide to Dick DeVos was asked how his guy would make up the revenue.

"Who cares?" the man is supposed to have answered.

"This is a campaign. We'll worry about where we'll get the money when we govern."

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

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A Grand Wrestling Match poster, circa 1913. Princess Rink was located in the rear portion of what is now the Marquis Theatre.

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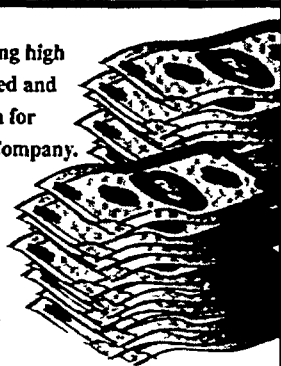
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NORTHVILLE EVENTS

BARNES AND NOBLE

LOCATION: 17111 Haggerty Road
CONTACT: (248) 348-0696
Author book-signing
DATE: Today
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Chef Craig Common of the Common Grill in Chelsea will be signing copies of his two cookbooks, "The Common Grill Cookbook" and "Return to the Common Grill."

Author book-signing
DATE: Tuesday
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Dr. Deborah Kawsy will be presenting an art slide lecture: Fact versus Fiction in the Da Vinci Code.

COFFEE WITH THE CANDIDATE

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-3:30 p.m. Friday
LOCATION: Starbucks Coffee, 302 E. Main St.
DETAILS: Kristin Smith, candidate for Northville School Board Trustee, will be available to answer questions and meet voters.

STEAK GRILL-OUT

DATE: Saturday
TIME: 5-7:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 4012, 438 S. Main St.
DETAILS: Marine Corps League Detachment 162 is hosting this dinner. Proceeds will help local veterans and veteran organizations. The cost is \$10 for a 10-ounce steak and \$14 for a 16-ounce steak.
CONTACT: (248) 477-6377 or visit www.senperfl162.org

COLONY ESTATES HOMEOWNERS MEETING

DATE: Monday, April 24
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road
DETAILS: Police Chief John Werth and Fire Chief William Zimendak will talk about home security and fire safety. The meeting will also include discussion of the subdivision garage sale.

ART CONTEST

DETAILS: Children ages 3-12 are invited to submit an original work of art expressing theme of "Awakening Spring." All art mediums are welcome. Applications are available at Awakening...The Artist Inside, 111 N. Center Street. Submission deadline is 9 p.m. Tuesday. All entries will be displayed April 25-30 with a reception for artists and their guests noon-2 p.m. Saturday, April 29 at Cooke School, 21200 Taft Road.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0807

ART EXHIBIT

DATE: Through April 30
LOCATION: 427 Regina
Abraham Gallery of Art, 122 W. Main St.
DETAILS: This is an exhibit of artist Mimi Prussack's oil and wax landscapes. A wine and cheese exhibit opening reception will be held 6-9 p.m. tomorrow. The event is free and open to the public.
CONTACT: (248) 449-6501

GLASS EXHIBIT

DATE: Through April 30
LOCATION: Shernus Gallery of Fine Art, 109 N. Center St.
DETAILS: This is a glass exhibit titled "A Touch of Glass."
CONTACT: (248) 380-0470

CONCERT

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday, April 29 and 4 p.m. Sunday, April 30
LOCATION: Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road
DETAILS: The Plymouth Community Chorus will be performing their spring concert, "Just For Fun."
CONTACT: For ticket information, call (866) 924-4276

LIBRARY FUND-RAISER

DATE: Tuesday, May 2
TIME: 11 a.m. registration; 11:30 a.m. lunch
LOCATION: Fox Hills Country Club, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth
DETAILS: Author Tim Kiska will be discussing his book "From Soupy to Nuts." Tickets are \$25 and available at the Northville, Novi, Plymouth and Canton libraries. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4137

ART EXHIBIT

DATE: Through May 5
LOCATION: Swearingen Visions, 118 W. Main St.
DETAILS: This is a portrait exhibit of Michigan business women of distinction. Nancy Swearingen, owner of Swearingen Visions, creates these portraits for the National Association of Women Business Owners and as a personal project.

"GENERAL STORE" FUND-RAISER

DATE: Sunday, May 7
TIME: 4-9 p.m.
LOCATION: 800 Griswold Avenue
DETAILS: This event is sponsored by the Northville Historical Society. Monies will go to reconstructing a building formerly located on Main Street into a Mill Race Village general store. The cost is \$125 per person.
CONTACT: Denise Jenkins (248) 982-9898 or the Northville Historical Society (248) 349-1845.

OPEN MIC NIGHT

DATE: Third Saturday of the month through May 20
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

FARMERS MARKET



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Let's dance!

Hillside eighth-grader Amy Castro and Harold Dickieson smile as they dance during last week's Senior Prom.

DATE: Thursday, May 4-Oct. 26

TIME: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Downs parking lot, corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon Road
DETAILS: There are 100 stalls of fresh produce, plants, flowers, baked goods, garden art, crafts and home accessories available. This is sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and Prestwick Estates of Northville Hills Golf Club.
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"Little Mermaid"
DATE: Monday-Friday next week; and Saturday and Sunday through end of April
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$8 per person; no children under 3 years old.

"Vaudeville Tonight"
DATE: Friday and Saturday
TIME: 8 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students; no children under six years old.

NEW HOPE FOR GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS

DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support offers groups for young widows and widowers and their children between the ages of 3 and up. Groups for parents who have lost a child, adults who have lost a parent, pet loss and other specialized groups are offered at various times of the year. There is no cost for participants.
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LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com

DATE: Saturday, "The Vogues"; June 17, "The Shades of Blue"; July 15, "The Reflections"
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person for dinner and show. Reservations are required.

MAYBURY STATE PARK EVENTS

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road between Beck and Napier roads
CONTACT: (248) 349-8390

Backyard Birds
DATE: Sunday
TIME: 6 p.m.
DETAILS: The Friends of Maybury will be discussing techniques for attracting birds to yards and gardens. Reservations are not required.

Wildflower Walks
DATE: Friday and Saturday, May 5-6
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
DETAILS: The Friends of Maybury are hosting this free event. All ages are welcome. Reservations are not required.

Maybury History Trail
DATE: Saturday, Sept. 20
DETAILS: This grand opening will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony, a "virtual tour" for those who cannot walk the length of the trail, family activities, and the annual Northville Road Runner Classic (5K run, 5K walk, and 1-mile fun walk). The trail is self-guided commemorating the people who lived and worked at Maybury Sanatorium. Proceeds will benefit the American Lung Association of Michigan and Friends of Maybury State Park.
CONTACT: Jennifer McFall, (248) 374-9928 or

jpmcfall@hotmail.com

MAYBURY FARM PROGRAMS

TIME/DATE: noon-5 p.m.; Friday-Sunday
LOCATION: Eight Mile Road, one mile west of Beck Road, look for farm entrance sign
CONTACT: (248) 374-0200
DETAILS: Groups by appointment

LIBRARY LINES

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

NORTHVILLE GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Monthly Meeting
DATE: Sunday, May 7
TIME: 2:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Joanne Harvey will discuss ancestor searches. Ms. Harvey is a professional genealogist and lecturer and is a teacher of genealogy at Michigan State University.
Individual Help
TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. Monday, ongoing and by appointment
DETAILS: Volunteers are available to offer individual help on genealogy.
CONTACT: Grace Wilfong, (248) 349-9079 or visit www.rootsweb.com/~mings

LITTLE ME STORYTIME

TIME: 10:30-11:15 a.m.
DETAILS: Babies to 2-year-olds, along with their parents or

caregivers, can enjoy music, beanbag fun, and simple stories. Older children are also welcome to attend. Registration is not required.

TOT STORYTIME

TIME/DATE: 10:15 a.m. Monday through May 1; 10:15 a.m. and 11:30 a.m., Wednesday through May 3; 10:15 a.m., Thursday through May 4
DETAILS: This storytime is for 2- and 3-year-olds with a parent or caregiver. No additional children may attend.

STORIES FOR CHILDREN

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. Monday through May 15; 10:15 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tuesday through May 16
DETAILS: Sessions are designed for children ages 4 and 5, or in kindergarten and comfortable attending without a caregiver present. Registration is required.

KID'S CLUB

DATE: May 18 "Families"
TIME: 4:15 p.m.
DETAILS: This is an after-school program for first, second and third graders featuring stories, games and crafts. Registration is required.

JUNIOR BOOKS, CHAT AND CHOW

DATE: Wednesday
TIME: 4:15 p.m.
DETAILS: This program is for fourth and fifth grade students. It will include snacks and discussing the book, "The Boy who Spoke Dog" by Clay Morgan. Registration is required.

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Can 'doo': Genitti's begins concert series

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Toni Genitti knows there's an audience longing for the simpler days.

That's why the restaurant owner scheduled a doo-wop series at her family's downtown restaurant, Genitti's Hole-in-the-Wall.

"It's the big rage right now," she said. "Everybody wants to go back to when they were young. Times were good."

Starting with The Vogues April 22, Genitti wants to her fill dinner-theater with patrons hungry for finger-snapping nostalgia and the restaurant's trademark Italian seven-course dinner.

"The Vogues were one of my favorite groups," Genitti said,

citing hits "5 O'clock World," "Turn Around Look at Me" and "You're the One."

"It's going to be an awesome evening."
A \$45 ticket buys dinner at 7 p.m., followed by the show. The menu, served family-style, includes homemade soup, pasta, antipasto salad, sausage with green peppers and onions, Italian steak with potatoes, baked chicken with zucchini and cannoli for dessert.

The Vogues, who perform at concerts, clubs and on college campuses throughout the country, charted six Top 10 national hits during the doo-wop era. Thirty years later, their hit "5 O'clock World" became the theme song for the Drew Carey show.

Other oldies groups sched-



uled at Genitti's include: The Shades of Blue, June 17; The Reflections, July 15, and The Frank Sinatra tribute from Las Vegas, Oct. 20-21.



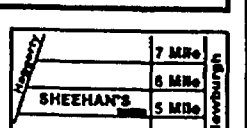
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TEEN MOVIES

TIME: 4 p.m.

DETAILS: This program is for sixth through 12th grade students. The movie is "Wallace and Gromit: Curse of the Were-Rabbit." Refreshments will be served. Registration is not required.

TEEN BOOKS, CHAT, CHOW

DATE: Monday, May 1

TIME: 4:15 p.m.

DETAILS: Author Erik Esckelsen will discuss his book, "The Last Mall Rat," and about his experiences as a writer. Registration is required.

EVENING OF CELTIC MUSIC

DATE: Wednesday, May 3

TIME: 7 p.m.

DETAILS: This concert will feature Celtic musicians Jesse Lee Mason and Tyler Duncan. It is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Registration is required.

FRIENDS STORE

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

BOOK DONATIONS

DETAILS: 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 every month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Public is welcome.

Church Events

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LOCATION: 201 Elm Street

CONTACT: (248) 349-3140

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TIME/DATE: April 30, Daniel Foster and Martha Folts Violin and Harpsichord; May 21, "The Music of St. Pauls"

TIME: 4 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.

Women's Retreat

DATE: April 29

TIME: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

DETAILS: This event is open to all women in the community. Reverend Amy Heinrich will be leading the discussion "Catching Your Breath, God's Invitation to Sabbath Rest."

CONTACT: (248) 349-0911

Single Place Ministry

DATE: Thursday, ongoing

TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.

DETAILS: This includes "Divorce Recovery" and "Living Beyond Divorce" workshops.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0911

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Rd

CONTACT: (248) 374-5966

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



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Barbara Potter gives a kiss on the cheek to Molly Hughes after receiving a rose from the Hillside Middle School student during last week's Senior Prom.

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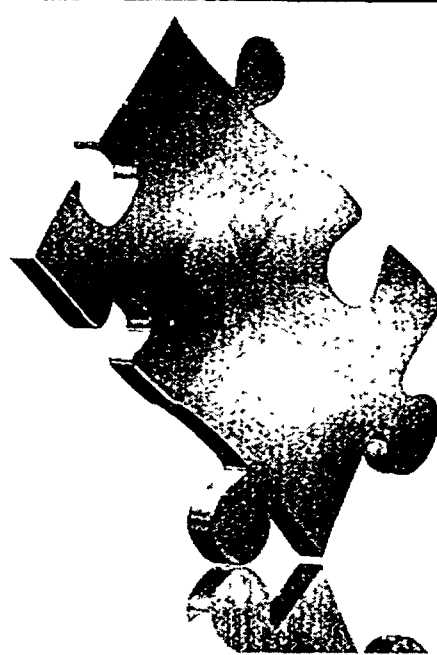
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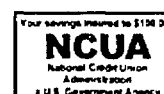
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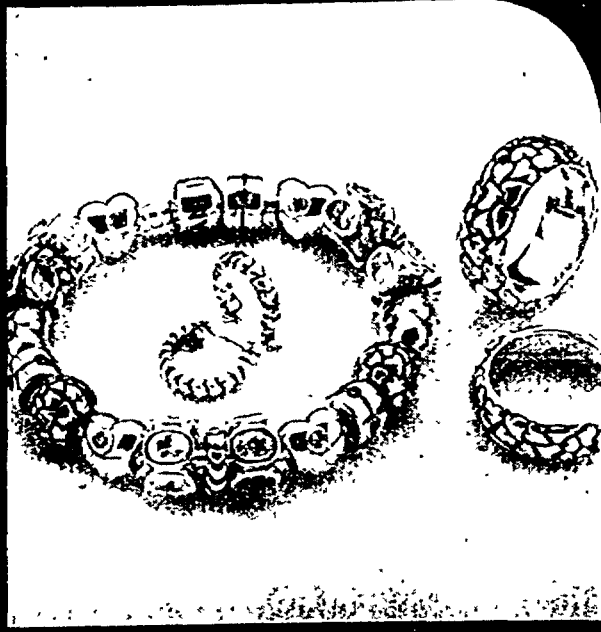
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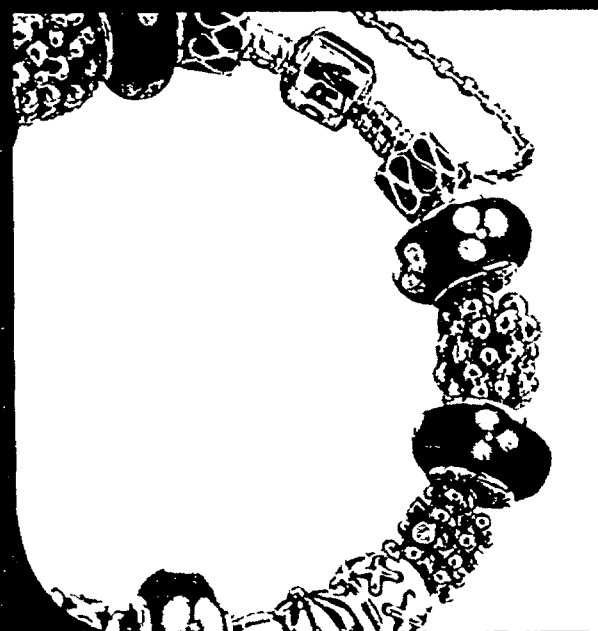
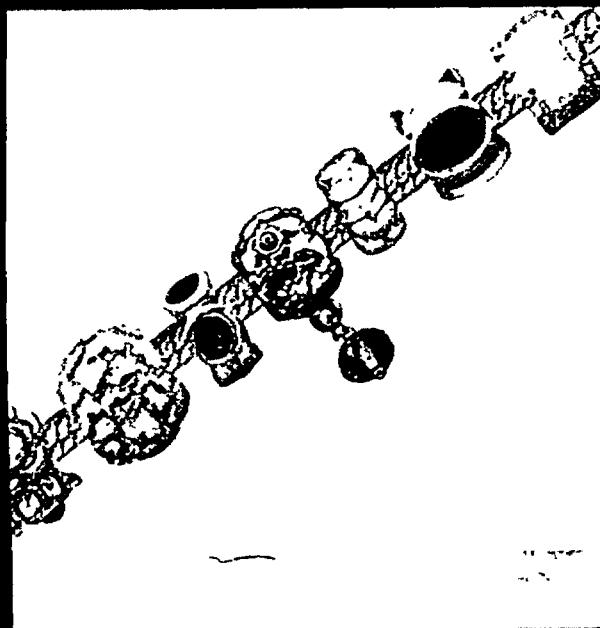
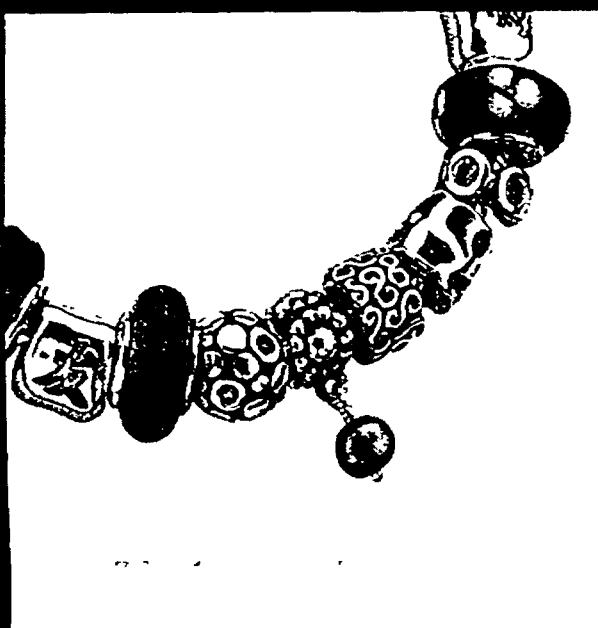
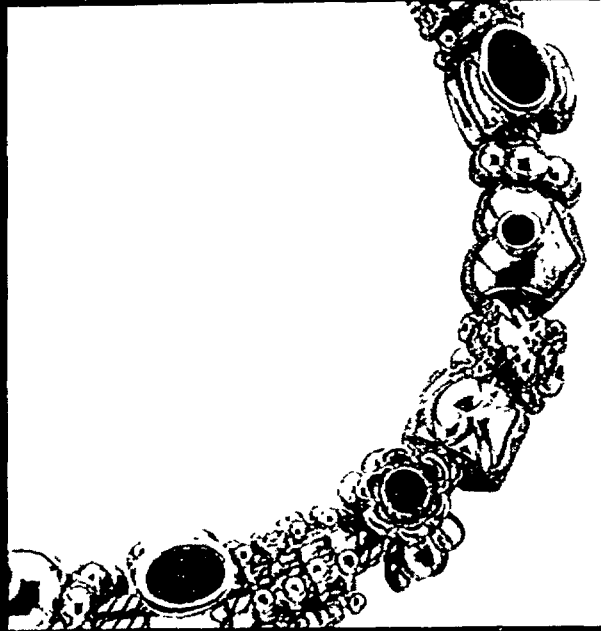
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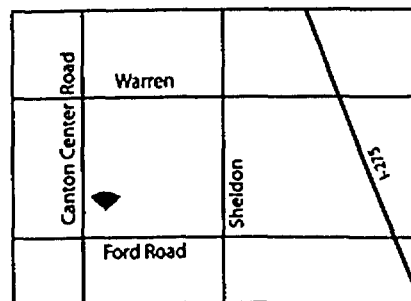
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FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
Healing Service
DATE: First Monday of every month
TIME: 4 p.m.
Grief Support Group
DATE: Fourth Monday of every month
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.
DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Registration is not required.
CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support, (248) 348-0115 or www.newhopecenter.net

Senior Events

Thursday, April 20
9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

1 p.m.: Tai Chi
By appointment: Massage
Friday, April 21
10 a.m.: Strength Training
1 p.m.: Movie: Yours, Mine and Ours
By appointment: Massage
Monday, April 24
10 a.m.: Line Dancing
10 a.m.: Oxygise I
11 a.m.: Oxygise II

noon: Blood Pressure Checks
12:30 p.m.: Euchre and Pinochle
Tuesday, April 25
10 a.m.: Tobacco Trouble and Triumph
11:20 a.m.: Volunteer Luncheon
noon: Rummy
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1:30 p.m.: Games
Wednesday, April 26
10 a.m.: Oxygise Level I
10:30 a.m.: Lunch at the Whitney
11 a.m.: Oxygise Level II
noon: Bridge

HISTORY OF MAYBURY SANATORIUM
DATE: Thursday, April 27
TIME: 10:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: The Friends of Maybury State Park are hosting this free seminar. Registration is required.
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: 12:30 p.m., Monday

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

OLE' BAG SALE DONATIONS
DETAILS: This event will be Friday and Saturday, May 12-13, at the Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St. Purses, belts, scarves and jewelry donations may be dropped off at the center now. All proceeds will benefit senior programs.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

MILL RACE HISTORICAL VILLAGE
LOCATION: Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field
CONTACT: (248) 348-1845
Thursday, April 20: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 3:45 p.m.; Northville Historical Society Board Meeting, 7 p.m.

Friday, April 21: Archives open, 9 a.m.
Sunday, April 23: Mill Creek Church, 10 a.m.; Venture Scouts, 6:30 p.m.
Monday, April 24: Heirloom Rug Hookers, 10 a.m.; Brownie

Scouts, 4:15 p.m.; Lions Club, 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, April 25: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.; School Tour, 9:30 a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 4 p.m.; Northville Democratic Club, 6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, April 26: School Tour, 9:30 a.m.
Thursday, April 27: Archives open, 9 a.m.; School Tour, 9:30 a.m.; Brownie Scout Meeting, 3:30 p.m.
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Upcoming Events in Livingston County

THURSDAY, APRIL 25TH
Earn More, Work Less and Have a Richer Life Series — 5:30 - 7:00 p.m., The Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce, 131 Hyne Street, Brighton. Call 810-227-5086 for directions. \$15.00 members/\$20.00 non-members. Presented by Jim Brady, Business/Executive Coach who has 20+ years of hands-on experience in top management positions for smaller and medium sized businesses, as well as serving as adjunct MBA faculty teaching Corporate Strategy, Organizational Development and Entrepreneurial courses to MBA students at the University of Michigan-Dearborn and Eastern Michigan University. Part 2 Dynamic Marketing on a Shoestring Budget - will provide ideas about carving out your market niche and defending it in a profitable manner. Tools for effective market research and effective selling will be shared, as well as effective pricing strategies. Please RSVP to The Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce at 810-227-5086.

THURSDAY, APRIL 27TH
Women's Business Network Monthly Luncheon — 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Registration begins at 11:15 a.m. Clio Amici's, 217 W. Main Street, Brighton (call 810-227-9000 for directions). \$20.00 members/\$25.00 non-members. Bring your business materials and get ready for a great time doing Hob Nobsin's Style Marketing. Interactive, Fast-Paced and Highly Beneficial for your business!! Lunch will be served after marketing is finished! Please RSVP to The Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce EARLY at 810-227-5086 to reserve your seat. Reservations are a must!! This event is being sponsored by Gentle Touch Chiropractic.

SATURDAY, MAY 6TH
Farmers' Market Opening Day — 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Downtown Brighton, Cedar Street lot at the Mill Pond. Free. The Brighton's Farmers' Market runs from May 6th to October 28th, 2006. Area farmers and crafters display their wares in a community market. For more information please call the Chamber at (810) 227-5086.

Hartland Flea Market — 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., HESSC - just west of US-23 on M-59 (at the former High School). For information call 810-632-7498 ext. 24.

A Home Buyer's Seminar — 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m., Republic Bank, Hartland Branch, 9402 E. Highland Road, Howell, MI. Limited seating. Reservations are required. RSVP: (810) 632-7506. Please provide your name and phone number.

Bullseye Chili Blast — 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Clinton & Walnut Streets, Howell. Call 517-545-9324. This International Chili Society sanctioned event applies all ICA event rules and regulations. ICS cooks may still register. Check-in time 8:00 a.m. Start fires at 10:00 a.m. Judging at 2:00 p.m. Come one, come all! We invite those groups who wish to compete for the Best Chili in the county. Bring on those restaurants, police, firemen, attorneys, etc. Show us your best chili. Start time 9:00 a.m. Sales beginning at 11:00 a.m. This year's event will be brought to you as Got Web, Inc. event A donation resulting from the success of this event will be made to the Howell Fire Department.

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Thursday - Senior Doubles League 11:00 a.m. Starts April 20th
Thursday - 4 person mixed Sanctioned League 7:00 p.m. Starts May 4th
Friday - 4 person mixed Trio League 6:00 p.m. Starts April 20th
Sunday - 4 person Youth Cartoon Network League 11:00 a.m. Starts May 14th

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Looking for You

HOSPICE VOLUNTEER TRAINING

DATE: Tuesday, May 2
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
LOCATION: Arbor Hospice and Home Care, 331 Center St.
DETAILS: This five-week training is for volunteers interested in delivering patient and family support in the home, nursing home or an assisted living setting. Volunteers will be educated in providing comfort and support to families facing end-of-life issues.
CONTACT: Michelle Grysko, Volunteer Coordinator, (248) 348-4980 or e-mail at mgrysko@arborhospice.org

GRADUATION ALL NIGHT PARTY

The NHS class of 2006 Senior All Night Party will be 10 p.m.-4 a.m. Saturday, June 3.
To volunteer with decorations, come to the Rite Aid building on Seven Mile 7-9 p.m. Wednesday or Thursday evening or call Karen Poulos at (248) 349-4684 for additional times available.
To help with party set-up on June 2 or staffing the party on June 3, call Chairwoman Vessa Fefopoulos at (248) 347-4389 or e-mail at Fefop@comcast.net
To make a donation of merchandise, services or cash to help make the party a success, call Carol Grimmer by May 31 at (248) 380-7244.
To offer some send-off advice, fill out a "Words of Wisdom" form to be presented to your senior at the party. Call Kathleen Kosztowny at (248) 380-8156 or print a form from the NHS Web site at www.northville.k12.mi.us/nhs
If you bought a Wooden Mustang, you can get it at the drive-through pickup 3-6 p.m. Friday, April 28 and 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, April 29 at the NHS soccer/track field concession stand. If you have any questions, call Mary Jo Blasius at (248) 349-0101 or (248) 444-2771.

ELECTION NOTICE TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006 NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

TO THE QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS
Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2006, to vote on the following:

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Terms ending June 30, 2010
(vote for not more than two)
Karen Paclorek
Ken Roth
Kristin Smith

THE POLLS WILL OPEN AT 7:00 A.M. AND CLOSE AT 8:00 P.M. at the following Polling Locations:

Northville Township Polling Locations		
Pct. 1, 15	Moraine Elementary School	46811 Eight Mile Road
Pct. 2, 8, 9, 13	Silver Springs Elementary School	19801 Silver Springs Drive
Pct. 6, 11	Winchester Elementary School	16141 Winchester Drive
Pct. 3, 4	Northville High School	45700 Six Mile Road
Pct. 10, 14	Ridge Wood Elementary	49775 Six Mile Road
Pct. 5	Kings Mill Clubhouse	18120 Jamestown Circle
Pct. 12	Meads Mill School	16700 Franklin Road

COUNTY TREASURER'S STATEMENT AS REQUIRED BY ACT NO. 278 OF THE PUBLIC ACTS OF 1964 AMENDING THE PROPERTY TAX LIMITATION ACT

I, RAYMOND J. WOJCIWICZ, Treasurer of Wayne County, Michigan, do hereby certify that, as of January 9, 2006 the total of all voted increases in excess of the Constitutional fifteen-mill tax rate limitation and the years such increases are effective are as follows affecting the taxable property of Wayne County:

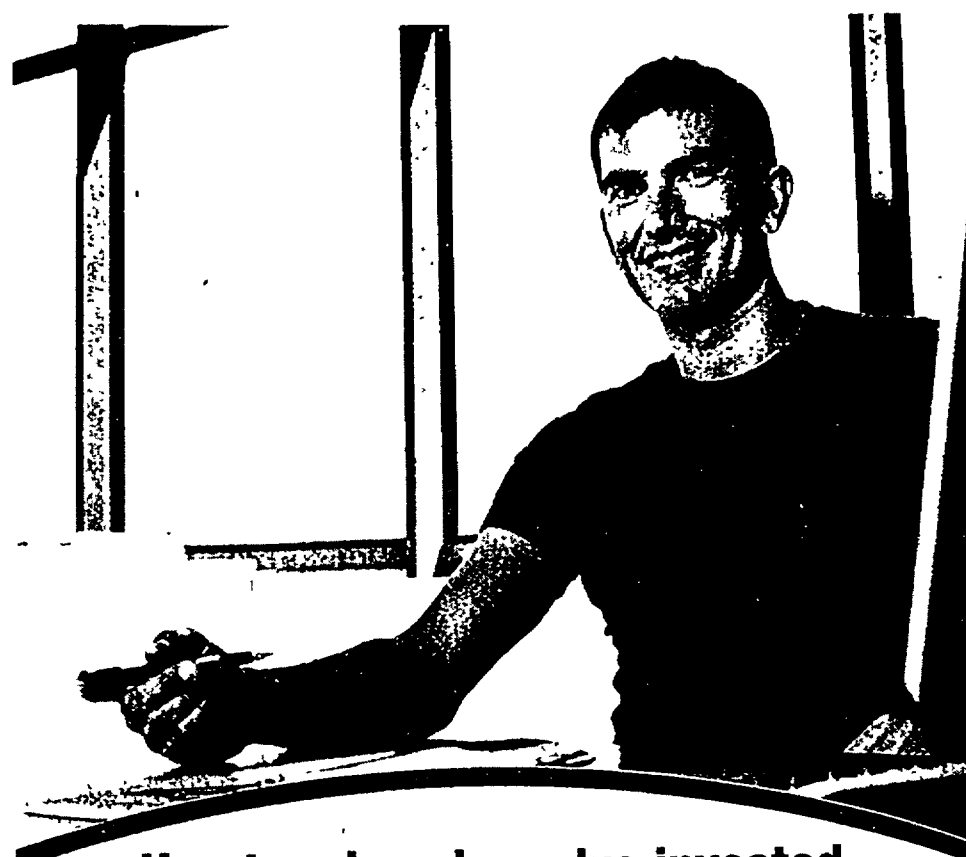
		WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN	
Taxing Authorities	Date of Election	Voted Increases	Years Increase Effective
County of Wayne	August 8, 2000	1 mill	2005 thru 2009
Wayne County Regional Educational Service Agency	November 8, 1988	1 mill	2005 Indefinitely
Wayne County Jail	August 6, 2002	1.5 mills	2005 Indefinitely
Wayne County Parks	August 6, 2002	1 mill	2005 thru 2010
Wayne County Community College	August 8, 2000	0.25 mills	2005
Northville Twp.	November 3, 1998	1 mill	2002 Indefinitely
	November 6, 2001	1.5 mills	2005 thru 2010
	August 1, 1998	5.01 mills	2006
	November 1, 1998	0.58 mills	2006
	November 1, 2002	0.75 mills	2006
Northville Public School	June 2003	18 mills	2005 thru 2012 (nonhomestead)
Wayne/Oakland/Washtenaw Counties)	September 2004	25 mills	2005 thru 2012 (nonhomestead)
Northville District Library	May 31, 1994	1 mill	Unlimited
Schoolcraft Community College	March 1, 1986	0.5 mills	Unlimited

Absentee Ballots are available at the office of the Township Clerk, 44405 Six Mile Road. The deadline for receiving applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, April 29, 2006. Persons qualified to vote by Absentee Ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 1, 2006. A ballot obtained on May 1, 2006 must be voted in the Township Clerk's Office.

The Township Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absentee voting on Saturday, April 29, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For questions, please call the Township Clerk's Office at 248-348-5800, ext. 10201 or 10202.

Each resident voting on the above must be:
(a) A citizen of the United States of America and eighteen (18) years of age or over; and
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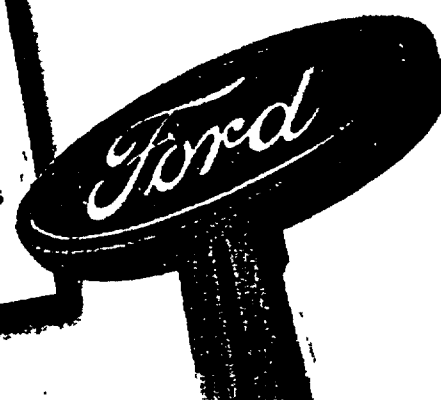
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Sticking it to them,

The Northville girls lacrosse team had quite a game against Ann Arbor last week when the two squads faced off on the Mustangs' home turf.

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Regional Marketplace — Page 8B



Mound masters

The Northville Mustangs baseball team remains undefeated in their division, thanks to the pitching of Bret Spencer, Bryce Jenney and Tim Parent.

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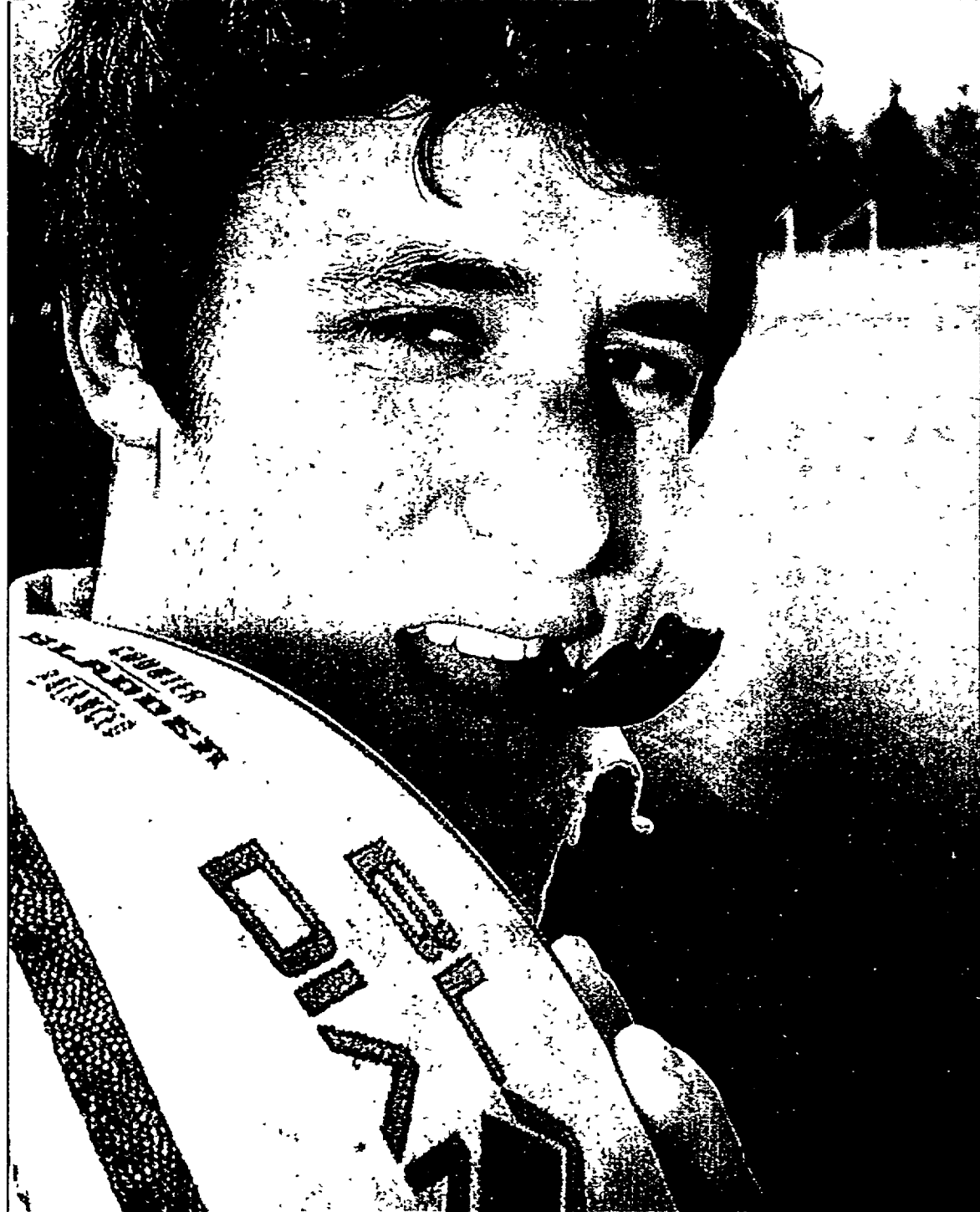


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Mustang rugby player Jon Pace features a bruise on the bridge of his nose, the result of getting kicked during a game.

Rugby is a rough sport, but Knights on 'Pace' to be Division I competitors

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

After getting kicked in the face, Jonathan Pace wiped the blood from his nose and got back to work.

That's rugby for you. Pace, a Northville High School junior, played the sport last year for the local high school club known as the Knights. The squad is comprised mostly of Northville players, but ruggers also come from Novi, West Bloomfield and Walled Lake to get a piece of the action.

"Rugby is a great game," Pace said. "It's exhausting because the play never ends, but I love it."

Getting clobbered in the face is just one of the many bumps and bruises Pace has received. Broken fingers, black eyes, scrapes and bloody knuckles are just a part of the intense game.

It's not a contest for the feint of heart. Though Pace said the collisions aren't as hard as they are in football, he said the overall ferocity of the game is at a completely different level.

But when all is said and done, rugby makes sure the hard feelings are left behind. Even at the high school level, the traditional "third half" is celebrated by bringing the two teams together for

"There's definitely a gentleman's aspect to rugby. Which is odd and weird in it's own way."

Jonathan Pace
Rugby Player, Knights Rugby Football Club

refreshments and friendship.

"All my friends who have come to watch always think it's funny," Pace said. "Rugby is this brutal game and we're out there beating the crap out of each other, teams and whatnot. At the end, you become friends and you go from wanting to do as much damage to their team as possible to talking and joking around."

"Something like that would never happen in football."

An old adage refers to soccer as a game for gentlemen played by hooligans; rugby as a game for hooligans, played by gentlemen.

Pace agrees. "There's definitely a gentleman's

aspect to rugby," he said. "Which is odd and weird in it's own way."

A tale of two sports

Originally, rugby was a sport Pace used to help fill in the football off-season, keeping him in shape.

Then, something clicked. He fell in love with being a rugger.

"It's an amazing sport," he said. "I enjoy playing both football and rugby. Their different in a lot of ways, but their similar, too. This gives me something to do in the off-season. I get my hitting in, which helps with the withdrawals from football."

Pace, a loose forward, had long hoped to advance his football career to the collegiate level, but he's reconsidering his options these days.

Collegiate rugby has piqued his interest, especially at the university of his choice: Michigan State.

"I'd like to try and walk on there," he said. "I'd love to play football at the Division II or Division III level, but I'm not the biggest guy and I know my chances are pretty slim."

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Photo by SAM EGGLESTON/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Jasen Turnbull rounds the corner during the mile relay.

Sweet!

Mustangs' boys track team dominates dual meet over Wayne

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

First-place finishes

The Northville Mustangs boys track team made sure they had a spring break full of smiles with a win over Wayne Memorial last week.

The squad, on spring break until next week, dominated the Zebras, 93-44.

Things won't be as easy when they get back. Waiting for the Mustangs is Plymouth, the team that upset Canton last week to end the Chief's undefeated streak of 24 dual meets. The meet is at Plymouth April 27 at 3:30 p.m.

"We're looking forward to our meet with Plymouth," Northville coach Bill Cornelius said. "They are a very good team."

Cornelius said he's hoping to have better conditions against

Event	Mustang
High jump	Brad Birdsall
Pole vault	Alex Manor
Long jump	Brad Birdsall
110 hurdles	Cavan Corcoran
300 hurdles	Cavan Corcoran
Mile run	Tommy Farrell
800 run	Jasen Turnbull
800 relay	Relay Team
3200 relay	Relay Team

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Northville golfer set for best swing

Junior Susan Snyder wants shot at state title

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

If Northville junior Susan Snyder could change one thing about the start of this season, it would be the weather.

Cold temperatures and windy conditions aren't what golfers consider ideal, but there's not much that can be done about it during April in Michigan.

The good news: the Mustangs, who are 1-0 in dual meets and finished fourth in the highly competitive Grosse Ile Invitational, have plenty of room for improvement.

"There's no doubt in my mind that our best golf has yet to be played," Snyder said.

"Here we are, playing in 32-degree weather, wind gusting and raining. Of course we'll be playing better later in the season."

Susan Snyder
Junior Golfer, Northville Mustangs

"Here we are, playing in 32-degree weather, wind gusting

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Six numbers you should know about the Northville Mustangs ...

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Number of events Northville's boys track team took first place in against Wayne.

13-2

Northville's score over Livonia Churchill in baseball action last week.

5

Innings baseball game was called due to mercy rules.

13-4

Final score of Northville's victory over the Brighton Bulldogs in lacrosse.

9

Points picked up by Patrick Larabell with four goals and five assists against Brighton.

4

Days, including today, before Northville sports are back in action following spring break.

MUSTANGS SCOREBOARD

Lacrosse beats Brighton

Northville's Patrick Larabell made it very clear last week that he wasn't about to let his Mustangs lacrosse team lose to Brighton.

The squad, coached by Greg Durham, rolled to an impressive 13-4 victory over the Bulldogs.

"I'm really happy with how we played," Durham said.

The Mustangs followed the lead of Larabell, who notched a staggering nine points in the contest with four goals and five assists. Not far behind was midfielder Jackson Doyle, who put up five goals to tame the Bulldogs and added two assists.

On the defensive side of the field, Northville's Steven Bartz forced seven turnovers and eight ground balls.

The defense buckled down in the second half, shutting Brighton down as Andrew Lamoureux earned 16 saves on 20 shots.

Baseball crushes Chargers

The offensive talent for the Northville Mustangs baseball team has finally found its groove.

The team earned 23 hits in two games, earning wins in both contests last week. The most recent game was a victory over the Livonia Churchill Chargers, 13-2, that ended in a mercy after just five innings.

"We are starting to get together offensively," Northville coach John Koszrzewa said. "I believe our players are starting to get comfortable and find a rhythm at the plate."

The game was won by Bret Spencer on the mound, notching seven strike outs and scattering three hits.

Dominic Benavides went 2-for-3 at the plate, smashing in five RBIs and a home run in the winning effort. Gerard Powell added two RBIs and a home run with a 2-for-3 effort at the plate.

Senior captain Charlie Thomas and Dan McNeish continue to be hot with their hitting, notching two hits each in the contest.

"It was a good team win with a lot of contributions from different players," Koszrzewa said.

Northville climbed to 5-3 overall and remained undefeated in Western Lakes Activities Association play with a 2-0 mark.

Mustangs edge Churchill

The Northville Mustangs softball team, coached by Teryn Fox, had their hands full with a very tough Churchill squad last week, but squeaked out a win in eight innings, 9-7.

Northville took a 1-0 lead at the top of the first inning but ran into trouble with defensive miscues that allowed Churchill to take control of the game with six runs.

But the Mustangs buckled down after the opening inning.

"After that first inning, the defense was great for us and Jenna (Dumbleton) pitched a wonderful game," Fox said. "Each inning we slowly chipped away at their lead."

In the seventh, down 7-5, the Mustangs followed Christy Badeen, who delivered a two-out, two-RBI game tying single. Northville's defense held Churchill scoreless in the bottom of the seventh to force extra innings.

In the top of the eighth, Northville quickly put runners in scoring position and Sarah Rounsifer came through with a two RBI double to take the lead, 9-7. Churchill wasn't able to score in the final inning.

Dumbleton had five strike outs, one walk and two earned runs. Offensively, Laura Zima went 3-for-4 with two RBIs while Bridget Hughes and Kelsey Lewis both went 2-for-4. Badeen went 1-for-2 with two walks and two RBIs, including the game-tying hit, while Rounsifer was 2-for-5 with two RBIs and had the game-winning hit. Emma Wise added a triple.

SPORTS CALENDAR

Boys Tennis

Varsity			
4/24	Home	W.L. Western	4 p.m.
4/26	Away	Franklin	4 p.m.
4/28	Home	Wayne Memorial	4 p.m.

Boys Track

Varsity			
4/27	Away	Plymouth	3:30 p.m.

Girls Track

Varsity			
4/27	Home	Plymouth	3:30 p.m.

Girls Softball

Varsity			
4/24	Away	W.L. Western	4 p.m.
4/26	Home	Salem	4 p.m.
4/28	Home	Canton	4 p.m.
JV			
4/24	Home	W.L. Western	4 p.m.
4/26	Away	Salem	4 p.m.
4/28	Away	Canton	4 p.m.
Freshmen			
4/27	Home	Salem	4 p.m.

Baseball

Varsity			
4/24	Home	W.L. Western	4 p.m.
4/25	Home	Saline	4 p.m.
4/26	Away	Salem	4 p.m.
4/28	Away	Canton	4 p.m.
JV			
4/24	Away	W.L. Western	4 p.m.
4/26	Home	Salem	4 p.m.
Freshmen			
4/25	Away	Ann Arbor Huron	4 p.m.
4/27	Home	W.L. Western	4 p.m.

Girls Golf

4/24	Away	Stevenson	3 p.m.
4/24	Away	W.L. Northern	3:30 p.m.
4/28	Away	Traverse City Central	9 a.m.

Boys Lacrosse

Varsity			
4/24	Away	Andover	7 p.m.
4/25	Home	Ann Arbor Huron	7 p.m.
4/27	Away	W.L. Northern	5 p.m.
JV			
4/24	Away	Andover	5 p.m.
4/25	Home	Ann Arbor Huron	5 p.m.
4/27	Away	W.L. Northern	6:30 p.m.

Girls Lacrosse

4/26	Away	Lahser	7 p.m.
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Girls Soccer

Varsity			
4/24	Home	W.L. Western	7 p.m.
4/26	Away	Franklin	7 p.m.
JV			
4/24	Home	W.L. Western	5:50 p.m.
4/26	Away	Franklin	5:30 p.m.
Freshmen			
4/25	Away	Canton	4 p.m.
4/27	Away	W.L. Western	6:30 p.m.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Mustang varsity golfer Susan Snyder has high expectations this year for herself and her team.

GOLF: Snyder has high hopes

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and raining. Of course we'll be playing better later in the season."

Last year while a sophomore on the varsity team, Snyder showed her best games in the late months. She was a part of the team that made the trek state finals and finished sixth overall.

Snyder was the best on the team over 18 holes and second over nine. At the state finals she shot an amazing 80 on the first day and followed it up with a 92 on the second day.

This season Snyder is expected to take up her team-leading role once again. She has the potential to lead her team with low scoring and her competitive spirit.

But does she have anything to prove? "I think that I have to prove my goals to myself, more so than to anyone else," she said. "I feel like I have to play well for myself and I want to see myself do well. I also want to see my team do well. I think

they go hand-in-hand."

Snyder said she's happy with her driving capabilities right now, having finally advanced to a true driver instead of a three wood like she's used in years past. Right now she's focusing on her short game and her putting.

While enjoying spring break in Florida, Snyder won't be a stranger to golf courses. She said her golf bag will just be lighter than normal.

"I'm only bringing by putter, sand wedge, pitching wedge and my eight iron," Snyder said. "I'm taking a break from my long game."

And when she gets back from break, Snyder said she'll be ready to hit the links once again.

Her passion for the game hasn't been a long one. She didn't even start playing until she was in eighth grade. It was then her sister, Marie, was making a name for herself for Northville's varsity squad and Snyder decided to take a few swings.

She was hooked.

"I really liked it," she said. "Before eighth grade I was just really turned off by the whole idea. When my sister started playing in high school I decided to give it a shot. I'm glad I did."

Marie went on to play at Aquinas College before deciding to focus on her studies.

Snyder? She still has plenty of golf ahead of her before she has to worry about college. Included in this year's plans is a Western Lakes Activities Association championship, a great day at the regional tournament and a berth to the state finals.

"I definitely think this team can do it," she said. "For sure we can. I think we can do even better than last year."

"Everyone on the team, as a whole, are friends. That helps everyone's game and that's going to help us make it to states."

Sam Eggleston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 104 or at seggleston@gannett.com.

SPORTS SHORTS

Girls basketball camp

Registration is underway for the Lady Wildcats basketball camp for girls in grades 2nd-9th.

The camp, which costs \$126 per player, will run June 19-23 at the Novi High School fieldhouse. It will focus on all game phases, including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Lady Wildcat offensive and defensive schemes.

Camp Director will be Bill Kelp, the girls varsity basketball coach at Novi High School.

Gym clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a T-shirt and an outdoor basketball.

For more information or to register, please contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

Boys basketball camp

Registration is currently underway for the Novi Wildcats boys basketball camp for boys in grades 2nd-9th.

The camp, which costs \$135 per player, will run June 19-23 at the Novi Middle School gym. It will focus on all game phases, including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship and an introduction to the Wildcats offensive and defensive schemes.

Camp Director will be Pat Schluter, the boys varsity basketball coach at Novi High School.

Gym clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a T-shirt and an outdoor basketball.

For more information or to register, please contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

Girls and boys shooting camps

A shooting camp for boys and girls grades 2nd-9th is currently taking registrations through Novi Community Education. The camp will be packed with instruction, techniques and drills a player needs to shoot the basketball well. Emphasis will be placed on three-point shooting, free throws, shooting off the dribble and spot shooting. Awards will be given to shooting contest winners. Gym clothes and shoes are required.

Cost for the camp, which will be run by Novi varsity boys basketball coach Pat Schluter, is \$70. It will run from July 24-28 and will be held at the Novi High School Field House.

For more information or to register, please contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

Girls and boys basketball camp

Future basketball players, grades K-2nd, are invited to learn basketball skills and build confidence. Emphasis will be placed on dribbling, pivoting, passing, lay-ups and shooting. Gym clothes and shoes are required. The camp will

run July 24-28.

Cost for the camp, which will be run by Novi varsity boys basketball coach Pat Schluter, is \$70. It will be run at Novi Meadows 5 gym.

For more information or to register, please contact Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

Northville alumni athletes dinner

Northville alumni athletes, coaches and administrators are invited to attend the Varsity Alumni Dinner May 12, starting at 6 p.m. at Genitti's in Northville.

The cost is \$20 per person plus a cash bar and the event is open to any former Northville High School student-athletes, coaches, administrators and their guests that graduated in 2001 or before. Payment is due by May 5 and can be sent to the Athletic Department of Northville High School with the guest's name, year of graduation, address and if they are a former athlete, coach or administrator. Please mail payment to Bryan Masi, Athletic Director, 45700 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, MI, 48168.

For more information, please contact Northville athletic director Bryan Masi at masibr@northville.k12.mi.us.

LTC camp hosts NCAA Division I coaches

Lacrosse Training Centers brings some of the top East Coast lacrosse coaches (and staff) during their June 23-25 lacrosse camp in Brighton.

Tom Mariano enters his tenth season as the head men's lacrosse coach at Sacred Heart University.

Marino has helped the Pioneers evolve into a solid and competitive program as they enter their fourth season as members of the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA), arguably one of the top lacrosse conferences in the country.

Currently in his eighth season as head coach, Tim McIntee has been at the forefront of the successful turnaround of the Manhattan men's lacrosse program. McIntee joined Manhattan after a stellar playing and coaching career on the collegiate, professional and international level.

Darryl Delia is a certified US Lacrosse Progression Instructor, as well as a co-director of Run and Shoot Lacrosse Camps. Delia coaches at Fairfield University where his duties include serving as Offensive Coordinator as well as, Recruiting Director for the Stags.

Register online at www.LacrosseTC.com or give (248) 788-7020.

Spring Learn to Skate at Novi

Novi Ice Arena will run an eight-week spring session of its Learn to Skate Program through May 13, 2006 (no classes April 12-23).

Classes are offered Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and skate rental is available.

Learn to Skate students get a punch card for free admission to open skating at Novi Ice Arena throughout the program they are enrolled in. Classes will run once per week for 30 minutes with optional 30-minute practice sessions.

The following classes will be offered:

- Beginning Tots
- Snowplow Sam 1-3
- Basic 1-5
- Skater's Edge Accelerated Bridge Program

• Adult

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

Sign up for Suburban Showdown

Team and individual registration is underway for the Suburban Showdown Youth Spring Hockey League.

All West League games will take place at Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills and Novi Ice Arena, while all East League games will take place at Suburban Ice-Macomb and the Onyx-Rochester Ice Arena.

Two divisions will be offered for team registration this year - the Gold division permits up to three players who competed at the A, AA, Junior Varsity or Varsity level during the 2005-06 season, while the Silver division does not allow players from those levels to compete.

