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Aug. 8 election
Registered voters will cast ballots Aug. 8 during a primary election featuring two millage proposals and eight candidates vying for the 20 District State House seat being vacated by current State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth). Primary voters must vote a straight Republican or Democrat ticket.

'almost maine'
On Aug. 4, "almost, maine" opens at the Northville Senior Community Center, the first theatrical experience of the newly formed Northville community adult theater group. Tickets are \$10. For more info, call (248) 349-0203.

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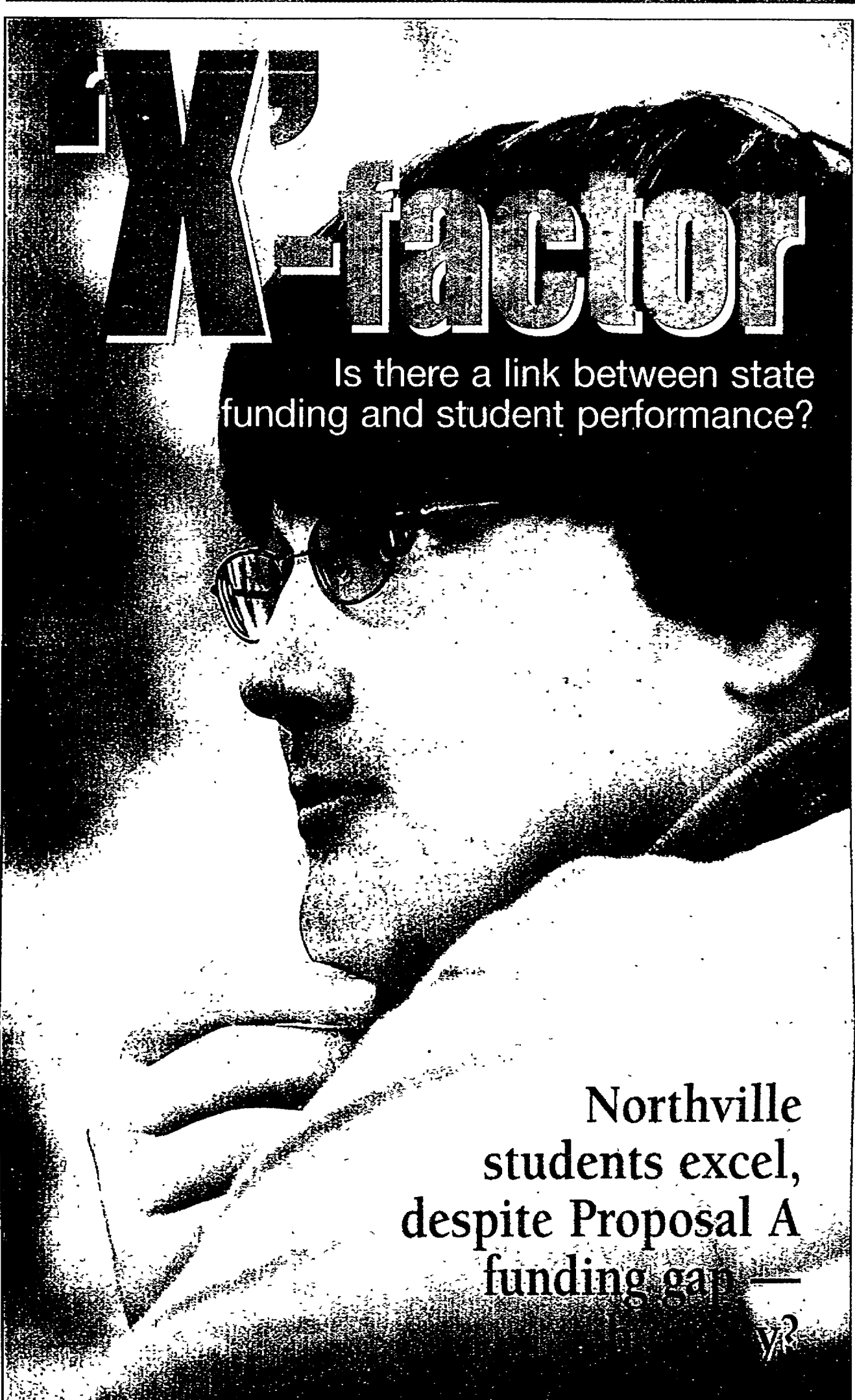
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X-factor

Is there a link between state funding and student performance?

Northville students excel, despite Proposal A funding gap

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Thomas Minler, an incoming Northville High School freshman, listens during a U.S. Government summer school session. In Northville, summer school has evolved into an opportunity for ambitious students to get ahead.

Solving for 'X' often means juggling limited state funds

Officials tout high MEAP marks, say they're doing more with less — but is it just teaching the test?

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Every child in the Michigan public school system has a price tag on their head. Some are pricier than others, but parents expect all state districts will deliver a top-level education and bang for their buck.

But how large is the bang? And how efficiently is it delivered? The release last week of the Class of 2006 Michigan Education Assessment Program exam scores gave parents a quick glimpse of the type of education students statewide are receiving.

DOLLARS AND SENSE

School District	Class of 2006 Avg. MEAP*	2005-06 Per Pupil State Funding	2006-07** Per Pupil State Funding
Birmingham	93.5	\$12,053	\$12,263
Bloomfield Hills	79.4	\$12,130	\$12,340
Grosse Ile Township	79.2	\$8,761	\$8,971
Grosse Pointe Public	79.2	\$10,069	\$10,279
Northville Public	78.8	\$8,225	\$8,435

*Percentage of high school graduates taking the MEAP exam who met or exceeded state standards. The average combines English, math, social studies, science, reading and writing portions of the exam.
**Estimated

SOURCE: Michigan Department of Education and Senate Fiscal Agency

The top five MEAP scores in order throughout the tri-county area belong to Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Grosse Ile Township, Grosse Pointe Public and Northville Public Schools.

The ranking is based on the percentage of high school gradu-

ates who took the MEAP exam and met or exceeded state standards.

The average combines English, math, social studies, reading, science and writing portions of the exam.

Bottom line: Despite fewer

state dollars — in some case more than \$4,000 less per student, amounting to nearly \$3 million annually — Northville is less than one percentage point away from a second-place ranking.

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Fire suit

Response time questioned following fire

By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Brian Matelic is finished sifting through the rubble after his family's home burned down July 17 in the Stonewater Subdivision on Six Mile Road near Beck.

Now, after taking occupancy in a model home down the street from his previous home, Matelic said he was concerned about the response time by the Northville Township Fire Department.

"I had a lot of dollars wrapped up in that place," Matelic said. "I lost everything."

"The insurance companies are seeking legal actions to find out what happened."

Brian Matelic
Resident, Northville Township

"It's sad to say that we're in million dollar homes paying \$20,000 a year in taxes, and we don't have a better response time."

Matelic said since the fire, he has been speaking with his insurance company regarding his course of action.

"The insurance companies are seeking legal actions to find out what happened," he said. "They definitely have made mention of the township being slow."

Though Matelic and his wife, Cathy said their home was engulfed in flames for about 20

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NOT SO 'WILD'

Development will force animals out



By Tracy Mishler
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Ann Meisner is concerned about the wildlife which once called the 414-acre former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property home.

The 68-year-old Northville Township resident said a day doesn't go by that she doesn't have animals feasting on her vegetable gardens off Seven Mile Road.

"It's a shame to think that all the deer and rabbits running through that property will be run off by construction workers and bulldozers," Meisner said. "It's sick to think that (the animals) were the original owners of the property, and development is taking over."

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The Party Capital

Volunteers rallying for downtown makeover cause

Residents, officials ready to team up, get started on downtown makeover project

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

After work, Regina Abraham volunteered to go to work. The owner of Studio 427 and Taurus Cafe is one of 50 residents and merchants heeding a city planner challenge to get involved in shaping the future of downtown Northville. Abraham said she's willing to step up now because the downtown strategic plan in city leaders' hands is something concrete to support. "If I'm going to commit my time, I want to believe it's actually going to happen," she said. "We're going to see results." Local architect Greg Presley said increased retail competition in the surrounding area and a 30-year-old worn streetscape are forcing change. He said this stakeholder-driven effort parallels the major facelift the city underwent three decades ago, Main Street '78. "We really are at a pivotal moment," Presley said. "We could go backward if we go the status quo. Or, we can thrive, we can do well. We just need to make the adjustments."

Name, please

Presley, a Northville Downtown Development Authority board member and chair of the steering committee that worked alongside the city's strategic planning consultant, these days carries with him a clipboard and pen, inking volunteer commitments and their area of interest. "I'm running into people daily who are saying, 'I want to do something,'" he said. "We're getting input that we might normally not have gotten and that's good."

"We're going to get fresh ideas out of this and the buy-in is great." The Northville Downtown Development Authority board, serving as the clearinghouse for volunteer efforts, divided the strategic plan implementation into five committees and designated a board member to chair each, including: business mix, marketing, design/aesthetics, organization and parking/circulation. The effort was also given an inauspicious public moniker: "NV07."

The mechanism

The development authority has budgeted \$4 million for the project. Presley said the board also set aside some authority funding, generated by a special tax on specific commercial property owners, for potential parking facility needs down the road. Thirty years ago, voters approved funding to revamp downtown infrastructure. Presley said this effort also requires leaders to take the city to the next level. "I see a parallel here strongly with Main Street '78," he said. "It absolutely set us on a good course." This week, the city began soliciting proposals from consultants to help design and price potential projects identified in the strategic plan, like expanding the town square, establishing pedestrian connections and creating a better entrance to Ford Field. "We want to identify where we'll get the most value for our limited dollar," Presley said.

How it works

A flowchart identifies committee roles, goals and project due dates. Presley said despite busy schedules, people are willing to dedicate some time to their home town.

Kickoff Meeting

NW07

**Northville 2007
Downtown Makeover Volunteers**
7 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 8
Northville Senior Community Center

Project Committees
A Northville Downtown Development Authority board member will lead five committees of volunteers to follow through strategic plan implementation. They are:
Business mix: David Cole
Marketing: Margene Buckhave
Design/aesthetics: Greg Presley
Organization: David Larsen
Parking/circulation: Jim Long
To volunteer: call the development authority office at (248) 349-0345.

Getting started
Kickoff meeting: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8.
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What's NV07?
Short for: Northville 2007
Why 2007: The city, which requested design service proposals last week, is currently in its 2006-07 fiscal year. With volunteer work and design scheduled for this fall, the project will be bid out in early 2007, with construction in 2007.
Kickoff meeting: 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8.
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"We're asking them to step up to five meetings."

Greg Presley
Board Member, Northville Downtown Development Authority

"We're asking them to step up to five meetings," he said. "We're asking the volunteers to answer how we're going to change the downtown. Beyond that, there may be smaller projects the volunteers can get involved with hands-on." Initial volunteer commitment tentatively includes an Aug. 8 volunteer kickoff meeting, an Aug. 24 walkabout town, a brainstorming session to establish program requirements, a review of consultants' conceptual design and a final design review. Abraham appeared on the downtown scene when she opened her Studio 427 on Old Church Square second floor in September 2004. In November, she and five other retailers moved into Jim Long's new 120 West Main building. For the first time, the gallery and cafe owner said she is willing to invest some of her precious few personal hours in committee work. "I'm in the store all the time so it's hard to get involved with groups," she said. "If there is a movement, creative things in town, I'd like to be part of it." "There's an actual plan here — there's a job to do — somebody already has done the legwork."

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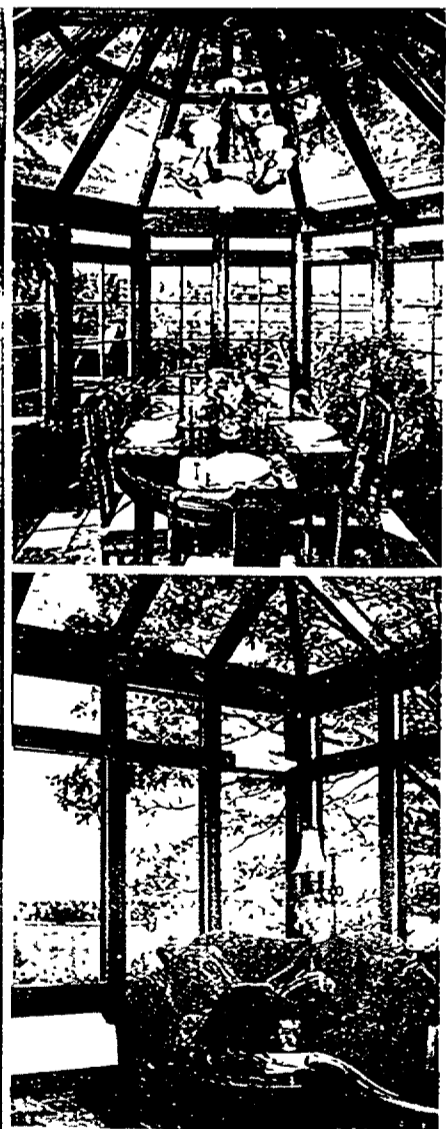
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Oakland County may change Randolph Street signal timing — yet again

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

John Bales avoids Randolph Street.

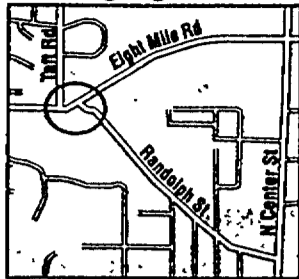
The past two weeks, a six-second green light where the north-south city street meets Eight Mile Road, has been making motorists see red. Bales prefers a detour to the wait.

"I've seen four go through, but the last guy's really whipping through," he said.

While the Northville police department fields daily complaints about the intersection, Road Commission of Oakland County officials are studying how to effectively adjust the traffic signal timing they changed earlier this month.

"We anticipate it will take two more weeks to collect data and for

Crossing Eight Mile



analysis," said county public information officer Craig Bryson. "We anticipate making a couple tweaks to the timing, finding sort of a compromise."

Public outcry

Southbound cars stacked up on Taft Road, delayed from heading toward expressways east on Eight

"Every day I hear something from someone."

Mike Carlson
Acting Police Chief, City of Northville

Mile Road, prompted the city's request several months ago to change the traffic signal timing.

The county's execution has instead produced a back-up on northbound Randolph Street. Disgruntled drivers, unhappy about being forced to wait through three or more light cycles, have given county and city officials an earful.

"Every day I hear something from someone," said Northville's acting police chief Mike Carlson. "They're trying to make a determination what's best for the community."

"There's a balance between safety and the public outcry," Bryson said engineers are looking at traffic counts and patterns — who's driving which direction and when.

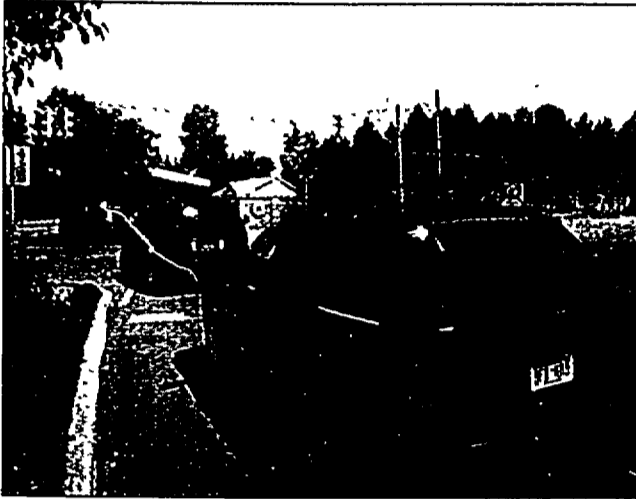
The signal won't return to its original timing, Bryson said. Adjustments might target peak traffic times only, he said.

"That's not unusual for us to have more time one way than another during a peak hour," Bryson said. "The former (Jim Petres) chief's concern was Taft wasn't getting enough green



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Danve Denski waits for the light to change at Randolph and Eight Mile roads.



Backed up traffic at Randolph and Eight Mile roads.

time."

Stressing safety

Bales, a Springfield Court resident, has traveled Taft and Randolph back and forth from downtown Northville for 28 years.

"I have learned since the change, you can only get three cars through," Bales said. "In the past it was more."

"(During rush hour), you line up for at least 15 or more cars waiting for the light."

When heading home, Bales now opts to travel Center Street to Eight Mile Road to Taft Road. He said southbound Taft Road back-ups weren't so bad.

"I haven't really noticed a difference," he said. "I certainly have

noticed the difference coming from town."

"I avoid the intersection altogether."

The shortened green-light interval coincided with the county's installation of a pedestrian crossing signal at Eight Mile Road near Taft Road.

Carlson said because they are tied together by their proximity, effective timing for traffic signals at Eight Mile Road and Taft and at Randolph is critical, Carlson said.

"What's the study going to do?" he said. "Hopefully, make it a smoother transition for traffic."

Carlson said there have not been any traffic accidents at the Eight Mile Road locations since the signal adjustment. Just complaints.

"It is a very busy intersection," Bryson said. "We'll fix it to be as efficient as it can be."

"That doesn't mean we'll never have any congestion."

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Fort closure: Griswold playscape closed for repairs through Wednesday

From the more things change, the more they stay the same file ... one Northville Record reader found irony in last week's account of homeowners bemoaning the disruption of their serene setting by the development planned along Seven Mile Road. "I have to chuckle about the people complaining about the 'new' construction at the hospital. I remember cutting the trees down for the houses they live in now. We thought it was a shame back then, too" (Late 70's-early 80's) Ironic."



Bravo, Kevin Souby! Seems the Eagle Scout candidate's project is now complete, installation of a flag pole, plaza, path and plant bed at Maybury State Park. Paid for through his fundraising efforts and a contribution by the Friends of Maybury State Park. Souby worked many hours in the sun with the help of his troop and parents. He's now working with the rangers to figure out a system for plant watering and flag raising and lowering ...

The time is nearing for the community's first adult theater production, "almost maine," a romantic comedy, coming up at the Northville Senior Community Center the weekend of Aug. 4, Northville High school theater leaders Christina Johnson and Karin Pearson have been working hard at making this a great event. Hopefully, there will be encores ahead!

Speaking of the time is near ... the Northville High School Class of 1981 25-year reunion is right around the corner — 7 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 12 at Western Golf and Country Club. So far, more than 50 classmates have anted up the \$50 for dinner, music and cash bar. There's also a \$20 ticket for those interested in only after-dinner antics. It's not too late. www.northvillehigh1981@yahoo.com Spread the word!

Here comes the man ... the only man, City resident Ken Roth was named as the new president of the Northville

Public Schools Board of Education, following the footsteps of past president Karen Paciorek. Congratulations!

Speaking of school leaders ... "bare bones" barely scratches the surface of how the district administrative building is operating lately. As one person joked, "we're into the bone." Assistant superintendent for instructional services Casey Reason said his farewells last week to pursue a corporate career and the director of instructional projects position was eliminated to help balance the district's budget. With vacations and lasting effects of past cutbacks, we might be seeing tumbleweed soon!

The Maybury Farm question, "Where are the pigs?" has been answered. Northville residents Jim and Kathy Lapham came to the rescue! With a little help from Pine Lumber and Ford Motor Company, volunteers pitched in to build pigpens that became home to the sow the Laphams donated. Way to go!

And speaking of Maybury Farm needs ... Shari Peters, president of the non-profit Northville Community Foundation that runs the farm, said many animals are in very small pens right now because the 30-year-old pasture fencing is rapidly deteriorating. She's seeking donations of 2x8x10' treated lumber boards — a few at a time — will eventually

reach the 1,000 the farm needs to repair the fencing.

Like sands through the hourglass ... the Northville Arts Commission's Friday Summer Clock series is winding down. Get out to Bandshell Park on Main Street at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow night for the Farmington Jazz Band. Four free concerts during August will wrap up another popular entertainment season!

And speaking of entertainment in town ... tomorrow's 1 p.m. Friday Flick at the Northville Senior Community Center is "Madea's Family Reunion." Cost: \$1.

Spread the word, so the kiddies aren't disappointed ... The Fort Griswold playscape located at Ford Field will be closed through next Wednesday for repair and refurbishment. Thanks to the Northville Parks and Recreation Department for doing the improvement work!

His own Love Connection

Michigan native Kim Barnes exchanged vows with pop culture icon and game show legend Chuck Woolery July 17 at the Las Vegas Bellagio Hotel and Casino. Best-known for his nine-year run on the hit dating game show, "Love Connection," Woolery met Barnes when he was in Michigan shooting commercials. Serving as best man and matron of honor at the private ceremony were Northville residents Mark and Sally Young, owners of a Redford-based advertising agency. While the Woolerys will make Texas their home, a reception for friends and family is planned in Northville mid-August.



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Counting time

Young pianist turns experience into awards

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

A 7-foot Mason & Hamlin grand piano is the focal point of the Yuan family's house.

"It's kind of too big for our small home," said father Kevin Yuan. But its presence will not be eliminated. It is a part of his son's life.

Allen Yuan, 13, plays Schubert Impromptu Opus 142 No. 4 by memory on the grandiose machine.

With closed eyes and while swaying to the music, he lightly caresses the ivory keys with intensity soon to follow.

It's the young man's intensity that lead him to a first-place finish in the 50th Annual World Piano Competition Young Artist Division, for performers 5-17.

He took the Level 10 Solo prize and grand prize out of all nine-12 level winners.

There are 12 levels in the competition. The higher the level the more difficult the piece.

"They have a panel of five judges from five countries," Kevin said. "The competition has a high reputation."

The resume

Entering eighth grade in the fall at Meads Mill Middle School, Yuan's resume and ability reads like a pianist "Who's Who?" list.

Yuan took first place in the elementary division at the Schoolcraft Community College Honors Auditions and Recital in 2005 and earned the rank of finalist in the American Guild of Music 2004 National Competition.

Yuan was a runner up in the 2004 Great Lakes Regional and "many smaller awards," his father will tell you.

Despite his experience, Yuan still caught a massive onset of butterflies before the World Piano Competition in Cincinnati in June.

"People had to pay to watch, so it kind of made a difference," he said. "And it was in a real recital hall."

Yuan's next step is Carnegie Hall in September where all there World winners will perform.

Yuan will play Schubert and possibly the other piece he performed at the competition, excerpts from Mozart Sonata in C Major, K.279.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Meads Mill Middle School student Allen Yuan, 13, plays Schubert's Impromptu, Opus 142.

The music

The Schubert piece is one of Yuan's favorites.

"I like how it sounds," he said.

Yuan has been performing the piece for about two-and-a-half years, putting it down and picking it up again and again.

He started playing piano when he was 5. Yuan watched his parents drive his older brother to rehearsals.

"I forced my parents to take me to the teacher, too," he said.

His father didn't mind a bit.

With the exception of a few family vacations, Yuan's father said his son hasn't missed a day yet.

Yuan has nearly perfected his Schubert and Mozart piece while beginning learning arrangements by Debussy and Rachmaninoff.

"The Rachmaninoff is more of a romantic piece," he said.

He fills his home with awe-inspiring piano playing daily. A sound his parents love.

"We are very fortunate," his father said.

Commitment

Yuan rehearses three to four a day in the summer. During the school year, he usually scales back to one or two hours.

"I try to set a minimum and try to get more than that," he said.

The Meads Mill eighth grader is also a math champion, competing at the high school level in national competitions.

"People had to pay to watch, so it kind of made a difference. And it was in a real recital hall."

Allen Yuan

Pianist, Meads Mill Middle School

It takes focus

When award-winning pianist Allen Yuan sits at his piano, his focus is twofold.

"I have to focus on technique and making things sound right, and I have to make it sound like music, conveying the idea the composer wants to the audience," he said.

Watching the 13-year-old play gives the feeling he is taken away by emotion, but Yuan said he instead is concentrating on his music.

Distractions, Yuan said, are not in his plan.

"You try not to get focused on your surroundings," he said. "You have to keep going no matter what happens."

He practices math two hours a day and leaves Meads Mill one hour early during the school year so he can be home schooled in the subject.

Yuan said he loves piano and math equally, the smile on his face tells the same story.

"He's very motivated," his father said. He doesn't need to be reminded to practice either his math or his piano.

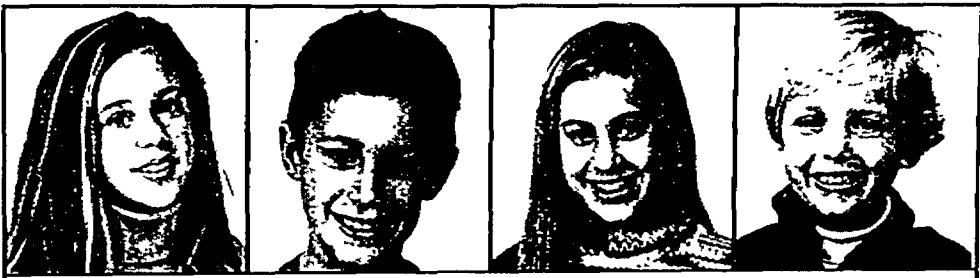
Especially his piano. It's a craft Yuan said must never be neglected. "You have to practice every day," he said. "Sometimes even missing one day would be devastating to your status."

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Allen Yuan, 13, plays the piano at his Northville Township home.



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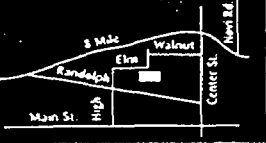
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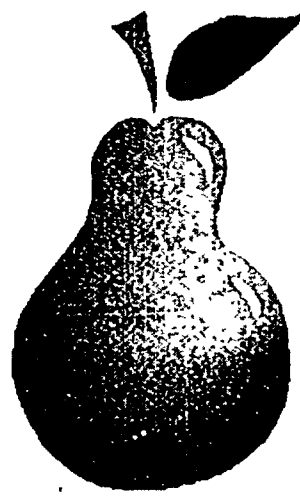
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POLICE BRIEFS

Breaking and entering

A 71-year-old Northville Township woman called police after someone attempted to break in the bathroom of her Eight Mile Road home. The woman told police she believes the suspect is a 33-year-old relative from Detroit. According to reports, the woman does not want police to contact the man, but she did request extra patrols near her residence.

Indecent exposure

Police arrested a 39-year-old Livonia man July 19 for indecent exposure in Hines Park, near Five Mile and Northville roads. The man was charged and given an Aug. 2 court date at the 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Broken lock

A 31-year-old Northville Township woman called police after the lock on her 1996 Jeep Cherokee was broken while parked at her Northville Place apartment. Police said the woman's stereo was stolen, but found no other damage. The case is closed.

Stolen password

A 44-year-old Northville man called police after someone allegedly stole the passwords to his Internet eBay and Pay Pal accounts. According to reports, more than \$1,000 was charged on his account. The man said he spoke with Pay Pal and advised them of the situation. The man told police he believes his password was stolen last winter after he replied to a "phishing" e-

mail that he thought was Pay Pal. The case is closed.

Broken statue

A 51-year-old Northville Parks and Recreation employee called police after someone broke a brass statue at Millennium Park, off Six Mile Road. The woman told police she does not believe the incident to be an accident. Police have no suspects. The case is closed.

Stolen raft

A 34-year-old Northville man called police after his personal water craft, valued at \$70 was stolen from his Parkshore Drive home. The victim said the same inflatable water raft had been stolen in the summer of 2005, but was

recovered. The case is closed.

No one hurt in car crash

No one was hurt Monday when a man driving an SUV along Rayson Street crashed into a tree. He stopped to buy lemonade for his four passengers, but had to be towed from the scene following the accident, police said.

Turning in the driveway at the base of Hutton Street, the driver attempted to put his vehicle in park, but it instead accelerated forward, colliding with a tree and flipping on its side.

Fire rescue vehicles dispatched to the scene righted the damaged vehicle, which was loaded on a truck and hauled away.

City hires new police chief

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

City of Fowlerville police chief, Gary Goss, will be Northville's new police chief.

Goss, who is also a City of Farmington police veteran, is scheduled to begin his new assignment in mid-September.

The city council hired a consultant to narrow the field of 80 applicants vying

to replace Jim Petres, who retired after 34 years with the Northville department, the last eight as chief.

Goss spent 26 years of his law enforcement career in Farmington, advancing through the ranks to public safety director before leaving for the Fowlerville position a year ago.

"He is known for his effective leadership, professionalism, and active involvement in the community," said City Manager Patrick Sullivan, who announced Goss' selection Monday. "We are very excited to have Gary head our Police Department."



Gary Goss

FIRE: victim questions response time

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minutes before fire fighters showed up, Township officials said they guarantee they arrived to the fire within four minutes of the first 9-1-1 call.

"We didn't get the first call until 3:19 p.m. ... We were toned to a structure fire at 3:22 p.m. and Rescue One arrived at 3:26 p.m.," said Fire Chief William Zhmendak. "The problem is people saw the fire and no one took the time to make sure 9-1-1 was called."

"When people watch fires for 20 minutes and make an assumption that someone else called, that's 20 minutes of burn time that we could have confined the fire to just one house."

No time to gawk

Dawn March said she saw the fire at 3:07 p.m. "We wondered where the fire department was," said March, of the Stonewater Subdivision. "Everyone was concerned that (the fire department) wasn't doing its job, but then I realized that no one called them."

March said she met with Zhmendak after the fire to discuss the response time.

"I saw the (call) log," she said, "and I'm just as guilty to have thought someone else had called, but they were just as (disbelieving) as I was."

Zhmendak said the emergency call delay happens all the time.

"It's the reason we have gawkers ... it's something out of the ordinary and you don't think rationally," he said. "It's easy to assume that someone must have called. In the minds of the people living in Stonewater, they think it took us 25 minutes to get there, when really, we weren't informed of the fire."

Matelic said he didn't plan to rebuild a new home where his destroyed home once stood.

"I'm just going to settle with the insurance company," he said. "We're doing good and just getting back to the basics ... Doing about as good as you can do."

"It's sad to say that we're in million dollar homes paying \$20,000 a year in taxes, and we don't have a better response time."

Brian Matelic
Resident, Northville Township

Zhmendak said he is working on holding an open meeting for residents of Stonewater Subdivision or of Northville Township regarding the fire department's response time.

