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Gone are the days when police officers gifted drivers with a free pass because they were close to home, said Northville Police Chief Gary Goss. Penalties await revelers driving fueled on liquid holiday cheer, he said.

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HOLIDAY DECORATING TIPS

It's not just about red and green anymore

Hannah Smith (left), 11, takes a photo of the holiday lights in downtown Northville at the Mothers' Club annual tree-lighting ceremony last Friday night. Ray Boley is encouraging people to take a walk on the wild side when decorating for the holidays. Boley, owner/operator of Sharod Design in White Lake, said decorators are getting away from the traditional Christmas colors of red and green and becoming more creative. – Page 13A



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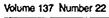
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Une step at a time

City council moves forward with expanded town square

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville residents just might receive the top wish on their list. An expanded town square has been the most repeated request during downtown strategic planning forums the past couple of years. City council learned Monday the price tag on that particular package is nearly \$1 million.

For more information on preliminary cost estimates and what's next, please turn to page 5A.

In a 3-1 vote, council agreed to take the next step with the town square portion of conceptual drawings presented by the city's design consultant, Northvillebased Grissim Metz Andriese and Associates. Councilmember Tom Swigart voted "no" and Mayor Christopher Johnson was absent.

"We are essentially committing to this course of action," said Swigart, criticizing the process by which design options were narrowed.

Greg Presley, chairman of the

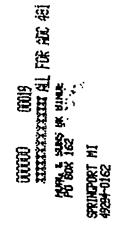
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With a \$12,600 pearl necklace, a \$2,250 clutch and other goodies, Holly Hurd is ready to "bling" in the holidays.

he season – get sparkling! **IIS**

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Bling it on.

It's the irresistible invitation of the season. Go to the party. Attend the show. Get dressed and sparkle.

The "bling, bling" attitude initially associated with a hip-hop rapper's brag about conspicuous consumption has revolved into the

old-fashioned attitude of putting on the ritz. From bejeweled up-dos to rhinestone-studded heels, women are stepping out flashing.

And this time of year, hip local business owners are helping them flip the switch.

"Bling is all things sparkly that kind of reflect in our eyes." said Lauren Beras, owner of Lorla's Shoes "Christmas is all about the sparkle --- gifts and wrapping everything up real pretty, we want to wrap ourselves up real pretty, too. "That's what bling is for."

Head to toe

Sales associate Debbie Jones, part of the B. Ella Bridal staff weekly rotating the sparkling outfits in the Center Street showroom win-

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city's volunteer design committee that has been working with Grissim Metz, said it's time the city did just that.

Concurrent efforts

Months of study by professionals and volunteer committees produced concepts of a larger town square, improved streetscape and better access to Ford Field.

During a three-hour special meeting, city officials and residents quizzed Grissim Metz representatives about potential return of investment in the improvements, lighting building facades, the traffic impact of making Mary Alexander Court two-way, and other aspects of the design proposal.

While the design team has been sketching since September, other committees have been pursuing marketing, business mix and parking deficiencies highlighted in the city's recent downtown strategic plan.

Mayor Pro-tem Carolann Ayers asked the big question: "How do

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Photo by Victoria Mitchell Members of the Hillside **Middle School** RaiderGiris robotics team: Sheila Janardhan (left), Beth Hadley, Emily Pasek, Meredith **Monticello and** Emily Love.



Middle Schoolers tackle robotics

By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STAFF WRITER

Beth Hadley isn't sure if she wants to be an engineer when she grows up. But, whatever Hadley decides, she has a pretty good start. The Hillside Middle School eighth-grader and her peers are award-winning members of the Hillside Middle School all-girls robotics team.

They recently took notable honors at the First LEGO League state competition Saturday at Rock Financial Showplace. Sixty teams competed at the

event for students ages 9-14 interested in building and programming robots to perform specific tasks.

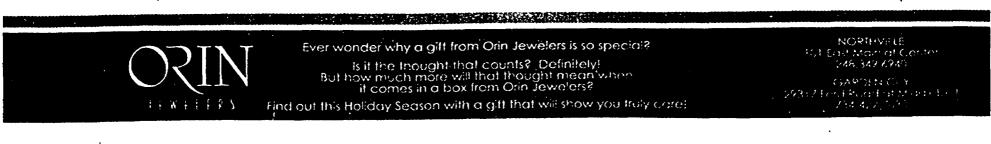
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Members of the Hillside RaiderGirls said they think being an all-girls team makes it easier to work.

"It's not awkward when they come to your house," said Sheila Janardhan.

When it comes to competing,

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Girl power: Middle Schoolers tackle robotics

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though, they feel it's an even playing field. "I don't think there are any

advantages in competition." Hadley said. "But when we're grown up, we'll have more focus in our lives.

'Girls have come a long way in engineering."

Together since fifth grade, the girls have stuck together learning engineering, computer programming, researching skills.

"We've learned a lot of life lessons as well as robotics," Hadley said. Lessons including working with others and how to be a group leader.

"And gracious professionalism," said Emily Pasek.

As part of the competitive event, teams built a robot using LEGOs, programmed it to perform nine different tasks, and completed a research project utilizing nanotechnology they presented to a panel of judges.

The RaiderGirls did their project on how to use nano-technology to treat Type I diabetes.

"We learned how something very small can work very large." said Sheila Janardhan.

Janardhan said the research portion was a lot of work, taking months.

Raider girls coch Mike Monticello said the girls did a great job this year.

"They're really doing it all on their own," he said. "The confidence they have, and they're really having fun."

The coach said last year the girls took fifth place at the international-level competition.

"It's just fun." said team member, Emily Love. "All of us are

it's a wrap

During the First LEGO League state competition Saturday competition, the Hillside Middle School RaiderGirls was named as one of the five finalists for the Innovative Solution Award; one of the five finalists in the Programming Award; received third place in the Presentation Award; and was among the five finalists for the Champion's Award.

Mike Monticello, RaiderGirls coach, also won the Adult Coach/Mentor Award, which goes to the person whose wisdom, guidance and devotion are most clearly evident in his team's discussions with the judges.

pretty good friends, and you learn a lot of stuff."

member Meredith Team Monticello agrees.

"We came here to have fun," she said at the event. "We know our stuff will work. And even though it may not work all the time, we'll still have fun."

Mother Lenore Monticello said she is proud of the girls. "These girls have been meeting

two to four days a week since early September," she said.

Lenore hopes they will set an example for other girls that being smart and involved in sciences is just fine.

"At a time in a young girl's life where being smart - especially when it comes to science and technology, it is not always encouraged - their accomplishments are truly exceptional," Lenore said.

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Northville represented well at the competition

By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STAFF WRITER

The Hillside Middle School RaiderGirls wasn't the only team representing Northville Public Schools at the First LEGO League state tournament Saturday at Rock Financial Showplace.

Teams from Amerman Elementary and Meads Mill Middle schools also took past regional titles, earning a spot at the state-level competition

Joshua Roys, member of the Meads Mill 96ers, said his team did well during the event

Wearing a T-shirt asking "Got Skill?" the teen said the group worked on its LEGO roboties project for nearly three months before making a showing.

Meads Mill team members all took a shot at having their robots perform nine different tasks during the energetic competitive event.

Also doing a good job Saturday were the Amerman Eagles and Hillside RaiderGirls,

Both teams were among the five finalists for the Champion's Award, which is the most prestigious award any team can win, said Amerman coach Kurt Meister.

Meister said the Eagles won the Teamwork Award, which goes to the team best demonstrating extraordinary enthusiasm, exceptional partnership and the practice of First LEGO League values.

The Amerman Eagles also won the Rising Star Award, which recognizes a group the judges believe stands out and will do great things in

the future.

Meads Mill Middle Schooler Joshua Roys makes an adjustment to his creation during the

First Lego League state competition where he participated as a member of the MM96ers.

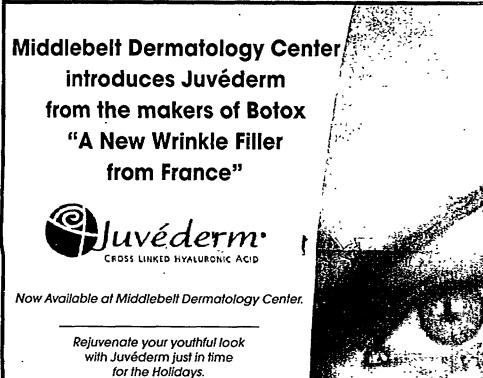
She said members of the

about science opportunities - even science and specifically robotics with the help and guidance of Amerman Elementary School Principal Steve Anderson.

Photo by Victoria Mitchell

Hillside robotics parent Lenore for girls. Monticello agrees Amerman is a

great place for students to learn RaiderGirls began their interest in-





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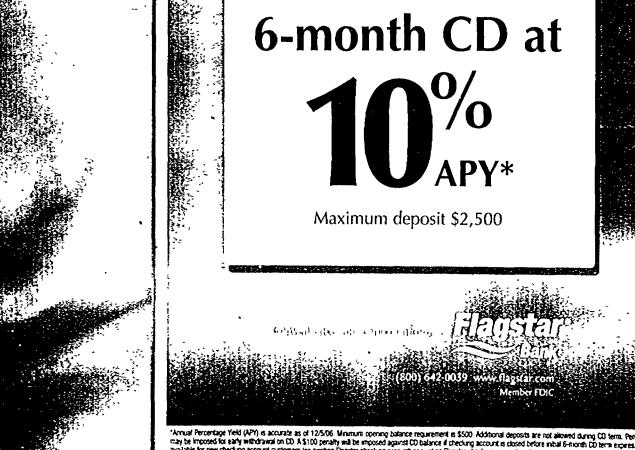
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Light 'em up

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Hannah Smith, 11, takes a photo of the holiday lights in downtown Northville as the Mothers' Club annual tree-lighting ceremony wraps up last Friday night.

Holiday decorating: It's not just about red and green anymore

Design expert: Think outside the box

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Ray Boley encourages people to take a walk on the wild side when decorating for the holidays.

Boley, owner/operator of Sharod Design in White Lake, said decolators are getting away from the traditional Christmas colors of red and green and becoming more creative.

Think amethyst and acid green or match the color scheme of a room. Try copper and gold artificial hydrangeas. Add fruit and other elements to

wreaths or garlands. Boley, formerly a visual presentation executive with Hudson's tree should fit the overall decor of department store, appeared at the

after bringing it home or taking it is to string same-size ornaments out of storage. "You have to tweak it a bit,"

Boley suggested finding fresh

pine cones for wreaths. But place

them in a 300-degree oven for a

couple of minutes to kill any

insects. "This also opens up the

For those with an artificial tree

who miss that fresh pine scent?

place pine-scented potpourri at

Pine tree branches can also be

purchased in bundles to use for

open an not flat."

pine cone," he said.

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placing them on a tree or wreath. Boley said. "Make sure it's very Mix shiny and matt-finish omaments, small and large clusters for Grapevine wreaths are still popvariety. Ornament clusters also ular because you can mix a lot of elements on them. look good in garlands.

Bows on wreaths don't always have to be at the top. Try placing them at the bottom or on one side. And, wreaths aren't just for doors. Try hanging one over an

on a small-gauge wire before

archway or mirror. Boley said most think they have to put away home accessories like large vases and bowls when decorating. But, he likes to incorporate them. Place same-color bulbs or colored sand and a candle in a bowl. If using a vase, the rule is elements in the vase should be 1.5 times higher than the height of the vase.

When decorating a mantle, use varying heights of candlesticks or candles.

Boley, who likes white lights on trees better than multi-colored

Top tree tip: Water it

By Alyson lott GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Mistletoe, holly, poinsettias and pine: Every December, millions of families deck their halls with these festive greens.

But come Christmas Day, some of these halls look better than others. Like any houseplant, seasonal plants need proper care to thrive. With a little effort, plant-loving homeowners can keep their evergreens green until New Year's Day. The largest and most common

seasonal plant is the Christmas tree. The National Christmas Tree Association lists the Scotch pine as the most popular choice. Other Christmas trees include the balsam fir, Douglas fir, Fraser fir, noble fir, Virginia pine and white pine.

Mike Raney, who owns Raney's Rainbow Gardens, described the noble fir as "the Cadillac of greens." These silvery firs have bluish-green needles and short, sturdy branches, good for holding up heavy ornaments. They keep well, and their boughs can be used for wreaths, swags and garland.

green needles, even when dry, for about four weeks. The stiff branches and open appearance make for easy ornament display, and the tree's pine aroma stays fresh throughout the holidays. The white pine. Michigan's

state tree, is the largest pine in the U.S. The white pine has slender branches and long, soft, blue-green needles that stay on well. This fulllooking tree has little or no fragrance, which makes it a good choice for people with allergies. For those who have stepped on

one, dropped needles are perhaps

Christmas tree. A fresh tree is mostly green, with pliable needles. Buyers can test pliability by running a branch through one hand, in the direction of the needles' growth. Fresh needles should bend without falling off.

Rancy advises his customers to find a tree that has few dropped needles. Besides checking under the tree at the lot, buyers can check for loose needles on a cut tree by raising it a few inches off the ground and letting it plunk back down on the cut end. A normal tree may lose a few brown needles, but very few green needles should fall from a fresh tree.

After choosing a fresh tree and getting it netted or wrapped, buy ers should keep it covered with a tarp or a large sheet of plastic to prevent drying on the ride home.

If the tree is not put up right away, store it in an unheated outdoor building to keep it out of the wind and freezing temperatures. To keep it fresh, make a one-inch cut near the bottom of the trunk (the cut or butt end) and place it in a bucket of warm water.

When setting up a tree, there are two crucial steps to prevent early drying. First, when the tree is first brought in, make a fresh one-inch cut near the butt end of the trunk before placing it in a sturdy treestand

According to Raney, the most important step comes after the tree's first night in the home. Owners should replace any water absorbed through the cut trunk, making sure the tree has enough water on its second day.

Christmas-tree stands should hold at least one gallon of water,

the biggest drawback of a live - but a good way to estimate a tree's needs is to allow one quart of water for every inch of the trunk's diameter. If the base of the tree dries out, the cut end may form resin, reducing the amount of water it can absorb and causing the needles to dry and fall off more quickly.

Raney said he always tells customers to think of the tree as a cut flower.

"You should always recut the stem and put it in some fresh water and make sure that it has some fresh water all the time," he said.

He added that trees should be kept away from warm or cold air drafts, both for safety and to keep the needles from drying out. In a centrally heated home, a humidifier can help keep trees and plants looking fresh.

For trees and fresh-cut greens such as holly and mistletoe, Raney suggested using an anti-dessicant or "wilt-proof" spray to seal in the plants' moisture.

"I always say it works like Chapstick," he said.

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With care, most fresh-cut trees will last four to five weeks before drying out. To avoid scattering needles, families should take down the tree before it dries.

Finally, for easy clean-up, the National Christmas Tree Association recommends using a tree-removal bag as a tree skirt. The bags, which are available at many farms and greenhouses, can simply be pulled up around the tree when the holiday season is over, helping keep the needles contained and the floor clean when the tree is removed.

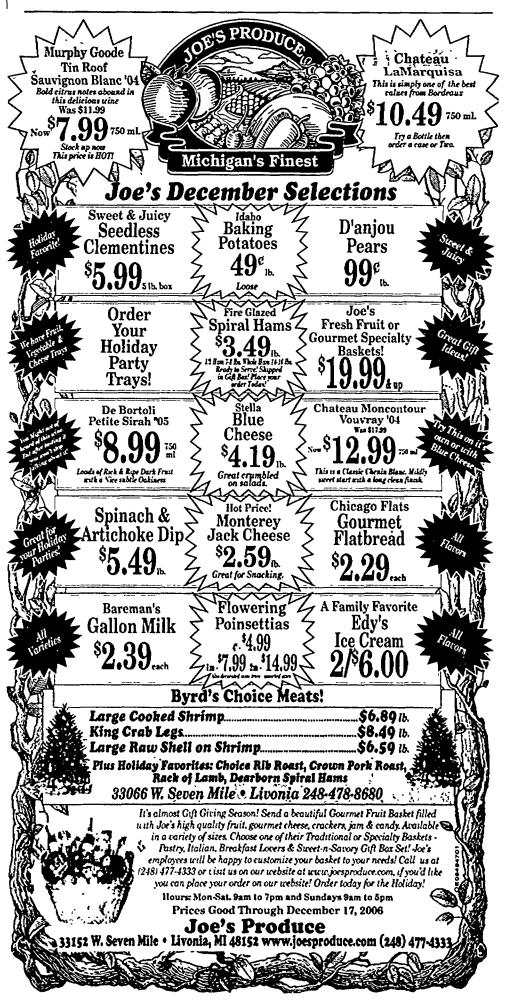
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Owner, Raney's Rainbow Gardens

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The Scotch pine holds its dark-

Novi Art Van Furniture store Nov. 14 to talk about the latest in holiday decorating.

He reviewed different techniques and concepts about decorating, how to put them together and demonstrated bow making, allowing attendees to make their own bow to take home.

One tip, whether it be a tree, wreath or garland, is to reshape it the home, whether it be traditional or contemporary. Place smaller ornaments at the

Decorations should fit

top, bigger ones at the bottom and create your own tree topper instead of using the lighted angel every year,

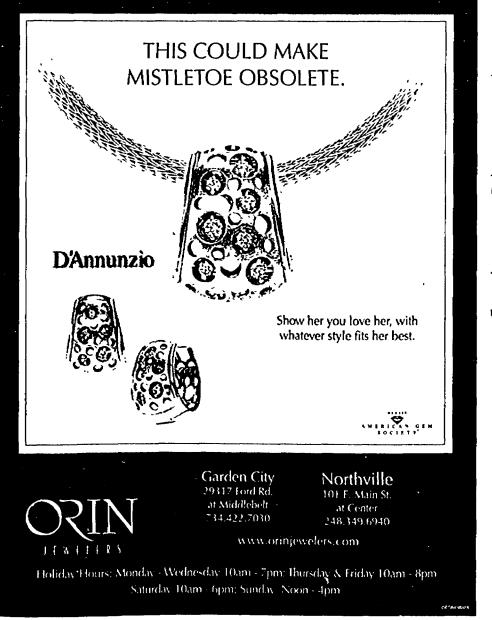
Boley feels one's Christmas

Criss-cross candy canes with strands of red crystal beads or make a bow out of ribbon candy. A secret Boley shared from his merchandising days at Hudson's

ones, reminds home decorators to shop for next year's decorations at the end of this season.

"You can get 70-90 percent off some items," he said

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City council moves forward with expanded town square

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we get a financial handle on the whole project with the different options, with the different phases?

Northville Downtown The Development Authority is planning to borrow about \$4 million to pay for downtown makeover efforts. The tally Grissim Metz presented Monday showed desired physical improvements alone would surpass that figure, excluding related operational expenses

Ayers said she needed more financial data before committing to additional design projects.

"I do feel we need to move for-ward," she said. "We've been going through this for three years and it's time we show the people what they wanted to do"

Town square first

Northville Downtown Development Authority director Lori Ward said the authority board members will be discussing costs of

What's next?

Consideration of extending Grissim Metz Andrieses and Associates' contract to include design development — and compensation for the new assignment — is expected to be on the agenda of the regular Northville City Council meeting Monday.

On Sept. 5, council hired Grissim Metz for \$62,900 to develop a downtown conceptual design plan for Northville, due Dec. 22.

At that time, Northville Downtown Development Authority director Lori Ward said, council members planned to negotiate terms for additional aspects of the project, provided they were pleased with the results of the first phase

community in a space to gather, providing greenery and blending classic lines with the town's existing mix of architecture.

Northville Downtown Conceptual Design

Total\$4,080,000

Preliminary Cost Estimates

Source, Grassm Metz Andriese and Associates

each aspect of the downtown strate-

gic plan at their meeting next week

and bring recommendations to the

"We want to make sure before we

start on one we can afford to do the

Presley stressed the public's

consensus approval of the town

square concept and the importance

of proceeding with the next step in

the process. He estimated town

square design, bidding and con-

struction stages would take six

Wadsworth said the town square

concept reflects what residents have

been asking for during the strategic

planning process, offering a sense of

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back by the week's end."

Committee volunteer Joan

council.

months.

others," Ward said.

There are elements of this that I think really reflect what we've heard from the community over time," she said.

Planners acknowledged there remains many details to iron out. Comments during meeting Monday ranged from a plea to save the existing bandshell to replacing it to keeping the park space stretching from Main Street to Mary Alexander Court completely flexible.

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The conceptual designs submitted by the firm,

key areas targeted in the downtown commercial dis-

"We've been thrilled with them," Ward said.

"We've asked them for a proposal. We should get it

Illustration courtesy of Grissim Metz Andrese Associates

Across from the Main Street clock, the

proposed town square calls for an

ahead of deadline, detail issues and considerations for

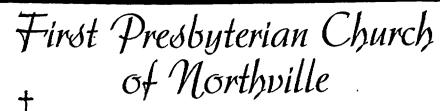


📕 'Tis the season to bling in the holidays

Ragatzki said. "Don't be afraid to dress it up -- yourself -- not just your tree.

Traditional bling

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dows, said they're helping patrons into dresses, shoes and accessories to make an impression.

"We've got a lot of bling — it's everything we ordered right now," Jones said. "Most of our stuff has a lot of details on it -- beads, sequins and minestones.

"That's our bling right now for the party season, holidays and the auto show. Anything goes."

Bling comes from the outfit, the accessories and the primping before the outfit goes on.

Stylists at Margo's Salon and Spa on Cady Street have been painting fingernails with holiday color, occasionally dusting them with sparkling tones and imbedding faux jewels.

Kelly Ragatzki has a "Bling, Bling Thing" jewelry holder in her Girly Daze store, where she sprinkles the younger set with winking jewelry, belts, purses and T-shirts. The Main Street boutique owner said she routinely fulfills requests for bling, including many gift items.

"If you've got it, decorate it,"

Local merchants like Orin Jewelers are doing their part to assemble the bling ensemble. The Main Street mainstay has been providing gift advice and for tonight, a dazzling donation to "Girls Night Out."

Northville The Central Business Association invited shoppers downtown until 10 p m. to Christmas shop for items shiny and not. A raffle winner will take home a \$750 necklace Girls Night Out organizers billed as "bling."

Merchants said they can tell from the requests of their subur-ban clientele, the urban "bling. bling" slang for expensive jewelry has evolved into characterization of a state of mind.

"Bling is flashy, sparkling jewels," said Gina Mazzoni. "It's happiness. It's smiles.

"It brings women to life. It's empowerment."

Timeless pleasure

Beras, who drapes customers with sparkling shoes, bags, jewelry, hairclips and sunglasses, said bling fits regardless of a woman's background, size or age.

What is "bling"?

"I think of jewelry, sparkly and shiny stuff. Anything with a little pizzazz. Sassy. The more the better." Kelly Ragatzki, owner Girly Daze

"Bling is Jack-E-Oh, the jewelry line we have from New York. It's up-to-the-second fashion. Anybody can wear it, from the Red Hats to church ladies. It does appeal to a younger set, too," Theresa Schierloh, owner Dancing Eye Gallery

"Women go '000000' over the sparkly things. It makes us feel pretty. It's pretty. It's frivolous, It's fun. We have a saying here: Glitter up or go home."

Lauren Beras, owner Lorla's Shoes

"Bling can go two different ways. You traditionally think of it as shiny and sparkly. It can also be something you wouldn't normally wear, something to jazz up an outfit. Just having fun with it." Marilyn Grech, Open & Clothed sales associate

"Bling could be dressed to the nines or it could be jewelry or clothing that's really flashing and stands out." Nikki Jaskulka, co-owner Dueto

"Bling is something noticeable, elegant, not necessarily flashy, eye-catching. It can be a ring, necklace, earrings, sparkling with diamonds."

Leza Gjonaj, co-owner Goldsmith Galleries

too.

The manager of Fine Threads haberdashery said men's holiday wear comes in bright color sweaters, suede sportcoats and silk scarves.

"They're the things you don't need in your wardrobe, but they're fun."



"Bling just makes us feel like girls," she said. "From the time we're 2 or 3 -things that just catch us inside - old women still feel like girls inside.

"Bling — we just kind of lose ourselves in it"

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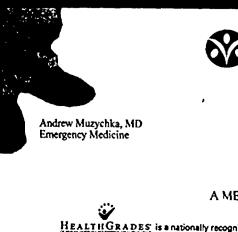
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PULL THE PICS: National magazine scouting area for showcase gardens

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Call it payoff for years of dirt under the fingernails.

The garden editor for Martha Stewart Living will be in town next week scouting gardens in the Northville and Novi area for consideration in an upcoming magazine issue. Yvonne DeMattos, president of Gardeners of Northville and Novi (the No-No's), will provide prospects Friday.

DeMattos will be collecting information and photographs mailed to the club's post office box through next Thursday. Key criteria include location in Northville or Novi, and the work must be done by the gardeners themselves, she said.

"It's 'Martha Stewart," she said. "To have a garden from Northville or Novi highlighted in 'Martha Stewart' is quite a feat."

Do-it-yourself appeal

DeMattos said contact with the magazine resulted from her efforts to publicize the threeyear-old club's garden walk last July. She mailed press releases to several regional and national magazines detailing the 27-member club that caters to working women.

The underlying theme of the upcoming magazine article will be projects readers can under-

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take. DeMattos said, aligned with the club's focus. The No-No's six-home tour always winds up with informational demonstrations and plant vendor sales. That is the key thing," she said. "Many of the gardens on garden walks - much of it is professionally done.

"I think that was one of the other things that attracted them: You can do this."

Local spotlight

While sorting through potential sites for the magazine, DeMattos will have an eye peeled for prospects for her club's annual tour.

Both she and the magazine editor are seeking gardens with several features, such as water,



Yvonne DeMattos, president of Gareners of Northville and Novi, will share photos of local gardens, like this one, with Martha Stewart Living magazine's garden editor.

paths, a variety of plants and outdoor structures, she said. In addition to photos, DeMattos suggested gardeners send a detailed description of the features a photograph may not convey. (The editor) will select the

ones she's interested in." she said. "If she wants to go out and get the lay of the land, we can do

Courtesy photo

that." DeMattos said she has several gardens in Northville and one in Novi to recommend. A photo spread in a national magazine would be a feather in any gardener's cap, she said.

The few people I've talked to so far are very excited about it," she said "It takes years to get it

to the point it has the look of a finished garden.

Courtesy photo

"Of course, with a dedicated gardener, they're never really finished.

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



Photo submitted by Carol Doyle

Questers celebrate The 25th anniversary celebration of the Mill Race Questers chapter was held on October 25th at Mill Race Historical Village. A salad luncheon was served to more than 60 Questers and friends. Isamay Osborne, a Quester from Dearborn, entertained everyone with a talk on The ABCs of Needlework. A collection of quilts and needlework items owned by Mill Race Questers members was displayed in the schoolhouse.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to Mill Race Historical Village to refinish the floor in the historic church. The Questers is an international organization that studies antiques and encourages the preservation and restoration of historic landmarks.

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OBITUARIES

ROSE M. ARLEN

Age 89, died December 7, 2006. She was preceded in death by her hus-band Ben and a son Daniel Arlen. Mrs. Arlen was a homemaker. Services were held Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at St. Aidan's Catholic Church. Entombment was in St. Hedwig's Mausoleum. Mrs. Arlen is survived by a daughter-in-law, Carolyn Arlen; A brother Chester Roman and nieces and nephews. Mass offerings in memory of Rose or the charity of your choice would be appreciated. Arrangements by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home.

JOHN M. RAGALYI

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Age 57, died December 7, 2006 at his residence in Northville. Mr. Ragalyi was a program administrator with Daimler Chrysler for 30 years at the time of his death. He served in the United States Navy during the Viet Nam Conflict. Funeral services were held on Monday, December 11, 2006 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. Fr. Denis Theroux officiated. Interment was in Rural Hill Cemetery. Mr. Ragalyi is survived by his write Nanette: One son Andrew (Billie) Ragalyi: Four grandchildren, Corrie, John, Danielle and Andrew: And one sister, Karen Chodaniecky. Memorial contributions to the Capuchin Soup Kitchen would be appreciated Kitchen would be appreciated. Arrangements were made by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home.

EVA CHRISTINE RIEDEN

Age 92, died December 8, 2006 in St. Mary's Hospital. Mrs. Rieden was a retired Dearborn Public School employee. Services were pri-vate. Mrs. Rieden is survived by two children, Priscilla Collins and Philip Rieden. Arrangements were by the Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home.

ALEX ERIC JOHNSON

A lifelong resident of Northville, passed away on October 29, after a short illness. He was the beloved father of Alex Christopher, Ryan and Dane, and the dear brother of Sharon Johnson and Linda Crawford (Jack). He also leaves behind 3 nieces, nephews and one great nephew.

OBITUARY POLICY

The first seven lines of an obituary are published free of charge. After that, there is a fee of \$3 a line. Pictures may be published for \$25.

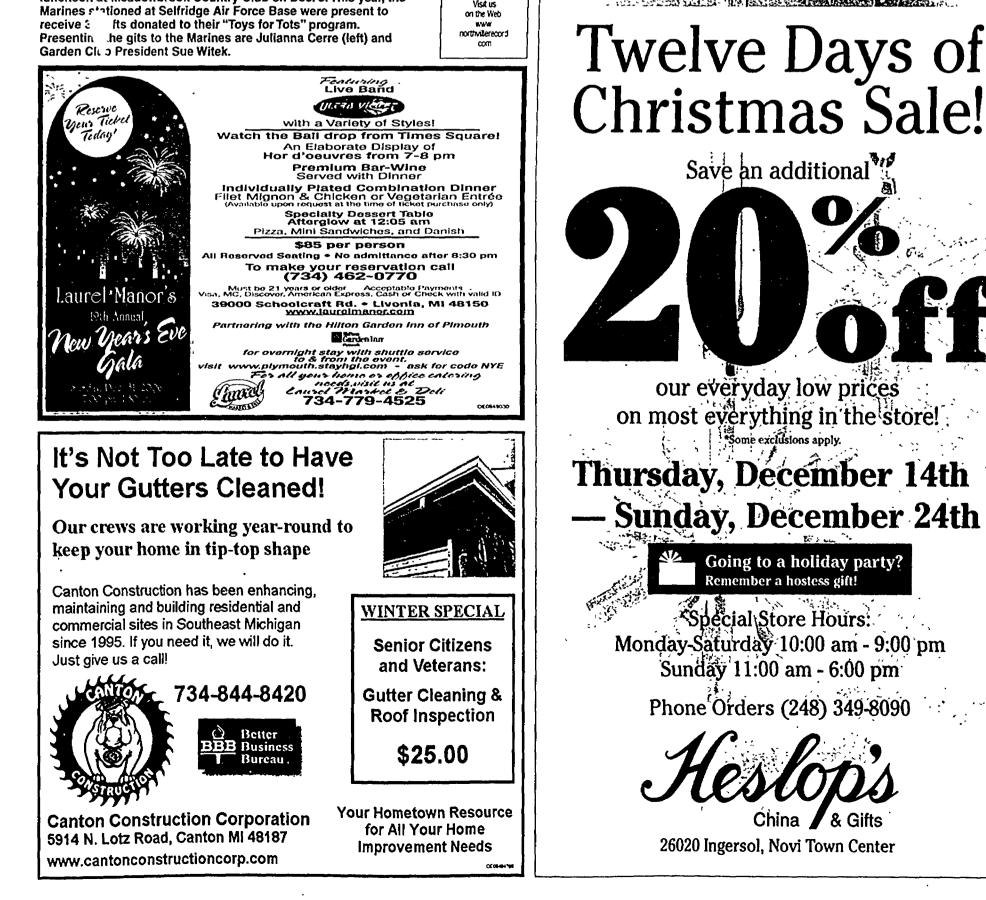
*Deadline for obituaries is Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. for publication in Thursday's new spaper.

> For more information, call 888-999-1288 or contact your funeral home. *Holday deadlines are subject to change

Toys for Tots The Country Garden Club of Northville held its annual Christmas luncheon at Meadowbrook Country Club on Dec. 5. This year, the its donated to their "Toys for Tots" program.







Public Safety

(248) 349-1700, ext. 113 Cal Stone, editor fax: (248) 349-9832

NO MORE GIFTS: Drunk driving arrests peak during holiday season

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

A holiday buzz can quickly turn into a handcuff click.

Gone are the days when police officers gifted drivers with a free pass because they were close to home, said Northville Police Chief Gary Goss Penalties await revelers driving fueled on liquid holiday cheer, he said.

"Ten or 15 years ago, if somebody had one too many and got behind the wheel, you laughed it off," Goss said. "I think as a society, it's no longer acceptable.

You're seeing people take the keys and people giving up the keys."

Exceeding the state's legal limit is cause for arrest.

"Buzzed driving is operating while impaired," Goss said. "If you're feeling that good, you're probably over .08."

It's also setting a bad example for children watching their parent's holiday behavior, Goss said. Before climbing behind the wheel, drivers need to consider their state and the potential fate of their passengers and others sharing the road.

Role modeling

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Kids learn behavior by watching adults, Goss said.

You really need to think about that during the Christmas season. particularly if you have a teen," he said, adding minors arrested for drunk driving face the same type of penalties as adults.

Tips for parents

Northville Police Chief Gary Goss said parents can take precautionary steps to help keep their teenagers safe. His suggestions include:

 Keep track of alcohol you have around the house, whether it's in the liquor cabinet or a refrigerator in the garage.

'It's very easy for parents to become enablers," Goss said.

Set a good example. "Particularly if you get behind the wheel," he said. "If your son or daughter did that, you're sending the wrong message.'

• Check on your kids. Never condone drinking, but give them fail-safe advice.

Sometimes as kids we don't make the right choices," Goss said. "Tell your kid, 'It's OK, if you don't make the right choice, I'll come and get you."

Goss recalled the drunk driving arrest of a 17-year-old whose blood alcohol content measured .21. He said when his father came to the jail to take custody of his son, he bristled at questions about his own alcohol consumption. "I told him, 'Your son is a prac-

ticed drinker to be at .21 at 17," Goss said. "He was in absolute denial. He said, 'I did the same thing when I was a kid. It's a rite

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education

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Effects:

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sturred speech

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Drug name: Alcohol

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Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

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Facts for parents: 25 percent of

eighth graders have admitted to

being intoxicated at least once.

violent behavior

impaired learning

Overconsumption ...

Other names: Beer, whe, liquor,

Six months almost to the day, his son got in a very serious accident --- his second offense."

The judge ordered the teenager to attend Alcoholics Anonymous meetings as part of his sentence, Goss said. Months later, the father visited Goss and acknowledged he had been right about the problem.

