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Relay for Life taking shape

H-O-P-E.
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That's the cadence Debbie Czyzak keeps while she walks.

Hope for survivors, hope for families who have lost loved ones and hope for a cure for cancer.

A 2003 breast cancer survivor, Czyzak will lead her employer's team, MPRO, when the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life team returns to Northville this spring. She and 40 comrades will take turns on the track during the non-profit organization's signature 24-hour event at Ford Field.

"Relay to me isn't starting in February and ending in May," said Czyzak, who raises funds to support cancer research year-round. "I get a lot of love and strength from all my co-workers, family and friends that are there."

"If you want just a feel-good two days, it's worth staying up 24 hours and participating in this event."

As veteran teams like Czyzak's 2006 top-dollar fund-raising squad mobilize behind the scenes, event organizers are inviting newcomers to start thinking now about joining the May 19-20 walk.

Getting started

Next Thursday, the Relay for Life of Northville will host a 6 p.m. kick-off event at the Northville Senior Community Center. A community open house March 17 will be a second opportunity for participants — or those considering registering — to get all the details.

Kurt Westphal, team development chair for the Northville walk, said last week 20 teams



Three teams, three origins

SCHOOLS

Bri Diegel corralled 50 fellow students into her 'Ville Posse last year.

The Northville High School junior for the second time this spring will lead a team of her peers to the American Cancer Society Relay for Life.

"I think it's a really fun way to help raise money to help people with cancer," she said, adding she's planned more stringent squad membership criteria.

"This year, 'You can only come if you raise money,' is what I'm personally doing."

WORKPLACE

Debbie Czyzak said watching past and present co-workers fight cancer makes the Relay for Life mission more poignant.

A beneficiary complaint case manager for Farmington Hills-based MPRO, Czyzak said her 130-employee workplace deals with health care as their vocation. Fighting cancer through fund-raising, event participation and volunteer support becomes their avocation.

"It's something very near and dear to me — it's something I always will be participating in," said Czyzak, a breast

SOCIAL GROUP

Chris Shelters said her Eagles team took shape five years ago when a Relay for Life recruiter came to the Center Street club and made everyone cry.

The owner of Edward's Cafe and Caterer recalled a visit by Kurt Westphal, team development chair for the Northville event. The Relay videotape he shared with the ladies auxiliary, the charitable fund-raising arm of the fraternal organization, moved many members to tears.

"My mom was going through cancer at the time," Shelters said. "A sister, we've got several members...

Developer gets next move on Highwood

■ Township won't budge on commercial space amount

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Attorney Robert Carson knows when it comes to getting large developments approved, it's all about the art of negotiation.

But as much as they tried, neither he nor developer Bob Schostak of Schostak Brothers & Company — could convince Northville Township board members to approve their version of the Highwood complex plan at a Feb. 15 township board meeting.

The complex that REIS (Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak) want to build is on Seven Mile Road between Haggerty and Northville roads.

But, the \$1 billion project, to be built on the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital grounds in Northville Township, is currently at a standstill.

The ball is now in REIS' court on whether the proposal will move forward.

The major bone of contention right now is the amount of commercial space planned at the site.

REIS originally proposed a million square feet of commercial space.

Then, the developers agreed to reduce the retail space to 400,000 square feet on 42.4 acres.

After further discussion, planning commission members recommended a further reduction of 15 percent, making the project 340,000 square feet of commercial space on 35 acres.

Finally, the township board voted Feb. 15 to reduce the area even further to 25 acres but did

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What REIS has agreed to so far

Officials from developers Real Estate Interests and Schostak Brothers & Company (REIS) have made the following concessions in the Highwood project proposed at the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital site in Northville Township:

- Donate 20 acres for a new school,
- Preserve a 12-acre mature wood lot,
- Build an extension of Winchester Road and
- Downsize the commercial area from a million square feet to about 400,000 square feet.

Working parents look for alternatives on snow days



School count taken a day early

By Renee Gates
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Three snow days in the last two weeks, two days off for parents — what are working parents supposed to do?

Sure you can plan for the break days on the school calendar, but what about the unexpected days, like last week Wednesday?

Lesh and Leza Gjonaj own the Goldsmith Gallery and have three

children in Northville Public Schools. Usually, Lesh said, his wife will assist him in running the gallery during the day, except on snow days like Valentine's Day.

"She stays home," Lesh said. If there is a good movie out, mom takes them, but other than that she and the kids are at home playing on the computer.