"I know fire is by far the most devastating thing anyone can experience, and I know there are rumors and accusations out there," he said.

"I would like the opportunity to sit down with any concerned citizen on the tactics, operations and strategies that were used at that fire and be able to talk to them face to face so they have a better understanding of what we do and can do for them."

Zhmendak said he couldn't guarantee that less damage would have occurred if calls had come sooner.

"The bottom line is I need everyone in the township to be my eyes and ears," he said. "If they see anything out of the ordinary, the first thing I would like to do is call 9-1-1."

"If it turns out to be nothing, it's easy to investigate and turn around and go back. Don't wait for the big glow in the sky."

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OBITUARIES



ANDREW "ANDY" LEVAN

Age 38, of Howell, passed away suddenly on June 22, 2006. He was born July 9, 1968 in Detroit, MI to Gerald 'Jerry' and Gail (Hartner) LeVan. Andy was a chef for Mystic Creek Golf Club. He was also the owner and operator of Andrew's Pressure Cleaning. Andy loved jet skiing, nature, animals, wildlife, gardening and the Detroit Red Wings. He enjoyed cooking and was truly a great chef. He is survived by his parents Jerry and Gail LeVan of Northville, his brother Dan (Lisa) LeVan of Northville, his niece Melissa, his uncle David (Janet) Hartner of Dewitt, his aunt Janet Berning of New York, and 9 cousins. Visitation will be held Thursday from 3-7pm with the funeral service at 7pm at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc., 122 West Dunlap, Northville. A Graveside Service will be held Friday at 11am at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated to the Michigan Humane Society, 26711 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 175, Southfield, MI 48033.



HELEN B. BURNSTRUM

Age 100, of Northville, passed away Sunday, July 23, 2006 at the Whitehall Health Care Center of Novi. She was born on February 7, 1906 in Ramey, PA to Anthony and Pearl (Fourik) Dunchock. Helen was a member of Blue Star Mothers of Novi, and the Mayflower Button Club of Plymouth. She was also a Member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, of Northville. She was the beloved wife of the late Elmer Burnstrum. Survivors include her son Kenneth (Gertrude) Burnstrum and daughter Mildred Burnstrum, 5 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, 7 great-great grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. A Funeral Mass was held Wednesday at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. Father Denis Theroux officiated the service. Mrs. Burnstrum was laid to rest at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens in Novi. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

ROBERT H. CLIFT

Of Hollywood, Florida, formally of Novi, Michigan, passed away on July 3, 2006 at the age of 85. Bob was a development engineer for the Corvette Division of General Motors at the proving ground, reporting to Zora Duntov. Bob had authored numerous articles for Corvette publications and traveled the country as a speaker and presenter at many Corvette gatherings. Bob was a veteran of WWII, serving as a sergeant in the Army Air Force in the North African Campaign. Bob is survived by his daughter Virginia (Jim) Long of Northville, son Robert H. (Barbara) Clift Jr., of Brighton, sister Barbara (Grib) Gribbins of Coral Gables, Florida and grandchildren Allison, Theresa and Laura. Memorial contributions in Bob's name can be made to the National Corvette Museum, 350 Corvette Dr., Bowling Green, KY, 42101-9134

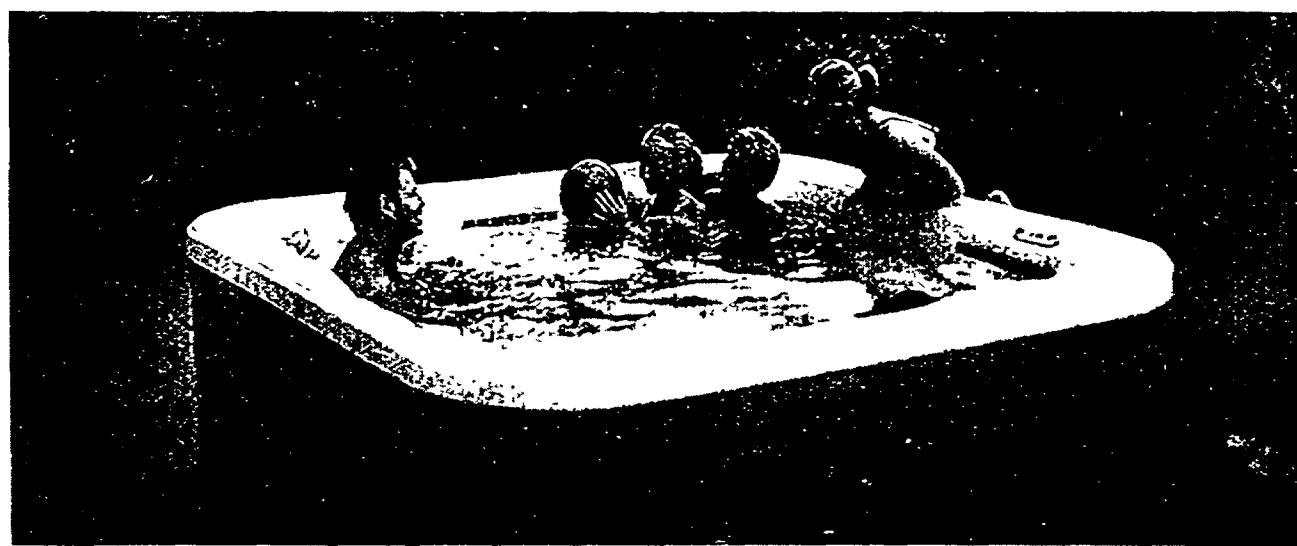
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CANDIDATE PROFILE

Schnettler eyes Lansing seat with hopeful eyes

By Brad Kadrich
GANNETT NEWS SERVICES

As a six-year resident of Plymouth Township, Don Schnettler has campaigned for Plymouth Township supervisor and led a charge to force the township to get voter approval for \$6 million in bonds for a new township hall.

Now, Schnettler is aiming a little more west — and a bit higher up the government chain — with his campaign for the open 20th state House district seat being vacated by the term-limited state Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth Township).

Among his campaign platforms, Schnettler favors the elimination of the Single Business Tax and thinks the state should be leading the way to finding alternatives to oil as an energy source. With what he said is a vast supply of corn in the state and several strong research firms at the state's disposal, he said the state

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can no longer wait.

"We have the ability to use corn as an alternative fuel," Schnettler said. "The longer we wait, the more we will lag behind the entire country. What we need are companies willing to step up to the plate with incentives that will make them jump at the opportunity to make ethanol plants and fuel cells and cars that run on them."

Schnettler moved to the township in September 2000, with his wife, Debra, after living in the city of Plymouth for 18 years. The couple has three children: Robert, Ryan and Mikayla. Schnettler is an electrician/building inspector for Washtenaw County who also does the same job on a part-time basis for the city of Plymouth.

He cut his election teeth in his 2004 candidacy for Plymouth Township supervisor, a race he lost to Richard Reaume.

In 2005, he formed Citizens for Responsive Government because he didn't think the township board was taking the public's views into account in terms of its new township hall.

Now he's one of five Republican candidates seeking the 20th state House seat.

Schnettler favors elimination of the SBT, but has concerns about replacing the revenue it generates.

"Elimination of this tax is the best thing for small business, but we will have to figure out what to do with the large deficit it will leave," Schnettler said. "I'm not for raising taxes to offset this shortfall."

Among his other issues:

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• Does not favor affirmative action. "When you're promoting based on race or gender, you've eliminated the best. In my mind, you've forced the best to go someplace else."

• Would limit campaign spending. "Take a look at the governor's race. Dick DeVos is going to spend \$5 million just on TV ads. It's getting to the point where a normal citizen can't (afford) to run for office."

• Governments and corporations outsourcing jobs. "It has created poor employee morale and is hurting our businesses here in Michigan. I am all for cutting expenses, but at what cost?"

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By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

For Christina Johnson, dreams do come true.

As a key member of the production staff for the community's first professional theatrical production, Johnson is ready to see her dream become reality.

On Aug. 4, "almost, maine" opens at the Northville Senior Community Center, a romantic comedy billed as a delightful and charming theatrical experience.

It is the first production of the newly formed Northville community adult theater group, and a byproduct of a partnership between Northville Parks and Recreation and Act-Ed Theatre Company.

Dreams realized

Growing up in Northville, Johnson remembers coming home from college breaks looking for

■ "almost, maine"

"almost, maine," is a romantic comedy written by John Cariani. The production is set in a small, mythical town in far north Maine. One night, under the northern lights, residents of the small town begin falling in and out of love at an alarming rate. The charming romantic comedy explores the mysteries of the human heart in this delightful play.

Source: www.almostmaine.com

local artistic outlets.

After settling back in the community as an adult, she and fellow theater lover, Karin Pearson, became actively involved in the Northville High School theater productions.

It has been a rewarding passion for both, but the duo still yearned for an adult theater experience.

After many years and a partnership with Northville Parks &

Recreation, they formed Northville's first adult community theater.

The perfect match

Johnson first saw "almost, maine" off Broadway in New York.

"It was a sweet, charming crowd pleaser," she said. Johnson said she knew the production was perfect for the group's first endeavor.

"We needed to choose a show that was simple," she said. "It was something I thought the community of Northville would really enjoy."

A cast of eight was chosen from the nearly 50 people auditioning, with actors from Northville and surrounding communities including Livonia and Novi.

"We're working with people we've never worked with before," Johnson said. "It's been fun to work with more seasoned actors."

"They've each really brought a lot to the process."

Come one, come all

Johnson and the entire production and theatrical staff hope the community supports their vision of a community-based adult theater program. They hope every one comes to enjoy "almost, maine" falling in love with the play as much as they have.

"We're putting on a really good show considering we are a new company, with a small budget and no theatrical venue," Johnson said. "We're really hoping the community will take a chance on us."

Johnson said support is the recipe for the new group to grow and venture into larger productions.

"This is an alternative so you don't have to drive to Chelsea for a charming, romantic date with your husband," Johnson said.

"You can dine in downtown Northville, walk to the community center and tickets are only \$10."

Tickets for "almost, maine" may be purchased by visiting or calling the Northville Parks and Recreation Department. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.

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HIGHWOOD: Wild life will hit the road once bulldozers roll

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Meisner is among several Northville Township residents hoping to spare the homes of the animals that will be pushed out by the proposed Highwood development.

Tim Payne understands concerns made by residents, but said unless there are rare or endangered species on the property, nothing can stop the development.

"When the builders get out there and start moving around, the animals will radically shift their patterns," said Payne, wildlife supervisor for the Southeastern Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Survival of the fittest

Payne said Wayne County had about 700 deer hit by vehicles last year.

"Deer will shift to smaller wood lots or wetlands, but undoubtedly some will move and start crossing highways," he said. "There are a lot of animals that get hit by cars and

there be a lot that will adapt to the area."

Though a wildlife survey has not been held on the property, Payne said, there are deer, coyotes, fox, numerous types of birds, rabbits and other small mammals occupying the property.

"As far as the age-old trees, there are no DNR laws or statutes to protect them," he said. "Developers cannot build on the wetlands, and a lot of the animals will shift there. The wetlands typically provide areas for the animals to escape to."

Payne said though development occurs, wildlife will not disappear.

"As long as there is habitat around, the animals will adapt," he said. "Things like snakes and turtles in the upland areas won't make it, but many of the animals will shift and be able to adapt as development occurs."

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'X' FACTOR: what impact does state funding have on academic performance?

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Funding

Of the five districts leading the tri-county area in MEAP scores, Birmingham also leads the pack in per-pupil state foundation grant funding.

According to documents issued by the Senate Fiscal Agency, Birmingham Public Schools received \$12,053 for each student last year, and is expected to receive about \$210 more for the 2006-07 school year.

Conversely, Northville Public Schools, who nabbed fifth place in the tri-county area for the graduating Class of 2006 MEAP scores, receives the least money out of the top five districts.

According to the Senate Fiscal Agency, last school year Northville Public Schools received \$8,225 dollars in per-pupil state funding. The district is expected to receive about \$210 more for the coming year.

Since the approval of Proposal A in 1994, decisions about how much to spend on educating students have been made in Lansing.

The lingering unanswered question: What value should taxpayers place on that \$4,000 difference?

Relation

Michigan State University professor Sharif Shakrani said generally the correlation between funding and student performance is not significant because urban areas have higher expenses, including teacher salaries.

Shakrani said when looking at the funding issue nationally, the same holds true.

He said East coast states have

higher per-student expenditures compared to states like Alabama and Mississippi, without a necessary correlation when examining academic performance.

Birmingham Public Schools Director of Community Relations Marcia Wilkinson disagrees.

She said a relationship between state funding and performance does exist. It's just not obvious.

"There is a tie-in where anytime you reduce programs, you affect performance," she said. "But there is not a set of answers. It's complicated."

Wilkinson said Birmingham Public Schools has been operating under a budget deficit for three years. She said prior-year cuts have been kept out of the classroom, until now.

Wilkinson said Birmingham is in the process of implementing an alternative middle school program, restructuring the middle school day.

Hard times

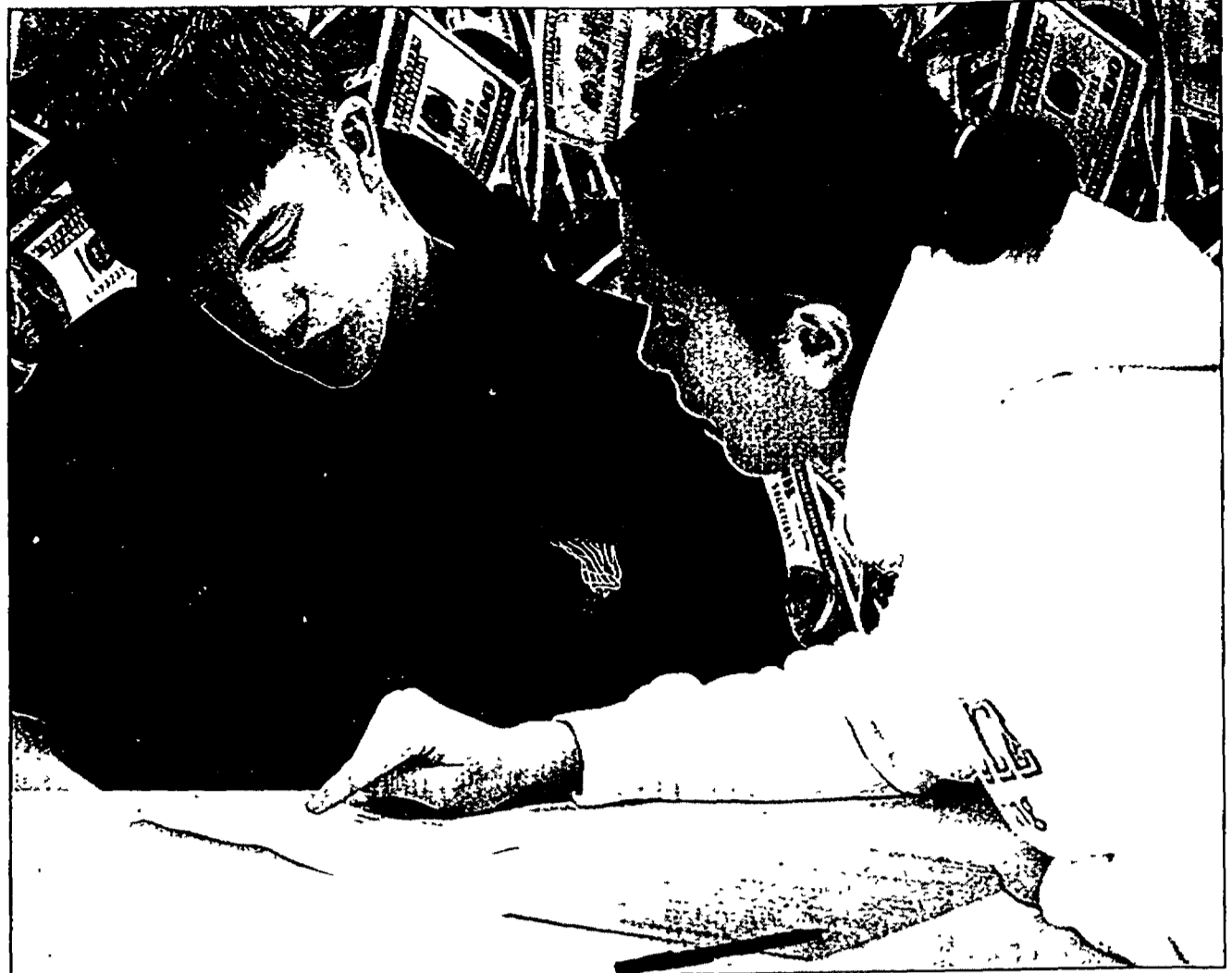
Northville Public Schools officials are proud of the education the district delivers for about \$8,200 per child.

"It is in line with the Standard & Poors report we received indicating we're a good value for the per-pupil amount we receive," said Katie Parker, Northville Public Schools director of instructional projects.

Parker said the district has placed a high priority on learning, while other areas of district operations take hits.

"We are in difficult times like other school districts, it has just hit us late," Parker said. "Somewhere, somehow, something has to give."

Northville school officials are



also in the decision making process, looking at how they will handle projected growth, low funding and dwindling resources.

Parker said the district has placed a high priority on learning, but other areas are really beginning to hurt. And it is only a matter of time before low funding hits the classroom, whether that means higher class sizes or text book reductions.

She said Northville is now in a position, other districts have not yet seen.

"Other districts have more services," Parker said.

The secret

Parker credits specific reasons for Northville's high academic record.

"It is a combination of things," Parker said. "The kind of students we have and their families. They have high expectations. We have high expectations across the board."

Parker also credits an excellent attendance record district-wide, the Northville parent-student-teacher relationship and a top curriculum.

"We work very hard to align our curriculum, aligning the cur-

riculum with state benchmarks," Parker said. "There is nothing wrong with teaching to the test, if the test sets exceptionally high benchmarks."

Wilkinson said Birmingham Public Schools' secret to high school MEAP success lies in three elements: a strong academic foundation, dedicated teachers and an active parent base.

"We have parents who are very involved and very committed," Wilkinson said.

High school students are allowed to take the high school MEAP assessments multiple times throughout their upper edu-

cation career.

The "Class of" results represent students' best scores on the subject tests throughout their high school careers.

According to Michigan Department of Education Director of Communications Martin Ackley, The Class of 2006 marked the fourth straight year more students took the high school MEAP assessments, with about 3,000 more students participating in each test.

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Joesina Mananel works on an Algebra I assignment during summer school class.

Now showing: No more MEAP

Beginning this fall, students tested on "Merit"

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Filling up on a nutritious breakfast, preparing to sit quietly for hours and having numerous sharpened pencils close at hand to take the MEAP exam are all things of the past for juniors this fall.

Northville High School 11th-grade students will be the first group taking the new Michigan Merit Exam.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed legislation last year replacing the MEAP with the new test.

Granholm's primary reason for supporting the change was to incorporate the American College Test placement exam, hoping to increase

the number of young adults entering college.

According to documents issued by the Michigan Department of Education, the Michigan Merit two-day exam will include the ACT, WorkKeys exam and assessments of English language arts, math, science and social studies tests.

Heidi Hansen, spokeswoman for the Michigan Department of Education, said currently students taking the ACT exam pay about \$70 and take the exam on the weekend.

Hansen said by making the exam a mandatory state requirement, there will be no cost for students and will ensure every student has the needed entrance exam to make it into college.

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When camping, air out all equipment before your trip and wash off any mold. Check your campsite for ragweed, poison ivy, or other plants, and bring any necessary medications and ointments with you. To ward off insects, hire a trained exterminator to destroy hives and nests near your home, and avoid wearing brightly colored clothing or heavily scented perfume outdoors. When traveling, check the local allergy forecast of your intended destination so you can prepare for any high pollen days. Use the air conditioner in your car.

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Little engines that can

Effort uses old-fashioned elbow grease to cleanup stadium

By Victoria Mitchell
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Michelle Mamo is armed with a paint brush, motivation and community pride.

Her can-do spirit is behind a community clean-up event focused on the district's Eight Mile Road stadium.

"We're trying to fix up anything we possibly can," Mamo said. "We certainly can't reconstruct the place, but it's kind of sad.

"The girl needs a facelift."

Mamo said the appearance of the stadium west of Amerman Elementary School sparked her phone call to Northville High School Athletic Director Bryan Masi, requesting permission to organize the cleanup event.

She's calling the event "fix up the field" and hopes the entire community will get involved.

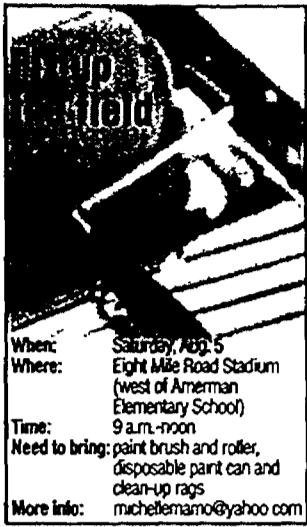
Right now, she said, the focus is on the students.

Mamo said members of the Northville High School football and lacrosse teams, cheerleading squads and marching band have volunteered their time.

But she hopes anyone and everyone will join the effort.

"The more people who come, the less time we'll all be there," she said.

Participants will meet at the



When: Saturday, Aug. 5
Where: Eight Mile Road Stadium (west of Amerman Elementary School)
Time: 9 a.m.-noon
Need to bring: paint brush and roller, disposable paint can and clean-up rags
More info: michellemamo@yahoo.com

"We certainly can't reconstruct the place, but it's kind of sad. The girl needs a face lift."

Michelle Mamo
Parent, Northville High School

to suitable condition.

A February bond proposal denied by voters asked residents to support \$5.3 million of renovations to the field and its surroundings.

Proposed bond projects included new stadium lighting, team rooms and bleachers. The largest proposed expenditure for the stadium property included replacing the running track and adding an all-weather, artificial playing surface in place of the existing grass football field.

In the meantime, August volunteers will paint the press box to eliminate graffiti; paint the interior of the stadium fence and bleacher handrails with silver

paint; and build a new ticket booth.

The new ticket booth design shows one booth with two windows, instead of two separate ticket sale locations near the Eight Mile Road and Center Street bridge entrance.

Other planned activities include washing seats and cleaning under the bleachers.

"This is a beautiful city and then you go down to the stadium," Mamo said. "Just the thought of another stadium there ... You name any other stadium and it is better than ours."

With a cheerleading daughter and a son on the football team, Mamo said she spends quite a bit of time on Eight Mile Road, along with visits to area fields.

"It will be great for the kids to take some pride in their home," she said. "They need to take pride in where they play."

"I think it is a great thing for the kids to do, and I think it will be a great community event."

Mamo said it's just a start. She said the planned improvements barely scratch the surface, but will help.

"Then maybe next time a bond comes around ..."

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Clean it up!

Northville High School football players, cheerleaders and band members will team up with others Aug. 5 to clean up the Eight Mile Road football stadium. From left: Shelby Mamo, Sarah Bielskis, Caitlin Northcutt and Robin Czerwinski. Back row: Derek Gelven, Ken Sieloff, Sames Gretzen, Matt Wegzyn and Brad Mamo.

ON CAMPUS

University of New Haven

Northville resident, Sarah Lefler, has been named to the spring 2006 semester dean's list at the University of New Haven.

Ohio State University

Northville resident, Adam Konst, has been named to the spring 2006 quarter dean's list at The Ohio State University.

Cornell College

Northville resident, Jillian Liu, has been awarded a Presidential Scholarship and Music

Recognition Award at Cornell College.

Central Michigan University

Heather McManaman, of Northville, has been awarded a scholarship by the Two Ten Footwear Foundation. She will be attending Central Michigan University.

University of Kansas

Northville resident, Nicole Cauzillo, has been named to the spring 2006 semester honor roll at the University of Kansas.

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CLASS NOTES

Board Meeting

The next Northville Board of Education regular meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8 at Old Village School, 405 W. Main St. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

Class Reunion

The Northville High School Class of 1961 will celebrate its 45th reunion at 6:30 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5 at Italian Epicure, 42050 Grand River Ave., Novi. Reservations are required. For more information or reservations, please contact Howard Sherman, (810) 329-9466 or Phil Jerome, (248) 349-1956, philnich33@yahoo.com.

Car Show

Cooke School is hosting a car show to benefit the special education program. It will be 8 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 12. Cooke School is located at 21200 Taft Road. Spectator admission is \$2 per carload. There will be music, food and prizes. For more information, please call (734) 397-2893.

Northville High School

Northville High School registration packets for the 2006-07 year are available for pick-up in the main office. Office hours are 7:15 a.m.-2:45 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, please call (248) 344-8420. Registration will be held Aug. 22-24 as follows:

- Tuesday, Aug. 22: 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m., ninth grade
- Wednesday, Aug. 23: 8-11 a.m., 10th grade; 12:30-3 p.m., 12th grade
- Thursday, Aug. 24: 8-11 a.m., 11th grade
- Monday, Aug. 28 and Tuesday, Sept. 5: Make-up days

First Day

The first day for Northville Public Schools is Tuesday, Sept. 5. According to school officials, the rest of the district calendar will be announced upon completion of ongoing teacher contract negotiations.

Testing

Summer testing for the Northville Public Schools Gifted Program and/or Middle School Advanced Math will be Aug. 21-24. The deadline to apply is Monday, Aug. 14. Visit www.northville.k12.mi.us/instruction/alps.asp for further information along with the parent nomination and registration.

Early Education Openings

Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center is enrolling for the 2006-07 school year. Openings are still available in the 3-year-old Kids' Creative Corner preschool classes and the Parent-Child Classes for 1- and 2-year-old children. Please call the Early Childhood Center Office, (248) 344-8465 for more information.

Old Village/Cooke Golf Outing

The Old Village and Cooke schools golf outing will be Saturday, Sept. 30 at St. Johns Golf and Conference Center. Event organizers are looking for hole and contest prize sponsors, raffle prizes and golfers. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will be distributed between both schools to support music therapy, leisure recreation and student equipment needs. Please contact Old Village School, (248) 344-8460 or Cooke School, (248) 344-8489.

Reflections Contest

The theme for the 2006-07 Reflections contest is "My favorite place." Students may start planning now for entries due in early fall. Submissions in the categories of literature, music composition, photography and art will be accepted. The PTA national competition honors student creativity in the field of arts.

NPS registration

Parents wishing to enroll their children in Northville Public Schools this summer may pick up a registration packet for new students at the district's central office, 501 W. Main Street or by calling, (248) 349-3400.

St. Paul's Kindergarten

Children who will be 5 by Dec. 1 may register now for full- or half-day kindergarten at St. Paul's Lutheran School, 201 Elm St. Please call the office, (248) 349-3146 or stop by the school from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.



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Author! Author!

Author Dorothy Pitsch, left, signs a copy of her book, "When the Raven Knocks," for Renee Cople at the Northville Farmers Market, held each Thursday morning at the northwest corner of Seven Mile and Shledon roads. Also pictured: Julie Felicelli ("It's My Turn") and Carol McCloud, left-rear, ("Have You Filled Your Bucket Today?")

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ART EXHIBIT

LOCATION: Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 109 N. Center St.
CONTACT: (248) 380-0470
Rock and Roll
DATE: Aug. 4-31
DETAILS: "It's Only Rock n' Roll-And We Love It" exhibit featuring rock and roll icons. An opening reception will be held 6-9 p.m. Friday, Aug. 4.

KNITTING CLASSES

DATE: Thursday, Aug. 10-31
TIME: Varies
LOCATION: Northville Candle & Gifts, 124 N. Center Street
DETAILS: Ms. Raya Khaif will be teaching this series of classes. The cost is \$80 per person; additional \$30 for starter kit. Registration is required.
CONTACT: (248) 380-7059

CAR SHOW

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 12
TIME: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
LOCATION: Cooke School, 21200 Taft Road
DETAILS: Proceeds from this event will benefit the special education program. Spectator admission is \$2 per carload. There will be music, food and prizes.
CONTACT: (734) 397-2893

ECLIPSE BASEBALL CLUB

DATE: Home games are: Sunday, Aug. 26 and Sept. 15-17
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Ford Field, Mill Race Village
DETAILS: This is a group of Northville business men playing baseball, using rules from 1869.

YOGA CLASS

DATE: Monday and Thursday through Aug. 3
TIME: Various
LOCATION: Tuesday, American Legion Hall, 100 Dunlap St.; Thursday, Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: The cost is \$87 per person. Registration is required.
CONTACT: Diane Siegel-DiVita, (248) 344-0928

CLOCK CONCERTS

DATE: Friday through August
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Downtown bandshell

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

DATE: Thursday through Oct. 26
TIME: 8 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Downs parking lot, corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads
DETAILS: More than 100 stalls include fresh produce, plants, flowers, baked goods, garden art, crafts and home accessories. This is sponsored by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and Prestwick Estates of Northville Hills Golf Club.
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640

MASTER GARDENER CLASSES

DETAILS: Wayne County classes begin Aug. 15-Nov. 7
CONTACT: (313) 833-3412

MARQUIS THEATER

LOCATION: 135 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110
WEB: www.northvillemarquistheatre.com
"Alice In Wonderland"
DATE: Various days, beginning Aug. 7-Sept. 24
TIME: Varies
DETAILS: Children ages 3 and under are not permitted. Tickets are \$8 per person.
Adult Auditions
DATE: Saturday, Aug. 19
TIME: 2 p.m.
DETAILS: These auditions are for "Highlights of Hollywood" and "Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs." Participants are asked to bring a monologue. Singers are to prepare a song; an accompanist will be provided.

GENITTI'S LITTLE THEATER

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com
Dinner Theater "Mocha Madness"
DATE: Various days through August
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person for dinner and show. Registration is required.
"The Frank Sinatra Tribute from Las Vegas"
DATE: Friday, Oct. 20
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person for dinner and show. Registration is required.