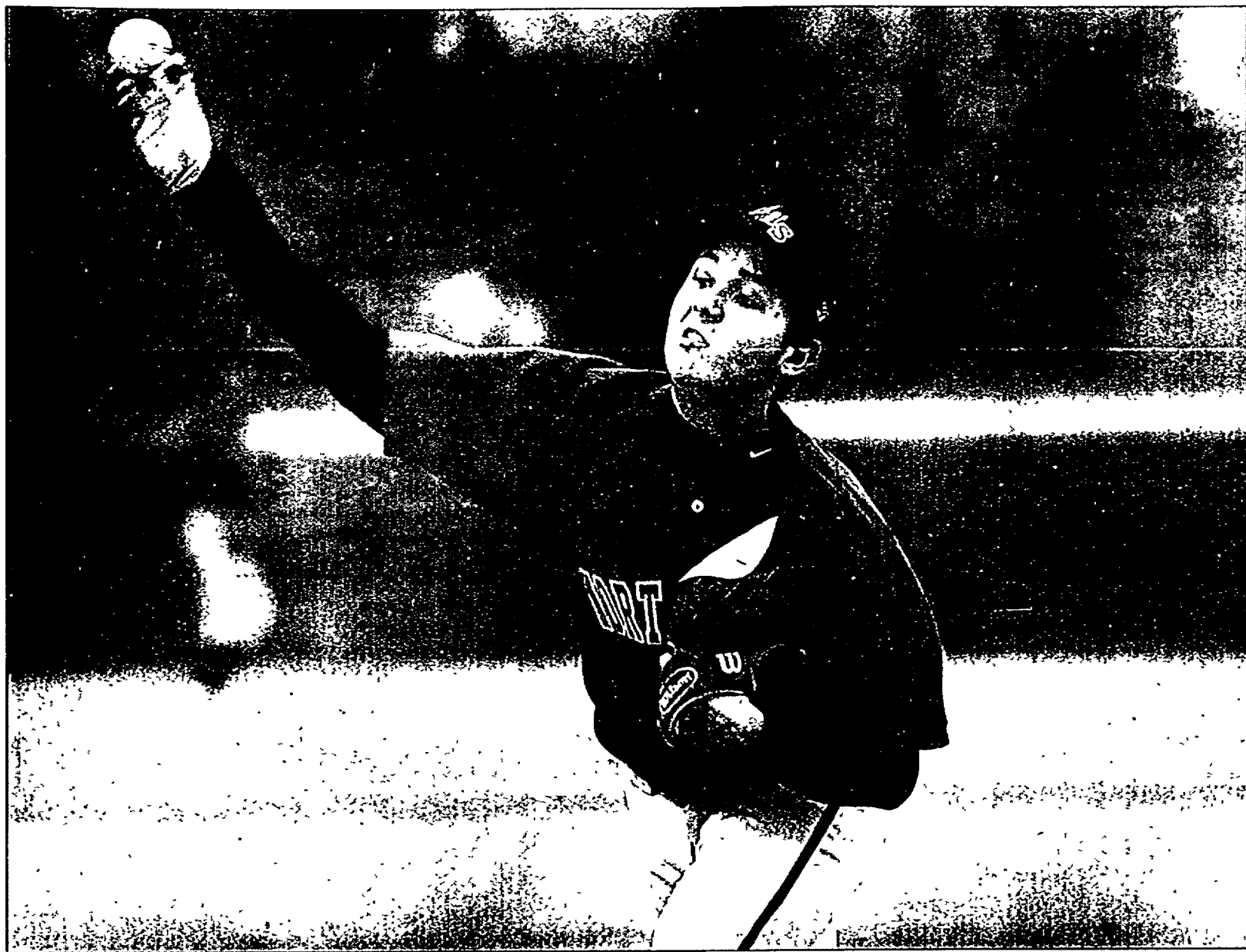
Teams will only play other teams in their division at the mite (1998-99 birth years), squirt (1997-97 birth years), pee wee (1994-95 birth years), bantam (1992-93 birth years) and midget (1990-91) age classifications. All teams will play 10 games plus playoffs and practice ice can be purchased at a discounted rate based on availability.

Individual registrations are being accepted at the mite, squirt, pee wee and bantam age classifications. Players who competed at the A, AA, AAA, Junior Varsity or Varsity levels are not eligible to compete. New this year is a girls division. All girls ages 7-14 are welcome to register, regardless of ability level. Players who sign up as individuals will participate in an evaluation skate to form teams, and will only play against other teams made up of individuals. Requests to play together will be honored whenever possible.

The Suburban Showdown Youth Spring League schedule will begin in April and end in mid-June, with no games during Spring Break, Mother's Day or Memorial Day weekend.

All players in the Showdown will be eligible for a discount towards a Suburban Hockey Schools summer program if they register by April 30!

For more information, contact Novi Ice Arena at (248) 347-1010 or go to www.noviicearena.com.



Northville pitcher Bret Spencer throws during a game against South Lyon.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

We bid adieu to endzone dreams of linemen

It's official. The fumblerooski is banned.

The football play, described as a "planned loose ball," involved placing the ball on the ground behind the center after it has been snapped. While offensive players move to block in one direction, a lineman picks it up and thunders down the field.



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But the National Federation of State High School Associations football rules committee made a decision recently to ban the play and any other loose ball strategies.

In some ways, it's good riddance to bad rubbish. In other ways, it's sad to see it go.

"If you get beat on a play like that, it's not being out coached, it's being tricked," former Northville head coach Clint Alexander said. "They pull the chair out from under you. It takes away the hard-fought effort and the time your kids put in at practice to lose a game on a trick like the fumblerooski."

"It's outside the spirit of the game, although it's effective."

In 52 years of being immersed in football, including 40 coaching, former Novi head coach and current Novi assistant John Osborne has only seen the play run twice. Once on television when the University of Nebraska ran it and another was in the Michigan state football championships on a play from East Lansing that went for a touchdown.

The thought of running the play tempted Osborne in the past, but he could never get over the risk involved.

"The risk was way too high for the reward," he said. "A lot of things have to happen perfectly for that play to work."

Though Novi head coach Tab Kelleporey said he has never seen the play in action, he thought removing such strategy from the game was a good idea.

"It's a form of deception," he said. "They're deceiving it out of respect of the game. I'm sure there are safety issues as well, especially with the ball on the ground and people jumping at it. I think it was the right choice. Just out of respect it's good not to have a play like that to run."

But it's also a little tough to see it go. The decision will put an end to the dreams of linemen across the country for a chance to score a touchdown. The big men don't often get that chance.

According to the Los Angeles Times, one lineman from Thousand Oaks, Calif. made the best of the play, scoring two touchdowns in a 2003 game. He was probably one of the last, especially with the rarity of the play.

The decision to ban the fumblerooski and all its relatives was long in the making. The National Football League banned such plays in the 1960s, followed by the college football ranks in 1993. So banning it on the high school gridiron was only a matter of time.

Not all decisions about football are the right ones. Like blocking below the waist, a play that was forbidden in high school football not too long ago.

By removing such a play from the game, it made it a little harder for the little guys to match up with the big guys on the field.

As we bid adieu to the fumblerooski and all the plays it inspired, we can take a moment to know that the game is probably a better place without it. It's a little safer, a little less confusing and a little more straight forward.

This one is a play few people will ever miss.

Except, of course, for that chubby lineman with dreams of grandeur and a little endzone dance that puts the fans on their feet, cheering and chanting his name.

Keep dreaming.

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MASTERING THE MOUND

Pitching key to Northville's baseball strategy for entire year

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Next week's games

4/24	Home	W.L. Western	4 p.m.
4/25	Home	Saline	4 p.m.
4/26	Away	Salem	4 p.m.
4/28	Away	Canton	4 p.m.

In high school baseball, the early weeks of the season are usually a pitcher's favorite.

Offenses, in general, aren't up to speed. Their bats aren't swinging as well as they will when the warmer weather comes and batters haven't figured out the styles and strategies of conference pitchers.

Despite the promise of better batting and more offense as the season wears on, the Northville Mustangs expect their pitching staff to remain one of their strengths throughout the year.

"We have a lot of talent and a lot of experience in the pitching department," Northville coach John Kostzrewa said. "Between Bret Spencer, Bryco Jenney and Tim Parent, we have three-quarters of our pitching staff back from last year."

And all three of them saw plenty of time on the mound. Of course, it wasn't all good time.

Last season the Mustangs lost a host of one-run games, something most pitchers would be able to get over without much trouble. But so many bumps so close together made it difficult for Northville's staff to handle.

But this year has been completely different.

"This year we haven't been getting rattled and we've been winning those games we lost last year," Kostzrewa said. "Things that were a negative last year are a positive this year now that we have that experience."

"I'm extremely happy to see how things

are changing. We are more bulldog now and we're not letting that happen to us again this year."

The Mustangs' pitching staff has plenty going for it. Jenney is throwing a fastball, curve slider and a change-up while Spencer has a fast, curve, change-up and cutter at his disposal. Parent is throwing a fastball, curve and a split-finger change and is left handed.

"It's a nice compliment, having two right handers and a left hander," Kostzrewa said.

Freshman Anthony Hutting is also seeing some playing time and is a lefty.

Northville also has the benefit of having a former pitcher coaching them. Kostzrewa was a pitcher for the University of Kentucky before transferring to Western Michigan University and playing catcher.

Kostzrewa uses what he learned in college to help his pitchers be the best they can be all the way through the year.

The Mustangs do pitch counts, not allowing anyone to throw more than 50 in a game for the last month and a half, as well as charting, six-step warm-up routines and strengthening exercises.

Kostzrewa said the goal is to have his hurlers throwing their best at the end of the season, not the beginning.

"They are all very coachable guys and each one has his own one of personality," Kostzrewa said. "Each one of them is only going to get stronger and throw harder."

"Even as the offenses start to pick up, our pitching aspect is going to get better. Their arm strength, location and velocity are all going to improve."

ON PACE: Rugger wants Division I playoffs

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What he lacks in size, he offers in experience.

"Pace is back for his second year and he's showing a lot of leadership qualities," Knights coach Ron Cornell said. "He has experience and he understands the game. I expect him to be a big part of our core this season."

Pace enjoys being a leader when he gets the chance. From helping the new players learn the sport to making big

plays on the pitch, he is glad to be a part of the team.

Now, he said, he wants to help lead his team into the playoffs as a Division I contender, which means his team must finish as one of the top eight in the state.

Pace also has his eyes on the top prize of a state championship, but he knows who stands in his team's way.

"Grand Rapids Catholic Central has a legacy," he said. "They've won the state title every year there has been a

Division I playoff. They're always number one."

The Knights are no slouches either.

Pace said they have a strong returning group of players and some very talented newcomers. A lot of freshmen and sophomores make for a strong program in the coming years, too.

As for Pace? He said he plans on sticking around.

"I'm definitely going to be back for my senior year," he said. "I wouldn't miss it."

"He has experience and he understands the game. I expect him to be a big part of our core this season."

Ron Cornell

Rugby Coach, Northville Knights Rugby Football Club

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TRACK: Mustangs topple Wayne, get ready for Plymouth

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Plymouth than the team had against Wayne. Despite rain and wind, the Mustangs still managed to have an outstanding performance.

Leading the Northville track squad was Jasen Turnbull, who finished first in the 800 run (2:03), second in the mile (5:14) and helped the mile relay team take first along with Habib Khan, Cavan Corcoran and Jack Dalton (3:42.4).

Corcoran, a sophomore, also had a first-place finish in the 110 hurdles (15:90) and the 300 hurdles (45:70). In the 110 hurdles, Aaron Brown took second (18:80) and Elliot Huang took third (21:30). In the 300 hurdles, Brown was again second (49:00) and Huang third (51:80).

Taking first in the 400 run was Khan (55:80) while Nick Kaldis took third (58:30). Khan joined Dalton, Nick Kolbow and Spence Mossioan for a first in the 4-by-800 relay (9:05).

The final first place finish in the track events came from Tommy Farrell, who ran to the top spot in the mile (5:14). Northville did earn points from Kaldis in the 200 dash, where he took second (24:10) and in the 100 dash where he took third (12:00).

Brad Birdsall took second in the 100 dash (11:90) and Kolbow took third in the 800 (2:13). In the two-mile run, Garret Drogosh was second (11:38) and Brian Dulzo was third (11:52).

Second-place finishers

Event	Mustang
High jump	Eric Franceschi
Pole vault	Eric Franceschi
Long jump	Nick Kaldis
110 hurdles	Aaron Brown
300 hurdles	Aaron Brown
Mile run	Jasen Turnbull
100 dash	Brad Birdsall
200 dash	Nick Kaldis
Two-mile run	Garret Drogosh
Shot put	Erik Markstrom
Discus	Andrew Gorely

In the field events, the Mustangs had strong showings across the board. Alex Manor took first in the pole vault (9-foot-6-inches) while Eric Franceschi took second (9-0) and Erik Peterson was third (8-6).

In the long jump, Birdsall was first (19-0) with Kaldis in second (18-3). Birdsall was also first in the high jump (5-6) followed by Franceschi (5-3) in second and Kevin Pitcher (5-3) in third.

Erik Markstrom finished second in the shot put (42-3) and third in the discus (103-3) while Andrew Gorely was second in the discus (117-6) and third in the shot (38-4).



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Northville long jumper Brad Birdsall takes flight at the Novi Relays.

STICKS AND STONES

Northville's girls lacrosse team ready to rumble



Mustang Liz Souther runs towards the Ann Arbor Huron net during a recent home game held at Community Park.



Meredith Cole tries to evade an Ann Arbor Huron defender as she heads to the net with the ball during a Northville Mustangs girls' lacrosse meet.



Northville Mustang girls' lacrosse team members take a halftime break.



Mustangs goalie Katherine Underwood takes a stab at an Ann Arbor Huron shot.

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A Northville Mustang, left, battles an Ann Arbor Huron High School River Rat for possession of the ball.

HEALTH

Sport-by-sport: Reduce child's athletic injuries

By Dennis Thompson
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

As our understanding of what causes injuries among young athletes increases, it's possible to devise some guidelines for reducing injury risk.

How your child can prevent sports injuries:

- Be in proper physical condition to play the sport.
- Know and abide by the rules of the sport.
- Wear appropriate protective gear (for example, shin guards for soccer, a hard-shell helmet when facing a baseball or softball pitcher, a helmet and body padding for ice hockey).
- Know how to use athletic equipment.
- Always warm up before playing.
- Avoid playing when very tired or in pain.
- Get a preseason physical examination.
- Make sure there is adequate water or other liquids to maintain proper hydration.

Football:

This popular sport "leads the

rack" in the number of injuries, especially in boys, in organized sports.

- Common injuries and locations: Bruises, sprains, strains, pulled muscles, soft tissue tears such as ligaments, broken bones, internal injuries (bruised or damaged organs), back injuries, sunburn. Knees and ankles are the most common injury sites.

- Safest playing with: Helmet; mouth guard; shoulder pads; athletic supporters for males; chest/ab pads; forearm, elbow, and thigh pads; shin guards; proper shoes; sunscreen; water.

- Prevention: Proper use of safety equipment, warm-up exercises, proper coaching and conditioning.

Basketball:

This popular sport has the highest rate of knee injuries requiring surgery among girls.

- Common injuries and locations: Sprains, strains, bruises, fractures, scrapes, dislocation, cuts, dental injuries. Ankles, knees (injury rates are higher in girls, especially for the anterior cruciate ligament, the wide ligament that limits rotation and forward movement of the shin bone), shoulder (rotator cuff strains and tears, where tendons at the end of

muscles attach to the upper arm and shoulder bones).

- Safest playing with: Eye protection, elbow and knee pads, mouth guard, athletic supporters for males, proper shoes, water. If playing outdoors, add a hat and sunscreen.

- Prevention: Strength training (particularly knees and shoulders), aerobics (exercises that develop the strength and endurance of heart and lungs), warm-up exercises, proper coaching, and use of safety equipment.

Baseball and softball:

Sometimes called "America's favorite pastime."

- Common injuries: Soft tissue strains, impact injuries that include fractures due to sliding and being hit by a ball, sunburn.

- Safest playing with: Batting helmet, shin guards, elbow guards, ath-

letic supporters for males, mouth guard, sunscreen, cleats, hat, break-away bases.

- Prevention: Proper conditioning and warm-ups.

Soccer:

This sport has dramatically increased in popularity in the past two decades in the U.S.

- Common injuries: Bruises, cuts and scrapes, headaches, sunburn.

- Safest playing with: Shin guards, athletic supporters for males, cleats, sunscreen, water.

- Prevention: Aerobic conditioning and warm-ups, and proper training in "heading" the ball. ("Heading" is using the head to strike or make a play with the ball.)

Track and Field:

Competing at running, walking,

jumping, throwing, or pushing events.

- Common injuries: Strains, sprains, scrapes from falls.

- Safest playing with: Proper shoes, athletic supporters for males, sunscreen, water.

- Prevention: Proper conditioning and coaching.

Gymnastics:

The performance of systematic exercises.

- Common injuries: Sprains and strains of soft tissues.

- Safest playing with: Athletic supporters for males, safety harness, joint supports (such as neoprene wraps), water.

- Prevention: Proper conditioning and warm-ups.

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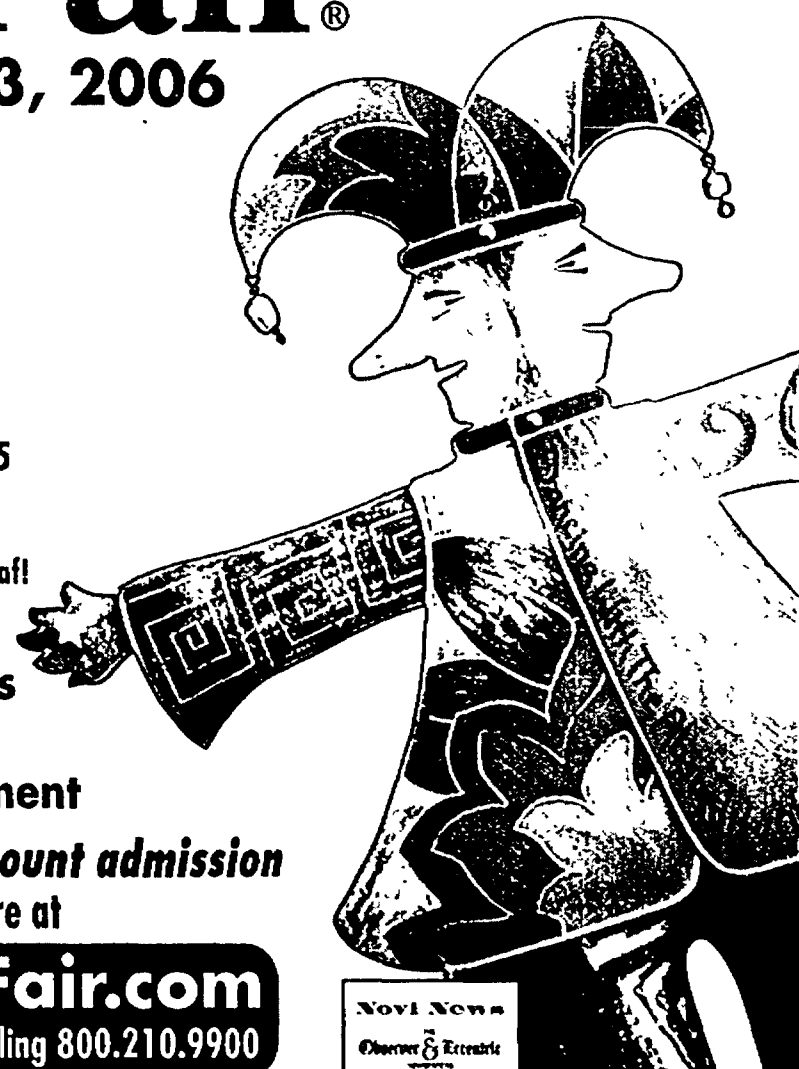
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IN THE KITCHEN

Turn Over a *New Leaf*

With This Gem of a Lettuce

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

This spring, you'll be seeing green. A new salad green, that is. From grocery stores to home kitchens across the country, a diminutive lettuce is making big waves. Small enough to serve one person, each head of this new lettuce — known as Sweet Gem — has the texture and color of romaine with the taste and sweetness of butter lettuce. Rich in nutrients, this green is a valuable source of vitamin A. Sweet Gem has the tenderness of Bibb lettuce without its tendency to wilt under a heavy dressing or the heat of the grill. It also has the crispness of romaine without its tough outer leaves or ribs.

What does all this mean to the cook in your household? Simple. This lettuce really proves to be a "gem" in the many ways you can use it.

Sweet Gem is well-suited for hearty, stronger flavor salad dressings like Caesar, but also rich, flavorful balsamic vinegar and olive oils. Its outer leaves form perfectly shaped individual-sized wraps or cups for filling with tapas-style grilled meats and vegetables or other fillings. Whole heads of this lettuce can be served with a dollop of creamy dressing, then accented with your favorite crunchy toppings for a delicious knife-and-fork salad.

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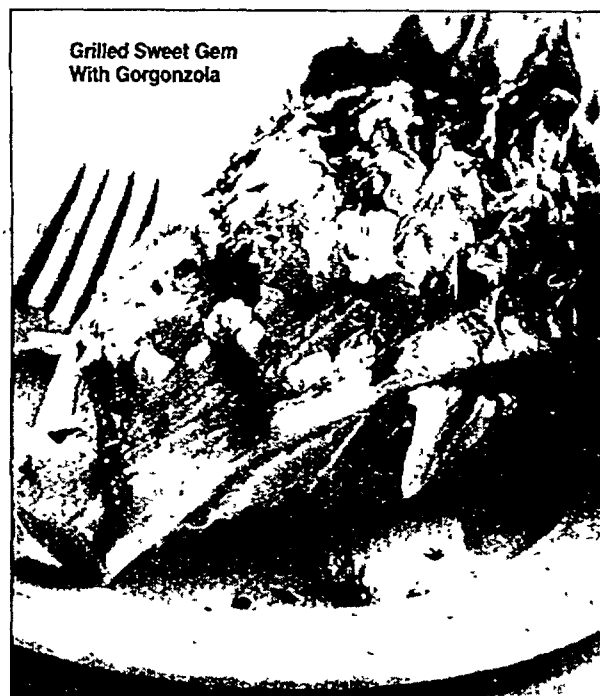
In each bite of Sweet Gem, you get the sweet, buttery taste of Boston, Bibb or butter lettuce with the robust texture and color of romaine. No wonder so many have taken a shine to this new produce.

Sweet Gem's ancestors were first grown in northern Africa and the sunny Mediterranean, long before this lettuce made its way to European gardens. Today it's the lettuce of choice for salade niçoise or for grilling and serving with a vinaigrette. It's also one of the most widely consumed salad greens in the United Kingdom. It's just now becoming available in the United States and could soon be your lettuce of choice for all kinds of appetizer and salad recipes.

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Sweet Gem Seafood Cocktail Lettuce Cups



Grilled Sweet Gem With Gorgonzola

Spring Entertaining Ideas

Turn over a new leaf when you entertain this spring. Use Sweet Gem to add a twist to your party or color to your buffet-style recipes. Instead of processed chips or crackers that are high in fat and sodium, use a great green that offers better flavor, color and nutrition!

- Arrange individual leaves around a bowl of your favorite dip instead of ho-hum (and calorie-laden) chips.
- Set out individual leaves of Sweet Gem as lettuce cups to hold Thai-style chicken, vegetable, tofu or beef fillings.
- Reconstruct that taco salad by serving the filling in lettuce cups, topped with a dollop of sour cream or shreds of cheese and pico de gallo.
- Grill whole heads of Sweet Gem, then drizzle with your favorite vinaigrette and top with shaved Parmesan — a new take on a dressed salad.
- Serve as a whole head, separated into leaves or chopped for a delicious salad.

Grilled Sweet Gem With Gorgonzola

- 5 heads Sweet Gem lettuce
- 1/3 cup extra virgin olive oil
- 1/8 cup fresh lemon juice
- 2 cloves minced fresh garlic
- 2 tablespoons finely chopped shallot or red onion
- 3/4 teaspoon chopped fresh thyme
- Salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
- 1/3 cup crumbled Gorgonzola cheese

Halve lettuce heads lengthwise. Whisk together olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, shallots and thyme; season with salt and pepper. Baste lettuce generously with vinaigrette on both sides, and reserve balance of dressing.

Over high heat, place lettuce on grill cut side down; grill 30 to 45 seconds. Turn and grill an additional 10 to 15 seconds.

For each serving, drizzle a lettuce head half (cut side up) with small amount of vinaigrette and garnish with crumbled Gorgonzola. Serve immediately.

Makes 8 to 10 salad servings

Recipe created for Tanimura & Antle by Dean Simon

Sweet Gem Seafood Cocktail Lettuce Cups

- 2 heads Sweet Gem lettuce
- 1/2 pound small whole shrimp, cooked, peeled and deveined
- 1/2 pound imitation crabmeat, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1/4 cup cocktail sauce
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1/4 teaspoon celery seed
- 3 tablespoons diced red onion
- Freshly ground pepper to taste

Remove and reserve 20 outer lettuce leaves. Chop lettuce hearts.

Mix together shrimp, imitation crabmeat, cocktail sauce, lemon juice, celery seed, red onion and chopped lettuce hearts. Season with pepper, then chill 1 hour. Serve seafood cocktails in reserved lettuce leaves.

Makes 6 to 8 appetizer servings
Recipe created for Tanimura & Antle by Gwen Kravik Gulliksen

Sweet Gem BBQ Teasers

- 1 cup cooked shredded chicken breast
- 1/2 cup diced sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup chopped red onion
- 3 to 4 tablespoons barbecue sauce
- Salt to taste
- 1 head Sweet Gem lettuce

Combine chicken, cheese, onions and barbecue sauce in small bowl; season with salt. Remove leaves from lettuce head and chill at least 1 hour. Fill center of inner leaves with chicken-cheese mixture. Serve chilled.

Makes 4 to 6 appetizer servings
Recipe created for Tanimura & Antle by Rita Held



Sweet Gem BBQ Teasers

IN THE KITCHEN

72,000 road meals — and plenty more to go

By Kitty Bean Yancey
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

For three decades, Jane and Michael Stern have crisscrossed the back roads of the United States in search of unpretentious places that serve local specialties. The title of their first book, "Roadfood," has become part of a barbecue-joint-and-diner devotee's vocabulary. Their new "Two for the Road: Our Love Affair With American Food" (Houghton Mifflin, \$24), which arrives in May, serves up tales from their 3 million miles of travel. The Connecticut-based duo, both 59, share some stories with USA TODAY's Kitty Bean Yancey.

Question: You write that you may eat a dozen meals a day on the road. I can't imagine.

Jane: Michael and I may go to 12 restaurants - three or four for breakfast; four for lunch, four for dinner. When we can't eat more, we hide it under lettuce or dump it in a plastic bag in my purse. Worst was the time we checked out this

(trendy) restaurant in Memphis that shall be unnamed. It was our 12th meal, and they knew who we were and were watching. There was not a thing I could eat - mostly undercooked fish. ... So I put most of it in my napkin and dumped it in the ladies' room toilet. I swear it got stuck. Pounds of oily fish and a napkin. I had to put my hand down to (unclog) it.

Q: How have things changed since you started seeking good, simple food off the beaten track? Like clam pizza in New Haven, barbecue in Texas and the Carolinas, gumbo in Louisiana?

Michael: When we started, most Americans had much less sense of regional cuisine. We thought we were documenting a culture that was disappearing. A lot of great (eateries) are gone. But a lot of new ones have opened. There's a renaissance of food and awareness of our cooking tradition.

Jane: I cannot tell you how much (roadfood) was undervalued when we started. Now, there's an

appreciation. It's endangered, but not extinct.

Q: What is some especially fertile ground for roadfood today?

Michael: New Mexico is right up there with Louisiana, in extreme regional (of cuisine) and dishes you won't find anywhere else. The Midwest, because of immigrants (of many nationalities). The South is always great, because tradition is so esteemed there, and tradition includes food.

Jane: Unsung for their regional-ity: Maine and Vermont. Grapenut pudding, fried tripe, muffins, samp (a porridge).

Q: What's the worst roadfood you remember?

Michael: The time I ate a pig's ear in St. Louis, a pink pig's ear sandwich on white bread. It wasn't the taste (that bothered me). It was the texture ... gelatinous.

Jane: I loathe fish (except shellfish). I also have condiment-phobia: I hate ketchup, mustard, pickles.

Q: Wow, a roadfood expert who doesn't eat ketchup? Must be

hard.

Michael: Jane is more expert when it comes to evaluating certain foods - pies, for one. Luckily, I'm an omnivore. There are few types of food I don't enjoy.

Jane: We're different, very different - from our inseams to our waist sizes to our tastes in food. (A two-way radio in the Sterns' home starts squawking about a dispatched fire truck).

Jane: That's my other life. When I'm home, I'm a volunteer EMT (emergency medical technician). You see the tragedy and weirdness of life.

Q: Jane, the book also says you're germ-phobic? How could you stay in all the cheap roadside motels, the kind with saggy beds and paper bathmats, and eat at roadside shacks all these years?

Jane: I'm OK as long as I have my wipes and my Sanigel. There was one place in St. Louis where it was sweltering and they had a raw chicken, waiting to be cooked, being used to hold open the door. We left. And I do try

OF MALTS AND MEATS

What's the Sterns' favorite of their more than 72,000 meals on the road (many of which are chronicled at roadfood.com)?

"I know what yours is, Michael, even if you don't," Jane Stern says. "Texas brisket."

"I'd go to Louie Mueller's Barbecue (in Taylor) for classic Texas barbecue and brisket," Michael agrees. "This is meat that has basked in smoke for over 12 hours. It's cooked at low temperatures and steams in its juices. It's beyond tender. If you look at it hard, it falls apart."

As for Jane, "it would have to be that place outside Minneapolis, The Convention Grill in Edina, where they have the best hand-cut french fries and old-time chocolate malts. I have a one-woman campaign. ... malts are endangered."

never to touch the comforter (on hotel beds).

Q: I can't imagine being in a car with someone for 3 million miles. How do you do it?

Michael: People ask us, "How come we haven't killed each other?" But it has created a kind of closeness and respect. Though Jane did once take a manuscript I wrote and stabbed it with a knife. Jane: We learned to develop

boundaries, but we were lucky to find a main passion in life that we share.

Michael: We're really on a mission to find good things to eat. We're obsessed.

Q: Still, after all these years? Jane: What are we going to do, get real jobs?

Michael: I'm going to give this up when they pry the fork from my cold, dead fingers.

Simple skills are vital good cooking

By Sarah Fritschner
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Being a "good cook" is less about perfecting your repertoire of French haute cuisine and more about mastering the banal details of everyday cooking. Brown meat well. Leave bones in. Add enough salt and pepper.

Anyone who has fried an egg in bacon fat understands the virtue of meat seasoning blander foods. In the following dish, bone-in chicken is roasted on the same pan with vegetables, allowing its savory juices to soften and simultaneously season them.

Fast lane list: chicken quarters, green beans, cherry tomatoes, potatoes, garlic, thyme.

CHICKEN WITH ROAST VEGETABLES

4 chicken quarters, white or dark meat, or enough to serve 4 people
1 teaspoon salt
one-half teaspoon (freshly ground) black pepper, or to taste
2 cups green beans (about one-half pound), trimmed
1 pint (2 cups) cherry tomatoes
1 pound small potatoes
6 to 8 whole cloves garlic, peeled
1 tablespoon olive oil
1 teaspoon dried thyme
Heat oven to 400 degrees. Sprinkle chicken with one-half teaspoon salt and pepper. Set aside.

On a wide, shallow baking sheet, spread beans, tomatoes, potatoes (cut in half if bigger than a walnut) and garlic. Drizzle with olive oil, sprinkle with thyme, remaining one-half teaspoon salt and a little more pepper. Use your hands to toss the vegetables, coating them lightly with the oil. Shake the vegetables into a somewhat even layer, and place chicken quarters on top.

Bake for 15 minutes. Use a spatula to move vegetables around the pan. With the chicken on top, you won't be able to do much, but just move them around a little to coat them with additional moisture. Bake 15 minutes more, and stir again. Bake 15 minutes more. If you'd like the chicken a little more brown, flip on the broiler for a minute or two. Tomatoes will deflate, beans will wrinkle and potatoes should brown a little. Spoon chicken pieces and vegetables into deep plates, then pour the pan juices over them.

Serves four.
Nutritional analysis per serving: 530 calories, 24 grams fat, 46 grams protein, 33 grams carbohydrate, 5 grams fiber, 720 milligrams sodium.

Grilled lamb adds variety to menu quickly

By Thayer Wine
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Lamb steaks, cut from the wide part of the lamb leg, are handy to have on hand for quick meals for a number of reasons.

- They are lean.
- They cook fast on the grill.
- With different seasonings they adapt well to a variety of cuisines, including Indian, Mediterranean and Greek.

They can be cooked as is, or cut into small cubes and served on skewers for variety.

Here is a version of grilled lamb steaks for an informal lunch or supper. After you cook them the way you like them - I prefer them a nice, pink medium-rare - you slice them thinly and stuff them into a pita pocket or put it on top of a flat pita bread. Add chopped tomatoes, onion and some shredded lettuce and a cucumber-yogurt sauce, and you have a hearty sandwich. Have a refreshing bowl of diced watermelon mixed with blueberries ready for dessert.

LAMB IN PITTA POCKETS

Serves four.
Preparation time: 10 minutes.
Cooking time: 6 to 8 minutes.
1 pound lean center cut lamb steak
4 whole wheat pita bread pockets
1 tablespoon olive oil
pinch granulated garlic
pinch kosher salt
freshly ground black pepper to taste
dash of thyme, optional
1 large tomato, chopped
one-fourth small, mild onion,

chopped, optional
1 and one-half cups shredded lettuce, preferably iceberg, or torn leaf lettuce

For the sauce:
one-half cup low fat plain yogurt
1 tablespoon heavy cream
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh mint, spearmint preferred
one-fourth teaspoon minced garlic

Prepare charcoal grill and allow coals to burn down to a gray ash or preheat gas grill for 10 minutes.

Rub olive oil on both sides of the lamb steak. Sprinkle with garlic, salt, pepper and thyme, if desired.
Chop tomato and onion, if desired, and shred lettuce; set aside.
Make sauce: Whisk together the yogurt, cream, mint and garlic; set aside.

Warm pita breads in 180-degree oven three to five minutes, or just until warm.

Grill lamb chops about two to three minutes per side or until desired doneness. Remove and place on cutting board; trim off excess fat and cut into thin slices.

To serve, slice about one-fourth of the pita bread off and open it like a pocket. Place a few slices of the lamb into each pocket. Top with chopped tomato, onion, if desired, and shredded lettuce. Spoon a bit of the yogurt sauce on top.
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Summer Tips for your Home's Energy Efficiency!

Have your energy bills increased? I think we all know that they have. With Spring upon us and Summer just around the corner, now is the time to check your home to determine how you can improve your home's energy efficiency. This will help you control your energy usage as well as help make your home comfortable for your family.

Ensure your home has the proper insulation: By far the most frequent problem. This is typically the easiest way to reduce your energy bills. Check the Attic. During the summer months the sun will heat the roof. Providing a proper R value of insulation will help



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keep the house cool by keeping the heat out. This will also provide a barrier to prevent heat loss from the home during the winter months. So by completing one task you receive a double benefit of helping to reduce energy lost for both heating and cooling systems in your home.

Weather Stripping windows & doors: Check all window and door frames. If you see daylight around the frames then there is an air leak. By installing weather stripping around the frames, it will help keep warm air out of your house in the summer and warm air from leaking from your home in the winter months.

Programmable Thermostat: These thermostats can be set to provide the proper temperature when you are either at home or away from the house. The thermostat can be programmed for a night time setting when sleeping, and a daytime setting. The Department of Energy identifies this can save you as much as 10% a year on energy cost. Always set your thermostat to as high a comfort level as possible in the summer and as low a comfort level as possible in the winter to maximize your energy savings.

Heating Systems: Older Air Conditioners and Furnaces, which are operating past their intended useful life, are not energy efficient. Newer energy efficient systems will have an Energy Star rating to them. These systems can help pay for themselves over a period of a few years in energy saving cost.

Type of Lighting Used in Homes: Another great tip is to replace incandescent light bulbs with the newer style twisted shape fluorescent bulbs. These provide a reduced energy cost for lighting the rooms of your home. However, do not use the fluorescent bulbs on a circuit which is controlled by a dimmer switch.

Dishwasher Usage: When washing dishes in the dishwasher, allow the dishes to air dry rather than using the electric heated dry cycle. Also only wash full loads of dishes. This is approach will help reduce the overall energy consumption of your home and thereby reduce your energy cost.

Laundry Cycles: When washing clothes always try to have a full load rather than many small ones. The efficiency of washing full loads of laundry can also be another way to reduce your overall energy consumption in your home.

Ceiling Fans: On nice Michigan days, open the windows and use a ceiling fan to draw air into the home from the outside. The use of ceiling fans is more efficient than running your air conditioner.

Window Dressing: Have curtains on south and west windows. The use of either shades or curtains can help reduce energy lost from the home by blocking out heat of hot days and help keep cool air in.

A Few Other Tips: Seal gaps and holes in walls under counters to avoid wall drafts and reduce loss of heating/cooling. When leaving a room (for some period of time) ensure the lights are off. When leaving the home ensure that all TVs, lights, etc. are off. Set thermostats to the away setting. Turn off computer monitors when not in use. These are small general items that can save much in the long run.

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By Kate Phillips
SPECIAL WRITER

Reliability sets Brien's Services apart from the rest. With many lawn service and landscape companies "here today, gone tomorrow," it's important to find someone to count on. Brien's Services has been a name to trust for the last 25 years.

Brien Worrell actually started the company when he was a teen. As word spread about his meticulous lawn service, the business expanded to include landscaping, yard maintenance and snow removal.

Now Brien operates his 45-employee company out of a large 5,000-square-foot building near Pontiac Trail in Milford, just north of New Hudson. He's become a well-known figure in the community, volunteering at local events like Milford Memories, plus giving faithfully to sports and school programs.

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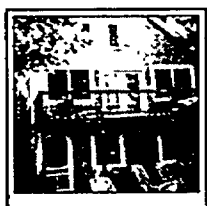
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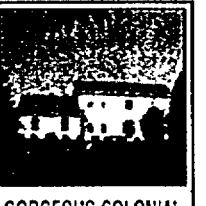
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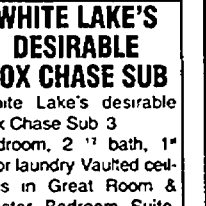
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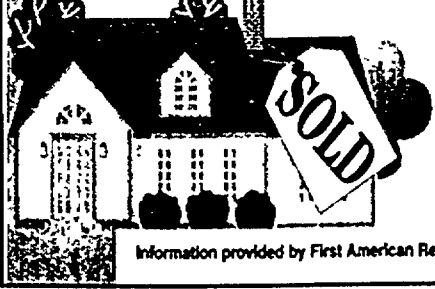
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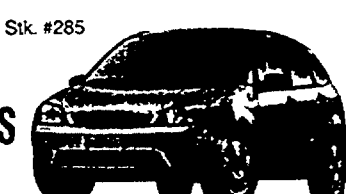
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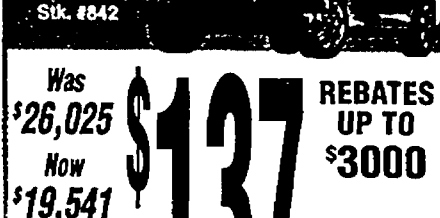
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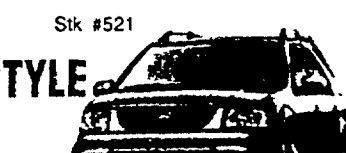
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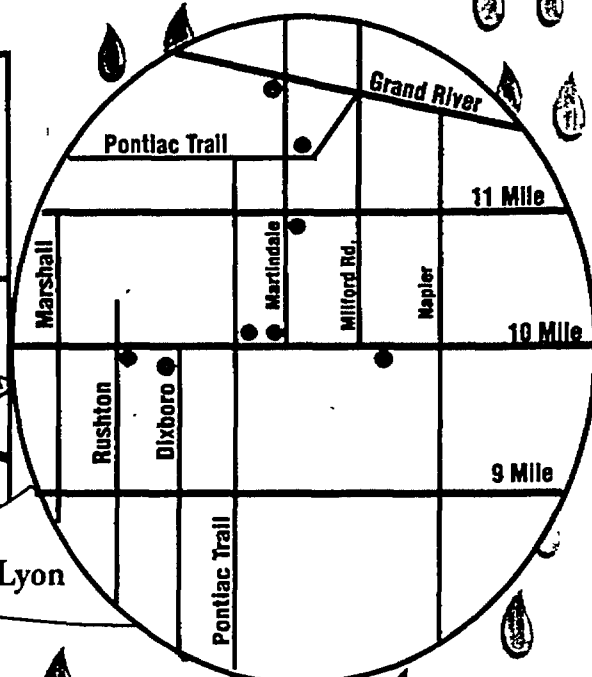
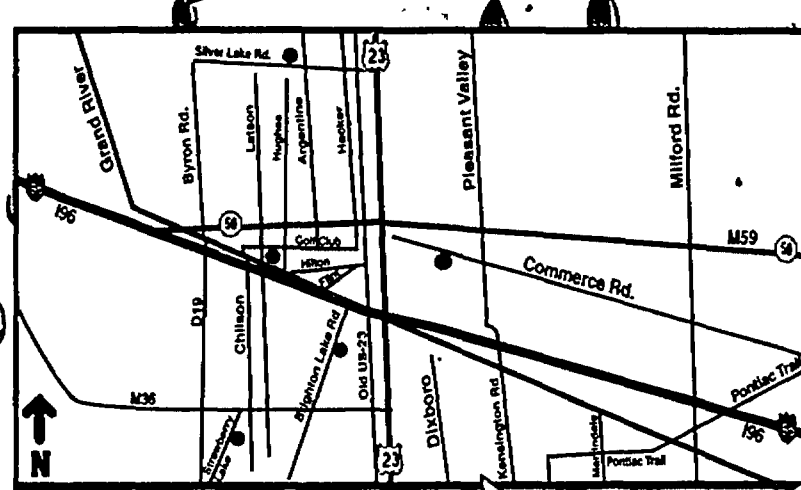
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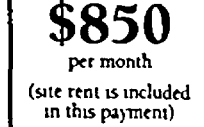
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Day Shift 7:30PM. Apply at West Hickory Haven, 3310 W Commerce Rd. Malford 248-685-1400

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Brighton Doctor's office, \$30-\$40/hr., 3-7pm. Mon-Fri. Call 810-225-2288 for more info

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Needed for training program which features internships and job placement assistance. Program starts May 10th. 1-866-683-0062

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Large cardiology practice in Wayne & Oakland Counties seeking the following positions:
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Exc. benefit package includes medical, dental, 401K & more.
For immediate consideration, send or fax resume to:
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Suite 300 W.
Farmington Hills MI 48336
Fax: (248) 476-9667

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Help Wanted-Medical (544)

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Help Wanted-Health & Fitness (5100)

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We've Doubled our office Size!
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Students (5320)

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SUMMER NANNY, May - Aug. Exp., Education major, non-smoker. Own transportation. Meredith, (248) 921-7374

Childcare Services-Licensed (5360)

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Northville Christian school is accepting enrollment for children, 2.5 to 5 in child care. Preschool enrollment for 3-4 yr olds. Special summer program for ages 3-7. Contact us at northvillechristian.org Call 248-348-9031

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Help Wanted-Part-Time (5200)

DELIVERY
Must have good driving record, physical & drug screen upon hire. Apply in person Tues. April 25th between 9am & 3pm, 29318 Lone Lane, Suite B Wixom, 48393

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Grounds person and misc. work for luxury community. Must be 18 and be willing to work weekends. Please call 248-437-9959

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Announcements & Notices (6200)

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Antiques/Collectibles (7020)

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Auction Sales (7080)

Collectible Auction
Sun, Apr. 23, 2006
12pm, 6241 Jackson
Ann Arbor, W of Zeeb
Art glass Fenton McCoy vintage toys silver books jewelry artwork vintage oriental kimonos 1800s coins auctionsbypastpresents.com

FOWLerville COMMUNITY PARK BENEFIT AUCTION
April 22, 2006 9:30am
Park Pavilion, N. Grand Avenue Fowlerville MI
Auctioneer Art Durocher
Grand Traverse resort weekend package massage certificates golf packages, gift baskets to Tanger Outlet & others. Several gift certificates from local merchants. Mopar racing jacket & several misc items. Too numerous to list!
Terms cash or check
For additional info call Ed Prevost 517-223-4076

Howell Antique Furniture & Collectibles Auction
Sunday 4/23 at Noon 5803 Truquias off Hughes Rd for info & photos go to auctionzip.com then go to Auction Zone 517-223-0323

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Located on Ford Road approx. 2 1/2 miles west of Meyers at 50750 Ford Rd.
Sat. April 22nd
Starting at 10:00am.
Large quantity of trees & shrubs. All dug or balled. Come see and save!!!
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7100 Estate Sales (7100)

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BRIGHTON 4/21 & 4/22 b/wm 8-5 pm tools sporting goods, housewares misc 376 S Hacker Rd

BRIGHTON Thursday 20-9:30 PM, 3684 Olde Dominion Dr S off Hilton, W of Old US 23 Lawn & garden tools, John Deere lawn tractor, dinette

BRIGHTON - 4174 Nancy Dr, off Van Amburg Lots of goodies Sat., 4/22, 8-3

FARMINGTON HILLS LARGEST SALE
28453 Quail Hollow, 12 Mile & Farmington Rd Fri & Sat 8:30-4:30pm Antiques, collectibles, furniture, little tykes, computers, etc

GARAGE SALE 4/21 9-7
4222 9-1 812 First St. Across from the Muir Middle School

PINCKNEY April 20-21, 9-5PM, 1067 Arthurs Ct Dexter-Pinckney Rd to Sarah, Left on Earl Right on Arthurs kerosene torpede heater, golf clubs patio umbrella quilt and art books fabric lots of misc

Garage Sales (7110)

HARTLAND 4/22, 9-4 Huge sale, boys clothes/toys boys Schwinn bike, & misc items 3253 Briar Hill, N. of M-59 - E of Tippecanoe Lake

HARTLAND Annual Sale 3 family sale April 21-22, 9am 7275 Hickory Valley Drive N. of Clyde off Green.

HIGHLAND April 21-22, 9-5, Household goods collectibles clothes and much more 301 Woodruff Lake Rd

HOWELL - HUGELI 4/20-4/21, 9-3, 2230 East Place, M-59 & Booth area. Household, sports cards, kids clothes & more

HOWELL, GIANT Multi-family Sale April 22, 9am to 4pm DTE Energy, 1095 Lawson, across from Kohls

HOWELL/HARTLAND - April 20-22 Thursday & Friday 9:00 - 4:00 pm, Saturday 9-3 pm At 8106 Leyland Ct in Autumn Woods Subdivision South side of M-59 & 1 mile west of 23 Huge garage sale - computer desk, kids clothes & toys, home & holiday decorating items Computer hardware & a lot more!

HOWELL
Sat. April 22, 8-5pm Corner of Chilson & E. Coon Lake Rd
HUGE!!! Multi family sale benefiting the American Cancer Society. Relay for Life
Sponsored by Team Hope

MILFORD Fri-Sun., 4/21-4/23, 8-4pm 1380 Balsam Way, runs W off Milford Rd., 1.5 Mi. N. of I-96 HUGES GREAT STUFF - Priced To SELL!!! Furniture, Toys, Dishes, Clothes, Books, Tools, Toys, Lots More!!!

MILFORD Antiques, collectibles, furniture, dishes, toys & misc. goodies 4-20, 4-21 & 4-22 8am-6pm 325 First St., off Liberty

NORTHVILLE 21568 Garfield Rd Moving sale Furniture, antiques, tools horse equip April 22, 23, 9 to 5pm 1 mile W of Beck, N. of Eighth Mile

NOVI Huge Garage Sale, Tools Household, Toys, Clothes 4/22 8-4pm 46889 Crestview Dr, Roma Ridge Sub

NOVI 4/20-21 9-5, 4/22 9-12 46535 Crestview Dr, Roma Ridge Sub Sears cartop carrier, designer jeans, much more!

NOVI Sat 4/22 8am-2pm Saratoga Circle Sub, off Novi Rd btwn 12 & 13 Mile

HAMBURG April 21-22 9-4, 11232 Old Hamburg Rd., by Martins Auto, Home decor, teaching books, furniture, craft supplies, household, misc.

PINCKNEY April 21 & 22, 9-5pm, 4335 W. M-36, 1.5 miles W of Town Antiques furniture, some kids stuff & clothing & riding lawn mower

PINCKNEY BIG BARN SALE, 9948 Winston, on Portage Lake April 21-22, 9-4pm

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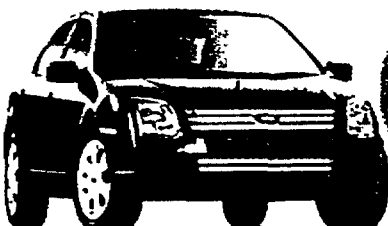
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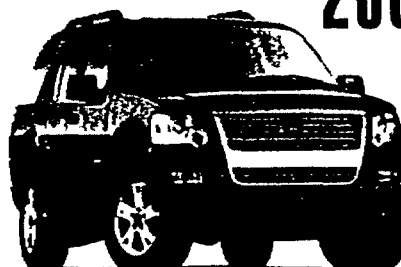
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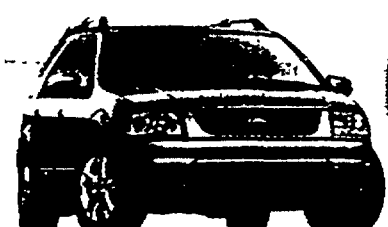
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24 mo.
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AM/FM CD, power windows, power locks, speed control,
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24 mo.
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windows, locks & seats, aluminum wheels, traction control.