"Under 21, if you've had any-

thing to drink, you better stay out from behind the wheel of a car," Goss said.

Effects of alcohol

Officers stop drivers they suspect are under the influence, Goss said, sometimes driving signifi-cantly below the speed limit or pausing too long at a traffic signal.

"When they're looking for their driver's license in their wallet and pass it three or four times, that's an indication," he said. Tell-tale signs include slurred speech, glassy bloodshot eyes, alcohol odor and decreased dexterity when reaching for their registration.

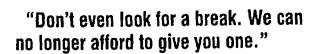
Judgment is the first thing to go when someone drinks alcohol, Goss said, like whether to stop at an amber signal.

"You start taking more risks, that's even before you start reach-ing that legal limit," he said.

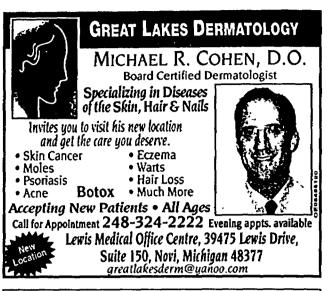
The penalties for a drunk driving conviction vary, Goss said, increasing in severity with an accident, injury or fatality. Consequences include fines, potential loss of a driver's license. community service and imprisonment.

"Don't even look for a break," he said. "We can no longer afford to give you one."

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Gary Goss Police Chief, City of Northville



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Drunk driving facts Statistics reveal holidays are some of the most dangerous times of the year on the

• During the 2004 holiday season, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration data shows the percentage of accidents that were alcohol-related was

road, largely due to increased drunk driving. 47.4 percent on Christmas and 45.2 percent on New Year's Eve.

. In Michigan, more than 37 percent of 1,129 traffic deaths in 2005 - 421 people .

killed - were alcohol-related.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE POLICE REPORT

Suspected marijuana

A 23-year-old Northville man is facing a Dec. 28 court date on charges of possessing marijuana and paraphernalia.

Northville police reports indicated officers stopped a black Honda Civic driving eastbound on Eight Mile Road because the window was tinted too dark to see the driver. While questioning the driver, the officer reported smelling suspected burnt marijuana later found in the vehicle.

The substance and paraphernalia as a black male, about 20,

Officers arrested the man on possession charges and transported him to the Northville Township police station where he was held pending bond.

Grab 'n go

The owner of American Spoon, 105 N. Center Street, reported four food cartons stolen from her

clothed in a gray hoodie and blue jeans. Witnesses told police the man grabbed the boxes of preserves, maple candy and nuts, ran out of the store without paying and climbed into a dark-colored SUV parked on N. Center Street. The case is closed.

Purse stolen

police her pocketbook was stolen, while visiting a local tavern

The former Northville resident told police she briefly left her purse where she was sitting near Poole's bar. According to the report, items take from the purse include: \$140 cash, driver's license, \$35 black leather pocketbook, eight credit cards and an insurance card.

Officers issued a be-on-thelookout bulletin to area depart-



ASTHMA CONTROL IN SENIORS

Astima and allergies can develop any time in life, even in your senior years some other conditions, especially those that require regular medications, can be a challenge. Some eye drops that senior use for glaxcoma can increase an astima response. Beta blockers or ACE inhibitors rakem for blood pressure control can cause patients to cough. Gastroesophageal refux disease (GERD) or hearthum after eating can also provoke astima. In addi-tion, lung function begins to decrease when people reach 40 years old. Wearing a scarf over your mouth in the cold weath-er can reduce astima symptoms brough if you are experiencing wheezing, short-ness of breath, or chest lightness. This helpful column is important for all who suffer with allergies. Call the ALLERGY & ASTIMACENTRE OF

who suffer with allergies. Call the ALLERGY & ASTHMA CENTER OF MICHIGAN to art MICHIGAN to arrange for a consulta-tion. We are caring and professional, and

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store Nov. 25. Northville police reports indi-

A 42-year-old Washington woman reported to Northville ments.

De comer www.allergyinfo.org



Goodfellow

Bundled against the chill in the shade, Rotary Club member Jim Petres collected for the annual Goodfellows drive at the corner of Main and Center streets Saturday, the largest annual fund-raiser for local emergency service agency, Northville Civic Concern.

BRIEFS

Defibrillator donated

The Northville Historical Society received the first heart defibrillator (AED) donated by the Charles N. Simkins Community Heart Defibrillator Fund. The life saving device will be available at the Mill Race Village as soon as training has been completed for all those that will work at events at the park.

The Simkins Fund was created by principal donor Hazel Simkins of Livonia. Her son Charles, a prominent Northville attorney, suffered a sudden fatal cardiac arrest in 2003. The goal of the Simkins fund is to encourage the placement of AED devices throughout the city of Northville. The long term goal is to have some AED devices available 24 hours.

Donations to the Simkins Fund can be sent to: Charles N. Simkins Community Heart Defibrillator Fund, c/o LaSalle Bank, 127 Hutton, Northville, 48167.

Fire damages home

At 7:20 p.m. on Dec. 6, the Northville Township Fire Department responded to a report of a possible fire on Seven Mile, near Clement Road. Upon arrival, the fire department found a twostory residence with heavy smoke coming through the roof overhangs. The house was occupied at the time, and the owner was treated for smoke and fumes inhalation.

The fire was contained to the second floor bedrooms and extinguished at 8:02 p.m. with assistance provided by Plymouth Township and the City of Northville.





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Bless this school: OLV to dedicate new building Sunday

Congratulations to the 2007 Northville Masons Lodge No. 186 officers installed during the 141st ceremony at the Main Street center: worshipful master Stephen Penn; wardens John Krcmarik and Michael Breckenridge, deacons Mario and Timothy stewards Mark Azzopardi Anderson; Rogish and Earl Blohm; tiler Timothy Dickinson: treasurer James Hawn; secretary Michael Rouhan; marshal

Edwin Forbush: William chaplain McFerran; organist Herman Wedemeyer. and associate stewards Eric Alstadt and Paul Broughton.

**** A moment of mirth while discussing downtown design improvements and the importance of developing something bles, woodcrafts and

an appropriate brand identity for the city during a special council meeting Monday, someone suggested heated sidewalks throughout the commercial core could make Northville the place to shop in your stocking feet

But seriously, how much would a system to avoid the nuisance of snow and salt cost? Commercial plumbing contractor Jim Long estimated about \$400,000 for sidewalks in the city's main quadrant, plus operational costs for the central boiler house. To melt snow from the expanded town square designers have proposed? About \$50,000. No mid-winter cliffs of snow at the curb - it's something to think about

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Speaking of downtown sidewalks ... have you seen the latest addition at 107 N. Center? Linda Crause, owner of Images Interior Design Service, has been spiffing up the showroom windows and displays preparing for the imminent opening of her full-line design firm ...

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And after a move one door down ... Utopia Salon and Spa has re-opened at 170 E. Main

St. Same top-of-the-line In Northville pampering services and then some ... Check it out!

> Get your tickets! With Christmas right around the corner, Northville Nite on New Year's Eve is coming up fast. All the favorites -- car-It's always nival games, inflata-

slot-car racing will be back. The finale will include a countdown, balloon drop and noisemakers. Don't miss it! Call the recreation department.

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Ho, ho, ho! Kudos go out to the students in St. Paul's Lutheran School Brownie Troop 564 and Junior Troop 2076 for collecting items for Christmas stockings for local senior citizens. The stockings were taken to Northville Civic Concern for Christmastime delivery!

Also in the holiday spirit ... Now through Dec. 24, Goldsmith Galleries owners Lesh and Leza Gjonaj, are donating 10 percent of sales to Our Lady of Victory

parishioners to the local church.

And while you're out shopping ... mina Northville mind gone blank? The Chamber of Commerce is offering the onesize-fits all gift of certifichecks. Good for apparel, jewelry, services, entertainment and eats at more than 60 area businesses

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Here's a good neighbor ... CVS on Dunlap Street is continuing to offer up goods with sales benefiting Northville Civic Concern. This month, purchase lip balm for 99 cents that will go to local client families in need as part of their bi-monthly grocery pickup. Displays encouraging you to participate are near the cash registers ...

And someone to look up to Middle It appears Hillside School students Joey Ukrop. Sheila Janardhan, Kevin Curtis, Lauren Colasanti, George Khamis, Andrew Erin Donnohoe, Baldwin, Stephanie Rinaldi, Kirsten Schipper and Ria Barad know a thing or two about heroes. They're all advancing to the state level in the "America and Me" essay contest for their words about their heroes. Good luck!

.... We're talking basketball ... Maricka Seay, Schoolcraft College's 5' 11" guard from guard from Detroit, is the National Junior College Athletic Association Division II Women's Basketball Player of the Week. Seay, an NJCAA Division II Pre-Season All-American selection earlier



It's the fans!

With the Northville High School hockey season well under way, the team knows they have their super-fans behind them. With custom-printed, painted-on-theirbody and homemade shirts, the students attend games -- like this recent Northville-Novi contest — ready to roar support. Go Mustangs!

this year. led Schoolcraft to three victories while posting three consecutive double-double performances on three straight days. You go, girl!

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And here's a different kind of outstanding effort ... Through donations from 62 families, the Northville High School beautification project raised \$4,830, which went toward 50 shrubs and 19 shade and evergreen trees

project was established to help improve and maintain the grounds at the Six Mile Road school. Do those new evergreens need Christmas lights

Over the river and through the woods ... Maybury Farm may be closed for the winter for tours but hay-wagon sleigh rides are continuing throughout the winter. Groups of 10 or more can reserve

around the new addition. The a slot by calling (248) 374-0200.

And ... Maybury Farm is still selling eggs throughout the winter, too. Same phone number.

And on Sunday ... the Our Lady of Victory congregation will follow Adam Cardinal Maida from the 12:30 p.m. service to the new Orchard Drive building for its blessing and dedication.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS HOLIDAY OFFICE CLOSINGS

The Charter Township of Northville Administrative Offices will be closed on the following dates for the Holidays:

Friday, December 15, 2006 at 2 00 p m. (offices reopen on Monday, December 18th at 8 a.m.)

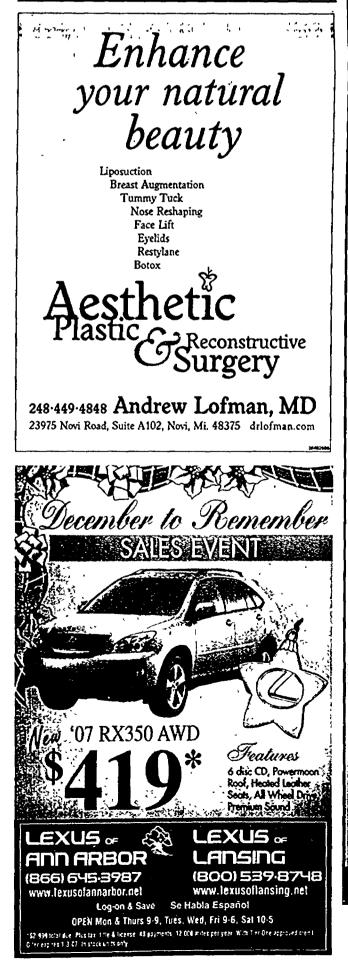
Monday, December 25, 2006 & Tuesday, December 26, 2006 (offices reopen on Wednesday, December 27th at 8 a m.)

Monday, January 1, 2007 (offices reopen on Tuesday, January 2nd at 8 a.m.)

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TAPPING TALENT Local group looks to residents for cover design art

By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STAFF WRITER

Andrew Fuller is ready for his cover shot.

The 13-year-old student put pen to paper creating an artistic ren-dering of what Northville means to him.

"He actually sat on the bench at Mill Race Village and drew the gazebo," said mother Lois Fuller.

Andrew is one of hopefully many vying for the cover shot of the Mothers' Club of Northville Community Directory.

The non-profit organization benefiting Northville Public Schools is holding a community art contest to find the design for the cover of its 2007-09 guide.

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"We've always had art, we've just never had a contest," said Patsy Johnson, Mothers' Club of Northville Community Directory chairwoman.

Johnson said the club is hoping for a good turnout, receiving entries from students through adults. All entries must have a Northville theme.

"I thought it would be a fun twist, and this is a good way to be involved in the community," she said.

Johnson said the biennial directory is one of the group's largest fund-raisers.

The winner will be awarded a \$250 cash prize and a half-page biography in the Mothers' Club of Northville 2007-09 Community Directory.

The directory is expected to be delivered to all Northville school district residents in the fall.

Johnson said the Northville Arts Commission will supply the judges and supply contest guide-

Bring on the entries

Entry forms for the Mothers' Club of Northville community art contest may be found at the Art House, Awakening ... the Artist Within and Northville City Hall, as well as the Art Commission Web site: www.ci.northville.mi.us/Co mmunity/Artscommission/A rthouse.htm.

Contest rules state all creations must be submitted with a proper entry form and self-addressed envelope no later than Jan. 31. Judging will take place by Feb. 28.

Entrants are encouraged to read the entire list of contest guidelines before submission.

Interested applicants may also contact Patsy Johnson at (248) 349-0013.

lines.

Sharon Rossow of the Northville Arts Commission said they are happy to be involved.

ing at the Art House," she said.

featured at the downtown Northville store and gallery for the community to enjoy.

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

"We will also provide a show-

Rossow said all entries will be

CLASS NOTES

Board meeting

The next Northville Board of Education regular meeting is 7:30 p m. Jan. 9 at Old Village School. 405 W. Main St. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

All Night Party

The Northville High School Class of 2007 Senior All Night Party will be held from 10:30 p.m.-4:30 a.m. Saturday, June 2. Tickets are \$55 through December and \$70 as of Jan. 1.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Concerned

Winchester **Elementary students** Emma Vaitkevicius, left, and Grace Dovle pilot a shopping cart through Target last week while looking for Christmas gifts for their Civic Concern-adopted family member. Students at the Northville school were shopping for local families in need and Grace, and Emma were looking for clothes for a 26year-old man.

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Holiday concerts

Northville High School presents two nights of musical celebration. At 7 p.m. tonight, the Varsity Choir(4A), Symphonic Bands (10-12th grades), Bel Canto, Concert-Chorale-Chamber Choirs, TrebleMakers and Back Beat will perform. At 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 16 the following groups will perform: Concert-Chorale-Chamber Choirs, the Symphonic Band (11th & 12th grades), TrebleMakers and Back Beat. The Music Booster Raffle drawing will be held at the Saturday, Dec. 16 concert An afterglow will be held in the Cafeteria.

Winter break

The Northville Public Schools holiday break begins at the end of the day Thursday, Dec. 21. Classes will resume on Wednesday, Jan. 3.

Spring break care

Spring break extra care for Kids' Club and Wondergarten famihes April 10-13 will be available at Thornton Creek for children that attend Amerman, Moraine and Thornton Creek elementary schools; and at Ridge Wood for children that attend Silver Springs, Winchester and Ridge Wood clementary schools. The deadline for registration is Feb. 1. Schedule changes will be accepted in writing without penalty through March 14. Registration forms are available on the parent boards at each school's site.

Northville High String Club

Strings in Our Schools (SOS) and Northville High School are offering a new club for middle and high school string instrument players. The requirements are: must have a minimum of two years experience playing the violin, viola, cello or bass string instrument; participate in ensembles, district soloensembles, community and school events; be able to meet from 3:30-4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays in the NHS ensemble room; and pay a nominal pay-to-play, non-refundable \$75 fee. Students do need to provide their own instruments.

Parents may now also order an unpainted wooden Mustang to personalize for their senior and display at the party. Forms are available at www.northville.k12.mi us/nhs. Contact Mary Jo Blasius at (248) 349-0101 with questions.

Class of 1987 reunion

The Northville High School Class of 1987 20-year reunion is in the works for July 2007. Chris (Homberger) Noles is collecting names of those interested in attending, and Kathleen Kennedy is heading up the party planning. If interested, please send the following information to Chris at christnoles@comcast.net: name, address, phone number and e-mail address.

Sally Ride Science

Sally Ride Science invites kids in grades five-eight to enter the Fifth Annual TOY Challenge Engineering Design Competition. The competition is a chance to experience engineering as a fun. creative, collaborative process, relevant to everyday life by creating a dream toy or game. The competition is open through the fall 2006spring 2007 school year. Teams must have an adult coach; include three-six members, with half being girls; sign up by tomorrow; pay a \$45 fee; and choose from themedtoy categories including "Games for the Family," "Get Out and Play" and "Toys that Teach." Prizes are awarded winners in each category. Visit www.TOYchallenge.com.

Athletic passes

Family passes for 2006-07 Northville High School athletic events are available. The cost is \$60 for a regular pass and \$75 for a Super Pass, which includes hockey. Each immediate family member (up to six people) receives a nontransferable pass, allowing admittance to all home athletic contests through June 2007, not including district and conference competitions. Money generated from selling the pass goes directly to

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Northville High School sports, Call (248) 348-4277.

Preschool openings

Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center continues enrolling for the 2006-07 school year. Openings are still available in the Child Care Classes at Thornton Creek and Main Street, 3-year-old Kids' Creative Corner preschool classes and the Parent/Child Classes for 1- and 2year-old children. Call the Early Childhood Center Office at (248) 344-8465.

College night

Schoolcraft Community College presents Middle School College Night for eighth-grade students 4-7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 6 in the VisTaTech Center on the Haggerty Road campus. The goal of the event is to introduce the idea of college to students and their parents and provide educational, financial and early planning tips.

Victorian Festival

Local organizers are looking for donations of Victorian-era clothing to help create a Victorian Clothes Closet at Hillside Middle School. The goal is to provide clothing to third-grade students who may not be able to afford outfits for the district's annual Northville Victorian Festival field trip. Needed items include: dresses, hats, knickers, shirts, vests, caps, knee socks and other Victorian accessories. Conctact Joan Wadsworth at (248) 348-5881 joanwadsworth@comcast.net. for pick up. Donations may also be dropped off on the front porch of 317 Dunlap St.

Chorale scholarship

The BeckRidge Choral scholarship auditions are 2-4 p m. Sunday at the First United Methodist Church located at 45201 N. Territorial Road in Plymouth. The group will award six \$500 scholarships to college and high school students, age 16 and over, who are interested in vocal performance. Winners must also agree to participate as a member in good standing with the BeckRidge Chorale for the 2007 spring season, beginning in January, Call Sherrie Northway at (313) 533-4796

LEND A HAND Students seek volunteer opportunities

By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STAFF WRITER

The holidays for Annie DeMeyer mean adopting families and volunteering for the Salvation Army.

"I'm doing the bell ringing, which I've really enjoyed," she said.

Taking advantage of volunteer opportunities as a member of the Northville High School National Honor Society has been a rewarding part of the senior's high school experience.

But DeMeyer and other students in the service-oriented group need more opportunities from the community to fulfill their volunteer requirements.

"We would like to let the community know about our organization and our willingness to help with service projects," she said.

Prior volunteer opportunities group members have participated in include the Victorian Festival, Michigan Special Olympics and helping at Northville elementary school events and happenings like Market Day fundraising.

Help's on the way

To reserve members of the Northville High School National Honor Society for your next event, contact NHS2 teacher sponsors Chris Cronin or Lisa Rohde at (248) 344-8420.

Chris Cronin, Northville High School teacher and National Honor Society advisor, said volunteer seekers must be from a non-profit organization and provide specific event details and student expectations.

In return, the groups will receive a strong set of students ready to work.

Honorable work ethic

To become a member of the Northville High School National Honor Society students must be a junior or senior: have a minimum GPA of 3.5; and be chosen by the society's faculty council.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northville Record

Members of Northville High's National Honor Society who are organizing to volunteer in the community. From left: Linda LI, Hilary Frimenko, Mary Sprader, Stephanie Lin, Annie DeMeyer, and Matthew Swartz.

Characteristics such as aptitude for scholarship, leadership. service and character are some of the qualities faculty advisors

use for admission. "Being world-class citizen means giving to others," Cronin said. "If our organization can in some way cultivate attitude 🖌 that among our members, we have succeeded."

DeMeyer said members must earn 10 community service hours each semester. which works out to about 20 hours a school year.

As a National Honor Society

officer, this year DeMeyer is in charge of organizing events for student members.

Right now, she said, students are coordinatwith ing Volunteers of M America 10 provide families-in-need with a Christmas. "Our

group's adopting a couple of families," she said, and stu-

dents are shopping for items they need this month. DeMeyer said students recently volunteered at the Jingle Bell Run held in downtown Northville.

"It is great to have the opportunity to give back to the community," she said.

Cronin said volunteerism is a part of the high school's vision statement.

"I also think that it is an important part of the learning process for students to see their world through a different prism," he said. "For many of these events, they are asked to step away from the familiar and see things from another person's perspective.

Ultimately, 1 think that helps as they leave Northville and venture out into this diverse world."

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

District accepting parent referrals for alternative learning programs

Northville Public Schools dents will be tested beginning the (NPS) will be accepting Alternative Learning Programs for Students (ALPS) parent referrals to test third, fourth or fifth grade students not currently enrolled in the district, but living in the school community and planning to enroll for the 2006-07 school year.

All currently enrolled third grade students will be tested beginning the week of Jan 8 and currently enrolled fifth grade stuweek of Jan. 29. Currently enrolled fourth grade students are not tested since their third grade scores were already reviewed.

ALPS is the gifted magnet program housed at Amerman Elementary with continued programming options available at Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools. If you believe your child exhibits exceptional academic ability and has a need for alternative programming, you may want to

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consider requesting an assessment. Explanatory brochures and parent nomination forms are available on the district Web site

www.northville.k12.mi.us. Nomination forms for testing students not currently enrolled in NPS must be completed and returned to the ALPS Office, Room 104, Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main St., Nonhville, MI 48167. All referrals need to be returned by Tuesday.

10DLocal.com

Further details about this program or process may be obtained from the district Web site or by calling Beth McGlinnen or Janice Henderson (248) 344-8467.

More information regarding second grade testing will be posted on the district Web site. Nominated second graders will be tested in March.

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St. John's Northwestern Military Academy

Christopher Ponder of Northville has been named to the Dean's List for the first quarter by earning a grade point average of 3.51. Ponder is a sophomore at St. John's.

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

City: Seize the keys for everyone's safety

A decade ago, swallowing a little too much holiday cheer was tolerated, even teased. But increased awareness about the tragic toll of drunk driving has helped alter the perception of partiers who have had one too many. A decision as simple as whether to accept another alcohol begins to affect judgement immediately. Compounded by the error of getting behind the wheel, the effects of a couple of "harmless" holiday drinks can be everlasting. Greater than the embarrassment, the financial impact or loss of a job is the potential consequence of hurting yourself or someone else. So, go to the holiday parties to share the spirit of the season. And volunteer to be the designated driver - you'll be safe and remember all that transpires. That's the hip role now.

Schools: Give the girls a hand

Congratulations go out to the Hillside Middle School RaiderGirls robotics team for a great showing at the First LEGO League state competition Saturday. The girls, along with teams from Amerman Elementary and Meads Mill Middle schools, all did a fine job. The community can be proud of our students excelling in wonderful, educational opportunities. Not only were the teams responsible for building and programming robots constructed of LEGOs that had to execute nine different tasks, but they were also required to write a research project on the topic of nano-technology. Both projects took months of hard work. often meeting two to three times a week and on the weekends.

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Hunting in the City?

Shame, shame, shame on the 64 year old Northville resident and his 58 year old wife for bow hunting in Rural Hill Cemetery and killing a deer near there.

We purchased plots in Rural Hill and go there often, almost daily to feed the deer, squirrel, fox and other wildlife, we feel this is a refuge for wild animals in Northville. Where else can one see all this beauty for free, a small portion of paradise and a natural wildlife habitat.

If these poachers need to hunt deer let them go north to state land and kill deer legally and leave the Rural Hill deer alone.

Doesn't Northville or Northville Township have rules for using dangerous weapons inside city limits? How can this be permitted? If they don't, maybe the powers that be should think twice and enact some laws that could prevent this from happening again. How about the DNR, were they notified of this poaching violation? Where is the punishment other than trespassing?

> Dan and Nancy Lorigan Northville

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. Mail: Letters to the Editor, Cal Stone,

Northville Record, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167.

Fax: (248) 349-9832. E-mail: cstone@gannett.com. Deadline: Letters must be received by noon on Tuesday to be published in the Thursday edition.



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Kiwanis party

L.T. Sylvestre and Karen Tallman check out a Christmas tree at the Northville VFW during Monday night's annual Christmas party. The party, sponsored by Northville's Kiwanis, is for its bi-weekly bowling league special needs adults. The VFW was filled with league members, their friends and family, Novi High Honor Society students, morning and evening Kiwanis and gifts from Santa, who showed up to say hello.

State scholarship offers worthy 'Promise'

Michigan high school graduates planning on going to college will get a nice present under the state Christmas Tree (no longer saddled with the silly "Holiday

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Treell mame, thank goodness!) Starting with the class of 2007, graduates will get \$4,000 in state scholarship money if they complete at least two years at a public or private college or trade school in Michigan and maintain at least a 2.5 grade point average.

The program, originally called the Michigan Merit Scholarshin Program, has now been renamed the Michigan Promise Grant, a

Merit program costs the state. Within a few years, however, it will cost more — and that will be

money well spent. Thank you notes from students (and their tuition-paying parents) should go to Gov. Jennifer Granholm. Concerned about the low skill and education level in

sion to approve the program. It's easy to criticize lawmakers for being too partisan and ineffective; I've done it

lots of times. But the reality ... is that most of them want to do the right thing most of the time, and the passage of the Michigan Promise Grant is a case in point. There's no doubt that this is a step in the right direc-

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people's hopes and the realities - many of them financial they face when they actually try to go to college. So the \$4,000 represents an

incentive for graduates to make it through the first two years of university or community college. But is it adequate to produce a highly educated work force in Michigan?

Nope. Average tuition (not including books, room and board) at Michigan universities this year is \$7,661. The \$4,000 is a good first step, but is just that - a step, not a solution for the real problem. What's needed is a far more dramatic and effective device to unleash the human capital and talent of Michigan's young people. That's the real reason the Kalamazoo Promise has stirred up such enormous interest. Already, communities as varied as Jackson and Holland/Zeeland in Michigan, Dayton and Cincinnati, Ohio and Newton, lowa have proposed variations on Kalamazoo's experiment.

told the Kalamazoo Gazette, The Promise gets at a combination of important issues, like economic development, access to college and decline of urban areas (00128#). 000104 2 00090

Michigan should think seriously about taking components of the Kalamazoo Promise statewide and creating a real Michigan Promise (not this misleadingly named Michigan Promise Grant.)

Think what would happen to our state's national and international standing if we had a true GI Bill for all Michigan citizens. unused schools and real property to fund college for graduates from their high schools.

The Michigan Promise account could be configured as a revolving fund in which recipients, who get their college degree - and as a result double their annual incomes - accept the obligation to pay back to the trust fund some of their additional earnings.

Doing that would be something serious and distinctive, and make our state enormously competitive. And, more, it would demonstrate to the nation and to ourselves that we have the will to address our

bow to the exciting Kalamazoo Promise program that helps pay college tuition for graduates of Kalamazoo Public Schools.

Here's how the Michigan Promise Grant works. Students who pass new ACT-based standerdized tests and go on to college will get \$1,000 at the start of their freshman year, another \$1,000 at the start of sophomore year and \$2,000 when they finish the second year.

Checks will be sent directly to participating schools, which will apply the money to student bills. Best guess is the program will ost around \$110 million in 2007-2008, somewhat less than the present \$2,500 Michigan

work force in the face of a rapidly globalizing econ- Phil Power omy, she con-

the Michigan

vened the Cherry Commission back in 2004 to study the problem,

Their report recommended a goal of --- within a decade doubling the percentage of Michigan high school graduates who get higher education degrees. However, the Cherry Commission ducked the issue of how to pay for it. This is a first step in that process.

Credit should also go to the legislative leaders of both parties who finally got together with the governor in the lame-duck ses-

Forty percent of people in the economically

leading states have associate degrees or better and 33 percent have BA's, according to the Cherry Commission. But in Michigan, the comparable numbers are 29 percent and 22 percent.

tion.

We're way, way behind our competition. Worse, 90 percent of Michigan ninth graders say they want to go to college. But only 41 percent enroll directly out of high school and only 18 percent actually graduate within four years. Plainly, there's a big disconnect between our young

decent wage that will help these

people pay their mortgage, pro-

Michelle Miller-Adams, a researcher with the W.E. Upjohn Institute for Employment Research in Kalamazoo, is writing a book about the transformative potential of the Promise. She

That is, a program where any high school graduate who maintains a good grade point average gets tuition paid at a university or community college, and any laidoff worker gets serious job retraining so they can resume a productive life of work.

Naturally, anything like that would be terrifically expensive, far beyond the state's current tight budget.

So we ought to start thinking - right now --- about how to create a trust fund that could finance a real Michigan Promise. It could involve contributions from our state's great foundations. It might include proceeds from school districts selling

problems in a far-reaching, broadly acceptable way.

Phil Power is a longtime observer of politics, economics and education issues in Michigan, and was a regent of the University of Michigan from 1987 to 1999. He is also president and founder of The Center for Michigan, a moderate thinkand-do tank. These opinions and others expressed in his columns are his own and do not in any way represent official policy positions of The Center for Michigan. Phil would be pleased to hear from readers at ppower@hcnnet.com.

Ideas have power, and without hope we have nothing

"No country, however rich, can offord the waste of its human resources. Demoralization, raused by vast unemployment, is pur greatest extravagance. Morally, it is the greatest menace to our social order."

- Franklin Delano Roosevelt (FDR) in his second fireside chat, 1933

FDR, and his team were full of ideas, hope, energy and results. He helped transform a downtrodpen war-torn country and econoiny plagued by unemployment and soup lines by sheer force of brilliant ideas, incredible leaderthip and the transmission of hope. One man with the strength and capablity to tell the truth helped the nation with its woes nd get back on track.

Like the FDR era, American workers today deserve action, esults and hope.

A recent visit to my hometown of, Washington, DC and a tour of the FDR memorial made me bause and reflect on where we stand as a state and a nation. Tears welled in my eyes as I read the above FDR quote and reflected on the plight of far too many working families

today. We have come so far over the years building a solid middle

class for working Americans -- are we to return to the past?

Change is inevitable, progress is optional

In the past, the names of GM, Ford, Chrysler and Delphi conjured

up hope and

opportunity for

are an assembly line worker.

retiree or a stockholder, they

often conjure up despair. What is

to happen to the 38,000 men and

when their benefits run out? Not

women who are taking the buy

to mention the plight of others

benefits provided by the auto

industry. Where are the jobs for

the laid off workers that pay a

out at Ford Motor Company

who have lost their jobs

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vide health insurance and send their children to college; to help prepare them for the 21st century

knowledge economy? At his second inauguration, FDR spoke to the

nation and promised to do something about his fellow Americans that were "illhoused, ill-clad,

and ill-nourished." What

just a New Deal and government programs to help farmers and working people; what he offered was hope and

opportunity. FDR gave us empathy, sympathy, understanding, and reassurance and set in motion actions that helped pull our country out of an economic and mental depression and through a World War.

Where is the 21st century FDR, a champion of the common man, who will help guide us through these troubling times?

The canary

Some will say that today's "troubles" are not even close to the Great Depression or the sacrifices made during WWII. Others will say that Michigan is in a "one state recession" and the rest of the nation is doing well.

But to the worker who has lost their job and hope, or to the parent who is worried sick about their son or daughter in Iraq, and concerned about future job prospects, today's problems are very real and equally painful.

Like the "Roaring Twenties," many are flaunting the good times and doing the 21st century Charleston as troubling economic signs rumble in the distance such as the massive trade imbalance, deficit spending at the federal level and housing bubble popping.

The troubles confronting the manufacturing sector are like the canary in the mine and should serve as a wake up call for us all. Manufacturers are being hard hit by the global changes today; what sector will be hit tomorrow?

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As technology drives change and globalization and the economic rise of China, India and other nations is felt by both white and blue collar workers, we need leaders to help tap our collective energy, talents, creativity, innovation and entrepreneurial spirit to help forge a covenant with those losing jobs and

their hope. It will do little good to retreat from global free trade (while we fight to make it fair trade) or to simply blame the rise of China for our ills. Yet, there needs to be plans and results for working people who have played by the rules and feel they have been chewed up and spit out like an old piece of gum.

As the new Congress takes its seat at the national level, the Presidential wannabe's begin to take their show on the road, and Governor Granholm and Michigan's legislators take their scats in Lansing we should demand that they stand up for the working people of this state and nation and give us ideas, action results and hope. American working people built the solid foundation on which we all stand and they deserve a government,

at all levels, that is willing to invest in them.

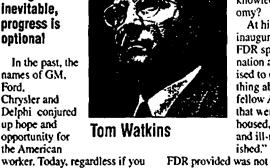
Ideas do have power and the person out of a job and running short on hope does not care if those ideas come from the ideological right or left -- as long as they come soon enough to help.

As FDR said: "No country, however rich, can afford the waste of its human resources." He showed us that effective leadership is about ideas, action, results and hope. These ingredients for working people are in short supply today.

We need to reinvest in the American worker if we want our state and country to survive and prosper.

(Visit the FDR Memorial at www.nps.gov/fdrm)

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NORTHVILLE **EVENTS**

Northville Civic Concern Donations

DETAILS: Century 21 Town & Country is collecting food items, paper products, cleaning supplies, baby products, and personal hygiene items at their office between the hours of 9 a.m.-7 pm. Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m-6 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 30.

CONTACT: Amy Zubor, (248) 736-0443 or Marlene Kunz, (248) 344-1033

Invitational Art Show & Sale

TIMES/DATES: 1-7 p.m. Thursdays; 4:30-8:30 p.m. Fridays; 12:30-4:30 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays, through Dec. 16 LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St. DETAILS: The show will feature over 40 of the area's finest artists selling handmade items.

CONTACT: (248) 344-0497

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, Gallery of Fine Arts, (248) 349-0105

Girls Night Out

DATE: Tonight

LOCATION: Downtown Northville

DETAILS: Local merchants will assist last minute shoppers in finding the perfect gift for him. Presented by the Northville Central **Business Association.**

Boys Travel Basketball Tryouts

TIME/DATE: 4-6 p.m. Saturday; 2-4:30 p.m. Sunday LOCATION: Hillside Recreation

Center **DETAILS: 7th-grade boys travel** teams forming. Additional coach needed. Call with questions. **CONTACT: Brian Pennington**

(248) 348-5070 **Guys Night Out**

DATE: Thursday, Dec. 21 LOCATION: Downtown Northville **DETAILS: Late night shopping** for her perfect gift. Presented by the Northville Central Business Association.