MAYBURY STATE PARK EVENTS

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road, between Beck and Napier roads
CONTACT: (248) 349-8390
Explorer Program
DATE: Friday, "Fishing in the Park"; Saturday, "White-tail Deer Hike"; Monday and Tuesday, no

program; Wednesday, "Wildflower Hike"; Thursday, "Forest Frenzy"
TIME: Varies
DETAILS: These one-hour programs, led by Explorer Guides, are for all ages. Registration is not required.
CONTACT: Karen, director of Explorer Program, (248) 349-3858 or visit www.friendsofmaybury.org

Maybury History Trail
DATE: Saturday, Sept. 30
DETAILS: This grand opening will include a ribbon-cutting ceremony and 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 one-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: Gary Haf, (248) 231-6114

MAYBURY FARM PROGRAMS
TIME/DATE: noon-5 p.m., Friday through Sunday
LOCATION: Eight Mile Road, west of Beck Road, look for the farm entrance sign
CONTACT: (248) 374-0200

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 and request or renew library materials, (248) 349-3020

INTERNET TRAINING
DATE: Saturday, July 29 and Aug. 12
TIME: 10 a.m.-noon
DETAILS: Volunteers will offer individualized assistance in general computer use, basic searching on the Internet and using e-mail. Registration is required.

END OF SUMMER PARTY
DATE: Monday
TIME: 2 p.m.
DETAILS: Scheer Genius Productions will perform

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Shhh! Library hosting outdoor rock concert Wednesday

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Suzanne Schimanski-Gross is hoping local teens will tap their toes to music, then trip over some books on their way out.

Wednesday night, the Northville District Library teen services librarian has scheduled a rock 'n roll concert just outside the Cady Street library doors. After the 7 p.m. performance by "The High Strung," the staff is hoping the audience wanders indoors until the library closes at 9 p.m.

"Most of them don't even realize the library has things to offer them," Schimanski-Gross said. "While they're there, maybe they'll check out a book. They'll find the other materials and services that we offer."

Schimanski-Gross is trying to strike a common chord with local teens: rock 'n roll music.

Updating the appeal

Teens are all about music — especially rock music, Schimanski-Gross said. She hopes the live concert will usher them down the library's CD aisle, a public collection they can borrow for free.

The librarian knows during the school year kids caught up in classes, extra-curricular activities and jobs might not have had time to discover the library. Over-committed or bored, a free summer night concert might be the ticket.

"One way to bring them to the library is to have music," she said. "And they also sometimes don't have stuff to do."

"It's, 'Look, you can go into the library.'"

Oh, by the way

Schimanski-Gross has shown movies, invited authors to join book discussions, and tailored CD, book and CD-ROM additions to adolescent tastes.

Hosting X-box car racing and dance video gaming have further expanded the library's appeal, she said.

"That's a new trend for the libraries to offer," she said, adding the dance instruction is popular with parents, too. "It gets

Live Concert

"The High Strung"

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Wednesday, Aug. 2

FREE

Northville District Library

"I want to get as many teens there as we can."

Suzanne Schimanski-Gross
Teen services librarian, Northville District Library

their kids moving, rather than just moving their thumbs."

But the specialty programming is not at the expense of materials. Schimanski-Gross said.

She said the library still specializes in books and Internet access for research and homework help.

"It gives an added value to the materials in the library," she said.

Encore performance

As part of the teen summer reading program, the library first hosted "The High Strung" for a crowd of about 75 people last summer, Schimanski-Gross said.

"It turned out to be quite a mix, about a third younger, a third adults and a third teens," she said. "I want to get as many teens there as we can."

Schimanski-Gross hopes the event changes the whole family's perception of library programs and services. All ages are welcome to lawn seating on the northwest corner of Wing and Cady streets, she said.

Members of "High Strung," known for high-energy psychedelic pop, were influenced by classic rock bands like the Beatles and the Stones, according to the group's lead song writer Josh Malerman. Another inspiration is literature they have read, he said.

Schimanski-Gross said the group is appealing because they reach out to teens, encouraging education as they tour libraries across the country. During their Wednesday performance, they will describe the rigors of touring and creating in the studio, and invite the audience to help them write a song on-the-spot.

"That's another thing that looks like fun, the audience participation," Schimanski-Gross said. "Anyone can ask any question they want."

"It's fun, but they can also learn about the music industry, if they want to."

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Public Accuracy Test for the August 8, 2006 Primary Election has been scheduled for Thursday, August 3, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. in the Township Hall meeting 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.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CLERK

(7-27-06 NR 295620)

CITY OF NORTHVILLE ELECTION NOTICE PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 8, 2006

Please take notice that a primary election will be held in the City of Northville, counties of Oakland and Wayne, Michigan, on Tuesday, August 8, 2006. The polls open at 7:00 A.M. and close at 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of nominating candidates for all participating parties to the following offices:

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State Representative	County Commissioner
County Executive (Wayne County only)	Delegate to County Convention
Judge of the Circuit Court - 3rd Judicial (Wayne County only)	
Judge of the District Court - 35th District	

CITY OF NORTHVILLE POLLING LOCATIONS FOR THE AUGUST 8, 2006 ELECTION

Precinct 1	Wayne County	Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St.
Precinct 2	Oakland County	Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St.

Polling places are handicapped accessible, equipped with Braille and audio voting instructions and ADA compliant voter assistance terminals. The City Clerk's office, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday August 5, 2006 for the purpose of obtaining absentee ballots and receiving absentee ballot applications for ballots to be mailed. On Monday, August 7, 2006, until 4:00 p.m., qualified electors requesting an absentee ballot must appear in person and vote the ballot at the City Clerk's office. Absentee ballot applications are available at the City Clerk's office, on our website at www.ci.northville.mi.us, or you may contact the Elections Clerk at 248-349-1300, ext. 1962.

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Tuesday, vote with your feet

Next Tuesday is a busy day for those in Northville who boast openly about their willingness to step up and move the community forward.

Registered voters will be busy during the day, casting ballots during the Aug. 8 primary election, nominating partisan selections for the House and Senate. Township voters will determine the fate of two local millage requests — public safety and shared services.

Shared services is the umbrella agreement between the city and township responsible for providing funding for such things as programming at the Northville Senior Community Center, Northville Youth Assistance and Parks and Recreation.

City voters will not vote for those millage issues.

What do you think?

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

Later that same evening, volunteers interested in finally moving forward the downtown makeover project, an effort ignominiously dubbed "NV07," will meet at the senior center in downtown Northville, listen to ideas and

divide into work groups, based on individual interest.

This is a great chance for local residents who simultaneously cheer and bemoan the city's past, present and future. Want in on the ground floor of downtown's tomorrow? Take a step forward and attend next week's meeting.

We know you're busy, tired and, in some cases frustrated by unfulfilled promises. This is different. The train is moving now. It's time to set that aside old grudges, and begin anew.

Talk is cheap. Get involved.

City: Kick off a new downtown Northville

Downtown 2007 Project wheels are grinding forward. Last week, council members took a big step by following through on the downtown strategic plan they commissioned, asking various city commissions and boards to take a look. The Northville Downtown Development Authority board, the project's supervisory body, has formed specific committees: organization, business mix, marketing/promotion, design/aesthetics, and parking/circulation. The commitment requested of volunteers: five meetings, starting with a kick-off meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 8 at the Northville Senior Community Center. Call (248) 349-0345. Or just show up.

Township: Don't wait, call for help

Northville Township officials urge residents to call 9-1-1 in the case of any emergency. Township Fire Chief William Zhmendak said if you smell smoke, call the fire department immediately: "Even if it is just a barbecue." Though the assumption is to believe others will take care of business and call for help, it's better to be safe than sorry. If you see anything out of the ordinary, don't wait for the worst to happen. Call for help, immediately.

Schools: Value a PILLAR of success

The ongoing partnership between Northville Youth Assistance and the public school district proves a difference can be made in a child's life. This week summer courses began with the goal of helping students with difficult school transitions and really just showing them how to successfully survive as kids. The PILLAR and Powerful kids youth programs are a result of hard work by administrators of both organizations and Northville High School educators Judy Cavanaugh and Karin Pearson. Every year they donate their summer time to running the highly revered classes, building self-esteem and easing fall anxieties. And it works. Many parents and students have expressed public and private gratitude for the programs and to the staff dedicated to helping kids navigate a clear course.

LETTERS

Stewart: For the Record

As you may know, it has been alleged that I have improperly used my relationship with the Plymouth Historical Museum for political gain. While I believe such allegations to be false and politically motivated, it has become necessary for me to respond to them — not so much to defend myself but to defend the museum.

In my role as Executive Director of the Plymouth Historical Museum, a position I have held for the past 17 years, I have always conducted myself with honor and integrity and I would never do anything to compromise that or to jeopardize the museum's tax-exempt status.

I have tried to run my campaign the same way and went above and beyond what was required of me by taking a leave from my position at the museum before I did any campaigning for office. This was not something I was required to do — but felt it was the right thing to do.

As for the allegations made by the so-called "Citizens to Save the Museum":

The allegation that I used the museum's bulk mail rate for political mailings is false. I used the bulk mail permit number, which I was informed by the post office in Plymouth was permissible, as long as I paid the proper postage rate — which I did for each and every mailing. I paid the very same rate as every other candidate running for office. This can be verified at the post office with my check receipts.

I paid to rent the museum for the Milliken Event and the meeting held after just as anyone can. It was an open event to the public and there were other candidates in attendance that evening.

I informed the museum membership in our newsletter that I was taking a leave of absence to run for office — period.

Please look at the people behind these allegations and at what their motivations are before you pass judgment. As a gesture of good faith, I have informed the Museum Board of Directors that I will continue my leave of absence until the museum is free and clear from these baseless accusations.

Beth Stewart

20th District State House Candidate, Plymouth

Focus on the issues

As a voter who lives in Plymouth Township, I am extremely disappointed at the focus of the article by Tony Brusca on the front page of the Plymouth Observer on Sunday, July 16. This article and the one about Beth Stewart that appeared in the Observer on Thursday, July 13, were neither fair nor balanced news stories.

First, the articles did not mention the fact that Beth Stewart was informed that she could use the Historical Museum's bulk mail permit, and Beth paid the post office directly for her mailing paying the proper bulk rate — the same rate every candidate is paying. Secondly, the articles did not mention that she paid to rent a room in the museum for an event after former Governor Milliken's book signing event. In fact, anyone can rent the museum meeting room. She had her materials at the museum but Ms. Stewart did not have them on display during the book signing.

Ms. Stewart took a leave of absence from her job June 1 — before she began any campaigning and is not holding any more meetings in the Museum, nor is she using their bulk mail permit any longer. She told Channel 4-WDIV News that she is sorry that she opened herself up to criticism and gave her opponent, Mark Abbo, an opportunity to distract voters from the real choices facing voters in the

Aug. 8 primary election. Let's get back to the real issues.

Linda Brandt

Plymouth

Vote for Stewart

We are students at Michigan State University, and we want to encourage other students to vote in the August 8 Primary Election. Beth Stewart is running for the Republican Nomination for the 20th District seat in the Michigan House of Representatives. Beth Stewart has always been supportive of education during her untiring work at the Plymouth Historical Museum, as many of us who visited the museum as students know from first hand experience. Ms. Stewart has promised to do all she can to support all levels of education in the State of Michigan. In fact, at the League of Women Voters Forum held on August 13 at the Plymouth City Hall, she was the only Republican candidate who even mentioned the importance of higher education, pointing out that universities, colleges, and community colleges will have a crucial role in attracting businesses to our area and improving our local economy.

Beth Stewart is the right choice for everyone who wants a representative who will work toward preventing skyrocketing increases in tuition rates, while at the same time helping to maintain high quality education in our Michigan colleges and universities.

Jeff Brandt, Kellie Brandt
Plymouth

Stewart support

Do you ever wonder how a small town like Plymouth can look so beautiful, so well cared for, and have as many activities as we do?

Beth Stewart is one of the people in our town who works hard to provide arts, cultural and educational activities and programs for the community, which not only improve the quality of life, but contribute to the economic well-being of Plymouth, Plymouth Township and Canton.

While schools have limited dollars, Beth, working with teachers and administrators, was instrumental in securing sizable grants for PCEP's history programs. And each school year, thousands of elementary students learn about the history of our community and state by visiting the Plymouth Historical Museum.

Beth has the wisdom to know that we need to take care of and preserve our natural and man-made resources. She is the first to jump in, lend a hand, and not go home until the job is done. Just as we have been the recipients of Beth's hard work here in Plymouth and Western Wayne County, the entire 20th House District and the state of Michigan will benefit by electing Beth Stewart as our state representative. And once in a while, her efforts help to make even impossible dreams come true.

It wasn't that long ago that Saving the Penn wasn't considered a viable idea. Beth was one of the people who jumped in first to support the Friends of the Penn. When high schools students were looking for information to rescue the barn at PCEP, Beth was a valuable resource for the students. The research they gathered was one of the contributing factors that helped preserve the barn, an important piece of our history.

She knows the people who live in this community. She balances work, family and community service, and always has the energy to do more ... not just when people are looking ... and not just during an election year. Please vote for Beth on Tuesday, Aug. 8.

Debra Madonna,
Plymouth

Cindy Bartlett
Northville

DeVos: hypocrisy

DeVos should bring the 1,200 jobs he took overseas, other than that, why would you vote for him. Until he does that, you know where he stands. Not for the working man, oh yes, the ones overseas.

Brian Long
Northville

Support Northville Youth Assistance

They say that personal relationships and word of mouth is the best form of advertising. That is clearly the case for Northville Youth Assistance and the mentor program. If not for hearing the mentoring experiences of a good friend and his encouragement to give it a try, I doubt I ever would have taken the plunge.

I am happy to say that I did take the plunge nearly 3-and-a-half years ago now. My mentee (a bit of a strange name to me and to him, so we refer to each other by first names or just "my friend") is now nearly 10 years old. He is pretty well adjusted for a kid who's never had a dad. Although we are trained to function as a "friend," for a 6-year-old, I find myself acting more as a second grandpa, but one who maybe a more restrictive and less tolerant than I might be with my own grandsons. Part of my job, as I have come to see it, is to exhibit appropriate behaviors and manners for an only child who lacks a certain amount of self control and is probably no less "me-focused" than any other 9-year-old.

There is no shortage of opportunities in this regard when we spend our weekly hours together doing "fun" stuff or just helping me run errands. Having an impact is admittedly a very slow process and often not apparent. Mostly what I see is that he is happy to see me when we get together. He still doesn't always say "please" or "thanks," even after three years, but I see little movements toward maturity and I know his mom appreciates the effort.

Although it is a sometimes frustrating experience, all in all it is a very positive experience and the training and support that Northville Youth Assistance provides and facilitates through mentor training and support groups and the mentor/mentee group activities makes it work for me and my mentee as well. There are always kids in need of a mentor (we have 4 boys waiting for mentors right now) and I think many adults would be surprised to learn that they/we need a mentee as well. Give it a try. Vote "yes" on Aug. 8.

Ken Romine
Mentor and Northville Youth Assistance
Commission member

Stamping out political folly

This letter is to at once commend Capt. Mike Carlson of the Northville City Police Department for his intelligence and professionalism while condemning a Northville Post Office employee and her supervisor for their lack thereof.

Recently, I was at the Northville Post Office, in the public right of way, passing out campaign fliers for my son, Jason Vorva, when a female employee of the post office approached me asking if I had permission to do what I was doing. I replied that the First Amendment was all I required. A few minutes later, a man identifying himself as the supervisor told me I was not allowed to pass out this literature and I was to leave. I inquired under what authority was he ordering me off the public right of way, he simply replied the U.S. Post Office. I told him that he was mistaken in his assertion, at which, he became angry and said that he would call the police and have me arrested. I asked to see the postmaster, but he was not there. I asked for telephone numbers of the district office so I might call. There were no answers.

I then went to the police department and spoke with the dispatcher who was very polite and professional. She directed me to the detective, who again was very courteous and said I needed to see Capt. Carlson.

Capt. Carlson listened attentively to my story and then asked to see the literature. After examining it, he immediately recognized it for what it was, political speech, which is the type of speech given the greatest protection by our great Constitution. He then cited the appropriate city code, which allowed my activity. He then said if I had further problems with the supervisor to have him call his office.

I returned to the post office and instructed the supervisor to call Capt. Carlson. He did so but came back with more threats, only this time saying he was calling the postal police. I resumed my activities and a few minutes later the supervisor returned to my location attempting to apologize.

This incident is a stark and informative comparison and contrast of two institutions that serve the public. While the Northville Post Office personnel could use some serious training and should probably stick to sorting and delivering the mail, the Northville City Police Department under the leadership of Capt. Carlson should be applauded for their intelligence and professionalism, as I do now.

Jerry Vorva
Plymouth

Slavens, not Patterson

I am shocked and embarrassed by the outrageous behavior of our State Sen. Bruce Patterson. As I have also read and heard, I am not alone in my disappointment over our poor representation.

During a recent speech given by another state senator regarding the overtime pay vote, Patterson (our senator) yelled over to the other side to make an obnoxious, personal comment about the senator speaking.

Not only was he unruly and disrespectful, he was totally out of line and showed that he's totally out of touch with what we regular folks need from our elected officials.

I had always heard Sen. Bruce Patterson was known for bullying local elected officials and community activists. Now I know this is indeed the case.

I'll be voting for Mark Slavens this fall, a man who can control his temper.

Melissa Fitzgerald
Northville Township

Support 'shared services' millage

The Northville senior programs and the new Northville Senior Community Center are being enjoyed by many of our residents. Programs include weekly activities, special outings, trips, picnics, tours to local points of interest, seminars, health and strength training, sporting events, Senior Olympics, and help with taxes each year. Transportation is available for doctor appointments and shopping.

The senior center provides a place to meet new friends, attend classes, play cards or just drop by. Over 20 percent of the Northville residents are seniors and many are taking advantage of these activities and help from our staff. The senior activities are part of the "shared services" agreement including Parks & Recreation and Northville Youth Assistance.

Support the township millage renewal and vote "yes" on Aug. 8. There is something for everyone.

Jim Nield
Chairman Senior Advisory Board

COMMENTARY

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Google heightens Michigan job 'search'

There's been plenty of talk in recent days about a possible "alliance" between General Motors Corp. and Renault/Nissan. That is fascinating stuff — and big news if anything ever comes to pass.



Phil Power

But the solidly significant story last week was Google's announcement that it plans to locate its AdWords unit in Ann Arbor. AdWords is the pay-per-click advertising division that generates much of the giant Internet search engine provider's revenue.

And Google says it expects to hire something like 1,000 people over the next five years, paying them an average of \$47,000 a year, with generous benefits thrown in.

State economic development officials estimate this project will generate 1,200 spin-off jobs, \$2 billion in personal income and \$165 million in new state revenues over the next two decades. More important than those numbers, however, will be the impact this has on the lives of people — and in stimulating related economic activity.

Imagine a venture capitalist who suddenly sees opportunity for profit by funding an information technology start-up firm adjacent to Google's operation. Think of the University of Michigan graduate who had been planning on moving to Chicago realizing her career could best be started with Google. A ninth grader who suddenly realizes being a computer engineer in Michigan is a very real possibility. The retired couple that, encouraged by all this, decides to stay in Michigan rather than move to Florida.

Beyond the jobs themselves is the powerful, positive message it sends about our future. First, Google's commitment to Michigan sends the message to other high-tech, non-manufacturing companies that we're not just another down-in-the-dumps "rust belt" state.

Our assets include great research universities like the

U of M, a wealth of engineering and technical talents, and thousands of bright and ambitious graduates looking for fulfilling careers. We also

have some communities like Ann Arbor or East Lansing that are "cool" by any standard. And overall, the quality of life in Michigan is pretty darn good: The commute is quick; housing prices are low; and lakes, streams and woods are wondrous, nearby and easy to get to.

For years, I've been one of many who have been arguing that we need to build a "knowledge economy" in Michigan beside our evolving manufacturing base. Google's announcement confirms that hopes of building such an economy are not just pie in the sky.

U of M President Mary Sue Coleman said last week that "Google's decision to choose Michigan is a milestone in our state's transformation." She's absolutely right — especially if we seize the opportunity to build on it.

What this also should do is make blindingly clear the importance of thriving research universities to our economic prosperity. Tax cut or no tax cut, they wouldn't have come otherwise. This has not always been obvious to our elected leaders in Lansing.

Over the past quarter century, for instance, state support for universities has dropped by nearly a third. Nor has anybody had the guts to say out loud that not all universities are of equal importance.

Specifically, there is a big difference in mission and economic importance between our serious research universities and the rest.

Doug Rothwell, president of Detroit Renaissance and one of the smartest economic development types around, noted in a recent Detroit Free Press article that, "North Carolina invests heavily in its universities, especially its flagship

research universities. In turn, the universities diversify the state's economy."

By contrast, "In Michigan, the model is quite different. We treat higher education as an expense rather than as an investment."

Rothwell is right on. We need to change our approach to higher education. Our thinking should shift from an appropriation-based model to an investment approach. We should make support for higher education a key part of Michigan's economic development strategy and, in particular, recognize that our research universities play a vital role in the innovation-based science and technology that lie at the core of building the new economy.

Fortunately, there are signs even folks in Lansing are getting the message. Even before the Google announcement, a budget agreement was reached between Gov. Jennifer Granholm and legislative leaders to increase state spending for universities by 3 per cent. That's a great start. But much more needs to be done.

I wouldn't want to overemphasize the importance of the Google announcement, especially in the short run. There are many, many thousands of manufacturing jobs at risk in Michigan today, far more than in the information technology sector for the foreseeable future.

We need many, many more Googles. Here's the bad news: Just last week United Van Lines reported that in the first half of 2006, the company handled 4,482 moves in Michigan. Nearly two-thirds of those were moves out of state. That represents the highest percentage of out-of-state flight, recorded in any state in the nation.

Google's announcement is a great start, but only time will tell if it's a real deal. Still, you have to think of Winston Churchill's famous line: "This is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

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A sunny Eclipse!

Members of the Northville Eclipse "base ball" team celebrate an 11-4 victory over the Lone Star of Plymouth. For the Eclipse history, roster and game schedule, visit: www.eclipsebbc.com.



TOP: Every summer, the Eclipse Baseball Club of Northville play a historically-correct version "base ball," using old-fashioned rules which include players referred to by nick-names. "Shamrock" connects as "Paddy," "Toes," "Tater," "Inky," "Barrister" and "Kid" watch.

MIDDLE: A rousing cheer led by Team Captain, "Paddy," of The Eclipse Baseball Club of Northville, following an 11-4 win over The Lone Star Baseball Club of Plymouth. Also pictured (left-right): "Inky," "Z," "Tinman," "Tater," "Crusher," "Toes," "Shamrock," "Kid," "Bender," "Barrister" and "Handle."

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 MONSTER HOUSE (PG) 11:05, 1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:05, 9:05
 LADY IN THE WATER (PG-13) 11:55, 2:15, 4:35, 6:55, 9:15 FRI-SAT 11:55
 MY SUPER EX-GIRLFRIEND (PG-13) FRI-SAT 11:45
 YOU, ME AND DUPREE (PG-13) FRI-SAT 11:15
 PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN: DEAD MAN'S CHEST (PG-13) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30

ENGAGEMENTS



Schwartz-Jessop

Debbie and Ray Schwartz of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristi Schwartz, to Jared Jessop, son of Robert and Patricia Jessop of Almont, Mich.

The bride-elect is a 1999 graduate of Northville High School, a 2003 graduate of Bowling Green State University and a 2005 graduate of Irene's Myomassology Institute. She is employed as a massage therapist for Health Choice.

The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Almont High School and a 2002 graduate of Western Michigan University. He is employed as a Capital Markets Analyst for Quicken Loans.

A September 2006 wedding is planned.



Cowles-Scranton

David and Suzanne Cowles of Northville announce the engagement of their son, Phillip Robert Cowles, to Cassandra Marie Scranton, daughter of James and Sharon Scranton, of Traverse City.

The groom-elect is a 1998 graduate of Northville High School and a 2003 graduate of Michigan State University. He is a superintendent for Pulse Homes.

The bride-elect is a 2000 graduate of Traverse City High School and is currently attending Eastern Michigan University. She is employed as a manager of "Zoup," Ann Arbor.

An August 2006 wedding is planned.

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OUTDOOR CONCERT
DATE: Wednesday, Aug. 2
TIME: 7 p.m.
DETAILS: The rock 'n' roll group, "The High Strung" will perform. The concert is for all ages. Participants are asked to bring seating.

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 contributes 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: Open to the public.

CHURCH EVENTS

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE
LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
(248) 349-0911 or visit www.singleplace.org
Single Place Activities
DATE: Today, picnic and concert
TIME: 7:30 p.m., social time; 8 p.m., program

WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 374-5966
Remarried Workshop
DATE: Wednesday, Sept. 6- Dec. 13
TIME: 7-8:15 p.m.
DETAILS: This free course will include information on blending families, parenting issues, communications and finances. Participants are welcome to attend

one or all the classes.

Single Adults
DATE: Sunday
TIME: 11:30 a.m.
CONTACT: (248) 374-5920
College Age
DATE: Sunday
TIME: 10:20 a.m.
CONTACT: Mark Tarpinian, (248) 347-3525

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144
Summer Worship Services
DETAILS: 8:30 and 10 a.m.
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, July 27
9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly
9:30 a.m.: Yoga
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Tai Chi
By appointment: Massage
Friday, July 28
9 a.m.: Canoe Trip
9:30 a.m.: Focus Hope/Liquid Nutrition
10 a.m.: Strength Training
1 p.m.: Movie: Madea's Family Reunion
By appointment: Massage
Monday, July 31
10 a.m.: Line Dance
10 a.m.: Oxygise I
11 a.m.: Oxygise II
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre
Tuesday, Aug. 1
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
Wednesday, Aug. 2
8:30 a.m.: Gilmore Car Museum
9 a.m.: Strength Training
10 a.m.: Oxygise Level I
11 a.m.: Oxygise Level II
11:30 a.m.: Oxygise New Enrollees
noon: Bridge

SENIOR OLYMPICS

DATE: Aug. 21-25
DETAILS: This is the second annual Wayne County Senior Olympics. Various events, including a softball throw, baking contest, bridge card game, bocce ball and walk will be offered. This event is hosted by the City of Northville, Northville Township and the Northville Senior Community Center.
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.

HEALTH WALKING

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

MILL RACE MATTERS

MILL RACE HISTORICAL VILLAGE

LOCATION: 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field
CONTACT: (248) 348-1845
Thursday, July 27: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Rehearsal, 7 p.m.
Friday, July 28: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Wedding*, 1-3 p.m.; Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, July 29: Wedding*, 4:15-6:15 p.m.
Sunday, July 30: Mill Creek Church, 10 a.m.; Village open, 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 1: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.
Thursday, Aug. 3: Archives open, 9 a.m.; MOMS Club, 10 a.m.
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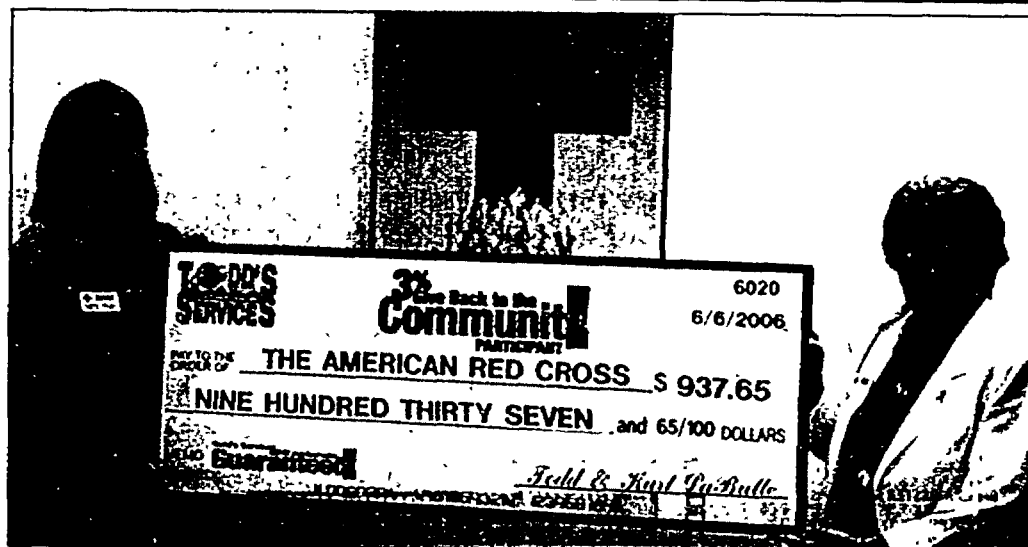
BABY WALK VOLUNTEERS
DETAILS: The non-profit statewide organization, "Tomorrow's Child, Michigan Sudden Infant Death Syndrome," needs volunteers to serve as team captains for the second annual Baby Walk. The walk will be Sept. 17 at Maybury State Park. Team captains will recruit friends and family to participate. Teams are collecting pledges for Sudden Infant Death Syndrome research.
CONTACT: Carol, (248) 650-3729 or visit www.tomorrowchildmi.org

FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS
DETAILS: Families are needed to host foreign exchange students for fall 2006. The commitment is to provide a caring home with a room and meals.
CONTACT: Judy Morante, (248) 380-7390

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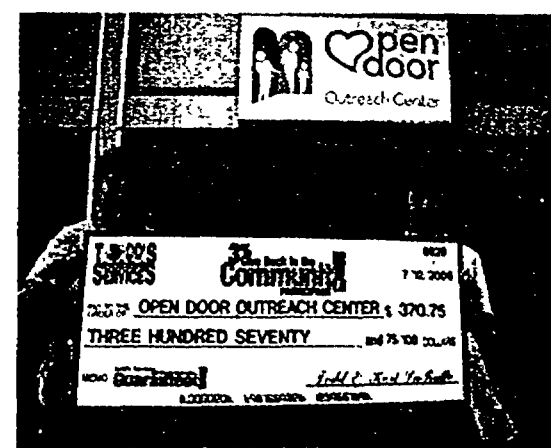
Support Your Local Non-Profits



Karen Gregg (left) and Diane Serra accept a donation to support the American Red Cross of Livingston Co.