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102 available

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24 mo.
lease

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With 2-Plan Voucher

Tow & Go, 5.4 V8, automatic trans, speed control, power windows &
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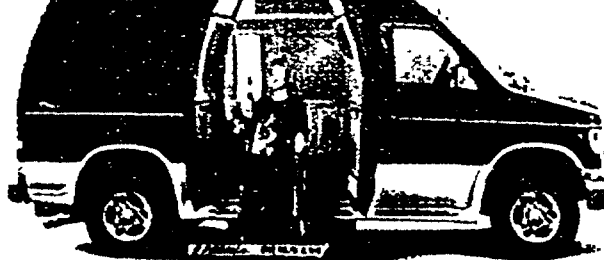
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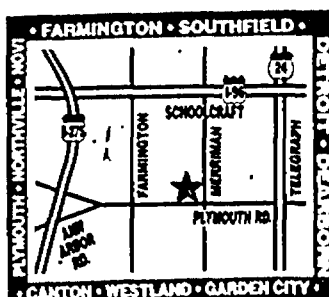
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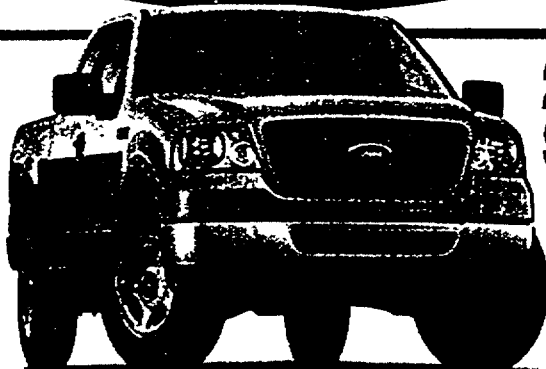
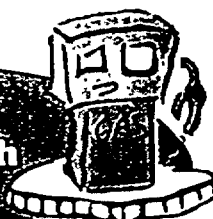
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per mo
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per mo
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**Match
\$1000
Down
Payment**

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Stock #62124

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per mo
\$0 Due At Signing

ZERO DOWN
\$206⁰¹**
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Down
Payment**

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2006 FOCUS 4DR ZX4 SES

Stock #62591

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Was \$17,885

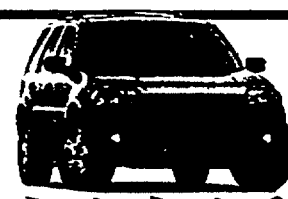
NOW \$11,822³⁰

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

SIGN & DRIVE
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per mo
\$0 Due At Signing

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\$172⁷⁷**
per mo
\$356.14 Due At Signing

\$1000 DOWN
\$130¹⁰**
per mo
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**Match
\$1000
Down
Payment**

Sun and Sound

2006 ESCAPE XLT FWD

Stock #62225

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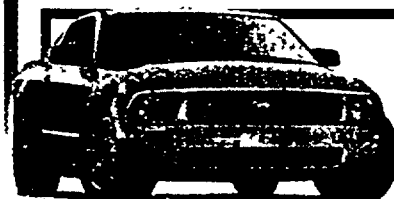
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Payment**

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Stock #61320

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Was \$23,660

NOW \$19,646²⁰

24 MONTH LEASE RENEWAL

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per mo
\$0 Due At Signing

ZERO DOWN
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per mo
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Stock #62480

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Was \$25,925

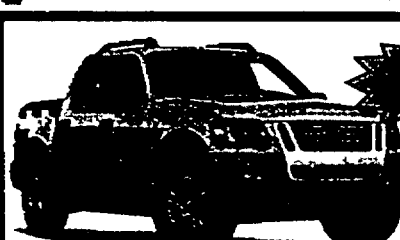
NOW \$22,365⁰⁰

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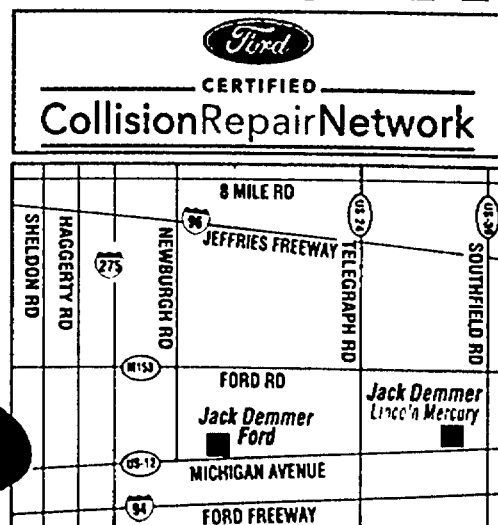
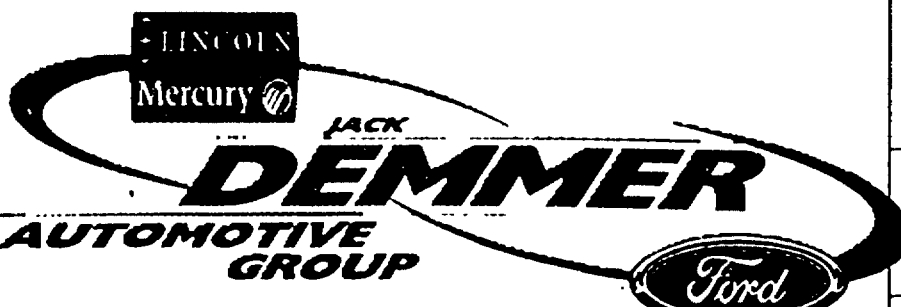
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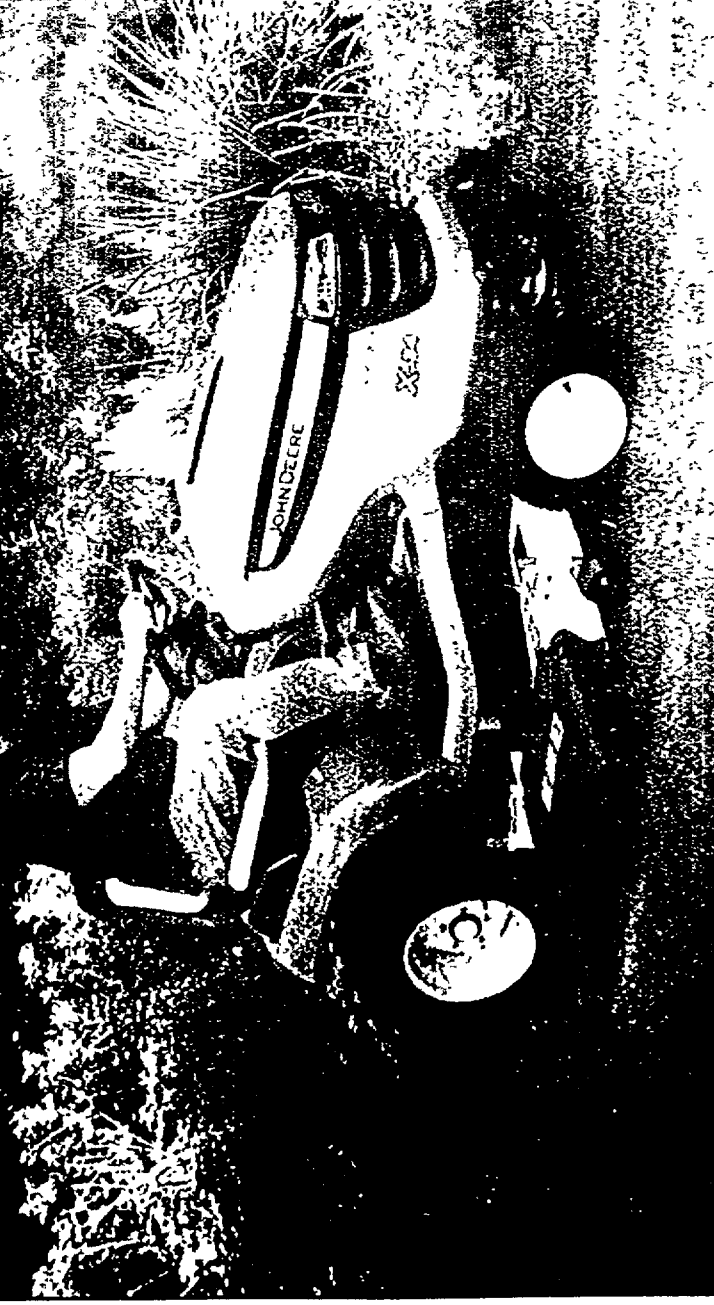
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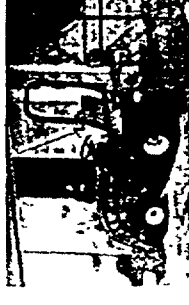
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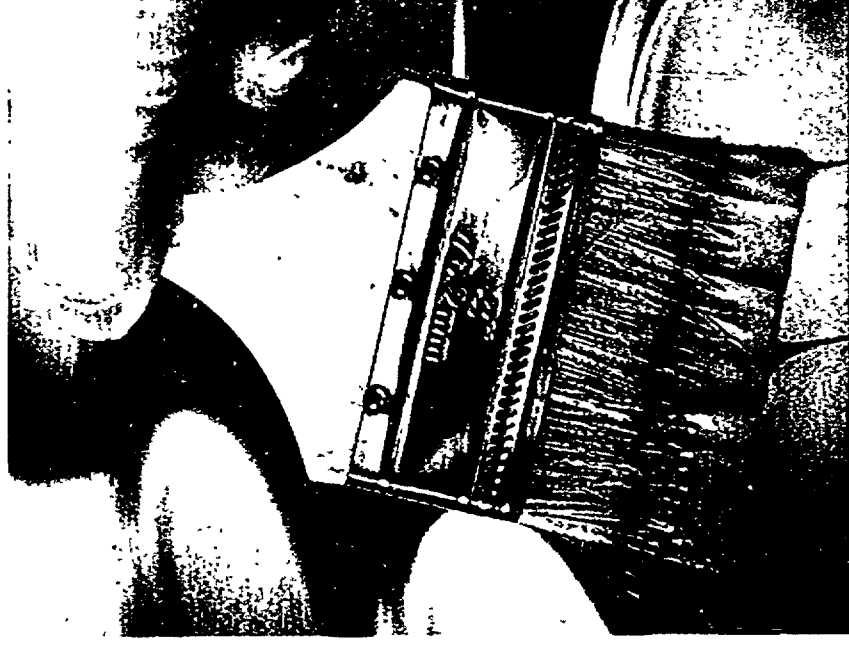
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Get good gloves

According to the American Society of Surgery of the Hand, you should always wear gloves any time you work in the garden. Proper gloves reduce blisters, protect skin from fertilizer, pesticides, bacteria and fungus, splinters, thorns, pests and poison ivy. They also prevent sunburn and nail damage. What makes a good glove? Forget the cotton, flowered garden glove of yesterday. Look for gloves made of high-tech materials and designs that help reduce hand fatigue, eliminate friction and dampen vibrations while protecting your hand.

—Copley News Service

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Technicolors Paints in South Lyon carries the new line of wallpaper. They are located at 117 N. Lafayette St. Or can be reached at (248) 486-4910 or www.technicolors.com.



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Spruce up the walls with this new, easy to apply, even easier to remove wallpaper available at Technicolors Paints in South Lyon.

Did you know?

These are courtesy of Briggs & Stratton. ■ 63 million U.S. households own lawn mowers. Less than 25 percent of owners perform an annual tuneup. ■ Annual mower maintenance can reduce mower emissions up to 50 percent and reduce fuel consumption by 30 percent. ■ There are more than 30 million mowable acres in the United States, which equals an area

about the size of Pennsylvania. ■ The net cooling effect of a young, healthy tree is equivalent to 10 room-size air conditioners operating 20 hours a day. ■ One acre of forest absorbs six tons of carbon dioxide and puts out four tons of oxygen. This is enough to meet the annual needs of 18 people.

—Copley News Service

Add color to garden with new hydrangeas

By Candy Splerlet
SPECIAL SECTIONS

A summer long with Endless Summer Hydrangeas.



Unlike the traditional plants, Endless Summer Hydrangeas bloom on both old and new growth. Gardeners won't have to worry about forgetting to prune it or pruning it at the wrong time. Young, recently planted shrubs are best left alone.

And, unlike the traditional plants, Endless Summer Hydrangeas continue to set buds and bloom throughout the summer, as long as the spent flowers are removed. Cutting blooms for drying or to brighten up the house will only encourage more blossoms.

And, in the fall, the spent blooms can be left to add beauty to the winter landscape, as long as they are removed in the spring.

Endless Summer Hydrangeas have large leaves and strong stems to support the large blossoms. They are disease and mildew resistant. The original blue — or pink, depending on the pH of the soil — hydrangea was introduced a few years ago. It is hardy to USDA Zone 4.

A new variety, Blushing Bride, will be available this year in limited quantities. Blushing Bride blooms are white and they mature to a light pink blush. Blushing Bride is being rated for Zone 5 for the next two years while being tested in Zone 4.

Dr. Michael Dirr, of the University of Georgia, bred Endless Summer Blushing Bride in 2001. He calls this Hydrangea macrophylla his most significant introduction to date.

Both varieties enjoy partial shade and moist soil. They work well as a low hedge or foundation plant or in a container. Dried flowers can be used for floral arrangements, wreaths and table accents.

Endless Summer Hydrangeas are distributed by Bailey Nurseries.

"Endless Summer is as good as advertised, actually it's better," Dirr said. Endless Summer Hydrangeas are available at the following retail stores. Call ahead to make sure the variety is in stock.



Submitted Photos

Endless Summer Hydrangeas are available in pink or blue or the new Blushing Bride variety. They rebloom all summer.

- Bordine Nursery in Brighton (517) 552-9300
- Milutch Nursery in New Hudson (248) 437-2094

Make moving safer

According to a University of Michigan study, nearly 75,000 Americans are seriously injured in lawn mower accidents each year.

What are people wearing when they mow their lawns? They're wearing old, castoff shoes, old sneakers. Of course, you can't wear your good sneakers to mow the lawn because they'll get grass-stained," said Russell Stark, inventor of a shoe made specifically for lawn-mowing safety.

LawnGrips have rubber cleats to provide traction, steel toes for protection, a built-in arch, cushioning for comfort, and a cuff on the back of the shoe to stop grass cuttings from getting inside.

Stark invented the shoe after he realized "I was pushing around a heavy machine with dangerous cutting blades, 12 inches from my feet, while wearing a worn-out pair of sneakers."

To pursue the manufacture of the shoes, Stark enlisted financial support from his family, which includes his sister, Teddi Garvin, and brother-in-law, Dr. W.J. Garvin of Escondido.

It took Stark about three years from conception to its introduction at the Chicago Lawn and Garden Show in June. "I couldn't believe there was nothing like this on the market. It fills a real need," Stark said.

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Freshen up the house with new carpet

Carpet is the floor covering of choice among homeowners. While most people appreciate its beauty and comfort, carpet is more than just a "pretty face," as millions of homeowners have learned about the functional aspects of this popular floor covering.

Natural insulator

Unlike other types of flooring, carpet is a natural insulator, providing additional warmth in cold seasons; in warmer weather, it also insulates against invasive heat. Its use in a wall-to-wall application actually increases the R-value, or insulation level, of the carpeted area.

While the improvement may be modest, with today's skyrocketing energy costs, even a slight increase in R-value is welcome. Moreover, some carpet backings can add to the insulation capability of carpet. Backings can enhance the carpet's existing R-value and provide extra comfort underfoot.

Beyond its potential value in actually reducing heating costs, carpet also enhances the perception of comfort and warmth. Everyone knows that it's a much more pleasant sensation to step barefoot out of bed on a cold morning onto carpet than onto any other type of surface.

Reduces noise

Carpet also reduces a home's noise level, eliminating or muffling distracting clutter.

turbed fewer particles. Results: less dust in the breathing zone over carpeted floors.

Of course, as with any interior furnishing, appropriate cleaning is required. This includes regular vacuuming, removal of spots and spills, and periodic overall cleaning. Shaw recommends using the hot-water extraction method, often referred to as steam cleaning, although no steam is actually generated.

Shaw's research indicates that this method provides the best capability for cleaning.

Carpet value

Carpet is a remarkably durable and practical floor covering.

Technological advances in everything from fiber to backing enable carpet manufacturers to offer products suitable for virtually any residential or commercial setting — indoors or out! There are now styles suitable for indoor use as well as outdoor settings such as patios, porches, and walkways.

It is important to recognize that carpet is also an exceptional value and, in general, is significantly less expensive than other floor coverings.

Best of all, carpet is a beautiful home furnishing that can add elegance, comfort, and fashion to any setting. Extremely versatile, carpet is available in an extraordinary selection of styles, patterns, and colors. From solid, formal cut piles and shags to natural, loop pile Berbers and patterned cut/loop styles, carpet affords unlimited decorating flexibility.

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Carpet can serve as a neutral backdrop that complements other furnishings, or it can make a statement as the focal point of a decor. The only truly three-dimensional floor covering, carpet offers textural possibilities that other hard surfaces lack.

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Use common-sense procedures like wear-

ing rubber gloves for things that might be contaminated. That includes picking up dead birds. Put them in two plastic bags for disposal.

When cleaning hummingbird feeders, vinegar doesn't do the job. Use one part house-

An estimated 40 million U.S. households feed the birds, according to Duncraft Inc., a company that sells bird feeders, birdbaths, seed and related products.

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Add a little sunshine

Brightening up the kitchen is easy with these tips

For the past decade, the kitchen has reigned supreme as the choice gathering spot for family activities and entertaining. And, open kitchens can transform the mood of the room and its occupants.

According to the experts at Simonon Windows, there are several things homeowners can do to transform their kitchens into bright, welcoming spaces, energized with natural light:

■ **Adopt the popular trend of having "naked windows."** In the kitchen. By using only minimal window coverings, such as valances at the top, the windows allow in more light and can act as a transition to the outdoors.

■ **When remodeling, add a bay or bow window** to maximize the flow of sunlight into the room and give the kitchen an expansive feeling. Constructed of three or more windows mulled together at 30- or 45-degree angles, bay windows can be made to incorporate a window seat that provides a comfortable spot for homeowners to grab a cup of coffee and curl up with a magazine. A bow window, which is created by mulling together a multitude of windows in a gentle arch, creates a gentle circular effect in a room and can offer the perfect backdrop for a kitchen table.

■ **Smaller than a bay or bow window, a garden window** generally sits higher up on a wall. Many homeowners position a garden window directly over a sink and grow herbs, potted plants or starter seedlings on the shelves throughout the year. Garden windows, with dual, fully-operational casement side lites to allow in air and sunlight are available.

■ **Order several windows mulled together** at the factory to give the impression of a small "wall of windows," and to maximize light flow into the kitchen. You can request that operating windows (such as double hungs or casements) be topped with non-operable transom windows to enhance the flow of light into the kitchen.

■ **Brighten up the entire kitchen** by painting your window trim bright white. Take this "white-wash" a step further and paint your kitchen cabinets white also, so that the entire room is bright and cheery, allowing light to "play" throughout the room. Selecting low-maintenance white vinyl frames for your windows will also help lighten up the kitchen.



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Leaving windows unadorned maximizes the flow of light into a kitchen.

Update outdoor spaces with some spray paint

Sunshine, spring flowers and warmer weather all bring new opportunities for outdoor creativity around your home. Once you've cleaned away winter's debris, why not add your own touch to Mother Nature's magic?

"The outdoor space around your home is the perfect place to express your personal style, bringing you, your creativity and nature together," says Kathy Peterson, design expert, author and do-it-yourself television personality.

An easy and inexpensive way to enhance cozy porches, light-filled sunrooms, decks and patios is to brighten up your yard furniture using a fresh coat of spray paint. For only a few dollars per can, you can experiment with an array of sophisticated textures and trendy new colors for a rich sense of style.

"Today's spray paints are very different from the old spray paints kept in your parents' garage when you grew up," Peterson says. "There are so many interesting textures and colors available now." Today's high-quality spray paints dry faster, are easier to apply with greater control, and are more durable than the spray paints of the past, she says.

According to designers such as Peterson, metallic and textured finishes are the most popular finishes manufacturers are using on hot, new, high-end outdoor furniture. But now you can recreate these looks at home.

"Armed with a couple of cans of spray paint and a little creativity, there's no end to what you can achieve," says Peterson. "Since spray paint is so affordable, you can try your hand at various color combinations."

Peterson encourages first time do-it-yourselfers to experiment on small accessory items like pots or planters to get an up-close look at how a color or texture will appear.

For contemporary country style, she recommends combining rich earth tones with textured khaki, or suggests using cool blues and greens accented with metallic copper or textured unique bronze to create a cottage garden look.

"Bright, fresh colors like mango and watermelon infuse sun-drenched spaces with a light-hearted tropical touch that makes a perfect setting for family fun or sipping Pina Colodas," Peterson says.

— *Miriam News Service*

Explore the benefits of laminate wood flooring

Most do-it-yourselfers are looking for products that can dramatically change the look of a room or increase the value of their homes.

Hardwood floors have long been a desired element in homes because they impart a rich look to living spaces, but they can also be costly and difficult for a DIY to install.

Laminate flooring manufacturers have recognized the void of a cost-effective product that offers ease of installation and minimal tools and know-how. Enter the popular floating laminate wood floor.

Laminate flooring consists of several components that are bonded together to create the final product. It includes a core, usually constructed of high density fiberboard and a composite wood product backed with a sturdy plank that is generally coated in resin. The resin resists moisture and helps protect the product from warping and rotting. The top layer of the floor includes a wear-resistant decorative surface, usually an authentic woodgrain pattern, and a tongue and groove design for interlocking the pieces of flooring.

The terms "floating" or "float-in" mean that the laminate floor is not attached to the floor underneath. In a typical floating installation, only the joints are glued or attached to each other, leaving the body of the floor unattached.

However, some varieties do not require glue at all. Generally, a gap around the perimeter is left to allow for expansion and contraction of the boards, which enables floor movement. This gap is covered with a decorative molding.

Typically, these floors can be installed over several different surfaces in various rooms of the home. Plywood, concrete slab, sheet vinyl flooring, hardwood flooring or just about any other flat hard surface is suitable. Carpeting, however, will need to be removed in order to install laminate. Some varieties are unsuitable for bathroom.

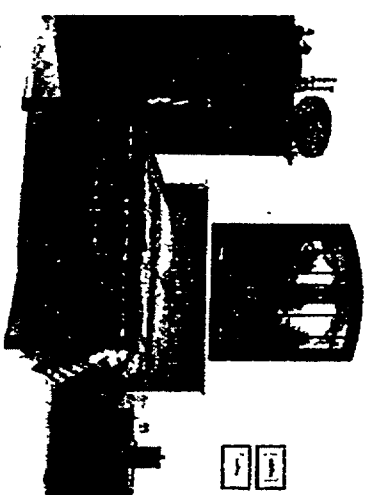
Advantages

■ **Easy to clean:** Because laminate floors are so dense, they are easy to keep clean. Most can be tidied up by dust mopping, vacuuming or using a damp cloth.

■ **Durable:** Most brands offer a warranty against staining, wear and fading. Consider your usage requirements. High-traffic areas like living rooms and kitchens require a higher-end product. In low-traffic areas, a less expensive and less durable product may be sufficient.

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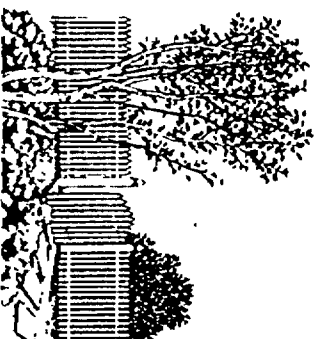
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Turn play areas into space for adults

When children get older or move away, homeowners can be left with aging swings, swingsets, abandoned basketball hoops — all of which can be eyesores.

Fortunately, converting your property from what once was a child's paradise to what will soon be your own restful retreat can be done easily.

Here are some tips courtesy of Scenery Solutions, makers of landscaping products.

The swingset

Swingsets can do a number on your yard, as proper cushioning material surrounding this play area — required to protect against bumps and falls — restricts grass growth. It can be difficult for this area to recover once the playset has been dismantled.

Instead of trying to resuscitate a dead patch of landscape, work with it. Edging material can easily be converted from a playground border to landscape edging.

Replace the playset with a gazebo and wood swing where you can retreat and rest. Fill in the area with decorative mulch and attractive plantings.

Cover up any additional worm-down spots in your grass with a pathway leading to the gazebo or decorative flower beds.

The sandbox

Like a swingset, a sandbox does not have

Many people dream of owning a home with a big yard where their children can eventually play with friends. Adding a swingset, sandbox and basketball hoop are often part of the plan. But, what happens when the kids grow up? What do you do with the space?

to be a permanent fixture in your yard and can be transformed into something more once the kids have outgrown sandcastles and mud pies.

Give your backyard more of your own personal touch by converting that sandbox into a raised garden.

Plant perennials and add spot color with annuals each year. Add a memento of prior sandbox days, like a plastic shovel or sand bucket as a clever decorative accent.

Or, create that herb garden you've always wanted. When entertaining outdoors, enhance the flavor of foods enjoyed on the grill with fresh-picked herbs. Your guests will be impressed.

The basketball hoop

Since most families have at least two or more cars these days, the traditional driveway



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Transform the sandbox into a raised garden bed.

Basketball hoop has given way to the back-yard basketball hoop, complete with a squared off section of concrete big enough for a pickup game with a few friends. But when it's come time to leave those glory days of jumpshots in the past, the remnants of basketball fun can be uninvited.

This can be a great opportunity to expand upon the small concrete "court" in your yard and create a backyard patio and oasis.

Surround the patio with raised garden beds

for decorative impact and shade-producing trees, so you'll stay cool when entertaining outdoors.

You can enhance the space even further by installing a water feature. There's no need to dig into tough soil that's been packed down by years of basketball abuse. Many water gardens and fountains can be built on the surface.

— Metro News Service

Ease effects of seasonal allergies

By John Moody
COPY NEWS SERVICE

Seasonal allergic rhinitis, or hay fever, affects more than 20 percent of the U.S. population, according to the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology. If you are afflicted with hay fever, you know only too well the misery of spring allergies, but here's a timely dilemma: What do you do if you're an allergy sufferer who also loves to be out in the yard or garden?

"The thing you should do is get your garden in as early as possible," Dr. Glenmon Paul, a specialist with Central Illinois Allergy and Respiratory Clinic in Springfield says. "On a windy day it's going to be much worse, and the morning is worse than the evening, but the thing is, the symptoms don't come on for about eight hours."

That's what he tells patients when they ask why they are feeling bad in the evening while sitting inside in the air conditioning. Allergies are triggered by substances called allergens, according to the AAAAI, such as pollen or mold spores. Many trees, grasses and weeds contain pollen that's easily blown about by the wind, causing allergy symptoms to flare up in spring.

Paul suggests taking a few precautions before venturing outside during allergy season. Medicating before you go out is one, and he likes topical steroid sprays (like Flonase) to be used regularly through the season. Another safeguard is wearing a mask while working in the yard. If after taking these suggested pre-

'Tis the season for itchy, watery eyes, oh and don't forget those sneezing attacks that strike often and with great ferocity. Millions of Americans are already feeling the effects of the allergy season.

cautions, and you're still not feeling well, Dr. Paul says you may have to consider getting an allergy shot.

"One of the best ways to help prevent allergy attacks is to start taking medication prescribed by your allergist about a week before peak allergy season in your area begins," says Dr. Linda B. Ford, a fellow with AAAAI and a member of its Aerobiology Committee. "With continued use of medication and avoidance of potential triggers, allergic symptoms can be minimized."

And, what about the idea of planting grasses and plants that are supposedly less allergenic?

Paul says good luck with that. "Grass pollen is a most powerful allergen," Paul says. "There's no way to plant a garden or grasses that won't bother you if you have allergies, just like there's no 'non-allergic' dogs, because your neighbor has something different in his yard, and pollen blows for miles."

Tips to ease your allergy symptoms in addition to timing medication, the AAAAI, based in Milwaukee, offers the following tips to help allergy sufferers find some relief this spring:

- Do a thorough spring cleaning — windows, book shelves and air conditioning vents collect dust and mold throughout the winter that can provoke allergy symptoms.

- Minimize outdoor activity when pollen counts are high. Peak pollen times are usually between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Get up-to-date pollen information for your area from the National Allergy Bureau at www.aaaai.org.
- Take medications at least 30 minutes prior to outdoor activity.
- Consult with an allergist/immunologist to ensure medications are helping you and notify an allergist/immunologist when reactions to medications occur.
- Shut windows in your house on days pollen counts are high. Avoid using windows or fans that may draw pollen inside.
- Wash bedding weekly in hot water.
- Dry laundry indoors. Sheets hanging on an outside line are an easy target for blowing pollen.
- Shower and wash your hair before bed; pollen can collect on your hair and skin.
- Keep pets off of furniture and out of the bedroom. Pollen can cling to the dog or cat after being outside.
- Keep car windows closed during peak season. Use air conditioning and point vents away from face.
- When mowing the lawn or doing gardening, wear a filter mask.

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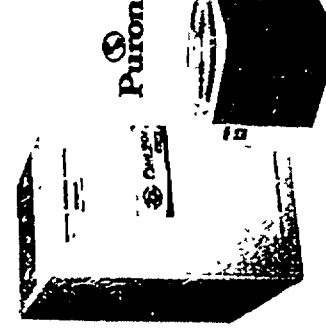
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Taking root

Control weeds by removing them before they go to seed

By Penny Zimmerman-Wills
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While there are no easy solutions to controlling weeds in your yard or garden, there are some basic things you can do to prevent your backyard paradise from turning in to a crabgrass jungle this year.

The first step in tackling weeds is to correctly identify the weed, according to Jennifer Fishburn, horticulture educator at the University of Illinois' Sangamon-Memard Extension office.

"You need to understand the weed's life cycle — whether it's an annual or perennial. They are controlled and treated differently," she says. Annuals, such as crabgrass, foxtail, goosegrass, lamb's-quarter and buttercup, survive one growing season and return each year from seed. Biennials, such as burdock and poison hemlock, live two years and produce seed the second year. Perennial plants, such as dandelions and creeping Charlie, return each year.

"The best way to actually control a weed problem is to prevent it from happening," says Fishburn, which means removing the weeds before they are allowed to flower and go to seed.

Despite your best efforts, nothing is fool-proof, according to Shelley Gerber, owner of Evergreen Landscape in Springfield, Ill. No matter which method you use to remove them, you must remember it's an ongoing battle.

"They (weeds) are going to grow anywhere," Gerber says. "They will grow in driveways, on top of gravel with landscape fabric. Anytime there's dirt and weed seed, you're going to get weeds."

And despite their bad reputation, it's not really their fault.

"A weed is slang for a plant out of place. There is no such thing as a weed, everything has a name. Like if someone is annoying," she says, laughing. "Weeds are annoying. They're not horrible — they're just out of place."

While they might not be intentionally evil, they do grow fast, produce lots of seeds, and

We all dream of having a lush, green lawn. Or maybe a front yard bordered by sweeping splashes of perennial flowers and a bountiful backyard vegetable garden with perfectly aligned rows of peppers and tomatoes. But our visions of landscaped loveliness are often blurred by our ongoing battle with that diligent enemy — the weed.

Gerber, who has been in the landscaping business since 1988, says the best way to stay on top of a weed problem is with a diligent weekly inspection of your flower or vegetable garden.

"Landscape is a commitment," she says. "It's like anything. If you want a pretty house you have to clean it once a week. A landscape can't be ignored for more than two or three weeks at a time or it turns into a jungle."

And while there are no secret, easy ways to eradicate weeds in your garden, she suggests putting a positive spin on the process.

"It's great exercise. And it's a fabulous thing for children to learn to do also. My mom used to pay us a penny per dandelion," she says. "There are a lot of fun games, and ways you can make it fun and challenging for younger children."

And sometimes, even the landscape professionals learn to appreciate what they can't control. A steep hill behind her home and business, which has proved to be a landscaping challenge in the past was "gorgeously covered with dandelions," she says.



Photo by JUSTIN L. FOWLE/COPLEY NEWS SERVICE
Despite your best efforts — and no matter which method you use to remove them — getting rid of weeds is an ongoing battle.

Getting a handle on weeds

■ Prevent weeds from seeding by hoeing, tilling or pulling them by hand before seeds are produced.

■ It's easiest to pull weeds after a rain when the ground is damp.

■ Hoe or till the ground shallowly to prevent damage to roots of nearby desirable plants.

■ Perennial weeds will require frequent recutting until food reserves are depleted.

■ If you prefer to use chemicals, a fast-acting herbicide such as glyphosate, found in Roundup and other products, can be applied to actively growing plants with a pump sprayer. Be sure to read directions and don't allow the product to come in contact with desirable plants.

Spring means important cleanup chores in garden

By Jim Hillbush
COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

I was outside recently mindlessly picking up sticks in the warm sunshine. Six hours later I made my way back inside, tired, muddy, happy. This is the way of spring.

The season presents many chores, mostly light duty, but critical to better lawns and plantings come summer. The great spring cleanup has begun. Winter has not been kind to our yards. Snows matted our grass. We thought we had all the leaves raked, but here they are again. Soil is compacted. Things are not very neat out there.

Cleaning up is more than aesthetics.

Harmful bugs are breeding in those piles of trash. Plant viruses are growing. Clean yards are healthy yards.

So, grab a leaf rake and do a walkabout. Never rake soggy, spongy soil. You'll pull up too many live grass roots. Wait until the turf dries and firms.

Some yards might be suffering from snow mold. This is the white-tipped grass seen in patches. You need to lightly rake these, but don't pull up the sod. The roots probably are fine and will replace the dead grass in a few weeks. Don't fertilize until the new growth is visible.

I take a bag of grass seed around with the rake. Spring is the best time to fix those

damned bare spots. Rake up the soil, spread some seeds and cover them with straw. The straw helps maintain the moisture, but its main job is fending off the birds.

Leaves are not good on spring grass. They cut off the oxygen, causing yellowing or preventing growth. Some, such as oaks, will stain grass. A lot of folks wait to collect them with their mowers. That's too late. They need to come off now.

It's a good time to prune bushes and trees. You can shape them easier with no leaves, and there's less to clean up. Sap is flowing in the trees. It is like blood. Prunings more than a half inch in diameter should be treated with the wound dressing available in plant stores. This

stop, the sap flows and thwart's bug and disease attacks on the exposed wood. Hedges and evergreens may need some shaping with a trimmer. It's easier to edge beds now than when the grass is thick in a month or so.

Once your garden soil loses its winter wet, use a shovel to loosen it, then rake it smooth. You'll always find some, heaved up by freezing and thawing.

If you have compost, apply 2 inches to 3 inches around plants. It can stay on top. Rain will leech its many nutrients to the roots. Be sure to check for weeds. There are the ones that survived the winter. They're the tough guys. Deal with them now instead of when they've taken over.

Time to get spring cleaning

As winter winds down, it's the perfect time to start planning your summer garden.

The American Phytopathological Society, an organization of professional plant doctors, offers these suggestions to get your garden ready for spring planting.

■ Munch your soil. In northern gardens, let it warm up first. Mulching conserves moisture and reduces the time needed for weeding and watering. Always keep mulch away from stems or trunks of plants to avoid fungal infections.

■ Remove old, dead leaves from your garden to keep early blooming flowers, such as irises and tulips, healthy. Removal and destruction of dead leaves will help

reduce the risk of re-infection.

■ Stakes, cages and trellises from a previous season that you plan to use again should be cleaned first.

■ Remember to clean your garden tools after use. Soil on garden tools can harbor some plant pathogens.

■ Always purchase high quality, healthy plants. Annuals and vegetable transplants should show good color and have no dead or yellowed areas. Avoid garden packs with stunted, sickly or missing plants. The roots should be white and vigorous looking. Bulbs, tubers and roots should be firm and have no obvious mechanical damage or mold.

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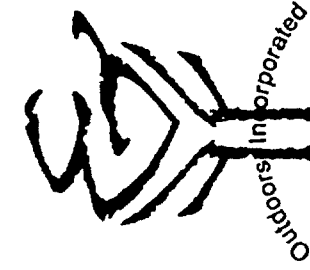
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Some outside jobs, like cleaning gutters, are better left to professionals. But, hiring a knowledgeable crew to weed, prune or do other landscaping chores is important, said Joe Angeloff, owner of F&F Outdoors. "You don't want someone pulling out the day lilies thinking they are weeds."

Don't waste your time

By Cynthia Grochowski
DAILY PRESS & ARGOUS

Spring cleaning — who has time to do it? Many local business have the time and expertise to spruce up a home and ready the lawn and garden for the warmer weather.

Chore No. 1: Gutters

Spring is a perfect time to give the gutters on the house a once-over. Clogged and overflowing gutters can damage the lawn, landscaping, the gutters and the house. Leaves and debris need to be taken out of the gutters and ice damage from the winter needs to be assessed.

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Chore No. 2: Air conditioning

Spring means summer is coming soon, and with it hot weather. Now is the perfect time to have a professional like Fallert Mechanical, inspect and service the air conditioner in the house. A dirty air conditioner will either operate inefficiently or not at all.

"The biggest thing to do in the spring is to

Your time is important. Don't waste it doing spring chores. These professionals will gladly do it for you, leaving you with more time for fun with your family.

have the refrigerant level checked, the coils and filters cleaned and all the controls checked," owner Paul Fallert advised.

"Because an air conditioner moves twice the amount of air that a heating system does it is important that filters and coils are kept clean for proper air. Cooler air is heavier to push than warm air."

Fallert also pointed out that the southeastern Michigan area is especially vulnerable to cottonwood lint clogging up the outdoor condensers.

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Fallert Mechanical can be reached at (248) 437-4385.

Chore No. 3: The yard

What needs to be done in the yard and how much will it cost?

Services like F & F Outdoors in White Lake will inspect the lawn and garden and give an estimate on what needs to be done. Owner Joe Angeloff understands cost is a big issue when it comes to having a service do the spring yard work, but a professional can be worth the cost no matter how large or small the job.

"A visual inspection of the yard can alert a homeowner to potential problems that will cost more in the long run," Angeloff said.

Hiring a knowledgeable crew is important

official for lawns with a high clay content. Bell's Landscape Services, Inc. can be reached at (248) 486-0960.

Chore No. 5: Brick pavers

Spring is also a good time to have the patio pavers that are buckled removed, repainted and replaced.

"The freeze and thaw of winter can cause heaving of the pavers. In the spring the ground will settle down and we can fix the pavers," Bob Marzoff, landscape designer with Garden Escape, said.

Garden Escape can be reached at (248) 624-9530.

Chore No. 6: Outdoor room

"People are going to be staying at home more this summer, so spring is an ideal time to get started on making the yard a more comfortable place to be," Ron Jackson pointed out.

Jackson, owner of Jackson Landscaping, said people are looking for more than just flowers in their yard. "Reorganizing the plantings, adding water features, outdoor grills and refrigeration units make the yard a more comfortable place to live and entertain in," Jackson said. "Adding a raised firepit with brick or block is very popular. Many folks add seating with a ledge."

Spring is also a great time to have a professional update the home's curb appeal. "We redecorate our kitchens and change the decor in our bedrooms, but we don't think about what other people see," Jackson said, adding that updating curb appeal isn't just for homes on the real estate market. "A fresh look in the front yard is a pleasant 'Welcome home.'" *Jackson Landscaping can be reached at (248) 486-8992.*

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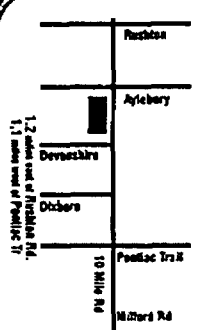
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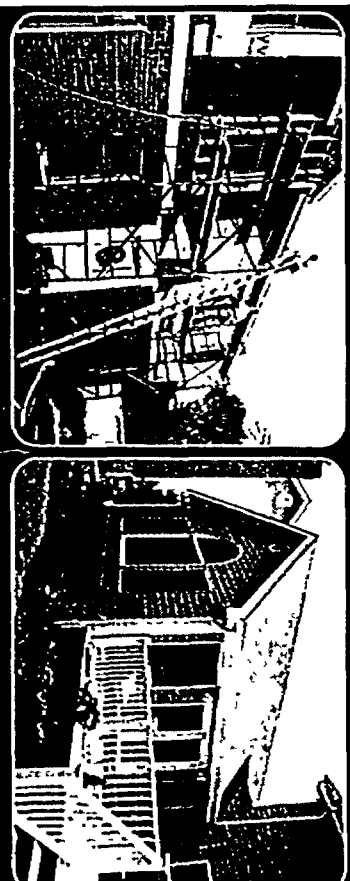
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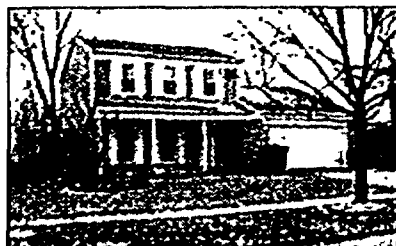
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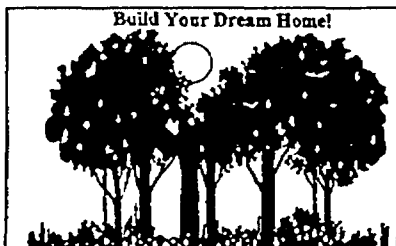
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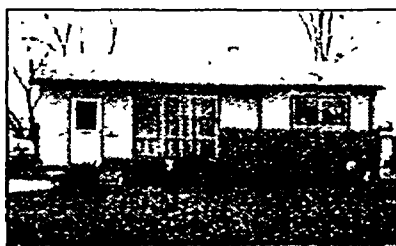
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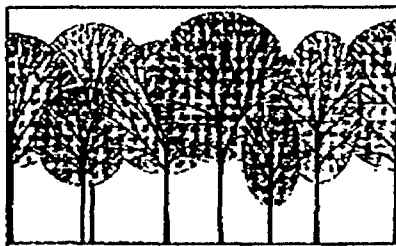
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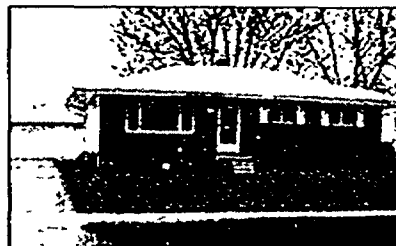
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Stunning Uptown Condo! All the openness & elegance you could ask for. Hard floors, cathedral ceiling, private covered balcony, spacious Kitchen, & open floor plan. All appliances included. Call today! \$142,000 (C-860F1)



Executive Cape Cod. Plymouth's prestigious Maitland Pond! Beautiful 2 bd, 2.5 bath condo w/1st floor master, cathedral ceilings frpl, gourmet island Kitchen, full bsmt, 2 car Garage, brick paver walkway & large Patio. Tastefully decorated to \$374,900 (C-4111-)



Country In The City. 3 bd custom brick ranch on a 1 acre lot. Wooded area in back for added privacy. 2 baths, 2 fireplaces, huge family room, attached 2 car Garage & on a private road. \$279,900 (C-7550A)



Priced To Sell! This is a must see! Beautifully remodeled 3 bd, 1.5 bath ranch, newer Kitchen, Anderson windows, jetted tub, new carpet in living room & freshly painted to \$164,900 (P-727P)



Why Are You Reading? Cute house w/huge living room, large master bedroom, dining room, office, newer 2 car Garage, covered front porch & so much more. Excellent Farmington Hills location. \$149,000 (P-870P)



Artistic Flair. Totally updated 2 bd, 1.5 bath condo within walking distance to downtown Plymouth & Hines Park. Extensive updates to Move in condition. You won't be disappointed! \$145,000 (P-133R)



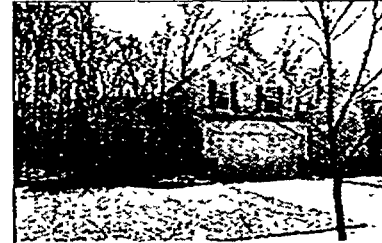
Home Sweet Home. 2 story all brick home w/3 bd, living room w/frpl, updated Kitchen, hard floors, full basement, & 2 car Garage. Lots of character, don't miss out on this one! \$167,900 (C-515RD)



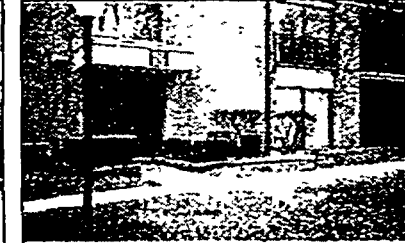
Desirable Lakeport Ranch. All brick ranch 1300+ sq ft, 3 bd, updated carpeting to freshly painted kitchen w/large pantry & prof finished bsmt w/lots of storage. \$214,900 (P-314S-)



Brick Ranch. This south Redford 3 bd brick ranch is clean & well kept. Oak Kitchen, partially finished bsmt, brick paver Patio, central air, updated windows & furnace & updated carpeting. \$148,000 (P-9615V)



Waterford Charm. Location is everything & this 200 built Pulte has it all! Located at the end of a cul-de-sac, surrounded by woods. 3 bd, 2.5 baths, fireplace, huge Pabe, extensive recessed lighting, attached garage, & extra clean. \$229,900 (P-5937U)



Location, Location! Gorgeous 1200 sq ft ground level ranch condo. Beautifully updated kitchen w/appliances, formal Dining, spacious Living room & Master bdrm w/doorwall to screened porch. Community pool & clubhouse, airport & close to shopping & x ways. \$114,900 (P-358A)



Gorgeous Cape Cod. 3 bd, 2.5 bath cape cod overlooks a natural preserve & is in short walking distance to all sports Whitmore Lake. Featuring a finished w/basement, upgrades to move in ready! Must see to appreciate. \$239,500 (P-297WA)



Beautiful Brick Ranch. Plymouth Township charmer. Tree corner lot, 2 car attached Garage, many updates inc new Kitchen cabinets, tops & pergo, updated furnace, C.A. & hot full bsmt, 3 bdrms & 1.5 baths. A great value. \$219,900 (P-375A)



Immaculate Ranch. 3 bd 2 ba basement & garage. Neutral & freshly painted to. Large bright Kitchen, cozy FR w/gas frpl & doorwall to Deck, 1st floor laundry & freshly painted to. Don't wait! \$209,000 (P-215LA)



Why Read? When you can own this beautiful condo with a sunny east west exposure. All new light fixtures, large storage/laundry room, fresh paint & carpet, updated kitchen, 2 bedrooms and 2 baths. \$124,000 (P-567U)



Country Contemporary. Wonderful ranch in Huron school district. Plenty of cabinets in Kitchen w/deep sink & spacious Breakfast Nook. Master suite w/WIC & jetted tub. Home is located on over 3 acres. \$229,900 (C-433CA)



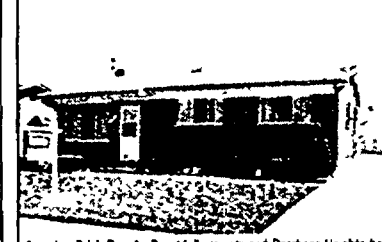
Redford Ranch. 3 bd brick ranch in prime location. Neutral Kitchen, formal living room, finished bsmt w/family room area & bar. Updated cement driveway, 2.5 car garage & much more. \$129,900 (P-413L)



Better Than New. 2 bd, 1.5 bath condo w/basement & attached Garage. Neutral decor very clean, & fireplace in Great Room. Excellent views of the woods from your Deck. Private location. Move in & enjoy! \$154,900 (C-934FA)



A Great Buy! Nice 2 bedroom ranch in the Downriver area with all of the big ticket items updated for you. Windows, siding, furnace, roof, cement work, water heater, remodeled kitchen & more. \$99,900 (C-830KA)



Amazing Brick Ranch. Beautifully maintained Dearborn Heights home with a family room fireplace, formal living & dining rooms and major updates that include sprinklers, windows, plumbing, furnace and more. \$164,900 (C-267MI)



Magnificent Colonial. Immaculate condition best describes this home in Plymouth. Boasts a remodeled Kitchen w/granite, cherry cabs, & stainless steel appl. Prof finished bsmt, custom Deck w/screened Gazebo & hot tub. \$399,900 (C-085WD)



Freestyle Cape Cod! 4 bd, 2.5 ba cape cod located in great sub. Extra large Kt, updated carpet, custom blinds, & central vacuum. Gorgeous 1st floor Master w/jacuzzi, fantastic 4 season room, lavish landscaping & a brick paver Patio. The list goes on and on. A must see! \$339,900 (C-95550)

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Progress made in fair housing issues

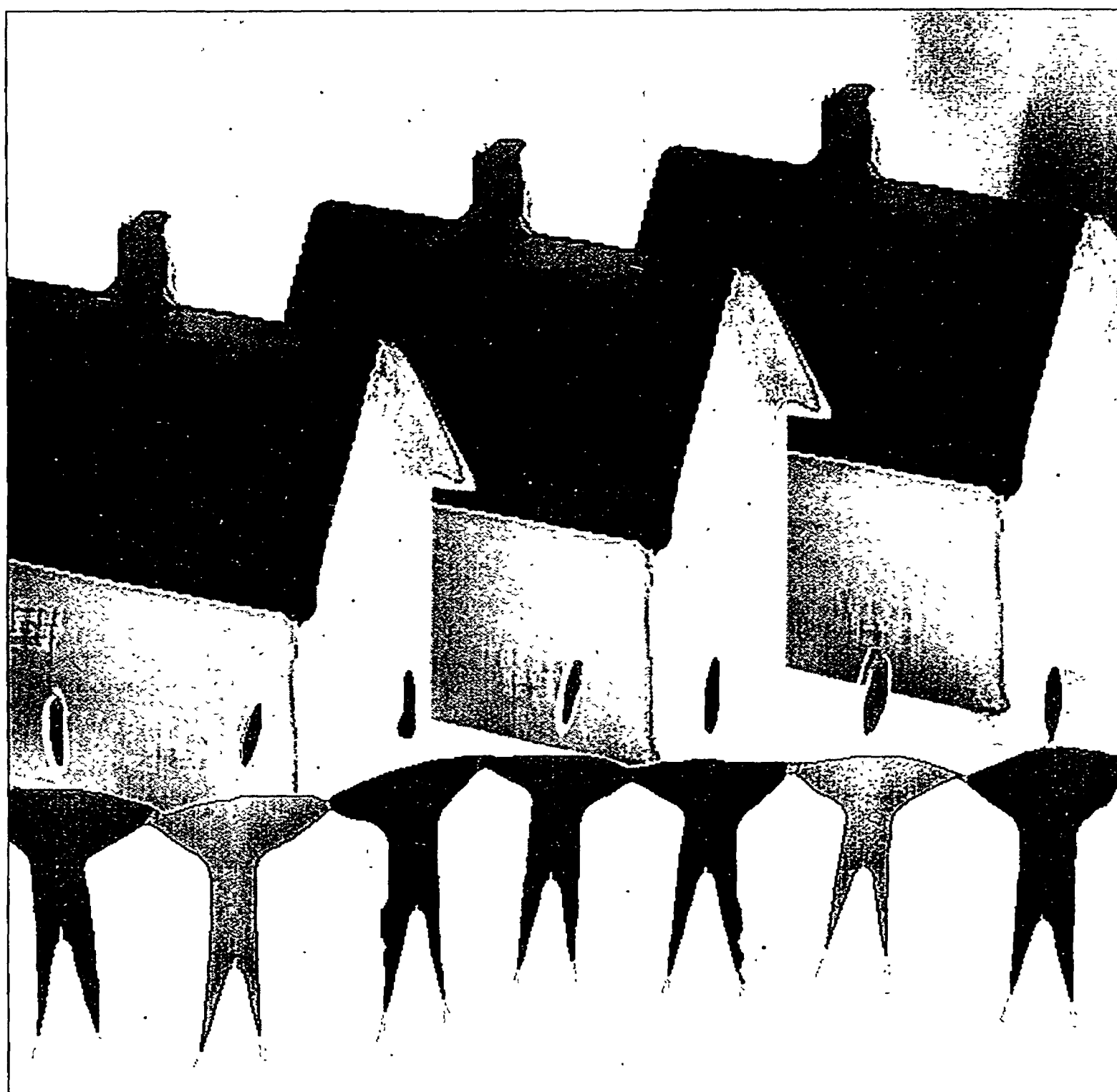
BY JULIE BROWN
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When Marge Whetstine was growing up in the Upper Peninsula, race issues didn't dominate. She became more aware of those when she started classes at Michigan State University.

"I think it's more the unusual for that kind of discrimination (in housing) to occur," said Whetstine, an associate broker with Keller Williams Northville Market Center and 2005 president of the Western Wayne Oakland County Association of Realtors. "I don't even see color when I'm talking to somebody."

In recognition of April as Fair Housing Month, the National Association of Realtors is promoting activities, courses and initiatives for its members that inform real estate professionals about requirements, rights, and responsibilities under fair housing laws.

"We all belong to the same human race," said Whetstine. She finds especially in this market that those who qualify will be able to get into the home of their choice.



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"Everybody's willing to sell it to you," she said.

Whetstine said there's recourse for those who believe they have experienced discrimination, and that testing is unfortunately still needed in certain areas. "There's still education that's needed," she said. "We need to be engaged in that."

"As representatives of both buyers and sellers, Realtors hold the key to promoting inclusive, diverse communities," said 2006 NAR President Thomas M. Stevens, senior vice president of NRT Inc., from Vienna, Va. "Fair housing is fundamental, and this program is effective and beneficial for Realtors."

NAR has developed an award-winning program called "At Home with

Diversity." Since 1999, more than 18,000 Realtors and association executives have completed the program which aims to train real estate professionals to work effectively with diversity in today's market, according to the NAR Web site.

The Southeast Michigan Coalition for Fair Housing and Equal Opportunity will offer events culminating in a noon Tuesday, April 25, luncheon at the Arab-American National Museum in Dearborn, said Dale Smith, WWOCAR executive vice president. "Mike Cox is going to be one of the primary speakers at the event," he said of the Michigan attorney general.

"We've got quite a few things going on right now," Smith said. Local associa-

tions are also doing seminars/workshops on diversity.

The April 25 coalition luncheon involves a number of local boards and the state association, said Vickey Livernois, director of education for WWOCAR. LaSalle Bank is lunch sponsor for the event, which will also include the attorney general's speech and a museum tour.

"Seating is very limited," she said of the free event. For ticket information, call (248) 478-1700.

Whetstine believes diversity matters in housing and elsewhere. "I think we should celebrate the actual differences because we learn from one another," she said. Celebrating differences sets a good example for younger people, she added.