New in Northville

Utopia Day Salon owners Teta Daskal, left, and Kelly Sesi check out a display wall in their new three-story home at 170 E. Main St. Their new shop, constructed on the site of the former Sheehan building, is located two feet to the west of their former salon at 182 E. Main St.

person, and please no children under the age of three.

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com "Holiday Health Spa" DATE: December DETAILS: Genittr's will be open for lunch and dinner theater everyday, and evening, in December. Please call for details. Genitti's Acting Workshops DATE: We will open any date for 10 or more.

DETAILS: Enjoy our famous family style lunch or dinner, then practice voice and body movement with one of our actors on stage. Piay theater games. Take a backstage tour. \$16.95 per person. Everyone gets a Genitti's fun patch.

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

Friends Store

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

DETAILS: Used books and materials are needed by the Friends of the Library. The library 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.

Holiday Crafts for Kids TIME/DATE: 4-5 p.m., Today DETAILS: Children of all ages are invited to make a festive peppermint candy picture frame in the library's meeting room. No registration required.

instruments. Performance is free. Please call the library to make reservations due to limited space. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Movies & Munchies for Kids DATE: Wednesday, Dec. 27 TIME: noon DETAILS: Kids of all ages are

invited to bring a sack lunch and enjoy a movie. Snacks and beverages will be provided. Children ages four and under must be accompanied with a caregiver. Parents or cargiver of children four and over must remain in the Library during the program. Library Board of Trustee Meetings

DATE: Fourth Thursday of every month

TIME: 7:30 p.m. DETAILS: Open to the public. CONTACT: www.singleplace.org 7:30 p.m. Tonight Open Forum I: Pleasant

Prescriptions for Holiday Stress DETAILS: The discussion will be lead by Sandy Baumann. Get

through the holidays by being prepared, avoid the traps that make you blue, get out a rut and try new events.

Open Forum II: Sharing a Self-Help Book

DETAILS: This discussion will be led by Darleen Sweeney and Matt Lee, plus two other people who will share a self-help book that has meant a great deal to them. Please attend and share a self-help book that you have found useful.

Christmas carols and making your own ice cream sundae will follow both forums.

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Dec. 21 St. Mary Hospital Night

halls of St. Mary's will begin at 7 p.m., starting at the Five Mile Road entrance. TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Dec. 28

Dinner-Light & Lively Concert-Games

DETAILS: A casual dinner will be followed with a concert by Julie Firth. Reservations for the dinner must be made by noon on Dec.28 by calling the church office. Donations for the dinner and concert are suggested at \$10, or just \$5 if only attending the concert.

Card and game playing will also be held in the Gathering area by the Christian Life Center.

Walking Group

TIME: 11:30 a.m. LOCATION: First, second and fourth Saturday, Big Apple Bagel Shop, 2334 Farmington Road, Farmington; Third Saturday, Panera Bread Co., 34635 Grand River Ave., Farmington DETAILS: This is a walking/social group. Everyone is invited.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Rđ CONTACT: (248) 348-7600

Ward Evangelical

Presbyterian Church LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 374-5966 MOPs (Mothers of Preschoolers)

DATE: First and third Thursday of the month through Dec. 21

TIME: 7-9 p.m. LOCATION: Room C307-309

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DETAILS: MOPs is an international organization that provides support and encouragement for mothers of young children. Meet other moms like you and share experiences. Speakers present topics relevant to you and your role as a mom. MOPs is about celebrating motherhood, meeting needs, making connections, experiencing God's love. Leave feeling valued, pampered and recharged.

CONTACT: Women's Ministries (248) 374-5978 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.

Marquis Theatre

LOCATION: 135 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or www.northvillemarquistheatre.com Snow White and The Seven **Dwarfs**

TIME/DATES: 2:30 p.m. Saturdays through Jan. 20; Sundays through Dec. 17. No shows on Christmas or New Year's Eve, continuing Sundays from Jan. 7-21. Special matinees at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, Dec. 26-29.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$8 per

Maybury State Park & Farm

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road, between Beck and Napier roads CONTACT: (248) 349-8390 NOTE: The Maybury Farm will be closed through Feb. 28, 2007

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

Note: The Library will be closed Dec. 24, Dec. 25, Dec. 26, Dec. 31, Jan. 1, and Jan. 2. CONTACT: For information or to

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Silver String Dulcimers TIME/DATE: 7:00 p.m.,

Tuesday, Dec. 19 DETAILS: Award winning musical group plays lap and hammered dulcimers, bass, violin, harmonica, banjo, mandolin, spoons and other acoustical

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First Presbyterian Church of

Northville LOCATION: 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 Single Place Events

DETAILS: A special Single Place dinner will be held in the cafeteria at St. Mary's. The cost is \$5, and reservations must be made by noon, Tuesday, Dec. 19, by calling the church office. A sign-up sheet will be available at Single Place, and all reservations must be honored.

First United Methodist Church LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile

(248) 347-3525

Road CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 Sunday Worship DETAILS: 8, 9:15, 11 a.m., and 5 p m.

Christmas caroling through the

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Healing Service DATE: First Monday of every month TIME: 4 p.m. Suicide Loss Support Group DATE: Second Thursday and 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 9 a.m : Take Off Pounds Sensibly 9 30 a m.: Yoga 12.30 p.m.: Pinochle 1 p.m.: Tai Chi, Computer II 4 p.m.: Christmas Caroling and Free Dinner By appointment: Chair Massage Friday 10 a.m.: Strength Training 11 a.m.: Poker 11 a.m.: Computer II

1 p.m : Movie-The Devil Wears

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Monday

- 10 a m.: Line Dance 10 a m : Oxycise 11 a m · Oxycise New Enrollees 12 30 pm.: Pinochle/Euchre
- By appointment. Chair Massage

6 p.m.: Clay Aiken at the Detroit Symbony Orchestra Tuesday 11 a.m.: Dementia Workshop 11 a m : Life Writing Class 12:30 p m.: Pinochle 1 p.m : Computer I Class 4.30 p.m.: Greenfield Village Wednesday 9 a m.: Strength Training 10 a m.: Oxycise 11 a.m.: Oxycise New Enrollees noon: Bridge 1 p.m.: Computer I Class

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: 12.30 p m , Monday Euchre TIME/DAY: noon-3:30 pm, Wednesday Pinochie (double deck) TIME/DAY: 12:30-4:30 p m., Monday and Thursday Pinochle (single deck) LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Co-ed Adult 50+ Volleyball

TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday LOCATION: Recreation Center and Hillside

DETAILS: All levels of play are welcome. Bring your friends. Cost is \$1.00

CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation, (248) 449-9947

Co-ed Adult 50+ Basketball TIME/DAY: 10 a m.-noon, Thursdays LOCATION: Senior Community Center

DETAILS: All levels of play are welcome Bring your friends. Cost is \$1.00 CONTACT: Northville Parks and

Recreation, (248) 449-9947

Health Walking

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



Mill Race Historical Village

LOCATION: 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field **DETAILS: Office Hours Mon-Fri**

9 a.m.-1p.m.; Archives Open Thu-Fri 9 a.m.-1 p.m. CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

open; 6:45 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open;

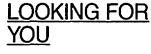
4:15 p.m. Brownie Scouts; 5:30

p.m. Rehearsal

Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 3:15-5:15 p.m. Wedding; 6:30 p.m. Venture Scout Meeting Monday: 10 a.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6:30 p.m. Weavers Guild Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m.

Mill Creek Church Grounds closed to the public



Northville Coits Football DETAILS: The Colts are expand-

ing their teams in 2007 and are looking for good people with a willingness to serve as coaches and Board of Directors. The organization is currently made up of teams in the brackets as follows: Freshman, ages eight to 10; Junior Varsity, ages 11-12; and Varsity, ages 13-14, also cheerleaders in these age groups. CONTACT: www.northvillecolts.com and click on "Contact Us."

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

DETAILS: This group is for resi-

dents of Northville and surrounding communities. Activities include monthly coffees, various interest groups and special programs. New and potential members are welcome. CONTACT: Nancy Murphy, (248) 305-5460

Mentor Volunteers

DETAILS: The Oakland County Youth Assistance is looking for volunteers for their Mentor Plus program. Training and orientation sessions will be held at the Oakland County Courthouse, 1200 N. Telegraph Rd., Pontiac. TIME/DATE: 9 a m., Saturday, Jan. 13

CONTACT: (248) 858-0041

Anxiety Disorder Support Group

TIME/DAY: 7:30 p.m. Thursday, weekly

LOCATION: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia

DETAILS: A.I.M. (Aim for Recovery) is an organization that will be holding meetings to offer support and recovery for those suffering with anxiety disorders, and their families. The meetings consist of planned behavioral lessons and discussions. Educational material will be available. Donations for the program and

materials are accepted **CONTACT: Robert Diedrich at** robtddrich@msn com

New Hope Center for Grief Support

DETAILS: The Center offers age and loss groups specific to men, women, and children. Groups are offered on an on-going basis, and at no cost to participants.

CONTACT: (248)-348-0115, or vist www.newhopecenter.net

YWCA of Western Wayne County

DETAILS: The YWCA is looking for volunteers to assist with office help, after-school programs, building projects, communications, and marketing in its various locations throughout western Wayne County. They are also offering internships for college students in communications, media relations, and computer information service. Additional opportunities are available in early childhood education, and education administration.

CONTACT: Tabatha Manuel, (313) 561-4110, ext. 20, or tmanuel@ywca-wwc.org

Meals-On-Wheels

DATE: Ongoing TIME: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. continued on next page





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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 northvillecamera@sbcglobal.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,



Evenings

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 TIVITIES

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

Winter Youth Basketball DATE: Saturday, January 20-

March 10 **DETAILS: Registration until** leagues are full. A \$10 late fee will be assessed on all registrations after Nov. 17. There will be leagues for girls in grades sixtheighth, and grades ninth-12. The leagues for boys will be grades eight and nine, 10-12. CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

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Adult Coaches Needed

DETAILS: Coaches are needed for Northville Parks and Recreation's winter youth basketball leagues. CONTACT. Dave DeMattos, (248) 349-0203, extension #1405

Open Basketball

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

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Open Basketball, 40 and Over

DATE: Wednesdays through Dec. 27 TIME: 8-10 p m

Center DETAILS. The fee is \$3 per per-

DATE: Tuesdays through Dec 19

TIME: 7-9 30 p.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center DETAILS: The fee is \$3 per per-

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Open Basketball, Women Only

Open Volleyball

TIME/DATE: 7-10 p m , Thursdays; 10 a m-2 p m , Saturdays, Sept.-April LOCATION. Recreation Center

at Hillside DETAILS: There is a fee of \$3 per person for Thursday, and S4 per person for Saturday.

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

Table Tennis

TIME/DAY: 6-10 p.m., Monday and noon-4 p m , Saturday LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road DETAILS: Eight tables are available. All skill levels are welcome. The cost is \$4 per day.

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Park Pass

DETAILS: Metroparks and Oakland County Parks are offering a dual park pass. The annual cost is \$43 and can be purchased at any park office CONTACT. (800) 477-3178 or

www.metroparks.com

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Raingutter Regatta

Having fun at the Raingutter Regatta held at the Northville Township fire station on Six Mile Road on Nov. 18 are Pack 720 Cub Scouts from Ridgewood Elementary (left to right) Hunter Galindo, 4; Logan Galindo, 6; Matthew Maser, 6; and Michael Maser, 4. Logan and Matthew are both Tiger Cubs (first graders) sharing the excitement with their little brothers.



For our troops

Students at Wincheter Elementary donated goodies and sent 250 stuffed stockings out at the end of November to soldiers and sailors at Camp Fallujah in Iraq, known ds Charlie Surgical Company. The main medical asset for their area, they see quite a few patients. The organization the school went through is known as Soldiers' Angels, and this is the second-year students have sent stockings. The majority of the items were donated from the students and families from Winchester Elementary and the project was led by fourth grade teacher Lori Weber and her sister-in-law Sarah Weber. The stockings were stuffed mainly by the student council and were sent to arrive safely by Christmas. Postage was provided by the student council of Winchester Elementary and Bill Verse of Surg Financial

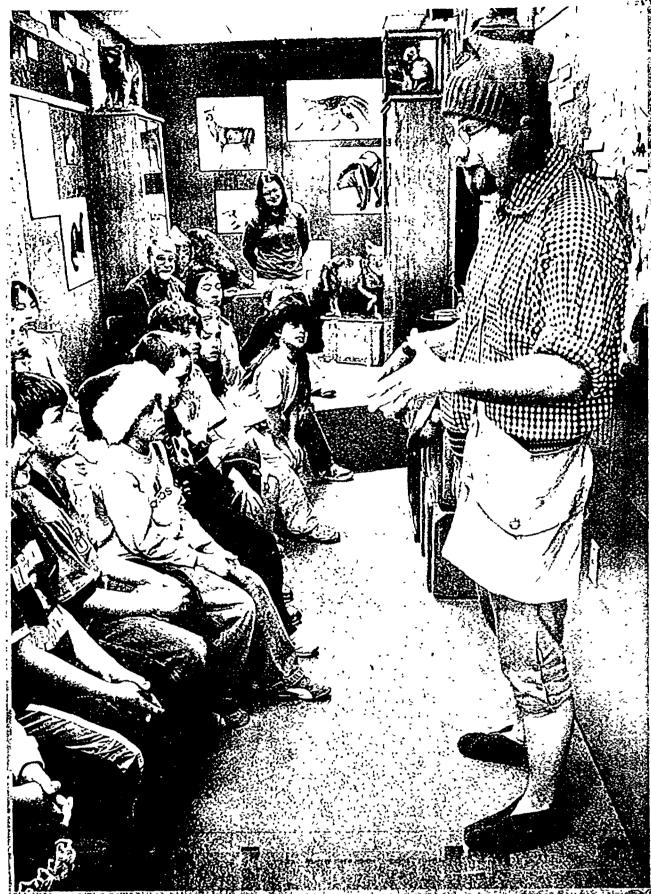


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Voyageur

Dressed as a voyageur, a French-Canadian trapper-trader, Huron Metro Parks' Mark Irish talks to a group of Winchester Elementary School students. Pupils learned that beavers were used as a currency in the 1600s and 1700s and six beavers could buy one gun.



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Giving Girls

Part of the "Giving Girls" Winchester community service club (rear row, left to right) are fifth graders Claire Beaudoin, Kaylee Ruthig, Katherine Stanley, Julia Rettig, Kelly Stanley, (middle row) Kelli Gullen, Sabrina Bernardo, Danielle Abboud, (front row) Morgan Guenther and Megan Ashley. Not pictured club members are Claire Ostrowski, Megan Bowers, Palge Roehrig and Leah Taubitz. Organized by two moms Lisa Beaudoin and Pam Guenther, the girls created personalized stockings for Northville Civic Concern clients, donating personal spending money and collecting cans and bottles to pay for items they put inside. Up next: the girls will spend a day working at the local food pantry. Courtesy photo

Comforting

Ridge Wood Girl Scouts Lauren Beiser, Katie Pezzetti and Hana Koilpillal assemble comfort kits Nov. 29 for the Southeastern Michigan chapter of the American Red Cross. Ridge Wood's Girl Scouts completed over 550 comfort kits during their annual Holiday Gift Making Workshop. The local agency distributes approximately 5,500 comfort kits annually to fire victims in the tri-county Metro Detroit area.



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Go Mustangs!

Northville High students cheer on their wrestling team during a Friday afternoon meet at Novi High.

Got an event you'd like featured? Call Cal Stone, editor, at (248) 349-1700, ext. 113 or e-mail cstone@gannett.com.

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SAVVY SENIOR - HOLIDAY GIFT IDEAS

Dear Sawy Senior, With all the different senior gadgets and gizmos you demonstrate on the Today show, could you give me some tips on where I can find them? I'm looking for yome neat Christmas gift ideas for my grandparents who are both in their 70s. Practical Pam

Dear Pam,

Some of the neatest and most practical gift ideas for seniors today are assistive products, also known as senior gadgets, which are products that help accommodate an older person's physical needs and limitations. Here are some tips to consider

Find Their Needs

Today there are thousands of affordable assistive products that can help seniors live better and safer. To help you determine the best assistive gifts for your grandparents, find out their physical needs. Do they struggle with arthritis-pain? Are they hard of hearing? How's their vision? Do they have a difficult time getting around or remembering? Do their limitations in any way keep them from doing the things they enjoy? These are all areas that assistive products can help with. To locate these types of products, the best single resource is Abledata, a Web portal that lists (but doesn't sell) almost every type of assistive device or senior gadget on the market. At www.abledata.com (or 800-227-0216) you can search for prod-

ucts based on need, and get a list of companies who do sell them.

Gifts Ideas

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In addition to the products you'll find on Abledata, here are a few of my top mainstream gift ideas you may want to consider too.

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Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit www.savvysenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" books.

Jitterbug cell phone For seniors who struggle with cell phones because they're hard to see, confusing to operate or difficult to hear on, the new Jitterbug cell phone is my top senior-friendly technology product of the year. This is a simplified cell phone that offers large buttons, simple operation (no confusing icons), easy-toread text, a cushion that cups around your ear to improve sound quality, volume control and more. Price: \$147 for the phone plus \$10 to \$40 per month for the service plan. See www.jitterbug.com or call 800-550-6649.

Brain Age game

If the person you're buying for enjoys mind challenging games, check out the new Brain Age game. Made by Nintendo, Brain Age is a fun, seniorfriendly, electronic devise that offers a series of mind-boosting games to help stimulate and exercise the brain. The Brain Age cost \$20, but to play it, you'll also need to buy a palmsized Nintendo DS game unit which costs \$129. See www.brainage.com.

OXO Good Grips For seniors who enjoy cooking, gardening or tinkering around the house but who suffer from arthritis in their hands or limited hand strength, OXO provides a nice variety of products that are easy and comfortable to grip. Some of their top selling gift items include the Everyday Kitchen Tool Set (15 different utensils, \$100).

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Omron blood pressure monitor

Because half of all Americans over age 65 have high blood pressure, a home blood pressure monitor is a health enhancing gift. The Omron HEM-780 is one of the most accurate, easyto-use home monitoring systems available. Just wrap the cuff around your arm, press one button and your blood pressure and pulse will be automatically taken and displayed in large numbers in a matter of seconds. Price: \$100, www.omronhealthcare.com

Hugo folding cane

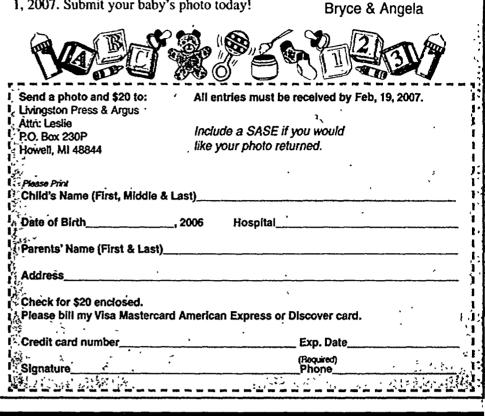
If balance or mobility is a problem. Hugo is a good little company that offers a variety of quality products. My favorite is their folding cane, which is a stylish, strong, adjustable cane with a wide grip tip that provides excellent traction and stability. And when you're finished using it, it can quickly be folded into 4 parts for easy storage. But the best part is you can customize your cane with 24 stylish, interchangeable handles. Price: \$30; additional handles are \$7 to \$13 each. www.hugoanywhere.com 866-321-4846

Fellowes power-shredder Because identity theft is such a big problem in the U.S. and seniors are prime victims, a home power-shredder makes a smart gift. Power-shredders can help seniors protect themselves by shredding their personal information before throwing it out. The Fellowes DS2 is one of the top new home shredders on the market. It safely cuts (into confetti) up to eight sheets of paper jam free, along with staples, paper clips and credit cards. Price: \$59. www.fellowes.com



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At Yokum & Co. the staff of experienced accountants attend

Jim Yokum and some of bis staff from Yokum Tax Services.

seminars each year to learn about updates to the tax code. They are experts that are dedicated to staying on top of the latest information."

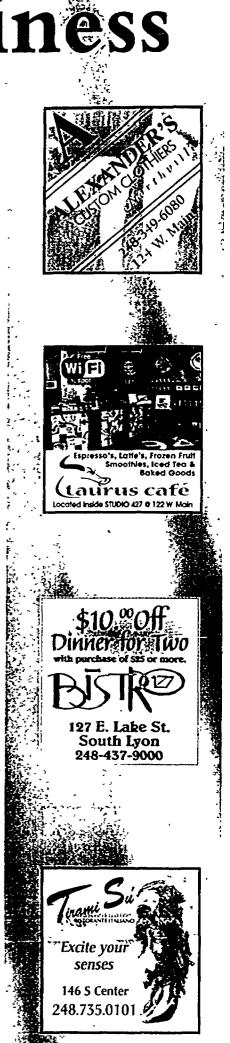
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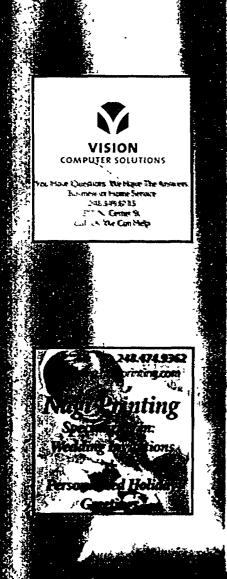
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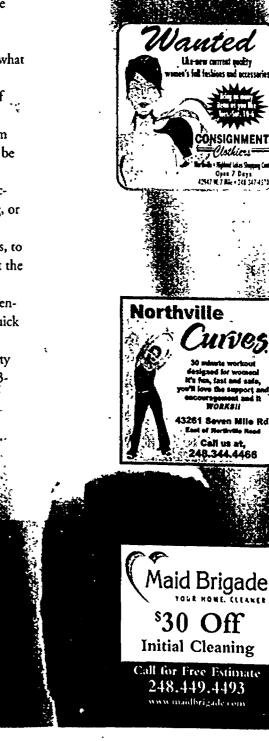
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Senior leads team making up for 7 departed seniors

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By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Nothing matters from last year's 20-0 regular season or the firstround exit for Northville basketball head coach Darrel Schumacher.

It's a new year and a different team. Seven seniors are going to have to be replaced.

'We've tried to kind of put that one in the past,"

Schumacher

said. "That takes a lot of luck and just a great attitude from those guys that were part of it. Those seasons don't come along very often.

"I do see the good work ethic that last year's team had that this group has picked up from."

Leading the way is senior guard Alvin Storrs, who already committed to Grand Valley State.

Storrs is also a tri-captain, along with senior guard Andrew Manor and senior forward Bret Spencer. Manor is back from a knee injury that limited him last year, and Spencer is a do-it-all player.

Juniors Mike Rogers and Dan Kirkpatrick will help out on inside play. Schumacher said he likes the

defense to play tough, in-your-face man defense.

"The kids get mad at me because I seldomly use that other word (zone)," Schumacher said with a laugh.

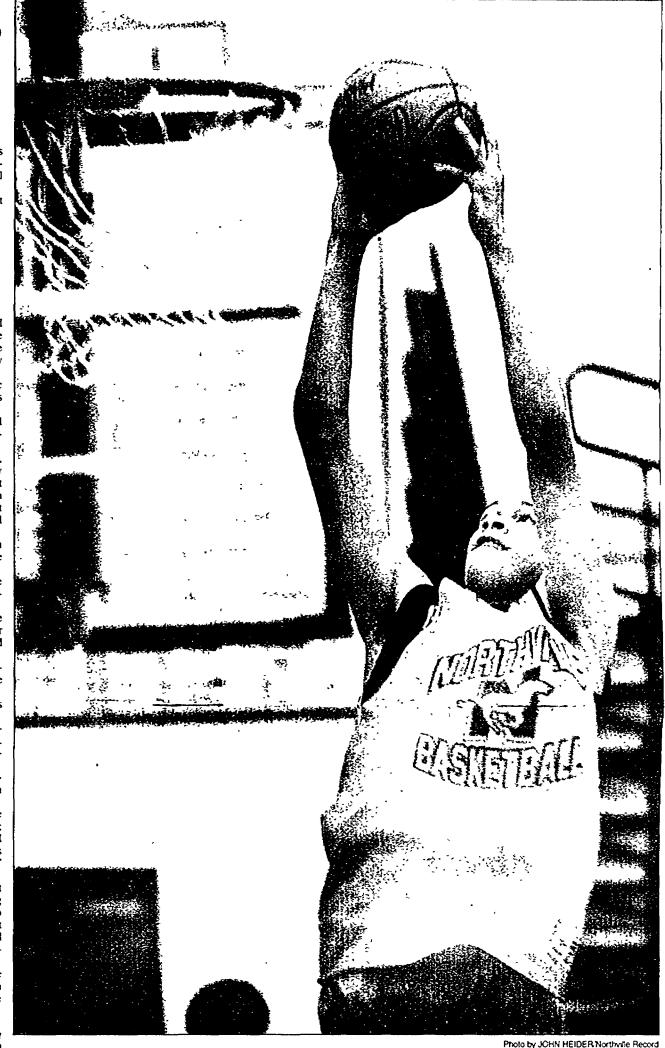
The offense will work for transition points, but the players have a lot of leeway on the court.

Schumacher said the league is going to be a battle this year.

"I think that the division is fairly evenly matched," he said. Everybody is going to be shooting for you."

Winning is a goal for every program, but Schumacher sees each goal as leading into another.

"We go into a season with some basic goals - win the first one; win the Dexter tournament; we'd



It is starting to feel a lot like winter outside and the real Looki, snowy and blustery weather is yet to come. But that doesn't mean putting your run-ning shoes away until spring. Winter running and exercise can be very enjoyable and will help maintain your fitness level.

Keeping warm

The hardest part of running in winter is getting outside. It is easy to make excuses and defer to another day. With the right

clothes, however, it takes only a short distance to warm up and appreciate the outdoors. Some of my most enjoy-Christmas decora-



able runs have been through Northville Jerry neighborhoods with Mittman

tions lit and snow coming down. Today's high-tech fiber fabrics (polyester or poly blend) wick away moisture and are far superior to 100% cotton. Keep your head, hands and legs covered. and layer your clothing. But remember, if you are comfortable at the start of a run, you are probably dressed too warmly.

Where to run, exercise

The plowed and well-lit city streets are great for winter runs just be cautious, visible and watch out for ice. Hines Drive, with its plowed shoulders, is another excellent location especially for longer runs. (It even works better if you run out with the wind and have someone drive you back.) Other alternatives include treadmill running and trips to-warmer climates Winter is an excellent time for alternative exercise. Consider walking at the mall, into town or in your neighborhood. Swimming, strength training,

cross country skiing, an aerobies class and climbing stars are also good choices.

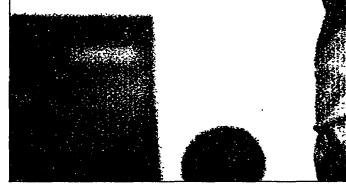
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awful hard to do right there," Schumacher said.

"Then you start talking about conference. It's like a building block: Each day you're trying to get a little bit better and hope that at the end you've accomplished some of the goals that you're talking about."

Northville accomplished the first goal with a win against South Lyon in the opener. Next up is the Devter tourney.

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Mustang Alvin Storrs goes up for a jam during a Monday night practice at Northville High.

Mustangs looking for improvement

Northville has luxury of five returnees with state experience

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville took home a trophy as the fourth-best team in Division 1 last year. This year, Mustang swimming head coach Rich Bennetts is looking to upgrade to a big-

ger trophy. The Mustangs enter the season

pre-ranked No. 2, and will get a true test of where they stand

as the schedule includes the other top-five teams.

We get to swim the No. 1 team in the state, which is Brother Rice in our first dual meet on Jan. 6," Bennetts said. "We'll find out an awful lot that first day.

"Our schedule by far and away is the toughest in the state of Michigan.

Leading the list of returnees for Northville is returning state champ in the individual medley, senior Chris Keady.

Four others return with state experience --- junior Brody Blickle was fifth in the 100 backstroke and 10th in the 200 individual; senior Chris Culkin was sixth in the 500 freestyle and 13th in the 200 freestyle; Will Blickle was ninth in the 500 freestyle and 11th in the 200 individual medley; and junior John Bardsley qualified in the 200 and 500 freestyles.

"We've got a good crop of kids that have come back." Bennetts said. "This year we're really just trying to work on our depth and get a few more kids qualified for state."

Bennetts said he likes to move his swimmers around to keep them from getting stale in a certain event, but having so many top-notch swimmers back allows him to neutralize the opponent's top swimmers.



continued on 2B Returning Mustang swimmer Will Blickle warms up during a practice.

recently published a list of "Top 10 Safety Guidelines" from Don Richmond, a runner who was hit by a truck on a country road. They are:

1) Run as if you are invisible 2) Be alert.

3) Run on park paths (or side-walks) if at all possible. Run facing traffic.

5) Know your escape route if a car heads your way.

6) Save the headphones for the treadmill.

7) Wear reflective gear or clothing in the dark and low light.

8) Wear bright clothing during the day, especially in the woods, 9) Avoid the woods during hunting season 10) Run defensively.

Northville resident Jerry Mittman is an avid runner and was appointed as Oakland County Fitness Ambassador by Gov. Granholm. He has completed over 590 races, including 55 marathons. He can be contacted at jjm997@hotmail com.

Upcoming Events

Here are two great endof-year events to consider. • Dec. 30: The **Riverbend Striders and** YMCA host the New Year's Resolution 8K Run and 5K Walk in Flint at 2.00 p.m. Free parking, a scenic course and indoor facilities. www.riverbendstriders.com

 Dec. 31: The 37th Annual Belle Isle New Year's Eve Family Fun Run/Walk starts with a 1 Mile Run/Walk at 3 p.m., a 4 Mile Walk at 3:05, and a 4 Mile Run at 3.30. All events start and finish at the Belle Isle Casino (nongambling). Free parking. www.runmichigan.com

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'An amazing journey'

Sprader, Hagan, Hamel make 1st Team

By John Mueller and Jeff Theisen GANNETT SPORTS WRITERS

If you wanted to mention every little detail, talking about Carlie Green's high school cross country career and the things she accomplished would take hours and hours.

Or, you could just use six little syllables.

"An amazing journey," Milford cross country coach Brian Salyers said of his star's four years as a Maverick runner.

For her outstanding achievements this season. Green has been awarded the 2006 All-Area Cross Country Dream Team Runner of the Year. The Dream Team is comprised of the best athletes from Milford. Lakeland, South Lyon, Novi. Northville and Detroit Catholic Central and is picked by the sports staffs of the Milford Times, the South Lyon Herald, the Novi News and the Northville Record.

Green has been Milford's undisputed leader for several

years now. She is a four-time state finalist, a three-time All-Stater, a three-time regional champion and a three-time Kensington Valley Conference champion (the first in the history of the KVC among

both females and males). She's also the school record holder and home-course record

holder for the Mavericks. Things culminated perfectly last month when Green finished in first place - in all classes - in the MHSAA state finals in a time of 17 minutes and 49 seconds. In

doing so, she became Milford's first individual female state cross country champion in school histo-

Less than a week later. Green was named Michigan's Ms. Cross Country by the Michigan Cross State Country Coaching Association.

All these accomplishments would make any proud coach's head spin. But there's more to Green than just the numbers, the times and the accolades.

"It's been a privilege to coach her not only for her talent, but also for her character," coach Salyers said. "She's humble, she's genuinely enthusiastic, and she cares a great deal for other people. Those are the qualities you'll appreciate forever."

Three Mustangs on First Team

The Northville Mustangs have three girls on the All-Area First Team - Mary Sprader, Lindsay Hagan and Stephanic Hamel.

Northville senior Sprader helped lead a young team to the state meet. She capped off her senior season with a season-best time of 19.07 to lead the Mustangs at the final meet.

Sprader was voted Team MVP, All-Conference, All-Division, All-Region and Academic All-State.

"Mary is an amazing athlete that is truly a pleasure to coach." Northville head coach Nancy Smith said "She set her goals high this season and with her drive and determination was able to achieve each one of them."

Hagan was a newcomer to the sport and led the Mustangs at several meets during the season. She was voted All-Conference. All-All-Region Division, and Academic All-State.

"Lindsay was a huge addition to our team this year," Smith said. "Her dedication and hard work showed each day. Lindsay's natural running ability makes her an athlete that others look up to."

Hamel also saved her best meet

for the last. She was voted All-Division and Academic All-State.

"She was always in our top five and stepped up," Smith said. Stephanie was a huge surprise this season. She really grew as a runner from her freshman season and become a real asset to the team."

Other Huron Valley females who earned spots on the All-Area Cross Country Dream Team list include Milford's Emily Morgridge (21st place at the state finals), Marissa Baranowski (77th at states). Emily DeRusha (104th at states), Sarah Martens (155th at states) and Kate Schick (171st at states) as well as Lakeland's Michaela Crew (27th at states) and Becky Allor (61st at states).

Novi's Andrea Kramer earned All-Area Dream Team status, too. The following Huron Valley

runners earned Honorable Mentions as a result of their very impressive seasons: Milford's Madison Henry, Rachel Hofsess and Lyndsay Jaworski and Lakeland's Kelsey Hill.

All-Area Also earning Honorable Mention status on the girls side are South Lyon's Amy Lecureux and Angie Pridmore, Novi's Taylor Hoover and Northville's Kelsey Katynski, Anna Hardenbergh, Karina Puskorius and Amy Baditoi.



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Milford's Carlie Green is selected Michigan's Ms. Cross Country and the All-Area Cross Country MVP.

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"We try to put our best guys up against their best guys," he said. If you can knock out their studs, then obviously you've got the upper hand. That's a nice luxury to have with guys that are that versatile."

The team is the biggest ever under Bennetts at 43, including 14 freshmen.