Many non-profit groups are struggling financially due to past events such as the 9-11 terrorist attacks, the Asian tsunami, and hurricanes. Repairing the devastation caused by these events has led to government cuts in funding. The lagging economy in Southeast Michigan has also contributed to the declining support of non-profit organizations. To try and help the situation, Todd's Services, Inc. (TSI) developed the Give Back to the Community Program. Through this program, TSI has had the pleasure of donating over \$450,000 to many local, non-profit organizations including schools, churches and public libraries. Over the next few years, TSI will donate a total of 2 Million Dollars to many well-deserving, local, non-profit groups.

This program has provided TSI the opportunity to work with and learn about so many outstanding, local non-profit groups. When most people think of non-profits, they probably think of the larger groups we are all aware of. Due to limited space, we couldn't list them all, but the following gives an example of smaller groups, possibly not as well-known, that are very worthy of recognition and praise.



Open Door Outreach Center
Waterford, MI - Celebrating the spirit of interfaith charity and recognizing the human dignity of all persons, Open Door Outreach Center's primary mission is to provide emergency services (food, clothing, and referral information) to families in need. Open Door offers free food and clothing to qualified families in our service area who experience an emergency that prevents them from providing basic family needs. Our careful selection procedure ensures that assistance is provided to those with the greatest need.
opendooroutreachcenter.org

Community Support Team
South Lyon, MI - it is the mission of the South Lyon Community Support Team to provide financial support to families with children who have suffered catastrophic illnesses or injuries. The support team helps families within a 25 mile radius of South Lyon. Their largest fund raiser is the Annual Golf Outing in July at Links of Novi. For information or to join the group contact President Ann Traye at (248) 437-2533. slcst.org

St. Johns Outreach
Fenton, MI - The goal of St. John Outreach of Fenton is to enhance human dignity by promoting personal freedom and fostering hope through service based in faith. St. John Outreach serves the poor, the homeless and the marginalized in our community. They believe a community needs more than government safety nets. As necessary as they are, they often fail to break a fall. Our outreach brings friendship to the lonely, frees the poor from appalling servitude, and nourishes respect and caring among people of the community.

Give Back to the Community
This is how the Give Back to the Community Program works: When Todd's Services, Inc. landscapes a project, they donate 3% of the job total (up to \$600 max.) to the local, non-profit organization of the customer's choice. All local, non-profit organizations qualify including: schools, churches, fund-raisers, sports teams, subdivisions, and many more.
TSI offers various financing programs including up to 12 months same as cash with no interest, or 8.9% financing with a low monthly payment. If you are in need of landscaping and would like to help a worthy charity at the same time, or if you want TSI to be your best deal on landscaping, contact Todd's Services for details (810) 231-2778, or visit them on their website at: www.toddsservices.com

Great Lakes Burn Camp
Jackson, MI - supports a camp for burn-injured children at no cost to their families. Donations are used to purchase specialized equipment, cover the cost of organized events transportation and provide quality of food and lodging. The camp is a special place for kids ages 7-17 to meet, heal, grow and support other burn survivors. Kids share their stories and bond with other kids in a comfortable, relaxed environment.
greatlakesburncamp.com

Special Days Camps
Jackson, MI - provides a safe place for children with cancer or leukemia, their siblings and families to come and enjoy normal childhood camp activities in a healthy, outdoor setting - under the care of skilled medical personnel. Those in treatment are given every chance to participate in all activities. Campers who are off treatment provide a wonderful inspiration to those who are sick. For the brothers and sisters of children with cancer Special Days Camps provides carefree camping fun "on their own," with friendly and understanding companions. specialdays.org

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Through the Give Back to the Community Program, TSI has already donated over \$450,000 to local organizations.

Gleaners Community Food Bank of Livingston
Gleaners Community Food Bank of Livingston has a mission of "nourishing our communities by feeding hungry people". This is done by securing surplus food from farmers, grocery retailers, food distributors and processors that would otherwise go to waste. The food is safely stored and distributed to over 25 local non-profits that are direct providers of nutritious meals to those in need. Over one million meals are provided to individuals struggling to put food on their tables in our community. Additionally, Gleaners operates a food pantry in its distribution center in Genoa Twp., which has over 1,300 visits made to it per month by local residents who need help with groceries. The number of children in need is far greater during the summer months than the winter months as these children no longer have access to free or discounted school lunch programs. Gleaners' network is experiencing a 30% - 40% increase in request for food assistance. Over 59% of those who benefit from the food distributed are children and seniors. Gleaners Community Food Bank of Livingston is located at 5924 Sterling Dr., Howell, MI 48843. gcfb.org

Floors To Your Door
By: Mike Riley

Thinking "Exotic"
Historically, wood flooring was something that went down when the house went up. Seldom was it considered for re-decorating because the cost was so high. However, the arrival of new and rare species, together with tough, high tech finishes and installation techniques, have changed all that. Nowadays, traditional solid hardwoods like oak and maple are being joined by cherry, mahogany, cypress, eucalyptus—even bamboo—from the world's far flung regions. That's why they're called 'exotics.' Exotics are distinct in their unusual, natural colorations, and they're also up to three times harder than domestic hardwoods. Finishes like aluminum oxide and acrylics, which can be injected into the wood, make these wood floors tougher still, even in high-traffic and light commercial areas. The advent of the engineered floor, featuring surfaces with select cuttings atop a dimensionally stable core, means exotics and other hard woods can go places usually avoided in the past. Because they're less susceptible to swings in temperature and humidity, engineered wood floors can be installed in areas like kitchens and sub-grade rooms—basements, for example. Cost-wise, many exotics are comparable with high quality oak.

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

CAMERA CLUB
 DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
 CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northville-camera@sbcglobal.net, Ken Naigus at kdn@comcast.net or Northville Arts Commission, (248) 449-9950

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

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

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

YOUTH ASSISTANCE
 DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
 TIME: 8 a.m.
 LOCATION: Youth Assistance office, 775 N. Center St.
 CONTACT: (248) 344-1618

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

PARKS AND RECREATION ACTIVITIES
 LOCATION: 775 N. Center St., back entrance of Hillside Middle School
 CONTACT: For registration and information on camps, classes and activities, (248) 349-0203 or visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org

TUNES ON TUESDAY
 DATE: Tuesday, ongoing
 LOCATION: Downtown bandshell
 TIME: 11 a.m.-noon
 DETAILS: These are free summer childrens concerts spon-

sored by Northville Parks and Recreation and the Downtown Development Authority.

SUMMER DAY CAMPS
 DATE: Monday-Thursday through August
 TIME: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
 LOCATION: Maybury State Park, Eight Mile Road, between Beck and Napier roads
 DETAILS: These camps are for ages 5-12. The resident fee is \$160 per week, \$245 per two-week registration and \$860 for eight weeks; non-resident fees apply. Campers will go on weekly field trips. Activities include games, sports, crafts, art and drama. Registration is required.

ART PROJECTS
 DATE: Tuesday through Aug. 8
 TIME: 5:30-6:15 p.m.
 LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
 DETAILS: Projects are based on letters of the alphabet each week. This class is for toddlers and their caregivers. The fee is \$82 per resident; non-resident fees apply. Registration is required.

ALL SPORTS CAMP
 DATE: Aug. 14-18
 TIME: 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
 LOCATION: Northville High School Plateau, located behind Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St.
 DETAILS: This camp is for ages 6-12 and includes baseball, basketball, touch football, floor hockey, volleyball and whiffleball. The fee is \$150 per resident; non-resident fees apply. Registration is required.

FOOTBALL CAMP
 DATE: Aug. 7-11
 TIME: 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
 LOCATION: Northville High School Plateau, located behind Amerman Elementary School, 847 N. Center St.

DETAILS: This camp, for ages 6-12, will teach the basic fundamentals of the game of football including daily scrimmages and contests. There will be no tackling or physical contact. The fee is \$150 per resident; non-resident fees apply. Registration is required.

BASKETBALL CAMP
 DATE: Monday through Friday
 TIME: 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
 LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

DETAILS: This camp, for sixth-eighth grade students, will teach the basics of basketball, game situations, floor awareness, rebound positioning and ball movement. It will also include individual dribbling, passing and shooting techniques as well as rebounding, blocking out and defensive awareness. The fee is \$150 per resident; non-resident fees

apply. Registration is required.

WOMEN'S NETBALL
 DATE: Friday, ongoing
 TIME: 7-9 p.m.
 LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
 DETAILS: Netball is a game from Britain based loosely on basketball rules.
 CONTACT: (248) 449-9947

PLAY AND MAKE MUSIC
 TIME/DATE: Various times; Tuesday-Friday, ongoing
 LOCATION: Soccer Zone, 41550 Grand River Ave., Novi
 DETAILS: This music and exercise class is for children under 4 and their caregivers. The class will include rhythm instruments, puppets, song and creative movements.
 Registration is required.
 CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

OPEN BASKETBALL
 DATE: Every Sunday
 TIME: 6-9 p.m.
 LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
 DETAILS: The fee is \$3 per person.

TEEN BASKETBALL
 DATE: Every Thursday
 TIME: 3-5:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
 DETAILS: The fee is \$2 per person.

OPEN BADMINTON
 DATE: Every Tuesday and Friday
 TIME: 7-9:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road
 DETAILS: Competitive style badminton is available. All skill levels are welcome. The cost is \$7 per night.



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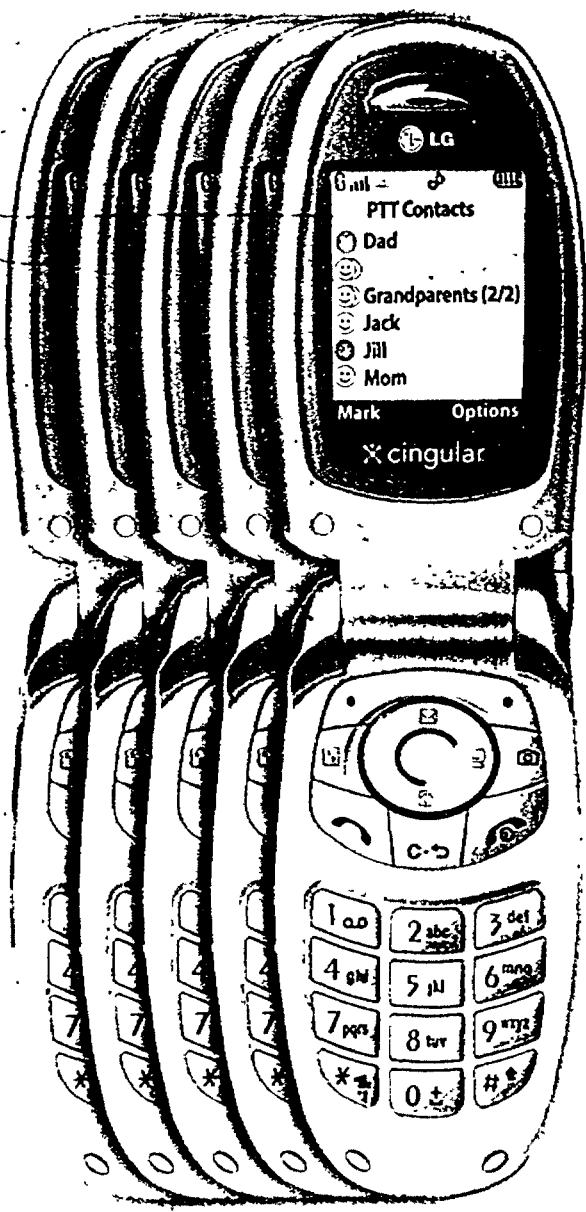
**SYNOPSIS
 JULY 20, 2006
 REGULAR MEETING
 CHARTER TOWNSHIP
 OF NORTHVILLE
 BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Thursday, July 20, 2006
 TIME: 7:00 p.m. (7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting)
 PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
 CALL TO ORDER: Meeting called to order by Supervisor Abbo
 ROLL CALL: Present: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen. Absent: Brad Werner
 CLOSED MEETING: Motion to enter into closed session to discuss Quinn vs Township Litigation, as permitted under the OMA MCL 15 261, approved
 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:
 1. Agendas: Consent and Regular Agendas - approved
 2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:
 A. Resolution - 50th Birthday for Robert David - approved
 B. SEMCOG Regional Ambassador Award - Richard Henningsen - presented
 C. Jeff Hamilton appointment to Building Board of Appeals - approved
 D. The Senior Alliance Resolution - approve Multi-Year Plan - approved
 3. Public Hearings: None
 4. Brief Public Comments & Questions: None
 5. New Business:
 A. Plante Moran C.R.E.S.A. - Final Payment - tabled
 B. Proposal to name public property - approved
 C. Approval of additional Financial Institutions - approved
 D. Bradner/Franklin Road water main replacement - payment #1 - approved
 E. North Beacon Woods Detention Retrofit - approved F.
 AT&T Easement - tabled
 G. Federal Cable Legislation - tabled
 6. Unfinished Business: None
 7. Ordinance: None
 8. Bills Payable: Bills payable in the amount of \$1,824,394.84 - approved
 9. Board Communication & Reports: from Abbo, Hillebrand, Henningsen, Snider, Banner, Gans, Roosen
 10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: Decision from closed session - approved Sign Ordinance - re-approve from March - approved
 11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

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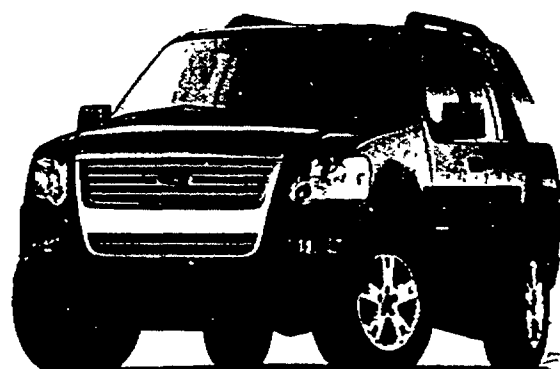


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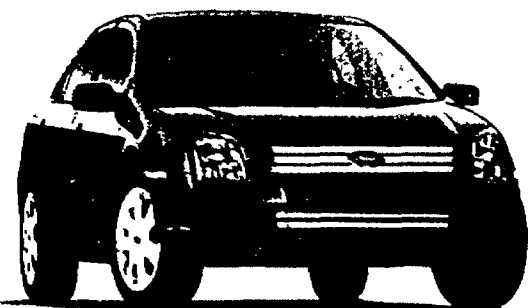


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Northville Broncos Andrew Distler and Marty Larouerer, both 16, will be playing in the NABF World Series, which begins today.

Getting 'World' serious

Northville hosts NABF World Series — but hungry for first win

For the past 23 years, Northville has played host to the NABF World Series. Through the years there have been big wins for teams that come from Indiana, New York and all corners of the country.

But a championship for Northville? It has never happened.

Just don't tell the Northville Broncos.

Coached by Rich Welch, the Broncos come into this season with some exceptional experience, returning several players from last year's squad.

Can they win it all? Will they? Who knows? Baseball is anybody's game. A big hit or a great pitcher can be all the difference in a contest.

But the World Series has never been about winning a championship for the home squad.



Sam Eggleston

The Northville players are sometimes awed by the talent they face in the tourney and sometimes they are all smiles with just how close they were to the best competition in the series.

This year the Broncos will take to the diamond to play their own version of the Midsummer Classic. They will pitch and hit and field to the best of their abilities and when the dust settles at home plate they might end up with some wins. They may have a championship.

And if they don't? It has never mattered to Northville. The fans come out and cheer their Broncos. The coaches pat their players on the back. The players shake each others' hands.

The NABF Junior World Series, which starts today at Northville High School and continues through Saturday's championship game, is about more than just wins and titles for the Broncos. It's about fun. It's about the experience. It's about being able to sit down 10 years down the road and point at the television screen and

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saying that once, back in the NABF World Series in little old Northville, they played against that professional pitcher.

That's what the Broncos are entering this tournament to do. They will go in and play and represent their community. They'll do all of it well. They always do. As long as Northville hosts the tournament their home team will continue to do it well.

And if there are wins then it's icing on the cake. If there are losses, then there will be lessons learned and memories made. No matter the outcome, the Broncos will benefit from every swing, every pitch and every minute of their time at the World Series.

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Several former NABF World Series players who took the field in Northville have taken the step to the professional ranks.

Jake Peavey, Pitcher, San Diego Padres

Peavey was selected by the San Diego Padres in the 15th round of the 1999 amateur draft. As a right-handed pitcher, Peavey made his major league baseball debut June 22, 2002 and has since gone on to win over 40 games and was selected to the All-Star game in 2005.

Peavey played in the NABF World Series in 1996 and was selected as the tournament's most valuable player. He was the first-ever MVP selected who was not on the winning team.

JJ Putz, Pitcher, Seattle Mariners

Major League Baseball pitcher Putz earned his nod to the professional ranks in 1999 as the sixth-round pick by the Seattle Mariners. He made his debut Aug. 11, 2003 and has earned a place as the closer for the Mariners, earning six wins and 10 saves.

Putz, who played in the NABF World Series in 1998, was drafted by the Chicago White Sox in the third round in 1995 and by the Milwaukee Brewers in the 17th round in 1998 but did not sign either time.

Austin Kearns, Right Fielder, Washington Nationals

Any player selected in the first round of the major league draft is likely to have a strong career and Kearns hasn't let anyone down. Selected as the seventh overall pick in the first round of the 1998 draft, Kearns has climbed through the ranks, batting .266 over four years with a .461 slugging average.

The Cincinnati Reds rewarded him nicely, bumping his salary to \$1.85 million in 2006 before including him in a trade to the Washington Nationals this season.

NABF World Series fans would have guessed Kearns to be a future power hitter when he was busy smacking the ball around the park in Northville in 1996 as a member of the Lexington Dixie Stars ball club, hitting .583 throughout the tournament.

Tony Graffanino, Third Baseman, Kansas City Royals

With over 10 years experience in the major league baseball ranks, Graffanino landed a spot with the struggling Kansas City Royals after being picked up on waivers from the Boston Red Sox.

Graffanino earned more than \$2 million this season and has a career batting average of .268 and a slugging percentage of .396.

Graffanino made his professional debut April 19, 1996. He was selected in the 10th round of the draft by the Atlanta Braves and also played for the



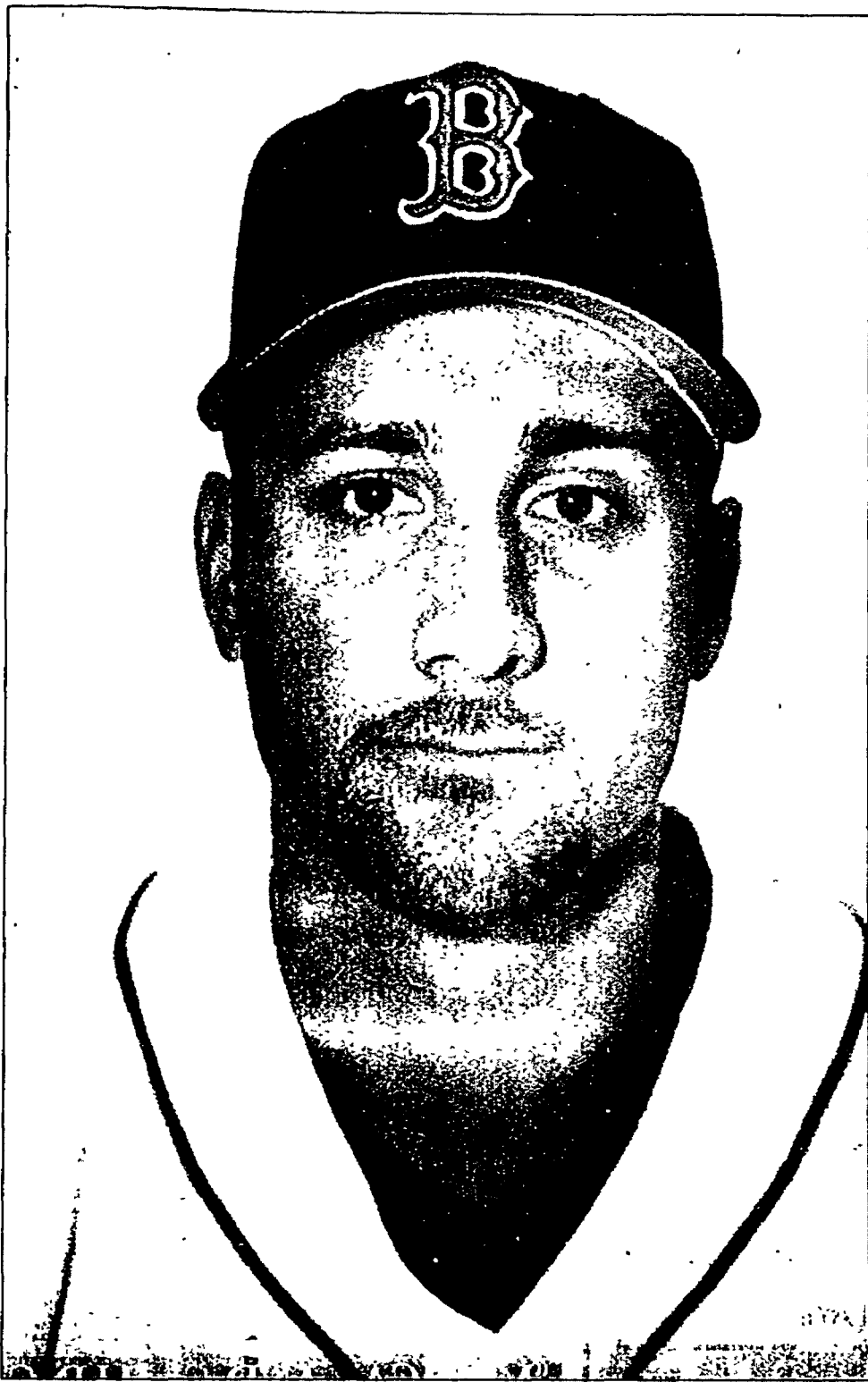
Austin Kearns was the seventh overall selection in the 1998 Major League Baseball draft. He played in the 1996 NABF World Series, hosted in Northville.



Pitcher JJ Putz (left) played in the 1998 NABF World Series, and was a sixth-round draft pick by the Seattle Mariners. Jake Peavey, who played in the 1996 NABF World Series, was a 15th-round draft pick by the San Diego Padres and last year played in the Major League All-Star Game.



Chicago White Sox and Toronto Blue Jays. Graffanino made the trek to Northville to participate in the World Series in 1987 as a member of the prestigious Bay-side Yankees ball club, one of the perennial contenders in the NABF tournament.



Tony Graffanino has enjoyed a 10-year major league playing career, including stops with the Kansas City Royals and the Boston Red Sox. He played in the 1987 NABF World Series, and was later drafted in the 10th round by the Atlanta Braves.

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3-Astro Falcons Game #2 3:00 p.m. Northville Field	1-BNG Game #6 Noon Ford Field	2-BVA Game #10 6:00 p.m. Northville Field	Runner-Up II	
1-Northville Game #3 Noon Northville Field	2-Colamba Reds Game #7 9:00 a.m. Northville Field	4-Kincaid Nationals Game #11 3:00 p.m. Northville Field	Winner B Game #14 Noon Northville Field	
3-Toronto Mets Game #4 9:30 a.m. Ford Field	1-Northville Game #8 Noon Northville Field	2-Colamba Reds Game #12 6:00 p.m. Ford Field	Runner-Up A	
4-Kincaid Nationals	3-Astro Falcons	1-Toronto Mets		



Congratulations, Northville as host of the 2006 NABF World Series

'PONY' up! Local youth baseball league pitches fun first ... winning third

By Courtney Ratkowiak
SPECIAL WRITER

In a league where the Moldy Cheese Sticks play the Big Macs to determine the champion of the postseason tournament, enjoying the baseball season is more important than winning the final game.

The Pony League, a division of the Novi Youth Baseball League, is a volunteer-based, non-tryout baseball program. In the summer, 13 and 14-year-old Novi athletes can choose to play house baseball in the Pony League or try out for the Novi Heat, the city's travel team.

"The programs complement each other," said Chuck Anway, Pony League director for Novi house baseball. "In the house division, there aren't tryouts. As

long as you sign up, you get to play ... so you have a wide range of kids. You have some kids who could play travel, but decide not to for whatever reason, and they're really good. Then, you have other kids who are not as good but want to play baseball."

A preseason draft determined the placement of Pony League athletes into 15 teams from Northville, Novi and South Lyon. On July 10, the six Novi Pony League teams began a double-elimination house tournament with a championship game on Monday, July 24.

The Novi Moldy Cheese Sticks, named for their green uniforms, were 10-3-1 in the regular season and 3-1 in the playoffs before Monday's championship game.

Coached by Mark DePotter and

Kirk McGinn, the Moldy Cheese Sticks won a regular-season game against the Big Macs after a last-inning comeback.

"We're on a team where everybody contributes," DePotter said. "I can't think of any big stars. We've had contributions, both offensively and defensively, from every player, and that's allowed us to get to the championship game."

After the first practice, DePotter knew that his team had the potential to have a successful season.

"I saw the willingness and eagerness of the boys to learn and play hard and to move forward," he said. "That was encouraging."

Benjamin Abreu, Bobby Barden, Conner Caldwell, Mark DePotter, Nader Hage, Chase Huston, Glenn Malear, Nick

Marcus, Doug McGinn, David Plante, Wes Smith, and Matthew Waldrop play for the Novi Moldy Cheese Sticks.

The Big Macs, with the help of four solid pitchers and strong steam hitting, had a 12-2 regular season record and a 3-0 record in the playoffs before the July 24 championship game.

Head coach David Egner has worked with assistant coaches Anway and Mike Colaccino for five years, a familiarity that helped to create a winning team in the preseason draft.

"I've coached some of these boys for seven or eight years now, off and on," Egner said. "We knew most of these boys before we drafted them, and they're just great kids."

"I have as much fun watching Mark DePotter's team be suc-

cessful as I do watching my own boys be successful. I've coached half his team, too, at some point. It's just great to have that kind of competitive spirit, and at the same time, this great sportsmanship."

Members of the Big Macs include Mark Anway, Nicholas Colaccino, Ryan Cordes, Daniel Egner, Chad Halash, Jordan Jabbori, Ryan Jok, Jeremy Mims, Andrew Palmer, James Pitcher, Matthew Volchoff, and Mark Wagner.

After the conclusion of the house tournament, Novi head coaches will select four athletes from each team to play in the All-Star game on Saturday, July 29. The game is scheduled for 9 a.m. at Novi's Community Sports Park.

"The coaches select (the All-

Stars) after the season's over," Anway said. "They usually don't select them during the tournament; they try and look at a whole season before they make the commitment of who they're going to send."

As in the house tournament, the athletes in the All-Star game will represent the teamwork and spirit of the Pony League's summer baseball season.

"We stress three things, in this order: teaching, sportsmanship, and being in a position to win," Egner said. "For us, it's more about building character than it is winning."

"I just keep telling the boys that everyone has an impact on the game," DePotter added. "Don't get hung up on the small stuff. Have fun."

"We're having fun."

Home Owners... Does Your Home Have A Whole House Fan?

What is a Whole House Fan?
Whole house fans are designed to exchange the air of the home's living space, thereby reducing the heat radiating down from the roof and attic areas. This helps improve ventilation and increased evaporative cooling for the home. Many home owners do not have a good understanding of what are the proper operations of a whole house fan. The best place to start is by reading and understanding the manufacturer's manual.

How does a whole house fan work?
When the whole house fan is running it will draw cool outside air into the living spaces through open windows. The air in the living space is then pulled into the attic which in turn pushes the hot attic air out via the attic vents. This will help reduce the temperature within the home and attic space in an efficient manner. **Note:** Whole house fans and air conditioners should not be used at the same time. The most efficient manner to use a whole house fan is when the outdoor temperature is a minimum of five degrees cooler than the home's indoor temperature. Not all windows need to be opened. Generally windows should be opened about 5 inches as desired. It is recommended to open the windows on the cooler side of the day depending on the hour of the day and the location of the sun. This will bring in the coolest air in for cooling the home.



Randall Patterson

Is the whole house fan safe to operate?
As a home inspector I have found many units without safe wiring, worn belts, attic insulation over the fan housing, blocked soffit vents, loose/broken framing, broken louvers, and improper fan controls. It is recommended that the whole house fan be installed on a separate electrical circuit, with no other electrical wiring on the breaker. This will allow for proper shut down during winter months without affecting other home electrical connections.

In addition it is essential to verify the proper attic ventilation system is sized properly (amount of soffit vents and roof/ridge vents) to the whole house fan requirements. It is recommended to have approximately 1 Sq. ft. of attic ventilation for every 750 cfm (cubic feet per minute) of the fan's airflow.

As part of ongoing home maintenance and to ensure the whole house fan is operating efficiently and safely, routine check and observe the following:

- Ensure attic vents are clear of insulation and other materials (soffit & roof/ridge)
- Are the proper attic vents installed
- Ensure ceiling penetrations into attic are sealed. (i.e. light boxes, attic hatch, etc. if not then hot air can leak back into the home from the attic)
- Ensure whole house fan is properly mounted and in good condition.
- Are the fan blades protected by a guard
- Do the blades wobble when running
- Does the fan vibrate when running
- Is the belt in good condition
- Do the fan louvers operate properly
- Ensure fan controls are out of reach of small children to avoid accidental operation of fan that could lead to unsafe conditions in the home
- Backdrafting can occur if the whole house fan is not used properly, with windows opened. If the windows are not opened or the attic does not have the proper ventilation then combustible appliances, such as hot water tanks, gas dryers, and fireplaces, may create a risk of backdrafting. This could lead to carbon monoxide entering the home. Install carbon monoxide detectors in the main living and sleeping areas to provide family safety and protection.
- Monitor the attic space to ensure there is no condensation build up, which could lead to mildew/mold development.