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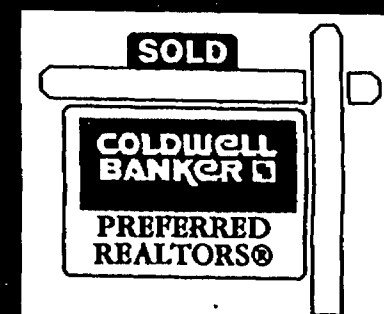
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2988 Stone Meadow

MILFORD

\$1,050,000

Entry w/circ strwy to triple arched upper level Brazilian cherry flrs 1/0 1st flr FP w/granite surr & lot w/cherry cab granite counters, breakfast area leads to sun rm. MBR ste w/tp Deck, his/her w/wc & 4 jacuzzi tubs. MLS# 26054467 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE

\$925,000

View of 2 lakes! LR/DR w/crown mldng, kt w/custom cherry cabs, hwd flr, island, nook w/bay win., 2 stry FR w/rear staircase, FP, mstr ste w/trey ceiling glamour BA w/jetted tub, w/o LL, deck, patio, sandy beach & more! MLS# 26050540 248-347-3050



NOVI

\$899,900

Private lot w/ over \$75,000 in landscaping, w/ woods 2 story foyer w/marble flr, lighted tray ceilings in the formal dining & mstr bdrm ste sellers worked closely w/ the builder to give this home an open flr plan. MLS# 26039052 248-347-3050



MILFORD

\$845,000

On 2.75 acres! Hwd flrs 1/0 2-stry foyer & 1st flr, kitchen w/marble cabs, SS appl's & granite, 2 granite fp's, fin w/o w/r, bath, bar, 5th bdrm & game rm, limestone baths, bath w/jetted tub & shower, 3.5 car att gar & more! MLS# 26001849 248-347-3050



SOUTH LYON

\$839,900

Backs to the 15th fairway of Tanglewood's golf crse, 2 stry mbrl foyer, chef's kt w/granite & island, mstr ste w/bay win., mstr bath w/dble sinks, granite, whirlp tub, mahogany doors, partially fin w/o, 1st & 2nd flr Indry. MLS# 26046479 248-347-3050



NOVI

\$750,000

1st flr mstr ste w/tp 2 stry foyer & great rm, study w/ built-in cherry cabs kt w/marble cabs & granite counters w/adjoining sunroom, fin bsmt w/home theatre, FR w/cherry moveable bar. Custom decor t/c & new ent. door. MLS# 26036073 248-347-3050



NORTHVILLE

\$724,000

Northville spec 4 BR col on huge private lot on cul-de-sac 2-story Fam Rm w/2way FP into gourmet Kitchen. Luxury master ste. Huge unfn walkout, custom paver patio & lg deck backing to woods. Northville schools. MLS# 26043739 734-453-6800



CANTON

\$599,900

Cust col in Hampton Ridge North. Spec grmt kt-nk w/ cus mple cbnts & grnte cnttops. 10 ft cigs 1st flr GR w/soar cigs. Lux 1st flr Mstr w/fash ba. Wndg strce w/iron spindles. J&J ba. Neut W/O bsmt. Lndscpd. MLS# 26053874 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH

\$598,500

Incredible price! Exec home! 4 BR, 3.1 ba, lot backs to trees. 4 car SE gar. Grmt kt-nk w/cherry cbnts, grnt cnt, hwd flrs & dbl ovr. Lux mstr w/sit rm & fash ba. 2 stry FR w/mbrl FP. 1st flr study xtra dp bsmt. MLS# 26041288 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH

\$574,900

Absolutely Perfect! 4 BR, 3.5 BA exec cape cod, priv ct set back to mat trees. New grmt kt w/ cust mpl cbnts, grnt CT, dbl oven & sky lts. GR w/soar cigs. Lux 1st flr mstr w/fash ba. Prof fin LL, gst ste, ba. MLS# 26047866 734-453-6800



CANTON

\$569,900

4 BR, 3-1/2 BA cus bth home in Hampton Ridge North. Spec grmt kt & nk w/upgd cbnts & grnte cnttops. FR ovrn to kt. Dual strce. Lux mstr ste w/fash BA. Neut Great value for cust home in nghbd of this level. MLS# 26053774 734-453-6800



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

16529 Cottonwood Ct

NORTHVILLE

\$499,900

Exceptional Cape Cod Condo W/ Wooded Lot professionally Decorated First floor mstr Bath Handicap Accessible fabulous Kt W/ Granite Counters & Island open Loft w/o Basement, 2 1/2 Car Gar. MLS# 26047805 248-347-3050



CANTON

\$499,100

Immaculate! Spacious kt w/gran countertops, maple cab, hwd flrs. MBR w/jacuzzi. Lots of upgrades. 9 foot bsmt ceiling plus egress window surround sound. Cenl Vac. Multi zone heat. Brick patio backs to commons. MLS# 26047128 248-390-4338



NOVI

\$485,000

Magnificent unbelievable price! Dramatic 2 story foyer w/art alcove, vaulted living rm/dining rm, library w/crown molding, gourmet kitchen w/hardwood flr dble oven, luxury master ste fabulous fin w/theater! MLS# 26043032 248-347-3050



LIVONIA

\$424,900

Sheffield Estates offers this lovely 4 BR colonial w/a prof. finished basement. Home offers 3.5 BA w/ sauna. Huge back yard w/mature trees. Numerous updates thruout, move in condition. MLS# 26031347 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH

\$419,900

Dntwn Plym home offers best of old & new. Comp remdl w/out w/3 BR 2.5 BA, 1st flr mstr w/vld cigs & priv lux BA. 22x12 loft, FR, DR, 1st flr Indry office. 3 season rm. X-dp att 2 car gar. Wrap arnd porch. HM WR. MLS# 26054021 734-453-6800



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

413 Ann St

PLYMOUTH

\$408,900

Victorian in array of 75-150 yr old beauties. 80 yrs old w/\$100k+ in improvements. 2 fp's & roominess. New elect plumb furn, a/c, kt, BA, wndws. H/O's transfer makes purch possible of rare gem. Charm & class w/home warr. MLS# 26032459 248-347-3050



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

38823 Parkwood Ct

FARMINGTON HILLS

\$400,000

1st flr mstr w/cathedral ceiling, newer roof, new cpl t/o except 2 BRS, Florida rm off kt, 2-story foy open to GR w/vews, poss 4th BR up, p. fin w/o w/tp, paver patio deck, wooded lot, conch counters in kt, central vac. MLS# 26052113 248-347-3050



CANTON

\$398,500

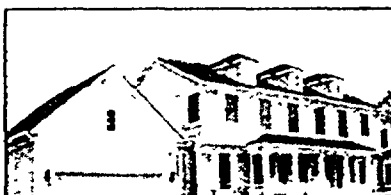
Sweeping view of greens! Exec colonial on golf course. Spec kt-nk w/HWD flrs, B1 dbl oven & VIP. Open FR w/FP, 9 ft cigs on 1st flr. Lux mstr w/sit rm. Fin bsmt w/5th BR, full BA & fam rm. Walk to the Summit. MLS# 26051313 734-453-6800



NOVI

\$397,900

On wooded lot. Neutral decor updates inc: roof, win & carpeting. Fla rm addition w/hot tub on deck, library w/built-in bookshelves. Crown moldings in LR, DR & foyer. Fin bsmt w/daylight win, lot, bar area, & pool table! MLS# 26056347 248-347-3050



NOVI

\$397,500

Absolutely stunning! 4 BR 3.1 BA col w/out of this world fin W/O on private lot w/sweeping views of nature. Lg kt & nk w/HWD flrs. Fin W/O w/full kt BA & fam rm & rec rm w/gas FP. MLS# 26041885 734-453-6800



OPEN SUNDAY 1-4

24187 Brentwood Ct

NOVI

\$389,900

Beautifully landscaped cul-de-sac lot sellers re-did entire 1st flr w/new hwd flrs beautiful crown molding & wainscoting, new light fixtures paint & window treatments. Open flr plan w/cathedral ce lings. MLS# 26021681 248-347-3050



CANTON

\$389,900

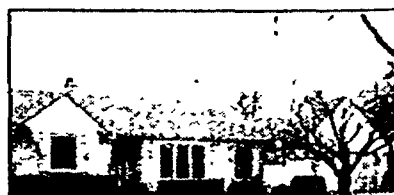
Absolutely perfect 3 BR 2.5 BA cape cod in Canton's premier golf course comm. Gourmet kt-nook w/ HWD flrs & B1 dbl ovrns. Dramatic GR. Lux 1st flr master 3 car gar. Neutral. Must see! MLS# 26053654 734-453-6800



CANTON

\$385,000

Sought after Fox Run, dramatic 2-stry foyer w/cer tile, lib w/2 way FP, grmt kt, brk w/dnwl to deck w/pazebo & paver patio. Cn mld t/o, butlers pantry, mstr ste w/ vld cigs, gas FP, huge WIC & glam BA. Prof ldsdp. MLS# 26052439 734-453-6800



PLYMOUTH

\$384,900

Picture Perfect Ranch! Sellers have done it all incl Pella wndws, taupe vinyl trim, update Kt w/oak cabs, hge fin bsmt. Year rnd 15x12 sun rm w/magnificent view of award winning gardens. Truly move in condition. MLS# 26054007 734-453-6800

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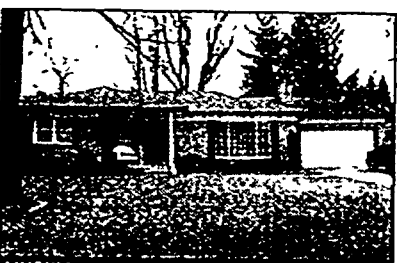
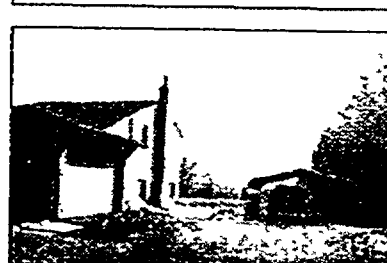
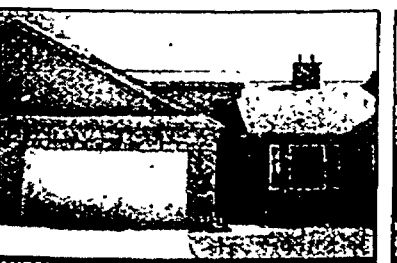
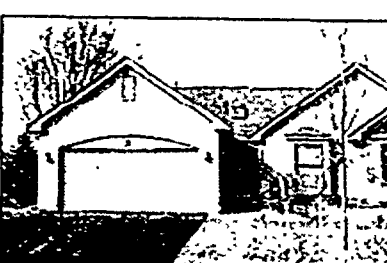
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**NOVI** \$365,000
Northville schools Over 1/2 acre lot overlooking tranquil pondsetting! Large mstr ste views the pond Natural stained woodwork. Extra height in basement oversized gar. home warranty Freshly painted 1st floor. Agent Owner. MLS# 26051518 248-347-3050**NOVI** \$360,000
Vaulted great rm, dining rm, kit. w/iking SS oven, center island, eat-in nook, 1st fl Indry, lib w/french drs, mstr BR w/glam Bath w/sep garden tub, WIC, paver patio, treed w/evergreens for privacy, new roof, carpet & more! MLS# 26050491 248-347-3050**CANTON** \$359,900
Fox Run Colonial! Phenomenal 4 BR colonial on a picturesque lot backing to large commons. Huge lot & nook. Lux master Fam Rm is open to Kitchen w/FP Formal Din Rm. Newer carpet Freshly painted. MLS# 26051770 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$339,900
Sharp Det Condo 2000 btl, upgd, Plymouth Twp. Cul-de-sac loc backs to solid trees Cherry kit w/corner ctrs & SS appls Lg mstr ste, jet tub, WIC Full bsmt, 2 car gar, 1st fl Indry. Prrv guest ste Quick occ. MLS# 26045900 734-453-6800**CANTON** \$337,500
Great Value in Central Park! 4 Bdrm, 2.5 Bath W/ Hdwd Foyer, Lrg FR Accented W/Natural Fp, Large Island kitchen, Adjoining Breakfast Nook W/Doorwall, To deck 1st Fl Laundry, Oversized Lot On Interior Low Traffic Street. MLS# 26048351 248-347-3050**LIVONIA** \$334,900
Wow! Outstanding ranch! Quality built 2100 sq ft. Features include bath w/granite & jacuzzi, 18x14 Fr Water, fall, pond & pergola, 3 tiered deck, Anderson wind. Newer furn, air, roof & kt Lot 100x263. MLS #26041432 (734) 591-0333**NOVI** \$334,900
Transferees sorry to say goodbye to wonderful home & nighbrhd! Grt low traf loc in back of sub. Fyr frs, leaded frnt dr & hrdwd flr, isl kit w/oak cabs, spac mstr ste w/cer tile BA, huge tiered dck w/gazebo Award-winning Novn Schls. MLS# 26030860 248-437-4500**NOVI** \$330,000
Private wooded backyard, multi-tier deck, new vinyl windows, newer lighting & plbg faucets t/o, alarm, 1st fl Indry, hwd floors in foyer, c/a, sprinklers, lot open to FR w/ natural fireplace, large master w/bath & 2 WIC. MLS# 26048802 248-347-3050**NOVI** \$314,900
New hwdw flrs, updated kit. & BAs, jet tub in the mstr bath, new carpet & paint, new roof, new vinyl siding new windows & doorwall, new furnace, A/C, humidifier & air cleaner, brick paver patio & new gar door & ext doors. MLS# 26039327 248-347-3050**CANTON** \$314,900
Beautiful Sunflower colonial. New HDWD flrs in foyer, Liv Rm & Din Rm Great Kit w/ots of cbnt & cntprt space Fam Rm w/FP. Lux Mstr Ste w/tash bath & WIC Fin bsmt, 2nd flr laundry New roof. MLS# 26048497 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$314,900
Priced To Sell! 2845 Sq Ft Updates Include Furnace Central Air & Carpet In '04, Newer Windows, HWH & Updated Bath. HW Flrs, Inground Pool W/ Jacuzzi, Circular Drive Great For Entertaining Immediate Occupancy. MLS# 26049551 734-591-0333**HOLLY** \$300,000
Like New!! Spac 4 BR on 1 acre lot w/2" gas! Beautiful-ready to move in!! Min from I-75! Nice scenery out lg wndws! Mstr ste has tray ceiling, WIC & spa tub! FFL Multi-level dck. Formal DR used as den W/D has door, not drwl. MLS# 26024462 248-360-1425**LIVONIA** \$300,000
Mstr ste W/2 WIC & full BA-mw-crpet on 1st flr w/ hrdwd 1st flr fin bsmt w/corner pnts 2003-BA in bsmt is bty salon or addtl 1/2 BA. Kit 2003 w/htdwd flrs & gran ctrs 2 tiered patio in back! Agent is owner 1 hr notice to show. MLS# 26032161 248-347-3050**TRENTON** \$299,999
2 Acres ready for outdoor/indoor storage business plans for both included Zoned light industrial w/ 1600 sq ft house can be used as home & or office Corner lot near several boat launches Land contract available. MLS# 26024507 734-591-0333**NEW BOSTON** \$289,900
Live near 2 METROPARKS & golf courses!! All brick 4 BD 2 BA Trilevel in country on 1 acre, 2 car gar 2 carport (20x22), RV/boat parking Hardwood floors beautiful gas fireplace in Family Room HW baseboard heating. MLS# 26050789 734-843-1070**CANTON** \$279,900
Special setting Backs to mature woods Privacy & beautiful views 4 BR 2.5 BA colonial Spac Kit-nook w/HDWD flrs Fam Rm w/hat brick FP Formal DR 1st flr study New roof 04 Must see! MLS# 26048988 734-453-6800**DETROIT** \$275,000
Shenwood Forest! Beautiful 5 Bedroom Tudor W/ Formal Dining Room, Florida Room, Partially Finished Basement, 3rd Fl Ste W Full Bath, Newer Roof & Hot Water Tank 3600 Square Feet Of Beautiful Home Home Warranty. MLS# 26038710 734-591-0333**CANTON** \$269,999
FR W/tp w/mantle hrdwd flrs, large eat-in kitchen w/ granite, large deck off doorwall, new tile in kitchen, 1/2 bath Mstr ste w/bath, WIC, large bedrooms, full basement community park and pool, great location! MLS# 26040879 248-347-3050**CANTON** \$269,900
Absolutely fabulous! "Central Park" condo Gourmet Kit-nook w/dbl oven, raised snack bar, HDWD flrs & gas FP Dramatic great room w/large windows & 2 way FP, 1st flr master Prof painted! MLS# 26047693 734-453-6800**CANTON** \$260,000
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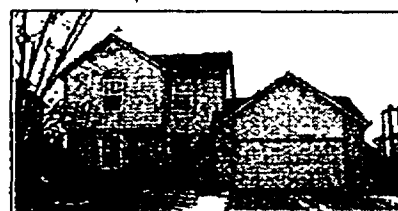
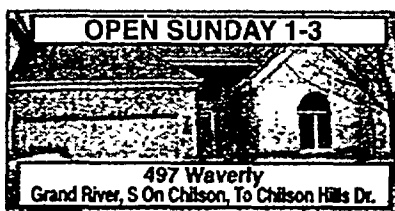
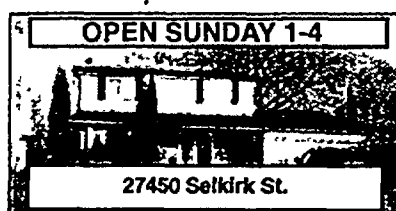
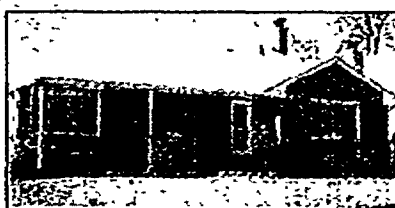
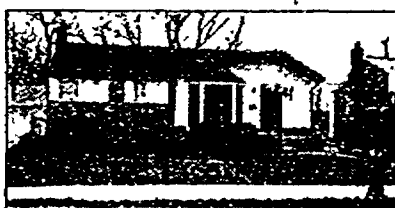
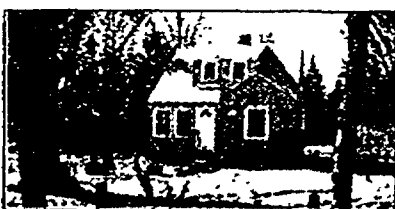
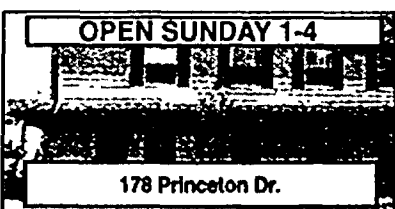
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Florida market still has its strengths

Q. I have heard some speculation that the bubble is bursting in Florida and in particular on the east coast. Do you have any information?

A. In speaking with Realtors both on the east coast and the west coast of Florida, it appears that while the market is slightly slowing down, the bubble is not apparently bursting in their opinion. Indeed, the high end properties in Ft. Lauderdale including a new hotel condo on the beach are exceeding expectations in terms of marketability and increase in price over pre-construction costs to the prospective purchaser. You are best advised, however, to consult with a real estate broker as well as an experienced attorney who knows the area.

Q. We are on the board of a homeowners association and one of the co-owners has



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violated the restrictions and has not paid their assessments. Unfortunately, we were left with very little money for a legal budget and the co-owner is flaunting his violations saying that we don't have the economic means to pursue him. What

do you suggest?

A. It is obvious that your association needs to have sufficient economic means to deal with homeowners who violate the restrictions and/or do not pay their assessments. Hopefully, the association has the right to levy additional assessments or raise the annual assessment in an effort to deal with the collection and/or bylaw enforcement issue forcefully. If not, the

documents should be amended to allow the board of directors that discretion which is typically the case in condominium communities. The board should take an aggressive position in regard to the enforcement of these restrictions as it is their responsibility to do so. You may wish to consult with an attorney to assist you in pursuing the violations.

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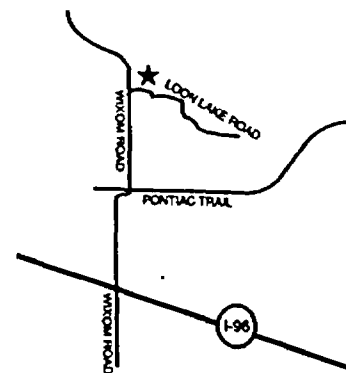
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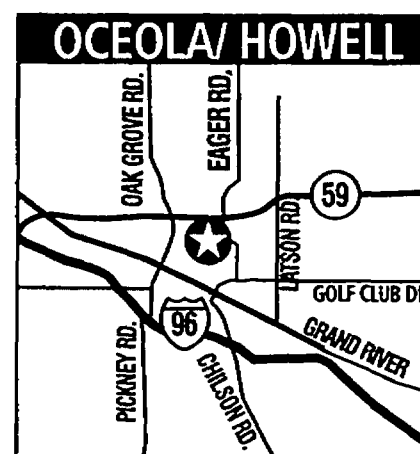
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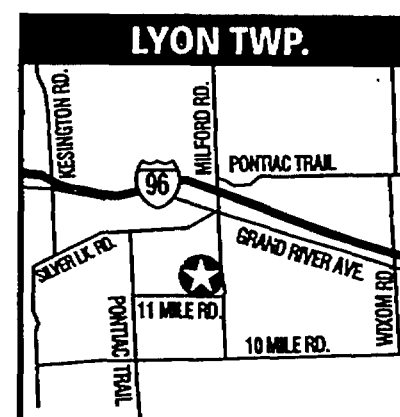
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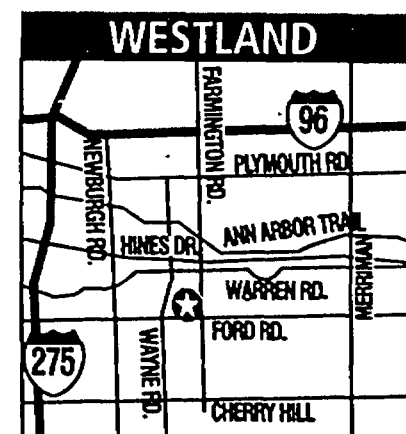
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Prepare for a home inspection

If you are having a home inspection, RE/MAX of Southeastern Michigan recommends the following six easy tips to properly prepare for a home inspection:

1. Eliminate clutter. Remove any furniture and stored items from access panels to crawl spaces, electrical panel boxes, furnaces and spa pump motors. Also, if the access panel to the attic is in a closet, either remove the clothes and other items or cover with a sheet to protect from any debris that may drop when opening the panel.

2. Go pet-free. While lovable, pets can complicate the inspection process, so please be mindful of their whereabouts or ask a neighbor to watch Fido for a while.

3. Safety first. Be sure all smoke detectors have working batteries, and all outlets near sinks or other water sources have a circuit breaker installed prior to the inspection.

4. Identify the details. Consider doing small repair items, such as fixing leaky faucets, doorbells and hinges, prior to the inspection. Buyers may use the inspection report to negotiate a lower price to compensate them for repairs they will have to do themselves.

5. Prepare paperwork. If easily available, gather copies of building permits, construction contracts or drawings, septic tank service reports or similar documents which may help the inspector.

6. Buyer rights. Understand that the inspector may come through the house with the potential buyer and their agent. Buyers generally attend the inspection to walk through and understand what the inspector sees and also to take measurements and really view the house. Therefore, it is best if the seller is away from the home, or at least out from the areas of the home being inspected. The inspector may not have permission to discuss the report with the seller if contracted through the buyer.

Consider home move carefully

Whether you move out or add on for more space depends on where your job is located, the schools your children attend and how a remodel will position your home against others in the neighborhood, according to RealEstateJournal.com.

According to RealEstateJournal.com, families looking for a bigger house should:

■ Make your house livable and enjoyable, especially if you're planning to stay more than a few years.

■ Take a hard look at any possible extra commuting time.

■ Determine if there are better schools in another neighborhood or where you currently live.

■ Consider the investment aspect secondary - neighborhoods run cold as well as hot.

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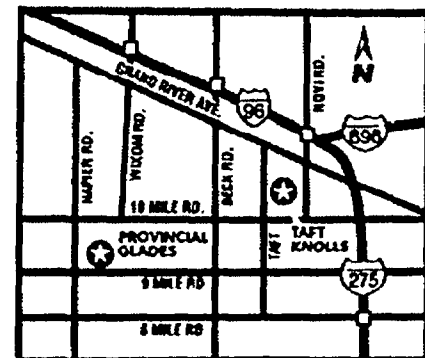
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FARMINGTON HILLS

Fabulous 2 BR, 2.5 BA townhouse. Master suite w/WIC. LR w/frplc. Spacious kitchen & dining area w/appls. Newer Pergo, CA, fin bsmt, 2 car att gar w/loft. Offers pool & tennis.
 (T15WYN) \$179,900 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE

Stunning 4 BR, 2.5 BA colonial. True gourmet kit-04, FR w/new stone frplc-03, Andersen windows-05, dimensional shingles-03, newer baths, crown molding, fin LL & FFL.
 (T64GRE) \$474,500 248-349-5600



MADISON HEIGHTS

This home sparkles. Updated 4 BR home w/2.5 car garage. Newer roof, flooring, paint, kitchen, bath, oak hand railing, fenced-in yard. Bring your fussiest buyers.
 (T43SHI) \$179,000 248-349-5600



CANTON

3 BR, 2.5 BA ranch w/fin basement and 2 car gar. Fenced private yard backs to wooded ravine. Newer furnace, gar door, windows, floor coverings, remodeled kitchen and more.
 (T91PIT) \$259,800 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE

Gorgeous executive estate on court overlooking pond. Fabulous layout. Immaculate. Custom molding, lighting, window treatments, huge kit w/2-way frplc, cust deck & premium lot.
 (T10WHI) \$634,900 248-349-5600



LIVONIA

Custom home on large country lot. Sits back from road w/plenty of parking. Matching pole barn for storage or workshop. Unique master w/2 person Jacuzzi. Lots of extras.
 (T78WAY) \$284,500 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE

Private wooded lot w/babbling creek. Great floor plan to entertain. Large MBR suite. GR w/stone frplc. Fin LL W/O w/xt, FR, BR & BA. Extensive pavers, 2-tier cedar deck.
 (T36CEN) \$395,500 248-349-5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD

Beautiful end unit ranch condo offers privacy. Open floor plan, neutral decor, hardwood flrs & skylight in kit. Built-in buffet w/mirror in DR, bay window & gas frplc in LR, bsmt.
 (T24GRE) \$204,900 248-349-5600



BROWNSTOWN

Beauty from door to deck. Brick ranch condo new in 2005. Open island kitchen, GR w/frplc, FFL, 2 BR, 2 BA, 2 car att garage, C/A, sprinklers & deck. Beautiful quiet setting.
 (T98WES) \$178,500 248-349-5600



STERLING HEIGHTS

Spacious brick ranch offers excellent curb appeal. 3 BR, 2 BA. Fully excavated basement is finished & features a 2nd fireplace & kitchen. 2 car att gar. A great opportunity.
 (T11ALM) \$215,000 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON

Shows like a model. Hardwood floors T/O. 1st floor kit w/oak cabinets, Corian counters. Professionally decorated & custom paint. Custom lighting. Private court setting.
 (T70ARA) \$299,900 248-349-5600



LIVONIA

Super sharp. Spacious 3 BR, 1.5 BA brick ranch w/great floor plan. Beautiful hrdwd floors, country kit w/oak cabs, FR w/frplc & huge fin bsmt. Quick occ & 1 year home warranty.
 (T28BAI) \$209,900 248-349-5600



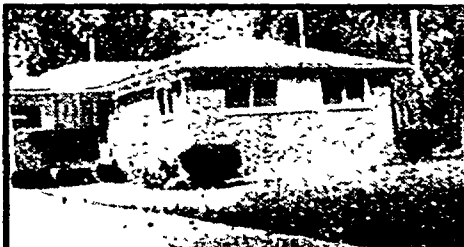
LIVONIA

Beautiful 3 BR, 2.5 BA brick ranch with extensive updates. Gorgeous kitchen w/stainless appls & baths. Large lovely approx .6 acre lot. Gorgeous sunroom. Move in and enjoy.
 (T43BET) \$289,900 248-349-5600



WESTLAND

Beautiful & well maintained brick ranch on quiet cul-de-sac. Built in 1991. 3 BR, 1.5 BA, 2 car att gar, C/A, bi-level deck, full basement, newer appliances. Gorgeous large lot.
 (T02BOR) \$199,000 248-349-5600



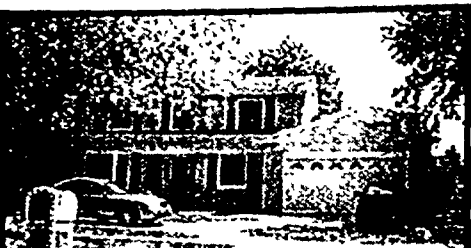
REDFORD

Exceptional brick home. 3 BR, 2 BA ranch w/lib or 4th BR. 4 car garage. Finished bsmt w/partial kitchen. Hardwood floors. Eat-in kitchen. Newer wood burner for energy saving.
 (T61BRA) \$179,900 248-349-5600



LIVONIA

Beautiful landscaping surrounds the backyard patio and home. Contemporary 3 BR, 2.5 BA w/GR w/fireplace, fin bsmt, wood floors. Faces golf course. Kitchen island w/maple cabs.
 (T82BRE) \$319,900 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH

Classic 4 BR, 2.5 BA brick colonial with formal LR & DR & fireplace in FR with doorwall. Large kitchen with appliances. Den, FFL, basement & 2 car attached garage.
 (T56CAN) \$309,000 248-349-5600



CANTON

4 BR, 2.5 BA Sunflower colonial w/att side gar & pt finished bsmt. Premium corner lot w/deck, pavers & sprinklers. 2nd floor laundry. All appliances. Gorgeous master bedroom.
 (T14CAR) \$319,800 248-349-5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD

Beautiful home on a wooded cul-de-sac! Maple cabs, granite hrdwd in this cooks delight kit. Grand master ste w/glamour BA, Jack & Jill guest ste, private backyard & 3 car gar.
 (T43CHE) \$699,900 248-349-5600



WEST BLOOMFIELD

Stately 4 BR brick col. Master ste w/frplc, grand master BA, cherry stain kit w/beautiful views of the woods. 2-story FR, 2 staircases, 2 half baths on 1st floor lb. 3 car gar.
 (T49CHE) \$69,900 248-349-5600

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COMMERCE
New construction. 4BR, 2.5BA, granite counter tops, beautiful cabinets, upgraded trim, FP, ceramic tile, 9 ft. high basement, daylight windows. Walked Lake Schools, near M5.
(T50ALO) \$399,900 248-363-1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD
Gorgeous brick & limestone home in prestigious Southwyck sub. 4BR, 2.5BA, 3 car gar. Custom kitchen w/granite counters, cherry cabinets, see thru frplc. Cul-de-sac, natural area location.
(T98BAL) \$549,900 248-363-1200



MILFORD
Exquisitely finished Stoneridge lakefront. Defining features include conservatory, island kitchen, deck with screened gazebo. Deluxe master suite. Beautifully landscaped.
(T88EXE) \$565,000 248-363-1200



FARMINGTON HILLS
Only 3 steps up to spacious BR wing in this sprawling raised ranch. Huge GR and FR w/2-sided frplc, 3-season sun rm overlooks park-like lot, FF lav rm, side entry gar, x-lrg circular drive.
(T61GRE) \$272,999 248-626-8800



WIXOM
All appls stay. Ceramic foyer, FFL, cathedral ceilings, frplc, master bedroom with full bath and walk-in closet, main bath with skylight, upgraded kitchen cabinets, 2nd BR with VIC and bay window. (T32HAM) \$254,900 248-626-8800



BRIGHTON
Absolutely a 10+1 2BR, 3.5BA end unit condo with spacious GR w/frplc, extra wide stairs to LL, fam rm w/daylight windows, + all sports lake priv., att garage. Built in 2002.
(T61W00) \$199,900 734-455-5600



CANTON
Better than new! 3BR, 2.5BA end unit w/ numerous upgrades, extra lg windows & skylights. Great rm w/frplc, loft, bsmt, 2 car att gar, & top of the line kitchen.
(T44SHE) \$229,500 734-455-5600



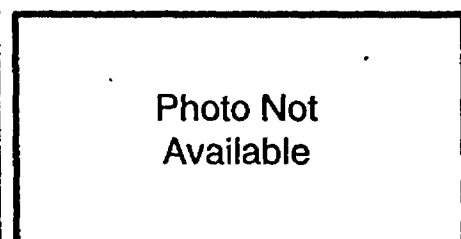
COMMERCE TWP.
Best buy, exceptional cape cod w/3 BR, 3 BA condo w/soaring ceilings, ceramic floors, skylights, open GR floor plan, formal dining, full BA's. Meticulously maintained & more.
(T22WIN) \$247,900 248-349-5600



LIVONIA
Well maintained contemp 3BR col. Frplc, formal DR, FFL, bsmt, deck, large landscaped yard. Built 90. Updates incl: kit, windows, doorwall, carpeting, paint, furn, C/A & roof.
(T56NOR) \$274,900 248-349-5600



COMMERCE
Brand new, very large home with custom features, granite countertops 4BR, 2.5BA, 3 car garage, 9 ft bsmt, w/daylight windows, master bedroom 1st flr. Walked Lake Schools.
(T86ALO) \$354,900 248-363-1200



BERKLEY
Best of Berkley - totally rebuilt beauty featuring superb craftsmanship and attention to detail. Features inc. 4 BR, 3 full BA, handcrafted custom kitchen & outstanding master bath.
(T78CAT) \$349,900 248-363-1200



CLARKSTON
Breath taking views on Village Mill Pond, distinctively large custom 4BR, 3BA home, beautifully updated, gourmet kit, hardwood flrs, open flr plan, great landscaping, deck.
(T75GLE) \$399,900 248-363-1200



FARMINGTON HILLS
On huge lot. Newer kit w/all appls included. Spacious family room w/natural fireplace, FFL. Newer windows and roof 05. Fenced lot. Full bsmt. Att'd gar. Low maintenance.
(T86LAM) \$277,000 248-626-8800



FARMINGTON HILLS
Brick tudor, well appointed. Open floor plan w/ overlooking bridge. 4 BR, 2.1 BA, library, dining room, FR w/fireplace, LR, GR, MBR w/bath, fin bsmt. Awesome backyard w/great views.
(T12LAN) \$369,350 248-626-8800



LIVONIA
Wonderfully updated home features wood flrs in LR, DR, & kit. All appls. FR w/frplc & doorwall to patio. Updated furn w/elec filtration, roof, bath, siding, most windows, C/A.
(T95SUN) \$234,900 734-455-5600



VAN BUREN
Attention to details. 4BR, 2.5BA colonial w/high ceilings, crown molding, maple cabs T/O, & hrdwd flrs. Mstr ste w/cath ceilings, 3 car att gar, bsmt w/daylight windows.
(T91PON) \$329,900 734-455-5600



FARMINGTON HILLS
Spacious 4BR, 2.5BA col w/large mstr suite, open floor plan w/frplc in FR. 2 car att garage. FFL. Extra high bsmt ceiling. 2-tier cedar deck off kit. Excellent landscaping.
(T52ELM) \$374,900 248-349-5600



ORCHARD LAKE
Small home w/lake privileges. You'll love the fun with all sports Upper Straits Lk privileges. Boat & dock facilities. West Bloomfield schools. Great site for custom home.
(T43PAR) \$216,250 248-349-5600



COMMERCE
New construction. 3BR, 2.5BA, custom features such as granite countertops, built-in appliances, hrdwd floors, marble frplac, 9 ft basement, 3 car garage. Walked Lake Schools, Near M5.
(T96ALO) \$339,900 248-363-1200



COMMERCE
Custom soft contemporary ranch, 3BR, 4.5BA, mstr ste w/spa tub, vaulted ceiling, GR w/frplc, maple kit, bonus rm w/2nd kit, full w/o LL, 3 car gar. Huge deck w/wooded view.
(T38CHE) \$319,000 248-363-1200



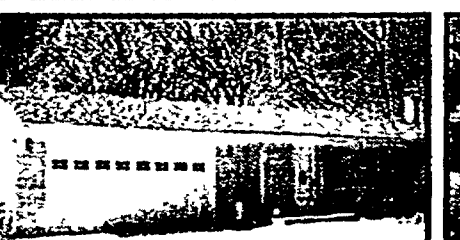
COMMERCE
Very nice 3BR, 1.5BA ranch w/priv. Updated kit, BR, windows & furnace, fin bsmt. Oversized heated garage. Large lot. Ready to move in. Walked Lake Schools, near Northern High School.
(T82HAR) \$184,000 248-363-1200



NOVI
Newer 4 BR home in small community co-owns beach lot on Walked Lake. Hrdwd flrs, granite counters t/o, walkout lower level. Backs to wooded preserve. Newer deck and paver patio.
(T95MOR) \$489,000 248-626-8800



FENTON TWP.
Open floor plan, perfect for entertaining. Fla rm & FR lead to a large yard/lake. 4 BR, 2 BA, MBR w/WIC & jetted tub, updated kit w/ceramic floor & maple cabs. 1 yr home warranty.
(T81POM) \$299,000 248-626-8800



LIVONIA
Private setting. Enjoy sitting by the pool this summer! Many updates incl roof, newer windows, siding, gutters, bath & driveway. Fin LL w/frplc, 2 car att gar.
(T59MAY) \$198,800 734-455-5600



CANTON
Freedom from the city. 3BR, 1 full & 2 half bath custom ranch on approx 1 acre. Open floor plan, great room sizes, fin bsmt, frplc in liv rm, & heated workshop in 2 car garage.
(T88DIO) \$239,900 734-455-5600



WIXOM
Amazing 4BR, 3BA home on approx .5 acre wooded lot. Huge country kit w/hearth area. 2 story GR, 1st floor MBR, FFL, screened-in porch, prof landscaped, brck walkways.
(T64HED) \$359,900 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON
Incredible custom built showplace is offered in Tanglewood Golf Comm. Marble entry, dual staircase, 3 frplcs. Brazilian cherry floors, master ste w/balcony, 2 WIC & granite BA.
(T78POI) \$799,900 248-349-5600



COMMERCE
New construction. 4BR, 2.5BA, open floor plan, fireplace in great room, wainscoting in library, architectural colors, granite countertops, 3 car garage, daylight windows, near M5.
(T10ALO) \$349,900 248-363-1200



COMMERCE
Private treed acreage, 2 pond setting. Walked Lake Schools. Spacious 4BR, 4BA, plus 5th BR & office in fin w/o, with 2nd kitchen, FR & 3rd frplc. Entry level mstr ste & 2nd BR.
(T83CLA) \$499,900 248-363-1200



WHITE LAKE
This one of a kind sprawling contemporary ranch offers picturesque golf course frontage and a fabulous indoor jetted swim spa. 3-4 bedrooms, 4 full baths, full bsmt, 3 car garage.
(T96HAV) \$414,900 248-363-1200



NORTHVILLE
Custom home w/open floor plan & all the extras. 700 sq ft MBR suite w/luxurious bath, gourmet kit, fin daylight LL w/custom bar, 2-story brkfst room. Northville schools. Home warranty.
(T39ROB) \$749,000 248-626-8800



FARMINGTON HILLS
Boasts 2-story decks overlooking breathtaking acre lot. Huge GR w/natural frplc. FFL. Big kitchen w/bonus room. Spacious DR. Hrdwd floors under most carpet. Finished w/o bsmt.
(T00SPR) \$369,000 248-626-8800



PLYMOUTH
5 Star Condo. 3BR, 3.5 BA w/2 car att gar, fin LL W/O, lib, 2 frplcs, hrdwd flrs, loft overlooking great rm, all appls, gated courtyard w/brick pavers & more.
(T41BEA) \$389,900 734-455-5600



CANTON
Stunning colonial! This 4BR, 2.2BA home is built w/many custom features, open flr plan from kit to fam rm w/frplc, doorwall to deck, fin bsmt, 2 car att gar & appls.
(T28HAN) \$321,500 734-455-5600



TYRONE TOWNSHIP
Charming country setting for this 5BR, 2.5BA nicely updated home on over an acre. Newer roof, windows, siding & more. Oak kit w/skylight, mechanics dream 2.5 car garage & more.
(T62MCG) \$279,900 248-349-5600



PLYMOUTH
Picture perfect well-maintained home w/tons of updates. Newer carpet, windows, roof & more. Beautiful yard, sprinklers & patio. Award winning schools. Quiet sub w/lots of trees.
(T20REV) \$220,000 248-349-5600



HIGHLAND
Impeccable custom cape cod w/3BR, 2.5BA. Very open, frplc in GR. Lux FF mst. Island lot opens to bay window nook. Custom moldings, deluxe lighting. Bsmt, 3 car garage, Lk priv.
(T78ANC) \$ 248-363-1200



COMMERCE
Lake Sherwood lakefront, 3BR, 3.5BA custom built w/fin walkout and 2 car gar. 120 + ft. of frontage, sandy beach, dock & hoist. Gorgeous inside and out. Panoramic views.
(T21COM) \$550,000 248-363-1200



BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP
Beautiful hilltop setting. Very majestic w/ tremendous views of Walnut Lake. Rebuild your dream, approx 1 acre. Birmingham Schools & all sports lake priv.
(T15INK) \$399,000 248-363-1200



MILFORD
Sits on a wooded 3.63 acres lot. Two story foyer & GR w/2 beautiful spiral staircases, FF MBR, 4 addl BR on 2nd flr, w/LLJ baths, 2 study rms, fin w/o bsmt w/kit. Library, too many features.
(T56TAL) \$1,999,000 248-626-8800



MILFORD
Builders/investors: your chance for an approximately 3/4 acre site, backing to creek. 4 bedrooms, 4 baths. Home requires renovation.
(T46WES) \$274,000 248-626-8800



FARMINGTON HILLS
Gorgeous ranch has numerous updates, hrdwd flrs, lovely kit w/appls & wine cabinet, mstr bdrm w/bath, finished attic & bsmt. + 2 car att gar on approx .86 acre.
(T919MI) \$249,900 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH
Gorgeous colonial. Spacious 4BR, 2.5BA home w/din rm, gas frplc in fam rm, eat-in kit w/cherry cabs & granite counters, 3 car att gar, master ste w/dressing area.
(T60WIL) \$415,000 734-455-5600



HOWELL
Awesome maintenance free colonial in prestigious Willow Creek. Hardwood floors, gas fireplace, crown moldings, huge master suite. Views of Lake Chemung. Finished LL w/bar.
(T23MEN) \$224,900 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON
Classic custom home on 1st fairway of Tanglewood golf comm. 4 spacious BR, 5BA, 2 masonry frplcs, dual staircase, fin LL w/media room, rec room, exercise area w/LL BA.
(T58SAI) \$779,000 248-349-5600



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CANTON

A Much Loved Home. 4 BR, 2.5 BA home w/2 car att gar, fin LL, numerous updates, awesome kit w/birch cabinets & butler station, doorwall leading to 2 tiered deck.
 (T91BUR) \$254,519 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE

Custom Colonial. This custom btt home has everything. 4 bdms, 2 full & 2 half baths, 2 car att gar w/circular drive, fin bsmt, 2 decks, fin bsmt, kit w/walk in pantry.
 (TT80SUM) \$429,000 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH

Located Across From Park. Walk to downtown Plymouth! Original owner of 3 bdrm, 2 bath quad level! Brick & field stone ft, FR w/frplc, LR w/wood windows, DR + eat-in kit & 2 car gar
 (T07BUR) \$285,000 734-455-5600



HUNTINGTON WOODS

Your Gonna Love It. 3 bdrm stone & brick bungalow w/frplc, hrdwd flrs, bsmt, 4 seasons rm, formal din rm w/French doors to paver patio, gar, bsmt & all appls stay.
 (T68BOR) \$302,500 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH

Fabulous Yet Casual. Spacious split-level home in desired sub offers numerous updates, fam rm w/bnck frplc & Liv rm w/frplc & fir & ceiling windows. 2 c att gar & part fin bsmt
 (T32TRA) \$336,900 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE

Spacious Colonial. Hrdwd 2 story foyer w/ winding staircase, to full prof fin bsmt. Formal DR, FR w/frplc, den w/bay window, mstr ste w/ WIC s & Jacuzzi, + att gar.
 (T10ROL) \$629,500 734-455-5600



SUPERIOR TWP

Desirable Interior Lot! Outstanding 2002, 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial offers upgrades, neutral décor & ready for you. Lg mstr ste w/WIC & bath, + 2 c att gar & full bsmt
 (T35WEX) \$259,900 734-455-5600



CANTON

Curb Appeal & Updates. 4 bdrm, colonial w/2 car att gar, bsmt, fam rm w/gas frplc, din rm, kit w/newer cabinets & counter top, doorwall to newer patio in June 2005 & newer roof in 2002.
 (T69IRO) \$227,900 734-455-5600



CANTON

Unbelievable Value! 4 bdrm, 2.5 bath updated colonial w/ part fin bsmt, 2 c att gar, newer kit w/ oak cabs, flr, & countertop. Fam rm w/frplc, formal liv rm & din rm. nook w/doorwall to deck.
 (T84RAJ) \$219,99 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH

In The Heart Of Town. Charming colonial w/curb appeal offers newer vinyl siding & windows, open flr plan, oak staircase & banister, liv rm w/ frplc & mantle, + part fin bsmt & gar.
 (T57PAL) \$199,900 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH

Live In Plymouth. Great flr plan w/hrdwd flrs, vinyl windows, tear off roof, vinyl siding offers this 3 bdrm ranch sitting on a double lot w/a 2 car att garage.
 (T45BRO) \$195,000 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH

Location! Location! One of the few English style colonials w/all the character & charm still intact in this 3 bdrm, 1.5 bath home. Fine molding & hrdwd flrs. & 2 c gar.
 (T44HAR) \$264,900 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH

Located In Downtown Plymouth. 2 bdrm, 2 bath ground floor condo w/lg rooms, gas frplc in lg living rm, heated att gar w/elevator to all floors. Lg kitchen opens dining rm. & appls
 (T77DEE) \$219,900 734-455-5600



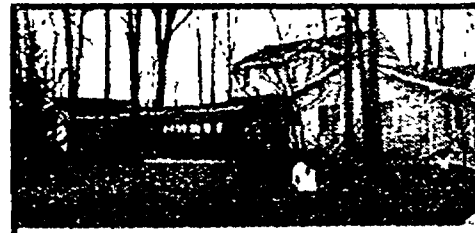
HURON TWP

An Enchanted Life. 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath custom ranch on approx 5 acres w/3 c att gar & pole barn, hickory kit w/island, vaulted ceiling in great rm w/frplc, doorwall to deck
 (T26SIB) \$439,900 734-455-5600



PLYMOUTH

Plymouth 1988 Colonial. Pinewood flrs in foyer, LR, FR & bdms. FR w/gas frplc opens to din area. Kit has loads of cabs, island w/snack bar. Loft, full bath on 1st & 2nd flrs 2 c gar
 (T48BEE) \$263,900 734-455-5600



WESTLAND

Gorgeous Colonial. 4 bdrm, 2 bath, 2 c gar, FR w/frplc, mstr ste w/frplc, WIC & bath, eat in kit w/ loads of cabs, beautiful deck, & updated roof, HWT, & marble sills.
 (T04SYB) \$219,900 734-455-5600



SUPERIOR TWP

Surround Yourself W/Nature sitting on approx 14 acres. This 2001 cape cod offers 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath, mstr w/WIC & garden tub. Din rm, 2.5 c att gar, extra deep W/O lower level
 (T44HAR) \$479,500 734-455-5600



LIVONIA

A Sparking Gem! 3 bdrm, 3 bath ranch w/2 c att gar, part fin LL, fam rm w/ gas frplc, all appls, and endless updates. Wonderful landscaping w/ great curb appeal.
 (T92BOB) \$232,900 734-455-4500



CANTON

Original Owners. Lg 3 bdrm, 2.5 bath colonial w/ 2 c att gar, part fin bsmt, fam rm w/wood burning stove & cath ceiling, bay window in liv rm, patio & home warranty.
 (T54FOR) \$235,500 734-455-5600



LIVONIA

Beautiful Updated Colonial desirable sub offering 3 bdrm, 1.5 baths, 2 c att gar, finished bsmt, oak kit, fam rm w/frplc & doorwall to deck, formal din rm. & 1st flr laundry.
 (T90NOR) \$250,000 734-455-5600

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WATERFORD

Come home to tranquility. This sharp 3-4 bedroom, 3 bath ranch sits on over an acre of wooded/landscaped property complete with waterfall. 40x24 pole barn, finished bsmt. (T32MUR) \$320,000 248-363-1200



WHITE LAKE

Custom built in 2000, 3 BR, 4 BA home, w/ finished walkout & att. gar. Finest materials used w/ home, granite, limestone, ceramic, hardwood. Awesome layout. Lake priv & dock. (T80RID) \$359,000 248-363-1200



WEST BLOOMFIELD

Gorgeous 4 BR, 2.5 BA custom beauty. 1st floor master. Huge kitchen. Breakfast nook and sun/keeping room. 3 car garage. A must see home. W. Bloomfield Schools. Great 1st fl laundry. (T85SAD) \$414,900 248-363-1200



COMMERCE TOWNSHIP

4-5 BR, 3 BA, fin w/o ranch w/extra kitchen in LL. Home boasts hwd floors, cath ceiling, 1st floor laundry & spectacular staircase, deck & patio, large lot overlooks nature preserve. (T00STO) \$409,900 248-363-1200



WATERFORD

Quiet neighborhood bordering White Lake, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, main floor master suite, main flr laundry, dining room, paladium window, cozy loft, fplc, full bsmt, 2 car, beach priv, spacious. (T43VAM) \$243,000 248-363-1200



WALLED LAKE

3 bedroom and 2.5 bath. Finished walk-out basement. Wooded backyard. 2 car garage. Family room with fireplace and doorwall. (T81ALE) \$329,900 248-626-8800



COMMERCE

3.5 BA, walkout basement, spacious kitchen with lots of storage room. Attached 3 car garage. Doorwall to trex deck overlooking the wooded backyard. (T54CED) \$569,900 248-626-8800



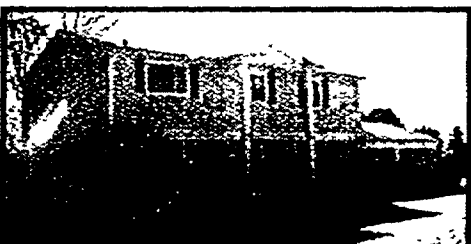
HIGHLAND TWP.

3/4 BR home. FF MBR, lg bonus rm w/4th BR w/ newer pine flr & vaulted ceiling. GR w/fplc & cathedral clng. cherry cabs & granite cntrs in kit w/bkft rm. Oak hwd flrs in entry, kit, GR. FFL. (T40CHE) \$589,900 248-626-8800



FARMINGTON HILLS

Deep into Copper Creek is this golf community beauty! 3 BR, 4 BA w/GR, formal DR, study and nicely appointed kitchen. Professionally fin LL w/ BR, BA, wet bar and lots of storage. (T64GOL) \$390,000 248-626-8800



FARMINGTON HILLS

Newer HWH, roof, windows, sidings, gutters and carpet. Finished basement, double front door entry, ceramic tile t/o. Recessed lights, newer interior doors t/o. Priced to sell. (T10GRE) \$289,900 248-626-8800



WESTLAND

A place to call home. Charming 3 BR, 2 BA ranch offers 2.5 car gar, family room w/fplc & 2 doorwalls, part fin bsmt & above ground pool. Newer roof and furnace. (T69MAE) \$179,900 248-455-5600



GARDEN CITY

Charm & character. 1930s farm house on a large private lot offers 4 BRs, 2 ceramic baths, oversized 2 car gar, bsmt, Florida room on the 2nd floor & 2 tiered deck off unique kitchen. (T17JOH) \$223,000 734-455-5600



VAN BUREN

Newer Cape cod, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, open floor plan, maple kitchen w/island, ceramic mstr bath w/ separate shower, great room w/fplc, hardwood entry, 2 car att gar, FFL & basement. (T22DAN) \$242,900 734-455-5600



CANTON

Sunflower Village. 4 BR, 2.5 BA, updates incl: roof, windows, furn, carpet, deck & the list goes on. 2 car att gar, basement, FR w/fplc, formal dining room & large eat-in kitchen. (T72CLA) \$235,00 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE

Absolutely stunning 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath colonial w/newer siding, windows, roof, furnace & kit cabs & flooring. Family room w/fplc, 2 car att gar & large deck w/newer lumber top. (T00LAD) \$299,900 734-455-5600



NORTHVILLE

Private estate on approx. 2 acres recently rebuilt & added on home. Beautiful GR overlooks pond 4 BR, 4.5 BA, 4 fplcs, 3+ car garage. Meets all your needs. Very secluded & walk to town. (T05SPR) \$1,189,000 248-349-5600



NORTHVILLE

Entertainers delight approx. 2 acre estate w/ pond. 5 BR, 4.5 BA, 4 car garage, hot tub, exterior fplc, stamped concrete terrace. W/O bsmt w/gas fplc. Fabulous MBR suite. (T00TIM) \$1,849,000 248-349-5600



LIVONIA

Custom built cape cod w/4 BR, 3.5 BA. Beautiful hardwood floors, 2 story GR. Gorgeous kit w/ cherry cabs & granite. Formal DR w/bay window. 1st floor master w/custom tile BA. (T72VAN) \$529,900 248-349-5600



WIXOM

Beautifully maintained 3 BR, 1.5 BA home w/ open floor plan. Neutral decor, vinyl siding, C/A, 2-car att gar. Private yard & many updates. All this and a 1 year home warranty. (T34WEN) \$179,900 248-349-5600



SOUTH LYON

Popular Hidden Creek, backing to wild life area. 4 BR, 2.5 BA with many upgrades. Stunning kitchen, professionally decorated. Extra deep walkout basement. A must see. (T09WES) \$342,900 248-349-5600

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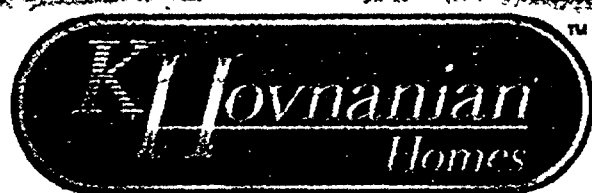


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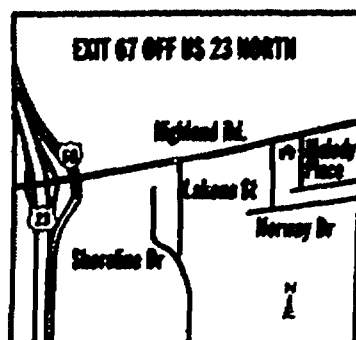
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Royal Oak lofts tour scheduled for April 29

People considering a loft condominium can see the options at nine Royal Oak developments during the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce's "Royal Oak Living: Condo and Loft Tour," 2-6 p.m. Saturday, April 29.

The tours will begin at the parking garage on Lafayette Avenue south of Fourth Street, where visitors can park and catch shuttle buses. Buses will go to existing loft buildings and models or, in some cases, to leasing offices with scale models or virtual tours. Admission is \$10 per person in advance, \$15 if paid that day. To reserve, call (248) 547-4000.

Participants are The Lofts @ 11, 610 South Troy, Eight 55 South Main Lofts,

Metro Station, Main North Terraces, SkyLofts MarketSquare, 400 Parent Avenue, Main Street/Center Street Lofts and The Fifth Royal Oak.

"This isn't just about lofts, it's about a lifestyle," said Liz Tillander, executive director of the Royal Oak Chamber. "No other city in southeast Michigan offers this Soho-like experience, with restaurants, bars, shops and galleries complementing the loft living options."

People who visit six or more lofts will receive a coupon good for a 20-percent discount that day at participating Royal Oak restaurants.

For additional information, call the Royal Oak Chamber of Commerce at (248) 547-4000.

Mortgage fraud seminar offered

To address the many factors contributing to mortgage fraud, the Great Lakes Chapter of the Appraisal Institute will host a Mortgage Fraud Seminar 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 2, at the Dearborn Hyatt Regency. Officially endorsed by the American Society of Appraisers, the Michigan Assessors Association and the Michigan Mortgage Lenders Association, the seminar will focus on industry topics, including property flipping, straw buyers and identity theft.