"Whenever you get 14 freshmen to come out, it's encouraging," Bennetts said. "It shows the program is coming along. It's starting to catch on with the kids

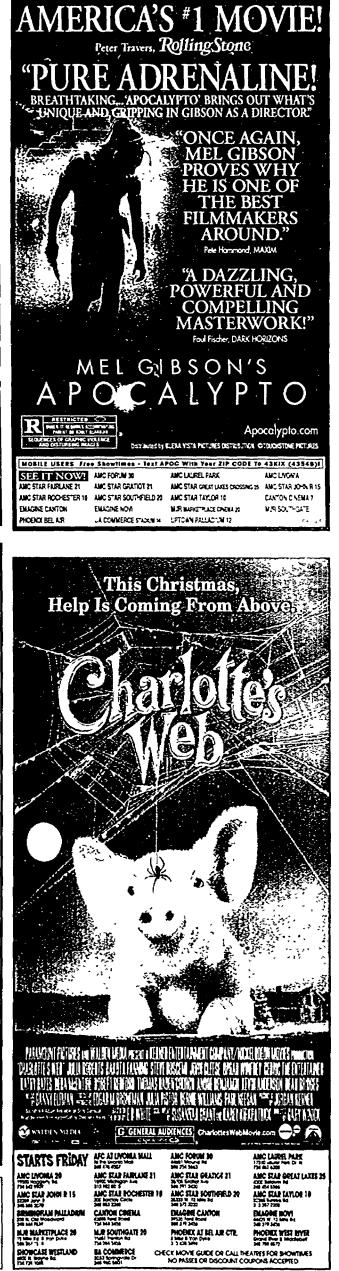
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in the school."

Livonia Stevenson will again be the main competition in the league. The Mustangs beat Stevenson head-to-head last year, but finished one point behind them at the state meet.

"It's pretty much between us and Stevenson," Bennetts said. "it's been that way the last three years and there's no indication it's going to be any different this vear.'

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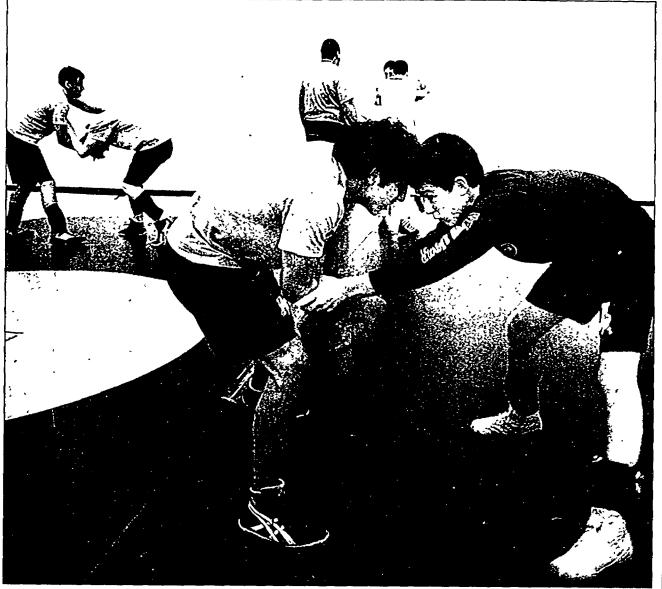


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Mustang wrestlers Dan Dulzo, left, and Brian Bagian warm up with their teammates before a practice.

Mustang wrestling turned over to Balagna

By Jeff Theisen NORTHVILLE RECORD

Former assistant and junior varsity wrestling coach Jeff Balagna takes over the Mustang reins this year.

Balagna inherits a team comprised mostly of upperclassmen. He has a freshman and two sophomores competing for the 103-

and 112-pound spots, respectively, and the rest of the 12 spots are manned by juniors and seniors.

"We're trying to rebuild our reputation, get it back to a successful program," Balagna said. "They're all very experienced wrestlers. I just want to instill a good, strong work ethic in them." Balagna said the strength of the

team comes from the 119-152 pounders. "Our strength is in the middle of our lineup," Balagna said. "Once we get the ball rolling, it's kind of a momentum thing. We don't have one weak weight class. We've got some experience at

every weight, but we're really loaded in the middle."

The Mustangs are led by five captains: Dave Stewart (heavyweight). Joe Gholami (125-130). Brian Dulzo (112-119), Brian Bagian (140) and Johnny D'Anna (119-125).

Those guys separated themselves over the summer and the fall," Balagna said "Stewart is a football player, but the other four, they kind of led all the summer workouts. It was kind of a nobrainer decision for me."

Winning the division and league are part of the team goals, but Balagna wants to see as many jtheisen@gannett.com.

kids as possible make it deep into the postseason.

'If possible, see if we can win districts and see if we can get a couple of kids through," Balagna said. "I envision we can get at least four of five kids through to region-Is and possibly all five to state."

Balagna said the main competition in the league should come from Franklin and Canton in the WLAA. 'Canton and Franklin are kind of the class of the whole league," Balagna said. "We'll see how we stack up."

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Big hitters lead Northville

Three seniors have signed

One more round

Rodriguez to call it quits after 40 years with Shamrocks

By Jeff Theisen NORTHVILLE RECORD

Catholic Central wrestling head coach Mike Rodriguez enters his 40th and final year as head coach of the Shamrocks.

'I'm excited about the season, but everything has to end at some time." Rodriguez said. "It's going to be kind of a hard lump to swallow toward the end. I've had some awesome young men that have helped me to win the things that we've won."

He will turn the team over to Mitch Hancock, a former All-America wrestler at Central Michigan University, who also wrestled for Rodriguez at CC and graduated in 2001.

But before Rodriguez hands over the whistle, he's got one last go-around with the Shamrocks. Catholic Central returns just two from a 17-6 squad last year.

Leading the way for Catholic Central are Ryan Brown at 152 pounds, Nieko Ianni at 119-125, captain Joe Kinville and Mike Martin at heavyweight.

The Shamrocks have struggled a little in a couple of early matches, but Rodriguez put some of that on kids wrestling at varsity for their first time. He's looking further down the road in the season for the team to peak.

These kids that I have right now, they're taking a beating but they're tough, they scramble and they fight," he said. "This is my toughest schedule l've ever made up. By the time we get to the Super Dual, we'll be very competitive - that's the second week in January.

"When they're young it takes a little while to develop their bodies and minds so that they can think the things out instead of being nervous and forget everything they've been taught."

Rodriguez expects Brother Rice and Divine Child to compete with Catholic Central for the league title.

His ultimate goal for the team, We'd like to get out of regionals and get to state."

What a finish it would be for the man who has dedicated more than half a century (51 years) to coaching the sport.

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Shamrocks bring young team to pool

CC boosts numbers from nine to 17

By Jeff Theisen NORTHVILLE RECORD

Catholic Central head coach Shannon Dunworth is just happy to have some choices about whom he can put in certain events.

Last year's Shamrock team fielded just nine swimmers. Catholic Central almost doubled in size to 17 this year.

It's just nice to have some numbers out there," Shannon Dunworth said. "It's tough to win a meet when you can't fill the lanes. This year we've got some numbers. I'm very optimistic.

"As long as we're building on what we've done in the past, we're doing things right.

Returnees sophomore Alex Zubinski and breaststroke state qualifier Josh Radke will lead the Shamrocks. Newcomer and fresh- jtheisen@gannett.com or at man Brady Small has been (248) 349-1700, ext. 104. Shamrocks. Newcomer and fresh-

impressive in the pool early. Dan Chabala is the captain of the team. "We're young," Dunworth said. "We've got two seniors on the team. Last year we didn't have any.

The silver lining of being so young is we've got time and we can get things done the right way. CC has a terrific, rich history in swimming, it just hasn't been there in a while.

Dunworth knows his team's chances of winning meets is still difficult with just 17 swimmers. but he just wants to see continued improvement.

"Fortunately in swimming. you can measure your success of failure without using the scoreboard," he said. "Our goals for this year - we just had one boy go to the state meet last year, we'd like to up that number. We'd like to hopefully get a couple of relays to the state meet."

Dunworth expects Brother Rice and U-D Jesuit to be the top contenders in the league.

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Hess leads inexnerienced Catholic Central cagers

college letters of intent

By Jeff Theisen NORTHVILLE RECORD

Measuring success in a program can come in many ways. Northville head volleyball coach Steve Anderson can take great pride in having three players already signed to college letters of intent — Joanna Foss (Marist), Amanda Marquardt (Tiffin) and Katie Moran (Catawba).

But Anderson expects more to sign before it's all over with.

'There's other players on the team that like Kristen Ehehalt, Jackie Elder and the two juniors, (Krysta) Cicala and (Allison) Holmes that can play college." Anderson said.

Anderson also said Elise Fleishaker could also play college if she found the right program.

Having talent and getting the most out of the talent is two different things. Anderson is more than happy with the Mustangs' start, finishing runner-up (6-1) at the Stoney Creek Rochester Tournament over the weekend. Also, one pool-play matched finished with each team winning one set.

"Not a bad start," Anderson said. "We beat a generally, very strong Mercy team in the semis. We beat some quality teams in pool play.

"It's a good boost of confidence."

Foss, Moran and Elder have been voted the captains.

"The team selected those three without even blinking," Anderson said.

Experience and size as team strengths.

"We anticipate play extremely well and they react without having me have to direct them in certain things," Anderson said. "It's a very intelligent group. Our size is obviously a huge benefit. We have three 6-footers and three 5-11s."

Goals come in different forms for Anderson.



Anderson projects the WLAA

Mustang Krista Cicala practices her returns.

"My preliminary goal for all think it's just basically us earning my teams is by the time they've whatever we get. I would like to played for me for at least two make it a three-peat for division. years, they should at least be Anything above that, I think ready to coach a freshman team we're going to really have to the next year," he said. work.

"I never want to over-project. I

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as one of the strongest leagues in the state, with Salem and Churchill in the battle for the title.

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Dyer takes over Shamrock basketball program

#### By Jeff Theisen NORTHVILLE RECORD

Catholic Central basketball gets a new coach in Bill Dyer, who inherits a team with just one returnee with extensive varsity playing time.

"We're very inexperienced, very young," Dyer said. "Those are two big hurdles to overcome. We're starting four guys who really haven't played hardly any varsity basketball minutes."

Dyer said the players are working well through the transition of a new coach.

'It's going to take some time. We're doing some things differently from what they've done in the past," he said. "The kids are great. They're typical CC kids. They work super hard. They compete hard in practice."

Senior Dustin Hess returns as the go-to guy, but the Shamrocks will look to reload the team from there. Jake Marmul would be another returnee, but he is out after suffering a torn ACL in football.

Shamrock junior Jared Morris was voted the team captain.

Dyer said he isn't concerned with predicting the team's final record. He just wants to see continued improvement.

"I'm hoping to see us become better basketball players," he said. "I hope I see our skill-level improve, and we gel a little bit better as a team as the season goes on.

"I'm not worried about the fact that we've got some kids that haven't played before. That's just where we are right now. We're just going to have to find some way to get better as the season goes on.

Dyer said he is not committed to forcing a style of play on his players. He will form the team's

play around it's personnel. "This year it looks like we're going to have to control the tempo a little bit more," Dyer said. "We're not really kind of a fastbreaking team. We're a little limited in that sense -- maintain possession of the ball and get the best shots that we possibly can."

Orchard Lake and DeLaSalle appear to be the early favorites for the league title, according to Dyer.

But Dyer said being back in the Catholic League is a big thrill.

"I'm very fired up," he said. "I graduated from Divine Child High School. To be back in the Catholic League is very exciting for me personally."

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# Up and down start

#### By Jeff Theisen NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville wrestling got off to a great start, picking up wins in the first two Mustang dual matches and placing sixth of 14 teams in a tournament.

The Mustangs knocked off Fenton 45-33 and Lakeland 51-27 before placing sixth in a tournament at Grand Blanc.

"It is always nice to get that first win and build momentum for the rest of the season." said Jeff Balagna, Northville head coach about the Fenton win. "It was good for the kids to see their hard work pay off on the mat."

About the Lakeland win: "We wrestled a real solid match and made very few errors," Balagna said. "It is nice to be 2-0 early, but it is a long season and we need to continue to work hard in the practice room."

Senior captain Brian Dulzo is off to a blazing start, going 5-0 with four pins at 119 pounds.

"Brian really worked hard in the off season and it shows. He is off to great start for his senior season," Balagna said. "He put together an outstanding tournament by pinning his way to the championship."

Evan Benthley (135 pounds) and Brian Bagian (140) each took third place, and Dave Stewart (Heavyweight) placed fourth at the tournament.

The Mustangs suffered a 52-24 loss to Novi on Friday.

Four Northville wrestlers won by fall — Ladhoff at 130 pounds, Bentley at 135. Hebert at 140 and Eichholtz at 160.

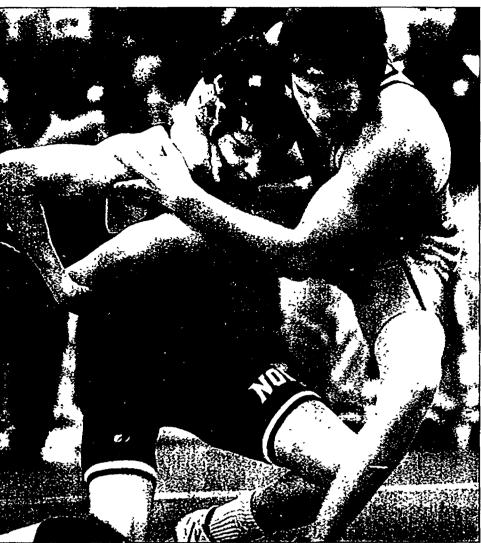


Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Non News Northville's Mike Bagian, right, battles with Novi's Jon Lichorobiec at 103 pounds.

## Northville upends rival Wildcats in hockey, 3-2

The scoreboard didn't look good for Northville late into the second period, but the Mustangs didn't seem to notice. The Mustangs went to work and pulled out a 3-2 comeback victory against Novi.

Just after Novi notched its second goal, senior goaltender Andrew Flynn kept the puck out of the net on a Wildcat breakaway to keep Northville in the game. With less than five minutes on the clock in the second, senior forward Ian Jezak took advantage of some nice passing from senior Brandon Wales and sophomore Wes Gates to pull the Mustangs within one.

The Mustangs fans crupted in what was an already charged atmosphere.

Northville's penalty kill was put to the test again in the final minutes of the second as it killed off a 5-on-3 Wildcat powerplay.

The excitement was non-stop to the last minute, when senior forward Anthony Deneau broke down the left wing and took the shot on a two-on-one, firing the puck through the five hole to tie

the game 2-2.

Strong play continued by both teams going into the third period, with scoring chances at each end. With just over 10 minutes left in the game, sophomore defensemen Matt Kreager skated the puck end to end, and on a breakaway opportunity, shot the puck into the upper right corner to take the lead on his first career high school goal. Kreager's goal turned out to be the game winner, as strong net minding, defensive play and penalty killing by the Mustangs kept the final score at 3-2. "I want to take my hat off to Novi," said Mustangs head coach Clint Robert. "They played a great game. They are a very fast and a well-coached team.

"I'm extremely proud of our boys. They never let up even when we were down late in the second. We are building an identity of a team that will work hard from the first puck drop to the final horn, and our fans in the crowd are right there with us the whole time."

Submitted to the Northville Record.

## **Sport Shorts**

#### CC to host baseball camp

Catholic Central High School will host a baseball camp 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 16 and 1-4 p.m. Dec. 17 for kids in fifth through eighth grades.

The camp will be run by coaches and former Shamrock players. The cost is \$30 per session or \$85 for the entire camp. for more information, contact

Kevin Walters at (248)-596-3886. Crawford tabbed High

#### School Scholar Athlete of

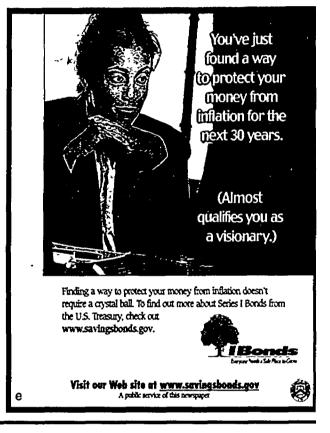
the Week Stephanie Crawford has been chosen as "High School Scholar Athlete of the Week" by a panel from WXYZ and McDonald's. This program is designed to recognize students who excel both on and off the field and who maintain a high degree of success in all areas relating to academics, good citizenship and outstanding sportsmanship. Crawford and Novi Athletic

Crawford and Novi Athletic Director Curt Ellis will be interviewed by Don Shane and aired on the Dec. 17 Sunday Sports Update (Channel 7, 11:30 p.m.). She also will be introduced on a Dec. 16 Saturday Action News at 11 p.m. and profiled on the Channel 7 web site.

## **Corrections**

In the Nov. 23 edition, the Mustang swimming story on 2B should have read Northville places 14th at state with the 400 freestyle relay team of Jessica Weber, Tanya Tereszczenko, Chelsea Miller and Emily Hopcian placing fifth in 1:40.04. Also Rachel Englert was part of the 400 freestyle relay that placed 11th in 3:41.39.

In the Nov. 30 edition, Northville's Eric Markstrom, Andrew Devine, Dave Stewart, Kevin Katos and Brian Smith should have been added to the All-Area Honorable Mention list.



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Thursday, December 14, 2006-NORTHVILLE RECOHD 15

#### WINTER HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS SCHEDULES

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| 12/15<br>12/19<br>12/21<br>1/5<br>1/9                                                                    | at Dexter<br>at Dexter High<br>at Churchill<br>John Glenn                                                                                                  | 7 p.m.<br>6 p.m.<br>TBA<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.                                                                          | 12/16<br>1/8<br>1/10<br>1/13<br>1/17<br>1/22<br>1/24<br>1/27              | at Hartland<br>John Glenn<br>at Churchill<br>at Renaissance<br>(U-M Dearborn)<br>Way ne Memorial<br>Franklin<br>Plymouth<br>at Wat. Kettering                   | 9 a.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>9 a.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>8:30 a.m.            |                                                           |                                                                                                                                             |                                                                         | WR<br>12/16<br>1/4<br>1/6<br>1/6<br>1/11<br>1/13                                            | ESTLING<br>at Franklin<br>WL Western<br>at Canton<br>at S. Lyon<br>at Wayne<br>at Brighton                                                                                                     | 9 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m.<br>9 a.m.<br>10 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m.<br>10 a.m.                         | 2/05<br>2/12<br>2/22<br>3/3<br>3/9-10                                      | at Salem<br>at Churchill<br>WLAA Conf.<br>at WL Central<br>at Regionals<br>at Finals                                                                 | 7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>TBA<br>TBA                                                   |
| 1/12<br>1/16<br>1/19<br>1/23<br>1/26<br>1/30<br>2/2<br>2/6<br>2/9<br>2/13<br>2/16<br>2/9<br>2/13<br>2/16 | at Salem<br>Wayne<br>Franklin<br>at Plymouth<br>at WL Western<br>Canton<br>at Wayne<br>Plymouth<br>at Franklin<br>WL Western<br>at Canton<br>WLAA Playoffs | 7 p.m.<br>7 p.m. | 1/29<br>1/31<br>2/5<br>2/7<br>2/10<br>2/12<br>2/14<br>2/19<br>2/24<br>3/2 | at WL Western<br>Canton<br>at Wayne<br>Plymouth<br>at Renaissance<br>(U-M Dearborn)<br>at Franklin<br>WL Western<br>at Canton<br>WLAA at Churchill<br>Districts | 7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>TBA<br>TBA | 1/16<br>1/18<br>1/20<br>1/23<br>1/25<br>2/1<br>2/8<br>2/9 | at Salem<br>WL Western<br>at Saline<br>Novi<br>at Wayne<br>Franklin<br>at Plymouth<br>at MISCA                                              | 7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>Noon<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>TBA | 1/13<br>1/18<br>1/25<br>1/27<br>2/1<br>2/8<br>2/10<br>9 a.m.<br>2/14<br>2/17<br>2/24<br>3/8 | at Brighton<br>Plymouth<br>at Franklin<br>at Fenton<br>at Canton<br>WLAA Crossover<br>at Canton WLAA Co<br>at Districts<br>at Invivid. Districts<br>at Individ. Regional<br>at Individ. Finals | 6:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.<br>8:30 a.m.<br>6:30 p.m.<br>6:30 p.m.<br>onference<br>TBA<br>TBA | 12/16<br>1/10<br>1/20<br>1/27<br>1/31<br>2/3<br>2/5<br>2/12<br>2/24<br>3/3 | at Stoney Creek<br>at Novi<br>at Brighton<br>Northville Invite<br>at Franklin<br>at Ladywood<br>Home-Tri-meet<br>Lahser<br>Home-WLAA<br>at Regionals | TBA<br>6 p.m.<br>TBA<br>9 a.m.<br>6 p.m.<br>9:30 a.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>9 a.m.<br>TBA |
| 2/23<br>2/27<br>3/05<br>3/13                                                                             | WLAA Playoffs<br>WLAA Playoffs<br>Districts<br>Regionals                                                                                                   | 7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>TBA<br>TBA                                                                                                 | 1/6                                                                       | YS SWIMMI<br>Brother Rice<br>at Stevenson<br>at Salem                                                                                                           | NG<br>Noon<br>7 p.m.<br>Noon                                                               | 2/10<br>2/15<br>2/22<br>2/23<br>2/24<br>3/1<br>3/6        | at MISCA<br>at Canton<br>at Conf. Prelim at Salem<br>at Conf. Prelim/diving<br>at Conf. Finals at Salem<br>Home-Last Chance<br>State diving | TBA<br>7 p.m.                                                           | GYN<br>1/3<br>1/11<br>1/16<br>1/20                                                          | ANASTICS<br>at WL Central<br>at Brighton<br>at Canton<br>at Farmington Higl                                                                                                                    | 7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>7 p.m.<br>h 9 a.m.                                         | POM<br>1/20<br>2/11                                                        | A PON<br>at Regionals at Chr<br>at State at EMU                                                                                                      | urchillTBA<br>TBA                                                                          |

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| 12/15        | at Northville 7      | p.m.                                   |
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| 12/20        | Plymouth High        | 7                                      |
| 12/29        | at Livonia Stevenson | 11                                     |
| 1/03         | Walled Lake Central  | 7                                      |
| 1/05         | Milford              | 7                                      |
| 1/12         | at Pinckney          |                                        |
| 1/19         | at Lakeland          | 7                                      |
| 1/23         | at Brighton          | 7                                      |
| 1/26         | South Lyon           | 7                                      |
| 1/30         | Hartland             | 77777777777777777777777777777777777777 |
| . 2/02       | at Milford           | .7                                     |
| 2/06         | Pinckney             | 7                                      |
| 2/09         | at Howell            | 7                                      |
| :2/13        | Lakeland             | 7                                      |
| 2/15         | Brighton             | 7                                      |
| 2/23         | at Hartland          | 7                                      |
| 2/27         | at South Lyon        | 7                                      |
| 3/02         | Howell .             | 7                                      |
| 3/05         | Districts            |                                        |
| 3/07         | Districts            |                                        |
| 3/09         | Districts            |                                        |
| , 3/13       | Regionals            |                                        |
| 3/15         | Regionals            |                                        |
| 3/15<br>3/17 | Regionals            | •                                      |
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#### VOLLEYBALL

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12/19 Pinckney 5:30 p.m. 1/06 at Walled Lake Central 9 a.m.

| 1/09  | Hartland                | 5:30 p.m. |
|-------|-------------------------|-----------|
| 1/11  | at Howell               | 5:30 p.m. |
| 1/18  | Lakeland                | 5:30 p.m. |
| 1/20  | Volleyball Invitational | 8:30 a.m. |
| 1/23  | Brighton                | 5:30 p.m. |
| 1/25  | at South Lyon           | 5:30 p.m. |
| 1/30  | at Hartland             | 5:30 p.m. |
| 2/01  | Milford                 | 5:30 p.m. |
| 2/03  | Varsity Invite          | 8 a.m.    |
| 2/06  | at Pinckney             | 5:30 a.m. |
| 2/08  | Howell                  | 5:30 p.m. |
| 2/13  | at Lakeland             | 5:30 p.m. |
| 2/15  | at Brighton             | 5:30 p.m. |
| 2/27  | Districts               | TBA       |
| 2/27  | South Lyon              | 5:30 p.m. |
| 3/03  | Districts               | 8 a.m.    |
| 3/10  | Regionals               | TBA       |
| 3/13  | Quarterfinals           | TBA       |
| 3/15  | Semi-Finals             | TBA       |
| 3/17  | Finals                  | TBA       |
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#### WRESTLING

| 12/15 | Oak. Cty. at South Lyon   | TBA     |
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| 12/16 | Oak. Cty. at Lake Orion   | TBA     |
| 12/21 | at Pinckney               | TBA     |
| 12/28 | at Salem                  | 9 a.m.  |
| 1/10  | at South Lyon 5:3         | 0 p.m.  |
| 1/13  |                           | 0 a.m.  |
| 1/19  | KVC Quad at Lakeland      | 7 p.m.  |
| 1/20  | at Williamston Classic8:3 | 30 a.m. |
| 1/26  | KVC Quat at Howell 5:3    | 0 p.m.  |
| 1/27  | at Holt Invite            | 9 a.m.  |
| 2/02  | KVC Quad 5:3              | 0 p.m.  |
| 2/10  | KVC Championships at      | . '     |
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| Hartlan | d                       | 9 a.m.          |
|---------|-------------------------|-----------------|
| 2/14    | Team Districts          | 5 p.m.          |
| 2/17    | Individual Districts    | ŤВА             |
| 2/21    | Team Regionals          | TBA             |
| 2/24    | Individual Regionals    | 8 a.m.          |
| 3/03    | Team Finals at Battle ( | <b>CreekTBA</b> |
| 3/10    | Individual Finals       | TBA             |

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| 1/04 | at Milford             | 6 p.m. |
|------|------------------------|--------|
| 1/06 | at West Bloomfield     | 9 a.m. |
| 1/11 | Pinckney               | 6 p.m. |
| 1/16 | at Walled Lake Western | 7 p.m. |
| 1/23 | at Northville          | 7 p.m. |
| 1/25 | at Lakeland            | 6 p.m. |
| 2/01 | Brighton               | 6 p.m. |

| 2/02 | Oak. Cty at Lake Orion TBA  |  |
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| 2/03 | Oak. Cty at Lake Orion TBA  |  |
| 2/08 | at South Lyon 6 p.m.        |  |
| 2/09 | MISCA Meet Diving TBA       |  |
| 2/15 | Hartland 6 p.m.             |  |
| 2/23 | at Brighton, KVC Champ. TBA |  |
| 2/24 | at Brighton, KVC Champ. TBA |  |
| 3/02 | River Rat Challenge noon    |  |
| 3/03 | River Rat Challenge noon    |  |
| 3/06 | Diving Regionals TBA        |  |
| 3/09 | Finals TBA                  |  |
| 3/10 | Finals TBA                  |  |
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| TBA  | CCAM Invite at Stone  |              |
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| 1/10 | Tri-Meet Pinckney, N- | ville 6 p.m. |
| 1/13 | Novi Invite           | 9 a.m.       |
| 1/15 | at Milford            | 6 p.m.       |
| 1/17 | Howell                | 6 p.m.       |
| 1/24 | at Lakeland           | 6 p.m.       |
| 1/31 | Brighton              | 6 p.m.       |
| 2/03 | at Ladywood           | 9:30 a.m.    |
| 2/14 | Hartland              | 6 p.m.       |
| 2/17 | KVC Championships     | ŤВА          |
| 2/24 | at Wyandotte          | 11 a.m.      |
| 3/03 | Regionals             | TBA          |
| 3/10 | Finals                | TBA          |

#### SKI TEAM

1/08 Lakeland at Alpine Valley 4 p.m. 1/11 W. Bloomfield at Alpine Valley

#### 4 p.m. 1/16 WL North. at Alpine Valley 4 p.m. 1/22 Milford at Alpine Valley 4 p.m. 1/23 Brother Rice at Alp. Valley 4 p.m. 1/31 St. Mary Prep at Alp. Valley4 p.m. 2/08 Divisional Championships at Alpine Valley TBA 2/15 Regional Championships TBA 2/20 SEMSL League Championship at Mt. Holly TBA 2/26 State Championship TBA TBA

#### BOWLING

| 12/15  | Brighton                | 3:30 p.m.    |
|--------|-------------------------|--------------|
| 12/16  | Howell                  | noon         |
| 1/10   | Wayne Memorial at       |              |
| Westla | ind Bowl                | 3:30 p.m.    |
| 1/13   | Lakeland                | noon         |
| 1/13   | South Lyon              | 2:30 p.m.    |
| 1/17   | S. Lyon at Novi Bowl    | 3:30 p.m.    |
| 1/19   | Lakeland                | 5 p.m.       |
| 1/20   | Oakland County at Co    | entury Lanes |
| ТВА    | -                       |              |
| 1/22   | South Lyon              | 4 p.m        |
| 2/02   | Lakeland                | 5 p.m.       |
| 2/07   | · Clarenceville at Novi | 3:30 p.m.    |
| 2/10   | Milford High            | 12:30 p.m.   |
| 2/12   | South Lyon              | 4 p.m.       |
| 2/15   | at 700 Bowl             | 3:30 p.m.    |
| 2/23   | Regionals               | ŤBA          |
| 2/24   | Regionals               | TBA          |
| 3/02   | Finals                  | TBA          |
| 3/03   | Finals                  | TBA          |
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|       | Flushing                 | 5:30 p.m. |
|-------|--------------------------|-----------|
| 12/16 | at Chippewa Hills        | •         |
|       | Invitational             | 9:30 a.m. |
| 12/22 | Wayne Memorial/          |           |
|       | Dearborn                 | 5:30 p.m. |
| 12/28 | at St. John's Ohio       | •         |
|       | Tournament               | 9 a.m.    |
| 1/4   | Hartland/Flint Kearsley/ |           |



| Community Center  | 8 a.m. |
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| State Prelims/TBA | 8 a.m. |
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12/15 Div. Child at Super Bow13:30 p.m. 3/03 State Team Finals 1/05 North Farmington

|      | at Oak Lanes           | 9 a.m.    |
|------|------------------------|-----------|
| 2/20 | South Lyon at TBA      | TBA       |
|      | State Singles Regional | TBA       |
|      | State Team Regional    | TBA       |
|      | League Tournament      |           |
|      | at Drakeshire          | 3:30 p.m. |
| 3/02 | State Singles Finals   | TBA       |
|      | State Team Finals      | TBA       |

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| 12/15Notre Dame Prep<br>(222) at U of D Jesuit17/3 CC Invitational10 a.m.10 a.m.10/3 cC Invitational10 a.m.10 a.m.10/3 cC Invitational10 a.m.10/4 cc Invitational10/4 cc Invitational <th>BASKETBALL</th> <th>Rochester Adams 5:30 p.m.</th> <th></th> <th>1/05 North Farmington</th> <th>5/05 State learn Finals IBA</th>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | BASKETBALL                   | Rochester Adams 5:30 p.m.               |                                        | 1/05 North Farmington                   | 5/05 State learn Finals IBA            |
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| 12/22 at U of D Jesuit       7:30 p.m.<br>(Roundball Classic)       1/20 c C Super Dual       10 a.m.<br>(Z)       10 a.m.<br>(Z)       1/20 c C Super Dual       1/20 c Super Dual       1/20 c Super Dual       1/20 c Super Dual       1/20 c Super Dual       1/2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                              |                                         | F) ***                                 |                                         |                                        |
| 12/22       at U of D Jesuit       7:30 p.m.       1/20 CC Super Dual       10 a.m.       at Dak Lanes       10 a.m.       10/9       N-ville at Country Lanes3:30 p.m.       10/9       Howell at HL Brighton 4:30 p.m.         1/27       at Oakland University       4 p.m.       1/27       at Oakland University       4 p.m.       1/27       at Oakland University       4 p.m.       1/20       at Adriar/Ann Arbor       1/10       movel at ML Brighton 4:30 p.m.       1/11       Prokeey at ML Brighton 4:30 p.m.       1/11       for the set Lanes       1/11       for the set Lanese       1/11       for the                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                              |                                         |                                        |                                         | SVI TEAM                               |
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| 2/21       CHSL Playoff       TBA       2/25       CHSL Championship       TBA       2/25       CHSL Championship       TBA       2/25       at U of D Jesuit       TBA       2/20       Tri-County Tournament       2/15       State Regional       2/15       State Regional       9 a.m.         3/03       Operation Frienship       TBA       SWIMMING AND       2/9       MISCA       TBA       2/05       North Farmington at       2/22       SEMSL Meet       2/20       SEMSL Meet       9 a.m.         2/10       MISCA       TBA       2/15       DeLaSalle       7 p.m.       2/26       Northville at Novi Bowl 3:30 p.m.       at Marquette Mountain       TBA         WRESTLING       12/26       at Dondero High/       Community Center       5 p.m.       2/13       U-D at Drakeshire       3:30 p.m.       at Marquette Mountain       TBA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 2/13 Brother Rice 7:30 p.m.  |                                         |                                        |                                         | 2/08 MBISA League Meet                 |
| 2/25       CHSL Championship<br>3/03       TBA<br>TBA       TBA<br>TBA       TBA<br>TBA       TBA<br>TBA       TBA<br>SWIMMING AND       2/8       at Grosse Pointe North       6:30 p.m.       at Five Star       TBA       TBA       at Mt Brighton       9 a.m.         2/25       CHSL Championship<br>3/03       Operation Frienship       TBA       SWIMMING AND       2/8       at Grosse Pointe North       6:30 p.m.       at Five Star       TBA       2/22       SEMSL Meet       9 a.m.         2/10       MISCA       TBA       2/15       DeLaSalle       7 p.m.       2/06       Northville at Novi Bowl3:30 p.m.       2/26       State Finals       at Marquette Mountain       TBA         2/12       Ta Ann Arbor Pioneer       noon       3/2       at CHSL Prelims/Livonia Recreation       2/10       Jaeger Tournament       at Marquette Mountain       TBA         3/2       at Ondero High/       TBA       Community Center       5 p.m.       2/13       U-D at Drakeshire       3:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                              | 308-10 Individual Finals                |                                        | 1/31 Div. Child at Cherry Hill3:30 p.m. | at Mt. Brighton 9 a.m.                 |
| 3/03       Operation Frienship       TBA       SWIMMING AND       2/9       MISCA       TBA       Z/05       North Farmington at       2/22       SEMSL Meet         2/10       MISCA       TBA       Woodland Lanes       3:30 p.m.       at Alpine Valley       9 a.m.         2/15       DELASalle       7 p.m.       2/06       Northville at Novi Bowl 3:30 p.m.       2/26       State Finals         2/17       at Ann Arbor Pioneer       noon       3/2       at CHSL Prelims/Livonia Recreation       at Oak Lanes       10 a.m.         12/26       at Dondero High/       Community Center       5 p.m.       2/13       U-D at Drakeshire       3:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |                              |                                         |                                        |                                         | 2/15 State Regional                    |
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| WRESTLING       DIVING       2/17 at Ann Arbor Pioneer       noon       2/10 Jaeger Tournament       at Marquette Mountain       TBA         3/2 at CHSL Prelims/Livonia Recreation       12/26 at Dondero High/       2/17 at Ann Arbor Pioneer       noon       2/10 Jaeger Tournament       at Marquette Mountain       TBA         3/2 at CHSL Prelims/Livonia Recreation       at Oak Lanes       10 a.m.         12/26 at Dondero High/       Community Center       5 p.m.       2/13 U-D at Drakeshire       3:30 p.m.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                              | , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , |                                        |                                         |                                        |
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#### Home Owners Do You Know...What causes Ice Damming & How to Avoid?