To avoid cold air leaks during winter months, we recommend that the whole house fan be covered and sealed during winter months. When this process is followed, place a piece of tape over the wall switch control for the fan and tag the breaker in the electrical panel as being shut down. (Turn the breaker to the off position) This will help you remember to clear the fan's insulation seal prior to using the fan in the spring time of the year. Make sure all family members know not to operate the whole house fan in winter months or prior to clearing the whole house fan insulation seal.

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By Annette Jaworski
SPECIAL WRITER

There's nothing ordinary about the eye care at the Adelson Eye and Laser Center. From the cutting edge technology to the staff whose experience and training exceeds all norms, Adelson Eye and Laser Center in Northville is the leader at setting the gold standard in customer care, physician experience and state of the art technology.

Expanding their capabilities, Dr. Todd Adelson will soon be joining his brother, Dr. Howard Adelson, joining two of the state's most extensively trained pair of eye surgeons in one location. Each has performed an additional year's training in cataract and laser vision correction.

"The additional year of unique training is something that very few eye surgeons possess," Dr. Howard Adelson said.

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tions to select from.

"We can provide the patient with multiple options. We specialize in determining what's best for each patient," Adelson added.

Implants/after cataract surgery and otherwise

The area of cataract surgery is one that's seen tremendous advances in recent years, including the ability to insert an intraocular lens. Previously, intraocular lenses were mono-focal, best suited for distance vision, and lacked the ability to adjust vision for near vision or midrange vision.

One of the most exciting developments in implants include the ReSTOR and ReZoom lenses, which are multi-focal and have the ability to adjust to multiple distances. Implants can also be inserted in patients without cataracts who wish to be completely free of glasses.

"It's so cool using the latest surgical techniques and technology, the patient can see up close or far away in less than 10 minutes. A vast majority of patients can see without any type of glasses," Adelson said.

In addition, they also offer traditional LASIK and CustomVue LASIK. CustomVue LASIK has



the remarkable properties of reducing or eliminating the "halos" or glare with night time driving, making for safer travel. Vision is often improved dramatically over traditional LASIK.

Adelson is a pioneer in the field of CustomVue LASIK and has performed thousands of this procedure with excellent results. He was one of the first surgeons in the state of Michigan to utilize this technology.

Another option is "CK," or Conductive Keratoplasty, a non-laser procedure that can reduce or eliminate farsightedness and presbyopia.

It can benefit those who have difficulty reading small print without bifocals or reading glasses. The entire procedure takes less than five minutes per eye and can be performed in the doctor's office. Most people can resume their normal activity within 24 hours.

Improving appearance as well as sight, they can also offer eyelid surgery correcting upper eyelid drooping, excess eyelid skin and outward turning of the eyelid.

These problems can cause eye discomfort, limit vision and affect appearance.

On the Leading Edge

Technology once again paved the way for improved treatment with the latest diagnostic equipment called Optical Coherence Tomography, or OCT for short. It is a new addition to the Adelson Eye and Laser Center which allows the Ophthalmologists to study the eye in a very high resolution. This makes it possible to see different areas or layers in the eye to determine where pathology lies. What this means to the patient is a comfortable, quick and accurate diagnosis of potentially serious eye problems such as glaucoma and many more.

Cautions

When it comes to "bargain basement" deals and bait-and-switch scams, both doctors refuse to compromise the quality of care they provide when it comes to caring for your eyesight. As the saying goes, you get what you pay for. Adelson Eye and Laser Center promises to offer only the finest possible care and results for their patients. They'll never compromise the patient's eye care to second rate equipment or bargain prices. The Center prides themselves on quality of care, honesty, integrity and practicing medicine the way patients expect.

"We will never mislead our patients," says Dr. Todd Adelson.

All in the Family

Although they took different routes on the way to their success, the brothers eventually ended up at the same point. In July, Dr.

Todd Adelson will join his brother, Dr. Howard Adelson, at the existing Northville practice to form one of the most highly trained and comprehensive medical and eye surgical care centers in the area. Dr. Todd Adelson will bring his unique attributes and extensive background from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in affiliation with the world renowned Wills Eye Hospital, where he served residency in the field of ophthalmology from 2002 to 2005. He is looking forward to joining the Northville practice with his brother.

"I'm excited about it," Todd said. "We've talked about it for years. It's something we've thought about since I began my training nine years ago." He said they share the same philosophy on where they want to take the practice.

Traditional Services

In addition to surgery and diagnostic and corrective procedures, the Adelson Eye and Laser Center performs routine eye exams, screening for diabetes and glaucoma. They are also available for emergency care. Dr. Todd Adelson points out, "many illnesses in the body can be revealed through the general health of the eyes."

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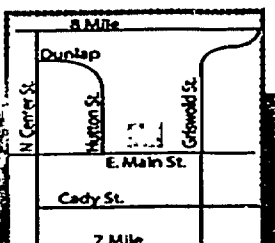
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DRIVERS & CAR PREPS Part-Time, for Oakland County locations. Must have valid drivers license, excellent driving record. Available Mon-Sat, 8:30-3:30 hrs/wk. Apply online: www.enterprise.com or call: 248-426-1419 x270 EOE/M/F/D/V

GRAPHICS ASSOCIATE Coaching & Consulting firm seeks a highly organized, professional, exp. and motivated candidate to create & develop marketing material such as sales presentations, proposals, documents, forms. Req. professional business exp. with Microsoft WORD, Excel, PowerPoint. Exp. with Illustrator, Adobe Acrobat, In-Design, Photoshop a plus. Must have exc. verbal/written skills, integrity. Part time w/ flexible hrs. Pay commensurate with exp. Email Resume to: oesume@hometownlife.com Refer to Code 1388

LAWN CUTTER NEEDED. Experience a must. Up to \$9/hr. (248)467-6555

LIFE & DISABILITY REP. FULL-TIME - EXPERIENCED Wanted for quoting & service. Wage plus benefits. Fax resume to: 248-675-4520

LOAN OFFICERS for South Lyon office. Some experience preferred. For more information, please call 248-437-5801

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN Needed for apartment complex. Competitive hourly wage and full benefits. Prior experience in apartments HVAC, Electrical, & Plumbing, Drywall & Painting repairs ok. Fax your resume to 248-356-3509

MASON LABORER NEEDED Full time work. Call (734) 878-6629

CONELY RENT A CAR MANAGER/AUTO SERVICE & RENTAL SALES Minimum Associates Degree Fax resume 810-227-6744

CUSTOMER SERVICE REP/MASTECTOMY FITTER needed for medical supply company. Training provided. Split position available, between Brighton & Ann Arbor offices. Please call 517-548-0186 or fax resume to 517-548-6749

DRIVERS earn \$1000 + per week with Southern Pines. \$1000 sign-on bonus for experienced flatbed drivers. Haul low-level Radioactive Containers on flatbeds. CDL-A with Hazmat permits, top equipment 800-637-7502

GYMNASTICS STAFF NEEDED Instructors needed for preschool, recreation and pre team also rec manager needed. Call (810) 229-4966

HAIRSTYLIST - Exp in roller set/blow dry, 1-2 days/wk. Nov area assistant center. 800-762-7391

HOUSEKEEPERS Part-time, day hours for American House Senior Living in Northville. Please apply in person. 42000 Seven Mile Rd., Northville.

HYAC Exp'd Technicians & Installers needed, we've been out and see why. 248-348-4242 Dan Wood Plumbing & Heating Services, Inc

HYAC TRAINING NEEDED? Classes start August 21st. At Livingston MI-TEC in Howell. Call: (517) 548-4589

INSPECT AUTOMOTIVE PARTS \$9.25/hr. as needed basis, training provided. Ideal for students. Must be 18. 810-229-6053. Only call town 1 & 3 pm

TRANSMISSION SHOP needs transmission installer assistant/maintenance. Must have own tools. Call Rob. 810-599-4542

AYON-Join the Winning Team! Start for as little as \$18 - No inventory needed. Call 877-225-3070

BAKER: Existing new healthy bakery/cafe in Northville looking for experienced baker Full or Part-Time. Want creative and innovative person. Call 586-202-9456 or email dpyents55@yahoo.com

BRIGHTON COMMUNITY Education (101 spot/Friendship centers) has openings in their childcare programs for full & part time employment. Applicants should have some previous experience working with children or be enrolled in a program that provides such training. For more information & to schedule an interview call 810-299-3819 ask for Kay or Deb

CABLE/DATA INSTALLERS Advanced communications Inc now hiring Cable/Data Installers. Fulltime Benefits. Must have good driving record. Clean background. Pass drug test. Paid training \$9.50-\$12 phour. Please call Greg at 734-564-9044

CARING HELPERS Kind, caring, nurturing, dependable persons needed to assist individuals with disabilities in the community. Will provide training. Must have valid drivers license. Flexible schedule. Call Debbie (517) 285-3903

HEARPENTER Are you experienced with window & siding installation? Local company seeking enthusiastic carpenter who is organized, takes pride in workmanship & gets along well with others. Must have own truck, tools & references. Specialty in replacement window & siding installation. Please send resumes to Box 1397 c/o The Livingston County Daily Press & Argus 323 E Grand River Howell, MI 48843

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE LETTER PERFECT

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ANSWERS TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE

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Don Webb Estate Huge 2-Day Auction

Day #1 - FRIDAY, JULY 28 - 10AM... 4525 BALDWIN RD., HOLLY, MI 48442... US-23 to exit #54 Thompson Rd. east 2 miles to Freese Rd. north 1.5 miles to Baldwin Rd. east 4.3 miles to Auction. OR 1-75 to exit #106 Saginaw Rd. north 1 mile to Baldwin Rd. west 5/8 mile to Auction.

LOOKING FOR A GREAT CAREER?... HeritagE GMAC... Call Terri Campbell at 248-684-8894

GREENWOOD VILLA... Our Senior Waiting List is now open for 1 and 2 bdrm apts. at 7600 Norton, Westland. You must be 62 years old to qualify. Please call 734-261-3200 for information.

PLYMOUTH - Henredon Grand buffet... 7826x36H, \$5500 Sherrill ottoman gold leprey, \$1400. French swan beaded glass/beveled table, \$8x9x22H, \$1650 Oriental screen, 72X72 \$1500 (734) 459-1116

AUCTION Wednesday, August 2 @ 10:00 AM - preview @ 9:00 AM... 5200 Pingree Rd., Howell, MI 48843... 1966 white Dodge AWD 1971 red & tan truck, 2 new chrome doors, wood license rough cut walnut trunk, all spiders, OSB, barbeque fire (approx. 12 boxes) vestless w/ heater 1 row!

Garage Sales (T110) BRIGHTON, JULY 26 thru July 30, 6568 Oakwood Dr Academy & Grand River Infant furniture, car seat, tools, clothes (infant & up), portable dog carrier, etc.

Garage Sales (T110) MILFORD MULTI FAMILY MOVING SALE 7/28, 9.5-7/29 9.1 Quality clothes books toys furniture & much more! 800 B Rd. S. off Milford Rd. N. of town

Household Goods (T160) BIG MAN'S Recliner dark burgundy leather \$900 new asking \$400 517-546-8579

Building Materials (T220) COMPLETE KITCHEN w/all appliances Maple, Corian countertops New \$15,500, \$9,900 best 10 MAPLE CABINETS New \$4,900 \$3,000 best (810) 923-4122

Wanted to Buy (T540) BOYS TWIN FULL Wood bed frame with headboard & footboard Good Cond Call (248) 465-9001

Dogs (T140) Control hook, round, & tapeworms. Rotate Happy Jack Liquid-Vict 2x with Happy Jack Tapeworm Tablets! TSC Stores. 517-548-7600 www.e-stech.com

Horses & Equipment (T160) TRAILER 3 HORSE Slant, w/lock room, new tires \$2,650 best (517) 223-9952

Boats/Motors (1820) MORE BOATS FOR LESS All Sizes New & Used CALL TODAY! WILSON MARINE BRIGHTON/HOWELL 800-875-2620

Campers/Motor Homes/Trailers (T120) COACHMAN 1997 CATALINA SERIES, 32, 25,200 miles \$28,000 best (248) 887-0666

BRIGHTON NEIGHBORHOOD Sale, Spencer Rd, downtown, corner of Church & Spencer July 27, 28, 8-5pm Antiques, bedding, toys, clothes, some baby items & more

NEW HUDSON Multi Family Sale Fri & Sat 9-4pm No Early Birds! 30600 Martindale S of Grand River N. of Pontiac Tr. Lots of goodies!

COUCH, SECTIONAL, w/love seat \$200 Rectangle dining room table 6 chairs \$200 Red oak coffee table \$75 Commercial leaf blower, \$50 Baby crib \$35 (734) 272-2574

PIONEER POLE BLDGS 30 X40 X10, \$8,190 12 X10 All Metal Slides, 36" Entrance 12 Colors, 2x6 Trusses Material And Labor, Free Quotes. #1 Company in Michigan 1-800-292-0679

DOCK 4x10' Aluminum w/Vinyl Surface Call 810-632-9662

ITALIAN GREYHOUND PUPPIES, lots of color, Male & Female, AKC Reg. own both parents, ready Aug. \$b. \$400-\$600 Tel 248-431-2687

FOUND 7/2 - Female Brown Britny Spaniel Timber Trace Goff Course (517) 518-0375

SEA Nymph 12ft. w/5hp Mercury 4 Stroke 1,300 2003 Great Lakes 4000 pound lift, \$1,800 248-425-5541

ALL UNWANTED AUTOS TOP \$\$\$ paid for any Junk, non running or wrecked auto's free towing (248) 467-0396

FARMINGTON HILLS STRATHMORE SUB SALE! Thurs, Fri., Sat., 9am-13 & Haggerty

NORTHVILLE 3 FAM LY SALE! Thurs & Fri 9-4 46055 Bloomerest Dr 1 blk N of Man of Clermont Furniture collectibles lots of kids items

FEDERAL STYLE antique secretary good cond., walnut stain w/glass doors on upper half \$200 Victorian style coffee table 42 in square w/round glass insert walnut stain w/clear feet and Greek key pattern great cond \$150 517-552-2849 or 517-545-5537, evenings

STEEL BUILDINGS Factory deals Save \$\$\$ 40x60 to 100x200 Ex. 50x100x12 = \$3,600 in. 800-658-2835 www.rgd-building.com

PAYING TOP \$\$\$ For old used musical instruments & equip Cell (517) 525-1601

LAB PUPS, AKC, Yellow, vet checked up to date shots \$300 Call 810-632-7308

FOUND 7/24 - Back male dog near Clements Circle (517) 548-5345

SEA Nymph 12ft. w/5hp Mercury 4 Stroke 1,300 2003 Great Lakes 4000 pound lift, \$1,800 248-425-5541

WE WANT YOUR CAR! ANY CONDITION TOP \$\$\$\$ (Free Towing) (248) 335-7480 or (248) 939-6123

FARMINGTON HILLS 3 Family Garage Sale Thurs-Sat, 9am-6pm 28848 Grayfield Drive, between 9 & 10 Mile Rds. E of Middlebelt.

NORTHVILLE 7/28 10-4 & 7/29 9-4 Lots of childrens items household DVDs Great prices 19789 Scenic Harbor in Highland Lakes Sub

FULL SIZE Mattress set, new, still wrapped with warranty Sacrifice \$100 (734) 891-8481

Business & Office Equipment (T740) OFFICE FURNITURE GREAT PRICES! 16250 Northland Dr Ste 363 (248) 569-6085

Playground Equipment (T550) SWING N/SLIDE Set with large play tower \$150 best, ready for U haul (248) 348-1906

LABS AKC OFA English stocky black, see parents, guaranteed \$600 up 517-545-1649

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FOWLerville July 27-29 9-5pm, 11036 W Grand River Sports cards & household

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KING 4 Post Bed w/ pillow top mattress (new) Cost \$1,100 sell \$195 517-204-0600

Electronics/Audio/Video (T340) TWO 12" ALPINE R TYPE SUB WOOFERS with box, 1600 Watt Legacy amplifier \$350 best 248-264-6201

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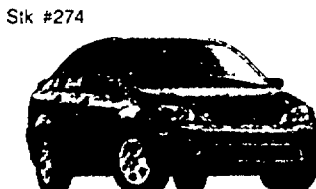
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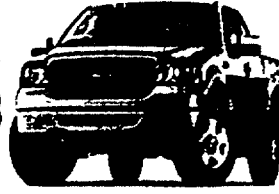
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2006 F150 SUPERCAB XLT 4x4



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Stk #181

2007 ESCAPE XLT 4DR



Was \$27,225
 Now \$22,298

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Stk #266

2006 MOUNTAINEER LUXURY AWD



Was \$35,070
 Now \$25,477

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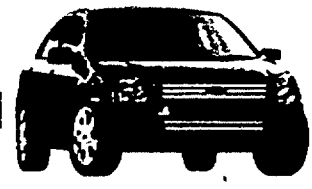
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2006 FUSION SE



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Was \$30,075
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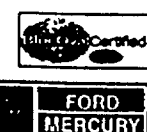


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Go bright, go vivid: a facelift for your siding

(NAPSI) — Since its introduction in the 1960s, vinyl siding has grown in popularity to become the No. 1 choice of exterior cladding across the United States. In fact, according to the Vinyl Siding Institute, U.S. Census figures show twice as many homeowners choose to side their homes with vinyl than any other material.

If you have vinyl siding on your home, you already know some of its benefits: easy maintenance, durability and versatility. But if you want to give your house a colorful facelift, you may think your options for painting over vinyl siding are limited. Not any longer. Thanks to new VinylSafe Color

Technology from Sherwin-Williams, changing the color of a vinyl-sided home is as easy as painting it. And, luckily, paint is the most cost-effective approach

to changing the appearance of a home. With color, homeowners are able to enhance the curb appeal of their homes, make a statement and even increase their value. Traditionally, white, same color or lighter-than-the-siding colors were "safe choices" for painting vinyl siding. That's because these shades reflect the sun's rays, which keeps the siding from warping or buckling. But today's homeowners are more interested in color than ever before — including vivid, bright and deep hues. Evidence of that can be found at the house next door and in home-decorating magazines and television programs, where a broader spectrum of exterior colors is used to complement various architectural styles or regional influences.

VinylSafe Color Technology makes it possible for even the vivid, darker exte-

rior colors to be easily applied over light-colored vinyl without the fear of the siding warping or buckling. And with Sherwin-Williams' SherColor advanced color matching, you can have virtually any custom color you choose. If you're a do-it-yourselfer, you can feel confident tackling your vinyl-painting project yourself because the VinylSafe Color Technology is available in Sherwin-Williams' popular Super Paint Exterior Latex and Duration Exterior Coating products. What's more, the experts at any neighborhood Sherwin-Williams store can provide personalized assistance. If you'd rather call in the pros, Sherwin-Williams can connect you with professional painters in your area. Just log on to svservicereconnection.com to get the names of painters in your neighborhood who use high-quality Sherwin-Williams paints.


stones with depressions or plastic lined depressions in the ground. With creative thinking, these baths can be incorporated inconspicuously into the environment. Remember, however, that the water source you provide must be free of lead and/or chemicals of any kind. The bath itself should be cleaned periodically with a scrub brush and fresh water, and refilled.

With preparation, birdbaths can be maintained all year, providing birds with a reliable source of water even during freezing weather. An all-season birdbath requires a means to prevent the water from freezing. Outdoor heaters designed specifically for this purpose are available and should be used with a heavy duty, grounded extension cord appropriate for the purpose. Perhaps most important, put your birdbath in a sunny place. This will help keep ice away in winter months, and the warm sun will feel good to the wet birds any day of the year.

Important note: Insecticides, fertilizers and other commonly-used chemicals can be deadly to birds. Please be conscious of how you use these products near bird feeding, watering or nesting areas.

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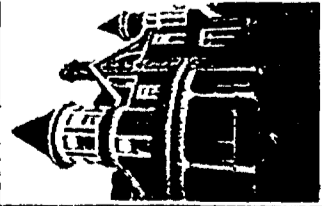
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Career Seminars
Keller Williams Realty will be hosting a Career Seminar at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 16 at the Livonia Office located at 36642 Five Mile Rd. in Livonia. There will also be a seminar offered at its Plymouth office located at 40600 Ann Arbor Rd. Suite 100 in Plymouth at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10. These seminars are a great way to explore a career in Real Estate. Find out all you need to know about costs, compensation, training, and pre license requirements. RSVP: 734-266.9000

Network
Metro-Detroit Real Estate Network meets Saturday, July 29, and on the last Saturday of each month. Presentation begins 10 a.m. at the Greenfield Commerce Building, 21500 Greenfield Road, Suite 101, Oak Park. Co-sponsored by Amazing! Real Estate Solutions Realtors. Call (248) 259-8091 or visit www.Amazing.RealEstate.net for reservations. There is no charge.

Building Industry Association
The Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan will present:

• A development site tour of Partridge Creek in Clinton Township 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 2. The tour begins at Burton Katzman, 30100 Telegraph, between 12 Mile and 13 Mile in Bingham Farms. Parking is available on the south side, adjacent to the boundary of Bingham Office Park and Fitness USA. The community will feature 360 single family homes, 40 models and already constructed homes, 600 condo units, senior housing and a 600,000-square-foot lifestyle center. The community is developed by Taubman Group and Trinity Land Development. Registration fees, including lunch, are \$40 for BIA members and \$60 for nonmember building industry profes-

sionals. For information, call (248) 862-1033.

• A Certified Graduate Builder Series seminar on "Introduction to Business Management" 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. It will be taught by Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services. The seminar introduces builders and remodelers who are interested in improving their bottom line to systematic planning processes used by industry experts. It focuses on basic management tools such as developing a business plan and implementing control procedures to monitor efficiency and profitability. Fees are \$140 for Remodelers Council members and \$160 for BIA members and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

• Apartment Association of Michigan will sponsor a technology seminar, "Electronic Rent Collection," 8:30-10:30 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 3, at AAM headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Kirk McNeil and Greg Fish of Biznet Internet Solutions will demonstrate the benefits of an e-payment program. Fees, including continental breakfast, are \$10 for AAM or BIA members, \$20 for nonmembers and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1004.

• BIA's Sales & Marketing Council is sponsoring a real estate continuing education seminar presented by Lori Chumura of Middleton Training. It will be 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 9, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. The course meets the state-mandated six-hour requirement for continuing education. Fees are \$60 for SMC members, \$75 for BIA members and \$90 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

• A Certified Graduate Remodeler course on "Negotiating" 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 10, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builders Professional Services Group will offer a practical approach to interpersonal problem-solving and suggestions for negotiating. Fees are \$140 for Remodelers Council members, \$160 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, nonmembers and guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

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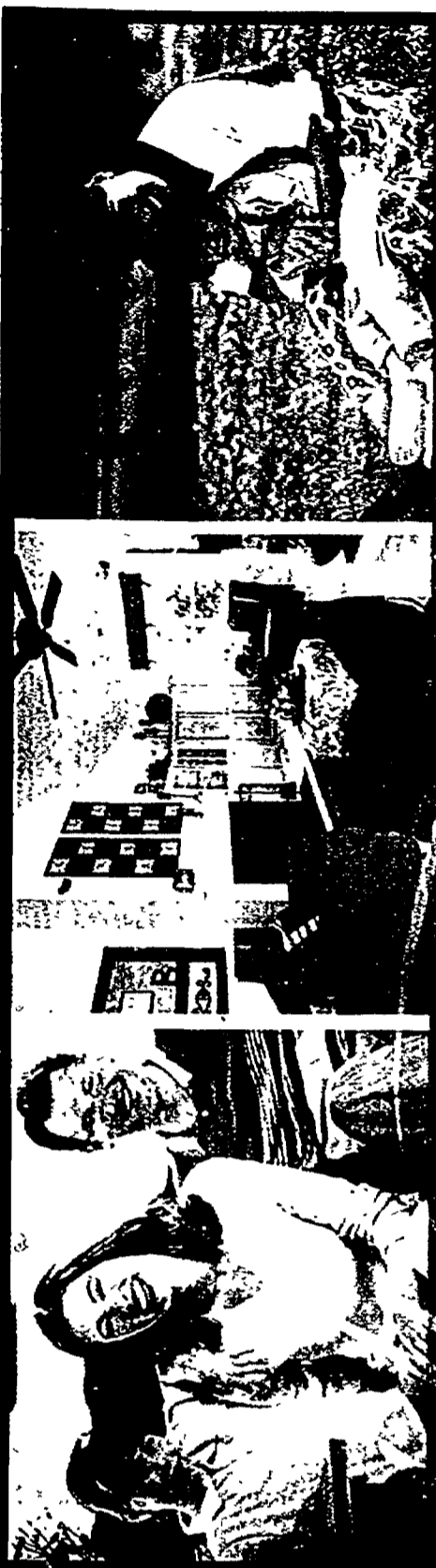
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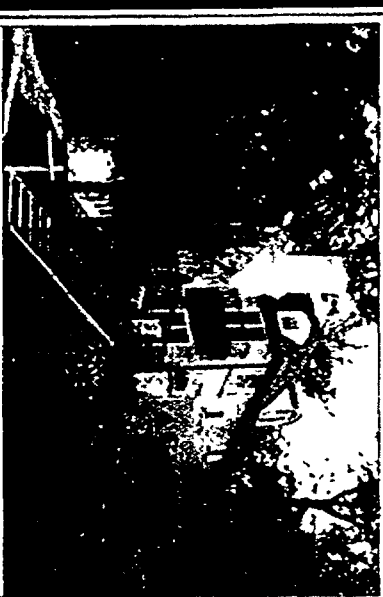
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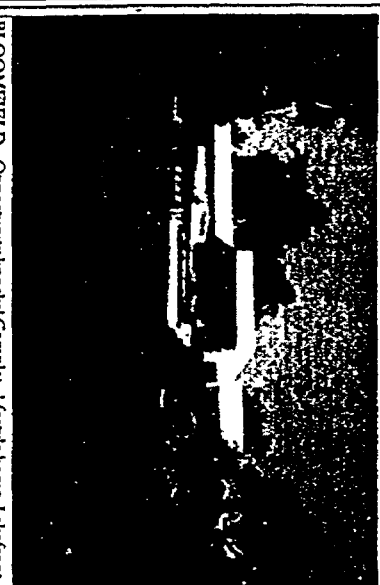
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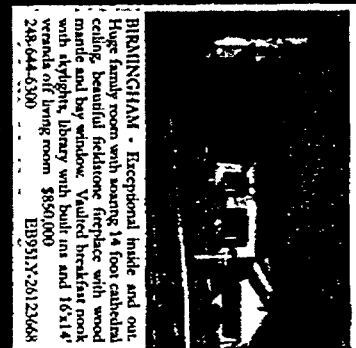
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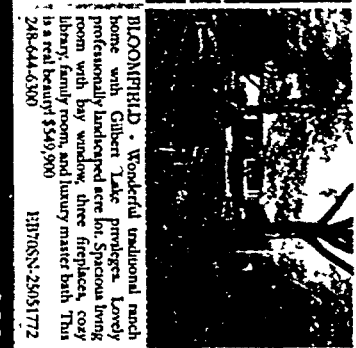
INDEPENDENCE - Exquisite renovation in progress will provide for incredible home with 2500 feet on Deer Lake. Interior design planned to maximize first floor, complete renovation master suite, added lower level bedroom. \$1,250,000
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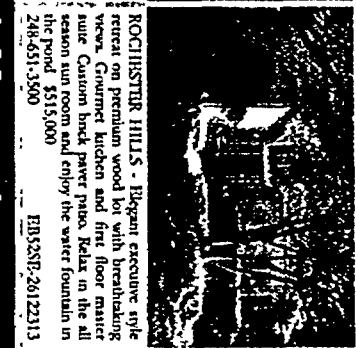
BLOOMFIELD - Home's 2004 addition and kitchen renovation are very impressive. Custom built roomy home, classic built-in enhance formal dining room. \$899,900
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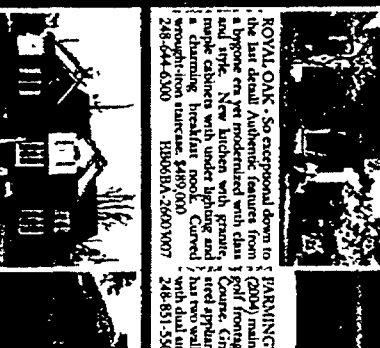
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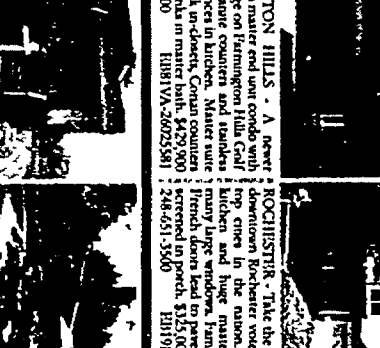
BLOOMFIELD - Wonderful traditional road home with Gilbert Lake. Lushly landscaped, professionally landscaped lot. Spectacular view from the front porch. 3 car garage, 2nd floor master suite, custom back porch, private deck in the rear. \$1,550,000
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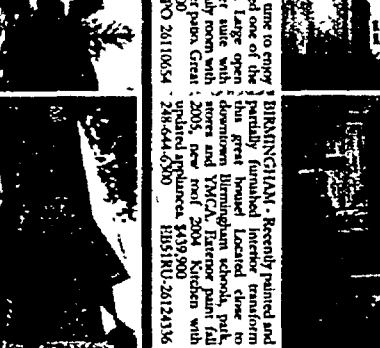
ROCHESTER HILLS - Elegant executive style retreat on premium wood lot with breathtaking views. Gourmet kitchen and first floor master suite. Custom back porch, private deck in the rear. \$1,550,000
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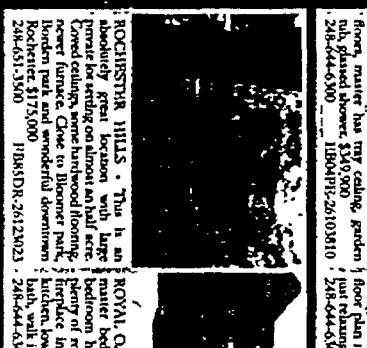
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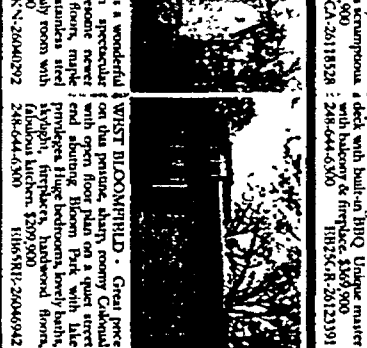
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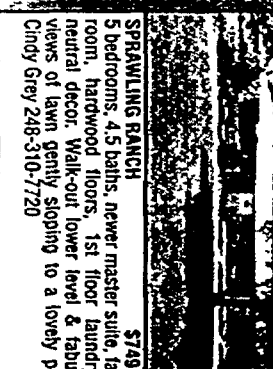
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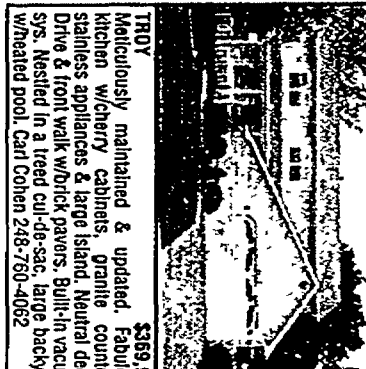
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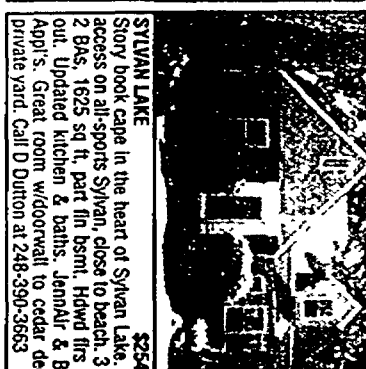
BLOOMFIELD - \$1,975,000
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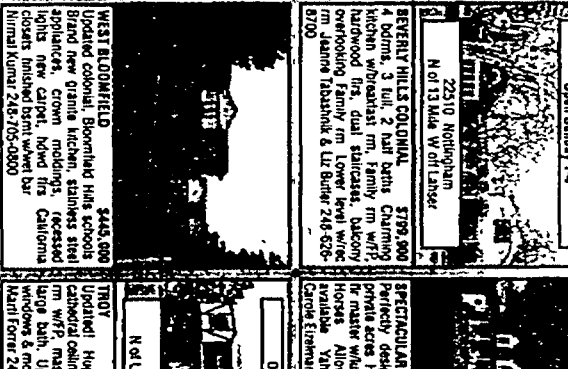
SPRAWLING RANCH - \$749,900
5 bedrooms, 4.5 baths, newer master suite, family room, hardwood floors, 1st floor laundry & neutral decor. Walk-out lower level & fabulous views of lawn, gently sloping to a lovely pond. Cind 619 248-310-7720