Utopia Salon and Spa in Northville has nine working moms, said manager Jenni D. For some of the moms, last week Wednesday became a temporary, "bring your child to work day."

"(One) brought her daughter

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not specify the square footage on the commercial area.

REIS officials say the reduction in commercial space the township board agreed on makes the site no longer viable.

"This is a big point. We're taking a look at the situation to see what our next step will be," said Linda Busse, director of corporate communications and marketing for Schostak.

Busse said after REIS gave the plan to the planning commission, the developers and their consultants from LSL Planning, Inc., in Royal Oak negotiated with township planners and made numerous changes.

"It would be fair to say that we've had dozens of meetings with township officials, devoted hundreds of hours of time and made a number of concessions," Busse said.

Throughout the process, REIS was asked to use its expertise in commercial development so the

project will be balanced.

"We've already gone to extreme effort to accommodate everything that the township requires," Busse said.

Brownfield plan not resolved

Another unresolved issue is the brownfield redevelopment plan, which would allow the developers to recapture some of the tax dollars from the development to pay for the estimated \$15 million in demolition and cleanup costs required on the property.

The former psychiatric hospital site has numerous areas where medical waste is buried, plus 13,000 square feet of tunnels contaminated with asbestos, lead paint-contaminated soil and several abandoned buildings that must be torn down before building can start.

If Michigan Department of Environmental Quality officials won't include the demolition costs as part of the brownfield plan, the project may die.

"This is intrinsic to the whole project," Busse said. "We've been meeting with the township and the brownfield redevelopment authority for more than six months, and that includes public

meetings, subcommittee meetings, a site tour, discussions with staff and consultants for the township."

Board members' comments

Township board member Marjorie Banner said REIS staff shouldn't be surprised that the board wouldn't agree to the amount of commercial space the developers requested, as there wasn't one meeting where this wasn't addressed.

"I think the 25 acres we are devoting to commercial is reasonable," Banner said.

Board member Sue Hillebrand also thought the 25 acres was enough for the project.

"What you're asking for is just too much," Hillebrand told REIS representatives.

"The way you've characterized some of our discussions is just wrong," township supervisor Mark Abbo said to REIS representatives.

"You may be putting the brakes on an awesome development," Schostak said.

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Illustration courtesy REIS

This rendering shows a portion of the proposed Highwood project Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company (REIS) want to build on the site of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital on the south side of Seven Mile Road between Haggerty and Northville roads in Northville Township. The applicant is not pleased with the township board's recent decision to reduce the commercial space originally planned for the project.

Working parents look for alternatives on snow days

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with her, another one came in late to find a sitter for her daughter," D said.

"Most of the ladies here that do have kids, have [stand in] sitters anyway. I don't know what I would do if I had kids and a snow day," she said.

Hillary Baker of Northville expected last Wednesday to be a snow day.

"Their grandparents watched them," she said. Their grandparents also watched them during winter break.

Kids counted

Last week's snow day fell on the state school count day. But not

to worry — Northville school district officials said the count was taken on Tuesday.

"We already did it," said Leonard Rezmierski, Ph.D., superintendent, Northville Public Schools. "Every school district was advised because of the inclement weather. Count day for us was February 13."

For count day, the state makes provisions for schools should there be any situation where the count cannot be taken on the second Wednesday in February, Rezmierski said. In addition, the district has 30 days from the count day to validate any students out that day with an excused absence.

"It's really a nonissue," he said.

As for snow days, according to their records, the district hasn't had this many days off in 16 years, he said. Every district is given 30 hours per school year by the state, which translates into five days. To date, the district has used three.

In terms of getting snow day information out to parents, Rezmierski said it goes out on all

Count day

According to the Michigan Department of Education, a school district's state funding is based on the count of eligible students enrolled on or before the specified count day. During a regular school year, two count days are held — the fourth Wednesday in September and the second Wednesday in February.

the major news and radio stations no later than 5:30 a.m. The information is also posted on the district's Web site, and parents connected to the district by the LIST-SERV e-mail service are notified during the same hour.

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Ron and Peg Campbell cross country ski around Maybury State Park.

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MAYBURY FARM

Adopt an animal; help defray annual feed cost

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By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Sarge is hungry, and he needs your help.

The 30-year-old horse that lives at Maybury Farm in Northville Township's Maybury State Park is just one of many animals that need assistance.

Through the farm's Adopt an Animal program, residents can get in touch with their agricultural heritage by providing some of the funding for the more than \$20,000 needed each year to feed the animals.