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Ice damming and attic condensation are related—both are caused by warm (moisture laden) air migrating from the house and entering the attic. The problem may be more pronounced in newer homes since they are built tighter at the sides encouraging warm air to rise into the attic: • ICE DAMMING LEADS TO SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE AND LEAK

- PREMATURE DETERIORATION OF SHINGLES AS THE WARM AIR CONDENSES ON COLD SURFACES
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A well insulated and sealed attic will unlikely have ice dams-there will be no warm air to melt the snow. If there no warm air to melt the snow. If there us sufficient insulation to keep hear from the house escaping into the attic, and there are no holes or air leaks, then the attic should be in good shape. The attic air should be cool and dry just like the outside air (ice dams are varbly seen on



(ice dams are rarely seen on barns or detached garages). One of the first signs of a potential problem is to look for bare

Randal Patherion Randal Patherion Randal Patherion and outside temperatures are below freezing for a long period of time with little or no thaw in-betwren. The warm air in the attic melts the snow near the peak of the roof. As the melted snow reaches the colder soffit area, it refreezes creating a dam for water underneath. A good sign of an ice dam are icicles at the gutters. There are methods to minimize ice dams and their effect. Installing self-scaling membranes about 3' from the eave under the shingles does not stop ice dams: they just prevent the water from leaking through the roof sheath-ing. Removing gutters will keep them from becoming ice traps, but may lead to further problems such as wet basements and perhaps foun-dation settle-ment. Electric cables may

ment. Electric cables may alleviate the problem but can use a significant amount of electricity as well as being



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ventilation. Following the principle of I square foot of ventilation for every 300 square feet of insulated attic space split between the roof and softit vents (1 to 150 square feet in colder cli-mates or low-sloped roofs) should be sufficient. Given the "stack or chim-ney effect" in a house---the tendency to draw cold air from the bottom and expel it at the top, it is important to stop all the air leaks from the house into the attic. into the attic.



At Orin Jewelers, (left-right) Orin Mazzoni Jr., Orin Mazzoni III, Gina Mazzoni, Carole Urban and Joshua Summers value customer service.

# **Orin Jewelers thrives in downtown Northville**

Serving local customers for 24 years

Orin Jewelers has been serving local customers for 24 years from its store in the historic building on the corner of Main and Center streets in downtown Northville.

The jewelry business has been a tradition for three generations of the Mazzoni family for more than 70 years. Orin Jewelers has operated for 54 years in Michigan and 24 years in Nonhville.

Orin Mazzoni opened his first store in West Virginia in 1933. Orin and his wife, Mary, moved their family to Michigan in 1953 and opened a store in Garden City under the name Orin Jewelers. When he retired in 1969, Orin Jr. took over as president and CEO of the busin The family decided to expand in 1983 and opened their second downtown showroom in Northville at their present location. Orin Jewelers has become a fixture in the community under the direction of the Mazzoni fam-



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selection of engagement and wedding rings, and other bridal jewelry.

Along with the "Nominations" Italian charm bracelet, Orin's bas a large selection of the Pandora bracelet. It is a new type of charm bracelet that allows people to customize their own with different links (charms). The bracelet, starting from \$19 with the charms costing from \$6 each and up, makes a great gift for Valentine's or other special oceasions.

You want to come in and the affordable things they have to offer," said Tammy Morris of Northville, who is president of the Catholic Central High School Mother's Club. "You get the quality and the service and you're now part of the Orin family." Orin Jewelers is truly a family business with everyone in the family working in the business. Orin's sister Gina works with him in the Northville store, while his father, Orin Jr., works between the Garden City and Northville stores. Carole Urban has also been part of the Orin family for over 25 years since she started working in the Northville store.

state," said Orin, Jr. emphasizing the qualifications of their staff.

The backbone of Orin Jewelers has always been its quality repair and design department. It's how Orin Sr. started his business and is still a very important part of it today.

All of the repairs are done in the Garden City store where Orin Jr. personally makes sure that every piece of jewelry receives the highest care and quality.

"We are very customer-oriented." Orin III said. "We welcome everyone to visit our store and offer free jewelry cleaning and inspection for anyone bringing their jewelry into the store without having to make a purchase."

Orin Jewelers' business has grown tremendously over the years. They auribute their success to the dedication of their staff to make sure every customer is satisfied, having the best customers in the world, being involved in the community, an having a great landmark building in downtown Northville. "We had a great Christmas season and it is a wonderful feeling to know that we made so many people feel special during the holiday season," said Onn III. Orin Jewelers is pleased to be part of the community and supports the local schools and many local events which bring people downtown to shop at the variety of businesses located there. "With many new businesses in town, we have almost everything you need downtown with clothing, gifts, restaurants and specialty stores," said Orin III. "People enjoy shopping downtown throughout the entire year and the goal of downtown merchants is to make it a more enjoyable experience in the future." Onn Jewelers in Northville is open 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday through Friday; 10 a.m.- 7 p.m. Saturday: 12.00 p.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday

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Trust is very important in the jewelry business," said Orin III. We have built our reputation for honesty and integrity."

Orin Jewelers offers a large selection of fine jewelry, quality crystal and gift items. The store carries designer jewelry created by the world's leading designers, including J.B. Star, Peter Storm, Scott Kay, Tacori, Mikimoto, and D'Annunzio.

Siblings Gina and Orin Mazzoni III help customers feel at home at Orin Jewelers in downtown Northville.

With Christmas coming in the next week, Mazzoni wants to emphasize their tremendous selection of gifts for \$25 and up for special loved ones in our lives. Orin's carries a variety of beautiful diamonds and colored stone jewelry for every age and taste.

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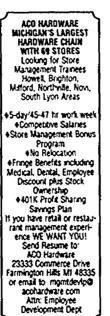


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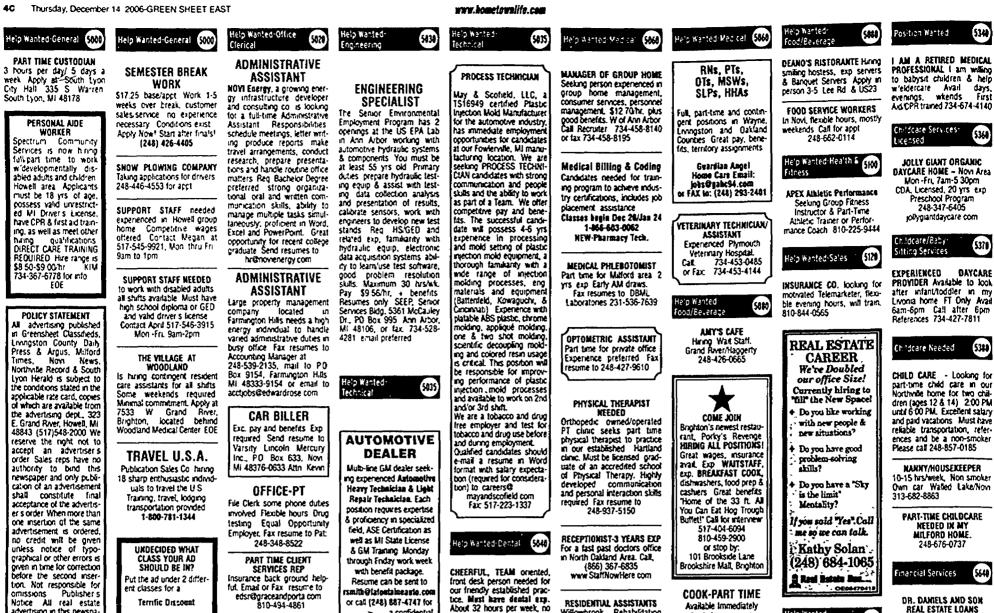
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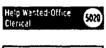
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ach year, the holiday season is loaded with frustrated shoppers who have little or no idea about what to get for a loved one. One gift that fits all and never results in a sad face is money. Though some feel giving money is inappropriate around the holidays, most people would far prefer a few extra dollars as opposed to another pair of socks.

But giving money is not as easy as simply putting cash in a card. Luke other gifts around the holidays, a certain etiquette comes with giving green. Consider the following guidelines.

Establishing how much to give. In general, when giving a gift of \$100 or less, it's commonplace to give cash as opposed to a personal check.

It's also important to consider



Many recipients welcome gift certificates or cash for holiday gifts.

how much you're going to give to each person. Typically, the closer a person is, the more you should give. For instance, it's appropriate

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to give a close relative a gift of at least \$50. In the case of distant relatives or friends, a gift of \$20 to \$25 is perfectly acceptable.

Choose a gift certificate. Almost the same as giving cash is giving a gift certificate. While a prepaid debit or credit card can usually be used anywhere that accepts plastic, gift certificates are often limited to specific stores. Choose their favorite store or restaurant or opt for a department store, like Meijer or Target, that offers numerous items to choose from.

Stocks are not off-limits. While most people, especially children, won't be too thrilled about receiving stocks for Christmas, some people might actually enjoy such a gift very much. Several online investment sites even allow customers to open an account for as little as \$25. Also, such gifts could also prove to be quite fun for older kids, who might enjoy seeing how their investments (hopefully) grow over time. For kids, consider giving them shares of a company they might be interested in such as a toy company

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## Maintain shopping sanity with these tips

The "most wonderful time of the year" can quickly become the most dreaded for shoppers who cringe at the idea of making holiday purchases.

Before giving up on the possibility of shopping sanely, consider these ways to keep your head while checking everyone off your holiday gift list.

■ Comfort is key. The right "uniform" can ensure your comfort and make shopping more enjoyable. Avoid weaning a bulky winter coat. Stores crammed with shoppers can be stuffy and hot, and you'll end up having to lug around your coat. Consider layering shirts so that you can remove layers until you've reached your comfort level. Also, head to the stores in comfortable footwear.

Take breaks. If you've planned a day for marathon shopping, be sure to schedule breaks into that plan. A simple pit stop now and again can rev up energy levels.

■ Don't shop on an empty stomach. Few people can concentrate when they're starving so make sure to have a bite to eat before setting out. Remember to rehydrate as well with bottled water or juice.

Avoid peak shop times. If you want to contend with smaller crowds, try rearranging your schedule so you can shop during mealtimes, early in the morning or late at night, when there may be fewer people at the stores.

**Split up the shopping tasks.** Families can divide the shopping list among their members and shop separately, then meet up at a designated time.

**E Leave the baby at home.** As cute as they can be, infants and toddiers can easily become overwhelmed and imtable when holiday shopping

■ Invest in a shopping cart. Anything with wheels will do, whether a metal shopping cart or a canvas one. Look for carts that fold up to fit in your trunk, which are often sold in discount or housewares stores. This simple tool can prove invaluable for toting around all of the items you've purchased. It also frees up your hands for browsing through racks and displays.

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## Watch it

There are plenty of new DVDs out this holiday season Bratz Polly, Barbie and Dora all have new movies. We reviewed these.

"Barbie in the 12 Dancing Princesses" exposes young

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Dora's world music selection and a trial of a DVD-ROM game. 94 minutes, From Paramount Home Entertainment and Nick Jr., \$19.99



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# Extend the suspense by hiding their gifts

while every parent likes to think the smile on a child's face upon opening a holiday gift is genuine, chances are some of those smiles are worthy of an Academy Award.

That's because kids wouldn't be kids if they didn't spend some time leading up to the holidays rooting through packages as they attempt to see what presents they'll be getting this holiday season.

Parents who are hip to this yuletide cat-and-mouse game are well aware that hiding the presents well is a key component to ensuring the element of surprise when it comes time for kids to tear off the wrapping paper.

For those are new to the game or fresh out of ideas as to how to keep the kids from finding their presents before the big day, the following tips should be a big help.

Have the gifts wrapped at the mall. Unless you'll have time to wrap the gifts immediately when you get home, have them wrapped at the mall or the store where you purchased them.

Kids know parents will recognize when a wrapped gift has been tampered with, so they'll be less likely poke and prod a gift that's already been wrapped.

**Replace store bags with plain** ones. Carrying gifts in the house in bags emblazoned with a store logo can easily give up the surprise of what kids are getting for the holidays — what else would you be buying at the local toy store?

A good way to keep them guessing is replace toy or department store bags with unmarked bags

■ Go the tail-person route. Most children are shorter than adults, so placing unwrapped gifts in places where only the tall adults can see or reach them can be an effective deterrent.

To keep kids from risking injury and trying to climb up to such places when you're not looking, hide them in higher places while the kids are not around.

The smaller the gift, the smaller er the hiding space. Earnings for a daughter or even a video game for your son can be placed in an old coat you don't wear or a purse you don't use. Kids likely won't think to look in such places.

Of course, make sure you remember each and every hiding spot when its, comes time to do some wrapping.

**Use your office.** One place you know the kids won't be rooting through is the office.

If you have the space around your, office, keep the gifts there until you have time to wrap them or until it's time to



Photo by METRO NEWS SERVICE The right hiding spot around the house can make all the difference in ensuring a holiday surprise remains just that.

bring them home.

Be creative. Kids can be unrelenting in their pursuit of presents, so parents should match that approach when it comes to hiding gifts.

Try places such as under the kitchen sink or the attic to hide gifts. Most kids are not allowed to go under the sink or into the attic without supervision, so they're less likely to risk punishment to find their presents.

■ Pool your resources. Use a relative's garage or closets to hide gifts, assuming those relatives don't have children of their own.

If you're getting your youngster a new bike this year, ask'a friend or relative if you can keep it in their garage until the big day arrives.

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Gift baskets are a great and often inexpensive way to show your love and appreciation for a relative.

# Gift giving is in the bag, or ... basket

families continue to grow and grow, finding the right gift for a distant relative can be a tough call, especially for a cousin you rarely see or an in-law you barely know.

One popular route to take is the gift basket. Along the lines of a gift certificate, a gift basket has almost universal appeal Gift baskets can be tailored to a person's specific needs or interests and don't require an indepth knowledge of that person's life history to ensure they're smiling come Christmas morning.

The following gift basket ideas are perfect choices for anyone stuck on what to get.

■ A bath gift basket. Men who are stuck on what to get a sister-in-law or a distant female relative may find a bathtime gift basket a lifesaver fill the basket with soaps, scented oil beads, an aromatherapy candle, a bath sponge, and even some herbal tea The appeal of this type of gift basket is the relaxation it promotes. Such relaxation is something everyone can appreciate once the holiday season has come and gone.

■ A housewarming gift basket. This is a perfect gift idea for a couple who recently purchased a new home. Oftentimes, such couples are difficult to buy for, as you might not know what they already have but are certain they need a lot to fill their home. A housewarming gift basket can be filled with all the little knckknacks that first-time homeowners might have overlooked, such as gardening tools, painting materials, kitchen items, etc.

■ Food gift baskets. Food gift baskets are perhaps the most popular types of gift baskets around the holiday season. Everyone likes to eat, and many people eat a little extra come the holiday season. While numerous stores offer pre-made gift baskets with traditional favorites such as fruits and chocolates, you can save yourself some money by purchasing your own basket and personalizing it - a gesture that might be appreciated by the gift's recipient. For instance, include the necessary ingredients for a special meal, such as pasta, parmesan cheese, oregano, a wooden spoon, a jar of pasta sauce, and an Italian cookbook.

■ Pet gift basket. For that relative who recently adopted or welcomed a new pet into the family or for someone whose pet is truly a best friend, put together a gift basket for the pet. Dog owners would love a gift basket filled with dog bones, dog treats, a new collar, and even some dog toys. For cat owners, include a ball of yarn, some specialty cat food or even a comfortable cushion.

Movie gift basket. For the family film buff, a Hollywood-themed gift basket can be just what the doctor ordered Ask a relative who might be in the know concerning what movies the person on your list might like, and then put a couple of DVD's in a gift basket. On top of the films themselves, include a box of popcorn, some candies and even a gift certificate to the local movie-rental store.

■ Sports gift baskets. For women stuck on what to get someone who doubles as a sports nut, put together a gift basket designed around a favonte sports team include a T-shirt, coffee mug, framed photo, and possibly even a pair of tickets to an upcoming game. Any sports fan would appreciate a gift geared toward his love for the local team, and finding such items to fill the basket won't take much time at all.

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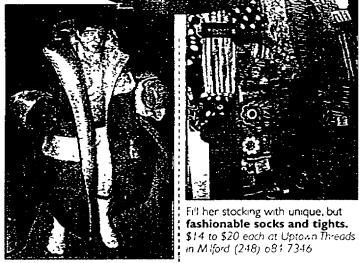


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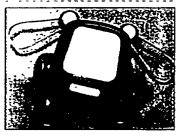
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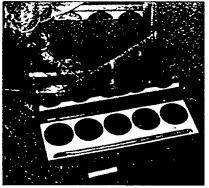
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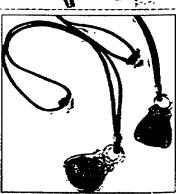
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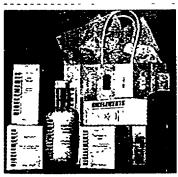
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Skin as unique as she is deserves Bio Elements. Give her a gift certificate toward a customized package. Packages begin at \$27 at Jan's Skin Spa in South Lyon, (248) 515-8987



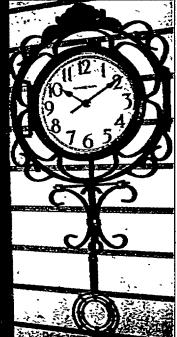
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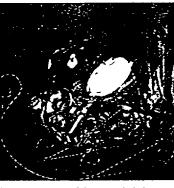
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This wire art clock from Howard Miller is specially priced for gift giving. The battery-operated, wall-mounted clock is 24 inches tall and features a swinging pendulum. Only \$1999 at Northville Watch and Clock (248) 349-4938



orate floors or mantle adding charm to a home's decor. \$40 and up at V lage Florist, in Milford, (248) 685 9012



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## Maintaining proper etiquette with business associates

I ift-grving among company employees and even between companies as a way of securing or rewarding business is common this time of year. But what do you give a person who you don't know that well outside of the work environment? And is there proper gift etiquette that should be maintained? Yes there is.

#### As a marketing tool

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Many companies send gifts to massive lists of clients, associates and more in an effort to secure the company's image. Gifts may also serve as a thank you for solidarity to the company or a way of reconnecting after a cessation of business communication.

Before sending out just any gift, keep in mind these important guidelines:

Check the gift policy with the companies to which you plan to send gifts. Some companies have strict rules against employees receiving gifts because it may appear as a mild form of bribery. Government officials and employees, writers and others who need to maintain an unbiased relationship with individuals may fall into this category. Other companies may place a limit on the gift amount.

Think about the message you want to convey in the gift. Choose one that reflects your business mantra and image.

Send gifts in a timely manner, especially if they are of the thank-you variety

Certain gifts, such as food. flowers, calendars, and other "useful" gifts that bear a company logo, are standards that will be appreciated over a wide sector of the business community.

Personalize gifts or cards whenever possible so your message doesn't seem canned.

Gifts should reflect the value you place on the relationship Highly respected clients should receive more attention and a more personal gift.

Be conscious of religious and cultural differences when sending gifts. You don't want to offend when your intent is to give thanks and celebrate the season. For example, be careful about sending certain colors of flowers overseas. For instance, white chrysan inemums are mainly used for funerals in Belgium, Spain

and France. White flowers symbolize death in Japan Yellow flowers symbolize death in Mexico and infidelity in France, according to 1-800-FLÓWERS.

Check and double-check the spelling of recipients' names and company names when sending personalized gifts.

#### Between coworkers

Whether you love or loathe exchanging gifts with coworkers, it

is often commonplace to do so as a gesture of goodwill during the season of giving. In order to make it a success, keep in mind these dos and don'ts.

Do set a price limit. Secret Santa games and grab bags are great for the office because they often require gift-givers to purchase a generic present of a specific value. By setting a cost limit, no one feels pressured to overspend

Do purchase a gift for anyone who works directly for you, such as an administrative assistant or associate. It's a nice gesture and will show that you care about the relationship.

Don't give anything too personal, say a perfume or cologne fragrance Save those gifts for family or friends you know well.

Do choose gifts that show you've put thought into the selection, not offering something you just picked up at the comer drug store on the way into work. Items like stationery, a fruit or food basket, gift card, or something that plays into a hobby or interest of a coworker will probably be well

received. If giving food, keep in mind any dietary restrictions an individual might have, such as being a vegetarian or following a kosher lifestyle.

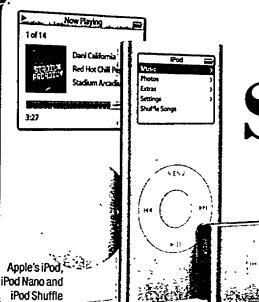
Don't fret about purchasing a gift for a boss, even though 53 percent of global executives surveyed believe their boss is the hardest person to buy a holiday gift for according to the latest Executive Quiz from Korn/Ferry International Fine chocolates, liquor and gourmet gift baskets top the list of gift ideas for bosses Better yet, rather than every employee each giving one little gift to the boss, pool resources and chip in to get a large gift that may be appreciated that much more.

Don't feel pressured to reciprocate. If someone gives you a gift unexpectedly, don't run out to purchase something in return. A heartfelt "thank you" will suffice. Many people realize that holiday gift-giving budgets are tight, so be comfortable with the fact that you can't buy for all. If you want to send out a holiday message to everyone, consider personalized greeting cards

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# It's beginning to **SOUND** a lot like Christmas

For the person on the go, give the gift that goes with them. Don't know where to start? We'll lead you through the world of portable music.

#### By Eliot Van Buskirk CTW FEATURES

onsidering how popular MP3 players and other digital-music gear get around the holidays, you might think the guickest way to someone's heart is through their ears.

And it just might be. With a'l of the other entertainment options competing for attention, listening to music you really love without ads or loud radio personalities getting in the way can be a relaxing motivating and inspirational addition to anyone's life.

But before you figure, "Fine, I'll just get them an iPod." think again. The always-excellent iPod has been a tremendously popular gift in years past, and will continue to be this year, especially since Apple recently updated its entire line of players. But what if the person you're buying for is still happy with last year's Pod, or they're up for something new — maybe a monthly music subscription or satellite radio, neither of which the Pod can do? And what about listening in the home?

Whether you're looking for a gift to update someone's equipment or to compliment the gear they already use, this year's crop of digital music gadgets is stronger than

ever James Kim, CNET's senior editor

of digital audio, sees this as "a holiday season full of choices and values," with a number of solid options available besides the oftengift-wrapped iPod. He predicts two portable audio players as the main contenders for holiday dollars this season, and identifies one dark horse that could also come into play --- depending on how well it's received.

"I think the improved Nano, as well as the SanDisk Sansa e200 senes, will be huge this holiday." Kim says.

#### Research

Before you shop, do a little behind-the-scenes reconnaissance. If they own an iPod, have they ever complained about it being too bulky or not holding enough music? Do they note public transportation, or do something else that would go well with portable video, yet don't have a player that does video<sup>2</sup> Are they interested in satellite radio? The more you know, the better your chances of giving them something they'll enjoy for a long while.

#### Compare

If you're buying a digital music gift for someone who's not already entrenched, your giving choices are wider. Here are the finest alternatives out there right now

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If you're buy and IP3 player for a first-time owner who doesn't have much music stored on their computer, you need to show them how to import CDs into their collection, make a playlist and transfer music onto their player. Although that stuff seems intuitive if you've been around digital music for a while, it's easy to forget that for people just getting started, everything's new.



SanDisk/Rhapsody Sansa e200: This iPod Nano competitor has one main advantage over Apple's products: It works seamlessly with Real's Rhapsody music subscription service (\$15/month). This means that for one monthly fee, which can be prepaid, the person you have in mind can have access to more than 2 million tracks without paying an extra dime. And unlike some other Rhapsody compatible players, this one lets you tag songs from Rhapsody channels for addition to your collection without using a computer:

For the home, Sonos' Digital Music System integrates incredibly well with Rhapsody's subscription service, letting you listen to your digital music collection plus loads of programmed channels. Whenever you hear something you like on a channel, you can tag it and add it to your collection using the luxurious color Wi-Fi remote.

- 2GB modet \$139
- 4G8 model \$179
- 6GB modet \$219
- 8GB model \$249
- Sonos Digital Music System: \$650 and up

**Sirius Stiletto 100:** This hot little number receives Sinus channels either from satellite or any open Wi-Fi network ---- as well as WEP-secured ones --- in addition

#### Giving the right headphones

In-ear headphones are the best-sounding option in a compact size, since they block out external sound while providing great clarity. Etymotic and Shure both offer great lines of in-ear-headphones (\$69-\$330). For walking or running, look for something that doesn't form a seal with the ear canal; try Sennheiser, Koss and AKG (\$25-\$400). Finally, if you're looking for over-the-ear headphones with active noise cancellation for first-class flyers, go with the Bose QuietComfort 3 (\$349).

to playing MP3s and digital music files purchased from an online music store

• 2GB model \$349

Toshiba S or V: If the person on your list uses Windows Media Player to organize music on their computer, Toshiba's latest players are a great option because they use Windows Portable Media Center, too. Both play audio and video files from Microsoft PlaysforSure-affiliated stores (Rhapsody, Napster, Yahoo). although the V has more battery

- life (8 hours) for videos.
  - Toshiba S white 30GB \$299
  - Toshiba S black 60GB \$399
  - Toshiba V black 30GB \$399

Samsung YP-K5: For an outside-of-the-box thinker who may like to show off just a little bit, the dazzling Samsung YP-KS fits the bill. With a slick stereo speaker that slides out for music sharing a hypnotic spectral analyzer, constellation-like menu animations that morph from one to the other and light-up, touch-sensitive buttons, the K5 is sure to please.

- 2GB model \$209
- 4GB model \$249

Apple iPod: The largest iPod contains a hard drive that can hold a massive amount of music and movies. Available in black or white, it's for the dedicated music collector who wouldn't mind watching some videos while on the go

- 30GB black/white: \$249
- 80GB black/white: \$349

Apple iPod Nano: Serious music collectors will have to rotate music onto the Nano, because it only holds between 2GB and 8GB of music at a time. But that's a lot of music --- after all you can't listen to more than one song at a time. It's the best choice for casual music fans, people who work out with music and travelers that prize compact design.

- 2GB silver model \$149
- 4GB silver/green/blue/p.nk model \$199
- 8GB black model \$249

**Apple iPod Shuffle:** With a built-in clip that secures it to your pocket, belt, bag strap or just about anywhere else, the tiny Pod Shuffle is the perfect iPod to buy someone who wants a no-fuss way to carry around some music from their Tunes library

IGB silver model \$79

# Think unique for \_\_\_\_\_\_wrapping ideas

Gift wrap heightens the sense of anticipation at any occasion by masking the identity of a gift until it's time to reveal the surprise. A well-presented gift can sometimes elicit as much excitement as unearthing what's stored within.

Too often people take the safe, and somewhat boring, route when gift wrapping, relying on preprinted papers or gift-wrap kits. For those looking for interesting and crafty ideas for wrapping presents, here are some unique ways to wrap that you may have not considered.

I Gift boxes come in a variety of colors, so why hide them under gift wrap? Use the box itself to create a personalized package. Simply cut out patterns in the box, such as a snowflake, snowman, candle, etc., depending upon the occasion. Use a sharp cutting too! like an X-acto knife. Line the box with colored tissue paper, and the color will show through the cutouts you've created.

2 Wallpaper can be used for much more than just home decor. With its varied color palettes and styles, creating oneof-a-kind gift wrap is easy. While more expensive than paper gift



wrap, walipaper can lend a feeling of opulence to special gifts, such as jewelry, collectibles and more. Fabric can also be put to use

as gift wrap. It can cover awkward-shaped gifts not easily wrapped by paper. For those who are especially handy, fabric can be sewn to form gift sacks, stockings or wine cozies. Stock up on reduced-price novelty pattern fabric at a local craft store at the end of the season, so the fabric will be on hand come next year.

Or browse the remnants bin for small pieces of fabric that can form a patchwork or wrap small gifts.

Photo by METRO NEWS SERVICE

Other housewares items can also be used when wrapping. Use drapery tassels to tie up gifts in lieu of nbbon. It can make the gift look elegant and expensive. With some drapery tassels costing about \$1 at a discount store, this can be an inexpensive touch that looks like a lot. 5 Make the wrapping part of the gift. Use decorative scarves, hair clips, towels and similar items.

6 Don't throw out a'l of those scraps of nbbon that often become left over. Weave them together so that they cover the lid and bottom of a gift box completely. The result wil certainly be a unique gift wrap.

For those with a dollar store nearby, browse the asles for other inexpensive trinkets or ideas into thoughtful and creative gift wrap

Sometimes simple materials have the most impact. Brown postal paper stamped with a pattern and tied off with raffia will set gifts apart.

O Creativity should not only I e in the gift wrap. Think of clever ways to present the gift to heighten the sense of anticipation. Have the gift recipient follow a set of clues on a treasure hunt. Or hide the gift inside something else. For example, a ring set inside of a rosebud that has not yet opened will yield a wonderful surprise when the flower blooms. --- Metro News Service



# Men: Make it perfect

#### Take some of the guesswork out of shopping for the perfect gift for the women on your list.

#### By Cynthia Grochowski JAL SECTIONS

omen understand the guy's heart is in the right place, but what place was his head in when he selected last year's gift?

Sometimes buying the perfect gift for a woman is more difficult than it seems. For the men who spend this time of year in a gift selection conundrum, here are tips on selecting the right gift for any woman.

#### Pay attention

"Pay attention to her," advised Chris Cortis, owner of Scapparé Salon & Day Spa with his wife Lindsay in South Lyon. "When she's talking to her mom or girlfriends; when she says 'I need this;' or when she leaves a magazine open where you will see it. Focus on the small details to get gift ideas.'

Chns and Lindsay Cortis offer gift certificates to make it easy for men to give a woman pampering attention at Scapparé.

they say they don't." said Lindsay "Women never get waited on, so giving her a break from everyday life is a nice gift."

#### Look at what she already has

"Look at your wife," advised Kevin Ansara. "Does she wear simple jewelry or large or omate? Go with the flow with what they wear."

After 30 years in the jewelry business, Ansara, owner of Diamond Castle in Novi, has a good feel for what gifts will be keepers and which ones will come back.

"Look at what they are looking at and pay attention to the pieces they mention." he advised. Women know what they want. Pay attention to what she is looking at, pay attention to details, what she says about it."

With jewelry Ansara said it is important to pay attention to whether the women wears yellow or white gold ' Don't try a change," he warned

#### Submit to an interview

Ansara advises men to ask the jeweler for



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With a little help from local retailers, finding her the perfect gift can be simple and free of stress.

#### help in selecting a piece of jewelry If a little sparkle is to be in the gift, it is

important to ask for help.

An experienced jeweler will know the right questions to ask you when helping determine an appropriate stone for the woman's gift.

"A diamond is very personal, a colored stone is a little less personal," said Ansara. In groung a women a gift of jewelry, you may be giving the wrong signal with the stone you choose."

#### Shop at the stores she frequents

Are certain types of items always coming home with her from certain stores? Visit those stores and look around for gift ideas

Many speciality stores and boutiques know their frequent customers by name and keep lists of items requested or wished for Ask if her favorite clothing store has her sizes and styles on fle

#### Use the store's wish list

Many stores and service providers offer a wish list service year round to make shopping for special occasion gifts easier Ask if her wish list is available at her favorite salon. jewelry store or boutique or book store Choosing something from her wish list is sure to make it a merry occasion

#### Get it wrapped

Most specialty stores, jewelry stores and boutiques offer free gift wrapping Take advantage of this service. Unless you are certain the woman will appreciate your style of wrapping, go with the store's service. Check the return policy

The best ideas don't always result in the best reception. The perfect ring, for example, could be slightly too large.

Take all of the stress out of the decision by checking with the store to make sure the gift can be returned or exchanged before purchasing it. You may need a gift receipt or need to hang on to the original store receipt just in case

#### Give a gift certificate

"You can't go wrong with a gift card," said Chris McCrory, manager of Gina Agosta Salon in Brighton and Novi.

The award winning salon makes it easy for men since the cards can be used for any service or product at both the Novi and Brighton locations. The cards can be ordered online and delivered standard US mail, sent overnight or picked up at the salon. 'We do anything we can to get the card to them in a timely manner," said McCrory

#### Something to open

When a gift card is the actual present, take care in how it is given

Cardshops have many unique gift card envelopes in different shapes and sizes Tree ornaments designed to hold trinkets are another option

Women do like to have something to open Attach the gift card to a box of her favorite candy, or in the paws of a stuffed animal snuggled inside a gift bag.

Physically, gift cards are small, so take care they are not lost in the unwrapping.