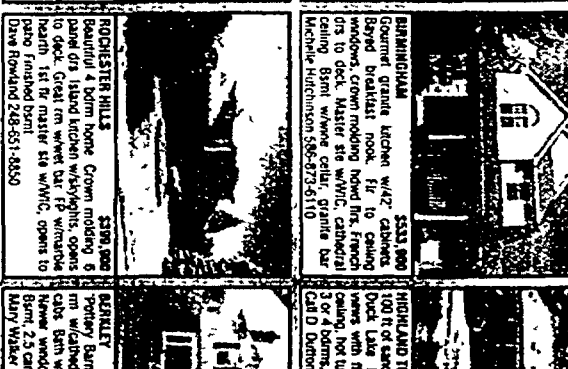
ROYAL OAK - \$339,900
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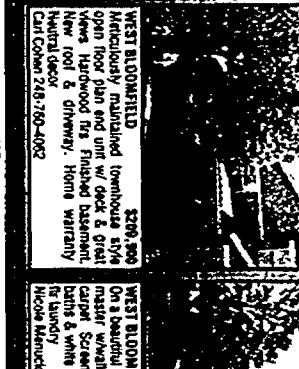
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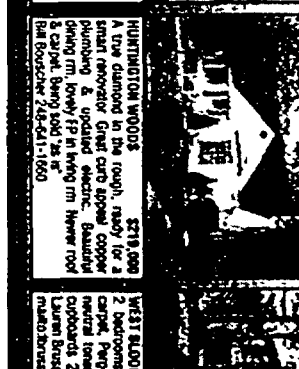
BEVERLY HILLS COLONIAL - \$179,900
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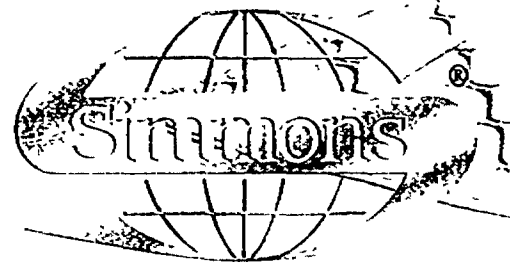
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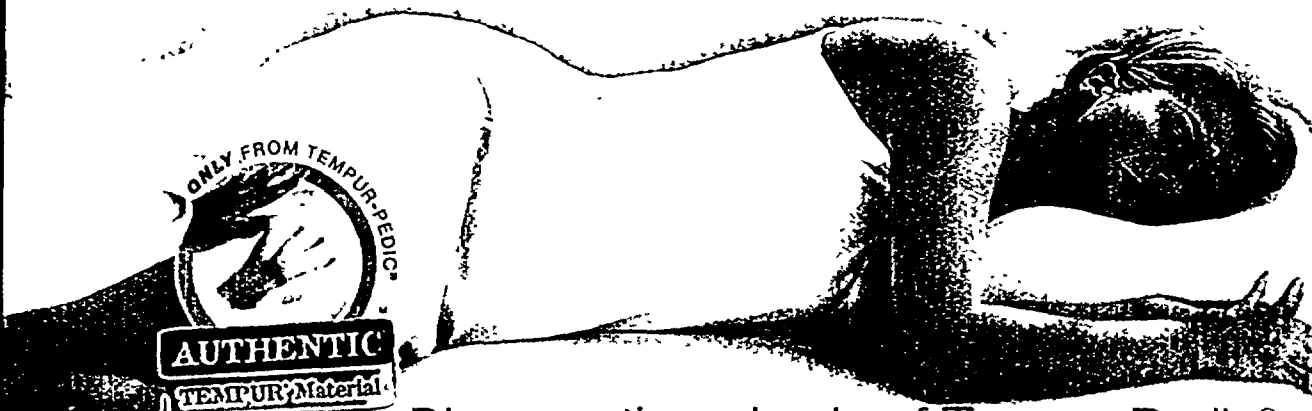
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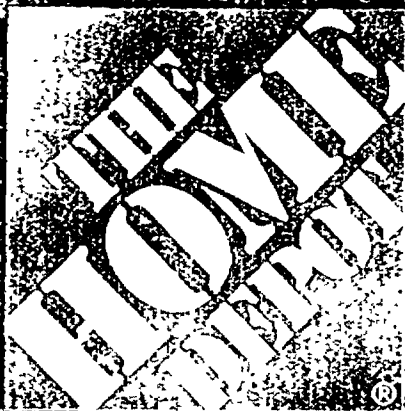
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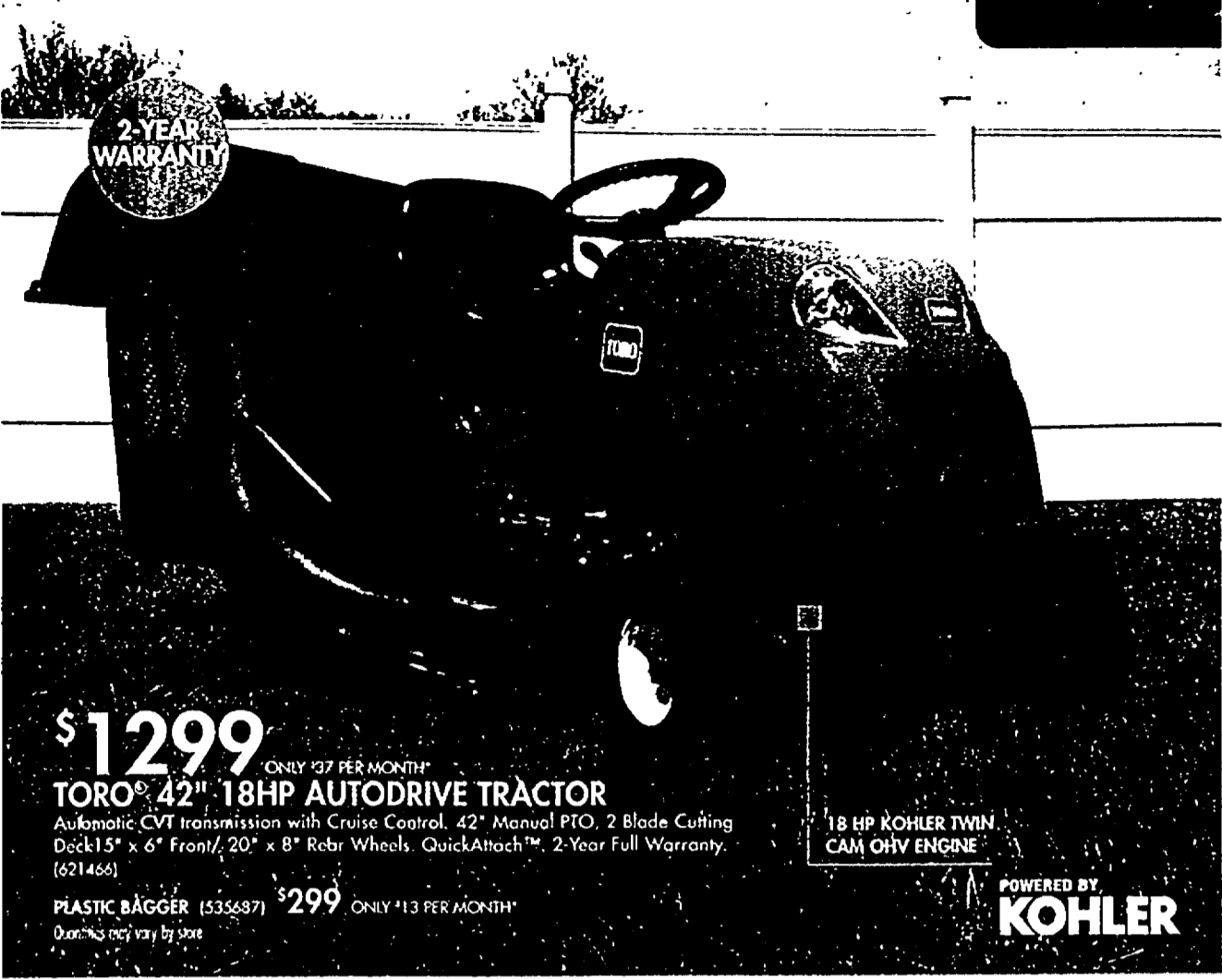
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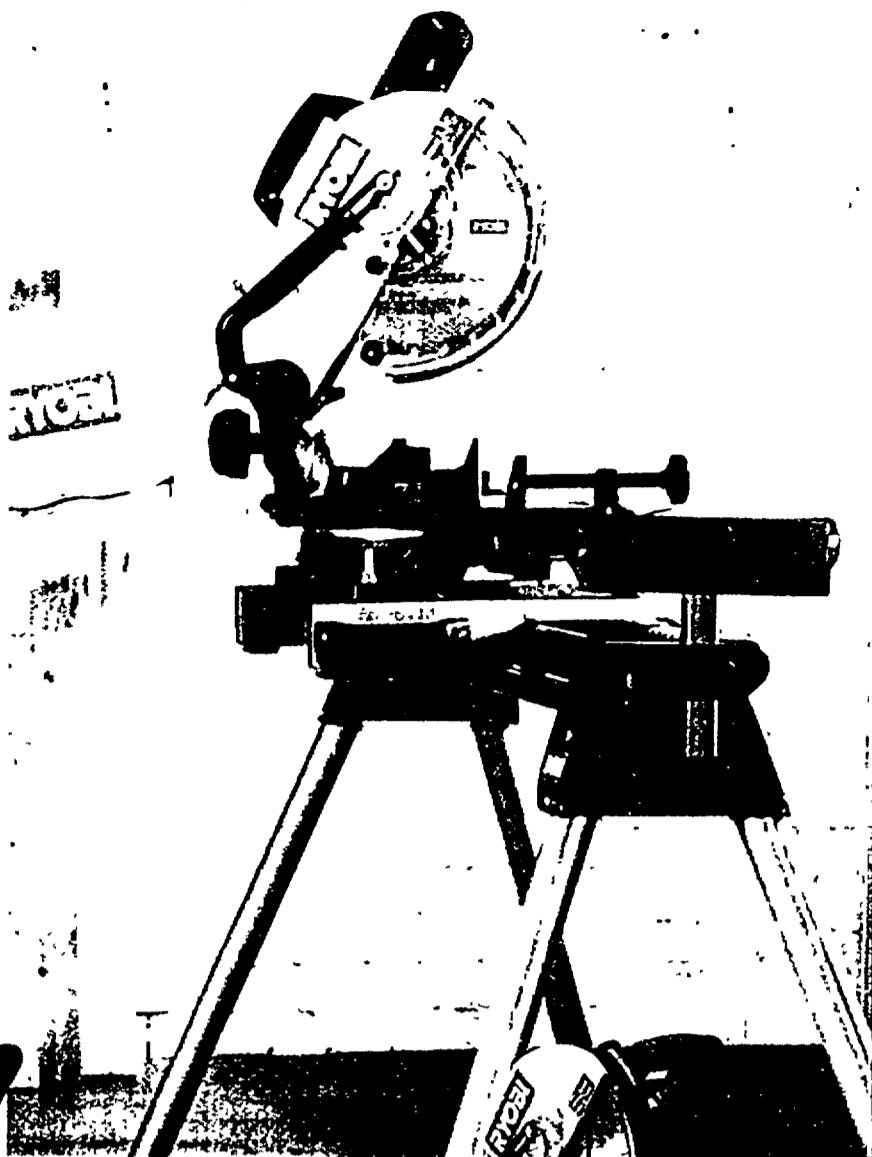
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\$198⁹⁷ total of saw and stand
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RYOBI
\$99
10" COMPOUND MITER SAW
 Heavy-duty 14 AMP, 5,000 RPM motor. (179469)

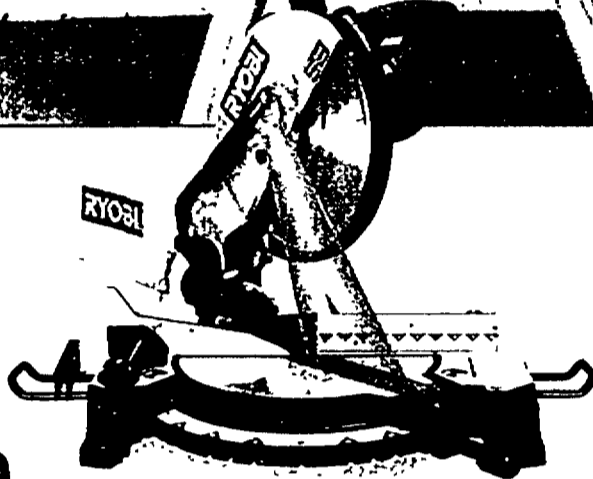
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 Universal miter saw stand - for use with most miter saws up to 12" (446334)



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 Alignment system accurately aligns cut line with blade



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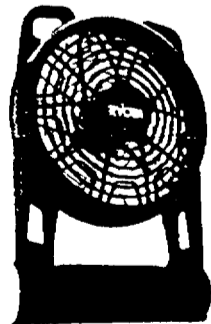
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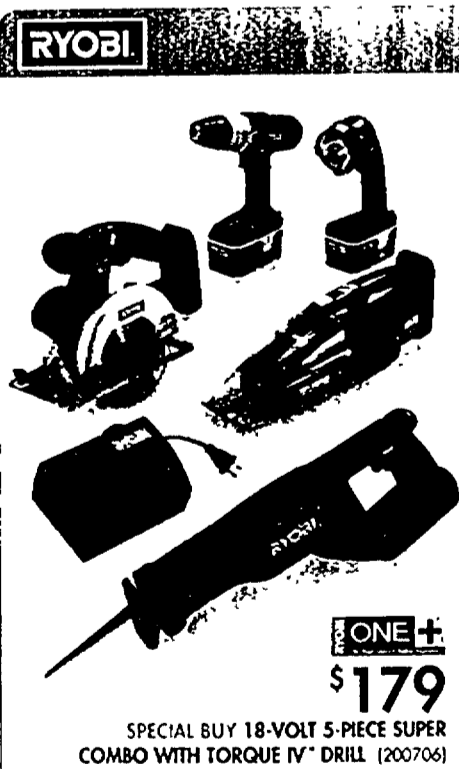
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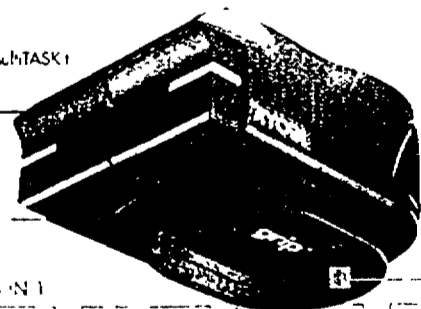


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SPECIAL BUY 18-VOLT 5-PIECE SUPER COMBO WITH TORQUE IV™ DRILL (200706)

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AIRGRIP MultiTASK™ LASER (292060)

BUY BOTH & THE MultiTASK™ IS FREE
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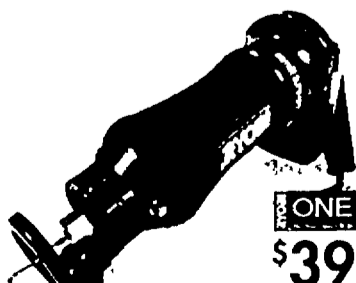
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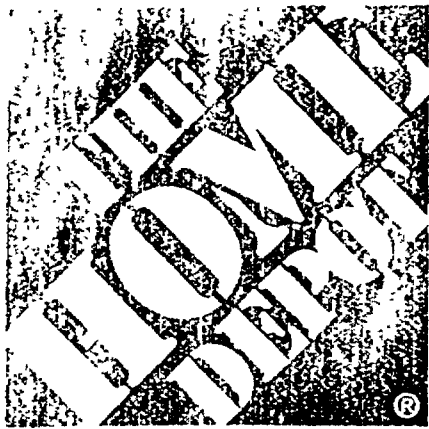
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 Stainless-look door MCBR360S (827342)

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MAYTAG
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 EXCLUSIVE MAGIC CHEF®
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Thursday-Saturday,
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18 youth men
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for girls & teens
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denim jeans
for boys 8-20
orig. 19.99
Selected styles

14⁹⁹

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50% off all denim
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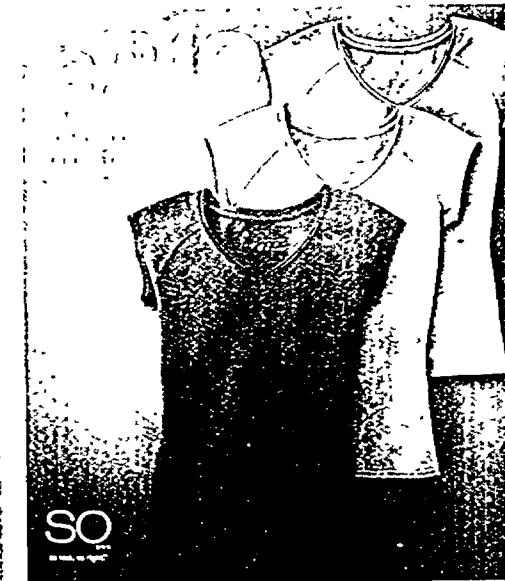
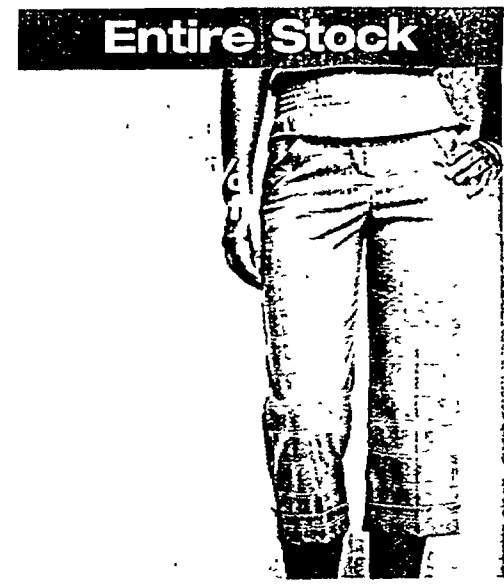
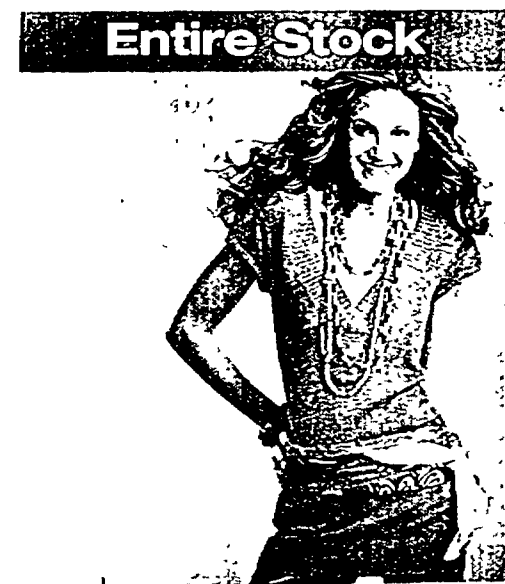
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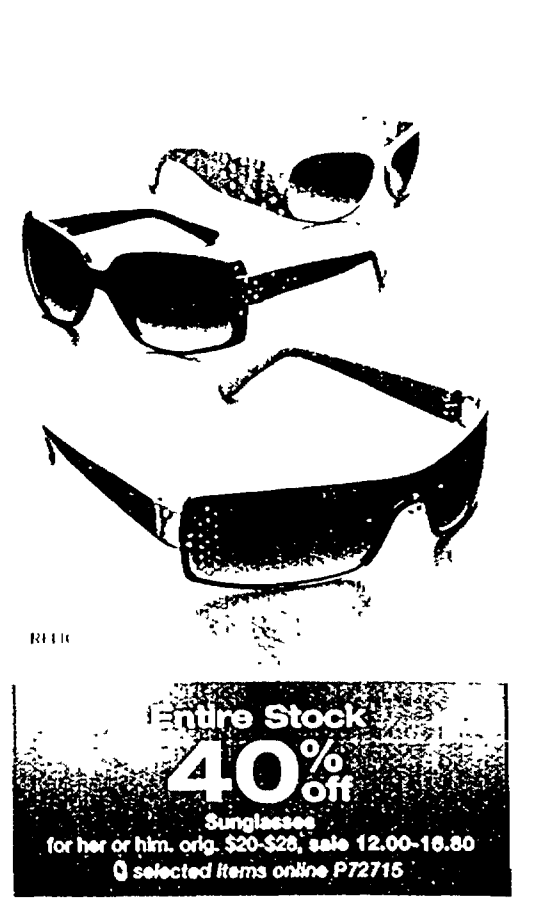
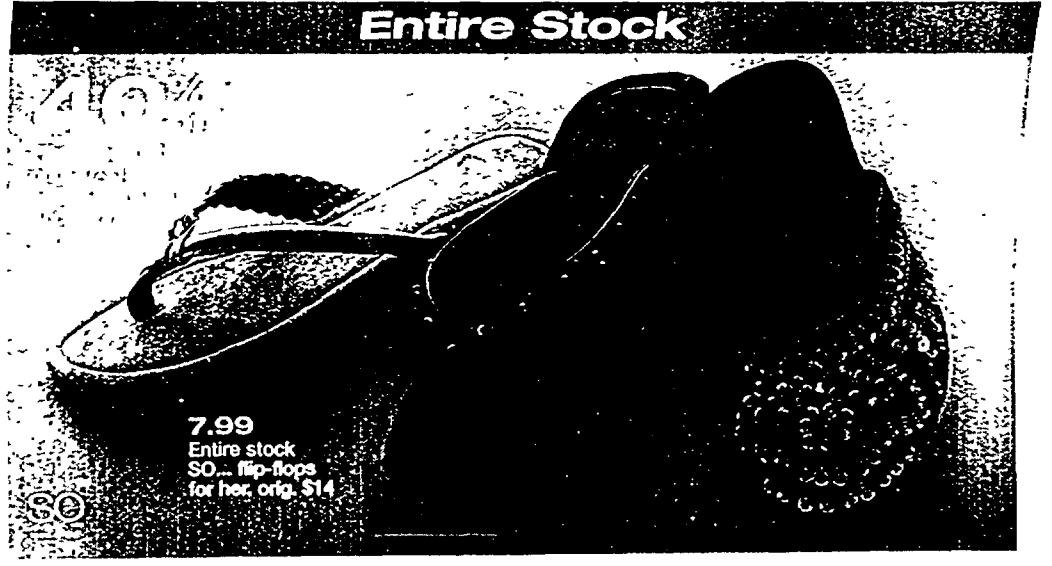
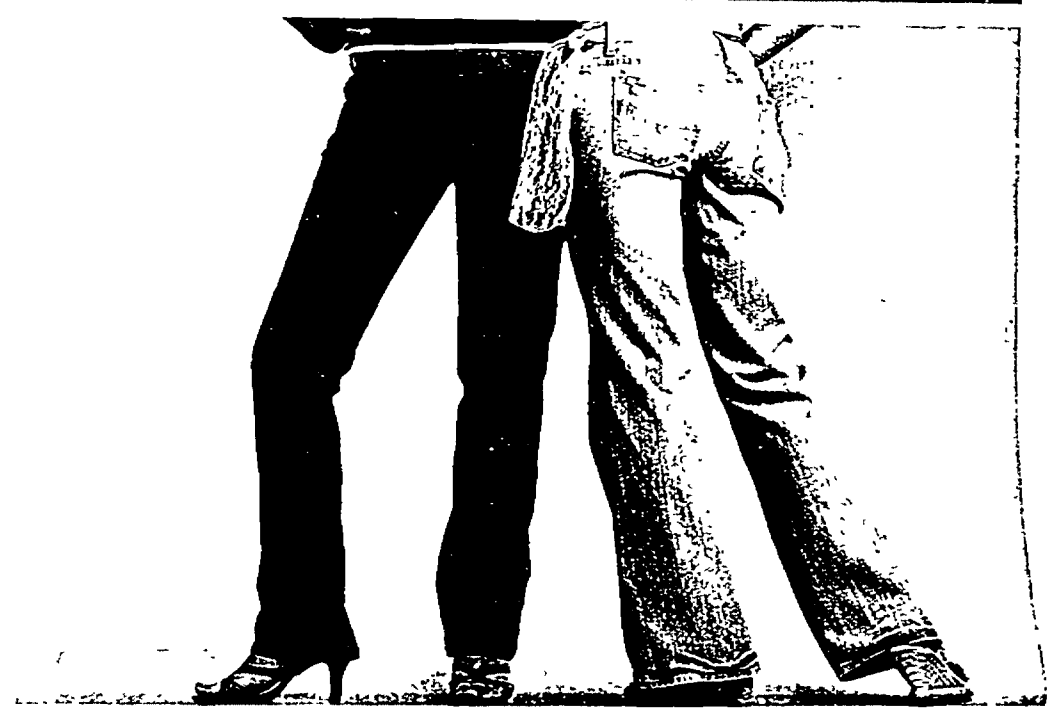
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for every \$50 in purchases
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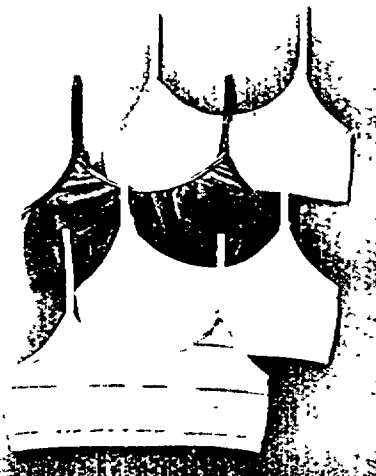


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EDUCATION ONLY SALE
THREE DAYS ONLY Thursday-Saturday, July 27-29 8am-10pm



16⁹⁹

Levi's® jeans
 for boys 4-7, reg. 21.99-24.99



19⁹⁹

Levi's® 527™ Boot Cut jeans
 for boys 8-20, orig. \$38



18⁹⁹

Levi's® 517™ jeans
 for girls 7-10, reg. \$30



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26⁹⁹

Levi's® 518™, 519™ & 557™ jeans
 for juniors, reg. 29.99



Levi's®

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Levi's® Straight Fit,
 Boot Cut & Loose
 Levi's® jeans
 for men.