Dana Weeks, event coordinator for the farm since May 2005, said the adoption program isn't new, but it's needed now more than ever.

"Because we're rebuilding and increasing the number of animals that we have, it's expensive to feed them," Weeks said.

On Sept. 20, 2005, the Northville Community Foundation was overjoyed to open Maybury Farm for the first time since October 2002 when the Michigan Department of Natural Resources closed it because of budget constraints.

Then, the foundation took on a rebuild process on Nov. 1, 2003, after a devastating fire on Feb. 12, 2003, in which many animals died.

It has only been through the generosity of many area residents that the farm is now open.

What animals are available?

The farm is a favorite place for families with young children who want to introduce youngsters to barnyard animals.

"Most of them are hay eaters,"

Weeks said, and currently, the farm has seven horses — Sarge, Prince, Jewel, Julie, Jane, Patty and Rose.

Other animals include three cows; pigs Elmer and Matilda; sheep; goats; turkeys; tons of chicken; about 15 rabbits and several ducks, Weeks said.

Adopt an Animal donations don't cover the full cost of feeding an animal for a year, but they certainly help.

"We have had some adoptions," Weeks said, "but there are still plenty of animals left to be adopted."

Those who adopt animals can come visit them when at the farm if they wish.

Shari Peters, director of the Northville Community Foundation, and members of her staff can also answer any questions residents may have about the adoption program.

Why adopt a farm animal?

So, why should local residents adopt an animal rather than take on another worthy cause?

"Because Maybury Farm is a staple in the community,"

Come visit Maybury

Maybury Farm, which will open again in mid March, is located inside Maybury State Park in Northville Township.

The main entrance to the park is on the south side of Eight Mile Road west of Beck Road.

Farm hours will be 11 a.m.-4 p.m. through May 30, with hours subject to change. The park charges a nominal entrance fee per vehicle.

For more information, call (248) 8390.

Weeks said, "and the farm's run totally on donations and grants."

She said a lot of visitors to Maybury State Park are excited about the fact that the farm has reopened.

"In order for us to keep the number of animals that we have for the public's enjoyment, it's important for people to adopt animals to help defray our costs."

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Dana Weeks, Maybury Farm event coordinator, says hello to "Carmel," a Guernsey cow at the farm. Northville Community Foundation is sponsoring an Adopt an Animal program to help feed the animals.

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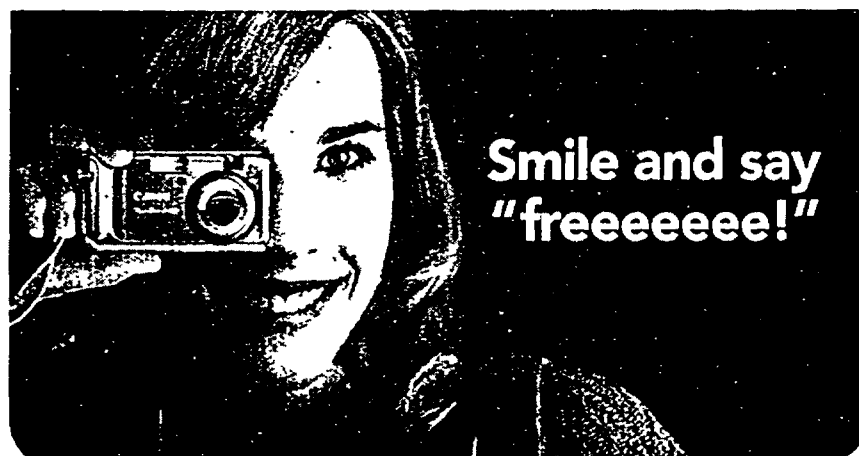


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Relay for Life taking shape

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already have registered for Relay for Life's return to Ford Field for the fifth year. His goal: sign up 65.

Westphal, who has tied on First United Methodist Church walking shoes for four years, visits local community organizations, inviting them to join the effort by showing video footage of the event.

"It's hard to explain what Relay is," Westphal said. "If you see it happening, it's easier to understand what I'm asking you to get involved in."

"You feel as an individual you're making an impact. You see you're one of 800 other people, just like me, making a difference."

Westphal's recruiting task became a little more challenging for the 2007 event themed, "It's a Whole New Ballgame." This is

the first year Northville will host its own Relay for Life after partnering the last four years with Novi, which is hosting a separate relay June 2-3.