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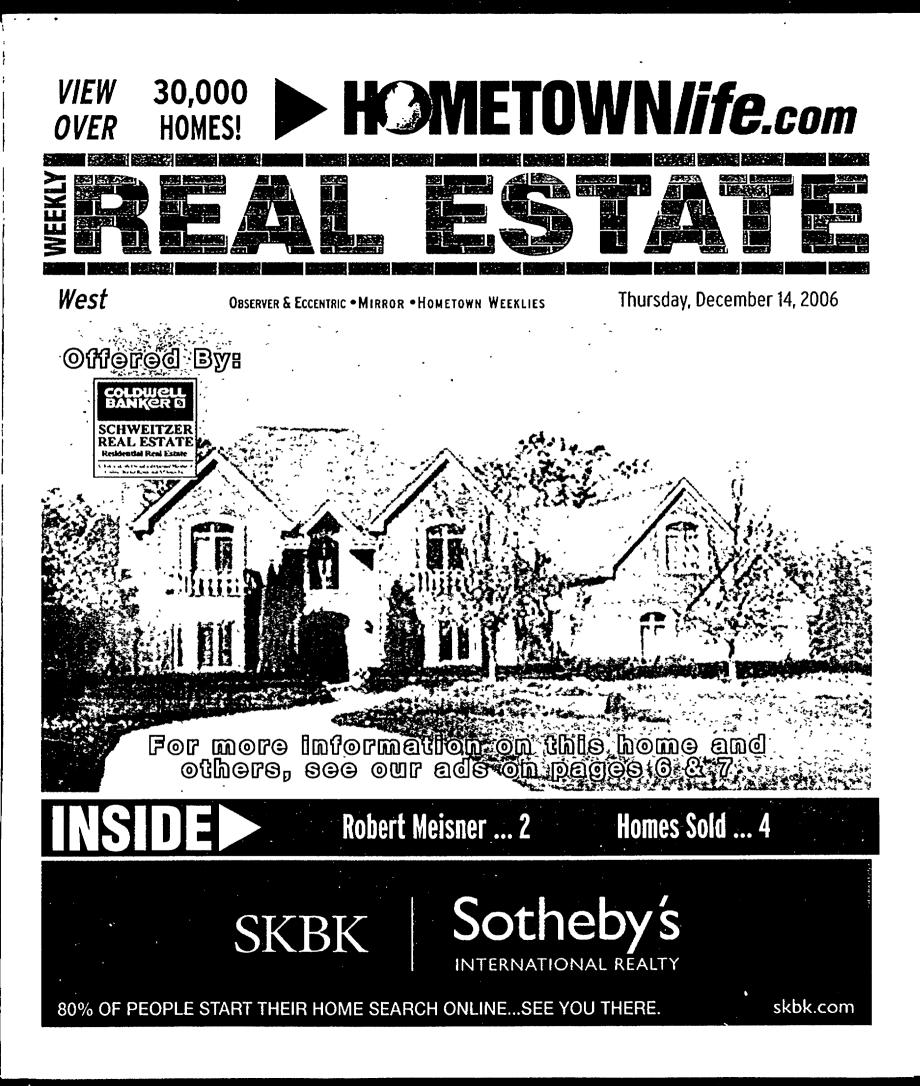


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# Petoskey site of big development

Q. I understand that there is a major development of condos in the downtown Petoskey area and its surroundings. Do you have any information?

A. Yes, there is a major development being constructed in downtown Petoskey, a condominium hotel, as well as a number of condominiums in the surrounding areas including Harbor Springs. Retail development in the area has increased in the downtown area of Petoskey including restaurants and boutique shops. I did note in a recent trip that there were many' properties located for sale on the road leading out of Harbor Springs to Cross Village which appears to indicate that the market is softening and it may be a good opportunity to purchase property in that area.

Q. I understand that there have been various real estate frauds on the rise around the country and in Michigan. Do you have any additional information about it?

A. One type of fraud is home equity/identity fraud. A forged deed is recorded to give the appearance that the perpetrator has acquired owner-



Ouit claim deeds and other documents are forged to give the appearance that a property is being sold in order to avoid foreclosure. Be on the look out for these types of fraudulent situations.

ship of the property. The perpetrator uses the equity in the property as collateral to borrow money. No payments are made on the new loan(s) and the true owner could face foreclosure. Another type of fraud involves home renovation and mort-

gage fraud. Contractors offer to do home improvement work or lenders offer a special "low interest financing" but do not deliver what was promised. Homeowners are left with partially completed substandard construction, or a mortgage payment that is higher than expected. Finally, real estate investment foreclosure fraud involves investors being lured into buying property that is supposedly facing foreclosure for pennies on the dollar. Quit claim deeds and other documents are forged to give the appearance that a property is being sold in order to avoid foreclosure. Be on the look out for these types of fraudulent situations.

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#### Mortgage information

Colonial Mortgage Corp. will offer a free seminar on reverse mortgages at the office at 33919 Plymouth Road, Livonia. The seminar will be held 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14. To learn more, contact Larry Brady at (734) 425-4520 or (800) 260-5484. This seminar is free of charge.

#### Mortgage Credit Coaching Seminar

If your credit score is holding you back from buying a home, you've been turned down for a mortgage or loan, can't pay off those collection accounts or want to improve your score but don't know how, this free seminar may be for you. It is 2-4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 6, at the Public Library of Westland, located at 6123 Central City Parkway, Westland. Call Diane Adamick at (734) 516-8043 to register.

#### Free workshop

A workshop for first-time homebuyers will be held 6-7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, at 28544 Orchard Lake Road, Farmington Hills (just north of 12 Mile on the east side of the road). It is sponsored by Century 21 Today Inc. This free workshop will cover topics such as: how to effectively use the Internet for home searches; why to get preapproved; what paperwork will be required to buy a home; benefits of using a Realtor, and more. On hand will be licensed Realtors

On hand will be licensed Realtors and a mortgage broker to answer your questions.

RSVP by calling (248) 855-2000, Ext. 219, or e-mailing

Mpopp@Century21Today.com.

#### Sales agent tapped

Weir Manuel Realtors has entered into an agreement with Avedian Properties, Birmingham, to be exclusive sales agents for Condor Lofts on Main Street, a new downtown Rochester luxury condominium complex offering quality living and downtown convenience. Fifteen unique floor plans will be offered, ranging from 1200 to 1900 square feet, and priced from mid \$300,000s to low \$600,000s.

"We're very excited about this new relationship with Avedian Properties," said Sue Falk, manager of Weir Manuel, Rochester. "We are proud to offer affordable downtown condo liv-

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| 48852 Amelia Ct       |
| 5936 Beaufort Dr      |
| 50097 Black Horse Ln  |
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| 7291 Burgundy St      |
| 7632 Charrington Dr   |
| 8096 Chatham Ct       |
| 8476 Chatham Dr       |
| 43638 Cherrywood Ln   |
| 43707 Cherrywood Ln   |
| 1411 Copeland Cir     |
| 39901 Coronation Rd   |
| 1630 E Lakeview Ln    |
| 41965 Echo Forest Dr  |
| 5824 Hathaway Rd      |
| 39924 Hillary Dr      |
| 7366 Hillsboro        |
| 4606 Hunters Cir      |
| 7369 Irongate Rd      |
| 2215 Mariowe St       |
| 847 Meadowlake Rd     |
| 44503 N Umberland Cir |
| 1545 Old Bridge Ct    |
| 1954 Paddock Ln       |
| 6891 Pittsford St     |
| 387 Princeton St      |
| 43443 Proctor Rd      |
| 7232 Provincial Ct    |
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| 44975 Rector Dr       |

| 42417 Redfern St        | \$189.000   |
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| 505 Robert Ct           | \$346,000   |
| 8302 Rolling Meadows Dr | \$826,000   |
| 300 S Sheldon Rd        | \$430,000   |
| 44487 Savery Dr         | \$97,000    |
| 45021 Seabrook Dr       | \$335,000   |
| 4285 Sherwood Cir       | \$285,000   |
| 4673 Timberline Dr      | \$250,000   |
| 1856 Trinity Rd         | \$181,000   |
| Farmington              |             |
| 33825 Hamlin Ct         | \$285,000   |
| 23897 Pickett St        | \$232,000   |
| Farmington Hills        |             |
| 27840 Berrywood Ln      | \$98,000    |
| 34642 Bunker Hill Dr    | \$252,000   |
| 22800 Clear Lake Dr     | \$330,000   |
| 28092 Golf Pointe Blvd  | \$358,000   |
| 28899 Hidden Tri        | \$525,000   |
| 35302 Hillside Dr       | \$170,000   |
| 33475 Leisure Ln        | \$375,000   |
| 22489 Middlebelt Rd     | \$84,000    |
| 24056 Middlebelt Rd     | \$68,000    |
| 31828 N Marklawn St     | \$210,000   |
| 21224 Ontaga St         | \$71,000    |
| *21535 Orchard Lake Rd  | \$160,000   |
| 24601 Orchard Lake Rd   | \$195,000   |
| 29717 Pendleton Club Dr | \$129,000   |
| 38172 Saratoga Cir      | \$199,000   |
| 30683 Tanglewood        | ~ \$280,000 |
| 24562 Toddy Ln          | \$290,000   |
| 30078 W 12 Mile Rd      | \$69,000    |
| 28426 W Eight Mile Rd   | \$54,000    |
| 21650 Waldron St        | \$170,000   |
| Garden City             |             |
| 32941 Barton St         | \$115,000   |
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| 1615 Balsam Way        | \$670,000 |
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| Northville             |           |
| 49633 Seven Mile Rd    | \$835,000 |
| 16305 Aspen Valley Dr  | \$780,000 |
| 19469 Cardene          | \$234,000 |
| 44023 Cypress Point Dr | \$404,000 |
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| 49200 Parkshore Ct     | \$650,000 |
| 49082 Running Trout Ln | \$149,000 |
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| 17139 Victor Dr        | \$343,000 |
| 16246 White Fir Ct     | \$598,000 |
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| 30734 Ardmore Ct       | \$40,000  |
| 47321 Autumn Park Ct   | \$450,000 |
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| 24503 Christina Ln     | \$251,000 |
| 24653 Edgewood Dr      | \$240,000 |
| 23005 Ennishore        | \$263,000 |
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| 24336 Knollwood St     | \$195,000 |
| 40668 Lenox Park Dr    | \$362,000 |
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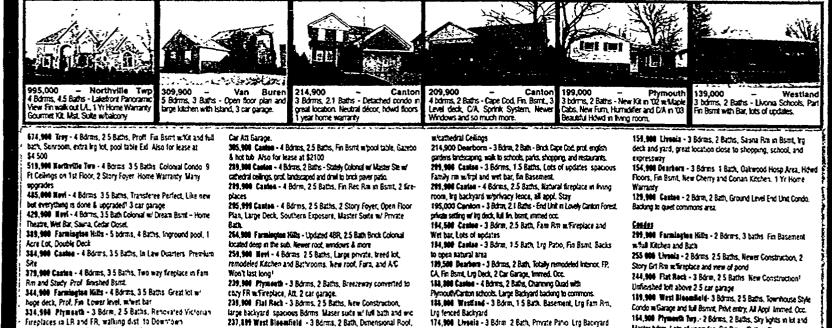
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Another Field Superintendent course, "Planning and Scheduling," 8 a.m. to noon Monday, Dec. 18, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills. Chuck Breidenstein of Builder Professional Services Group Inc. is the instructor. Fee is \$150. To register, call (248) 862-1033.

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Annual economic forecast for 2007 noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, at the Best Western Sterling Inn, 34911 Van Dyke in Sterling Heights. David F. Seiders, chief economist for the National Association of Home Builders in Washington, D.C., will provide an outlook for the residential construction industry for the U.S. and southeastern Michigan. Lunch is included. Fees are \$40 for BIA and Apartment Association of Michigan members, \$60 for guests. To register, call (248) 862-1033.





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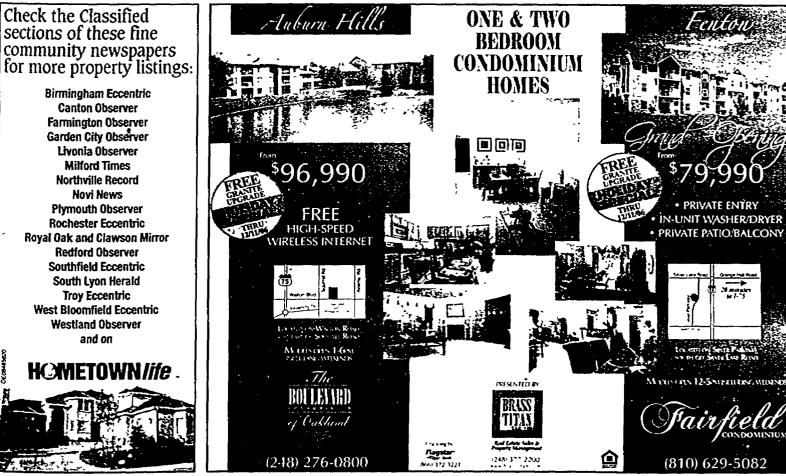
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# Funds support historic preservation efforts

The Michigan Architectural Foundation, along with the Clannad Foundation, is accepting applications for the Evans Memorial Grant for Historic Preservation, A \$5,000 grant will be awarded to a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization that can demonstrate a creative solution to a preservation problem.

An application form and further information is available online at www/aiami.com or by calling MAF headquarters at (313) 965-4100. A Jan. 10 deadline has been set and the award will be made at the annual Celebration

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Now in its ninth year, the Evans Grant seeks to be a catalyst for the continued use of Michigan's historic building stock. The first award went to the Shielding Tree Nature Center to restore the Lawr Farm, in Port Oneida, for adaptive reuse. The farm is one of several that are within the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore Park.

The second award went to the Coopersville Area Historical Society for the restoration of Interurban Car No. 8. Coopersville was commended for saving an example from America's recent past.

No. 3 was the Pewabic House in Houghton in the Upper Peninsula. The house is the family home of Mary Chase Stratton, the founder of Pewabic Pottery. The pottery was a leader in the art pottery movement of the early 20th century, and is still in business in Detroit.

Back down state for No. 4, the Corktown Tenement House is one of the few surviving examples of an Irish workers' cottage left in Detroit. The long-term goal is to restore the house for use as a Tenement Museum. For now, the Evans Grant provided funds to repair the roof.

For the fifth year, the grant went to the Upper Peninsula to Newberry to help restore the Turret of the 1894 Queen Ann Style Sheriff's Residence for the Luce County Historical Society.

In the sixth year, the award went to the Pettibone Creek Hydroelectric Station in Milford to replace the quarry tile floor in an Art Deco structure that was designed by Albert Kahn as a power plant for Henry Ford in 1939.

No. 7 went to the Phoenix of the Detroit Fire Department to assist in the restoration of Engine 11, an 1883 firehouse on Gratiot in Detroit. The firehouse was in service until 1989. The planned renovation includes an overhaul of the building's mechanical systems and improvements to the exterior.

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MiRealSource is a Michigan-based broker-owned multiple listing service. The agreement, which is exclusive to MiRealSource in the state of Michigan, gives all members free access to the Listingbook's basic services package. MiRealSource members will also receive a discount on the Premium Services package.

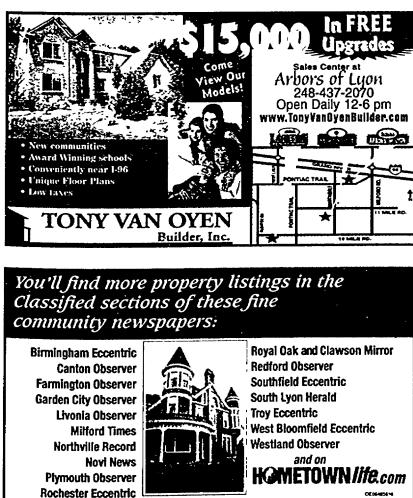
"MiRealSource is focused on providing members an outstanding value proposition," Bratt said. "With the addition of the exclusive Listingbook product, our members will be armed with the finest tools in the real estate industry."

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outdoor education and pioneer living to his Haslett Middle School students.

Budget cuts ended that program and the building fell into disrepair. The school district gave the building to the Friends of Historic Meridian in 2005 who moved it to Okemos where it will be restored and used to demonstrate local history. Although the foundation does not usually support the relocation of historic structures, vandalism, because of its remote location, threatened the survival of one of the few pieces of primitive architecture left in Michigan and an exception was made.

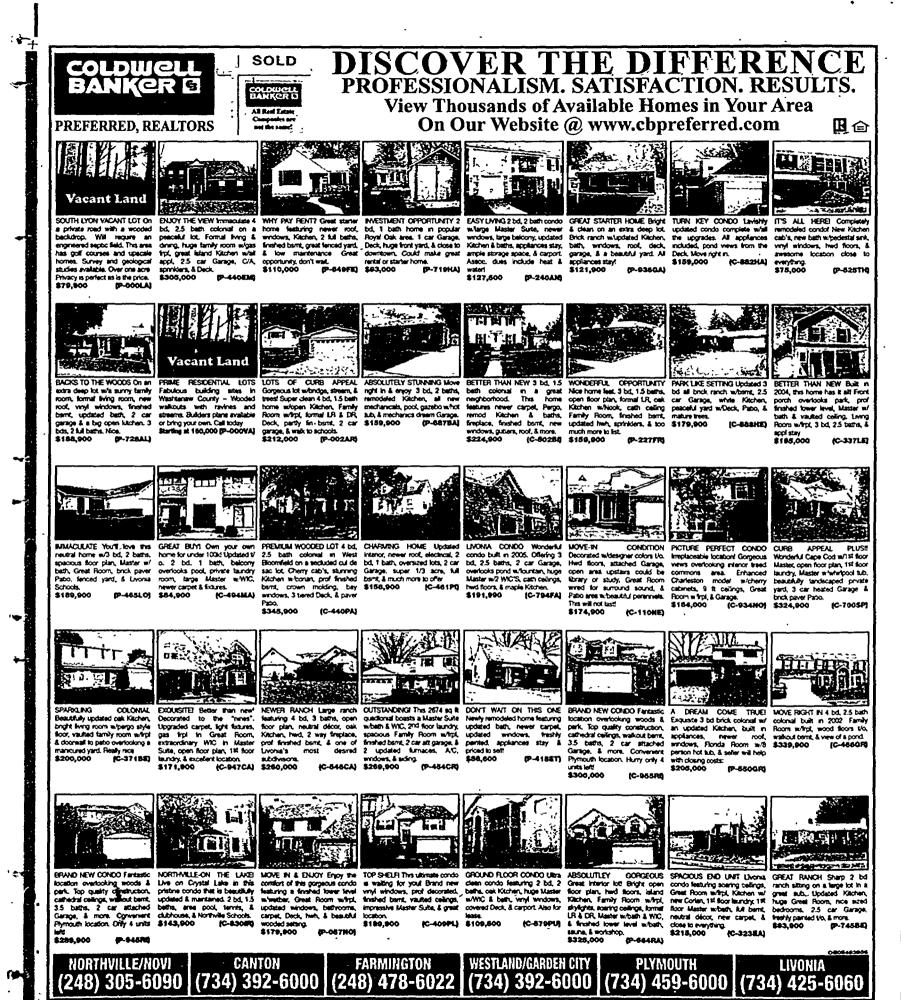
Evans, of Ann Arbor, was a leading advocate for innovative historic preservation. He was a founding partner of Quinn/Evans Associates. Evans died in 1998.

The Clannad Foundation was founded in 1995 by Jeanne and Ralph Graham of Bloomfield Hills to support nonprofits in the fields of social action, hunger, environmental acquisition and advocacy, cultural education, emergency housing and education.

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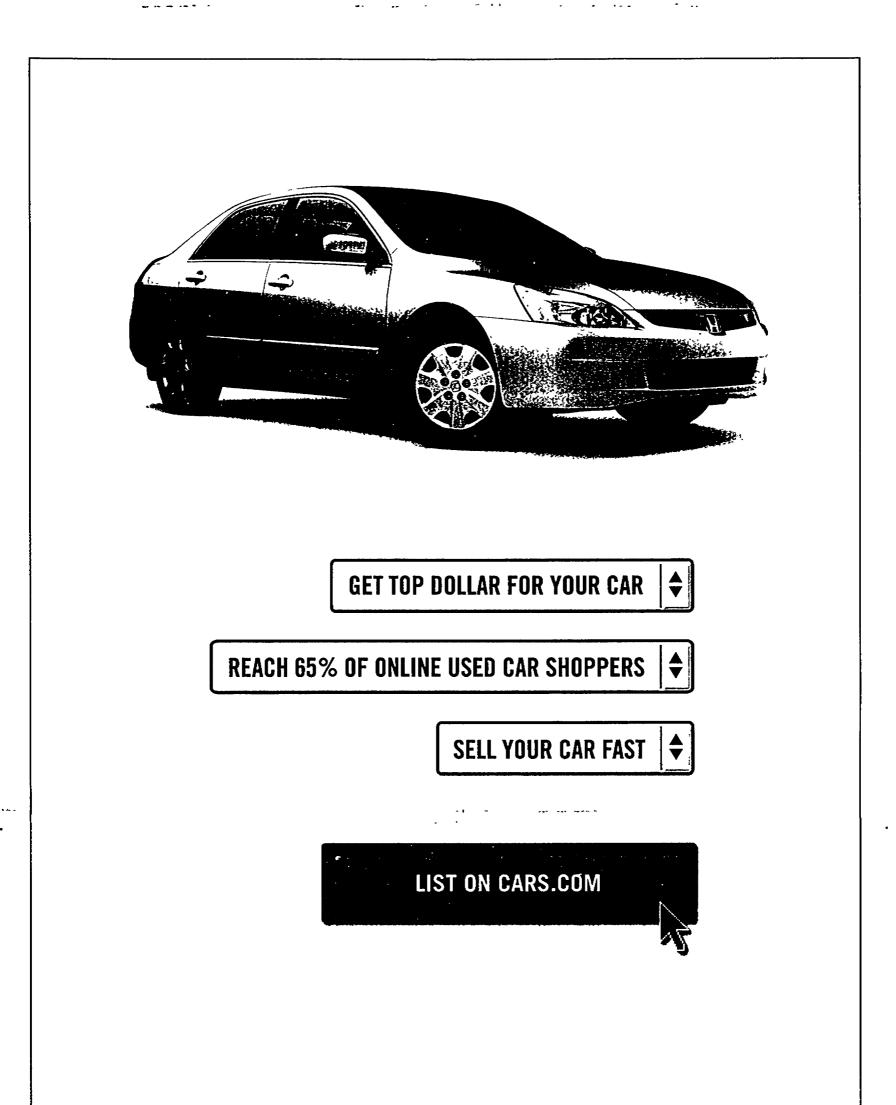
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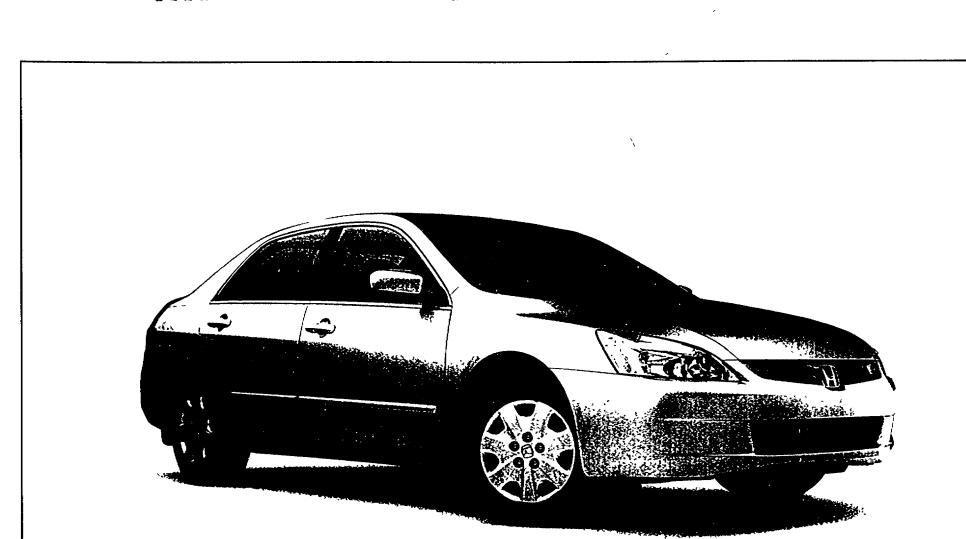
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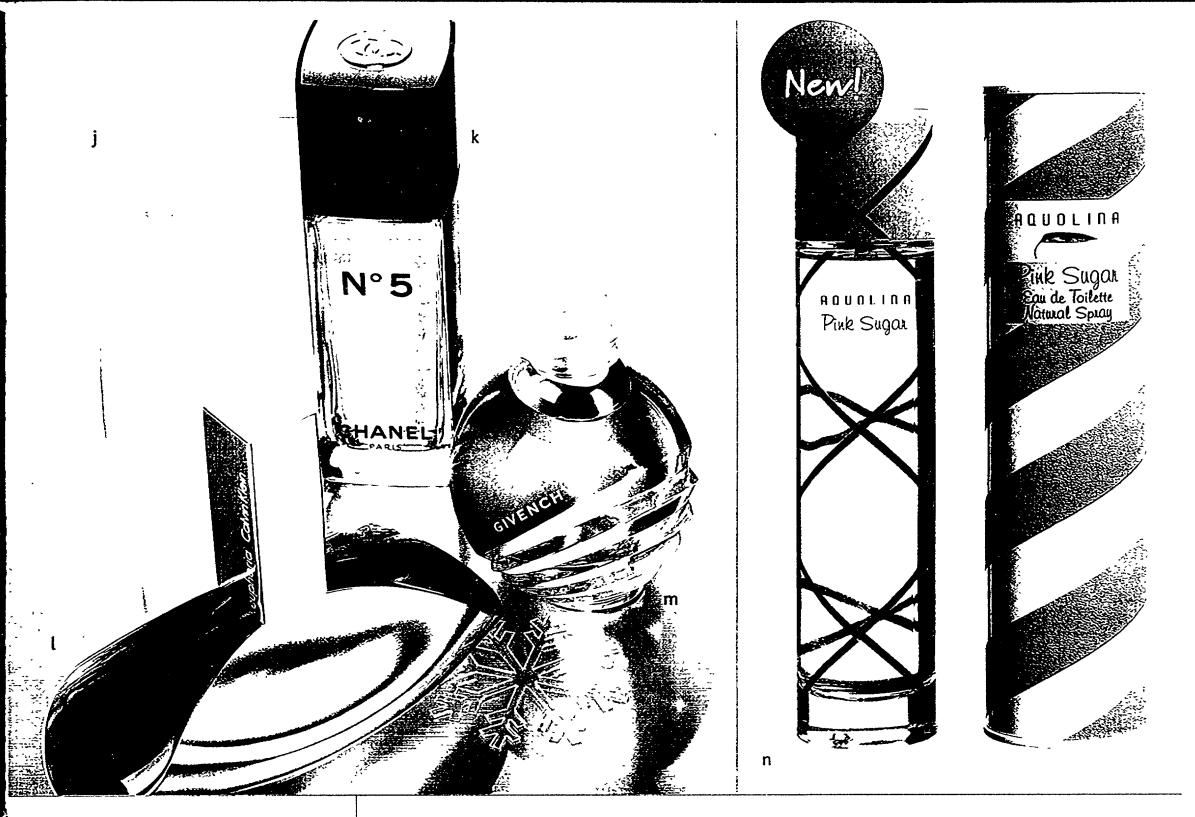
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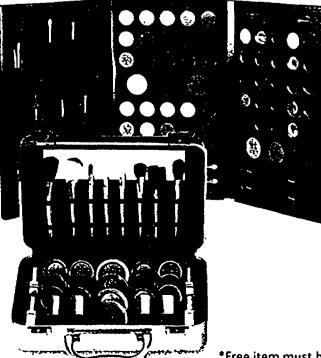
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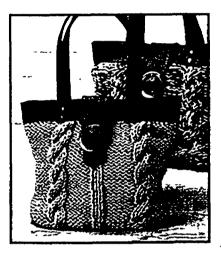