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Levi's® Fashion Jeans
 for juniors,
 orig. \$40-\$41



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39⁹⁹

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50% off

NCAA tees
 for men, orig. \$18-\$22, sale \$9-\$11
 Excludes Nike®. Styles & schools
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Lee PERFORMANCE KHAKIS

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19⁹⁹

Casual pants for men from Lee®, Croft & Barrow® & Sonoma. orig. 24.99-40.00 SONOMA Life+style™ shop online P72721

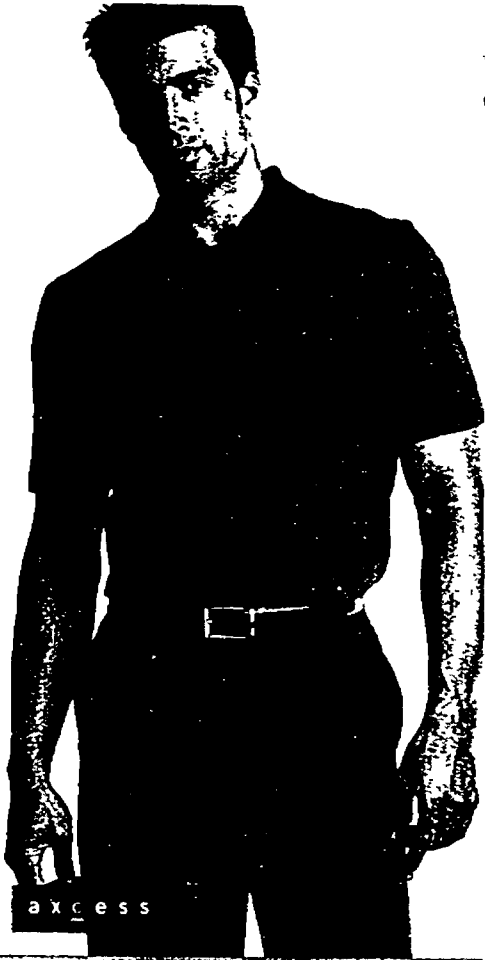
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Croft & Barrow

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40-50% off

Sonoma Sportswear
for misses, petites and women's
orig. \$12.99-29.99 sale \$7.99-19.99
Selected styles

SONOMA
LIFE style



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Selected items online P72721

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Save 40%

Innerwear from Warner's, Maidenform, SO..., Mudd, I.e.I. & Candie's. reg. \$6-\$21, sale 3.60-12.60 Selected styles. SO...so real, so right.*

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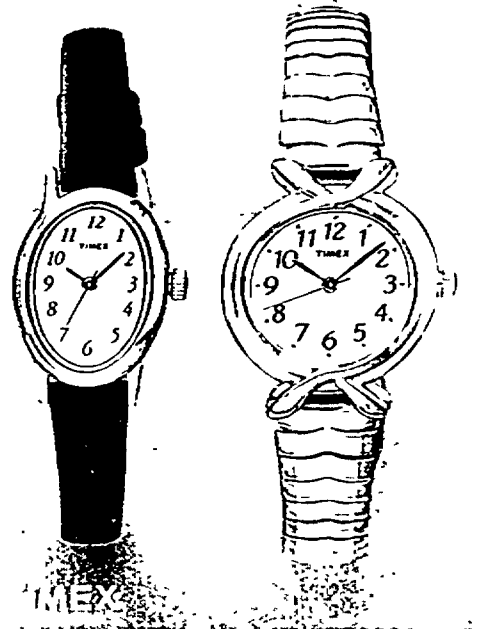
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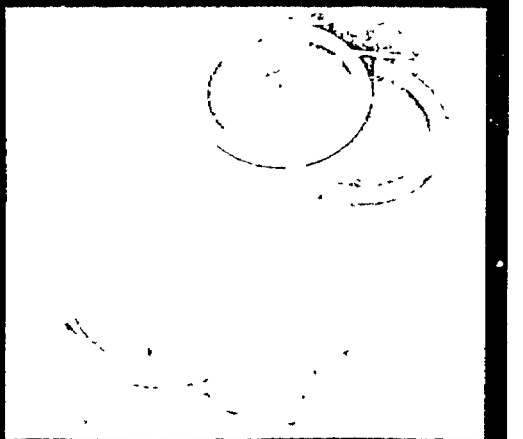
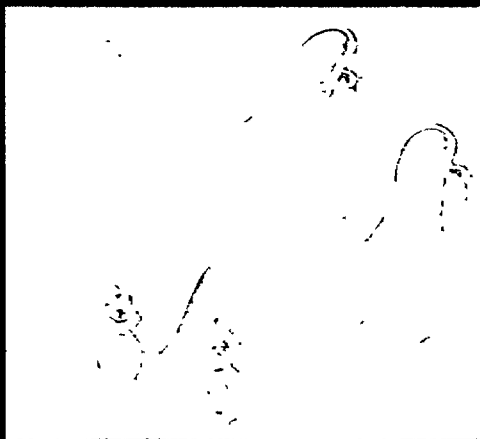
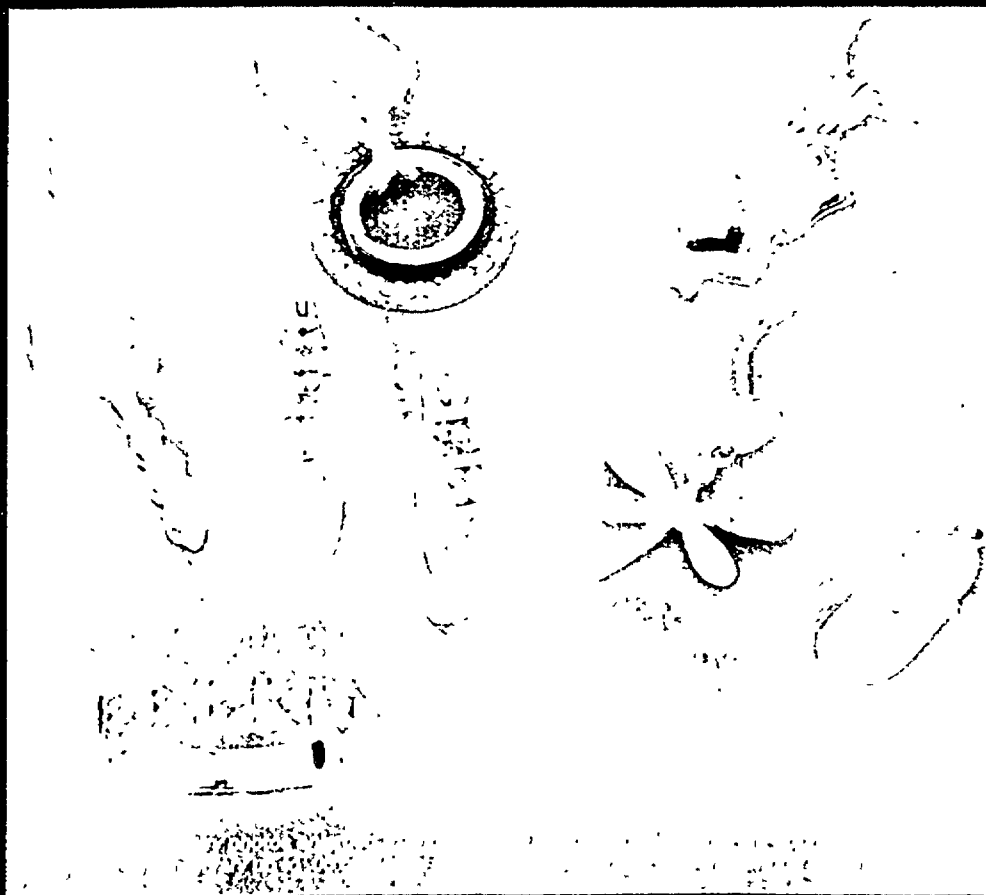


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50% off

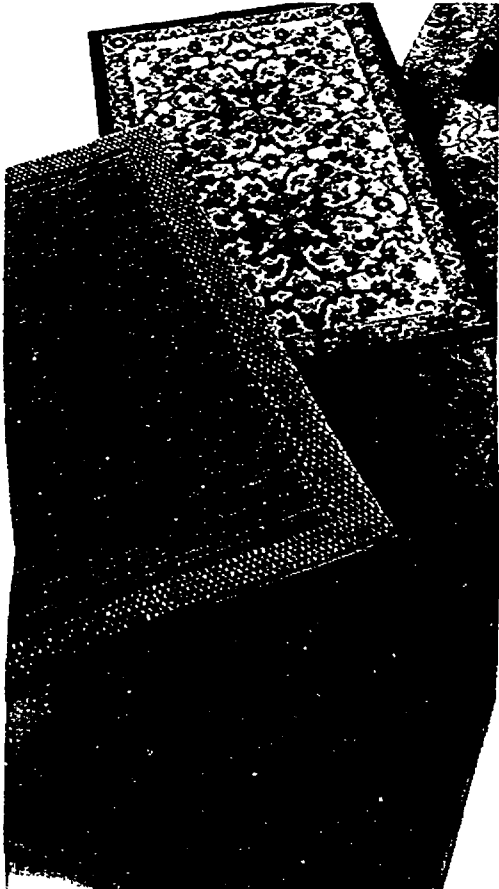
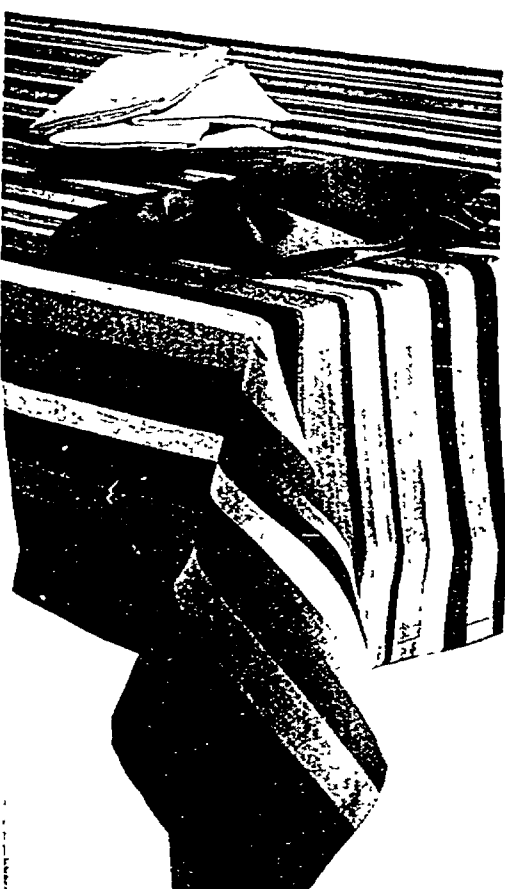
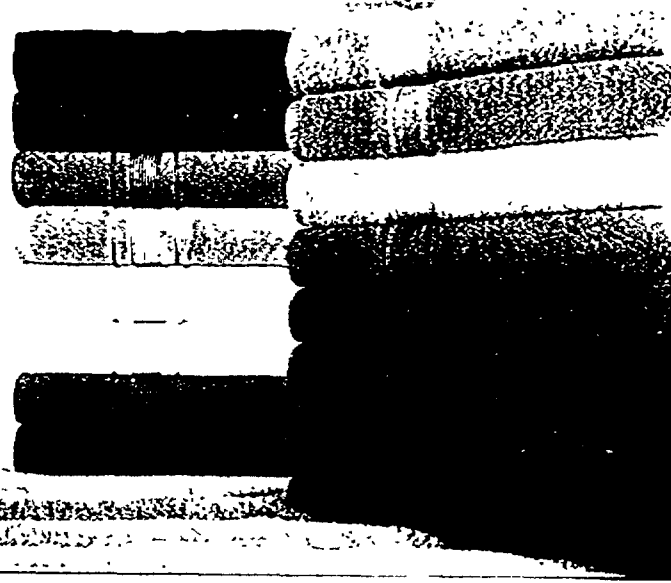
Comforter sets and coordinating accessories
Selected styles.
selected items online P72730



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50% off

Solid bath towels and bath rugs
reg. 3.99-54.99, sale 1.99-27.49
selected items online P72733



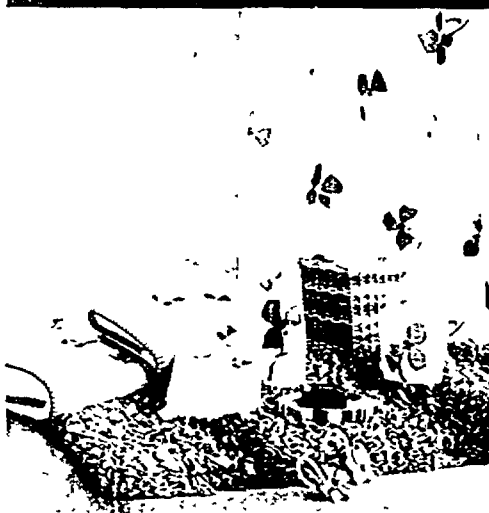
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50% off

Sheet sets
orig. 26.99-179.99, sale 12.99-89.99
Excludes coordinating sheet sets.
selected items online P72706



Entire Stock



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50% off

Table linens, placemats & kitchen textiles
orig. 1.99-54.99, sale .99-27.49
selected items online P72731

Entire Stock

40-50% off

Area rugs
orig. 1.99-179.99, sale .99-119.99
selected items online P72732

Entire Stock

25-50% off

Sport bags & duffel bags from Unionbay®, adidas®, Nike®, High Sierra® and Champion®.
orig. 19.99-180.00, sale 14.99-90.00



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Decorative pillows
orig. 14.99-34.99, sale 8.99-20.99
selected items online H1312



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Luggage
reg. 49.99-379.99, sale 24.99-189.99
shop online H1740



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Novelty decorative pillows

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Push novelty pillows, orig. 34.99



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Bed pillows and mattress pads
reg. 9.99-239.99, sale 4.99-119.99
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Kitchen electrics
 ☐ selected items online H1600

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 Rival® 8-slice toaster oven.
 Fits a 12" pizza.
 reg. 69.99

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 reg. 59.99

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 1.1 cubic feet;
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 2000 Series Mini Plus
 food steamer. Also steams
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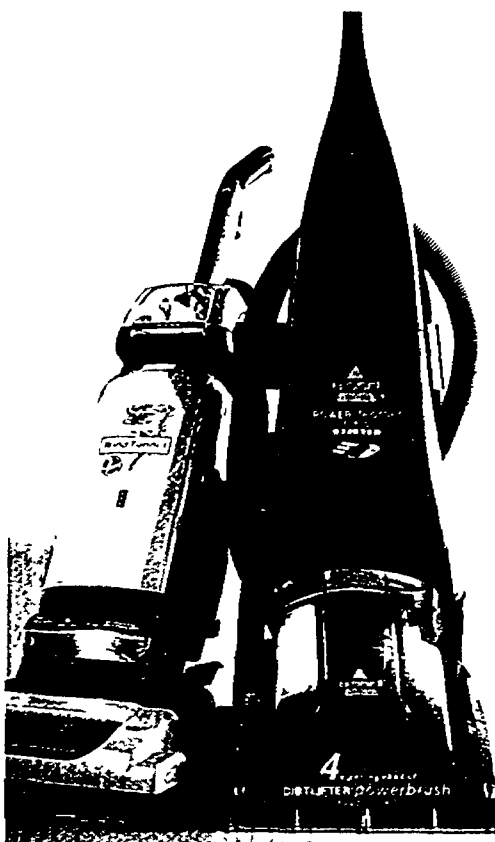
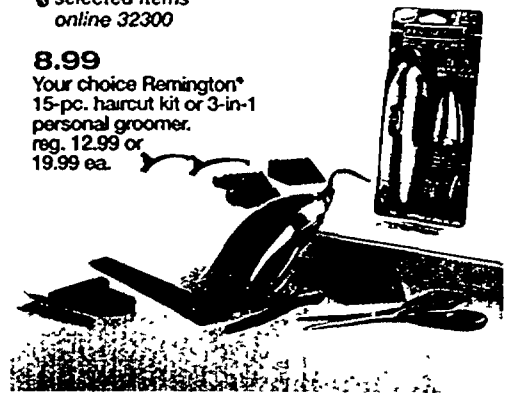


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 reg. 12.99 or
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47.99
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 Basic Essentials™ 10-pc. nonstick
 cookware set plus triple bonus.
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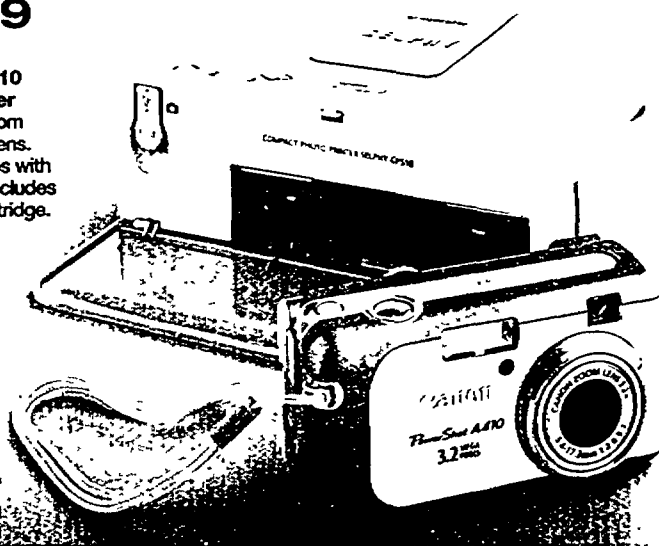
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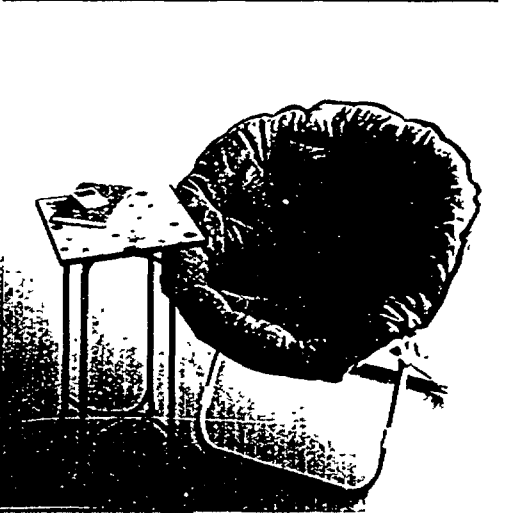
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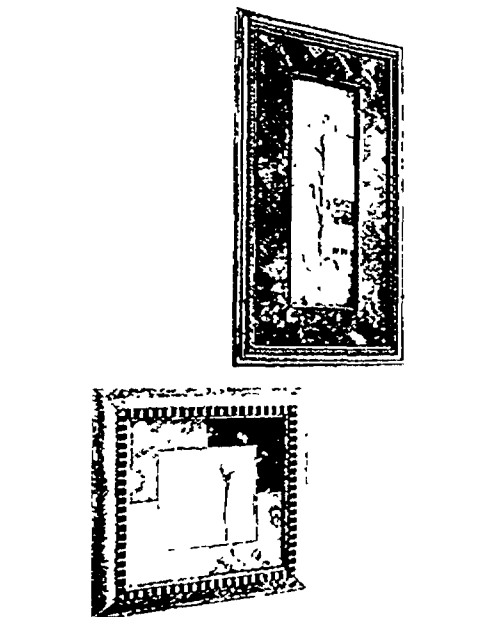
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 & albums**
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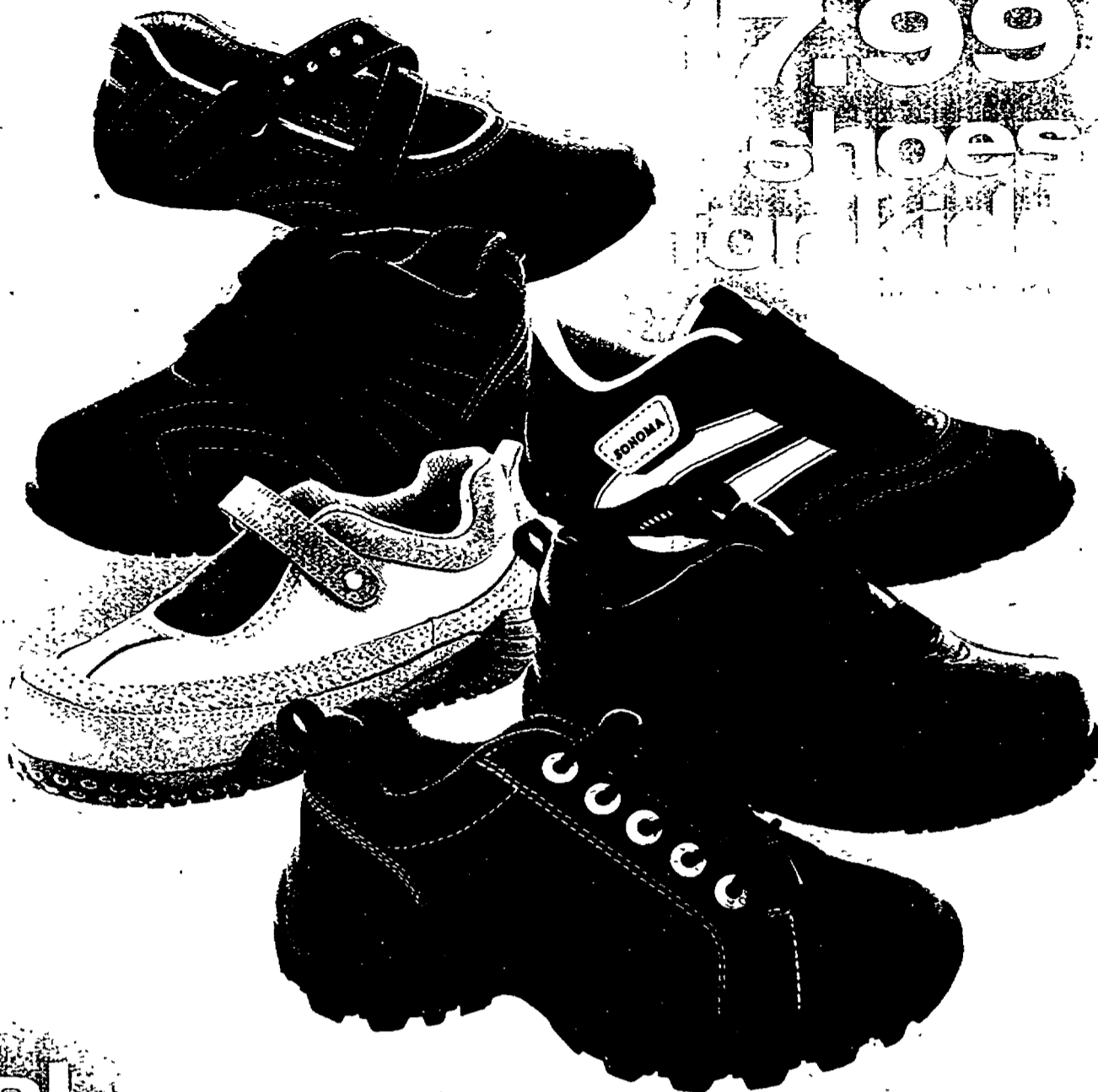


29.99

Athletic shoes for kids reg. \$39.99-\$49.99 Selected styles



kids'



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38.99

Nike® athletic shoes

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28.99

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Brazilian Ruby

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D.L. Firm or Euro Top

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<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>YOUR PRICE</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>YOUR PRICE</u>
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Fill Dirt	\$6.00/yd.	Stone Bark	\$149.00/ton
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Redwood Mulch	\$31.50/yd.	Crushed Granite	\$26.00/ton
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Black Rubber Mulch	\$9.99/30lb. bag	Pea Pebble	\$21.50/ton
Black Rubber Mulch (Bulk)	\$459.00/ton	10A Stone	\$23.00/ton
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my story is seeing your lies

my story is on *Lifetime*

Ask American Profile

Q My husband and I were watching the movie *A Bridge Too Far*. It had a very large cast. I think a young Richard Burton was in it, but my husband says no. Who's right?

—Nancy Bradley, Longmont, Colo.

Your husband wins this one. The 1977 movie classic, which depicted an ill-fated attempt during World War II by Allied soldiers to capture key bridges behind German lines, was jam-packed with an international cast of stars, including Sean Connery, Elliot Gould, Gene Hackman, Laurence Olivier, Robert Redford, Michael Caine, Dirk Bogarde, Anthony Hopkins, James Caan and Ryan O'Neal—but no Richard Burton, who, by the way, would have been in his early 50s at the time.

Q Whatever happened to Bryan White?

—Billie McDonnell, Wilson, N.C.

In 1999, White—whose hit singles include "Someone Else's Star," "So Much For Pretending" and "Rebecca Lynn"—was burned out from touring and recording and took some time off. In 2000, he married *One Life to Live* actress Erika Page, with whom he now has two children. "I stayed creative during the time and was fortunate to have a cut ("Sometimes I Feel Like Elvis") on Wynonna Judd's last album," he says. "Since being married and having children, I look at life through a different lens. He's back on the road this summer in support of his new album, *Out of the Storm*."



Singer Bryan White

CMT

Win Great Prizes with CMT Music Binge

Fans can see the summer's hottest country music videos and win prizes by watching *CMT Music Binge*, an hour-long weekday series in CMT's "Summer of Music." Each weekday prize pack includes a custom CMT Epiphone Gibson guitar and autographed music from Trent Willmon, Miranda Lambert and other stars. *CMT Music Binge* airs daily M-F at 7 a.m. ET/PT.



Q In the movie *Forrest Gump*, how did they make it look so convincingly like Gary Sinise's character, Lt. Dan, lost both his legs?

—Glen Ahlsvede.

Eagle River, Wis.

Sinise, who now stars on TV's hit series *CSI: New York*, explains that his legless look in *Forrest Gump* was achieved by a couple of different special-effect techniques, including a rigged wheelchair that concealed his legs underneath him. Other sequences involved a special "blue-screen" process that let the filmmakers optically remove his legs from each shot. "There is a special-edition DVD of *Forrest Gump* that shows all the techniques that were used," he notes.



Gary Sinise stars on TV's *CSI: New York*.

Q Where is Connie Chung nowadays? How can someone so good at what she does not be on TV anymore? We miss you, Connie!

—James Dougherty, San Antonio, Texas

Chung, whose career has included stints at all three major networks, currently is without a TV home. Her recent *Weekends with Maury & Connie*, which she co-hosted with husband Maury Povich, was cancelled last month by MSNBC. Chung ended the series June 17 with a song-and-dance parody of "Thanks for the Memories," performing atop a grand piano in a gown and white gloves, surrounded by glowing candelabra.

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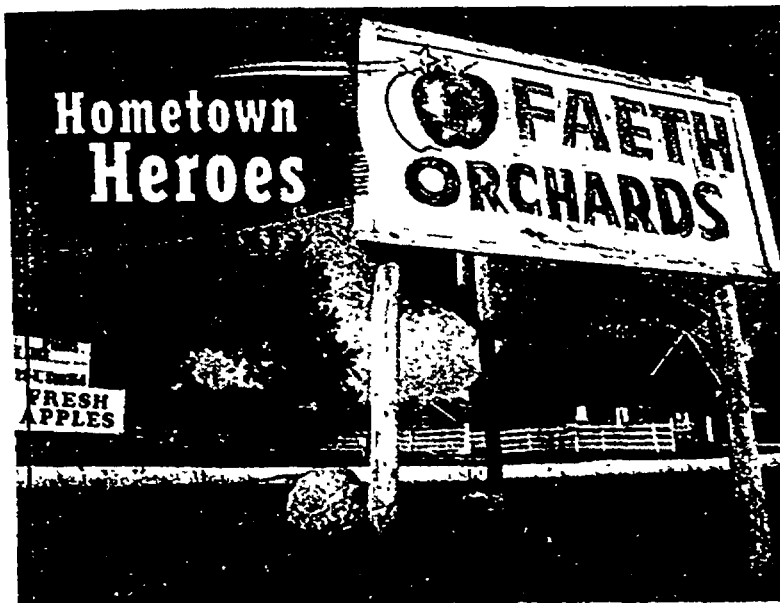
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Faeth Orchards near Fort Madison, Iowa, grows over 50 apple varieties.

Keeping the Faeth by LORI ERICKSON

When Loren Faeth, 52, surveys his family's fifth-generation apple orchard near Fort Madison, Iowa (pop. 10,715), he sees its rural landscape through the lens of history.

"When my great-great grandfather came here from Germany, he built a log cabin right there," Faeth says, pointing to a stand of trees across the road. "His son, my great-grandfather, built the main house in 1873 and then a few years later added

the barn. Every part of this land is tied to my family's history in some way."

Loren and his brother, Lynn, 44, assumed ownership of the orchard in 2004 from their father, Marvin, knowing they were taking over a family legacy—not just a business.

"When I was a kid I just worked in the orchard and didn't have much sense of its history," Lynn says. "But once I was older, I realized that we are part of a long history that we need to try to continue for the next generation."

That history includes being one of the oldest family-owned orchards west of the Mississippi River, and what is believed to be Iowa's oldest commercial orchards continuously owned by the same family. In fact, Faeth Orchards began in 1842 with German immigrant Jacob Faeth, who planted apple trees around his new home in southeast Iowa. The practice was continued by his son, Adam, and grandson Herbert, who began to deliver apples by truck to neighboring towns in the 1920s. By the fourth generation, the reputation of Faeth Orchards was well-established, with Marvin planting additional trees, building new storage and packing sheds, and continuing to market apples throughout the region.

In a typical year, the Faeths harvest about 15,000 bushels of more than 50 different varieties of apples grown on 20 acres. Some of the fruit is pressed and made into juice—between 10,000 and 15,000 gallons, depending on the size of the harvest. The rest of the

apples are sold either at the Faeth farm or at area grocery stores. The Faeths also sell other fruits grown on the farm, including peaches, pears, plums, grapes, cherries, nectarines and blueberries.

Depending upon the season, the orchard employs up to 10 workers, but most of the work is done by Loren and Lynn and their wives, Arleen and Heather. All have other jobs in addition to their orchard work, which is done mainly on weekends.

Visitors from all 50 states and many foreign countries have traveled to Faeth Orchards, including some who've been visiting for decades. "I remember my parents coming here for apples when I was young," says Rosemary Durham, 80, of Hamilton, Ill. (pop. 3,029). "Before moving back to this area I lived for about 30 years in Colorado and Oklahoma, and each fall I'd always have the Faeths ship me a bushel of apples. Their apples are just better tasting than anything you can buy in a store."

Such loyalty clearly pleases Marvin Faeth, 87, who continues to live on the farm and take an active interest in its operation.

"I've got six grandchildren, and my hope is that at least some of them will want to carry on our farm," he says. "The apple business has been a lot of hard work, but it's a good life." ✨

Lori Erickson is a freelance writer based in Iowa City, Iowa.

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Three generations of the Faeth family gather around their prized crop.



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Reagan Trail Days—Dixon, Aug. 18-19. Tour the boyhood home of President Ronald Reagan and other sites, plus enjoy pontoon boat rides, antique car and craft shows, a dance and concert. (815) 288-3303.