Fun, for a cause

Working with local American Cancer Society staff member Barb Iovan, Northville's committee of volunteers discussed the importance to conveying to the public Relay for Life's impact while soliciting new teams, donors and volunteers.

At MPRO, Czyzak said the 130 employees at the Michigan health care quality improvement organization accept as part of the corporate culture raising funds year-round to help fight cancer.

The MPRO team independently raised nearly \$19,000 toward the Northville/Novi Relay for Life 2006 donation tally of \$227,000.

"We hear the number of cancer deaths is decreasing," Czyzak said. "We know the Relay for Life dollars are doing good."

"It's not hard for me to recruit team members, and if they don't

walk, they give money."

Westphal said Cancer Society staff, committee members and experienced team members are available to offer tips to teams just getting started, through captain meetings, the Web site and e-mail communication. He said anyone with an inkling of an interest should visit the March 1 or 17 organizational meetings.

Meanwhile, Czyzak is planning ways to elicit additional contributions leading up to Relay day. This year, her team will again feed fellow walkers from a camp decorated with a road construction theme. "Paving the road to a cure."

The survivor's lap and closing ceremonies are particularly moving parts of the day-long experience, she said.

"It's a time for tears. It's a time for laughs," she said. "You have all these emotions going through you."

"It's amazing."

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"Any non-profit organization in the Northville and Novi surrounding area should send a representative."

Jeannine Davidson
Head of Adult Services, Northville District Library



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville District Library's electronics services support person Michael McEvoy talks with AAUW Northville representative Karen Bunting about the library's on-line community calendar.

Compiling an online community calendar meeting topic Tuesday

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Jeannine Davidson wants you to save the date of Feb. 27.

Then, she wants you to add dates to her calendar.

For months, the Northville District Library head of adult services has been championing a plan to create a community-wide online calendar of non-profit meetings and events to aid scheduling and facilitate parking. The 10 a.m. meeting will help Davidson determine whether the concept has legs.

"We want to make sure everyone has enough parking and each community group has their event well-attended," Davidson said. "That's what the whole goal is — to try to help."

Davidson said library patrons sometimes feel a parking pinch during an event at the adjacent Northville Senior Community Center while class is in session at the nearby Old Village School, as the three facilities share the Cady Street lot.

But even when parking isn't a concern, Davidson said non-profit entities — from the Northville Chamber of Commerce to the library to special-interest clubs — would be best-served with shared knowledge to help plan events on complementary, rather than competing, dates.

After consensus support for the concept at a meeting of non-profit group representatives last year, library staff developed a shared community calendar with remote updating capability. Ideally, a broad information base would be available to the public.

But a Jan. 29 meeting at the library was attended by only Northville Genealogical Society and American Association of University Women representatives, the only two groups — in addition to the library — currently post-

Calendar planning

What: Meeting of non-profit groups

When: 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 27

Where: Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St.

For information:
(248) 349-3020

library's electronics services support person, is scheduled to demonstrate the original version of the online datebook, including how to log in, add dates and search the calendar. The library supplies a free user name to groups who want to join in.

So, show up and speak up if the calendar would help your group, Davidson urged.

"Any non-profit organization in the Northville and Novi surrounding area should send a representative."

ing dates. Davidson said the calendar will gain value if more groups participate.
Michael McEvoy, the

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Forming a team?

Could be a friend, family member or co-worker.

Relay for Life captains come from all walks, said Kurt Westphal, team development chair for the May 19-20 Northville event. He said a team begins with someone stepping forward as a leader.

"If someone in your family has been diagnosed with cancer or has died of cancer or is a survivor, they might do it in honor of them," he said. "The most successful teams have shown they have a connection to a survivor."

Westphal suggests the following steps to form a team:

1. Identify a leader.
2. Sign up your team by visiting the American Cancer Society Relay for Life in Northville Web page at www.ascevents.org/relay/mi/northville.
3. Once registered, share the Web address with potential team members. Each team member signs up independently.

4. The captain brings team members together on a regular basis and establishes a three-pronged fund-raising strategy: individual efforts pre-Relay; team efforts pre-Relay; and Relay-day fund-raising.

Team captain meetings are scheduled: March 1 and 29, April 19, May 3 and 15. Suggested formats to request support are available at meetings and on the cancer society's Web site.

"The meetings are a place you can get support for your team," he said. "You can get your questions answered, like where to hold a car wash in Northville or to let people know when you're having your garage sale."

Westphal said team members working together in the past have collected returnables, hosted sales and a variety of other activities.