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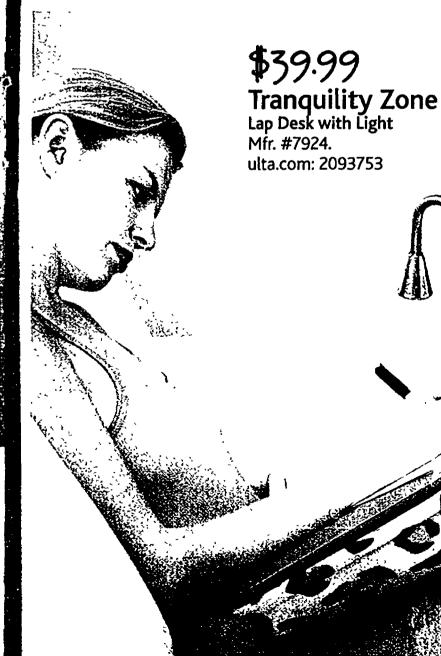
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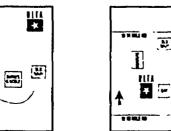
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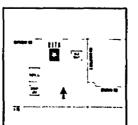
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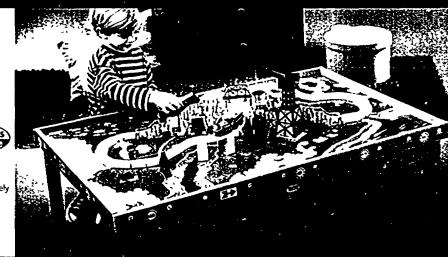
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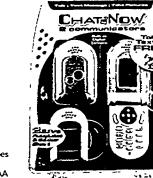
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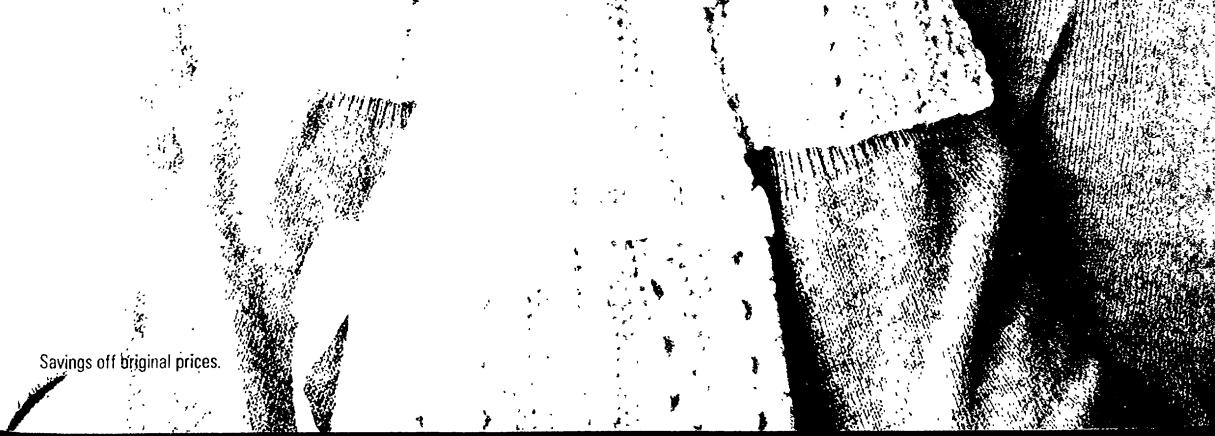
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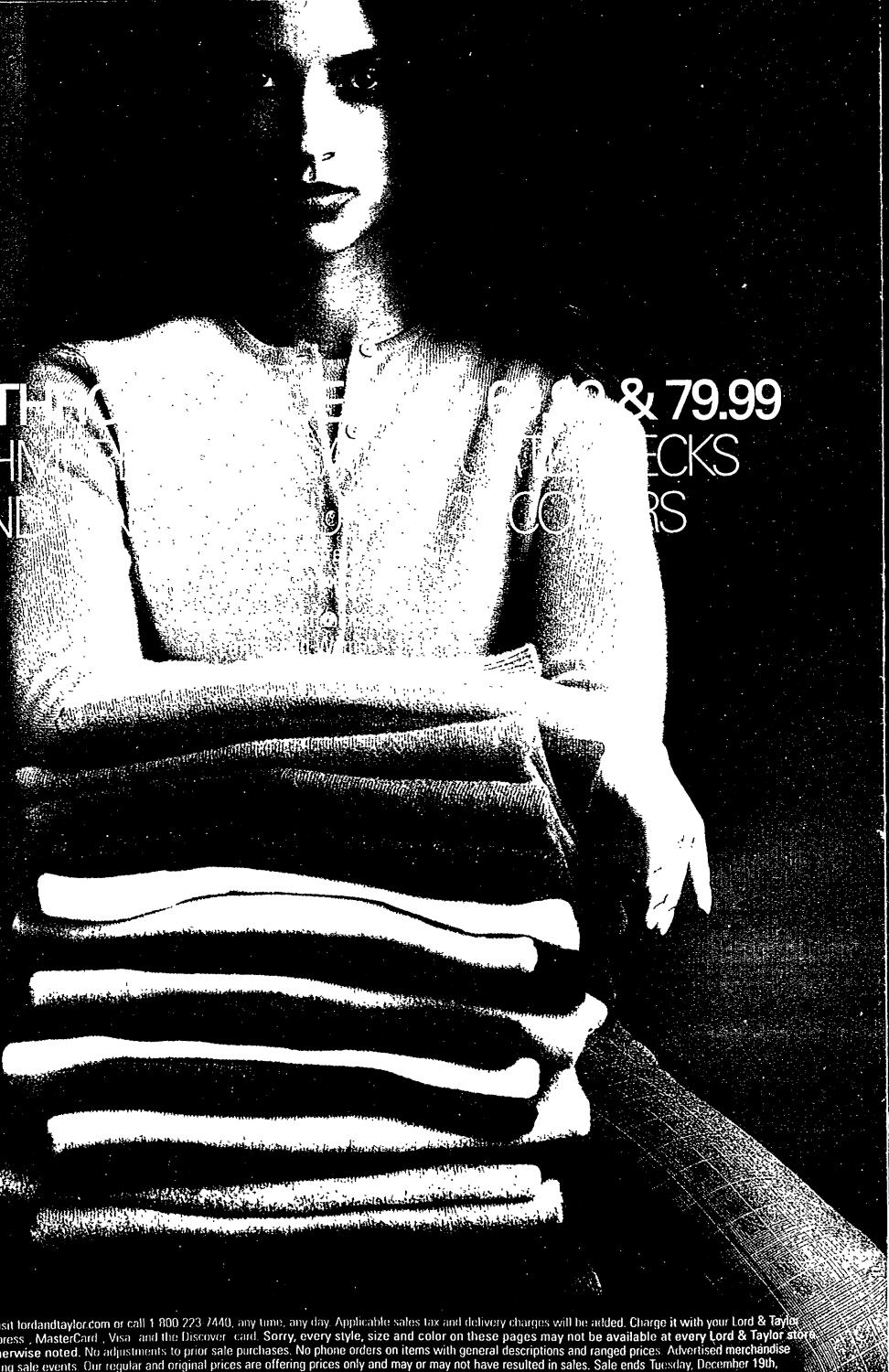
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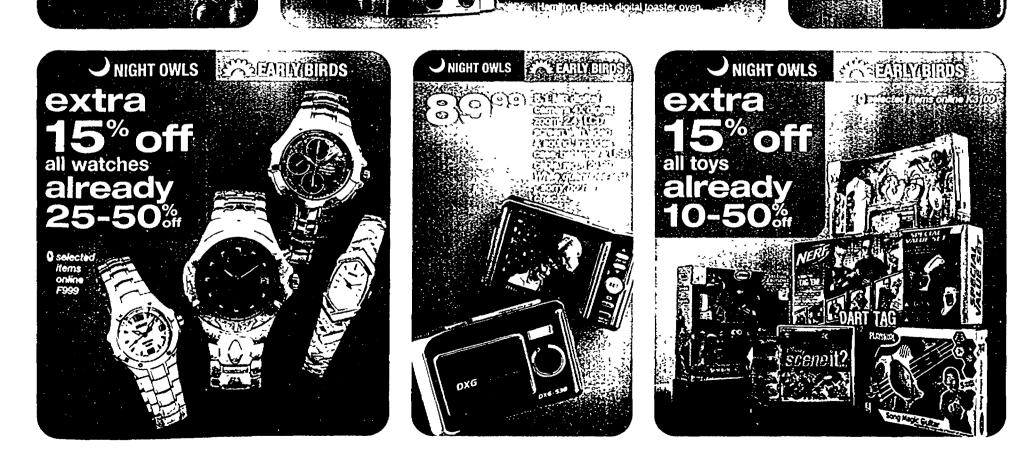
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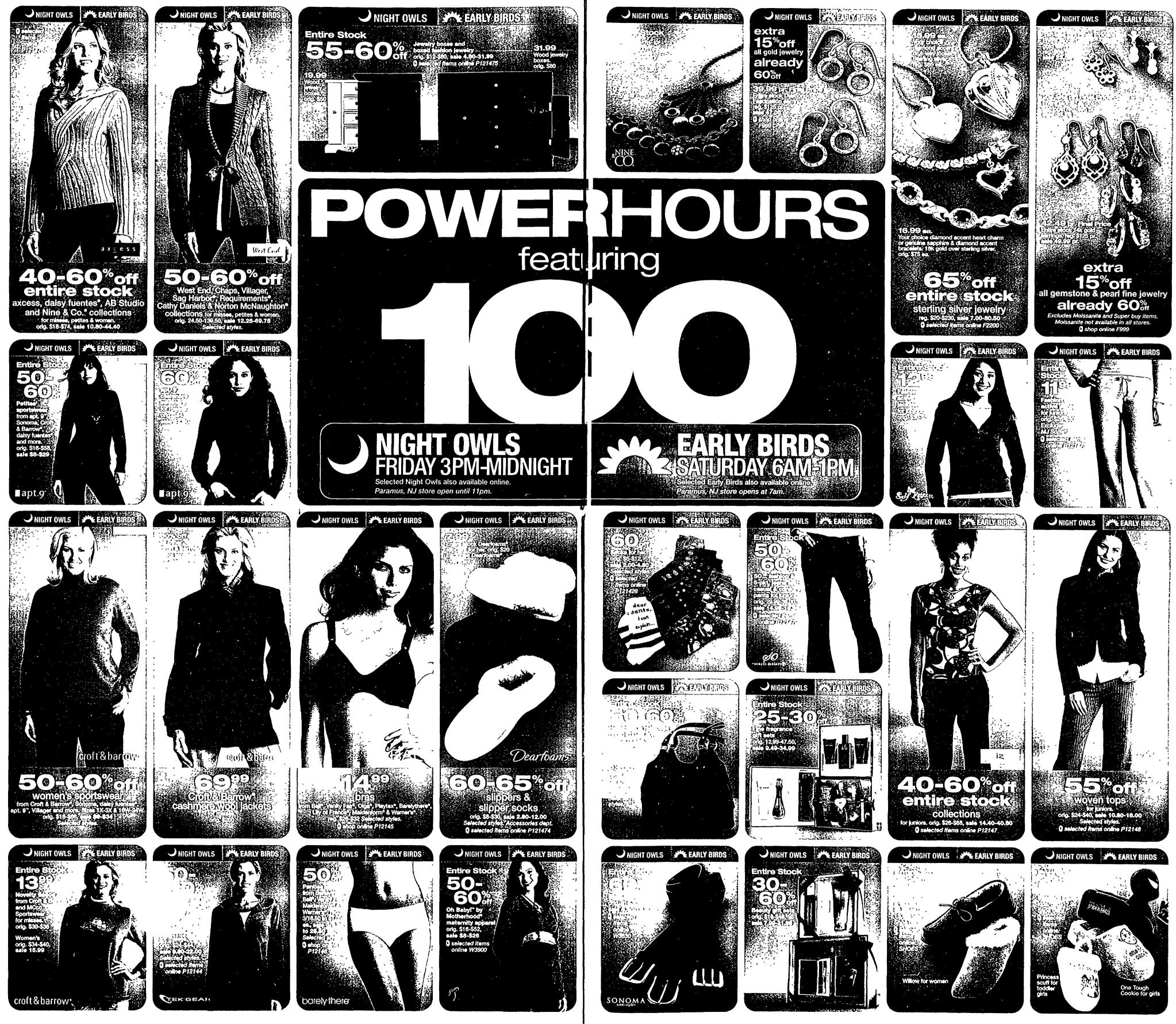
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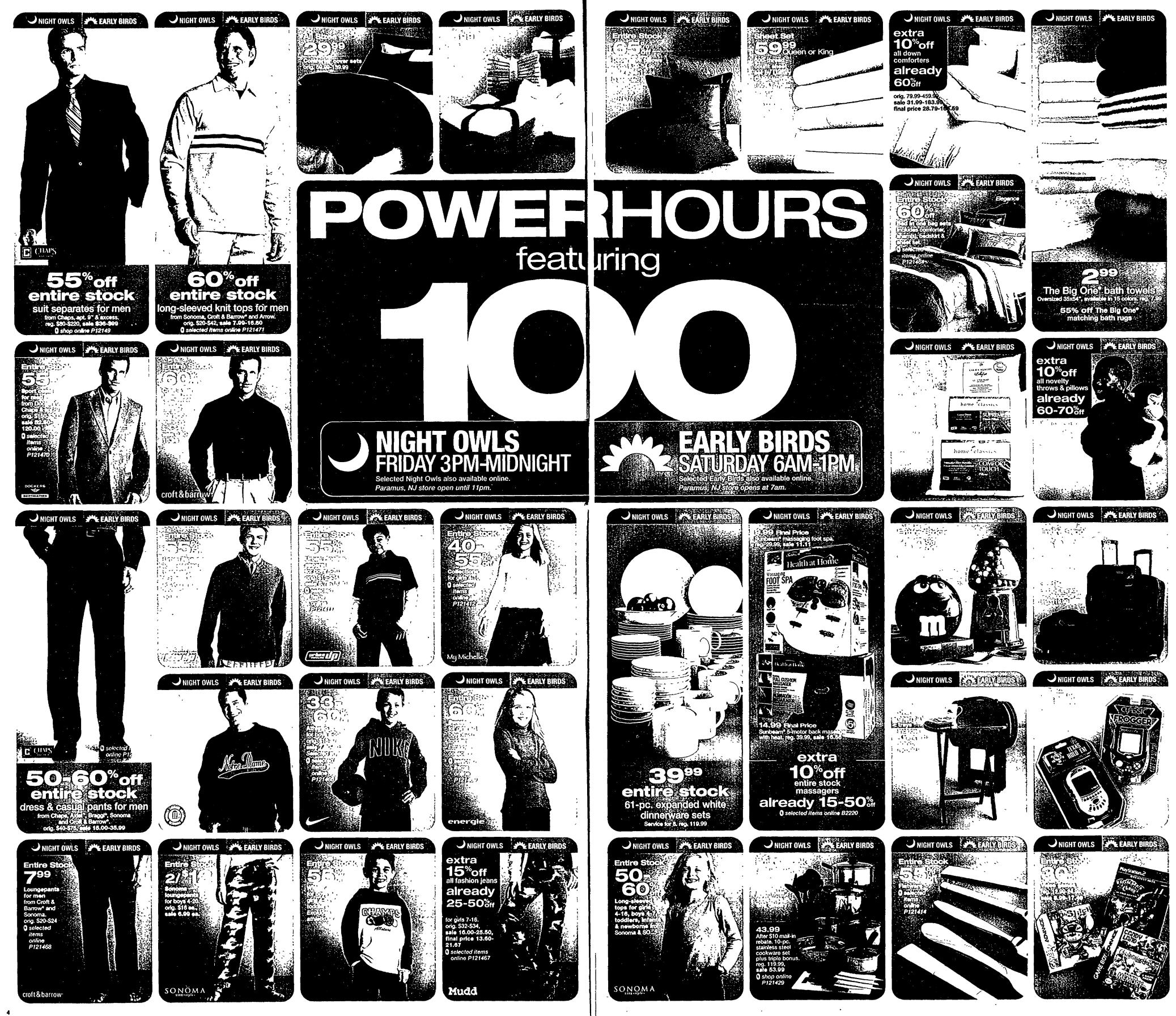
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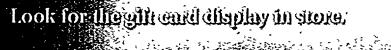


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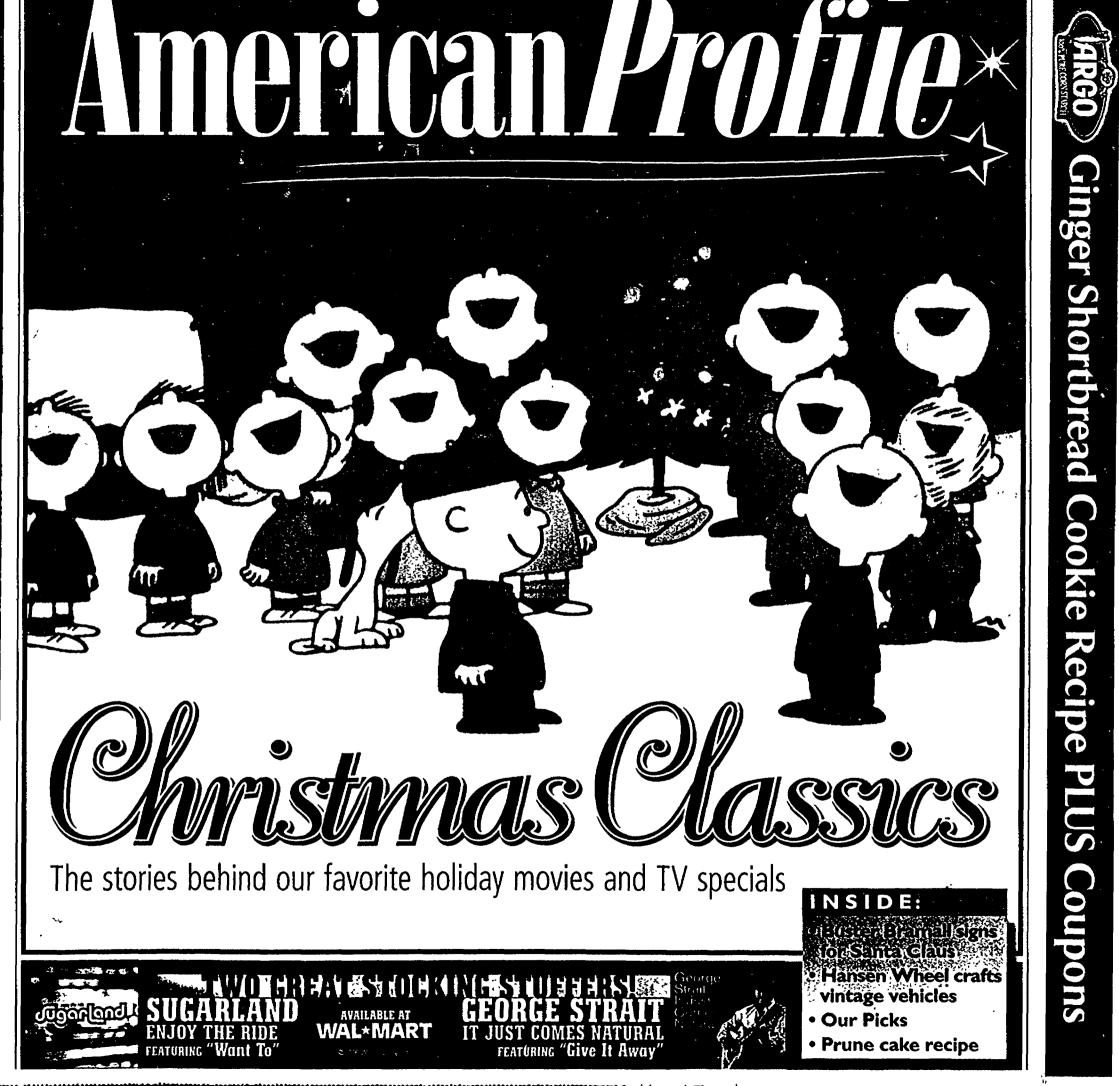
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**Q** I saw a group called Celtic Woman on PBS and was captivated. Please tell me about them.

-Maria MacKay. Richmond, Ky.

The five young Irish women in the spellbinding group Celtic Woman mix traditional Irish tunes with timeless classics and contemporary numbers. Their new Christmas CD, A Christmas Celebration, features "O Holy Night," "Little Drummer Boy" and "Silent Night" alongside

and "Silent Night" alongside The perfomers in Co the St. Thomas Aquinas hymn "Panis Angelicus," the 12th-century Irish song "The Wexford Carol" and the traditional Celtic ballad "Don Oiche Ud I mBeithil." The group's self-titled 2005 debut CD spent 68 weeks at No.1 on the sales-based *Billboard* World Music Chart, setting a new record.



V I like Dirty Jobs, hosted by Mike Rowe. Could you tell me a little about him? —Dee Arthur, West Baden

Springs, Ind. The multi-talented host of the Discovery Channel

series Dirty Jobs—which takes him every week inside an occupation too icky for most people to undertake—has sung professionally with the Balt-

Dirty Jobs' Mike Rowe more Opera, appeared in several dozen Tylenol commercials, and hosted Worst Case Scenario for TBS, The Most for the History Channel, No Relation for Fox, New York Expeditions for PBS and Evening Magazine in San Francisco, where he resides. Rowe also has performed in dozens of theatrical productions and narrated more than 1,000 hours of other TV programs.

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#### **Toby Keith Stars in Broken Bridges**

Singer-songwriter Toby Keith made his acting debut in the first CMT Film, Broken Bridger, which opened this fall in theaters nationwide. Now CMT hosts the exclusive TV broadcast premiere of the movie, which also stars Kelly Preston, newcomer Lindsey Haun, Willie Nelson and Burt Reynolds, on Friday, Dec. 15 at 7 p.m. Central. Watch for the DVD release of Broken Bridges on Jan. 9, 2007!



The perfomers in Celtic Woman mix traditional and contemporary songs.

**Q** We have always been fans of Don Stroud, but have not seen him in any movies or TV shows lately. The last time we saw him it looked as if he had an eye injury.

-Kathy Wright, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Actually, the prolific TV and movie

actor, now 64, lost an eye one night in **Actor Don Stroud** 1992 when he intervened in a mugging in New York City. "I stepped in to help and was stabled six times," he recalls. "The eye I have now is false." Last year, Stroud retired and returned to Hawaii, where he grew up and started in show business as Troy Donahue's surf double in the 1960s TV series *Hauanian Eye*. "I did over 100 movies and 250 television shows," says the actor, who often played villains or other unswory characters. "People ask me what my favorite was, and all I can say is I'm proud that I did that much work."



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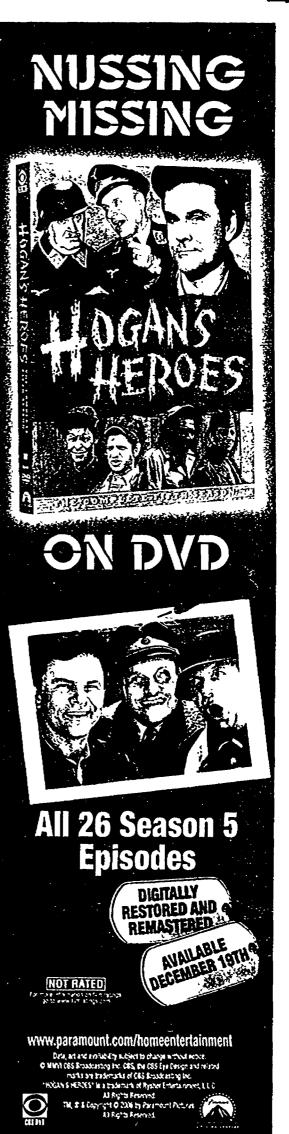
*Idol.* She co-wrote five of the songs on her new CD, *Small Toun Girl.* "My Angel" is about her grandmother, who taught Pickler to be a dreamer. "You can't give up on your dreams, 'cause sometimes, that's all you have," she says.

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While you'll undoubtedly revisit your favorite movies and TV specials this holiday season, you may find a gem you've overlooked in our roundup of classic Christmas films—and begin a new tradition!

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#### Is a Wonderful Life

It's hard to imagine a time when this perennial Christmas favorite by Frank Capra wasn't an American classic. Though it failed miserably when released to theaters in 1946, the movie starring Jimmy Stewart found new life in the 1960s when shown on television. During a season steeped in family, customs and memories, the graceful, sentimental tale of a man who learns his life is far more valuable than he thought offers an especially moving message. "The notion that we're not appreciating our life is a very powerful one," Turan says. "And it's one that people seem to really want to take to heart."

#### Miracle on 35th Street

Twentieth Century Fox executive Darryl F. Zanuck felt this 1947 story set in Macy's department store at Christmastime was far too corny, and insisted on a summer release to avoid losing too much money. Instead, audiences fell in love

with the film starring Maureen O'Hara and an adorable 8-year-old Natalie Wood as a mother and daughter who learn the importance of faith. The film played packed theaters through Christmas. "I think people really want to believe in Santa Claus," Siegel says. "And what movie does it better?"

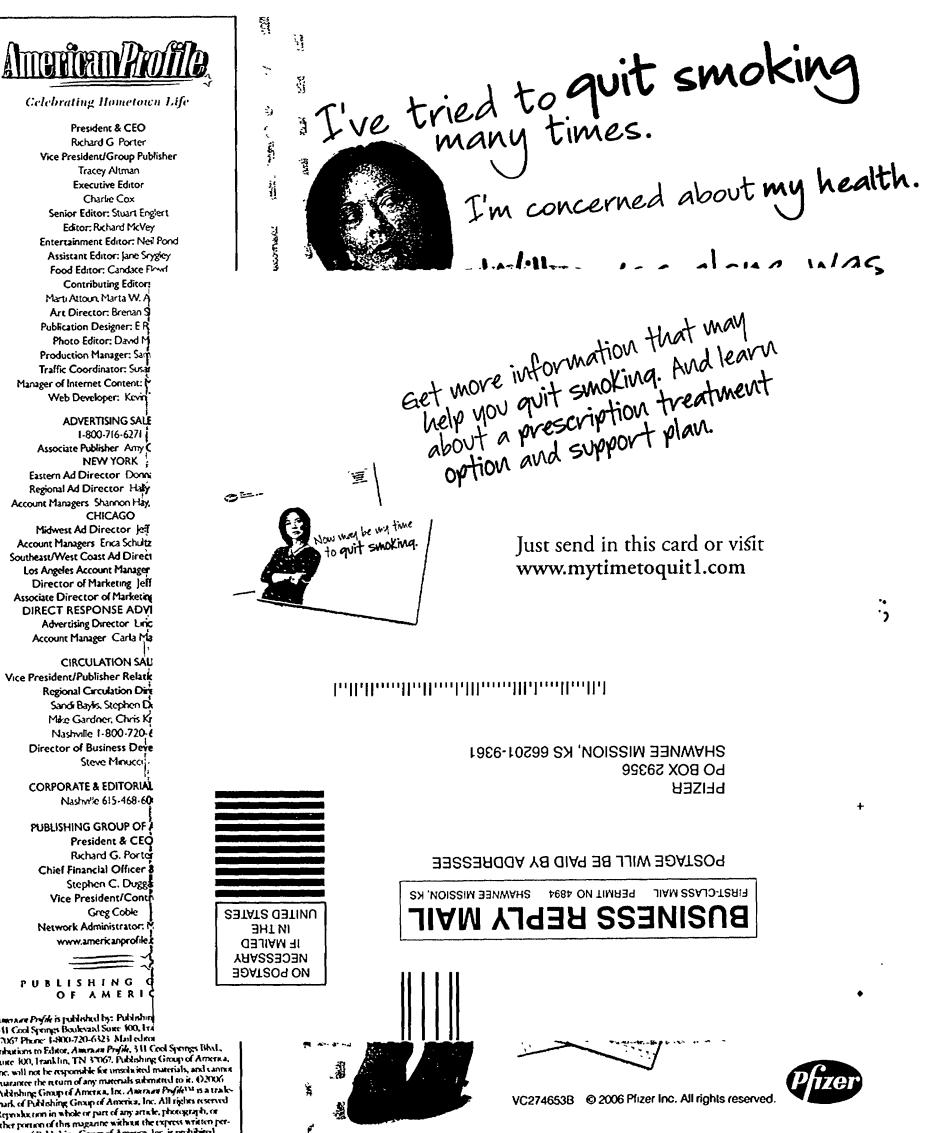


by KATIE DODD

Stars Cary Grant, David Niven and Loretta Young The Bishop's 70 ife

"Cary Grant is the angel of the piece and has never appeared to greater advantage," wrote Variety upon the release of this 1947 film based on Robert Nathan's novel. Grant provides much of the magic of the movie, a story about a bishop and his wife, played by David Niven and Loretta Young, whose plans to build a new cathedral are altered by divine intervention. Like many holiday favorites, the story demonstrates how easy it is to become consumed by the tangible, when it's the intangibles that truly count. (Continued on page 6)

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The Grinch still steals hearts every Christmas.

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How the Grinch Stole Christmas When director Chuck Jones brought Dr. Seuss' beloved story to TV in 1966, he already had revolutionized Looney Tunes during his tenure as director of animation at Warner Bros. But the Grinch, voiced by Boris Karloff, is one of his most enduring characters. "The way Jones' characters were drawn, it was almost as if they were aware of the drama," says film and TV critic Matt Zoller Seitz, "There is a psychological depth to the Grinch that very few live action characters have."

The red-nosed reindeer finds favor with the boss in 1964's Rudolph.



Peanuts creator Charles Shulz stood his ground with TV execs to keep a spiritual message in his Christmas special.

#### 1 Charlie Brown Christmas

When network executives heard the concept of the first Peanuts holiday special, they feared it was too contemplative, and lobbied for more laughs and less religion. But author Charles Schulz persisted, creating the film's most unforgettable scene: As the Peanuts' Christmas play comes to a close, Linus recites the Bible verse Luke 2: 8-14. "It complements It's a Wonderful Life in that Charlie Brown also feels like he doesn't belong," says Seitz, whose essay on the TV special was reprinted in a book celebrating its 35th anniversary. "It's really about the conflict between the temporary and the eternal-the temporary being the things you own and the eternal being much larger. Essentially, Charles Schulz made a film that said Christmas is about more than selling products."

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This 1983 film also performed poorly in theaters, but now rivals It's a Wonderful Life for most popular holiday movie. Based on a book by Canadian humorist Jean Shepherd, the offbeat comedy details a young boy's all-consuming desire for a BB gun, undeterred by adults who repeatedly warn that he'll shoot his eye out. Using creative camera techniques-which often make adults seem like giants who speak a secret languagedirector Bob Clark tells the story through the eyes of his young lead character, Ralphie Parker. "It's an adult remembering what it was like to

be a child at Christmas; it's really Christmas seen from the inside out," says Seitz. "And every kid can sympathize with wanting that one particular toy!"



Ho ho ho: Ralphle meets Santa in A Christmas Story

#### Rudelph the Red Nesed Reindeer] Tresty the Snowman

Animation has evolved significantly in the past few decades, yet this pair of TV specials, produced in the 1960s by Jules Bass and Arthur Rankin Jr., continues to capture viewers' hearts. Fronty, a 1969 animated short film, features familiar voices such as Jimmy Durante and June Foray (best known as Rocky from "Rocky and Bullwinkle"), while 1964's Rudolph features the kind of hand-manipulated, stop-motion animation rarely seen in the age of computer-generated imagery. "You can't beat work that was made by human hands," Seitz says. "So much animation being done today wants to look real, and those specials are more like a children's storybook."



#### **Bing Crosby and Rosemary Clooney**

#### White Christmas

'That song was unstoppable," Siegel says. Written for the 1942 film Holiday Inn, Bing Crosby's "White Christmas" was such a smash hit that it inspired this 1954 musical about a song-and-dance duo who set out to save a failing Vermont inn run by their former U.S. Army general. Patriotism, nostalgia, romance and top-notch musical numbers from Crosby, Rosemary Clooney, Danny Kaye and Vera Ellen make it an exuberant holiday favorite.

#### Bells of St. Mary's

Conventional wisdom says sequels are never as good as the original. But this 1945 follow-up to Going My Way, which also starred Bing Crosby as the affable Father O'Malley, proves otherwise, earning the first-ever Oscar nomination for a sequel. The film, which also stars Ingrid Bergman as a nun trying to save a struggling Catholic school, has only a handful of Christmas scenes, but its touching message about the joy of giving makes it ideally suited to the time of year.

#### 1 Christmas Carol

Charles Dickens' tale of a gruff miser who gets a Christmas Eve wake-up call has been re-created countless times, owing to its universal story and vivid characters. The definitive version is the 1951 film starring Alastair Sim as Scrooge, but a version made for CBS in 1984 featuring George C. Scott is loved by many critics. Luckily for parents, there are also several ways to expose kids to the story's important lesson about charity, from 1992's The Muppet Christmas Carol to the animated Minkey's Christmas Cand from 1983. "Minkey's Christmas Card is very sweet, and it's not afraid to be sentimental," Siegel says. "That's something that makes a great Christmas movie-it's not afraid to go right for the heart."

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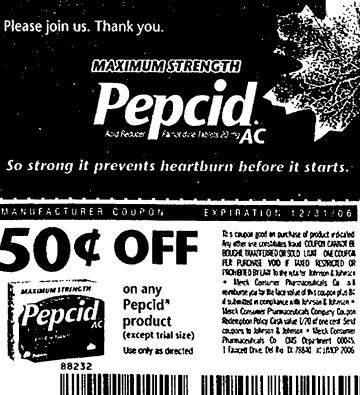
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Hometown Hero

Santa Claus sits in a plump, velvet chair in Plano, Texas, while children with gaptoothed grins, excited eyes and even a few tearful faces line up behind him. The children have never heard Santa's jolly "ho, ho, ho," and many have never sat in his lap to share a Christmas wish list. But this Santa's helper has a surprise. He knows sign language.

"When they notice I can sign, there's a glow that comes over their faces," says Buster Bramall, of Waxahachie, Texas (pop. 24,205), who has portrayed Santa for hearing impaired children for more than 30 years.

The opportunity for the kids to communicate directly with Santa is what makes the experience so special. In the past, many had to send messages to Santa through siblings or friends. Although Bramall is not hearing impaired, his parents were deaf, so he understands the children's frustrations.

"Before I learned to sign, if my daddy didn't understand



A delighted Lauren Bruce, 5, hugs Santa in Plano, Texas.

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As Santa, Buster Bramall uses sign language to communicate with Arely Basurto, 7, as she shares her Christmas wish list.

something I was trying to tell him, he would say, 'Tell your sister,' (who knew how to sign)," Bramall says. "But I didn't want to tell my sister everything I wanted Daddy to know. It was like going through a third party."

Bramall, now 53, was in his 20s when he began playing Santa Claus for children in a deaf education program in Corsicana, Texas (pop. 26,014), and five years ago he also began appearing at The Shops at Willow Bend mall in Plano, Texas. Between the two locations, about 200 hearing impaired children shared their Christmas wishes with Bramall last year.

Speech therapist Sarah Gillette brought a group of 3and 4-year-olds from the Mesquite Regional Day School for the Deaf to the Plano event. As each child left Santa's lap, she gave them high-fives and pats on the back. "The kids are used to being in places where people can't communicate with them, so to come here and have someone who can talk to them is really special," she says.

Stella Ashley of Dallas, a long-time friend of Bramall's, plays Mrs. Claus. Like Bramall, she is not hearing impaired, but her parents were deaf and she learned to sign as a chikl. As Mrs. Claus, she greets the chiklren using sign language and finds out their names and what they want for Christmas, passing along the information



Angel Rauls, 7, of Dallas, attends the Dallas Regional Day School for the Deaf and was excited to talk to Santa at the Plano mall. "I asked Santa for roller skates," she says. "If I get them, I'll probably skate with my friends, and I might be able to teach my younger brothers and sisters to skate."

Angel has a good grasp of sign language, but some children who are just learning to sign bring pictures of the toys they would like. No matter their signing skills, Bramall says communicating with the kids is not difficult, though sometimes their requests can be heartbreaking.

"One girl asked me for a mama and dackly," he says. "It's times like these that I almost lose it and have to breathe deep."

Bramall is a self-proclaimed emotional guy, but Ashley says his enthusiasm, sense of humor and love of chiklren make him the perfect Santa. Those same qualities have guided Bramall's work for the past 18 years at the Lena Pope Home, an organization in Fort Worth, Texas, that aids struggling families and supports children in foster homes. Bramall is the director of properties and also founded a program that helps 18year-olds acquire their first vehicle after being released from the foster care system.

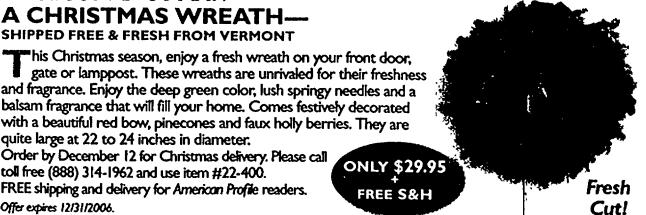
Bramall says he "just tries to help out wherever he can," but sharing his creative energy enables him to give priceless gifts to those he meets at work or as Santa.

"As Santa, he's able to bring a certain amount of pleasure to these children, and he is very dedicated to whatever project or commitment he has made," Ashky says. "He's a hoot, and I just love him." ->

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- I cup cold butter, cut into 1-inch pieces DecACake' Icings and Decorations

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Divide in hall, wrap in plastic wrap (hill a minimum of 2 hours ROLL dough on lightly floured surface to 1/4 inch thickness. Cut with cookie cutters. Place on baking sheets BAKE for 11 to 13 minutes at 350°F in a preheated oven. Cool on wire racks

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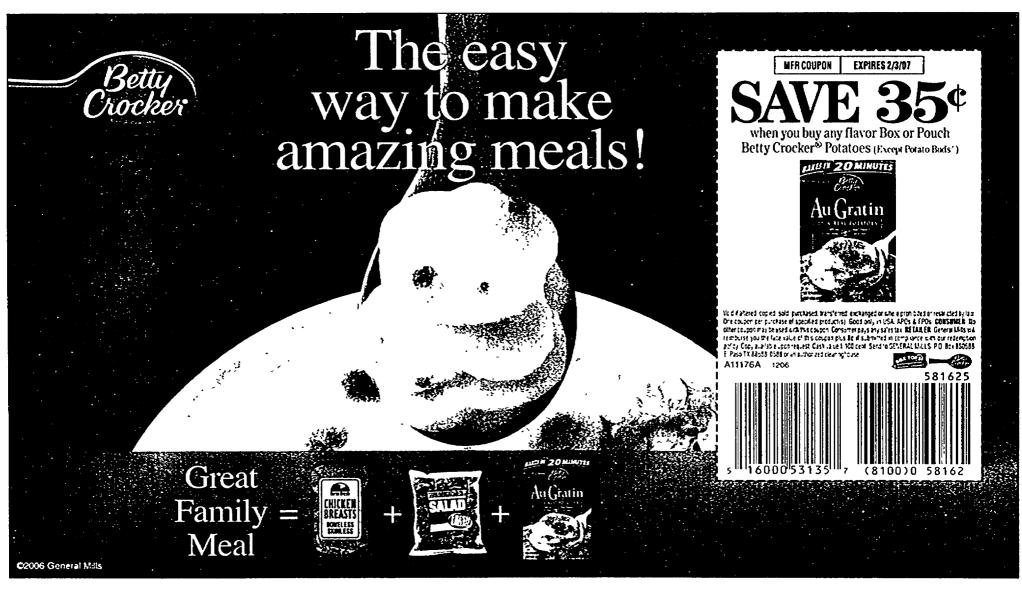




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They can also take a vacation home or a second car. In

addition, (except for a small personal spending allowance and a health insurance payment allowance) your entire Social Security or pension check can be taken to cover nursing home expenses. What's more, if you are single or widowed, you can even lose your house.