INDIANA

Volunteer Fire Department Festival—St. Leon, Aug. 4-5. Enjoy a fish dinner Aug. 4, a chicken dinner Aug. 5, adult and children's games, and refreshments at St. Leon Firehouse. (812) 576-3336.

IOWA

Hooverfest—West Branch, Aug. 5-6. Celebrate the birth of the nation's 31st president with a juried art show, choreographed fireworks show, entertainment and children's activities at the Herbert Hoover National Historic Site. (800) 828-0475.

KANSAS

Kansas' Biggest Rodeo—Phillipsburg, Aug. 3-5. Enjoy traditional rodeo events, dances, barbecue, a rodeo queen competition and children's miniature bull riding at the arena and a parade downtown. (785) 543-2448.

MICHIGAN

Thumb Area Old Engine and Tractor Show—Caro, Aug. 11-13. View a 1916 Flour City 40-70 road tractor and working exhibits of threshing, baling, saw and shingle milling, plus enjoy a pedal pull and flea market at the Tuscola County Fairgrounds. (989) 673-3430.

MINNESOTA

Troll Festival—Elbow Lake, Aug. 4-6. Honoring the town's sister city Flekkefjord, Norway, this celebration features trolls, lutefisk (lye-soaked fish) and lefse (potato flatbread), dances, softball, a 5K run, airplane fly-in, car and tractor shows, and a parade. (218) 685-5380.

MISSOURI

Phelps County Fair—Rolla, Aug. 2-5. A concert by country music singer Joe Diffie, carnival rides, bull riding, 4x4 mud run, demolition derby, crafters and food highlight this event at the fairgrounds. (573) 578-3314.

NEBRASKA

Plattepus Waterfest—North Platte, Aug. 11-13. Bring the whole family for this event featuring a water carnival, Jet Ski rides, riverside songfest, dinner cruise, canoe race, water balloon toss, progressive dinner and square dance at Cody Park. (308) 532-5050.

NORTH DAKOTA

Knife River Days—Stanton, Aug. 4-6. Enjoy a 5K fun run/walk, roping events, fishing derby, parade, street dance, crafts, lawnmower races, food and children's activities on Main Street. (701) 745-3267.

OHIO

Pedal Paddle Porch Party—Loveland, Aug. 12. Pedal up the Loveland Bike Trail to Foster and paddle a canoe back to Loveland to enjoy acoustical guitar music and dinner by the campfire. Reservations required. (513) 293-8254.

SOUTH DAKOTA

Spearfish Canyon Half-Marathon and 5K Run/Walk—Spearfish, Aug. 5. Put on your running shoes and head to Spearfish Park for this event benefiting the Northern Hills Area Court Appointed Special Advocate Program. (605) 772-4558.

WISCONSIN

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The nation abounds with naturally occurring superlatives, such as the world's oldest exposed rock in Granite Falls, Minn., and the nation's deepest river gorge along the Idaho-Oregon border.

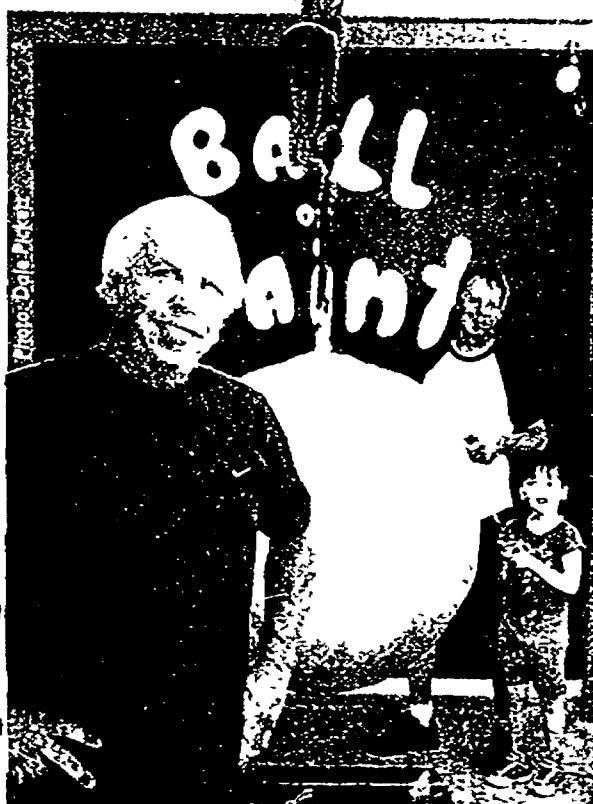
More often than not, superlatives are the result of individuals or families who have dedicated money, time and effort to build something special, show it off and maintain it for its exaggerated uniqueness. Just ask Mike Carmichael, who has the world's biggest ball of paint at his house in Alexandria, Ind. (pop. 6,260)

Biggest ball of paint

People travel from across the nation to brush another coat on Carmichael's 1,800-pound ball of paint, which grows larger—layer-by-layer—every year.

"People who come by bring me paint, too," says Carmichael, 58, a house painter by trade, who began painting the ball in 1977.

Beneath the 19,400 coats of paint is a baseball. The creation actually was inspired by an accident that occurred while Carmichael was a high school baseball player working a summer job at a paint store. One day he and a friend were playing catch in the store and a missed throw resulted in the baseball getting covered in paint. Liking the appearance of the accidental art,



Mike Carmichael maintains an enormous ball of paint.

Carmichael painted the ball repetitively through the remainder of his high school years. He quit after 1,000 coats and donated the ball to the Indiana Soldiers and Sailors' Children's Home Museum in Knightstown, Ind.

Years later as a young father, Carmichael got the urge to paint again and recruited his 3-year-old son to put the first coat on a new baseball. Thousands of layers later, the ball has easily surpassed his original creation in size. In fact, it has gotten so big that, with the help of a \$10,000 donation from the Sherwin-Williams paint company, Carmichael built a barn next door to his house to store the giant ball of paint, which remains a work in progress. Carmichael supplies paint, brushes and aprons for visitors who are encouraged to slap on another layer.

Visit <http://ballofpaintfireboating.net> for more information.

Oldest drive-in theater

Shankweiler's Drive-in Theater in Orefield, Pa., is reminiscent of a time when movie lovers knew the family who owned the local drive-in.

Wilson Shankweiler opened the theater in 1934, next door to his hotel just outside of Allentown, Pa. It was Pennsylvania's first drive-in theater and the nation's second.

Paul and Susan Geissinger bought Shankweilers in 1984 and operate the business from April through

Paul and Susan Geissinger own Shankweiler's Drive-in.



Labor Day with the help of their daughter, Jennifer, 14. The outdoor theater accommodates 320 vehicles and strives to show family-friendly movies that are typically rated G and PG.

"It is great to see a family of three, four, five, six people and even the kids' friends all together," says Paul, 53, whose first full-time job in 1971 was projecting films at Shankweiler's. "That makes me feel good."

Through the years, the drive-in has advanced technologically. Speaker poles and car speakers were installed in 1948, followed by a snack bar and projection room in 1955 after Hurricane Diane leveled the theater's projection booth and screen. In 1982, AM radio broadcasting was introduced and four years later movie audio could be heard on the FM dial.

Still, just like in the old days, the theater doesn't accept credit cards. Movies are \$6.50 for adults and \$3 for children under 12; toddlers 2 and under are admitted free. Visit www.shankweilers.com for more information.



The abbreviated D River flows into the Pacific Ocean.

Shortest river

The D River near Lincoln City, Ore. (pop. 25,754) isn't a place to take a long, leisurely canoe trip. In fact, the river is so short that it has an abbreviated name.

Local residents call it the D River and claim it as the shortest river in the world at a mere 120 feet. The D flows from Devil's Lake into the Pacific Ocean on the picturesque central Oregon Coast, where wind whips the shoreline and giant boulders stand just off shore like sentinels.

The river's name probably originated in the 1920s with Finnish settlers who called Devil's Lake and the surrounding community "Delake," says Frank Howard, a spokesman for the Oregon Parks and Recreation Department. The river's name came to match the name of the town, which was incorporated into Lincoln City in 1965.

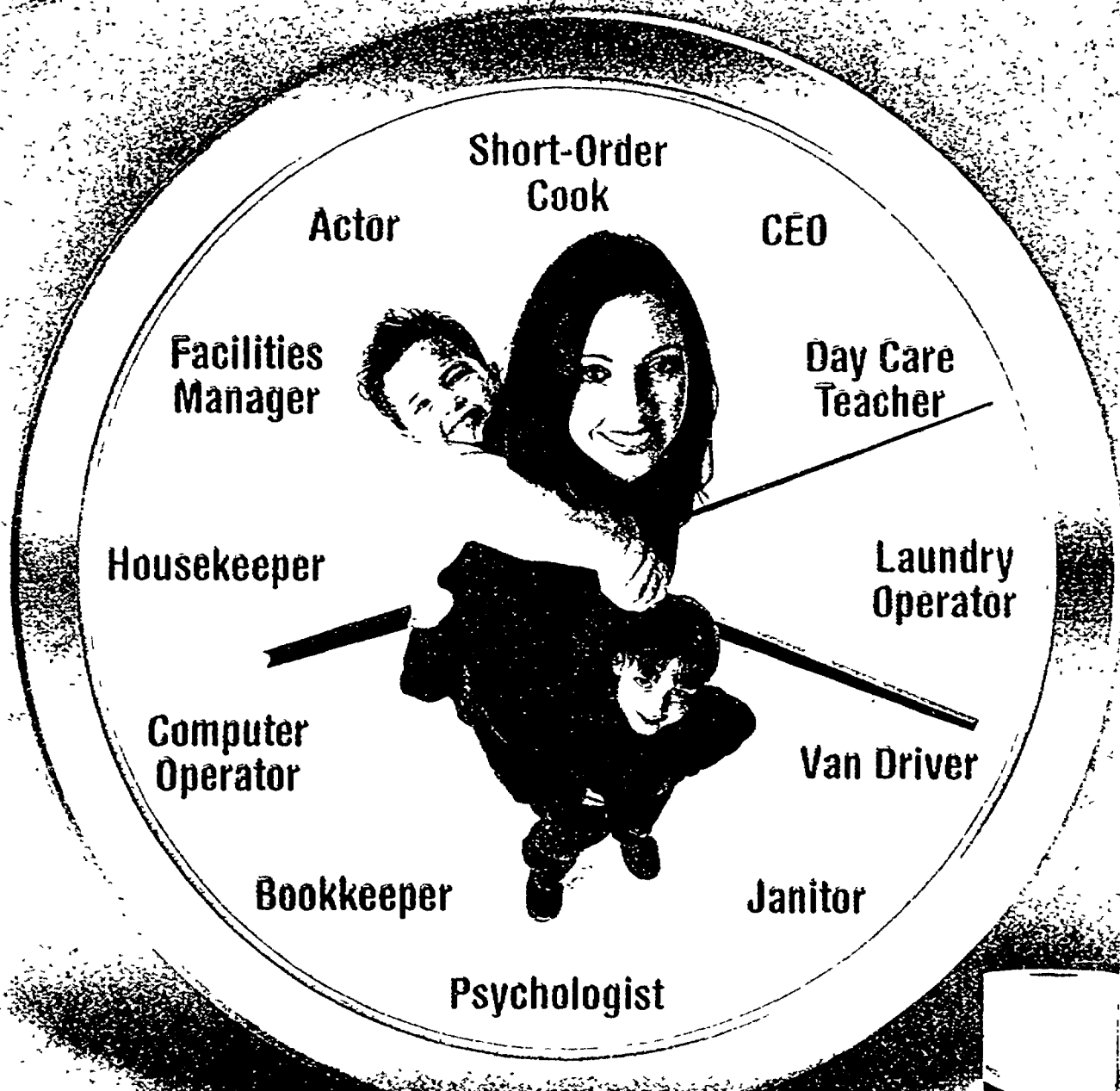
The D River vies with Montana's Roe River for the shortest in the country. The Roe, which originates at Great Springs near Great Falls, Mont., and flows into the Missouri River, is 201 feet long.

Smallest post office

Names of places near Ochopee, Fla., say a lot about the countryside: Tamiami Trail, Alligator Alley, Ten Thousand Islands.

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Ochopee (pop. 950) is home to the nation's smallest post office, a 62-square-foot building that serves residents of the swampy area. The structure, about the size of a child's playhouse, is located in the middle of the Big Cypress National Preserve, between Miami and Naples, Fla., along U.S. Highway 41.

The preserve—the first nationally designated preserve in the nation—teems with wildlife, including bears, alligators and the elusive Florida panther, that live among pine trees, orchids, prairies and mangrove forests.

The Ochopee mail carrier drives 132 miles every day, making 350 stops to serve nearly 950 residents along the route. "Ninety percent of who we deliver to are the Miccosukee tribe," says postmaster



The nation's smallest post office in Ochopee, Fla., once was a farm shed.

Photo: Cary Edmondson

Nanette Watson, who lives in Ochopee.

The post office building originally served as a shed for a tomato farm. After a 1953 fire destroyed the Ochopee general store where the post office was located, the shed was converted into the post office that remains today.

"We have everything the other post offices do. We just have it on a smaller scale," Watson says.

Largest candy counter

Jim Alden has a unique relationship with things big and small. Alden, the owner of the world's largest candy counter, says the large chain stores that have moved into Littleton, N.H. (pop. 5,845), haven't been totally bad for business.

"It's turned us into a destination marketplace," says Alden, 42, who with his wife, Lynn, bought Chutters Store last year. "Our calling is now, 'How do we get shoppers to our end of town?'"

People from the region travel to Littleton for the large retail stores, but they also like to stop on Main Street to browse through unique shops such as Chutters, home to an 111-foot candy counter with 700 jars of sweet treats. The selection includes gummy cola bottles and eight kinds of black licorice. The three-tiered candy counter is lined with jars of candies that include circus peanuts, candy lipsticks and other confections, with no repeats.

"People grab a bag and go to work," Alden says. "We still have a section of penny candy that you can get for a penny, and we do count it out."

Chutters is located at 43 Main St. in Littleton. Visit www.chutters.com or call (603) 444-5787 for more information.

Melissa L. Jones is the author of *Superlatives USA*, a book about the state's biggest, tallest and smallest attractions.



Lynn and Jim Alden tend the world's largest candy counter in Littleton, N.H.

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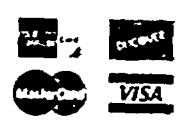
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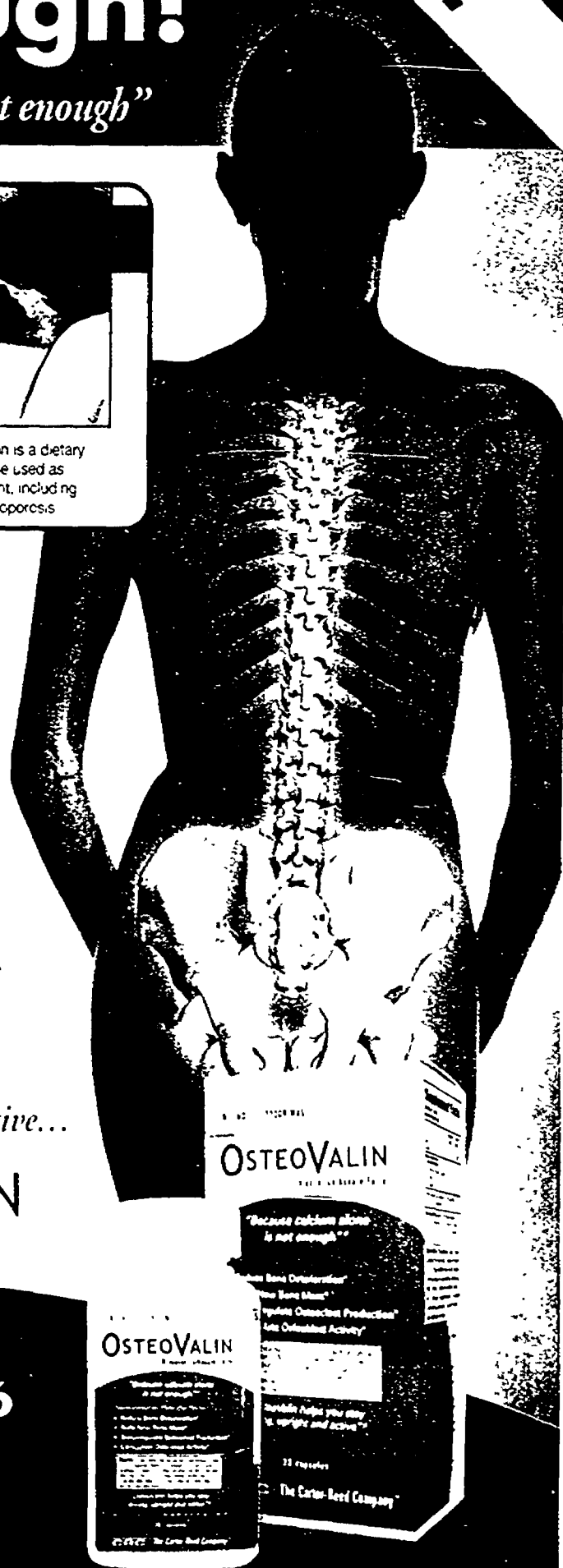
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Lobsters and Lighthouses

by VIRGINIA WRIGHT

Ted Panayotoff strides from boulder to boulder on his way to the tidy brick lighthouse sitting at the tip of a mile-long jetty in Rockland, Maine (pop. 7,609). For 104 years, Rockland Breakwater Light has flashed in concert with its sister, Owls Head Light, perched high on Rockland Harbor's opposite shore.

"You can't imagine how many people come out here and say, 'I've lived in Rockland all my life; I'm so excited to be able to go inside,'" says Panayotoff, historian for the Friends of Rockland Breakwater Light, which assumed care of the lighthouse after the U.S. Coast Guard transferred ownership to the city in 1998.

At nighttime and during inclement weather, the lighthouses flash warnings to pleasure and fishing vessels, including the hundreds of lobster boats that ply the icy waters of nearby Penobscot Bay. Lobsters and lighthouses are plentiful along Maine's 3,478-mile island-dotted coastline, but no

town has the brine to challenge Rockland's claim as "Lobster Capital of the World"—or as a base for lighthouse exploration.

Rockland is the lobstering hub of Knox County, which harvests 20 million pounds of the crustacean yearly, fully one-third of Maine's total catch and more than any other place on earth.

"Most of those lobsters end up being shipped through Rockland," says Harbormaster Ed Glaser. "And Rockland lands more lobster bait—herring—than anywhere else."

Rockland native Richard Whitman, 42, has been fishing Penobscot Bay as long



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Historian Ted Panayotoff at the 1902 Rockland (Maine) Breakwater Lighthouse.

as he can remember. "It's a way of life," says Whitman, who harvests 20,000 to 25,000 pounds of lobster from August to December. "I get up around 4:30 in the morning and go to early afternoon" checking hundreds of lobster traps.

As a member of the Rockland Harbor Commission, Whitman represents the city's 162 commercial fishermen, half of whom drop baited traps onto the sea floor in hopes of hauling up boatloads of valuable lobster.

Rockland celebrates its hard-working fishermen and the cobbler crustacean each summer during the Maine Lobster Festival, a rollicking waterfront party where 25,000 pounds of lobster are devoured by up to 90,000 people. This year's event is scheduled Aug. 2 to 6.

A stroll down Main Street any time of year finds restaurants serving lobster steamed, stewed, baked, casseroled, stuffed into ravioli, and layered with bacon, lettuce and tomato in three-decker club sandwiches. Fancyful chest-high fiberglass lobsters stand like doormen at restaurant and store entrances. In one art gallery window, 18-carat gold lobster claw pendants clasp diamonds and pearls. Across the street, a jewelry store sign advertises "The World's Most Valuable Lobster." The 3 1/2-pound solid gold crustacean with green tourmaline eyes is modeled after a 4-pounder caught in Rockland in 1999 and bears a price tag of \$100,000.

One of the Northeast's major fishing ports, Rockland was hit hard by the collapse of the New England fishery in the 1980s, but lobstering helped keep the city afloat. With few cod to eat young lobster, landings actually increased.

In the 1990s, an expansion of the Farnsworth Art Museum, renowned for its collection of Wyeth family works, ignited a downtown renaissance, attracting art galleries, restaurants and specialty shops. Long known for its commercial harbor, Rockland's reputation now includes art, fine dining and, with last summer's opening of the Maine Lighthouse Museum, an insightful and comprehensive look at lighthouse history.

Boasting a large collection of lighthouse lenses, the museum overlooks Rockland Breakwater and Owls Head lighthouses and is within a half-day's cruise of nine other beacons along Maine's coast. Founder Ken Black—whose nickname is "Mr. Lighthouse"—began collecting maritime and lighthouse artifacts after he took command of Rockland's Coast Guard Station in 1968. Through the years, he's amassed 750 items, including navigational instruments, buoys and rescue equipment, which are exhibited at the museum.

"Ken got the lighthouse preservation movement going long before it became fashionable," says Panayotoff, a lighthouse enthusiast who lives in nearby Camden (pop. 5,254).

Pleased with Rockland's revival, local residents are dedicated to preserving and honoring their maritime heritage, which includes a bustling harbor, ferries and fishermen, lobsters and lighthouses. ✨

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Cookies and ice cream—can summertime desserts be any better? This week *American Profile* offers two delightful desserts sure to please your family.

Jan Edwards, of Albuquerque, N.M., sent us her recipe for Sand Tarts, an old-fashioned cookie that's great for packing in picnic lunches or serving with a bowl of your favorite ice cream. This recipe was passed down from Edwards' mother, who "prepared it before I was born in 1931 and for many years after. She always made these cookies for her Pioneer Study Club teas. They melt in your mouth."

The creamy ice-cream-based Butterfinger Dessert is perfect for hot summer evenings, especially since you don't have to turn on your oven to make it. Sent to us by Joan Reed of Canton, Ill., the recipe can be made with any crisp, crunchy candy bar. "I got this recipe from a friend on a Thanksgiving Day when we were invited for dinner. Since then I have made it for the holidays and for friends," Reed says.

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Sand Tarts

- 1 cup butter
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 cup finely chopped walnuts or pecans
- Confectioners' sugar

Preheat oven to 350F. Cream butter and sugar well. Add vanilla. Stir in flour and then nuts. This stiff dough can be mixed with your hands or a heavy-duty mixer. When blended, form dough into 1-inch balls and place on an ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten with the bottom of a glass and press tines of a fork around edges. Bake 10 to 12 minutes or until light golden. When tarts are cool enough to handle, sprinkle generously with confectioners' sugar. Yield: 2 dozen cookies.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen:

These sandy-textured cookies freeze well. For a festive touch, tint the dough with a bit of food coloring.

Butterfinger Dessert

- 2 cups milk
- 1 quart vanilla ice cream
- 2 (3.5-ounce) packages instant vanilla pudding
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 1/2 cups crushed Graham cracker crumbs
- 1/2 cup crushed saltine crackers
- 1 (8-ounce) container whipped topping
- 4 (2-ounce) Butterfinger bars, crushed

Combine milk, ice cream and dry pudding mix in a large bowl and beat until well mixed. Place in refrigerator. Melt butter in saucepan; pour over cracker crumbs in a large bowl. Stir well. Pour into a 13-by-9-inch pan, patting into an even layer on bottom and reserving 1/3 of mixture for topping. Pour ice cream mixture over crust. Freeze 1 hour. Spread whipped topping over filling. Mix crushed Butterfingers with reserved crumb mixture. Sprinkle over top and return to freezer to set. Garnish with chocolate sauce if desired. Serves 10 to 12.

by KATHY
PEEL

Kitchen Cleaning Tips

Prevention is the first line of defense for better, faster kitchen cleaning. Spend a little time using these tips now, and you'll save a lot of time later.

- Whenever you cook, start by filling the sink with warm, soapy water. Toss bowls and utensils in the water as you finish using them.
- Before working with messy foods (such as dipping fish or chicken in bread crumbs or peeling potatoes) cover the countertop with waxed paper or a ripped-open paper grocery sack to catch the mess. When finished, wad up the paper and throw it away.
- Limit extra dishes as much as possible. Grate cheese on a paper towel or a piece of waxed paper. Marinate chicken or steaks in zip-top plastic bags instead of a bowl or pan.
- Clean up drips from cookware right away. Wipe up countertop spills as soon as they occur. Wash high chair trays before food dries on them.
- Before putting muffins or a cake into the oven, wipe off drips from the rim of the pan so they won't get baked on and require extra elbow grease to remove.
- Keep fresh vegetables in plastic bags with holes that allow air to circulate. If the vegetables go bad, you can lift them out of the fridge with a lot less mess.
- Line crisper drawers with paper towels so you don't have to clean the drawer—just toss the dirty paper towel and replace with a clean one every two weeks or so.
- Slip plastic lids from coffee cans under sticky items such as jam, jelly or honey in your refrigerator or pantry.
- If something splatters and cooks on the walls of your microwave, spray the inside with a plant mister and then turn the microwave on high for a few seconds. Wait for a minute, then wipe out the mess with a paper towel. ☆

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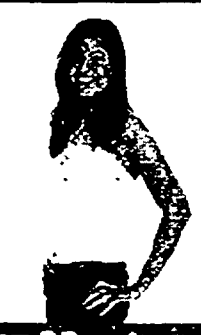
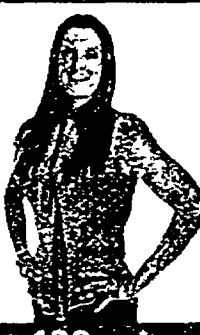
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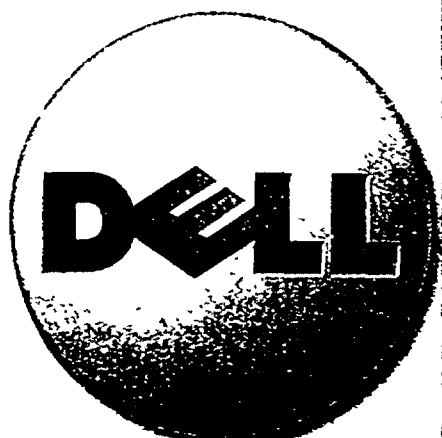
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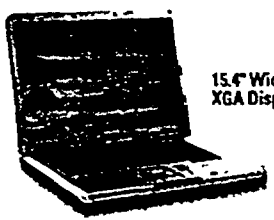
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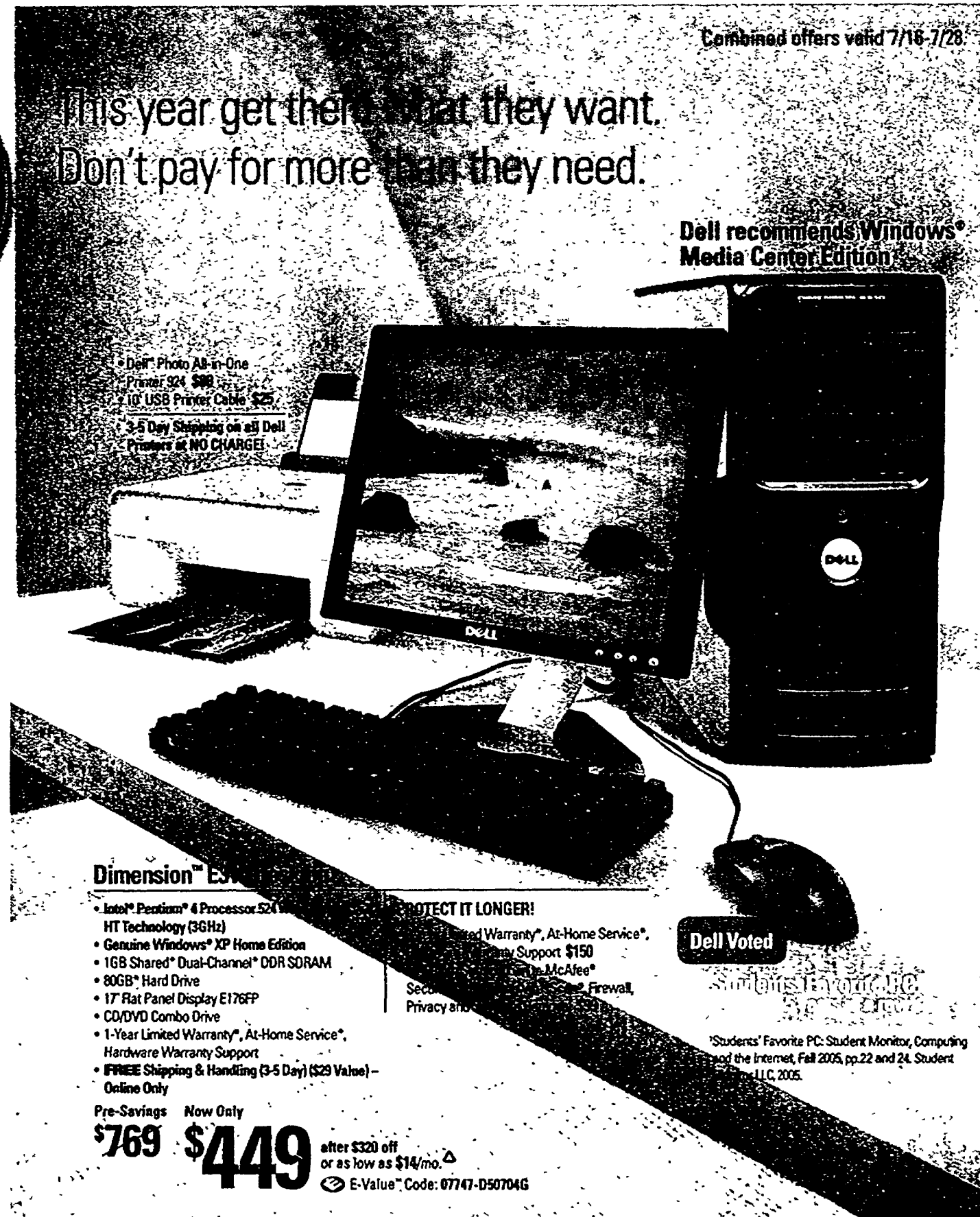
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