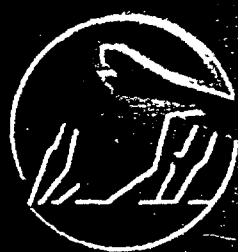
"Mortgage fraud is a serious problem impacting homeowners, lenders and communities," said Les Linder, MAI, president of the Great Lakes Chapter. "It's important that various sectors of the real estate industry work together to understand the key issues and identify ways to solve them."

The daylong seminar will feature panelists from across the industry,

including representatives from the Federal Bureau of Investigations, the Michigan Department of Labor & Economic Growth, the Michigan Board of Real Estate Appraisers and the Genesee County Sheriff's Department-Law Enforcement Division. Don Kelly, vice president of Public Affairs for the Appraisal Institute, will moderate the discussion.

Registration for the seminar, which includes lunch, is \$75 and can be paid online using a credit card by visiting www.appraisalinstitute.org/education/GreatLakes.aspx. The seminar is approved for seven hours of Appraisal Institute continuing education credit. State of Michigan continuing education credit for real estate appraisers, assessors and realtors/brokers is pending. To learn more about this and other events sponsored by the Great Lakes Chapter of the Appraisal Institute, visit: www.glcai.com.

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SOUTH LYON

On 3 sides wetland preserves. Neutrally decor w/2 story living room & dining room ceilings, some hardwood floors. Island kit w/oak cabs & white counters. Master suite w/vaulted ceiling, WIC, jetted tub, sep shower.

(26059610CHE) \$287,000 248-324-3800



SOUTH LYON

Excellent 3 bdrm colonial on approx 1/2 acre in Pembroke Crossing sub! 2-story entry, hdwd flrs, dream kit w/center island. Huge family room w/FP, Berber crpts, prof fin LLI Master suite. Deck.

(26043036PEM) \$284,000 248-324-3800



CANTON

Spectacular on prime "court" lot! 2-sty foyer, sunken living & family rooms w/FP. Master suite w/garden style Jacuzzi, private balcony overlooks family room. 1st floor library & 2nd flr study. Security. Also for lease.

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(26005600FIF) \$334,900 248-647-6400



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4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, hardwood floors, large family room, spacious master suite w/walk-in closet & large bath. 2-story foyer, island kitchen, doorwall to deck, gazebo & large yard.

(26038602SHE) \$299,000 248-626-8700



CANTON

Cape Cod on court backing to private wooded area & across street from golf course. New plush crpt. Vaulted ceilings & architect features. Hardwood floors, 2-way trplc in great room/family room. X-lg deck.

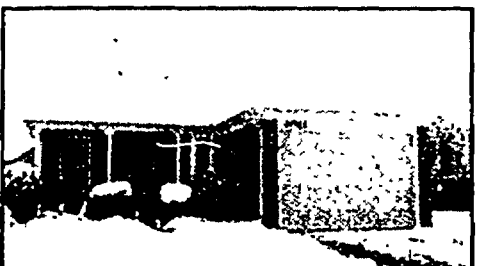
(26045482WEN) \$264,000 248-324-3800



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4 spacious bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Terrific Plymouth/Canton School district. Freshly painted. Move in condition. This great home priced perfectly for you to see it and buy it!!

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(25173367REC) \$224,999 248-324-3800



CANTON

Best condo deal in town! 2 bdms, 2 full & 1 half bath. Cath ceiling in LR. Large kitchen, FP, ceramic tile, Berber carpet, full bsmt, lots of closet space, 2 car gar, 1st floor laundry. Patio & deck!

(26056139PRE) \$179,900 248-324-3800



REDFORD

Brick ranch, 3 bdms, 2 baths. Finished basemnt w/rec rm & bar, all appls inclu, modern kit w/ceramic tiles, hdwd floors in all bedrooms, updated bath, newer windows & HWH. 1.5 car garage.

(26028139KIN) \$154,900 248-851-4400



WESTLAND

You will not be disappointed! Newer roof, furn, HWH, vinyl siding, windows, neutral carpeting, paint & finished basement w/possible 4th bedroom/office. Brick patio w/fire pit. Also for lease.

(25131670HAZ) \$144,900 248-324-3800

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Homebuyer Class

A Free Homebuyer Class will be 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 25, at Fidelity National Title at Six Mile and I-275. It is put on by Rosemary Firestone of RE/MAX 100 and Michael Firestone of Golden Mortgage. There will also be a home inspector there. It will cover why it is important to be pre-approved and what that entails; what kinds of mortgages are available and to whom; how to avoid a "lemon" and have the house inspected professionally; have a buyer's agent working only for you - not the seller; how to get seller's concessions to help cover your costs; how to decide on a good offer price; what are all the papers involved in writing an offer. Call for reservations (24 hrs) at 734-420-9600 or e-mail: info@rfirestone-team.com.

Building Industry Association

The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will offer:

■ Effective Business Management Seminar, "When Do You Need To Go Condo?" from 8:30-10 a.m. Tuesday, April 25, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Speakers will be Gregory J. Gamalski of Cox, Hodgman & Giamarco and H. William Freeman of Freeman, Cotton & Norris. Fees are \$20 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$40 for non-members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ BIA's Sales and Marketing Council will sponsor "IRM III - Lifestyle Merchandising, Advertising and Promotion Strategies" 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday, April 26-27, at Charter One Bank in Troy. Speakers will be Dottie Faucet of HomeBuilder.com and Georganne Derick of MIRM, Merchandising East and MS Interior Design. Fees are \$375 for SMC members and \$425 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

■ Remodelers Council will offer a Certified Graduate Remodeler seminar, "Profitable Sales," 6-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 26, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Speaker Michael Stone will address marketing and advertising, sales calls and more. Fees are \$50 for Remodelers Council members, \$60 for BIA or AAM members and \$75 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

Apartment Association

The Apartment Association of Michigan will offer:

■ A professional maintenance course by the association's Property Management Council, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, April 24, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The PMC's Refrigerant Recovery Course will give maintenance professionals who maintain, service, repair or dispose of appliances that contain regulated refrigerants the opportunity to be certified in compliance with the Federal Clear Air Act. Fees are \$85 for members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

■ Property Management Council will offer a "Super Leasing Extravaganza" program 8:30 a.m. to noon Friday, April 28, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Kathleen Mabie of Success on Suite will speak on the leasing process, including knowing your product, information gathering, relationship selling and follow-up. Fees are \$69 for PMC members, \$79 for AAM or Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan members, \$99 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

Oakland Builders Institute

Oakland Builders Institute will offer the following classes:

■ Livonia Community Education in cooperation with the institute will offer an eight-hour seminar, "Basement Remodeling," 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, April 24 and 26, at Holmes Middle School, 16200 Newburgh, Livonia. It is designed to help people make better use of space by planning and completing a remodeling. Cost is \$101 plus \$10 for textbook and materials payable to teacher. Spouse's discount is half of the tuition. Pre-registration by Thursday, April 20, to Livonia Community Education. (734) 744-2602.

■ Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with the institute will offer an eight-hour seminar, "Basement Remodeling," 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, April 25 and 27, at the Dearborn Heights campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail. Cost is \$95 for residents plus \$10 for textbook and materials, or \$104 for nonresidents plus \$10 for textbook and materials. Spouse's discount is half of the tuition. Pre-registration by Friday, April 21, to Henry Ford Community College. (313) 317-1500.

■ Waterford Community Education in cooperation with the institute will offer a 16-hour seminar, "How To Build Your Own Home," 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, April 24, 26, May 1 and 3, at Mott High School, 1151 Scott Lake Road, Waterford. Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction, it is also for those who wish to work with a builder. Cost is \$199 plus \$30 for textbooks to instructor. Spouse's discount is half of tuition. Pre-registration by Thursday, April 20, to Waterford Community Education. (248) 682-1088.

■ Berkley Community Education in cooperation with the institute will offer a 16-hour seminar, "How To Build Your Own Home," 6-10 p.m. Monday/Wednesday, April 24, 26, May 1 and 3, at the Tyndall Center, 14501 Talbot, Oak Park. Seminar cost is \$190 plus \$30 for textbooks to instructor. Spouse's discount is half of the tuition. Pre-registration by Thursday, April 20, to Berkley Community Education. (248) 837-8900.

■ Birmingham Community Education in cooperation with the institute will offer a 16-hour seminar to help you pass the Michigan state builder's license examination. The seminar will be 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, April 25, 27, May 2 and 4, at Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile, Beverly Hills. The course is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building tradespeople. Cost is \$190 plus \$20 for the textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration by Friday, April 21, to Birmingham Community Education. (248) 203-3800.

■ Bloomfield Hills Community Education in cooperation with the institute will offer an eight-hour seminar, "Basement Remodeling," 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, April 25 and 27, at Andover High School, 4200 Andover Road, Room 133, Bloomfield Hills. Cost is \$95 plus \$10 for textbook and materials payable to teacher. Spouse's discount is half of the tuition. Pre-registration by Friday, April 21, to Bloomfield Hills Community Education. (248) 433-0885.

■ Farmington Community Education in cooperation with the institute will offer a 16-hour seminar on the Michigan state builder's license examination, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, May 16, 18, 23 and 25, at The Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington. It is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own

homes, real estate investors/developers and building tradespeople. Cost is \$190 plus \$20 for textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration by Friday, May 12, to Farmington Community Education. (248) 489-3333.

■ Walled Lake Community Education in cooperation with the institute will offer a 16-hour seminar on the Michigan state builder's license examination, 6-10 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday, May 16, 18, 23 and 25, at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake. It is for those who want to subcontract construction of their own homes, real estate investors/developers and building tradespeople. Cost is \$199 plus \$20 for the textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration by Friday, May 12, to Walled Lake Community Education. (248) 956-5000. On the Internet, visit www.buildersinstitute.com.

Luncheon/speaker

The National Association of Office and Industrial Properties (NAIOP) is holding the latest in its monthly luncheon/speaker series entitled Tenants In Common Acquisition - The Trend Continues, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, April 20, at the Embassy Suites Southfield. The venue is located at 28100 Franklin Road in Southfield.

Featured speakers will include: Paul E. Kerber, senior investment associate, Marcus & Millichap, Matt Kosanke, CPA and registered principal, Concorde Exchange Group, John T. Alfonsi, C.P.A., Cendrowski Selecky Professional Corporation, and Margo Rosenthal, account manager, IPX 1031.

For tickets: <http://www.naiop.org/Michigan/index.cfm>. Admission is \$30 for members, \$40 for nonmembers. For more information on the event or NAIOP, contact: Beth Karcz at: karcz@naiop.org.

HomeOffice Center

The HomeOffice Center offers a number of sessions, most free and at the center, 21500 Greenfield Road, Suite 101 in Oak Park. Upcoming offerings include: Future Brokers Training, 6:30 p.m. Friday, April 28, open to all Michigan-licensed real estate agents whose goal is to become a broker in three years or less, training sessions the last Friday of each month, call Amazing! Real Estate Solutions, Realtors, (248) 721-4848.

There is also The Buyers Club 500, which meets monthly including 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, April 29. Meetings are held the last Saturday of the month.

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HOMES SOLD IN AREA

These are the area residential real-estate closings recorded the weeks of Nov. 28-Dec. 2, 2005, at the Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

Canton			
6730 Edgewood Rd	\$256,000	1816 Maple Park Dr	\$248,000
49559 Garfield Ln	\$95,000	41100 Maplewood Dr	\$203,000
49559 Garfield Ln	\$187,000	1947 Mistwood Ct	\$293,000
45657 Graystone Ln	\$175,000	2372 Mistwood Ct	\$178,000
44740 Hanford Rd	\$185,000	2477 Mistwood Ct	\$178,000
7383 Hillsboro	\$191,000	3783 Parklawn Dr	\$235,000
49584 Lansdowne St	\$139,000	228 Patriot St	\$283,000
46038 Larchmont Dr	\$337,000	1985 Peerce Ct	\$145,000
49360 Lincolnshire Ct	\$499,000	46340 Registry Dr	\$302,000
47083 Lyndon Ave	\$390,000	44301 S Umberland Cir	\$215,000
45970 Maben Rd	\$685,000	44483 Savery Dr	\$99,000
8663 Mannington Rd	\$253,000	46436 Southwick Dr	\$410,000
1360 Manton Blvd	\$233,000	1635 W Lakeview Ln	\$314,000
		41431 White Tail Ln	\$185,000
		42432 Woodbridge Dr	\$238,000
		2705 Woodmont Dr E	\$250,000
		Farmington	
		33105 Orchard St	\$140,000

Farmington Hills			
23819 Wilmarth St	\$240,000	44910 Lafayette Dr	\$278,000
31165 Applewood Ln	\$380,000	50580 Langley Dr	\$618,000
22099 Atlantic Pointe	\$145,000	234 Linhart St	\$143,000
28257 Bayberry Rd	\$205,000	24745 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$695,000
32133 Bonnet Hill Rd	\$240,000	24771 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$627,000
27156 Cambridge Ln	\$569,000	24775 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$559,000
31146 Country Ridge Cir	\$475,000	24933 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$663,000
30212 Fink Ave	\$212,000	44935 Revere Dr	\$144,000
23016 Montclair St	\$200,000	25035 Samoset Ct	\$499,000
29739 Sierra Point Cir	\$211,000	25702 Strath Haven Dr	\$195,000
22427 Tuck Rd	\$112,000	Plymouth	
Garden City		12500 Beacon Hill Dr	\$560,000
642 Arcola St	\$85,000	1409 Elm St	\$540,000
32168 Balmoral St	\$165,000	11921 Lorenz Way	\$493,000
33210 Bock St	\$190,000	51059 Plymouth Ridge Dr	\$688,000
31479 Elmwood St	\$45,000	51085 Plymouth Valley Dr	\$575,000
33510 Florence St	\$145,000	11611 Spicer Dr	\$196,000
32647 Leona St	\$162,000	14795 Thornridge Dr	\$241,000
362 Lytle Pl	\$127,000	Redford	
28320 Maplewood St	\$127,000	9181 Appleton	\$134,000
31331 Pierce St	\$94,000	9589 Berwyn	\$157,000
28283 Sheridan St	\$48,000	12920 Berwyn	\$90,000
Livonia		17333 Brady	\$115,000
11027 Arden St	\$240,000	15846 Denby	\$140,000
29156 Broadmoor St	\$100,000	25928 Dover	\$145,000
32903 Brookside Cir	\$280,000	11762 Farley	\$154,000
32909 Brookside Cir	\$307,000	17166 Garfield	\$130,000
32990 Brookside Ct	\$405,000	17230 Gaylord	\$164,000
14227 Cardwell St	\$192,000	12881 Hemingway	\$157,000
36277 Club Dr	\$108,000	18720 Lennane	\$119,000
14115 Denne St	\$169,000	9749 Lenore	\$125,000
17254 Dolores St	\$170,000	15998 Lexington	\$130,000
14600 Fairlane St	\$420,000	25039 Lyndon	\$147,000
36392 Fairway Dr	\$113,000	27003 Plymouth Rd	\$65,000
34600 Glendale St	\$115,000	8949 Robindale	\$145,000
15455 Golfview St	\$220,000	26001 Southwestern Hwy	\$118,000
29875 Hathaway St	\$175,000	19750 Sumner	\$131,000
29552 Linda St	\$140,000	20149 Woodworth	\$130,000
33087 Lyndon St	\$174,000	Westland	
30160 Morlock St	\$290,000	1711 Ackley Ave	\$134,000
14740 Ronnie Ln	\$193,000	33315 Belding Ct	\$103,000
38050 Ross St	\$179,000	33422 Bentley Ct	\$97,000
28157 S Clements Cir	\$140,000	29220 Brody Ave	\$167,000
17867 University Park Dr	\$158,000	2201 Buchanan Ct	\$205,000
33976 Wadsworth St	\$139,000	7394 Central St	\$91,000
Novi		36840 Dartmouth Dr	\$225,000
24942 Acorn Trl	\$570,000	38555 Emerald Ln N	\$234,000
25054 Acorn Trl	\$583,000	2112 Emerson St	\$80,000
30732 Ardmore Ct	\$50,000	32421 Grandview Ave	\$140,000
30738 Ardmore Ct	\$40,000	32254 Hillsdale Ct	\$101,000
29905 Brush Park Court	\$165,000	32705 Joy Rd	\$130,000
50721 Chesapeake Dr	\$872,000	30119 Julius Blvd	\$125,000
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Streamlining option offers simplicity

Though "Streamlined FHA Refinances" have been around for many years, very few FHA borrowers even know they exist. The concept is simple and the potential impact on an FHA borrower's bottom-line can be significant.

Homeowners who currently have their homes financed with FHA mortgages may be eligible to switch their FHA mortgage to another type of FHA mortgage, provided they are in good standing with their existing loan. This is great news for borrowers who are currently in adjustable FHA mortgages as they may easily convert to FHA fixed-rate products or to other lower-rate FHA adjustables. Similarly, those with FHA mortgages having above-market interest rates on a fixed-rate loan may refinance their loan into a lower interest rate fixed-rate FHA mortgage.

The real magic behind the Streamlined FHA Refinance process is its simplicity. FHA underwriters will be looking for only a couple very simple things: Have the FHA borrowers kept



Tim Phillips

their loan current – that is, not more than 30 days late – and does the refinance make sense for the borrowers. It's really that simple.

Please note that I did not mention anything about being employed.

That's right, you can be unemployed and, as long as you have kept your FHA mortgage current, you can use the Streamlined. Note, too, that I did not say anything about a credit check or a minimum credit score. Also, there is usually no need for out-of-pocket funds to close the loan as there is no requirement for a costly appraisal.

As a rule, I generally use the Streamlined FHA Refinance for my clients to protect them from the rising payments associated with their adjustable mortgage, or whenever I can improve their interest rate. Again, it's all about whether or not the refinance action will place the borrower into a better position.

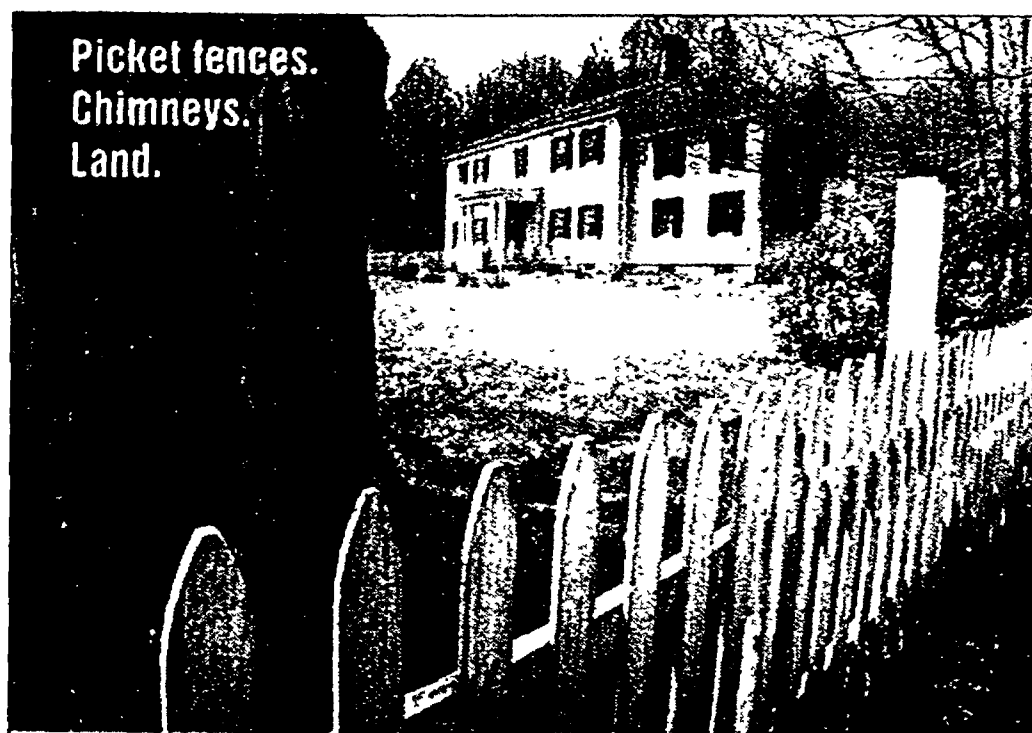
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with existing fixed-rate loans at or above 7 percent really should jump on this Streamlined FHA Refinance opportuni-

ty, and those with adjustable-rate FHA mortgages should at least talk to an FHA lender to review their options. Acting now can save FHA borrowers a load of money in the coming years.

Timothy Phillips is an FHA lender and newspaper columnist. Visit www.PhillipsHQ.com for article archives and www.CarteretOnline.Biz for mortgage calculators and solutions. Homebuyers should always consult a professional for guidance specific to their situation.



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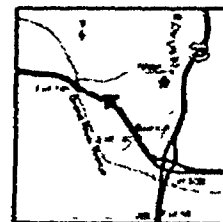
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Keating Associates opens in Naples

Keating Associates opened in March 2006 in downtown Naples on prestigious Fifth Avenue South.

Doug Keating, an associate broker with Snyder, Kinney, Bennett & Keating since 1990 and president of Howard T. Keating Associates prior to 1990, brings son Doug Jr. and associate broker Mandria Moore to Naples to administer an office with potential of 20 agents. Doug Sr., Doug Jr. and Mandria

Moore are licensed brokers in Florida as well as Michigan.

Doug Sr., Ronni and their oldest daughter, Erin Keating DeWald, are a potent and productive team in the Birmingham/Bloomfield area. Ronni is proving to be the No. 1 Realtor at SKBK every year since 1990.

The new office gives the Keatings an opportunity to take advantage of the vibrant Florida real estate market. They

believe it's a great time to buy in Southwest Florida. Currently prices are stabilizing and buyers have excellent opportunities to purchase at prices below 2005 prices for comparable housing. It's also a good time to buy if you already own a home in Naples if you are "buying up" (purchasing a more expensive home)

■ Naples has a base of residents from the Midwest and hundreds from Michigan.

■ Downtown Naples has many similarities to the city of Birmingham.

Both are small and charming with a touch of sophistication with parks, shopping, galleries, restaurants and upscale "in town" residences.

■ Doug thinks the weather and proximity to the Gulf of Mexico and beaches gives the edge to Naples in the winter months, but nothing beats a Michigan summer.

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MLS facing key new issues

Consolidation of Multiple Listing Systems and expanded data-sharing agreements are the key issues facing MLSs as the industry's dynamics continue to evolve at an increasing pace, according to the latest survey of technology use in MLSs conducted by the Center for Realtor Technology of the National Association of Realtors.

CRT's fourth annual survey of technology use shows major new trends and emerging issues, including a decline in support for public Web sites, increased concern for information security and accelerating trends in technology use, including major increases in the use of mapping on MLS systems.

The survey of MLS technology, the largest and most comprehensive by CRT, shows support from both Realtors and MLS executives for bigger market territories for Realtors. "The rapid pace of change within the industry is likely to lead to further MLS consolidations in the near future," said Thomas M. Stevens, 2006 NAR president and senior vice president of NRT Inc., from

Vienna, Va.

There is strong interest in expanding market regions for Realtors, with 55 percent of Realtor respondents believing the ideal MLS size after consolidation would be a large region within a state or even statewide. A large percentage of MLS executives believe consolidation within a Metropolitan Statistical Area is ideal.

While MLS respondents are in favor of MLS public Web sites and see them as being good for the industry, not as many Realtors share that view; 63 percent of Realtors believe MLS public Web sites compete directly with agent and broker Web sites.

The survey reveals there are still significant differences between awareness of information security and implementation of actions to address these concerns. While concerns about information and data security are growing and a significant number of respondents have experienced security incidents, the practice of implementing security and privacy policies has not increased since 2005.

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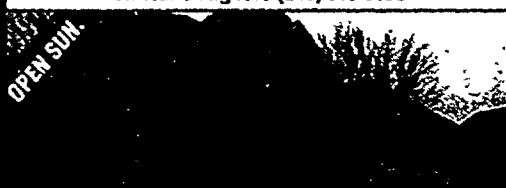
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 \$77,900 2 BR condo w/new furnace/AC unit 248-684-1065	 \$299,900 GR w/tplc mstr ste w/double door walk-in closet and bath 248-684-1065	 \$649,900 1st floor master. GR w/built in entertainment center 248-684-1065	 \$282,900 Fireplace in great room & basement. 2 car attached garage & FFL 248-684-1065	 \$235,000 1239 sq. ft. 2 car garage, loft, library & den. 248-684-1065	 \$324,900 Great room w/cathedral ceiling & fireplace. Hdwd flrs throughout. 248-684-1065

\$189,900 - Green Oak Super 3 BR ranch w/canal 248-437-3800 25182630 \$165,000 - Salem 3+ acre building site on priv. rd. 248-437-3800 26019227 \$369,900 - South Lyon Great colonial w/daylight bsmt 248-437-3800 25016127 \$170,000 - Milford Immac home w/updates & huge FR 248-437-3800 26039677 \$319,900 - New Hudson Spacious home on country lot! 248-437-3800 26045632 \$209,900 - New Hudson New condos w/granite cntrs & 42'cabs 248-437-3800 26015044	\$519,900 - South Lyon Colonial on Tanglewood GC 248-437-3800 26042618 \$277,900 - Green Oak Updated ranch w/pond on 2.6 acres! 248-437-3800 25157838 \$339,900 - Hartland Cstm bilt ranch on approx. 6 acres. 248-437-3800 25180642 \$294,900 - Green Oak Spacious home w/guest suite & pool 248-437-3800 25153014 \$325,000 - Wixom Stunning 4 BR colonial w/3 ber deck 248-437-3800 26004180 \$170,000 - South Lyon Remodeled colonial, new crpl & lot 248-437-3800 25151261	\$299,900 - South Lyon Wonderful 3 BR colonial w/fin bsmt 248-437-3800 25158198 \$259,900 - New Hudson Pristine 4 BR Colonial on corner lot 248-437-3800 26039677 \$200,000 - Novi Fabulous 1 acre lot 248-348-6430/349-6200 25112244 \$128,900 - Novi Bright & open 2 BR ranch condo 248-348-6430/349-6200 26054543 \$259,900 - Novi Bright & cheerful updated colonial 248-348-6430/349-6200 25112041 \$524,850 - Northville Beautifully located 4 BR home 248-348-6430/349-6200 25117998	\$179,900 - Novi Beautiful & spacious condo 248-348-6430/349-6200 26021067 \$435,000 - Commerce Twp. Impeccable home on small lake 248-348-6430/349-6200 26054719 \$475,000 Not your average country home 248-348-6430/349-6200 26045151 \$195,900 - Novi Soft contemporary end-unit condo 248-348-6430/349-6200 26043808 \$234,900 Carlton Forest Condo 248-348-6430/349-6200 26052988 \$289,900 - Novi 4 BR, 2.5 BA w/part fin bsmt 248-348-6430/349-6200 26041217	\$149,900 - Farmington Hills End unit ranch condo 248-348-6430/349-6200 25011747 \$318,900 - Novi Lovely 4 BR colonial w/priv backyard 248-348-6430/349-6200 26055362 \$149,900 - Novi Sharp 2 BR condo w/fin bsmt 248-349-6200/348-6430 26032037 \$299,000 - Commerce 4 BR secluded cul-de-sac 248-349-6200/348-6430 26058816 \$214,900 See this sharp interior! FFL 248-684-1065 26012264 \$243,900 Red-O-Rust Grass-O-Green sprde sys 248-684-1065 26038813	\$239,900 FF mstr ste. Finished lower level 248-684-1065 26052621 \$181,000 Party finished basement. FP in LR 248-684-1065 25152116 \$204,900 On canal to Little Silver Lk. on .5 acre 248-684-1065 26024341 \$169,900 Lg backyard w/white deck. Part. fin bsmt. 248-684-1065 26055905 \$368,735 Walnut kit w/granite counters. 248-684-1065 26032558 \$675,000 Priv 6 acres. Huge daytime bsmt w/tp. 248-684-1065 26014182	\$274,900 Mstr ste w/garden tub/sep shwr. FFL 248-684-1065 26011080 \$345,900 Kit w/d cabs. Lg GR w/extra win & tp. 248-684-1065 26014033 \$550,000 3.92 acres. To be built. 248-684-1065 26039649 \$1,575,000 Lg DR to pond. 440' on Lk Sherwood 248-684-1065 25104056 \$550,000 New construction. 3.69 acre lot. 248-684-1065 26039884 \$329,900 4 BR, 2.5 BA, lg lot. 3 car gar. 248-684-1065 26019820
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Plymouth
LOADED WITH UPDATES! 4 BR, 2.5 bath Colonial. Features incl: eat-in kitchen with maple cabinets & unique granite tops, FR with FP & sep wet bar room, Mstr BR with BA & WIC, fin. bsmt, large deck with gazebo!
(26023273) \$474,900
734-455-7000



Canton
GORGEOUS ACRE IN A PRIVATE SETTING! This house is for you! Enjoy the brick paver patio, hrdwd floors thru huge FR, kit, breakfast nook, form. DR, LR, w/crown molding. Master BR with balcony.
(26038946) \$300,000
734-591-9200



New Hudson
GREAT LOCATION ON CORNER LOT! Home sits high on lot with mature trees. Hardwood floors in dining rm & stairs. Partially finished basement. Almost 1 acre.
(26038677) \$259,900
248-437-3800



Ypsilanti
NEW—WITHOUT THE HASSLE OF BUILDING! New, New - 3BR/2.1BA Colonial, LR, family rm, 1st flr laundry, fireplace, bsmt, att. 2 car gar. Landscaped w/sprinklers. Immed. Occup. So Much For So Little!
(26053352) \$189,900
734-455-7000



Milford
IMMACULATE BRICK RANCH! Updates throughout incl: paint, kitchen, electrical and much more. Huge family room with wood burning stove, pergo flooring and windows galore.
(26039927) \$170,000
248-437-3800



Canton
CANTON CONDO WITH PRIVATE SETTING! Immaculate 2BR/1BA condo with attached garage & full basement. Neutral decor. 1st flr mstr, cathedral ceiling in GR. Loft can be office or bedroom.
(26030994) \$156,500
734-455-7000



Wayne
TOTALLY UPDATED, EXCELLENT NEIGHBORHOOD! 3 BR Brick Ranch, new windows, carpet, freshly painted, glass block bsmt windows, new kit. & BA, 3 car gar. w/elec. Bay window in LR. New Light fixtures.
(26026218) \$134,900
734-326-2000



Wayne
ALL DRESSED UP! This 3 bedroom Beauty with loft, 2 car garage, and oversized lot is completely updated from head to toe! Call for a list of updates and a private showing.
(26008310) \$117,500
734-326-2000



Plymouth
4 BR, 3.5 BA BRICK COLONIAL! Blend of sunshine, classic styling & comfort. Upgrades: eat-in island kit, FR w/FP, private den, Mstr BR with WIC, BA with jetted tub & shower, fin bsmt, paver patio, & more.
(26038850) \$464,900
734-455-7000



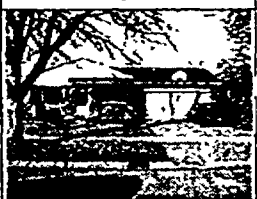
Novi
DELIGHTFUL COLONIAL! Spacious, updated & close to all amenities, lovely kit & bdrfst area, comfortable FR, 4 lg BR, Luxurious mstr ste, new furnace, finished basement & charming sunroom. 248-349-6200
(25179765) \$299,000
248-348-6430



Wixom
ELEGANT END-UNIT CONDO! Condo with first floor master suite, Cherry cabinets, hardwood floors & custom built-ins add to the charm. Vaulted GR w/fireplace overlooks woods. 248-349-6200
(26038934) \$237,900
248-348-6430



Ypsilanti
NEW - IMMEDIATE OCCUPANCY! Avoid the hassle of building, yet purchase new! 3BR/2.5BA Colonial. Great Room, Living Room, 1st floor laundry, Fireplace, bsmt, 2 car att. gar. Landscaped with sprinklers.
(26053753) \$189,900
734-455-7000



Westland
BEAUTIFUL HOME! Absolutely 1 of the nicest houses in the sub. Huge eat-in kitchen with storage & counter space. Hardwood floors, 6 panel doors & 2.5 baths! Part. fin basement, newer windows.
(26028144) \$169,900
734-326-2000



Garden City
3 BR, 1.5 BATH WELL MAINTAINED HOME! Great eat-in kitchen, large finished bsmt with FP, bar & half BA, oak hrdwd flrs under cprt. New oak cabinets in kit w/Wallside Doorwall. Brick patio in large backyard.
(26033578) \$154,900
734-591-9200



Redford
STOP, LOOK, & BROWSE! All Brick, 3 Bedroom, & 1.5 Bath Ranch with newer windows, furnace, air, roof shingles, nicely finished basement with bar & FP. Gorgeous wood built-ins & wood trim.
(26031460) \$134,900
734-326-2000



Novi
BEAUTIFUL 2 BEDROOM CONDO IN NOVI! Close to shopping, expressways, nightlife and more. 1579 sq ft, built in 2003. 248-349-6200
(26025226) \$1,950
248-348-6430



South Lyon
NEW CONSTRUCTION IN MICHIGAN RIDGE! Four bedroom Colonial with great floor plan! Master suite with tray ceiling, fireplace and two walk in closets. First floor laundry. Full walkout.
(26045620) \$415,000
248-437-3800



South Lyon
THIS HOME HAS IT ALL! 3000 sq. ft. open floor plan. Freshly painted with lots of upgrades. Large whirlpool, oak floors, wet bar, private first floor guest suite and underground pool.
(25056690) \$294,900
248-437-3800



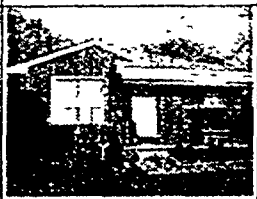
Livonia
ABSOLUTELY GORGEOUS BRICK RANCH HOME! Everything is less than 4 yrs old. Priced below 2005 appraised value. Livonia Schools. 4 BR, 2.5 car garage. Finished basement.
(26048431) \$204,900
734-591-9200



Northfield
LAKE LIVING IN TIME FOR 2006 SEASON!!! 3 BR, 1990 built approx. 1200 SQ FT. Laminate wood in kit & dining area. Lg. deck w/big back yd. Freshly painted ext. Seconds from Horseshoe Lake!!
(26032108) \$184,900
734-591-9200



Livonia
SPOTLESS LIVONIA RANCH in the "State Streets" subdivision. 1219 sq ft. Newer roof, furnace, windows & A/C. Large backyard & 1/2 block from elementary school & park.
(26038226) \$167,500
734-591-9200



Livonia
ALL THE UPDATES!!! New kit, bath with jacuzzi, Pergo, fin drywall bsmt with pool table, newer furnace, A/C, steel doors, 5 ceiling fans & all 7 new appliances stay. Hurry! 248-349-6200
(26044227) \$154,000
248-348-6430



Redford
CONTEMPORARY CAPE COD! Very Sharp, Updated 3 Bedroom with basement and attached garage. Large Master BR with fireplace. Gorgeous Open Floor Plan & very updated! Large lot with Pond.
(26044444) \$132,500
734-326-2000



Livonia
COUNTRY IN THE CITY, Cape Cod on a cul-de-sac, .88 acres, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths, fin bsmt with bar, newer high efficiency furnace, windows, siding, Koi Pond, large deck, outside lighting.
(26028658) \$380,000
734-591-9200



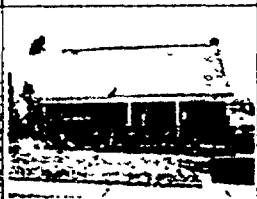
Novi
GORGEOUS DETACHED 3 BR CONDO! Lovely Great Room with cathedral ceiling & fireplace. Mstr suite with jacuzzi, kitchen boasts granite counter tops & more.
(26055474) \$324,900
248-348-6430



New Hudson
THIS HOME HAS IT ALL! Wonderful ranch on 1.16 acres. Great Room has cathedral ceilings & natural fireplace, open kitchen overlooks yard. Master bedroom with master bath, much more.
(26047603) \$289,900
248-437-3800



Novi
SOFT CONTEMPORARY END-UNIT CONDO! White kitchen & new tile flooring. GR with 9 ft Cathedral ceiling & nat fireplace. Tiered deck, Clubhouse, golf, pool, lake access.
(26040608) \$195,900
248-348-6430



Westland
LIVONIA SCHOOLS! CHOICE BUY in this 3 bedroom, 2 bath Cape Cod with 1st floor laundry, remodeled kitchen, full finished basement, garage, central air & master suite with bath. Home Warranty.
(26049086) \$184,500
734-326-2000



Westland
LIVONIA SCHOOLS, ORIGINAL OWNER! 1200 sq ft. 3 BR brick ranch with 1.5 BA on main floor, finished basement with rec. room, 2 car garage.
(26055588) \$163,500
734-591-9200



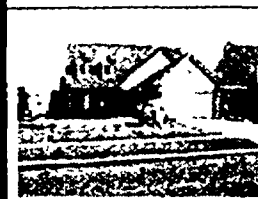
Garden City
CHARMING RANCH! This home radiates good taste, quiet charm & quality construction, offering a newer oak kit, window, 2.5 car garage, lg lot and more. Across from elementary school.
(26058564) \$153,850
734-455-7000



Redford
WHAT CHARM! THIS 1947 bungalow, freshly painted, hardwood floors, loads of storage in attic, 3 BR plus a den or library, part fin bsmt, 1/3 acre lot 100x135, 2 car garage, close to schools.
(26018755) \$129,900
734-591-9200



Farmington Hills
COUNTRY DREAM RANCH! Picture perfect brick home on large lot (close to 1/2 acre) with a park-like setting. 3BR, FP, A/C, 2 car garage. Rebuilt in 1999.
(26011623) \$192,815
Joan Smith 734-455-7054



South Lyon
IMMACULATE HOME IN TROTTERS POINTE! Great room with nat/gas hook-up fireplace. Large office/den on main floor. First floor master with garden tub in bath. Finished basement with workshop.
(26014378) \$309,900
248-437-3800



Livonia
WELL MAINTAINED 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch located in Green Brier Estates Sub. 5 acre lot with mature trees. Home also has a Florida Room and a 2.5 car garage.
(25131287) \$274,500
734-591-9200



Westland
VERY NICE! VERY NEUTRAL! VERY NEARLY NEW! 3 BR, 2.5 BA Colonial w/prof. fin bsmt. Built in 2001, bright, neutral & in move-in cond. Newer sub w/ sidewalks & close to everything. 248-349-6200
(26020885) \$189,900
248-348-6430



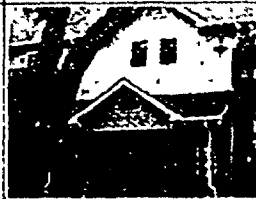
South Lyon
PERFECT HOUSE FOR THE PRICE!! Remodeled in 2002 with all new paint, carpet, kitchen, bath upgrades & more. Great floor plan!! Big value for small price!! Don't miss this one!
(25151261) \$170,000
248-437-3800



Garden City
GREAT HOME FOR ENTERTAINING! 3 BR with hardwood floors, 2 BA, fin. bsmt, new door wall to porch & patio. Inviting LR with FP, new shingles, A/C, windows & furnace, a very nice clean home.
(26055697) \$161,500
734-591-9200



Dearborn
NEEDS A LITTLE TLC! This 4 bedroom home has 2 bedrooms up and 2 bedrooms down. Nice large living room.
(26034163) \$144,795
734-326-2000



Plymouth
PRICED TO SELL...FAST! 2BR upper ranch condo with bay window, vaulted ceiling, skylites, oak cabinets. Mstr BR has 2 walk-in closets. Andersen windows, new furn in Aug. 05. Seller motivated!
(26005046) \$124,900
734-455-7000



Livonia
LOW HEAT BILLS! Four BR Ranch on close to 1/2 acre. Three car garage + workshop. Charming kitchen and breakfast nook. Hot Water Heat (4 Zones). Newer windows. Priced to Sell!!
(26053862) \$179,910
Joan Smith 734-455-7054



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 <p>Plymouth 734-455-7000 FIT FOR A KING AND QUEEN! You've found your castle. Truly beautiful Cape Cod on lovely professionally landscaped 1 acre lot. Elegantly designed 3BR/3.5BA with loft, 4-car garage. Call Now! (25173088) \$649,900</p>	 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 SUPERIOR VALUE FOR CENTRAL PARK ESTATE! Premium quality 4BR Colonial. Gourmet kitchen with island, hardwood floors, Master Suite with double sink & vanity, 3-car garage. Pool & Tennis courts! Plymouth/Canton schools. (26038929) \$334,900</p>	 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 BETTER-THAN-NEWTOWNHOUSE! 3BR/2.5BA Condo. Professionally finished basement; stainless appliances, ceramic kitchen; 2 car attached garage. Beautifully decorated and maintained. (26031694) \$229,500</p>	 <p>Livonia 734-326-2000 ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL Upper Unit! Great Open Floor Plan, with 2 stairways up. Attached garage. Full Laundry. Beautiful cabinets & W/C. Pan Ceiling, Deck. All appliances stay. (26046289) \$179,900</p>	 <p>Redford 734-591-9200 LOCATION, QUALITY, VALUE & CHARM! You'll love this brick 3 BR ranch. Clean, tastefully decorated. Updates include kitchen, electric, copper plumb, finished basement with FP. Landscaped yard with sprinkler system. 2 car garage. (26001489) \$144,900</p>	 <p>Wayne 734-326-2000 WALKING DISTANCE TO SCHOOLS! Well kept 3 BR ranch featuring a new bathroom, updated kitchen, freshly painted, above ground pool, large lot, new doorwall, vinyl windows, located on dead end street. (26020739) \$132,000</p>	<p>Canton 734-455-7000 PRIME CUL-DE-SAC LOCATION! 4BR/2.5BA Colonial. Hardwood thru foyer and kitchen, 16x22 FR w/corner FP; huge master suite. Deep in sub. Part. fin. bsmt. 2-car gar. (26031988) \$299,000</p> <p>Canton 734-455-7000 IT'S ALL BEEN DONE FOR YOU! Popular Sunflower Lg 4 BR Colonial. 2.5 BA, den, fin bsmt and fantastic 18x36 pool \$27,000 recently invested for your pleasure. (25153611) \$284,900</p> <p>Canton 734-455-7000 ATTRACTIVE 4BR N. CANTON COLONIAL! Step up to one of North Canton's finest 4BR Colonials with family room, basement, 2 car gar. & incl. all appliances. (25171867) \$235,900</p> <p>Canton 248-348-6430 CALL IT HOME IN CANTON ON A CT LOCATION! Many updates, 3 BR Colonial. Huge FR, nat FP, ceramic floors, furn, roof, A/C, H2O heater, & gutters are all updated. Att. 2 car gar. 349-6200 (25178789) \$232,000</p>	<p>Livonia 248-348-6430 GREAT STARTER OR RETIREMENT HOME! Upper end unit w/doorwall to balcony overlooking commons & pool. Mstr w/W/C, lg LR, carpet, appl. incl. Inmmed. occup. 349-6200 (25166129) \$81,900</p> <p>Novi 248-348-6430 BEAUTIFUL BROADMOOR PARK SUB! Let Madison Homes build the home you've always dreamed of on this prem-sized lot! Close to schools, shops, with easy frwy access! Super Novi schools! 349-6200 (25032373) \$595,000</p> <p>Novi 248-348-6430 STUNNING CONDO DECORATED TO PERFECTION! Island Lk. Arbors. Granite lot w/prem appl, upgraded cabs, FP, hrdwd flrs, fin bsmt. Great Isl Lk amenities: pool, tennis cts, fitness center & more. 349-6200 (26020392) \$344,900</p> <p>Novi 248-348-6430 BRIGHT & CHEERFUL UPDATED COLONIAL! New oak lot, 6 panel drs on 1st flr, new mstr BA, FR w/hdwd flr & FP, part fin bsmt, 2 level cedar deck & pool, clubhouse & lake in sub. 349-6200 (25178991) \$259,900</p>
 <p>Plymouth 734-455-7000 VACATION AT HOME! 4 BR/5 BA Cape Cod. First floor master, 2nd master up. Finished basement, 3 car garage, inground pool & hot tub, 3 fireplaces on almost an acre. (25137626) \$524,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-348-6430 WONDERFUL LIVONIA HOME! Nicely updated & in desirable Nottingham woods sub. New roof, updated kitchen & baths, Andersen windows, brick walkway & Livonia Stevenson High School area. 349-6200 (25148476) \$279,000</p>	 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 SHOWS LIKE A MODEL! Canton 4BR/2BA Bungalow. Updates include newer roof, baths, part kitchen, windows, HWHT, lighting, paint. Beautifully decorated. 2 car attached garage. (26027743) \$217,900</p>	 <p>Taylor 248-348-6430 COMFORTABLE AND INVITING! Cozy 3 BR, 1.5 bath Colonial with a newer open kitchen. Natural fireplace in family room. Some new windows & doorwall. Beautifully finished basement. 349-6200 (26033423) \$177,500</p>	 <p>Canton 248-348-6430 FORD & SHELTON-BEAUTIFUL 3 BR Condo with 1.5 baths. Close to shopping & freeways, & finished basement has new carpet. Eat-in kitchen with new maple cabinets & all appliances. Ceramic tile in foyer & bathrooms. 349-6200 (25130248) \$144,500</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-348-6430 CHARMING 2 BR RANCH! Updates include: kitchen, vinyl siding & trim, roof, furnace, HWHT, vinyl windows, driveway, parquet flooring in LR. Livonia schools. Must see! 349-6200 (25175714) \$124,500</p>	<p>Canton 734-455-7000 CONDO BACKS TO POND! Tastefully decorated, beaut. maintained 2BR, 2.5BA Condo. Hardwood in foyer & GR. Gas FP bsmt. 2 car fin. garage. (26031049) \$194,000</p> <p>Canton 734-455-7000 QUIET SMALL-TOWN AMERICAN PENTHOUSE! Covered balcony Large 2BR/2BA & den. All appl. stay. Att. garage. Gorgeous & neutral decor. Just 4 yrs. new 1685 sq. ft. (26023617) \$185,000</p> <p>Canton 248-348-6430 RARE 3 BR W/ BASEMENT & GARAGE! Rare 3 BR condo w/bsmt & gar. Updtd & freshly painted. Neutral thruout. Lots of room. Great location, clubhouse & pool. 349-6200 (25120222) \$144,900</p> <p>Farmington Hills 248-348-6430 SHARP, SPACIOUS HOMES! Immaculate home w/ vaulted ceilings, 3 bay windows, super mstr suite, lg custom den. Perfect for home office. 4 season sun room, circular drive, newer roof. 349-6200 (25176645) \$359,900</p>	<p>Canton 734-455-7000 SUPER CITY OF PLYMOUTH LOCATION 3BR/2.1 Ranch. Lg & open LR w/exposed hrdwd flr. Fla. rm. Bsmt offers FP w/insert, FR, office. Japanese style rm—very unique! Newly painted. (26001085) \$337,500</p> <p>Plymouth 734-455-7000 BEST DEAL IN PLYMOUTH! New Construction (2004). 5 BR, 3 BA, 2300 sq ft. Dimensional shingles, circular drive & French drs. are just some of the upgrades. HURRY! 248-349-6200 (26054615) \$238,000</p> <p>Plymouth 248-437-3800 GREAT COLONIAL IN PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP! Great loc. w/3 BR 1st flr MBR, 1st flr Indry, updtd lot & wood burning FP. (25138224) \$174,900</p> <p>Redford 734-591-9200 LOTS OF HOME FOR THE MONEY! 3 BR brick ranch, 2.5 BA, full bsmt & enclosed breezeway to att. garage. (26019600) \$249,900</p> <p>Livonia 734-591-9200 COUNTRY IN THE CITY, Cape Cod on a cul-de-sac, 88 acres. 4 BR, 2 BA, fin bsmt w/ bar, newer high effc furn, windows, sidng. Koi Pond, large deck, outside lighting. (26028658) \$380,000</p> <p>Livonia 734-591-9200 WELL MAINTAINED 3 BR, 2 BA ranch in Green Brier Estates Sub. 5 acre lot with mature trees. Home also has a Florida Rm & a 2.5 car garage. (25131287) \$279,500</p>
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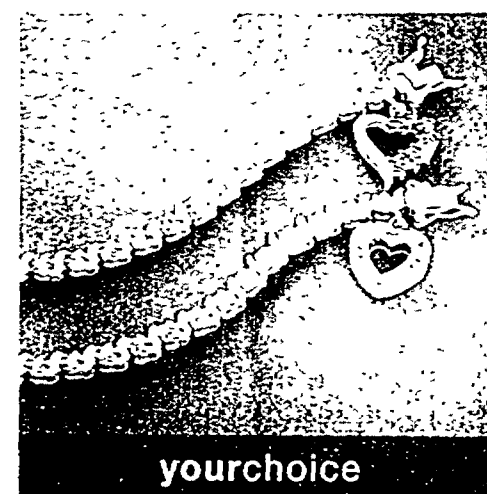
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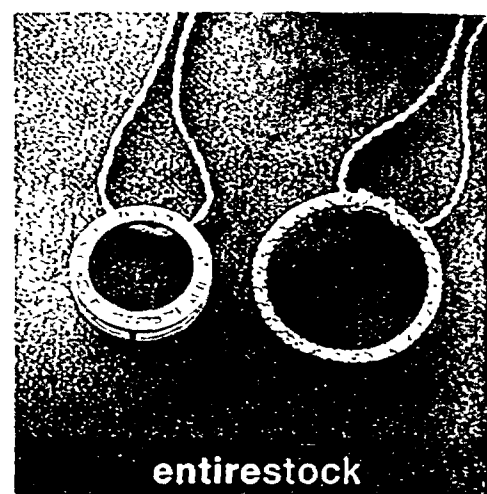