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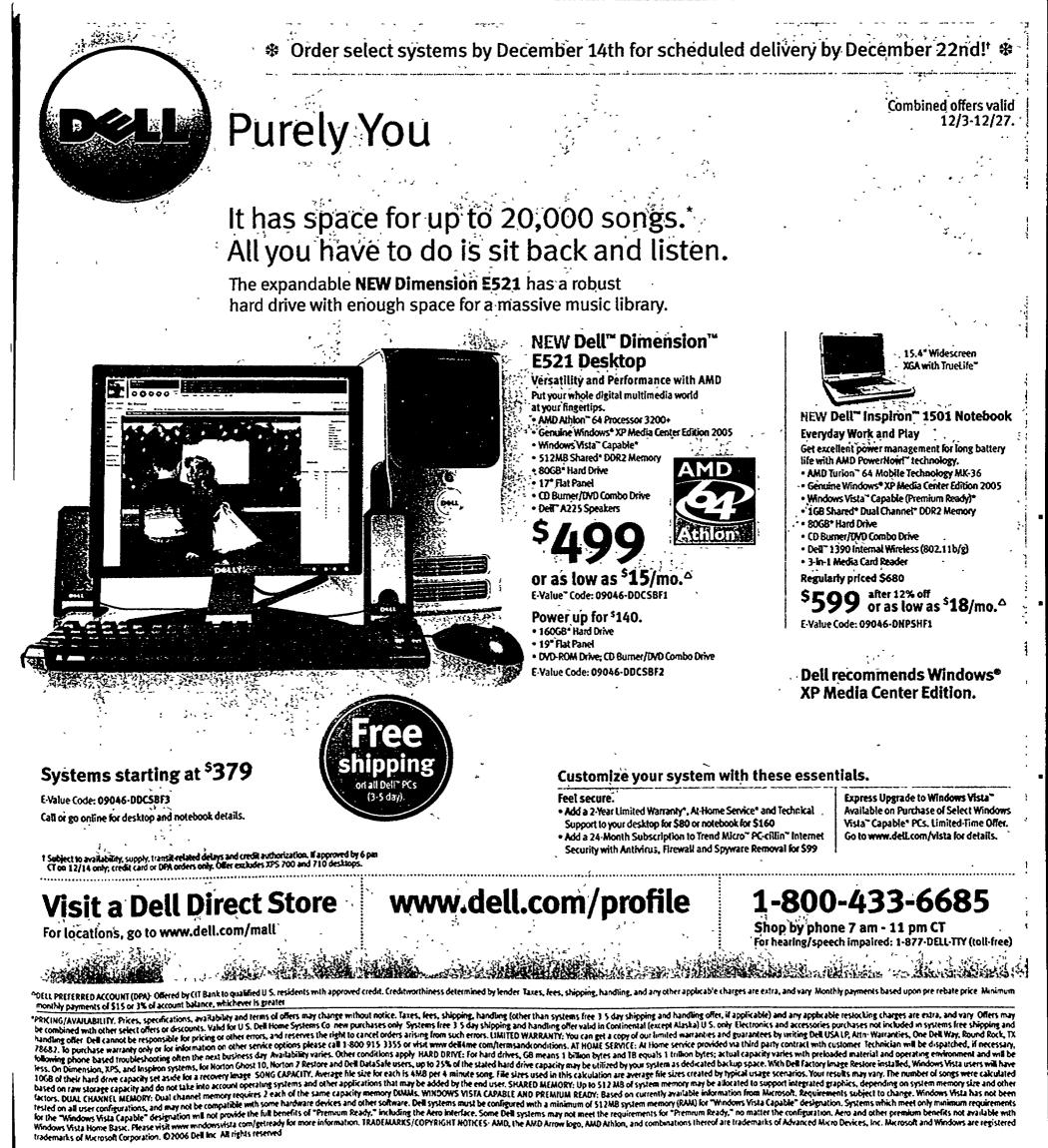
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#### Take: eggs

- cups sugar
- cup vegetable oil
- teaspoon baking soda
- cup buttermilk
- cups all-purpose flour
- teaspoon salt
- teaspoon each nutmeg, cloves and cinnamon
- cup bite-sized pitted prunes, chopped

#### Frosting:

- cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup buttermilk
- 2 tablespoons butter
- teaspoon salt 14
  - teaspoon vanilla extract

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I. Preheat oven to 350F. Grease and flour a 10-inch tube pan. 2. Beat eggs in a medium bowl. Add sugar and beat well. Mix in oil. In a small bowl, dissolve baking soda in buttermilk. Sift flour, salt, nutmeg, cloves and cinnamon. Add flour mixture alternately with buttermilk mixture to egg mixture. Fold in prunes.

3. Pour batter into pan and bake about 1 hour or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean.

4. To prepare the frosting, combine sugar, baking soda, buttermilk, butter and salt in a medium saucepan. Bring to a boil. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Poke holes in cake with a fork or long toothpick and pour frosting over cake while both are still warm.

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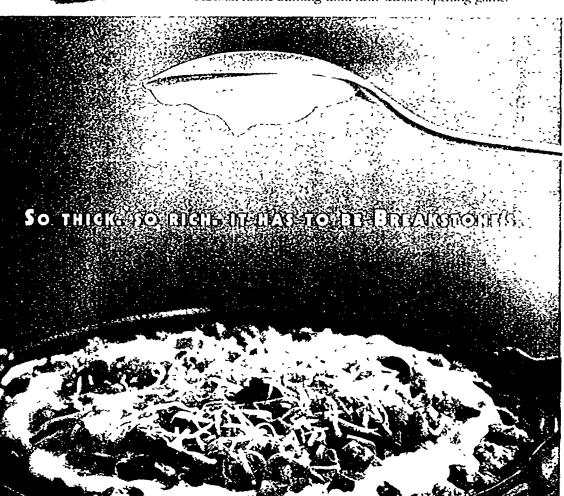
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It wasn't until the American Revolution ended that Americans were able to freely create their own currency. Unfortunately, each state was producing its own unique money, which led to widespread monetary confusion. In 1775, North Carolina alone had 17 different forms of money.

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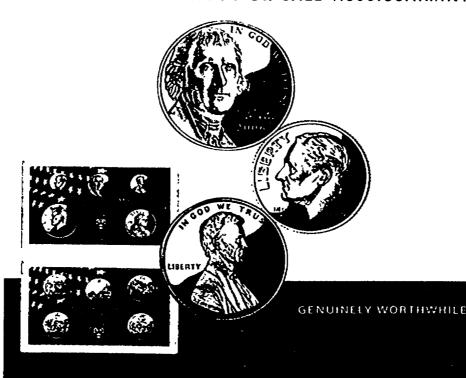


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Wheelwright Tim Hoffman pours water on a hot rim of steel and momentarily disappears in a billowy cloud of steam at Hansen Wheel & Wagon Shop in Letcher, S.D. (pop. 160).

We don't use glue or nails to hold the spoke to the wheel, so the shrinking steel pulls everything up tightly for a strong bond," says Hoffman, 31, who has been perfecting the art of wooden wheel making for six years. After the hot steel rims shrink and cool, the



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wheels are painted and mounted on the 50 or so horse-drawn stagecoaches and other vintage wagon replicas that roll out of the shop each year.

Owner Doug Hansen, 47, started the business in 1978 after spending his teen years fixing broken wagon wheels and repairing dilapidated buggies.

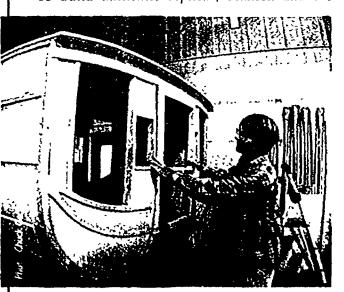
"My mom and granddad really

Doug Hansen got me started," says Hansen, who learned woodworking and blacksmithing at Mitchell (S.D) High School and the nearby Mitchell Technical Institute. "She brought home an old broken-down buggy, and then my granddad bought a span of mules and said he needed a wagon."

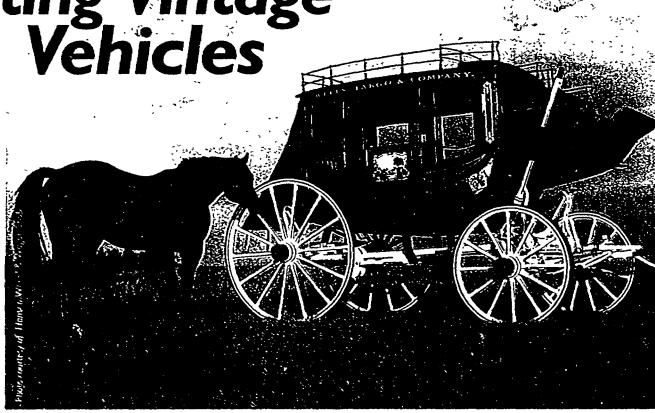
Hansen became so proficient at making wheels and wagons that his grandfather suggested he start the business.

During the last 28 years, Hansen Wheel & Wagon has made about 10,000 wooden wheels and 13,000 wagons of all kinds, from reproductions of 19th-century stagecoaches to wagons used as living quarters by sheepherders.

Hansen's business has grown because of a renewed interest in the Old West. "People have moved from the farm to the city, but have a longing for the past," he says. "It's a nostalgia thing." To build authentic replicas, Hansen and his



Dale Michel fits the wooden door on a replica of an 1880s, nine-passenger Western-style stagecoach.



wife, Holly, travel to farms, museums and other places where antique wagons are used or displayed, sketching and measuring every piece of the old originals. He has dozens of notebooks with hand-

written details on all kinds of Old West rolling stock, from chuck wagons to prairie schooners.

From his sketches, Hansen and his shop's 10 craftsmenwainwrights, wheelwrights, blacksmiths, coach makers, carpenters, pinstripe painters and upholsterers-build wagons as they were made in the 1800s, using square nails or handcrafted bolts when required.

Hansen's shop is known for fine craftsmanship in refurbishing or making new wheels and wagons from ash, oak and hickory wood. Wagons made at the shop range in price from \$9,000 to \$80,000, depending on how elaborate and labor-intensive the project.

The shop's authentic reproductions are sought around the world. Hansen has sent a replica chuck wagon to Japan and a sheep wagon to France, while Western-style wagons are favorites among cowboy wannabes in Germany.

Hansen wagons have appeared in movies, including Dances With Wolces, and in television commercials. such as the Budweiser beer wagons drawn by Clydesdale horses. Wells Fargo Bank uses a dozen Hansenmade stagecoaches for advertising and promotion, while Hansen wagons can be found on display in museums and Western-theme restaurants, and driven by participants in draft horse competitions.

Horse-drawn conveyances, such as this luxury stagecoach, are built by Hansen Wheel & Wagon in Letcher, S.D.

Hansen's most unusual order was for a wagon wheel 18 feet in diameter for the 2003 Warner Brothers movie Looney Tunes Back In Action. In 2001, operators of the Booth Western Art

Museum of Cartersville, Ga.,

asked Hansen to refurbish a

historic stagecoach donated to

the museum. "We wanted the

coach to look old and used, but still be in very good condition,"

says Seth Hopkins, the muse-

um's executive director. "We

were thrilled with the results."

Hansen is a perfectionist and

keeps a watchful eye on the

tiniest construction details. He

and his craftsmen enjoy the

challenge of continuing the

almost lost art of wheel and

wagon making, and they're reluctant to deviate from meth-

ods used in the 1800s to make

the durable horse-drawn con-

Hand detailing a Budweiser wagon

"To my way of thinking," says Hansen, "whatever we do here-whatever leaves here-we give it our best; and you can be sure that the next time we do it, we'll do it even better." 🌫

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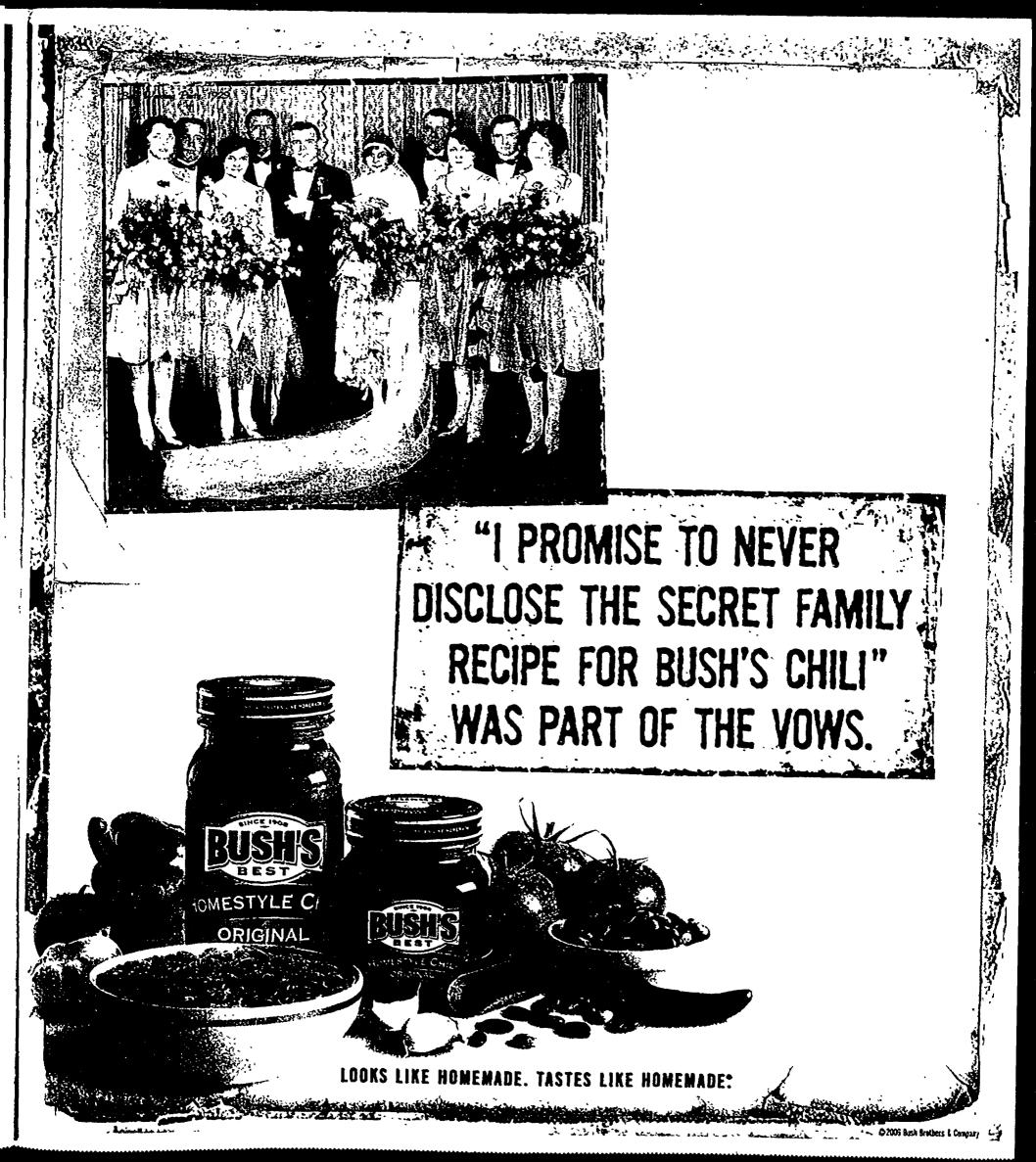
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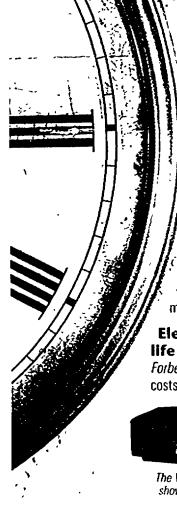
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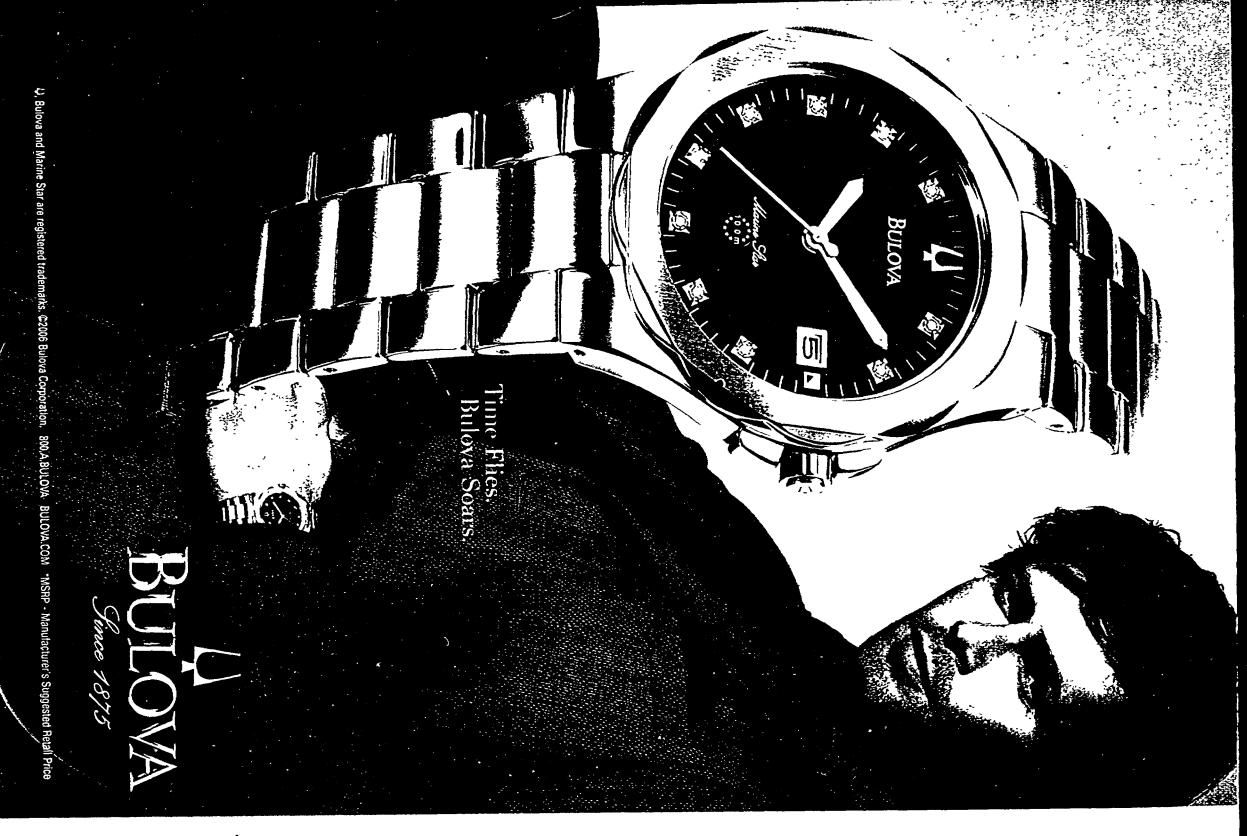
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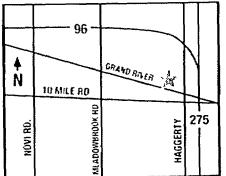


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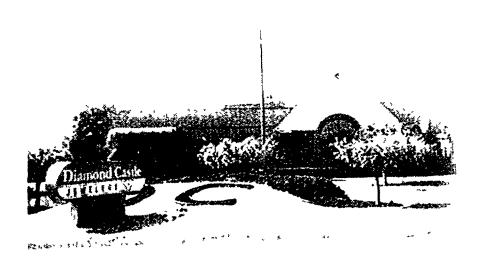
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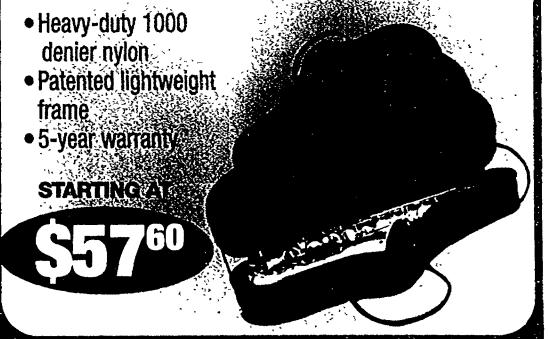
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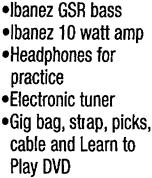
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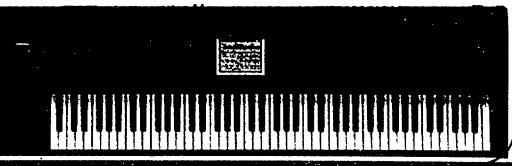
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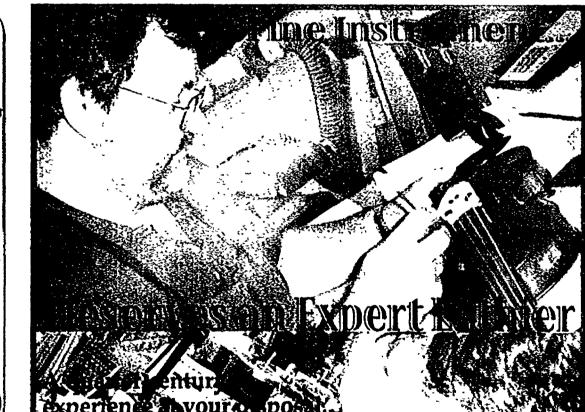


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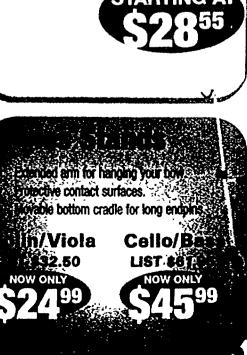
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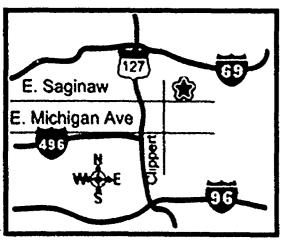
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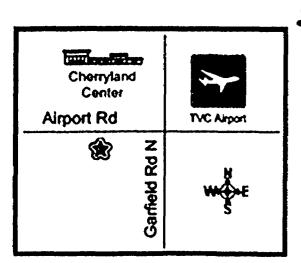


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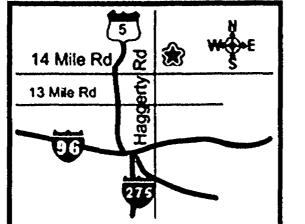
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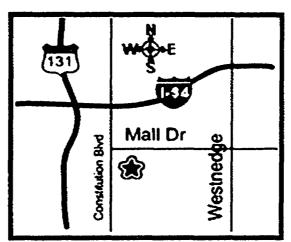


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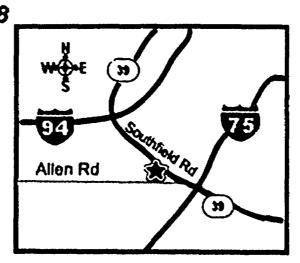
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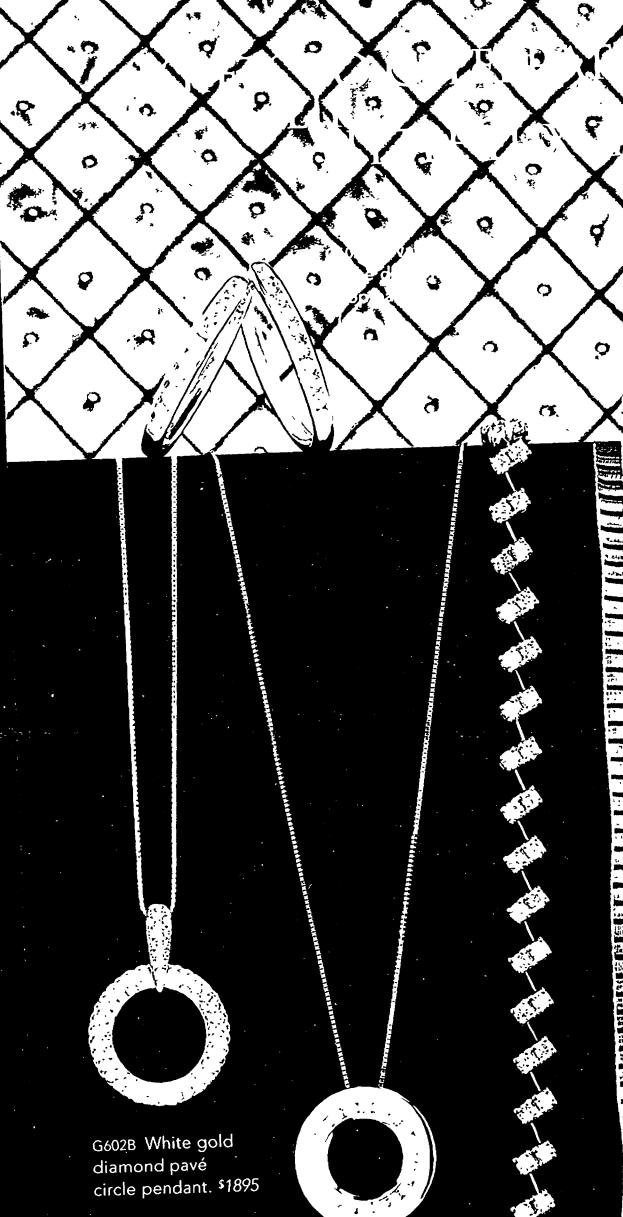
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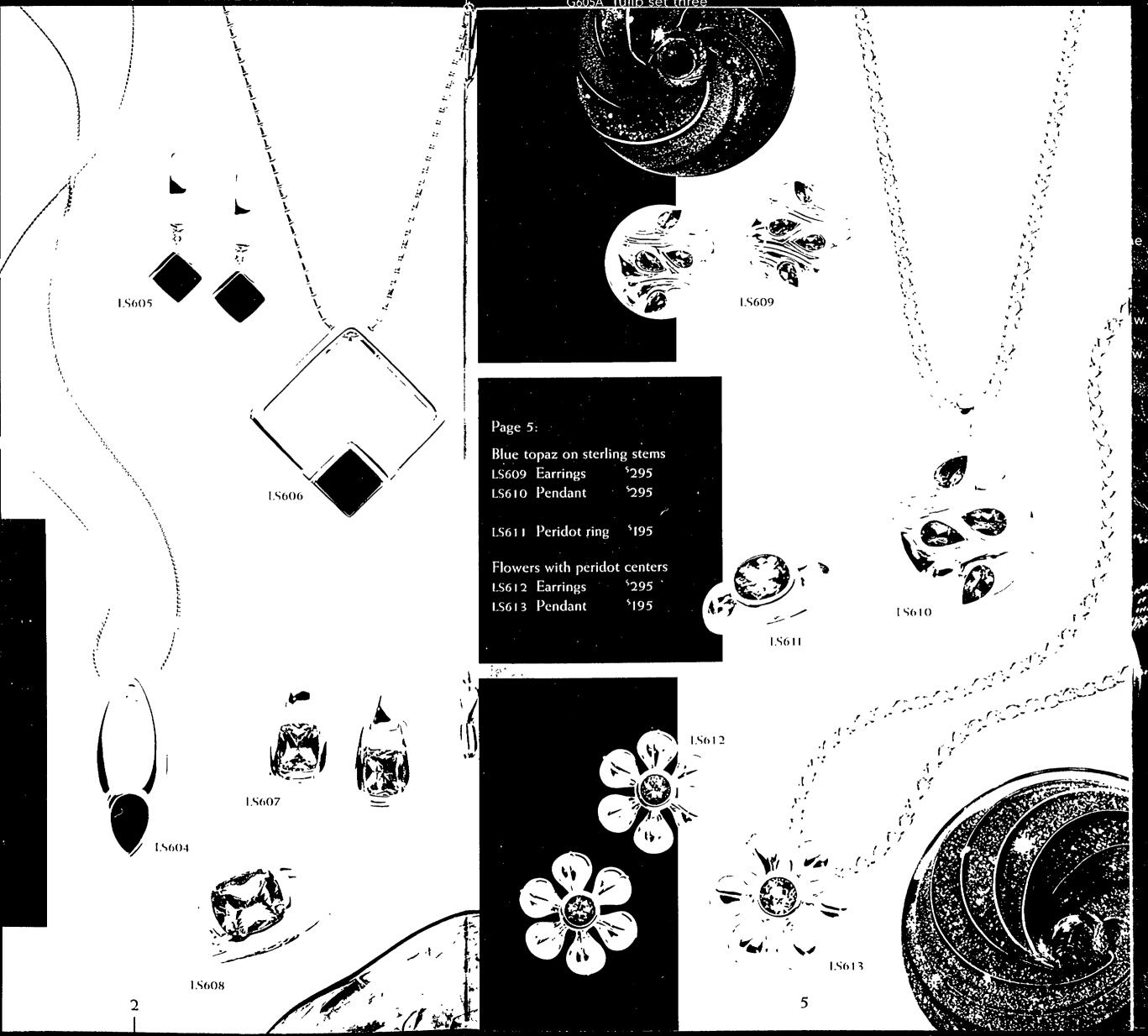
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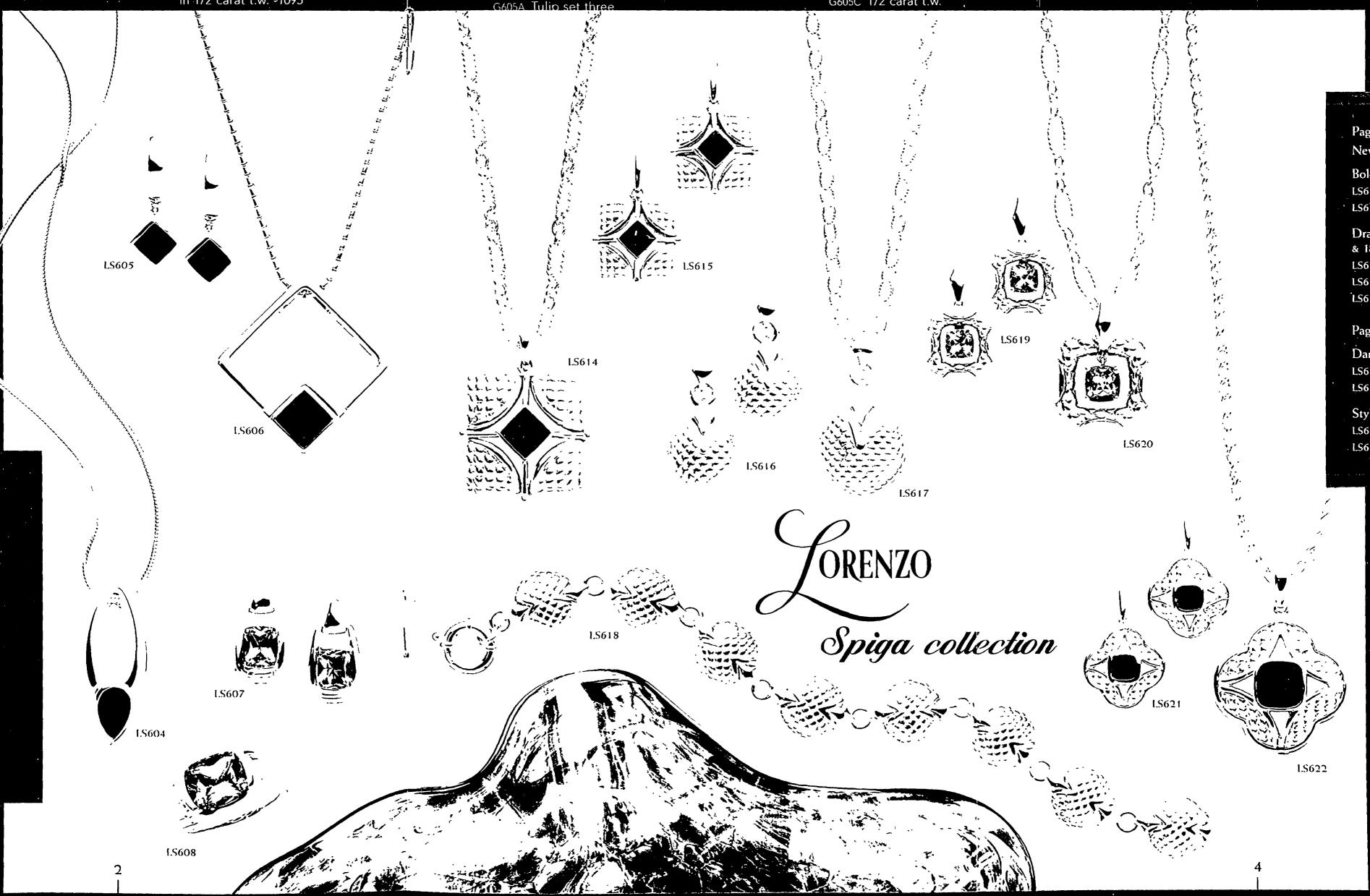
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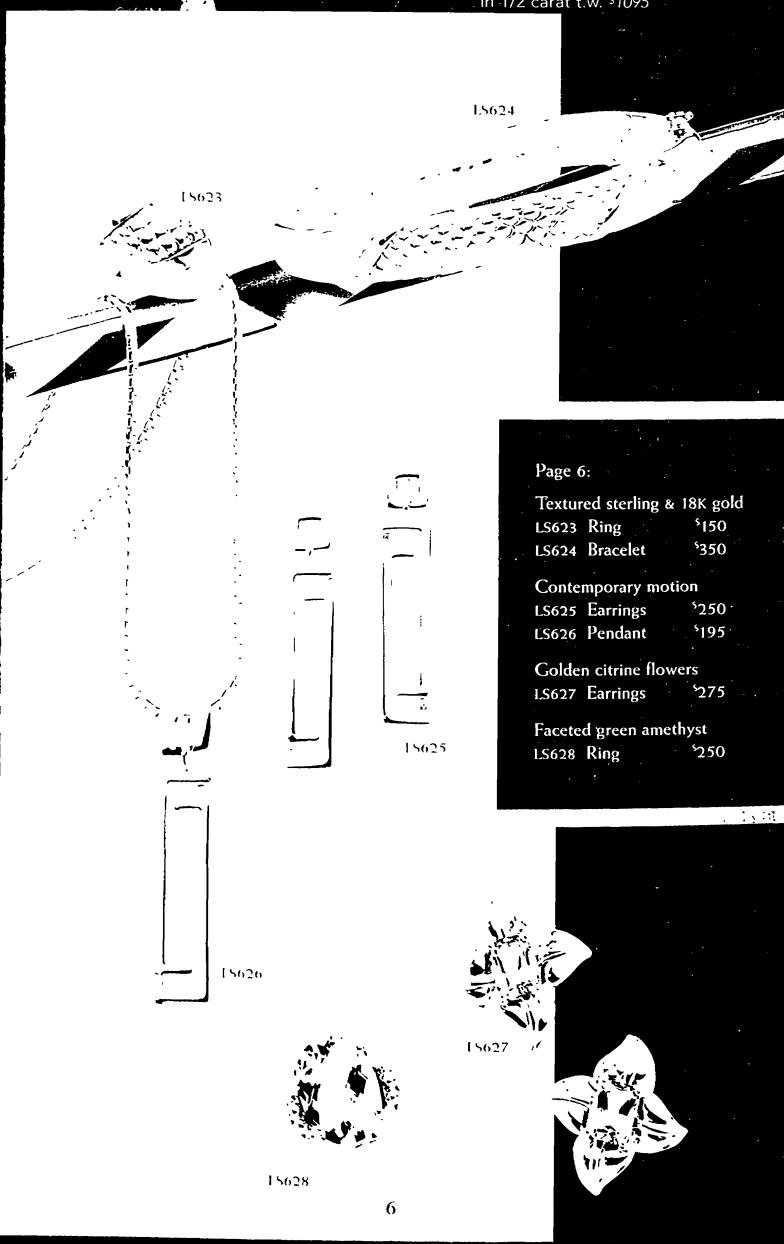
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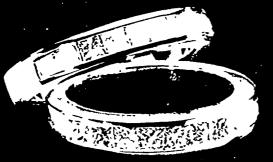
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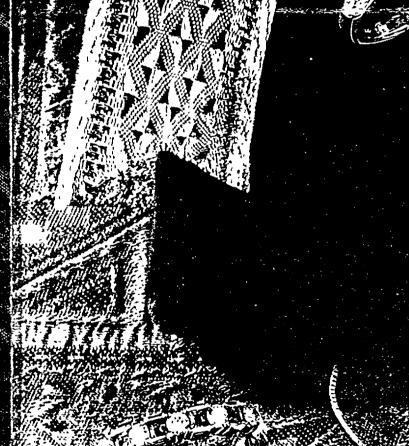
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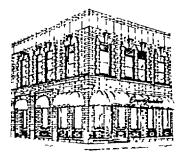
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