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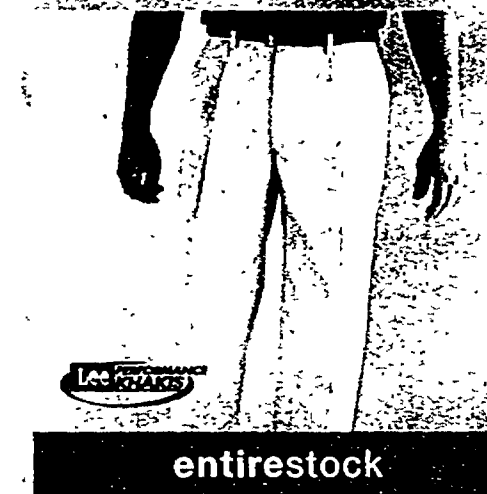
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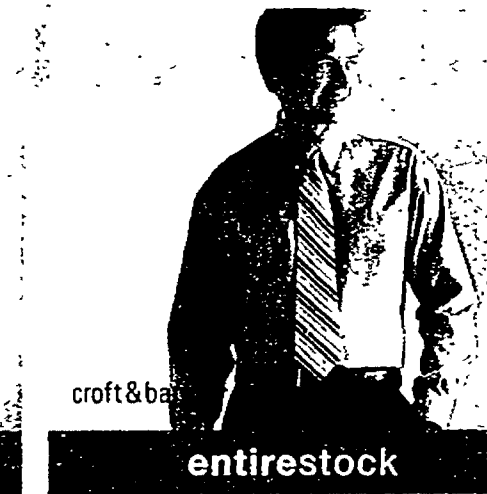
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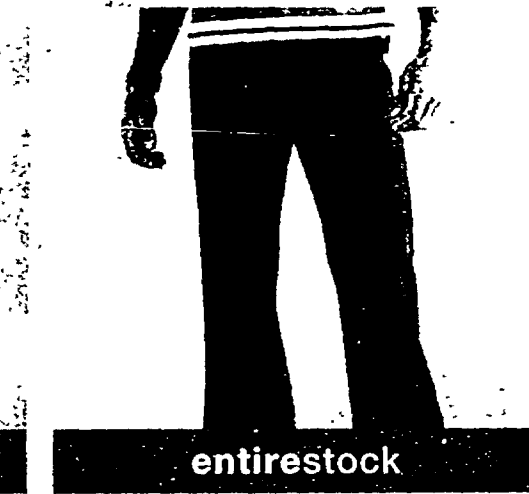
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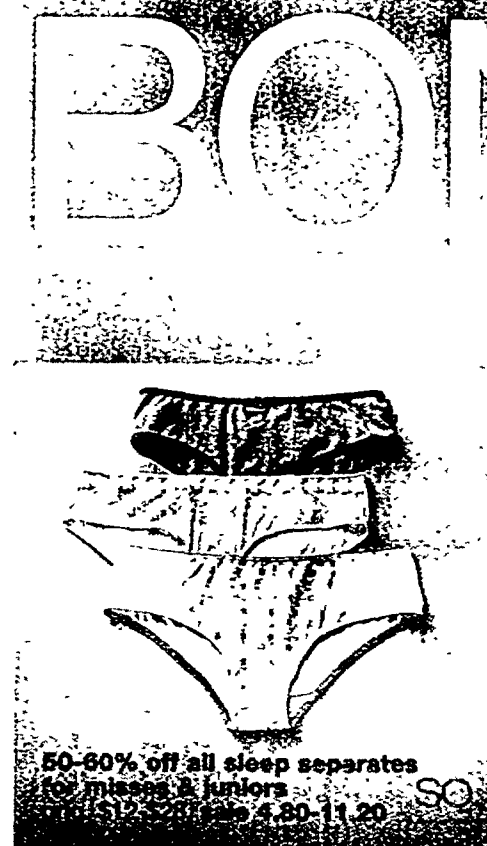
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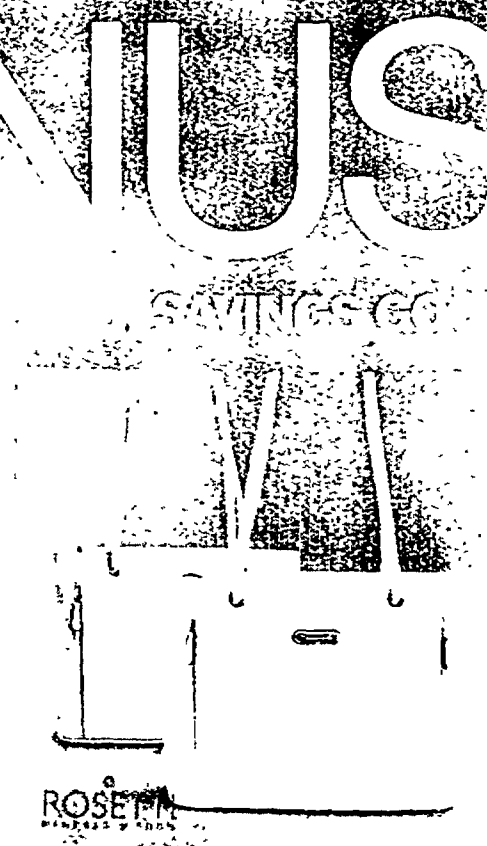
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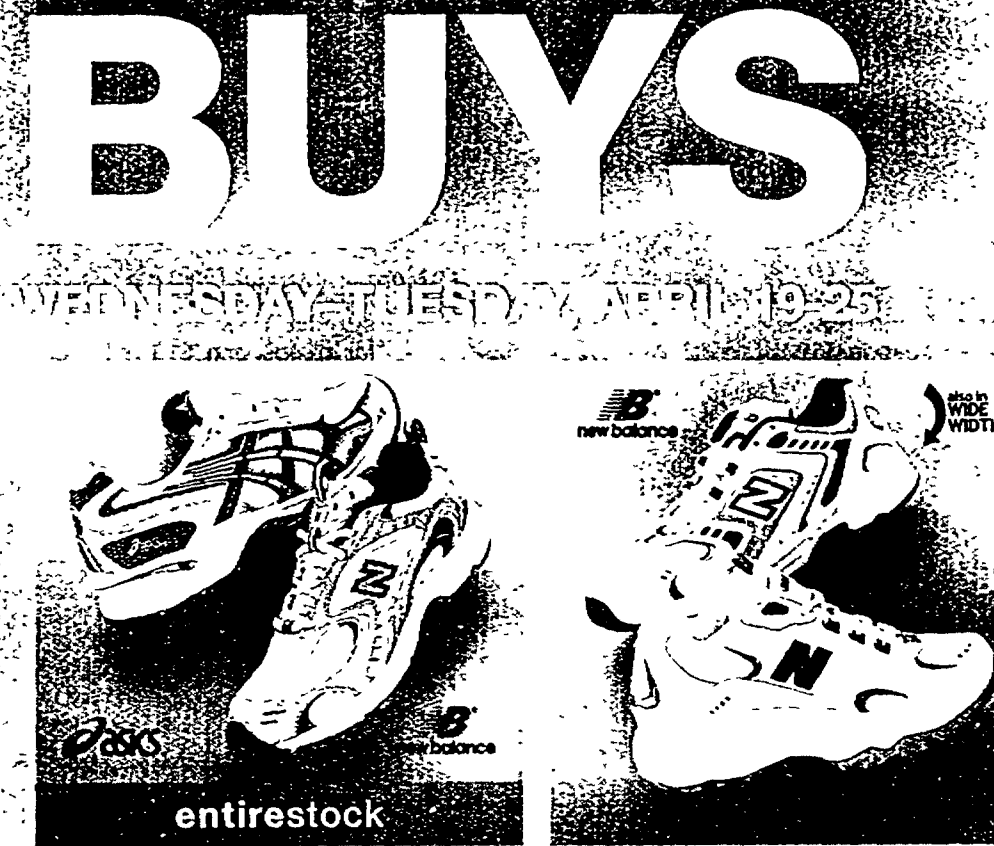
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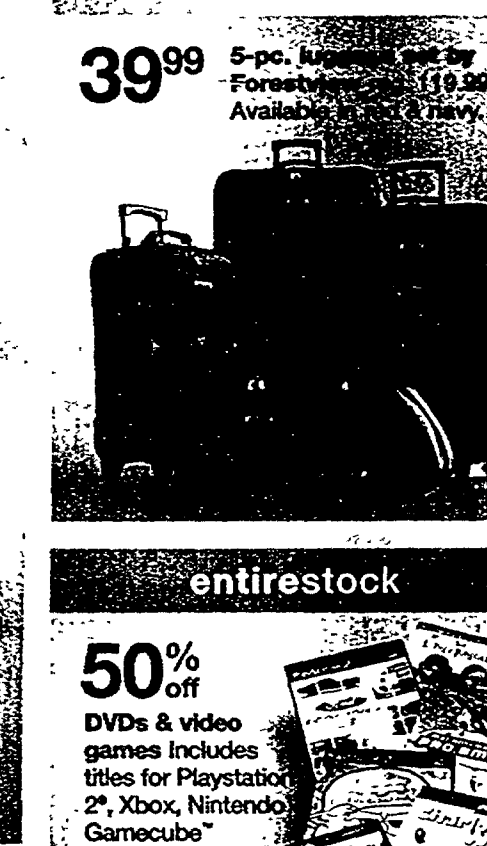
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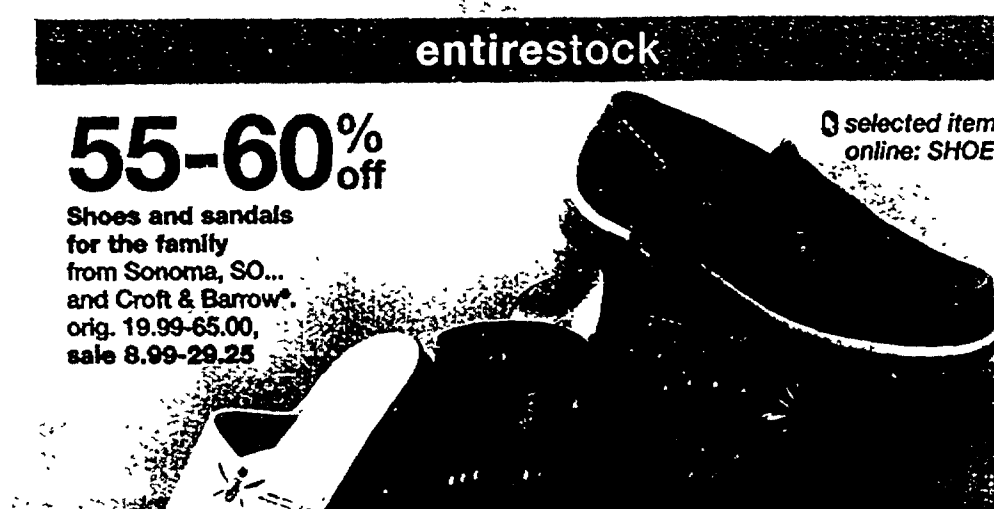
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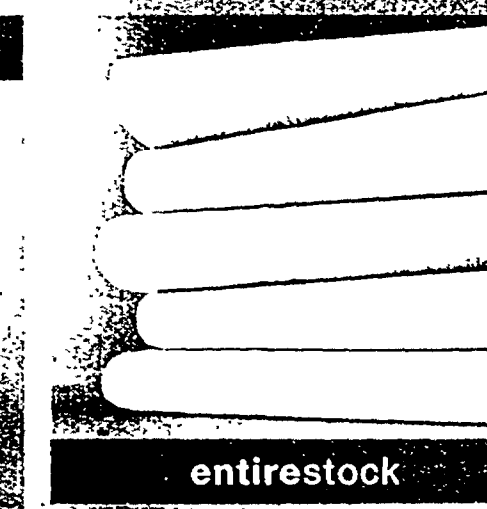
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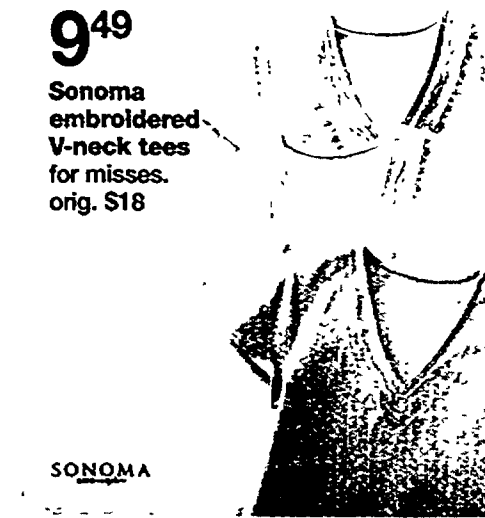
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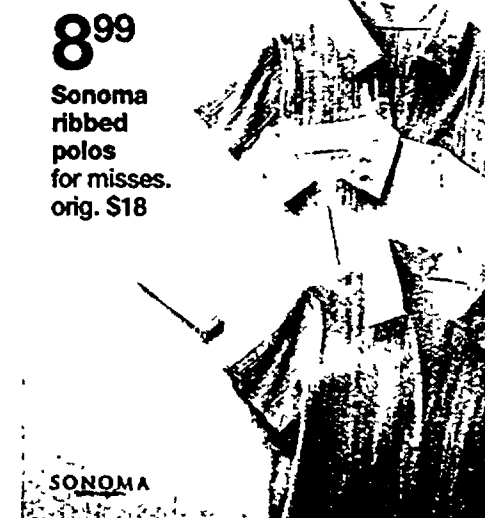
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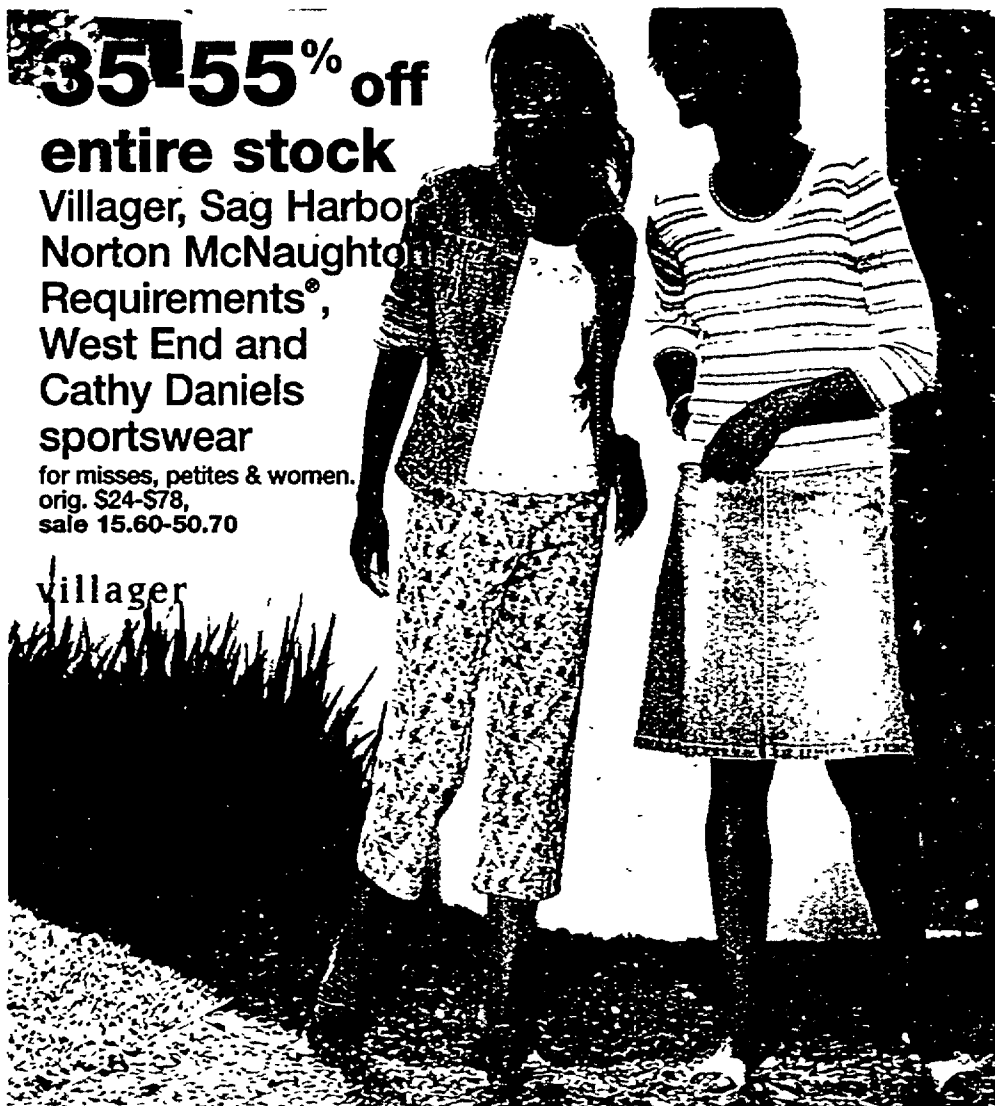


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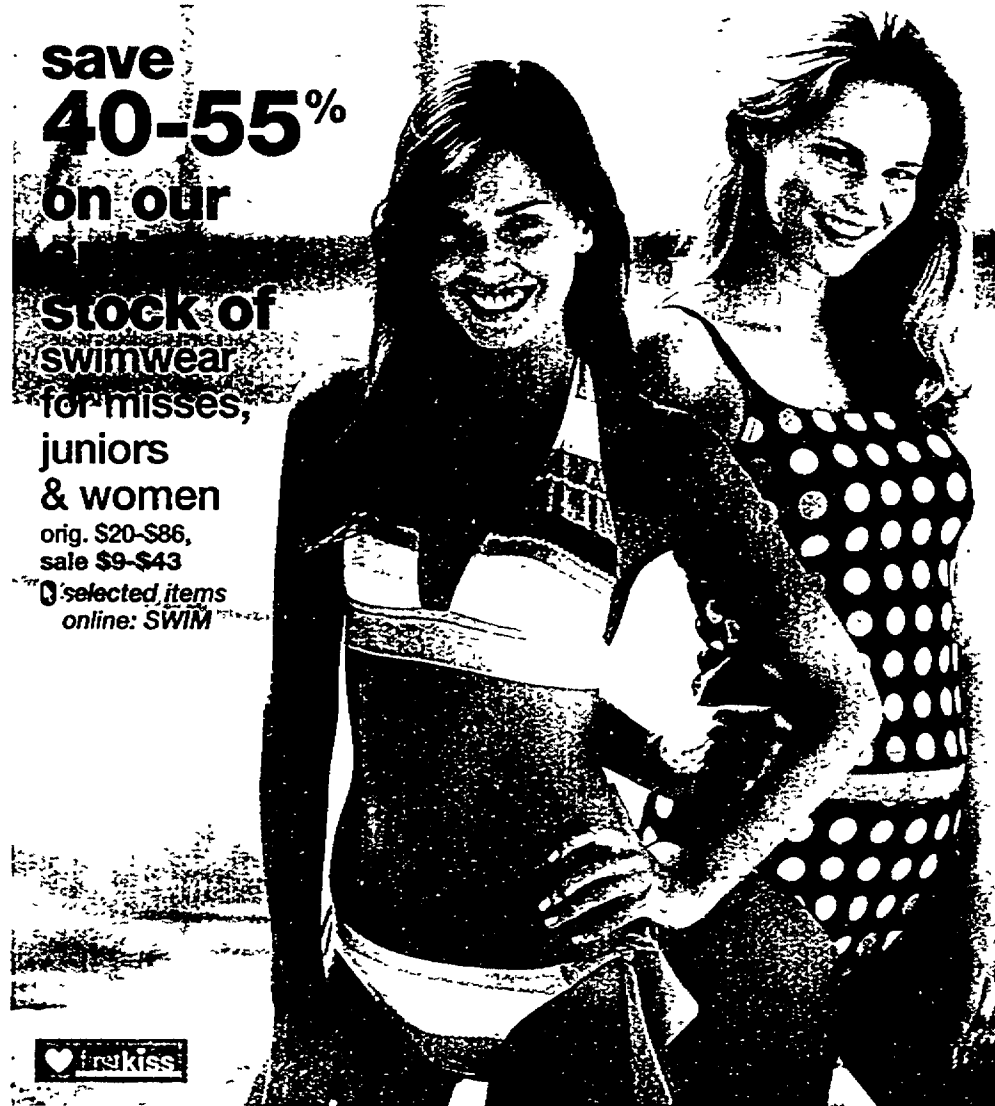


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stock of
swimwear
for misses,
juniors
& women

orig. \$20-\$86,
sale \$9-\$43

selected items
online: SWIM



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entire stock

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for misses
from N.Y.L.,
Gloria Vanderbilt
Sport, daisy fuentes®
sport & Fu Da

orig. \$26-\$40,
sale 11.70-24.00
selected items
online P41819



Entire Stock
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Sweaters for misses
from Pointelle®, J.A.C. & World Republic®.
orig. \$34-\$44, sale 14.99-24.99



selected
items
online
P41817

apt 9

Entire Stock
35-55% off

apt. 9™ sportswear
for misses, petites & women.
orig. \$20-\$68, sale 8.99-44.20



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for misses & women.
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pt. 9

35-55% off

Petites' sportswear from apt. 9™, daisy fuentes®, Nine & Company®, Croft & Barrow®, Sonoma & more. orig. \$12-\$79, sale 5.49-35.55 Selected styles. SONOMA life+style™.



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Erika® camp shirts or capris
for misses. orig. \$26 ea.
Women's orig. \$28, sale 15.99



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Oh Baby!™ by Motherhood® maternity
apparel orig. \$16-\$56, sale 8.80-30.80
shop online W3900



Entire Stock
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Fitness wear for misses from
Tek Gear®, Danskin® & Russell® Athletic
orig. \$14-\$36, sale 6.30-23.40

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of the season

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& clearance-priced merchandise.
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40-55% off entire stock

knit tops for juniors from Energie*, SO..., Self Esteem*, Weavers Girl, Unionbay* & Next Era

orig. \$10-\$30, sale 4.49-16.99 selected items online P41821



5.99
SO... embellished
tank top. orig. \$14

8.49
Energie*
ribbed
tank top.
orig. \$18

7.99
Energie*
ribbed
tank top.
orig. \$16

5.99
SO... cinched-front
halter. orig. \$14



5.49
SO... ribbed
tank tops
orig. \$12



7.99 Graphic tees & tank tops
orig. \$18 Selected styles.



11.49 Weavers Girl camis
orig. \$20



7.99
Energie*
banded-bottom
camis
orig. \$16



7.99
Energie*
lace-trimmed
ribbed tank tops
orig. \$16

40-55% off entire stock

fashion capris & gauchos for juniors from l.e.i.*, Mudd®, SO... & more

orig. \$28-\$34, sale 12.49-18.99 selected items online P41822



18.99
l.e.i.*
fashion capris.
orig. \$34
l.e.i.

18.99
Mudd*
fashion capris.
orig. \$34
Mudd

12.49
SO... fashion
cuffed capris.
orig. \$28
SO

12.49
SO... fashion
poplin capris.
orig. \$28
SO



16.99
Unionbay*
fashion
shorts
for juniors.
orig. \$26



11.49 SO... shorts
for juniors. orig. \$26



16.99
Levi's* shorts
for juniors.
orig. \$26

24.99
Levi's* skirt
for juniors.
orig. \$34



18.99
Rewind*
fashion
skirt
for juniors.
orig. \$34



14.99 SO... fashion skirts
for juniors. orig. \$26

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adjustments given on prior purchases. selected items online: clearance



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on our entire stock
of Collections

for juniors. orig. \$28-\$58,
sale 16.80-34.80
selected items
online P41824



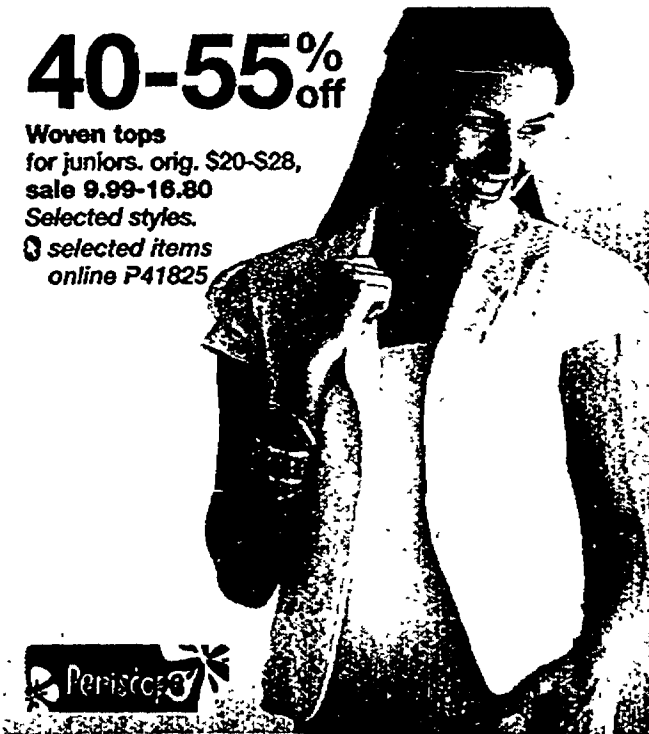
45-50% off
all separate capris & pants
for juniors. orig. \$22-\$36, sale 12.10-19.80
selected items online P41823



7.99
Separate
skirts &
gauchos
for juniors.
orig. \$24-\$26
Selected
styles.

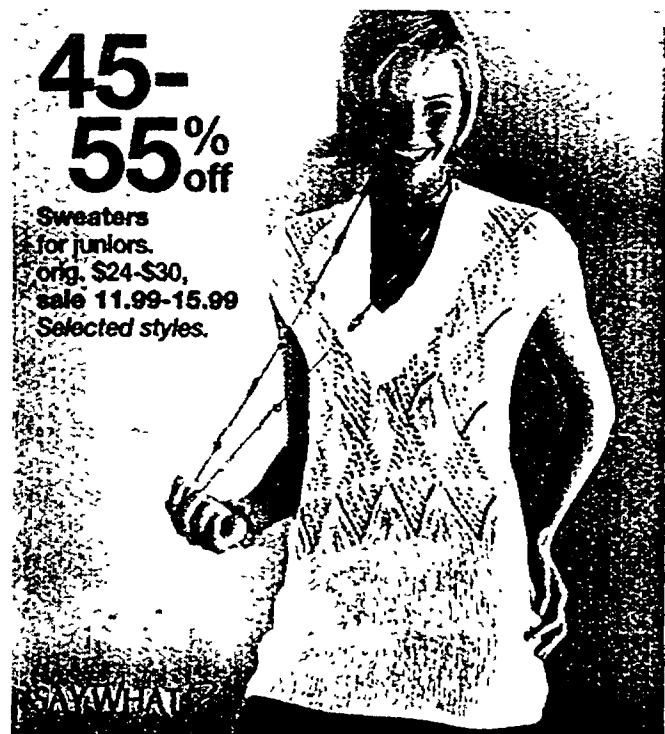
40-55% off

Woven tops
for juniors. orig. \$20-\$28,
sale 9.99-16.80
Selected styles.
selected items
online P41825



**45-
55% off**

Sweaters
for juniors.
orig. \$24-\$30,
sale 11.99-15.99
Selected styles.



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maidenform



barelythere

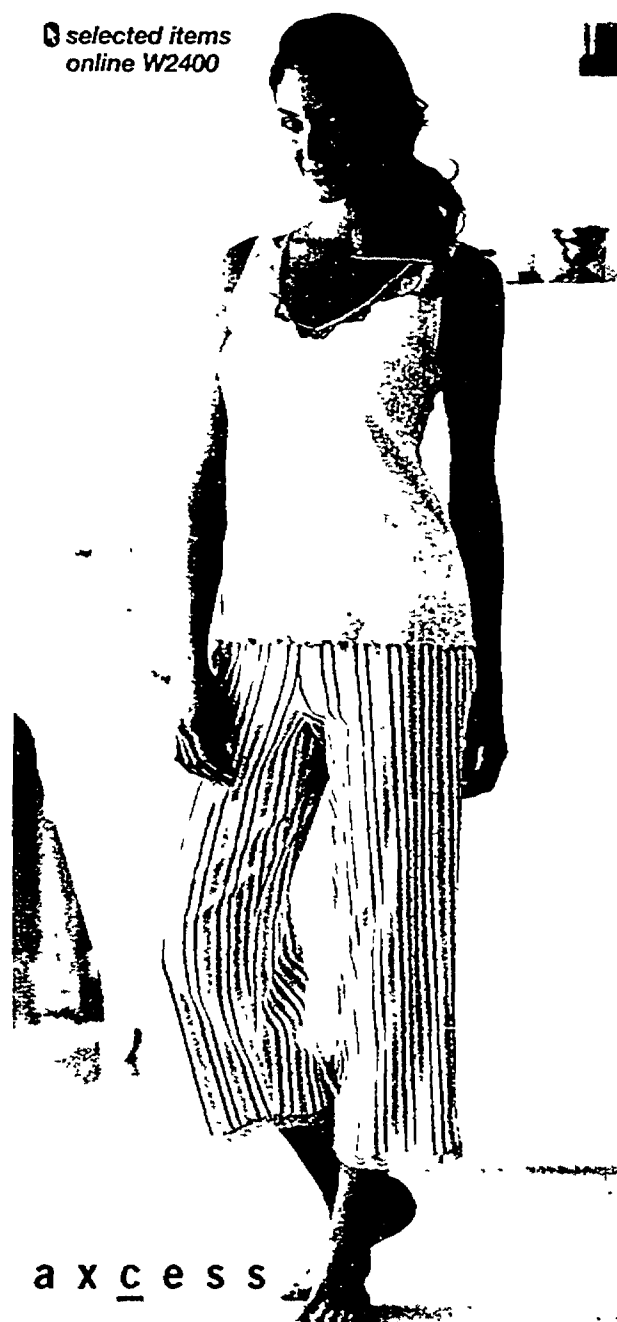


Vanity Fair



Playtex
SECRETS

selected items
online W2400

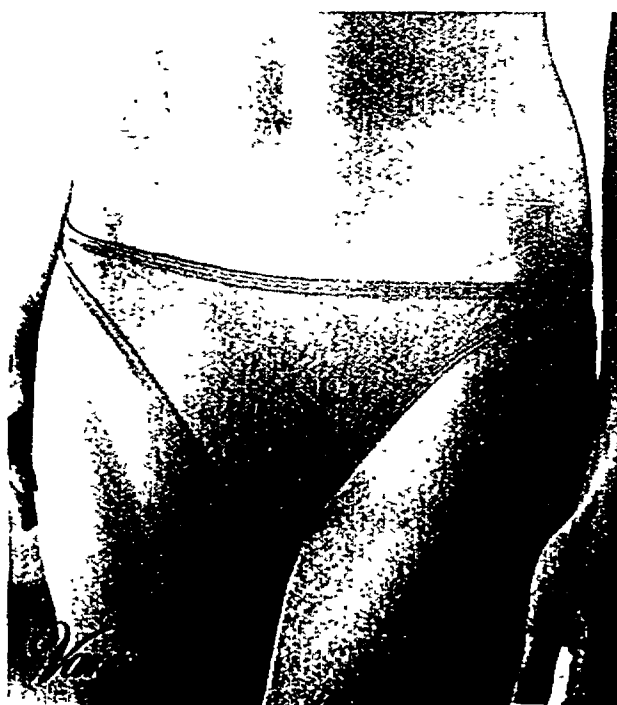


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Entire Stock

40-55% off

Sleepwear, loungewear
and robes
for her. ong. \$12-\$40,
sale 5.40-22.00

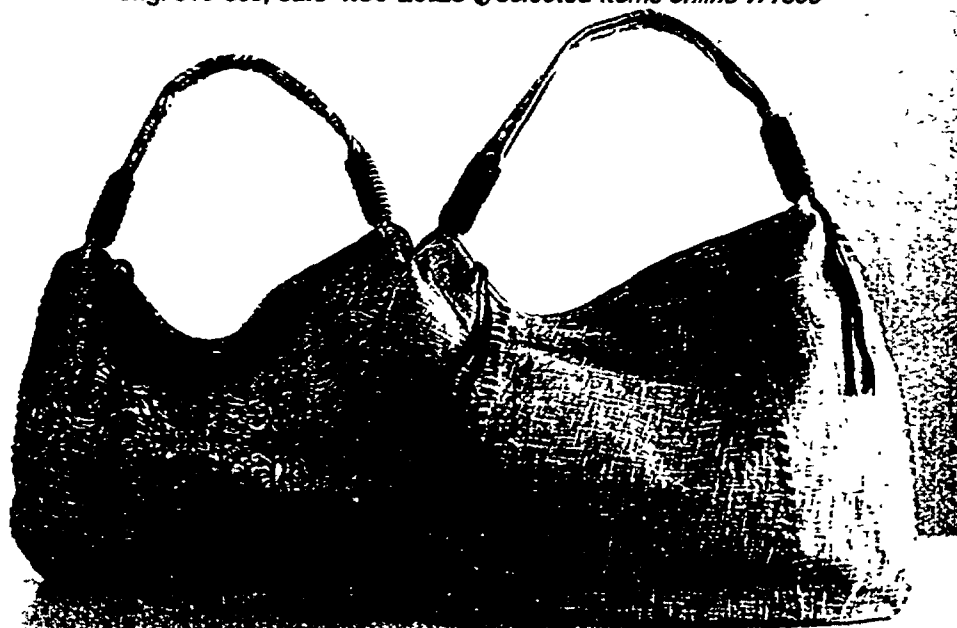


Entire Stock

45-55% off

Panties, innerwear
and shapewear
reg. 3/\$15 to \$51 ea.,
sale 3/6.75 to 28.05 ea.
Excludes Jockey®
Intimates and bra
coordinates.

45-55% off entire stock
handbags, minibags and handbag accessories
orig. \$10-\$65, sale 4.50-29.25  selected items online W1600



55% off entire stock
sunglasses for her or him
orig. \$20-\$28, sale 9.00-12.60  selected items online P41829

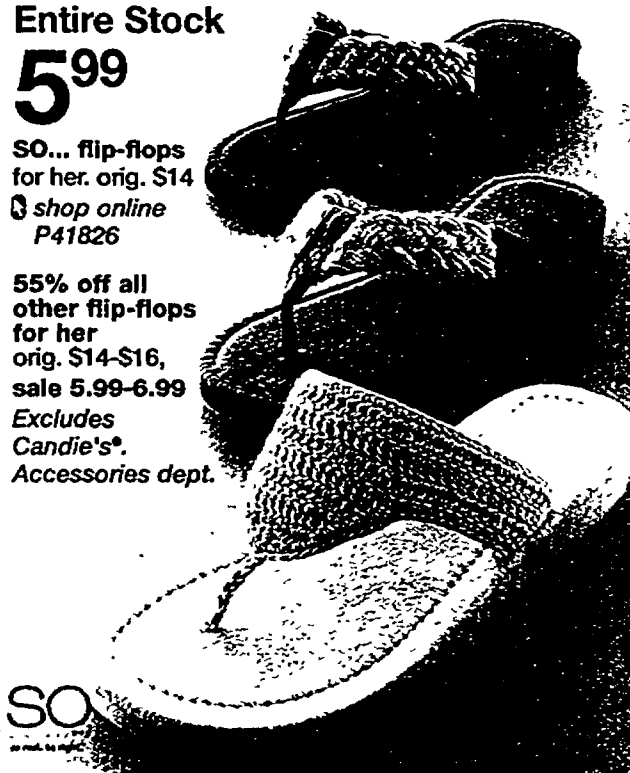


Entire Stock
45-55% off
Fashion accessories
for her. orig. \$8-\$40,
sale 3.60-18.00



Entire Stock
5⁹⁹
SO... flip-flops
for her. orig. \$14
 shop online
P41826

55% off all
other flip-flops
for her
orig. \$14-\$16,
sale 5.99-6.99
Excludes
Candie's®.
Accessories dept.



Entire Stock
35-55% off
Socks
for her.
orig. \$5-\$16,
sale 2.25-8.99
 selected items
online P41830



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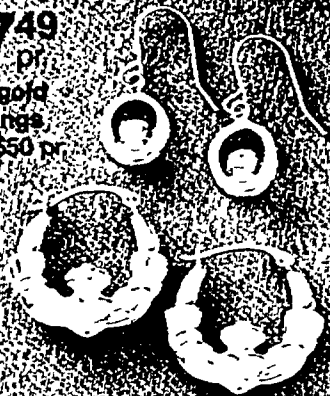
fine jewelry and sterling silver jewelry

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Entire Stock

1749
pr

14k gold
earrings
reg. \$550 pr



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23.99 pr

1/8 ct. T.W. round
diamond earrings.
14k gold.
reg. \$100 pr.

67.99 pr. Super Buy

1/4 ct. T.W. round or
princess cut
diamond earrings.
14k gold.
reg. \$250 pr.

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or princess cut
diamond earrings.
14k gold.
reg. \$750 pr.

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1 ct. T.W. round or
princess cut
diamond earrings.
14k gold.
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Super Buy

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ea

Your choice 1/4 ct.
T.W. diamond ring
earrings or
necklace 10k gold.
reg. \$300-\$350 ea.

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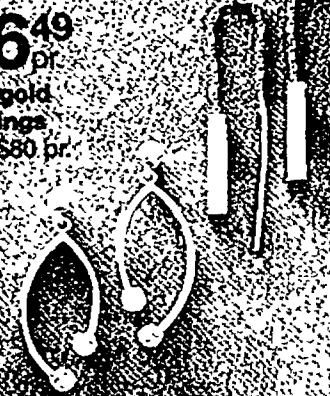
37.99
ea

Entire stock
diamond
accent
pendants
10k gold.
reg. \$125 ea.

Entire Stock

2649
pr

14k gold
earrings
reg. \$80 pr



Super Buy

67.99
set

Cultured
freshwater pearl
necklace and
earrings set
14k gold clasp and
earring posts.
reg. \$200 set.

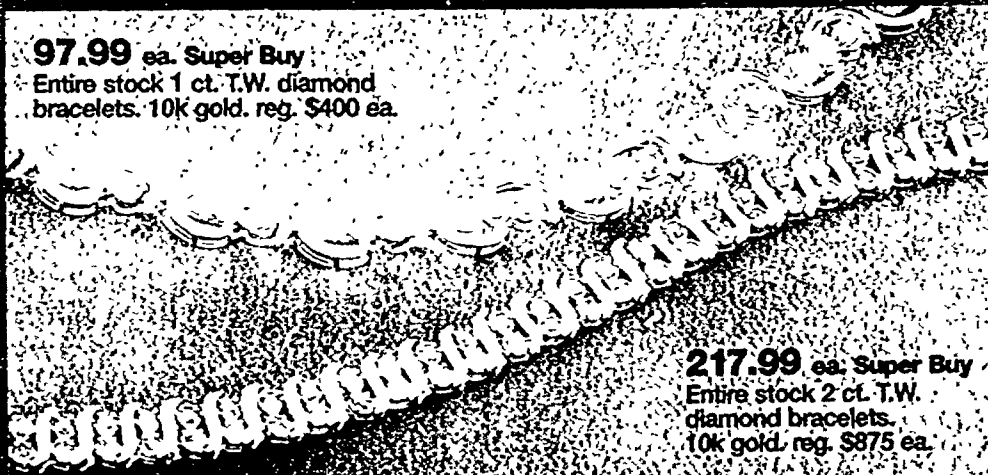
9.99
pr

Sterling
silver
earrings
reg. \$30 pr.



97.99 ea. Super Buy

Entire stock 1 ct. T.W. diamond
bracelets. 10k gold. reg. \$400 ea.

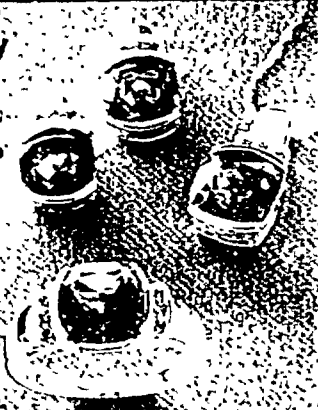


217.99 ea. Super Buy
Entire stock 2 ct. T.W.
diamond bracelets.
10k gold. reg. \$875 ea.

Super Buy

87.99
ea

Your choice
Mystic Fire
topaz with
diamond
accent
pendant,
ring or
earrings
10k gold.
reg. \$275 ea.



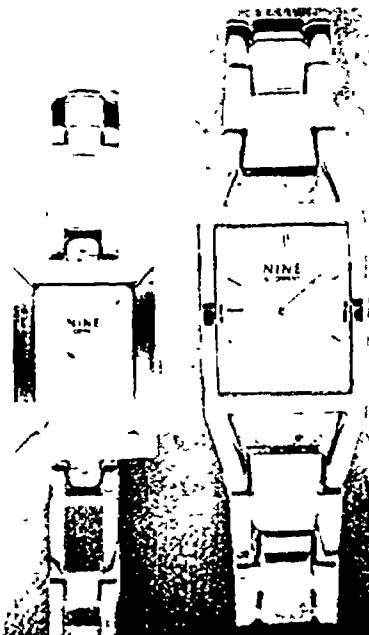
33-55% off entire stock watches

reg. 19.95-550.00,
sale 13.36-368.50

Q selected items
online F999

32.99 ea.

Your choice
Nine & Company®
dress watches for her.
reg. \$55 ea.



NINE & COMPANY

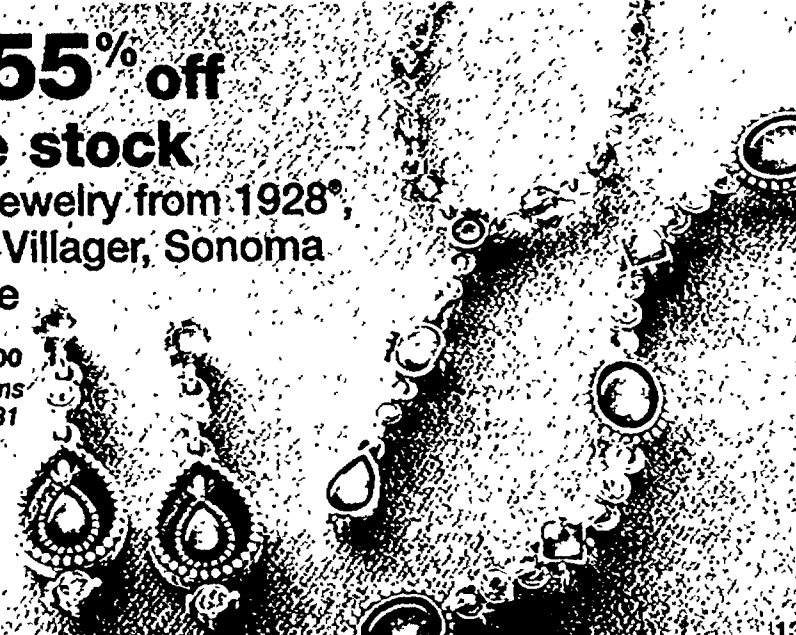
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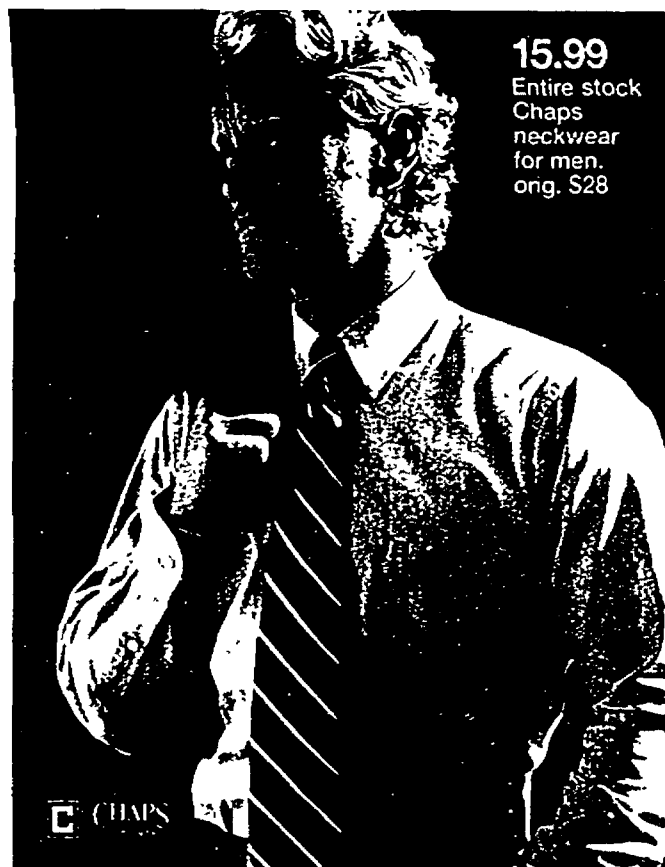
fashion jewelry from 1928®,
Napier™, Villager, Sonoma
and more

orig. \$6-\$50,
sale 3.60-\$5.00

Q selected items
online P41831

1928
JEWELRY





15.99
Entire stock
Chaps
neckwear
for men.
orig. \$28

CHAPS

Entire Stock
23⁹⁹

Chaps dress shirts
for men. orig. \$42
shop online P41832



shop online
P41833

CHAPS

Entire Stock
149⁹⁹

100% worsted wool suit separates for men
from Chaps & access.
reg. \$75-\$200, sale 39.99-110.00



selected
items online
P41834

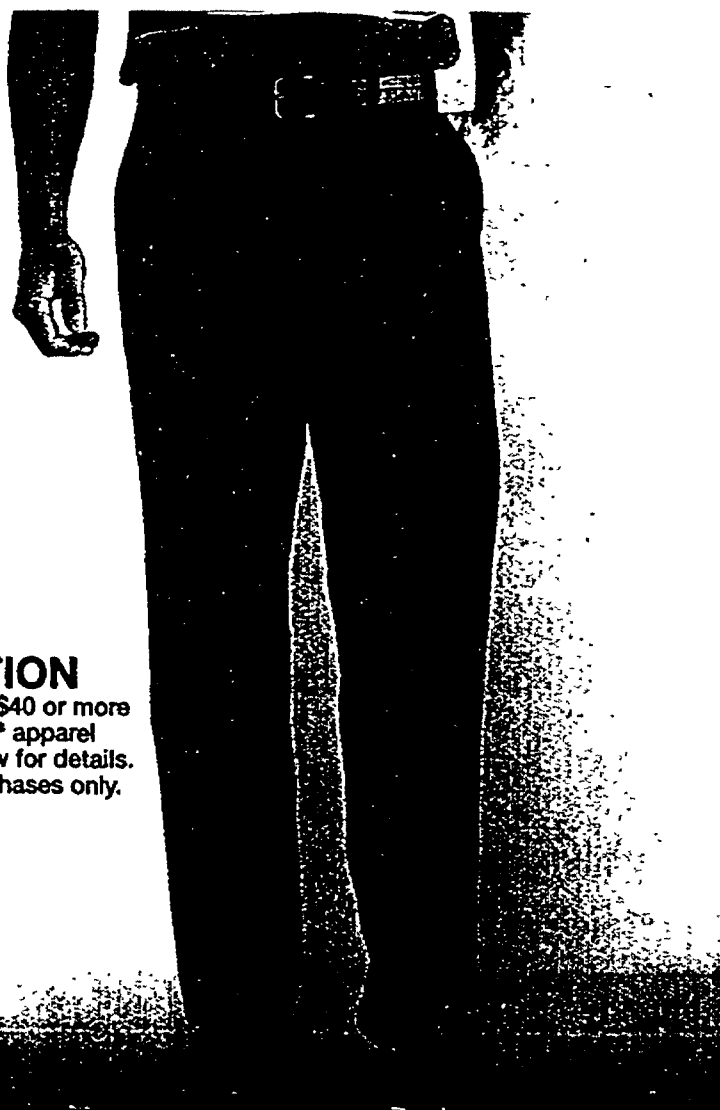
apt.9

Entire Stock
45-55%^{off}

Dress shirts & neckwear for men
from apt. 9*, Arrow, Croft & Barrow*,
access and Axiel*. orig. \$25-\$44, sale 13.75-21.99

Entire Stock
29⁹⁹

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for men.



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DESTINATION



Entire Stock
28⁹⁹

Haggar® Cool 18° & Comfort Fit
casual pants
for men.



shop online P41835

CHAPS

Entire Stock
50-60%^{off}

Dress pants for men
from Chaps, Braggi®, Axiel*
and Croft & Barrow®.
orig. \$45-\$75, sale 20.00-33.99

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a) qualifying bottoms and shirts only in men's, misses' and women's DOCKERS® clothing apparel OR
b) qualifying men's, young men's, misses', juniors', petites', women's, boys', girls', infants' or toddlers' LEVI'S® apparel products
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are eligible to participate.

50-55% off entire stock

knit tops for men from Croft & Barrow®, Sonoma and Arrow

orig. \$14-\$46, sale 5.99-21.99  selected items online P41836

9⁹⁹

Croft & Barrow®
solid piqué
polos
for men. orig. \$24

13⁹⁹

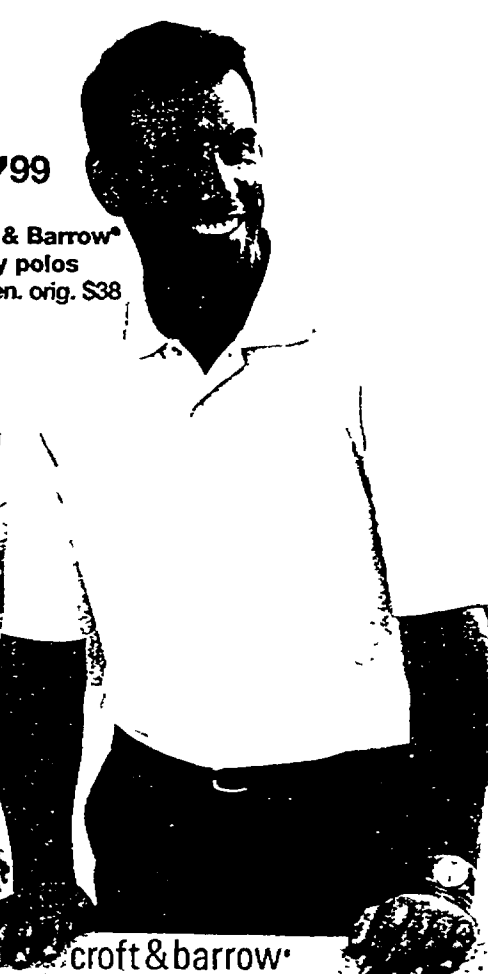
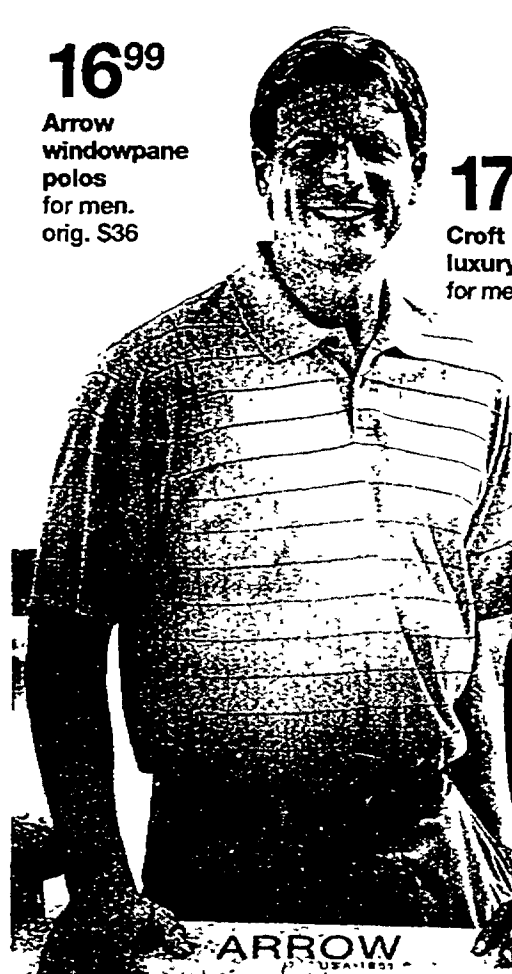
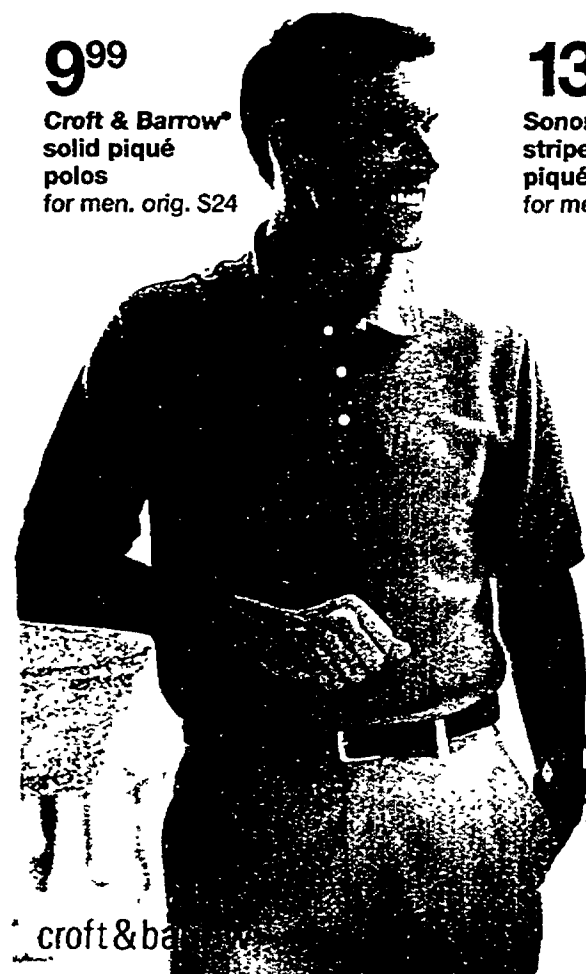
Sonoma
striped
piqué polos
for men. orig. \$30


16⁹⁹

Arrow
windowpane
polos
for men.
orig. \$36

17⁹⁹

Croft & Barrow®
luxury polos
for men. orig. \$38




 shop online
P41838

Entire Stock
40-55% off

Sportswear for men
from apt. 9™ and axcess.
orig. \$24-\$120, sale 9.99-58.99


45% off

Chaps sportswear
for men. orig. 36.00-39.50,
sale 19.80-21.72
Selected styles.
 shop online P41837

Entire Stock
40-55% off

Sport shirts for men
from Havana Jack's Café®, Arrow,
Haggar®, Axist™, Croft & Barrow®,
Sonoma and Natural Issue®.
orig. \$30-\$45, sale 13.99-24.99

Entire Stock
50-55% off

Golf tops for men
from Wedge™, Dockers® & Grand Slam®.
orig. \$24-\$50, sale 10.80-23.99
 selected items online P41839

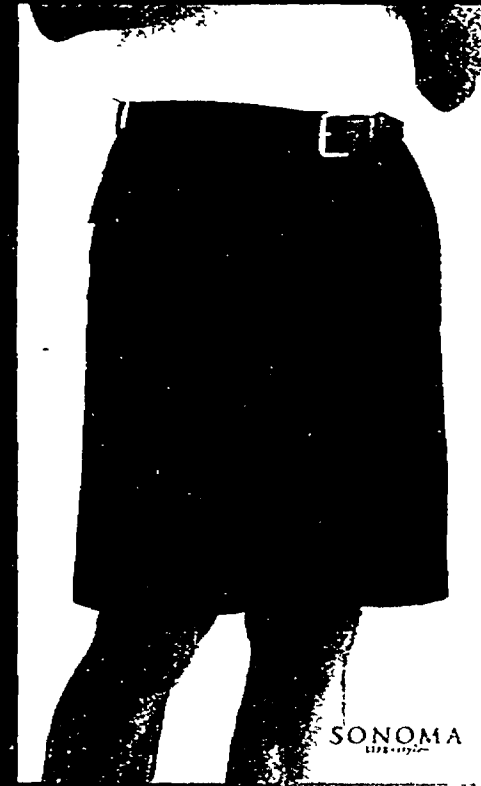
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selected items
online P41840



Entire Stock
15⁹⁹
Sonoma shorts
for men. orig. \$34



Entire Stock
19⁹⁹
Hugoboss shorts
for men. orig. \$36-\$38



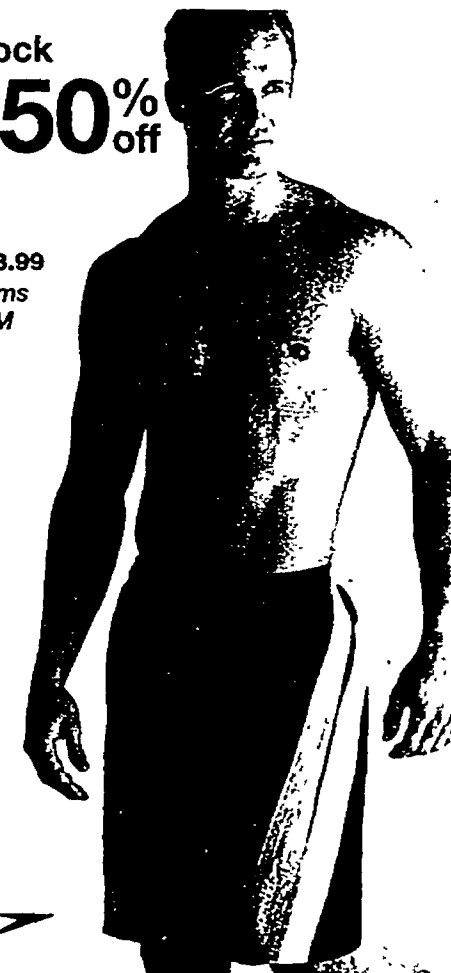
Entire Stock
21⁹⁹
Columbia Sportswear Company®
Burnt Mountain shorts
for men. orig. \$36



Entire Stock
21⁹⁹
Dockers® Classic Washed Flat
Front, Pleated and Cargo Shorts
for men. orig. \$36

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Swim trunks
for men.
orig. \$24-\$42,
sale 10.99-23.99
selected items
online: SWIM



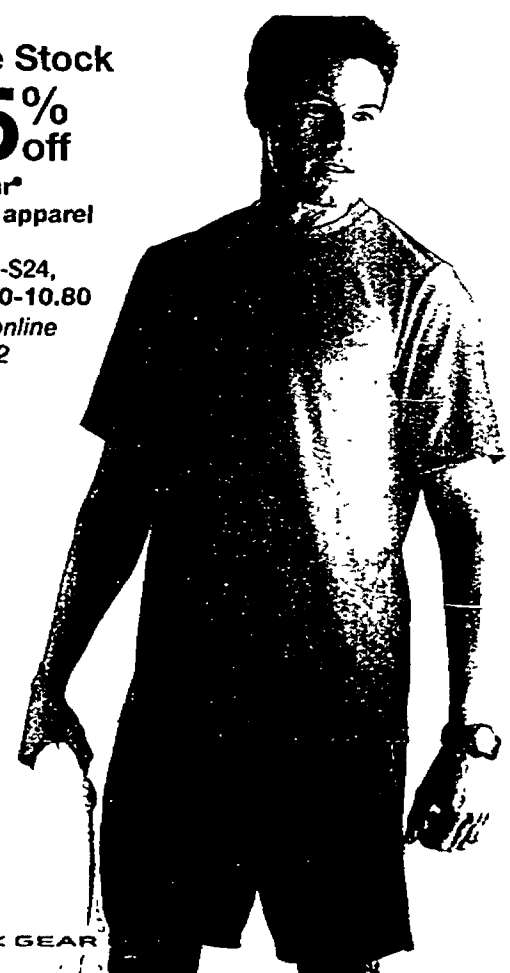
speedo

Entire Stock
25-55% off
Athletic apparel
for men.
orig. \$16-\$35,
sale 9.60-26.25
selected items
online P41841



adidas

Entire Stock
55% off
Tek Gear®
athletic apparel
for men.
orig. \$20-\$24,
sale 9.00-10.80
shop online
P41842



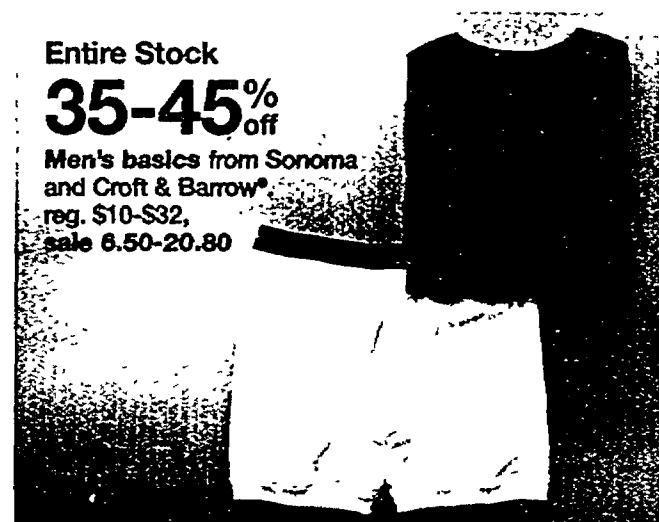
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lowest prices of the season on all shorts for young men

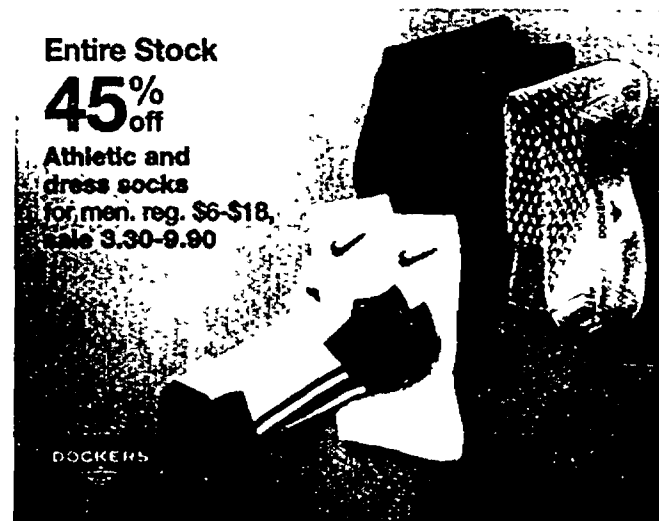
selected items
online P41843



Entire Stock
35% off
Hanes® Classics® underwear
for men. reg. \$10-\$27, sale 6.50-17.55



Entire Stock
35-45% off
Men's basics from Sonoma
and Croft & Barrow®
reg. \$10-\$32,
sale 6.50-20.80



Entire Stock
45% off
Athletic and
dress socks
for men. reg. \$6-\$18,
sale 3.30-9.90



Entire Stock
55% off
Loungepants & boxers for men
from Croft & Barrow® and Sonoma.
reg. \$12-\$20, sale 5.40-9.00



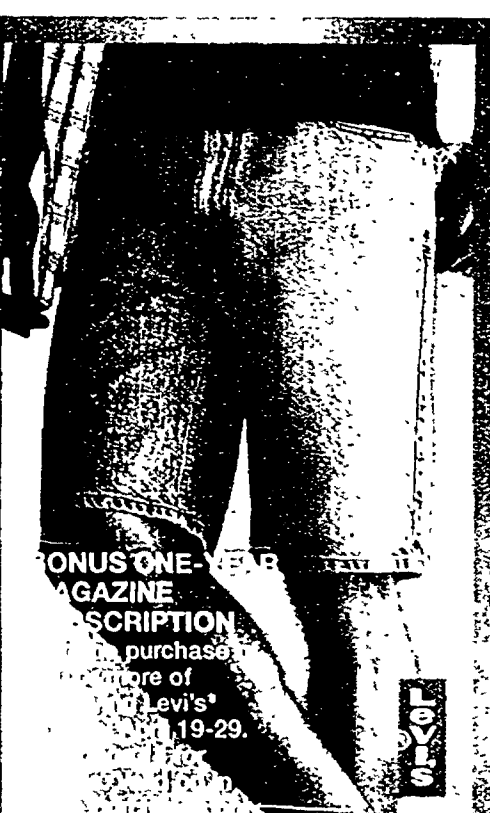
Entire Stock
15⁹⁹
Urban Pipeline™ twill & denim shorts
for young men. orig. \$34



Entire Stock
18⁹⁹
Lee® Dungarees shorts
for young men. orig. \$36



Entire Stock
18⁹⁹
Unionbay® shorts for young men.
orig. \$40



Entire Stock
19⁹⁹
Levi's® 505™ Regular Fit, 550™ Relaxed
Fit and 569™ Loose Straight Fit shorts
for men.

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Levi's®
shorts, 19-29.

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Entire Stock

849

Graphic tees
for young men.
orig. \$18
Excludes
collections.
selected items
online P41844



Entire Stock

15⁹⁹

Woven tops for
young men from
U.S. Polo Assn.
& Tony Hawk®.
orig. \$34



Entire Stock

12⁹⁹

Urban Pipeline™
polos for
young men.
orig. \$28



CHAPS

Entire stock Chaps
shorts for boys 8-20
orig. 39.50, sale 19.99

15⁹⁹ entire stock

Chaps striped polos
for boys 8-20. orig. \$28

selected items online P41846



19⁹⁹

Avirex® shorts
for boys 8-20. orig. \$40



40% off entire stock

Tony Hawk® apparel
for boys 4-20. orig. \$16-\$34, sale 9.60-20.40

selected items online P41847

lowest prices of the season
on all tops, jeans and pants for young men



Entire Stock

18⁹⁹

Lee® Regular and
Relaxed Fit jeans
for men.



Entire Stock

11⁹⁹

Sonoma Regular and Relaxed Fit jeans
for men. reg. 24.99
SONOMA life+style™
shop online P41845



Entire Stock

21⁹⁹

Unionbay® jeans and pants
for young men. orig. \$46-\$58



Entire Stock

16⁹⁹

Retro suit pants
for young men. orig. \$38
Retro blazers for young men
orig. \$100, sale 44.99



Entire Stock

55% off

Sleepwear
for boys 4-20.
orig. \$18-\$30,
sale 7.20-13.50
selected items
online K4100



Entire Stock

55% off

Swimwear
for boys 8-20.
orig. \$18-\$30,
sale 8.10-13.50



55% off entire stock

playwear for toddler boys
and boys 4-7

from Healthtex®, Carter's® and OSHKOSH®.
Playwear not intended as sleepwear.



Entire Stock

14⁹⁹

Levi's® jeans
for boys 4-7.
orig. 21.99

Levi's® jeans
for toddlers
reg. 17.99,
sale 12.99

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MAGAZINE
SUBSCRIPTION
with the purchase of
\$40 or more of qualifying
Levi's® apparel April 19-29.
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40% off

Nike® apparel
for toddler boys
& boys 4-7.

Lowest prices
of the season

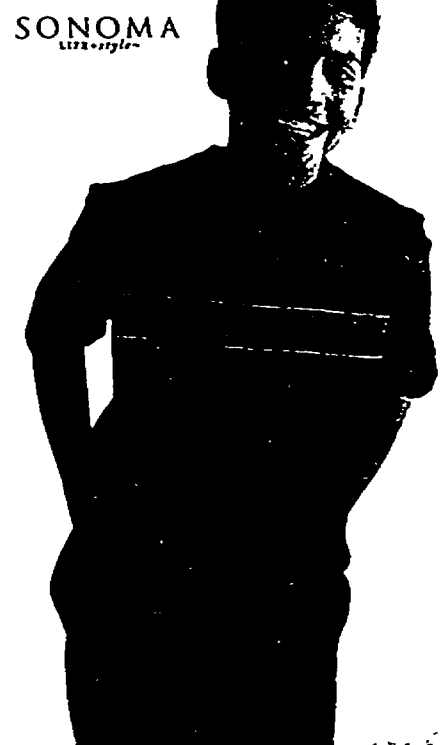
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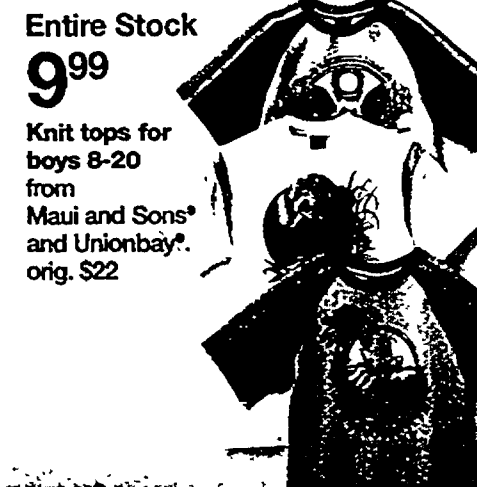
Entire Stock
7⁹⁹
Urban Pipeline™ jersey polos
for boys 8-20.
orig. \$18



Entire Stock
5⁹⁹
Sonoma jersey-striped tees
for boys 8-20.
orig. \$12



Entire Stock
9⁹⁹
XTreme Gear™
knit tops
for boys 8-20.
orig. \$22



Entire Stock
9⁹⁹
Knit tops for
boys 8-20
from
Maui and Sons®
and Unionbay®.
orig. \$22



Entire Stock
9⁹⁹
Camp
shirts
for boys
8-20.
orig. \$22



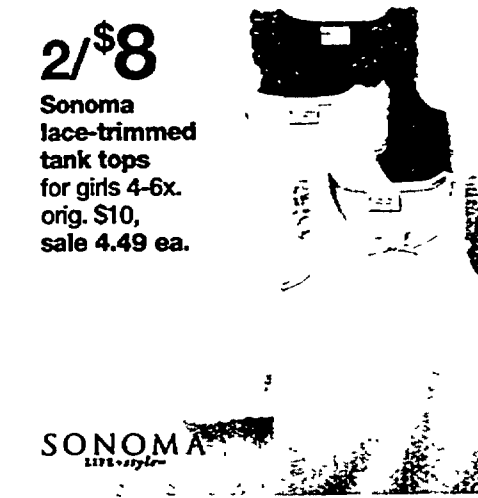
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2/\$10
Sonoma
fashion
tops
for boys
4-7.
orig. \$12,
sale 5.49 ea.
shop
online
P41849



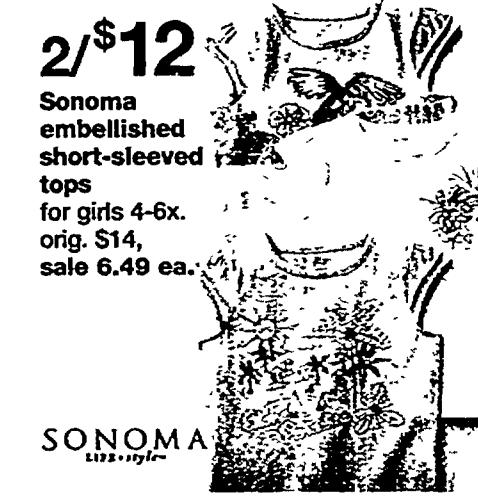
2/\$8
SO...
spring tees
for girls 7-16.
orig. \$10,
sale 4.49 ea.
shop online
P41851



2/\$8
SO...
V-neck and
crewneck
tees
for girls 7-16.
orig. \$10,
sale 4.49 ea.



2/\$8
Sonoma
lace-trimmed
tank tops
for girls 4-6x.
orig. \$10,
sale 4.49 ea.



2/\$12
Sonoma
embellished
short-sleeved
tops
for girls 4-6x.
orig. \$14,
sale 6.49 ea.

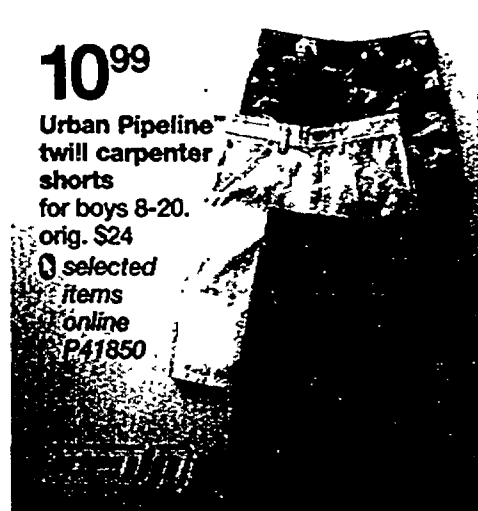


2/\$12
SO... fashion tank tops
for girls 7-16.
orig. \$14,
sale 6.49 ea.

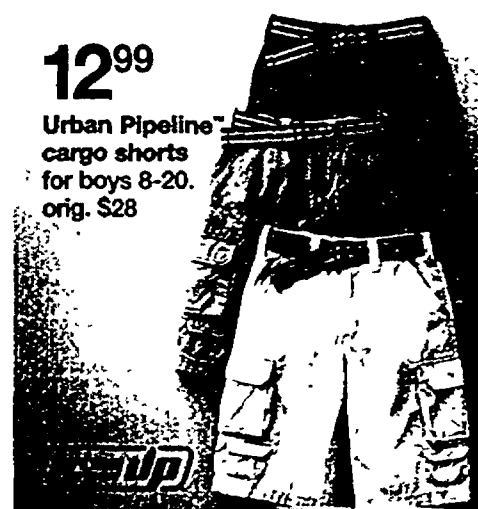


2/\$12
SO... polos
for girls 7-16.
orig. \$14, sale 6.49 ea.
shop online P41852

Lowest prices of the season on all tops and bottoms for kids



10⁹⁹
Urban Pipeline™
twill carpenter
shorts
for boys 8-20.
orig. \$24
selected
items
online
P41850



12⁹⁹
Urban Pipeline™
cargo shorts
for boys 8-20.
orig. \$28



17⁹⁹
Lee® Dungarees shorts
for boys 8-20.
orig. \$32



16⁹⁹
U.S. Polo Assn. shorts
for boys 8-20.
orig. \$36



6⁴⁹
Sonoma active shorts
for boys 4-7.
orig. \$14



6⁹⁹
Sonoma knit ruffled scooters
for girls 4-6x.
orig. \$16



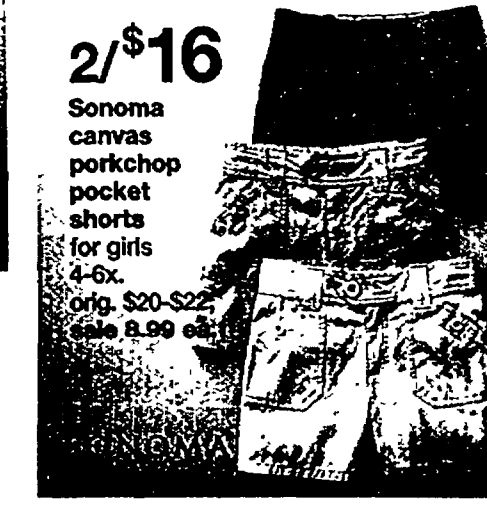
16⁹⁹
Cropped pants for girls 7-16
from Unionbay®, Mudd®, GLO® and Bongo®.
orig. \$30-\$32



16⁹⁹
Denim skirts for girls 7-16
from Mudd® and Bongo®.
orig. \$30



2/\$10
MJ Soffe®
shorts
for girls 7-16.
orig. 6.99,
sale 5.49 ea.
shop
online
72887



2/\$16
Sonoma
canvas
porkchop
pocket
shorts
for girls
4-6x.
orig. \$20-\$22,
sale 8.99 ea.

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& clearance-priced merchandise.
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Entire Stock
40-55% off

Collections
for girls 4-16.
orig. \$24-\$44,
sale 10.80-26.40
selected items
online P41853



50-55% off
all fashion tops for girls 4-16
orig. \$20-\$26, sale \$9-\$13 Excludes collections.

Entire Stock
55% off

Activewear
for girls 7-16.
orig. \$12-\$36,
sale 5.40-16.20
Excludes Nike®
& MJ Softe®.
selected items
online P41854



lowest prices of the season on everything baby

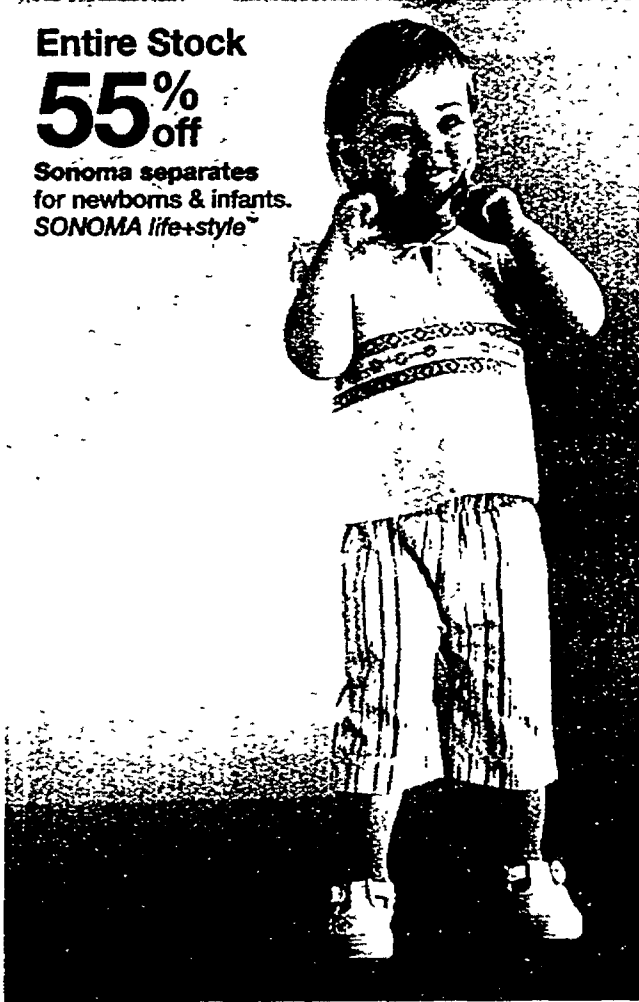
Entire Stock
30% off

Carter's® fashion layette
for newborns.
shop online
P41855



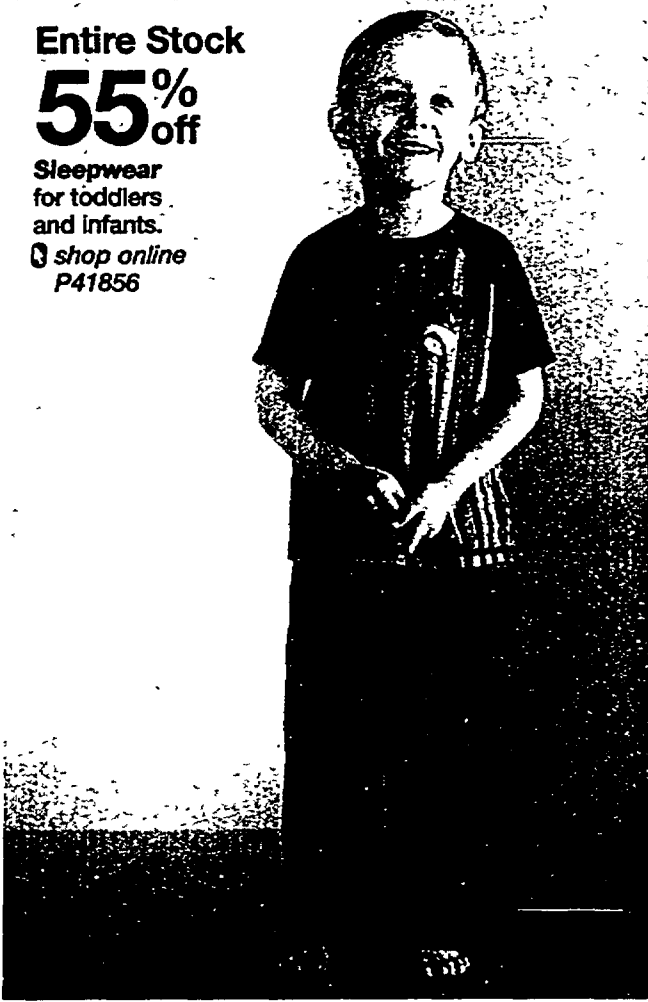
Entire Stock
55% off

Sonoma separates
for newborns & infants.
SONOMA life+style™



Entire Stock
55% off

Sleepwear
for toddlers
and infants.
shop online
P41856



Entire Stock
55% off

Sleepwear
for girls 4-16.
selected items
online K4100



Entire Stock
55% off

Flip-flops,
goggles &
sunglasses
for kids.
Kids' dept.

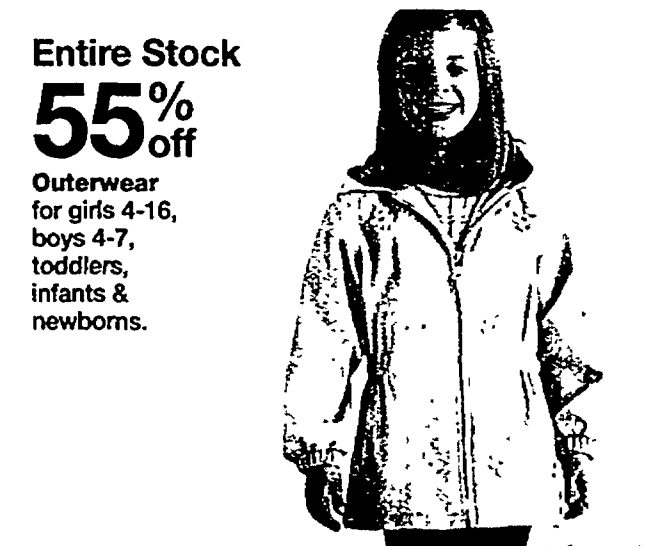


selected
items
online
K3300

55% off entire stock
swimwear
for girls 4-16, boys 4-7, toddlers & infants.
orig. \$16-\$40, sale 7.20-18.00

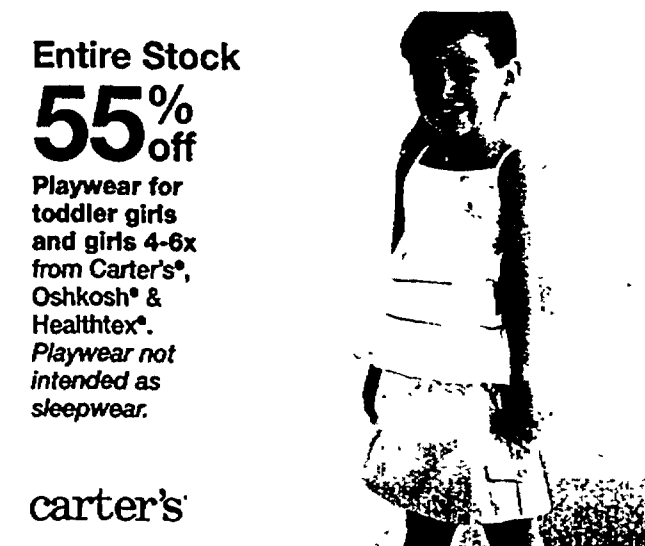
Entire Stock
55% off

Outerwear
for girls 4-16,
boys 4-7,
toddlers,
infants &
newborns.



Entire Stock
55% off

Playwear for
toddler girls
and girls 4-6x
from Carter's®,
Oshkosh® &
Heathtex®.
Playwear not
intended as
sleepwear.



carter's

15-50% off entire stock toys selected items
online P41857

Entire Stock
50% off

Barbie® dolls
& accessories



Entire Stock
45% off

Crayola® &
Play-Doh®
activities



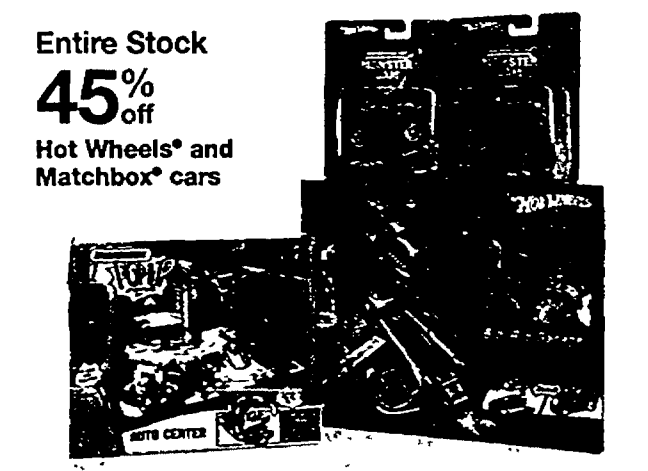
Entire Stock
50% off

Little Tikes® &
Fisher-Price® toys
Excludes
seasonal toys.



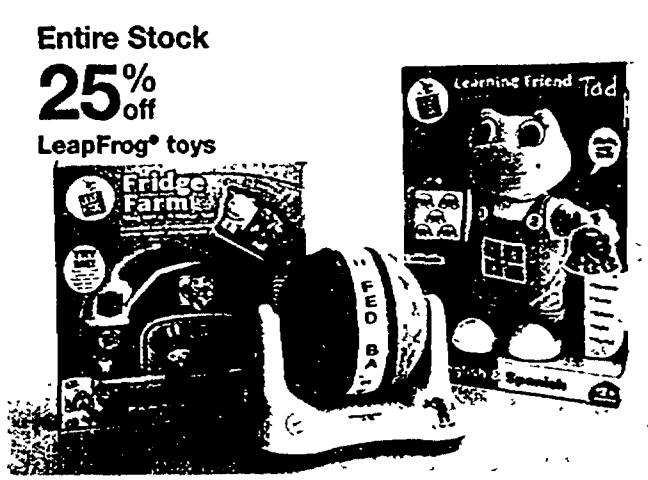
Entire Stock
45% off

Hot Wheels® and
Matchbox® cars



Entire Stock
25% off

LeapFrog® toys



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lowest prices of the season on all sandals and shoes

selected items
online: SHOES

19⁹⁹
Sandals
for women.
orig. 39.99
Selected styles.

Keds®
Fling Slide

Keds®
Fling Thong

keds

18⁹⁹
Sandals
for women.
orig. 39.99
Selected styles.

off & on

16⁹⁹
Sandals
for juniors.
orig. 34.99-39.99
Selected styles.

Unionbay®
Aztec

33⁹⁹
Candie's®
sandals
for juniors.
orig. 49.99
Selected styles.

Candie's®
Bellaa

UNIONBAY

16⁹⁹
Sandals
for kids.
orig. 29.99
Selected styles.

Skechers®
Fruitcakes
for girls

Skechers®
Kiddswaves
Sandysnap
for girls

11⁹⁹
Shoes & sandals
for toddlers.
orig. 24.99
Selected styles.

Carter's®
Tina
for girls

Carter's®
Hydrogen
for girls & boys.

SKECHERS

25⁹⁹
Sandals
for women.
orig. 44.99
Selected styles.

Dockers®
Suitably

Nine & Company
Merced

Villager
Parlor

Villager
Mansol

villager NINE & COMPANY DOCKERS WOMEN

28⁹⁹
Shoes
for men.
orig. 59.99
Selected styles.

Geo. Bruti®
Bartell

GEY
New

38⁹⁹
Shoes
for men.
orig. 59.99-69.99
Selected styles.

access
Venice

26⁹⁹
Athletic shoes
for men & women.
reg. 49.99-59.99
Selected styles.

Avia® 6448
running shoes
for men

Avia® 6450
training shoes
for women

Avia

36⁹⁹
Athletic shoes
for men & women.
orig. 54.99-59.99
Selected styles.

Nike® Air VXT-II
for men

Vans® Carty
skate shoes
for men

Reebok®
Classic Casplan
for women

Reebok VANS Nike

17⁹⁹
Athletic sandals
for men & women.
orig. 23.00-26.99
Selected styles.

adidas®
Twisp
for women

adidas

Nike®
Bati for men

adidas®
Calissage
for men

23⁹⁹
Athletic shoes
for kids.
reg. 34.99-39.99
Selected styles.

Nike® Vela
for boys

Candie's®
Mira for girls

Nike® Vela
for girls

Nike

43⁹⁹
Athletic shoes
for men & women.
orig. 59.99-69.99
Selected styles.

Asics®
Gel-Solution
running shoes
for men

Nike® Air
running
for women

New Balance® 504
cross training
shoes for men

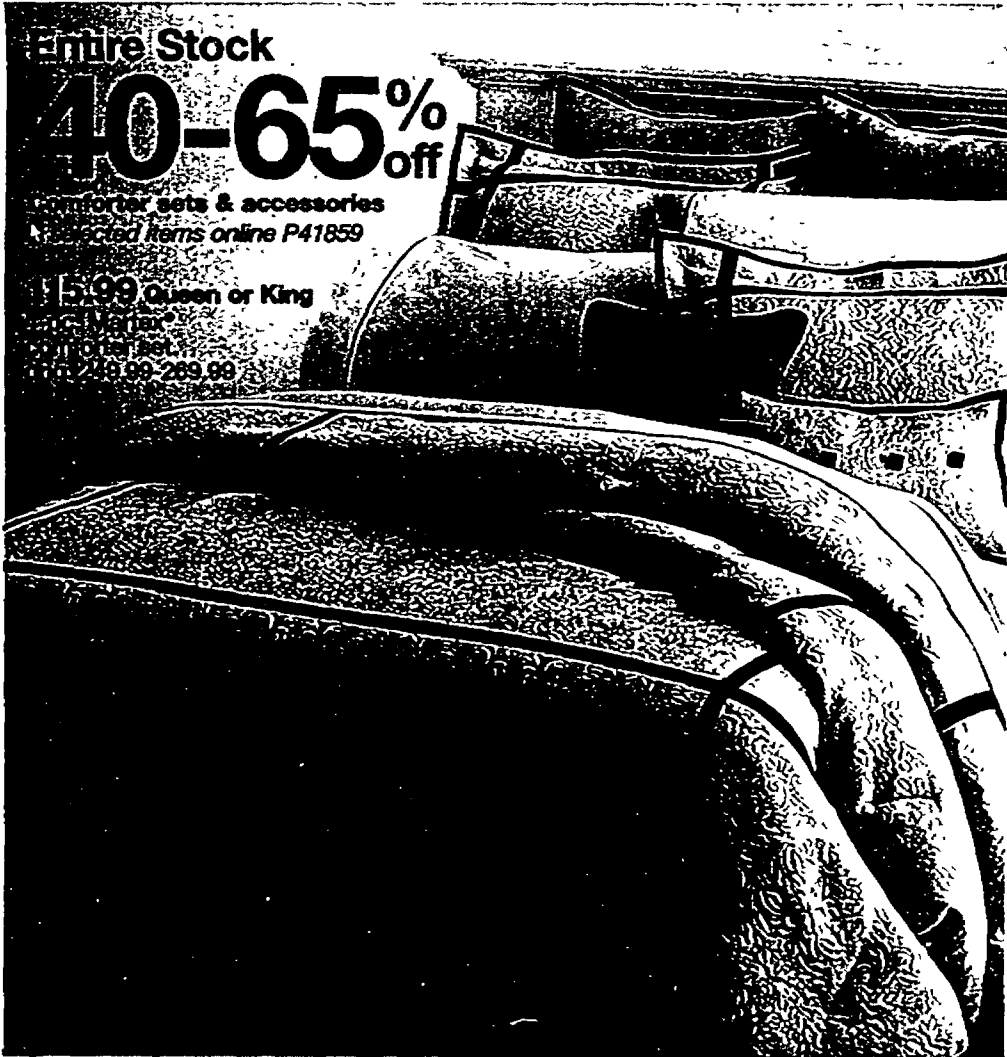
Asics Nike New Balance

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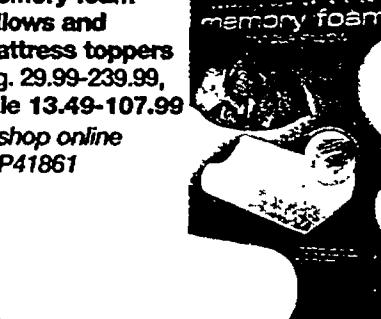
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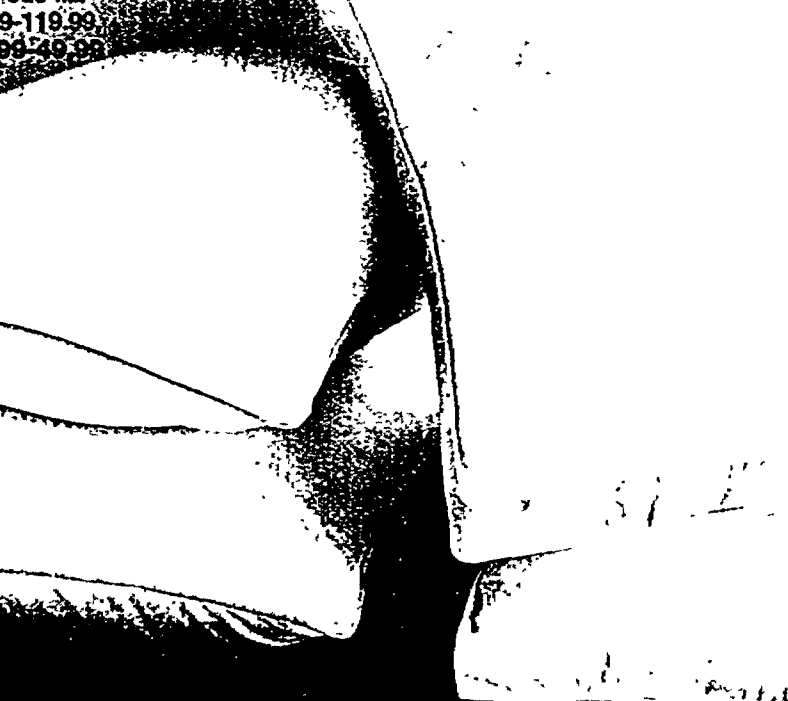
Entire Stock
40-65% off
 comforter sets & accessories
 Selected items online P41859
 \$15.99 Queen or King
 Winter
 4-piece set
 \$249.00 \$209.00

shop online
13470

Memory foam pillows and mattress toppers
reg. 29.99-239.99,
sale 13.49-107.99

 shop online
P41861

Bed pillows.
Choose from natural
or synthetic fill.
reg. 9.99-119.99
sale 3.99-49.99



A black and white photograph showing a quilted potholder with a small loop at the top left. To its right is a piece of fabric, possibly a napkin or placemat, with a handwritten note that reads "Thank you" and "Sally". The items are set against a dark, textured background.

Monet Flasks

**Shimmer
Stripe Blue**

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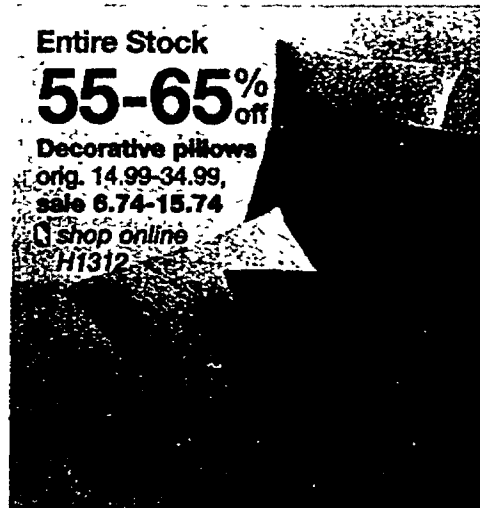
Entire Stock
55-70% off

Area rugs and matching scatters
shop online P41861



Entire Stock
55-65% off

Decorative pillows
orig. 14.99-34.99,
sale 6.74-15.74
shop online
H1312



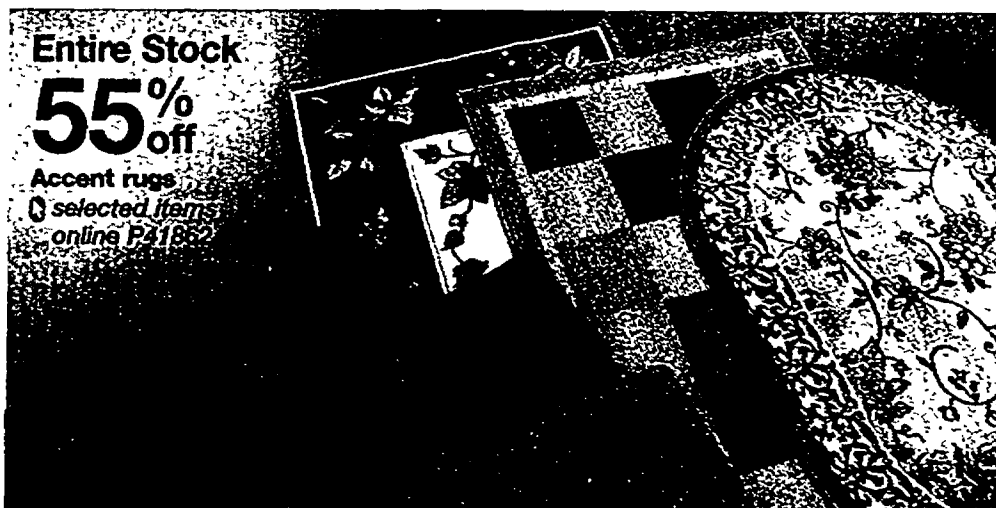
All Sizes
33.99

Home Classics®
slipcovers
reg. 89.99



Entire Stock
55% off

Accent rugs
selected items
online P41862



save on all luggage collections and luggage sets

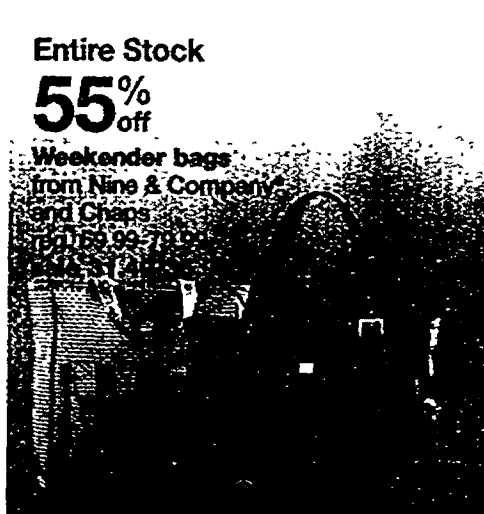
Entire Stock
30-55% off

Sport bags and wheeled duffels
reg. \$10-\$180, sale \$7-\$129



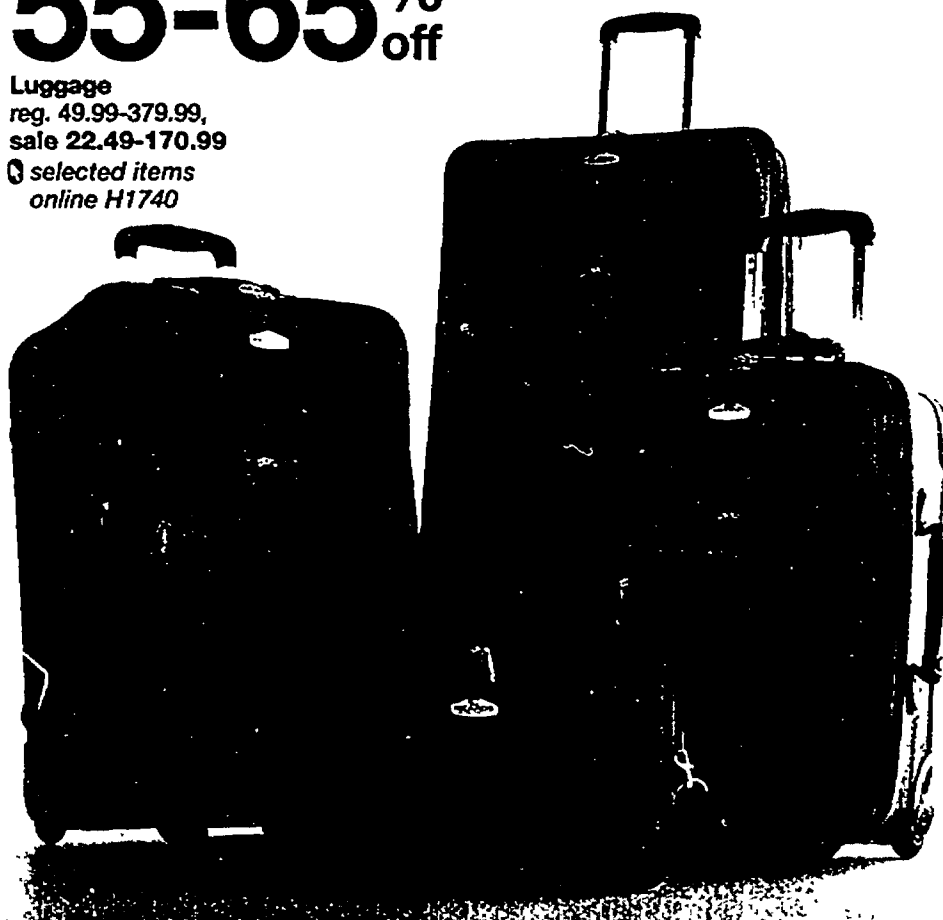
Entire Stock
55% off

Weekender bags
from Nine & Company
and Chaps
reg. 159.99-79.99,
sale \$129.99



Entire Stock
55-65% off

Luggage
reg. 49.99-379.99,
sale 22.49-170.99
selected items
online H1740



Entire Stock
60-65% off

Luggage sets
Choose from 3-,
4- or 5-pc. sets.
reg. 119.99-299.99,
sale 47.99-119.99

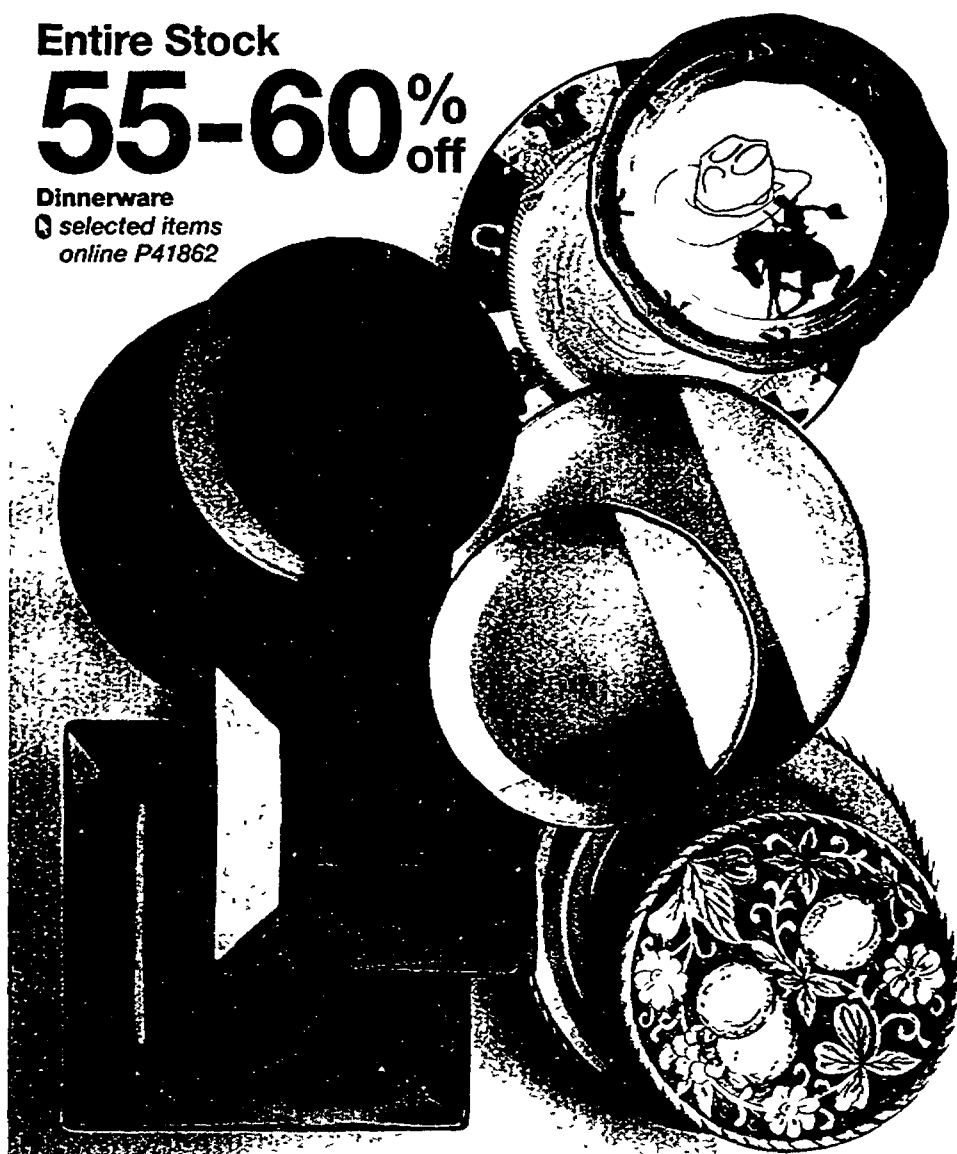


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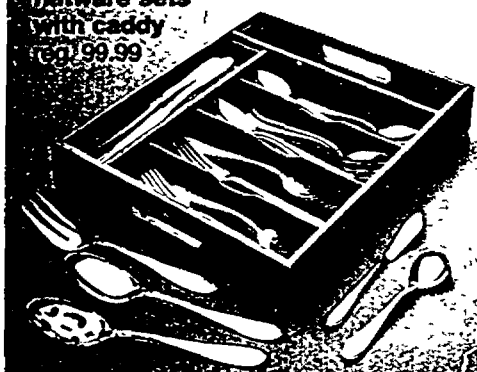
Entire Stock
55-60% off

Dinnerware
selected items
online P41862



43⁹⁹

66-pc. Cambridge®
flatware sets
with caddy
reg. 99.99



14⁹⁹

16-pc.
beverage sets
reg. 34.99



39⁹⁹

Over-sized cherry
TV tray sets
includes 4 trays
& 1 stand
reg. 99.99



Your Choice

84⁹⁹



24⁹⁹

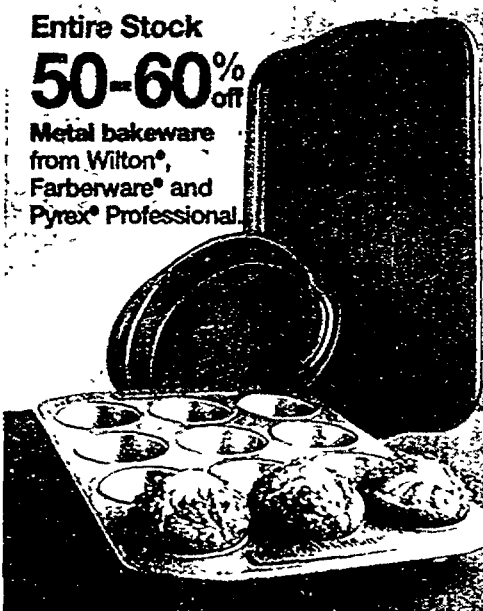
5.5-qt. Crock-Pot®
slow cooker with glass
lid and removable liner
Also available in white.
reg. 34.99



Entire Stock

50-60% off

Metal bakeware
from Wilton®,
Farberware® and
Pyrex® Professional.



129⁹⁹

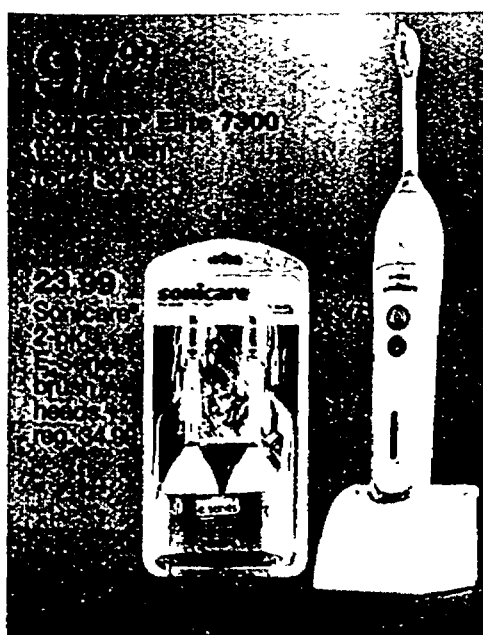
Farberware® Millennium®
11-pc. stainless steel
cookware set plus bonus
reg. 169.99

FARBERWARE



9⁹⁹

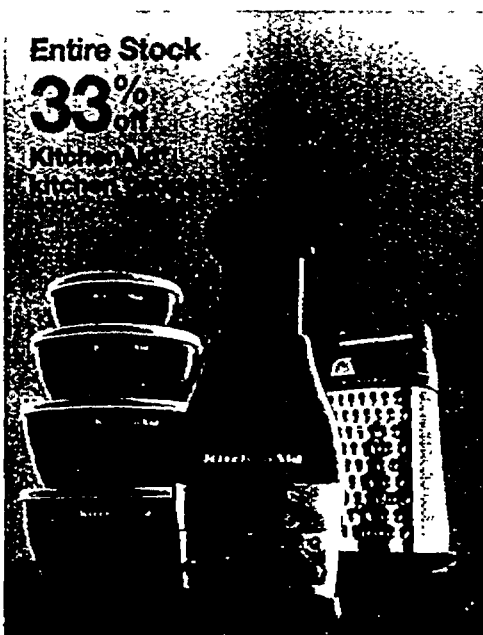
Electric Shaver
with 7300
series
reg. 14.99



Entire Stock

33% off

KitchenAid®
Kitchen



**FREE 8" STAINLESS
STEEL FRY PAN**

with the purchase of Farberware® Millennium®
11-pc. stainless steel cookware set.
A \$29.99 value
Free item available in store only.



Entire Stock
55% off
Frames



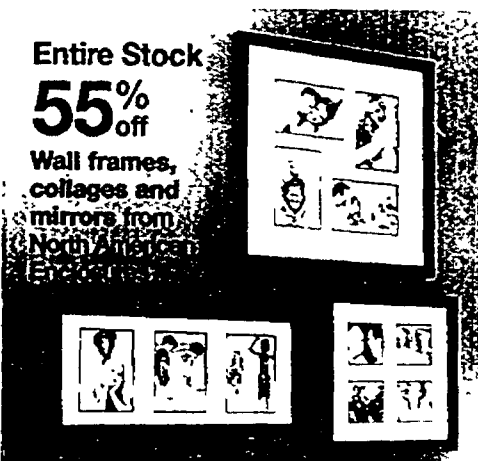
Entire Stock
55% off
Decorative art
selected items
online H4150



55% off entire stock selected items
online H3900

frames, decorative art, wall frames, collages,
media & photo storage boxes, albums and scrapbooks

Entire Stock
55% off
Wall frames,
collages and
mirrors from
North American
Express



8.99 Multiphoto wall
collage reg. 24.99



26.99
3-pk.
Level-Line™
Ledge set
reg. 59.99
Includes the
revolutionary
Level-Line™ mounting
system. Easy one
person installation.



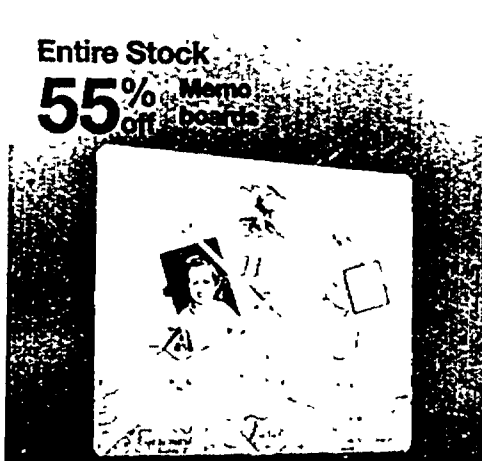
4.49
New View
plaque
reg. 9.99



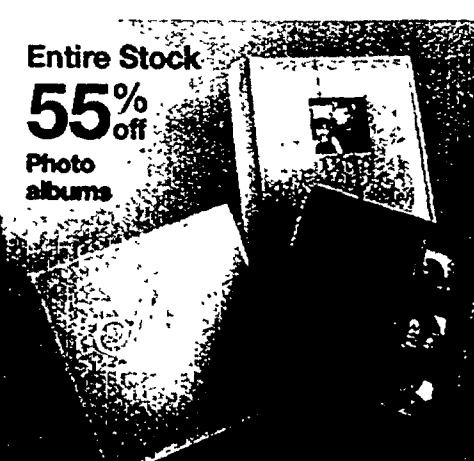
8.99
Media & photo
storage boxes
orig. 24.99



Entire Stock
55% off
Memo
boards



Entire Stock
55% off
Photo
albums



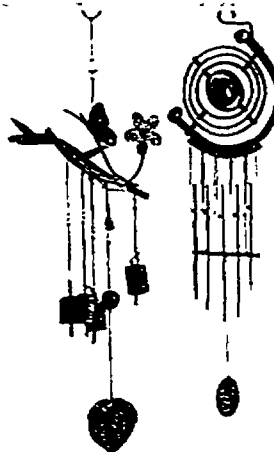
Entire Stock
55% off
Scrapbooks



Entire Stock
55% off



8.99
Wind chimes
Hand-tuned.
orig. 19.99
Selected
styles.



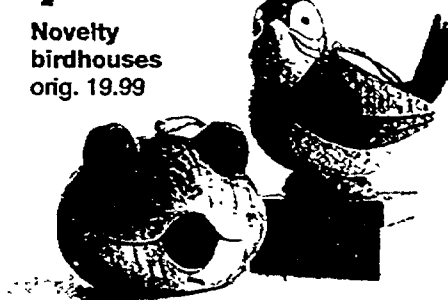
Entire Stock
5.49
Novelty planters
orig. 12.99



Your Choice
29.99 Summer Living®
Elegance table or chair
orig. 69.99 ea.



Entire Stock
7.99
Novelty
birdhouses
orig. 19.99



Entire Stock
16.99
Accent
tables
orig. 39.99
Some
assembly
required.



8.99
Flags
orig. 19.99
Selected
styles.



Garden flags
orig. 9.99, sale 4.49

14.99 Cactus margarita
pitcher set
orig. 34.99

50-55% off all
other barware



5.49
3x4" decorative
fruit ring with
pillar candle
Available in 6
fragrances.
orig.
14.99



Entire Stock
55% off
Candles from
Aroma Mix® &
For Every Body®



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Receive **cash**

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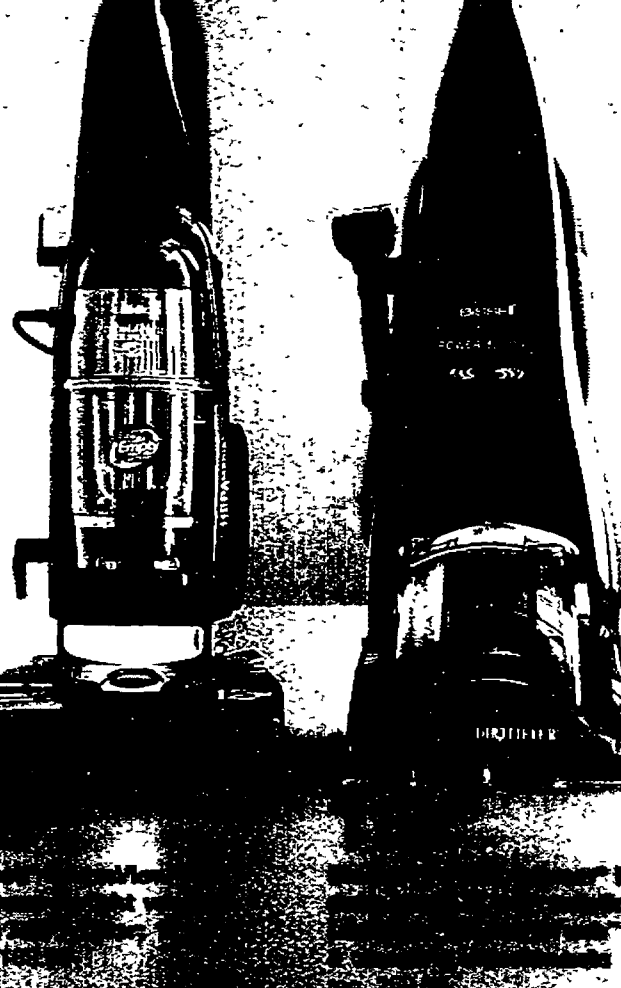
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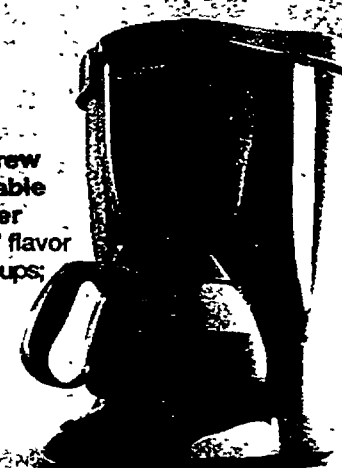
take advantage
of great
savings for
the home

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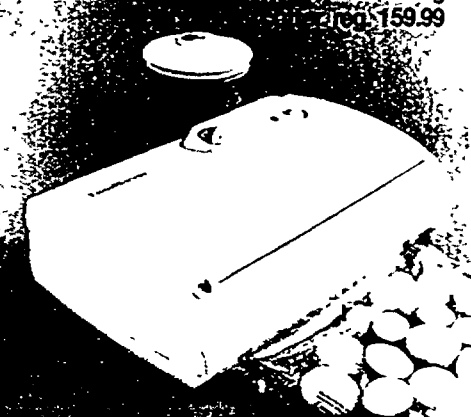
38⁹⁹

Cuisinart®
Grind 'N Brew
programmable
coffeemaker
Coffee Bar™ flavor
system; 10 cups;
brew pause
feature.
orig. 99.99



58⁹⁹

Vac 800 food
processor; 10
positions;
built-in bag.
orig. 159.99

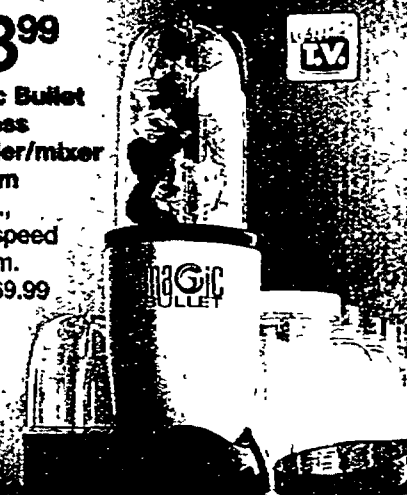


44⁹⁹

George Foreman™ 10th Anniversary
Limited Edition grill
160-sq. in. grilling surface; nonstick
coated plates. orig. 99.99

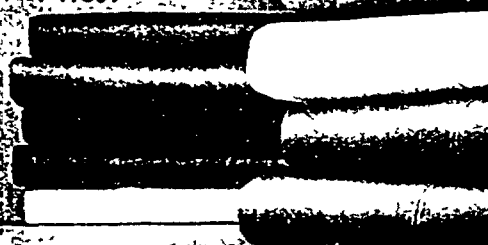
48⁹⁹

Magic Bullet
Express
blender/mixer
system
17-pc.,
high-speed
system.
orig. 69.99



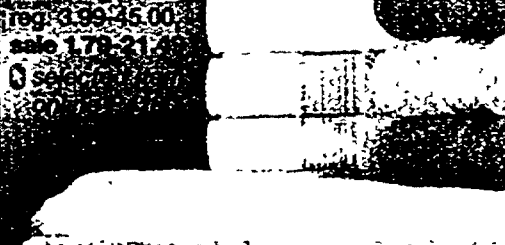
Entire Stock
55-65% off

Solid sheet sets
Excludes coordinating
sheet sets.
shop online
P41801



Entire Stock
50-65% off

Solid bath
towels,
washcloths,
hand towels &
bath rugs
reg. 3.99-45.00
sale 1.79-21.99
shop online
P41801



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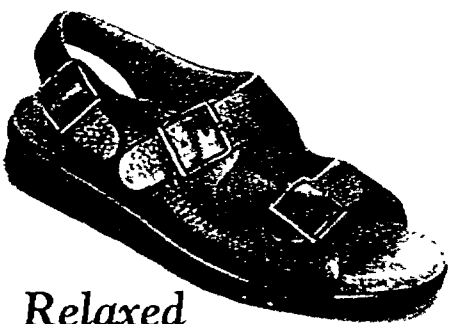


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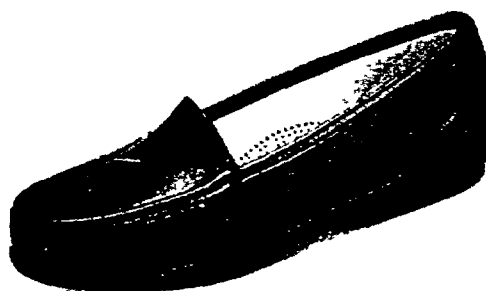
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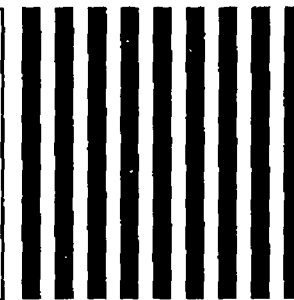
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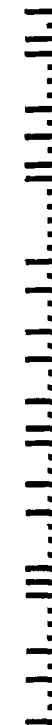
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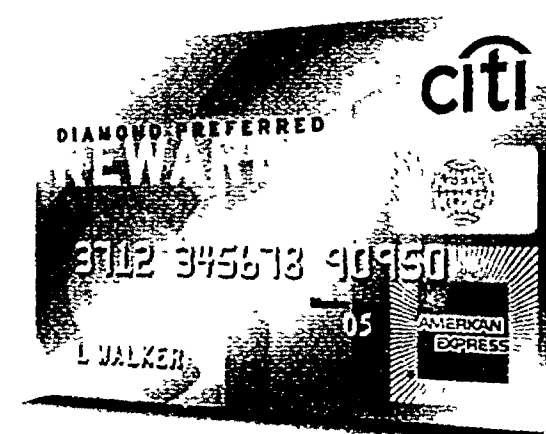
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—M. Barbera, Concord, Calif.

Absolutely. The band, featuring four of its seven original members, soon will hit the road for a summer tour with '80s rocker Huey Lewis. Chicago's new album, their 30th, is called simply XXX.

Q Whatever happened to Bryant Gumbel?

—Jo S., Hornbrook, Calif.

After hosting the *Today* program for 15 years, Gumbel joined CBS News in 1997 to anchor his own prime-time program, *Public Eye*, as well as the network's morning news program, *The Early Show*. He retired from major-network television in May 2002 but continues to host *Real Sports With Bryant Gumbel*, the HBO Sports cable-TV program that explores sports issues, controversies and personalities. In addition to several Emmy Awards for *Real Sports*, Gumbel has received the United Negro College Fund's highest honor, the Frederick D. Patterson Award, as well as the Martin Luther King Award from the Congress of Racial Equality, and three NAACP Image Awards.



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—Norman Humel, East Pembroke, N.Y.

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Q What can you tell me about Tamera Mowry on *Strong Medicine*? Was she one of the twins on the sitcom *Sister, Sister* several years ago?

—Laurie B., Mosordo, N.M.

Yes, Mowry, who plays Kayla Thornton on the Lifetime network's *Strong Medicine*, was one of the identical twins on *Sister, Sister* from 1994 to 1999. The show still airs on the Disney Channel. Born in West Germany and raised in Honolulu, Mowry began acting at the age of 12. She is a graduate of Pepperdine University and lives in Los Angeles with her dog, Malarno. ☆

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Jeff Bates Spreads the Love

On his second CD, *Leave The Light On*, Jeff Bates continues to show an honest approach to his music. "Good, bad or indifferent, in love, in pain, it's all right here in this record," the Mississippi native says. From the emotional "No Shame" and "One Second Chance" to the more upbeat "Good People" and "Hands On Man," Bates' smoky, seductive and deep voice is perfect for delivering his essential message: Love one another. "My goal is to make music that matters on a personal level to people," says the singer of the hits "Long Slow Kisses" and "The Love Song."



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At least that's according to author Kevin O'Keefe, who spent two years traveling from New Hampshire to Hawaii looking for the Average Joe and Jane. In this book chronicling the search, O'Keefe follows a standard for the average American based on 140 criteria—created from polls, surveys and U.S. Census Bureau data—that ultimately leads him to Bob Burns of Windham, Conn. (pop. 6,612). *The Average American* is a great source for politicians and marketers trying to identify the "typical" voter or consumer, but it's also a fun and informative way to find out just how average you are—or aren't.

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Mr. Rogers ended its TV run in 2001, but these tunes, delightfully performed in styles ranging from bluegrass to bossa nova, make the world sound, once again, like one big, friendly neighborhood. ★

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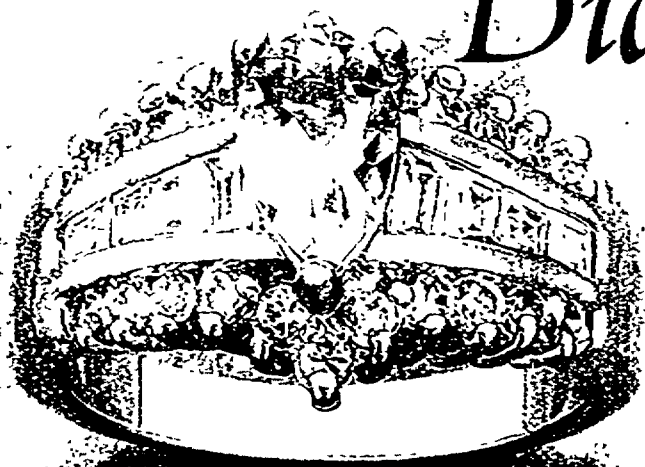
John Scabby Robe's piercing cry resonates through the gymnasium-like pavilion in his hometown of White Swan, Wash. (pop. 3,033), rising above the thousands of muffled voices of people attending the Treaty Day Powwow last June.

A second later, Scabby Robe's 10 brothers, seated with him in a circle, join in and together they sing in Blackfeet, the language of their ancestors. Each pounds a large cowhide drum, keeping the hypnotic rhythm of their song.

During their performance, sweat shines on their foreheads and darkens their shirt collars. The brothers' faces twist and pull with effort, eyes closed in concentration, as the song, a blend of oscillating high and low tones, climaxes into a crescendo of voices that seem to emanate from each man's soul.

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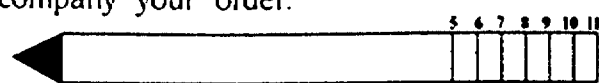
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just want to get close to the band of brothers known as the Black Lodge Singers, one of the nation's most popular powwow music groups.

Since Kenny Scabby Robe, 60, formed the group in 1982 with his 12 sons, the Black Lodge Singers—named for a band of tribal guardians who historically watched over the Blackfeet camp—have recorded 25 albums, been nominated for five Grammy Awards, won top prizes at powwows, played with rock stars and orchestras, and performed for international audiences and dignitaries, including Pope John Paul II.

"Black Lodge gets superior sound because they have been singing to each other such a long time. The uniformity of their singing and the tightness of it—that isn't easy to do," says Robert Doyle, president of Canyon Records, the Phoenix, Arizona-based recording company that has released 21 of Black Lodge's albums. "Artistically, that makes them very strong."



Group patriarch Kenny Scabby Robe

But Kenny Scabby Robe wasn't thinking about sound quality when he made an off-hand remark that altered his family's fate 23 years ago.

His sons, then ages 15 to toddler, begged Scabby Robe to take them to the powwow near their Yakama Nation home.

Powwows are festive gatherings where dozens of groups come to sing, dance, drum and compete for prizes.

"I knew if I took them they'd want popcorn and all that stuff," recalls Kenny, who worked as a laborer at the time. "I didn't have that kind of money, so I told the boys—as a way to get out of going—that I'd take them only if they were going to sing and dance."

Within days the boys were practicing, and Scabby Robe decided to teach them the traditional songs that he learned as a child and others that he had sung with his father-in-law, renowned singer Jim Weasel Tail, who died in 1975.

From the beginning, John, the middle son, was compelled by the spiritual and celebratory nature of the music. He prayed for the gift of song in the family's sweat lodge, and melodies came to mind.



The Black Lodge Singers perform during a powwow in White Swan, Wash.

"It was important to me that we have our own songs," says John, now 35 and living in White Swan.

With his father's help, John added lyrics to the melodies, and the boys began rehearsing, sometimes twice a day.

Nowadays, the group performs mostly original material—sometimes melodies without lyrics—created by John and other brothers who hum the tunes until the others learn it by ear. The Scabby Robes don't read music.

"The music is mostly on a feeling level," John says. "We don't sing for the glory or the hype or the recognition. We're singing from the heart for all the people out there. It's feeling music that helps spiritually and mentally."

Though oldest brother Thomas died in 2003, and others have left White Swan, the Black Lodge Singers still perform at more than 100 events and powwows each year. Other musicians sometimes fill in for an absent brother, but performing is primarily a family endeavor, shared with wives and children, who travel with the group. Kenny Scabby Robe hopes his grandchildren will carry on the tradition.

For now, the success of the Black Lodge Singers rests solely on a band of brothers devoted to their music and each other.

That's why the music is so meaningful," says Matthew Scabby Robe, 28. "No matter where we go, or what we get to do, as long as I have my brothers with me—that's the highlight."

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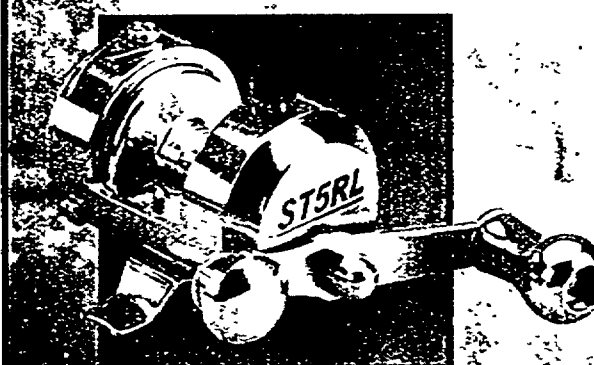
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Michael Sessions, an 18-year-old high school senior, saw a need for new leadership in his town and launched a winning door-to-door campaign for mayor.

Leading by Example

By DOUG GOODNOUGH

In small towns across America, citizens of all ages have always put their ideas—and ideals—into action, answering the call to lead and making their communities better places to live, work and raise families. Here are just a few of the inspiring small-town leaders we found who weren't afraid to step up and say, "There's a job to be done, and I'm willing to do it."

Michael Sessions, teenage mayor

When the afternoon bell rings, lots of high school students head to after-school jobs. Almost none of them, however, has a job like Michael Sessions, who puts his textbooks aside to pore over police reports and minutes from last night's city council meeting.

Last November, Sessions, 18, was elected mayor of Hillsdale, Mich. (pop. 8,233), in one of the slimmest margins of any election in the city's history. He defeated incumbent Doug Ingles, 51, by just two votes.

"I've always been interested in politics," says Sessions, who's been hooked ever since touring Michigan's state Capitol in the fourth grade.

Sessions joins at least two other newly elected 18-year-old mayors, Sam Juhl of Roland, Iowa (pop. 1,324), and Christopher Seeley of Linesville, Pa. (pop. 1,155), who also took office last November. Rarely have any year's local elections yielded as many as three mayors who must split their time between city hall and study hall, according to Sherry Conway Appel, director of media relations for the National League of Cities, and she thinks it's a good thing. "It's absolutely imperative that we have young people excited and involved for the future of our country," says Appel, "because they are the future of our country."

Sessions, who is completing his senior year at Hillsdale High School and still lives at home with his mom, Lorri, 42, and dad, Scott, 47, ran on a platform of revitalizing the local economy. Hillsdale, a working-class town about two hours southwest of Detroit, has seen a decline of manufacturing jobs, a fact that hit Sessions particularly close to home. His father lost his job in 2003 when the auto plant where he worked relocated to Mexico.

"He thought he could do something to try to help Hillsdale get out of its economic slump," says Scott, who now works as a medical assistant. "That's why he ran."

As soon as his school day ends at 2:30 p.m., Sessions heads to his mayoral workspace—the family room of his home—to check messages and see what's on the agenda for the afternoon. Like a lot of smaller towns, Hillsdale does not provide an office for its mayor. The job pays \$250 a month.

A typical afternoon includes attending meetings of the planning commission or the public safety committee, or returning phone calls from citizens with questions or complaints about barking dogs, garbage pickup or a malfunctioning traffic signal. Sessions' other mayoral responsibilities include authorizing city expenditures, running city council meetings and appointing individuals to serve in certain civic positions.

Improving communication between government agencies, especially police and fire departments, is one of his priorities. He also wants citizens to take renewed pride in



MICHAEL SESSIONS MAYOR

The young mayor of Hillsdale, Mich., won the election by a slim two-vote margin.

their city, and to spur the community to attract new employers and retain existing jobs.

"Here in Hillsdale, we haven't had a vision for our future," Sessions says. "I wanted to try to do something about that."

Ironically, political defeat is what spurred Sessions' interest in government. Last May, he lost a bid to become vice president of his high school's student council.

"I hope I am a role model for kids to get involved."

—Michael Sessions

"It made me work harder," says Sessions, who launched his mayoral campaign with \$700 earned last summer selling concessions at area fairs and festivals. Using a traditional door-to-door approach and buoyed by an endorsement from city firefighters, Sessions impressed voters with his youthful optimism and gung-ho energy.

"He campaigned like a seasoned pro," says Peter Beck, Hillsdale High School's assistant principal. "He knocked on

every door in the city. Nobody's ever done that before. He's fearless. He doesn't understand the word 'no'."

To balance his schoolwork and mayoral duties, some things had to give. Sessions resigned as manager of the wrestling team and dropped his spot as a sprinter on the Hillsdale track team. He also has to maintain the reputation and responsibilities of an elected official.

"I've got to watch what I do," says Sessions, whose friends refer to him as Mayor Mike. "I have to be mature."

He plans to attend a nearby college this fall to study political science while completing his four-year term as mayor—which, he says, is the ultimate internship.

"That's what I like the most," he says. "It's more than I can ever get in a classroom."

Sessions hopes to inspire other young people to participate civically, even if it's only exercising their right to vote. "I hope I am a role model for kids to get involved—anybody under the age of 25. I know it always discourages me when I'm talking to a hometown buddy from college who says, 'I wish I could have voted for you, Mike, but I never registered.'"

"We fought the American Revolution for one reason: to vote," he says.

Sessions also understands all too well that, in a close election, every vote counts—like the two that made him mayor of Hillsdale. ☆

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Stepping Up to the Job

Here are six other small-town leaders, nominated by their fellow citizens for recognition in *American Profile*.

Major contributor

John Saraga dropped out of high school at age 17 to join the U.S. Marine Corps. He earned his diploma and a bachelor's degree while serving his country and rose through the ranks to retire as a highly decorated major in 1994. It's no doubt military training helped make Saraga an effective leader during his two terms (1997-2005) as mayor of Xenia, Ohio (pop. 24,164).



From improving schools and city services to encouraging business development, Saraga attacked Xenia's problems aggressively. When a tornado devastated the town in 2000, he went into battle mode and had the damage cleaned up in two weeks. (FEMA later used his disaster response plan as a model following the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001.) Today, Saraga, 50, continues to expand his horizons, training to be a financial adviser.

He and his wife of nine years, Donna, have a 2-year-old son—presenting him with yet another welcome challenge. "I've got to figure out how to get him through college," he says with a smile.

More than one of the "guys"

"Some might say I'm doing a guy's job," says Debbie Preston, supervisor of Conklin, N.Y. (pop. 5,940). "But everything I've done in my life has been a guy's job." Well, not everything. Preston, 51, who sells big-rig trucks for a living, also is a wife and the mother to a 27-year-old daughter. In 1995, she accepted a position on the Conklin City Council, and five years later was elected town supervisor.

Under her leadership, the town restructured its water and sewer department, completed its master plan, enhanced the infrastructure, brought its budget into the black and is now building a senior center. But some might say Preston's toughest job was getting Conklin through two natural disasters and leading by example in the aftermath of Hurricane Ivan in September 2004 and another devastating storm seven months later. During one major flood, she spent an entire night standing guard at the entrance onto a washed-out bridge, alerting unsuspecting drivers of the danger. "I'm hands on," she says, "and not afraid to get in the water to help people."



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- 6 hard boiled eggs, sliced
- 1/2 pound deli-style roast turkey, sliced in strips
- 2 cups chopped romaine lettuce
- Salt and pepper, to taste
- 10 ounces frozen peas, thawed
- 1 red bell pepper, sliced thin
- 1 small onion, sliced thin
- 2 cups cubed Swiss cheese

Dressing:

- 1 ounce dry ranch-style dressing mix
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- 1 cup mayonnaise or nonfat yogurt

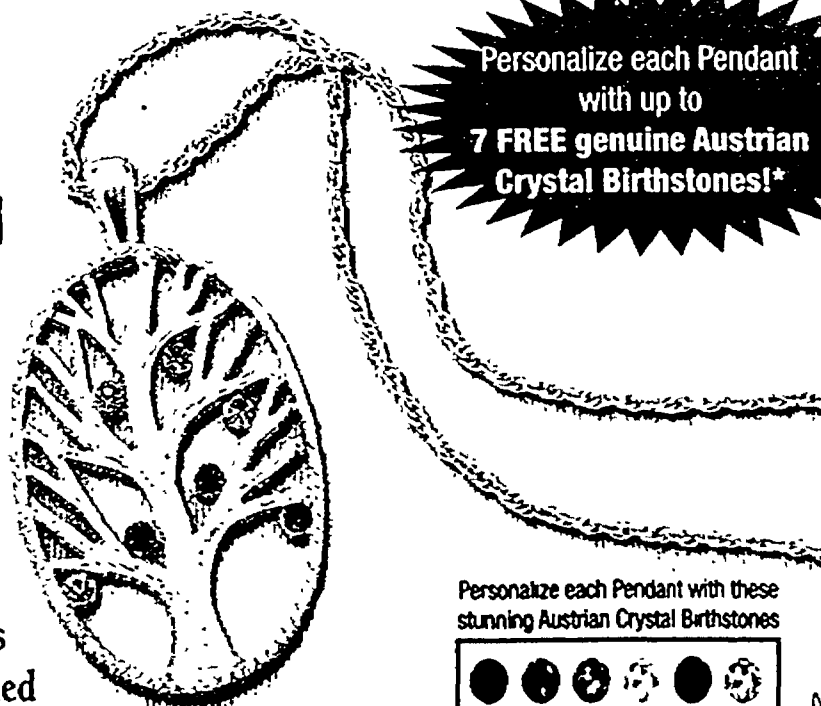
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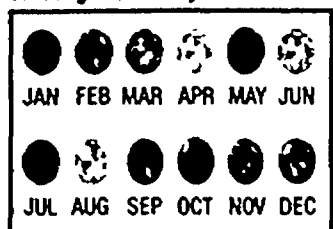
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EXCLUSIVE: Interview with Mrs. Norma Schinder and her daughter, Claudia



A concerned mother accidentally discovers the secret to losing weight without any strict diet and helps her grown daughter lose 41 pounds

QUESTION: Mrs. Schinder, looking at your daughter Claudia, I can see that she now has a fantastic figure—thanks to a special concentrated mixture that you discovered while you were on vacation in Switzerland. But, before we discuss this special mixture, perhaps you can tell me more about Claudia's weight problem.

MRS SCHINDER: Claudia loves to eat. When she was around 11 years old, she started to put on a lot of weight. By the time she was 14, she weighed close to 140 pounds.

CLAUDIA: Oh yeah. I remember my father's comments as I continued gaining weight. We were always buying new clothes in bigger and bigger sizes.

QUESTION: What finally persuaded you to lose weight?

CLAUDIA: As a teenager, my weight problem frustrated me. It depressed me. My brother was embarrassed to be seen with me. He wouldn't even let me ride to school with him in his car. The kids at school would call me "fatso", sometimes right to my face. Eventually, I no longer hung out with my friends. I just stayed home.

MRS SCHINDER: The worst were the visits to our family doctor. He told her that if Claudia didn't get her weight under control it would cause a lot of problems for her in the future. As a mother, I worried about her.

QUESTION: What recommendations did the doctor make to help Claudia lose weight?

MRS SCHINDER: Of course, the first thing he recommended was that she go on a diet. After a few months, he saw this wasn't working. So he prescribed some medication. Claudia lost about 20 pounds very quickly. But once she stopped taking it, she gained the weight right back and then gained even more.

CLAUDIA: I became even more depressed. The medication was affecting my moods and I began to feel lazy and unmotivated. Then, when I stopped taking it, I quickly regained all the weight I lost almost right away.

QUESTION: Did you gain all the weight back because you were eating more?

CLAUDIA: No. Actually, I was eating much less. I really felt like I was depriving myself even though I've got to admit, I treated myself to dessert every once in a while.

QUESTION: And now, I see before me, that you have the body of a swimsuit model...

CLAUDIA: (laughs) Thanks! I'm still young, but up until quite recently, my weight never really went down. I was losing weight, and then gaining it back again. Up and down like a yo-yo. I was sure that I had tried everything and I had convinced myself that I'd be like this for the rest of my life. But thanks to my dear mom, that all changed and I'm now slim and healthy.

QUESTION: Mrs. Schinder, tell me what you did to help Claudia.

MRS SCHINDER: I was on vacation in Swit-

zerland and, by chance, I came across an article in a magazine with the title "When You Just Can't Lose Weight...". The article was about a special mixture of certain spices and herbs macerated together, then concentrated in capsules that women were using to help them lose weight. In some cases, as much as 50 pounds. Right away, I thought of Claudia. The next day, I found a telephone number I could call to order this product. I learned that these capsules were sold under the name EPH200. I placed an order for Claudia without telling her. I wanted it to be a surprise.

CLAUDIA: Oh, I remember. Was I ever surprised! When my mother came back from her trip, she stopped by to see me at my apartment. With a big smile, she said: "My dear Claudia, the lover of rich foods, you are soon going to have a slim figure even as you continue to cook gourmet meals and continue to eat in restaurants. Keep an eye on your mailbox and call me when it arrives. I'm not going to say another word." I thought she was being a bit dramatic and was actually teasing me. But a few days later, I knew she wasn't and that she was right. At that time, my doctor told me that I was overweight by 40 pounds.

QUESTION: Then, what happened?

CLAUDIA: A few days later, the mailman handed a package to me that couldn't fit in my apartment's mailbox. I didn't have a clue what it was. As I was opening the box, I then realized what it was. I called my mom right away. I remember, it was a Friday and I started taking my first capsules of EPH200 the next morning, on Saturday. I started to follow the instructions and to take the recommended dosage for the amount of weight I needed to lose. At that time, I weighed 160 pounds. The instructions said not to weigh yourself for the first three days. I could hardly control myself because I was actually feeling lighter. Finally, on Tuesday I stepped on the scale and couldn't believe my eyes. I had lost 7 pounds!

Now I'm proud of my new figure and I'm no longer embarrassed to wear my bikini.

QUESTION: Did you continue taking the EPH200 capsules?

CLAUDIA: Yes, of course! I was so encouraged. I continued taking the EPH200 capsules before each meal as directed. I didn't change my eating habits. I was pretty much eating the same as before. I decided I would only weigh myself every three days. Every time I weighed myself I'd see that I had lost a few more pounds. After three weeks, I had already lost 15 pounds!

QUESTION: Mrs. Schinder, when did you notice that Claudia was losing weight?

MRS SCHINDER: Oh, almost right away. Her dad's reaction was the best. One evening, after dinner, out of the blue, he asked me, "Norma, have you noticed how much slimmer Claudia looks? She looks better, much healthier. But I'm worried." I told him to relax and why there was nothing to worry about.

QUESTION: Claudia, how long did it take to lose those extra pounds and reach your desired weight?

CLAUDIA: Every day it was becoming more and more obvious that I was getting slimmer all over. After seven weeks, I had lost 40 pounds. Two weeks later, I reduced my dosage of

I weighed 160 pounds and tried every diet out there. I gave up: Nothing worked for me... until my mother returned from her last trip



For me, the most important thing is that after six months, I haven't gained a single ounce back*. What's more, I'm not depriving myself of the foods I love.



EPH200 The directions said that in order to stabilize the weight reached, it's recommended to take a smaller dosage of capsules for a two-week period.

QUESTION: Did you tell your family doctor about EPH200?

CLAUDIA: Yes, of course! At first, he was skeptical. But after looking over the ingredients and hearing about my progress, he congratulated me on my success. He even joked that he found me a bit too slim. Now, he recommends EPH200 to his other patients who need to lose weight.

QUESTION: How about your health? Didn't you experience any fatigue or perhaps, jitters while you were losing weight?

CLAUDIA: Nothing at all. I felt great. I even felt that I had more energy than usual. These capsules are really something special. They help you to lose weight and they increase your energy level. I feel like a kid again!

MRS SCHINDER: Oh, she's always on the go. I haven't seen her this energetic since she was child. I'm so proud of her.

QUESTION: Were your friends surprised?

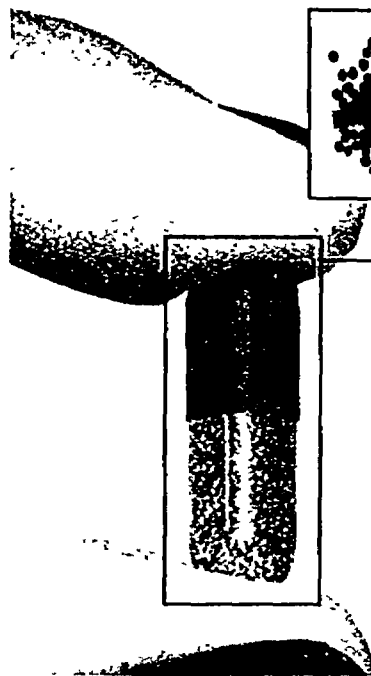
CLAUDIA: Were they ever. Some of them said they didn't recognize me anymore. Actually, a couple of them wanted to lose some weight so I recommended EPH200 to them. It worked for them, too.

QUESTION: Have you been able to easily maintain your desired weight?

CLAUDIA: Oh, yes. Easily. After six months, I haven't gained back a single ounce. I'm still eating all the foods I love. My weight is stable at 119 pounds*. When people tell me that I'm lucky to be able to eat whatever I want and not gain weight, I can't help but smile.

REPORTED BY FRANCK L. MILLER

As part of a nationwide information campaign on EPH200, everyone who wants to lose weight can call toll-free, 1-800-404-3257, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for a risk-free trial. (Simply mention EPH200, tell the agent how many pounds you would like to lose and give your Risk-Free Trial Reader code: EPH039)

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For those who don't like the taste of spices or herbs

The specially processed spices and herbs are 100% natural. EPH200 contains *absolutely* no ephedra, nor any other drug. What's more, the EPH200 mixture is prepared as a concentrated powder and put into easy-to-swallow capsules with absolutely no taste.

Do you have to follow any strict diet?

EPH200 has been specifically designed for those people who have not been able to lose weight by following a strict diet. It is recommended to follow the instructions and to eat normally while taking the recommended number of EPH200 capsules

before each meal based on how much weight you want to lose. The instructions are clearly described in the enclosed information pamphlet. There is only one special requirement:

EPH200 comes with a special chart that you must fill in by marking down your weight-loss results every 3 days. It is very important carefully indicate your results using this chart to ensure that you are not losing too much weight too quickly. In the event of a dramatic or too rapid loss of weight, you must reduce your daily intake of EPH200 for 2 to 3 days.

What is a "dramatic or too rapid loss of weight?"

Weight loss of up to 6 pounds per week has been reported*. Among certain people, the loss can even reach up to 12 pounds the first week*. This is too much! If this happens, you must reduce your daily intake of capsules for 3 days. Normally, people who have more than 25 pounds to lose should not lose more than 6 pounds per week. ■

If you read nothing else, you should at least read this...

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Locust Hill's Victorian Tea & Garden Tour—Greencastle, May 5-7. Step into the past with a cup of tea and a walk through the heirloom gardens of this antique shop housed in a home built in the 1800s. (765) 653-1260.

IOWA

Spring Fling 2006—Council Bluffs, May 6. Enjoy concerts by artists, including Brian Hamilton, Gregg Busch and the Four Fold Quartet, crafts, food and children's activities during this celebration at East Side Christian Church. (712) 323-7805.

KANSAS

Rock Hound Show & Swap—McPherson, May 5-7. Buy, sell and trade rocks, gems, minerals and fossils during this event, which also features jewelry and lapidary work and an auction. 4-H Fairgrounds. (620) 241-7003.

MICHIGAN

Book Festival—Ann Arbor, May 10-14. Enjoy author readings and panels, peruse books and attend sessions on topics such as literacy, poetry, cooking and home decorating during this downtown event. (734) 369-3366.

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Pioneer Power Swap Meet—Le Sueur, April 28-30. Browse more than 900 vendor exhibits featuring antique farm machinery and collectibles, flea market items and crafts at the Pioneer Power Show Grounds. (507) 931-2296.

MISSOURI

Prairie Pine Quilt Guild Show—Mexico, May 6-12. View more than 100 quilts and quilting materials on display and enjoy luncheons May 9 and 11 at the Audrain County Historical Society Museum. (573) 581-3910.

NEBRASKA

Honky Tonk BBQ Festival—North Platte, May 12-14. Features an amateur barbecue competition, a craft show and exhibitions, Colgate Country Showdown and live entertainment at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. (308) 534-6650.

NORTH DAKOTA

Spring Steak Fry—Hazen, May 11. Celebrate the season during this community event featuring a grill-your-own steak dinner with all the trimmings, plus live music, at the Hazen Golf Club. (888) 464-2936.

OHIO

Ohio Youth Rodeo Finals—Wilmington, May 13-14. Cheer as cowboys and cowgirls up to age 18 compete in rodeo events, including calf roping, pole bending, goat tying and barrel racing, at Roberts Arena. (740) 775-3298.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Spring Fling—Webster, May 6. Shop for bargains during this citywide rummage sale with special sales by local businesses and join in a treasure hunt and guess-the-weight-of-the-pig-and-win-it contest. (605) 345-4668.

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STEPPING UP TO THE JOB (Continued from page 7)

Senior mayor

"I've always had a problem saying no," says Crawford "Joe" Wyatt, mayor of Mountain View, Ark. (pop. 2,876). And the town's residents couldn't be more grateful. After serving in the U.S. Army during World War II, Wyatt operated a pharmacy in Mountain View for 30 years before retiring. But it wasn't long before he was urged to run for mayor in 1990. Today, at 81, he's Arkansas' oldest sitting mayor, and has made a plethora of contributions during his three terms—creating police and sanitation departments, a water treatment plant, paving the streets and improving city parks. "It's not the retirement I envisioned," Wyatt says with a laugh. He and his wife of 59 years, Maxine, have a son, Kenny, who's an optometrist in town. Some would say



Photo: Rusty Dyer

Wyatt's greatest accomplishment occurred last year when he performed CPR on a heart attack victim and sprinted several hundred yards to summon assistance. "He's doing fine," reports Wyatt of the man whose life he helped save. "In fact, he was just in my office this morning."

Renaissance man

Doctor. Councilman. Veteran. Actor. Pilot. Some might call Carlton Cook a modern-day Renaissance man. The citizens of Tecumseh, Mich. (pop. 8,574), are happy just to call him their friend. After serving in the Army Air Corps, Cook graduated from medical school at the University of Michigan and moved to Tecumseh to set up a private practice in the early 1950s. "I practiced hard for 38 years," he says, "then came in one day a week for another 12." During that time, Cook also served on Tecumseh's city council for nearly 20 years, raised money with the Kiwanis Club for another 20, performed in some 40 local plays, sang in a barbershop quartet and piloted his private plane around the nation with Lynn, his wife of 55 years. Looking back, Cook readily calls his six children his greatest achievements. "None are in jail," he says with a laugh. "Two are doctors, three trained as nurses and another's a flight attendant."



Photo: William Jordan

Dynamic minister

Since Don Stribling became minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Lamesa, Texas (pop. 9,952), in 1997, he's been a one-man dynamo of community activism. He is the director of the Lamesa Area Chamber of Commerce and serves on the boards of the Northridge Retirement Center, the Lamesa Community Players theater troupe and the local Boys and Girls Clubs. Stribling, 48, also served as director for the local United Fund, played a role in building a new hospital, developed a program to renovate low-income housing and saved the local theater from bankruptcy by heading a volunteer drive to refurbish and operate it. Although his father was a minister, young Stribling was initially more interested in politics. He earned his college degree and worked as an aide in the state Legislature before making a bid for the Democratic nomination for Congress in 1986. He lost the nomination, but was offered a job the next day as youth director for a church in Amarillo. "That's when it hit me that the ministry was what I wanted to do," he says.



Photo: David Stribling

Giving back

As a scoutmaster, president of the local Lion's Club, arts supporter and member of the Thomaston-Upson Board of Education and PTA, Ed Bell always has been involved in Thomaston, Ga. (pop. 9,411). After retiring as an insurance agency director in 1995, he took his community involvement to the next level and was elected to the city council. "People encouraged me to run," says Bell, 76, now serving his ninth year on the council. "It's my way of giving something back." Following service in the Navy, he graduated from Georgia State University with a business degree and moved to Thomaston in 1958. "My greatest challenge was coming to a strange town and building a business," he says. He confronted a more personal challenge in 1996 when he was diagnosed with cancer. "I got a clean bill of health nine years ago," he says proudly. Bell also is proud of his three children, six grandchildren and his wife of 49 years, Pat. ☆



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Hometown Spotlight

Staging a Texas Legacy

by SHERYL SMITH-RODGERS

A lone cowboy on horseback, holding a fluttering Texas flag, stands at the edge of a high ridge in Palo Duro Canyon State Park. Suddenly, fireworks explode in the evening sky, signaling the start of a historical summer pageant that has celebrated the Texas Panhandle's ranching heritage for 40 years. As sparks fade, the audience in Pioneer Amphitheatre cheers wildly while the rider races along the ridge's edge and vanishes into the darkness.

"I remember seeing that cliff rider as a child, and I always wanted to be one," says Shannon Timberlake, 47, of nearby Canyon, Texas (pop. 12,857). "Now I am, and I can't explain the feeling I get when I hear people whooping as I ride away. It's awesome."

Canyon's relationship with cowboys, cattle and the 120-mile-long Palo Duro Canyon—known as the Grand Canyon of Texas—is legendary and undisputable.

In 1887, cattle rancher Lincoln Guy Conner founded the town, which residents named after Palo Duro Canyon. When the railroad arrived a decade later, Canyon City—renamed Canyon in 1911—became a major shipping center for cattle and cotton.

Past performers Cheri and Gene Morrison of Canyon, Texas

Canyon is just as well known for West Texas A&M University, the Texas Panhandle-Plains Museum, and Palo Duro Canyon State Park, which hosts 60 performances of *Texas* from June to August on an outdoor stage amid the canyon's 600-foot sandstone cliffs.

"So many small towns are dying, but not Canyon," says Sarah Grabber, 70, a Canyon resident



Texas history comes to life during the summer pageant at the Pioneer Amphitheatre. and pageant volunteer who greets visitors as they enter the 1,724-seat amphitheatre. "It's a bustling little place."

It wasn't always the case. In the late 1950s, Canyon's economic future appeared bleak. In 1960, though, a few residents saw promise in the past and asked playwright Paul Green to pen a historical drama about the Texas Panhandle and its colorful and rugged pioneers.

In July 1966, *Texas* opened at Pioneer Amphitheatre. Over the next 37 seasons, the two-hour pageant drew an audience of more than 3 million who watched cast members sing and dance their way through the struggles and triumphs of homesteaders and ranchers who settled the region in the 1880s.

"In the beginning, we competed against *Gunslinger* and TV dinners," says Gene Morrison, 52, a Canyon native who performed in the drama as a teen and later served as treasurer of the Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, which funded construction of the outdoor theater. "Today, it's Blockbuster (videos) and theaters showing 16 movies a night, so we had to look for other opportunities."

In 2002, declining ticket sales prompted organizers to produce a new show, *Texas Legacies*, to renew interest in the annual pageant. This year a cast and crew of 120 will return to the original script.

"It became very obvious that our customers were clamoring for the return of *Texas*. This timeless story about the determination of the people who settled in the Texas Panhandle still delivers a lot of entertainment punch. Now, we get to introduce a new generation to this saga," says Joe Groves, the pageant's executive director.

The show's enduring legacy and widespread appeal are obvious to Benjamin Grabber, 24, a Canyon resident who portrayed a Texas Ranger and a military officer in last year's production.

"The play's big enough to be known around the world," says Grabber, who works in the theater's box office during the day. "But people in Canyon still feel like it's their hometown show." ☆

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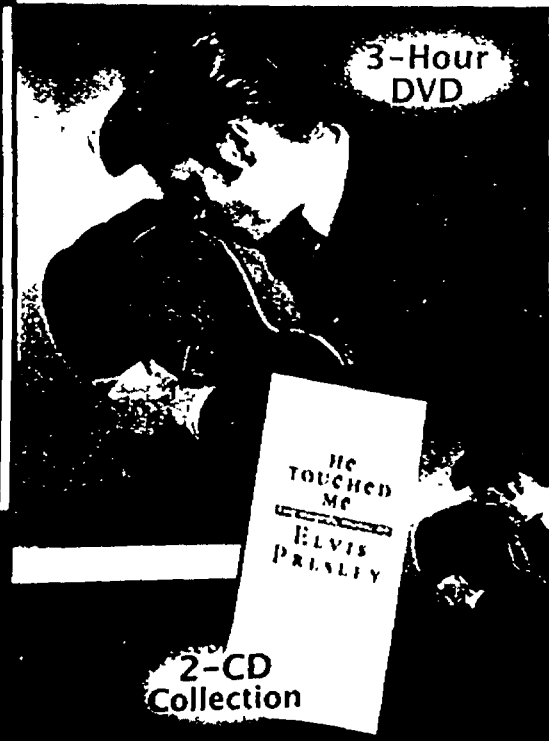
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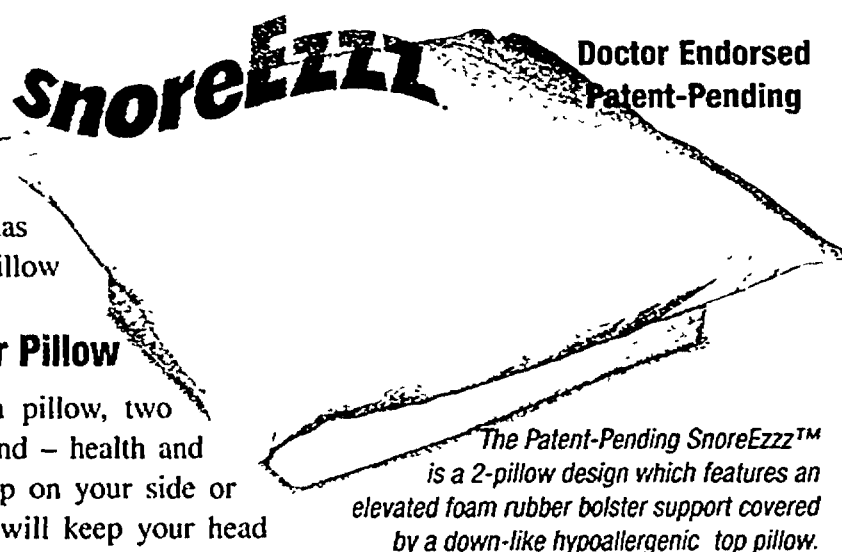
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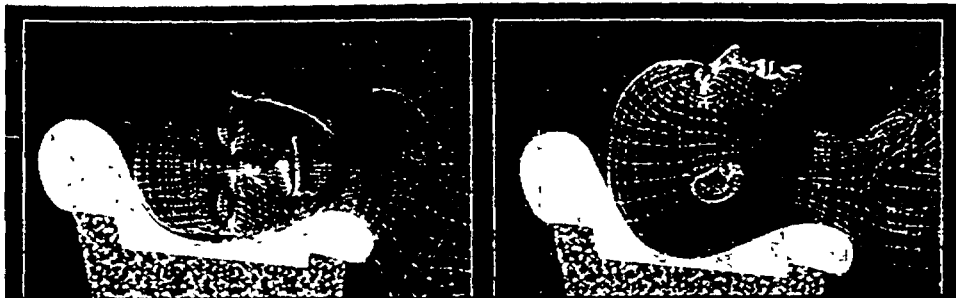
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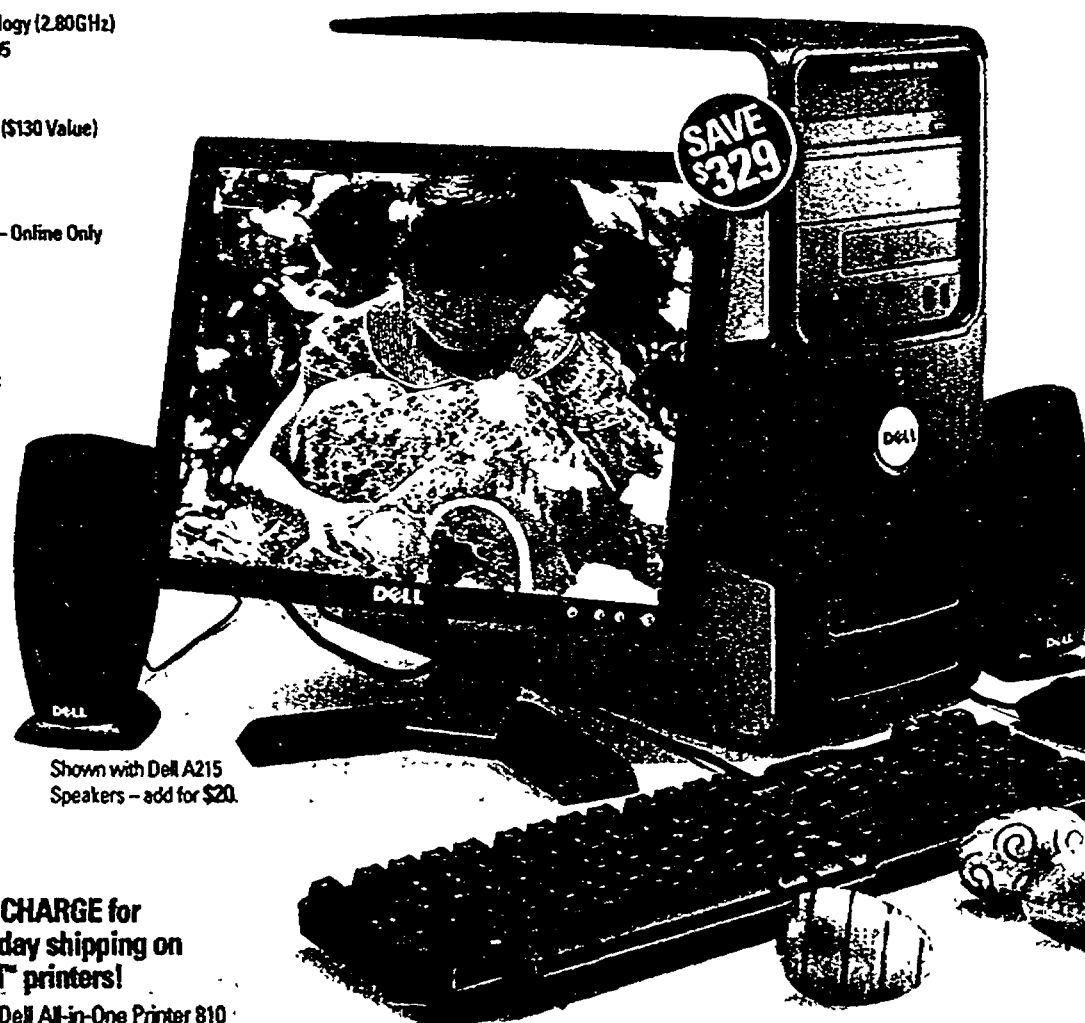
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