"The most effective individual fund-raising campaign is letter writing," said Westphal, suggesting posting them via e-mail and U.S. Postal Service. Participants who raise \$100 by the week before the event earn a Relay for Life T-shirt.

By staff writer Maureen Johnston

Three teams, three origins

SCHOOLS

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Diegel said. "Not everyone on my team raised money, and that kind of disappointed me."

While a testimonial to the fun of the fund-raiser, Diegel said, it's important to focus on the event's intent.

The 17-year-old, a member of the Northville relay planning committee, said her student team still is taking shape.

"It's kind of early right now to tell," she said. "Most of the time, people will decide closer to the actual event. I think a lot of people are going to do it again."

Last year, the Posse conducted a car wash, asked friends and family for donations and secured support from the online vendor that printed their 50 matching neon-green T-shirts.

"I sent the e-mails to people I know who are older because you can send money with a credit card over the Internet," Diegel said. "I felt really good turning in a lot of money, knowing we raised it for the cause."

The teenagers enjoyed the camaraderie of the Ford Field camp site, she said.

"You should definitely participate," Diegel said. "It's a lot of fun."

"When you're there, you know you're doing it for a good cause."

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cancer survivor. "A lot of people — I don't have to talk them into it because they know the good the American Cancer Society is doing."

Sue Burns, MPRO director of marketing and public relations, said the staff hosts a variety of events throughout the year to support cancer research, education, advocacy and patient service programs.

Last week, employees anted up to make ice cream sundaes for a donation. Other recent fund-raisers include a Super Bowl party, Christmas cookie sale and a craft sale.

The MPRO team collecting donations leading up to and the day of the May 19-20 event are employees, family and friends, Czyzak said.

Silent auction items and sales of nachos, hot dogs and canolis during the 2006 Relay netted the group another \$4,000 during the 24-hour event.

"We try to get as much donated as possible," she said. "You know, the less you pay out, the more you can give."

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"Everybody had someone in their own mind. In their own way, they have a reason to relay."

Since the club got behind the cause, participation has continued to increase. Last year, the Eagles team raised more than \$13,000.

"As we've grown, so has our contribution," Shelters said. Past and upcoming events the club is hosting as fund-raisers include: a crab leg Blues night, a chili cook-off, Polish dinner, fish fries, a "Sopranos" spaghetti dinner, a Cinco de Mayo party and raffles.

On the counter at Shelters' Main Street restaurant, she sells key chains, bracelets and earrings to raise money toward the cure.

"It makes me realize this money actually has a tangible place it is going," she said. "I can actually see the dollars working, instead of just sending it. It's helping education, research, rides back and forth from chemotherapy, their burn medicine..."

"The people that you'll meet are incredible," Shelters said. "Everyone's doing it for their own reason — it just unites them."

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Ward Church's interim pastor lays groundwork for successor

■ Serving needs key to expansion

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Rev. Joel Eidsness's mission is to make the invisible Christ visible in church.

And, as the new interim pastor at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville Township, he plans to use this philosophy in laying the groundwork for his successor.

Eidsness started preaching on Dec. 17 at the church at Haggerty and Six Mile roads and began fulltime Jan. 1 after the senior pastor resigned in June.

Unbelievably, Eidsness, 67, had a heart attack only a week after his arrival.

Doctors at St. Mary Mercy Hospital in Livonia placed three stents in two of his coronary arteries, and he only missed two Sundays at the pulpit.

Whether he's in town six months or several years, he wants to make a difference.

Church officials approached Eidsness last summer about joining the church on a temporary basis.

Born and raised in Seattle, he and wife, Sharon, have a home in Arizona, where he served as a pastor for 24 years. After that, he was a pastor for 13 years in Danbury, Conn., before retiring.

Janet Redfern, a former Ward member who now lives in Chicago and met Eidsness when she was in Danbury, suggested that church officials contact him.

"God put it all together," Eidsness said.

A pastor for 39 years, he became interested in the field after he took a course in Greek.

"That got my interest going in languages, and I found I had a facility for that," he said.

After taking a few theology courses, he decided after college graduation to attend Dallas Theological Seminary.

Eidsness sees the main roles of pastors as preaching, teaching, plus leadership, especially in a large church.

Ward used to have about 4,000 members, but its membership has dropped to about 3,500.

"It's a church that's been in some decline, and probably a church that is in some need of reenergizing," Eidsness said.

"It's a church with a great past, and I really believe it can be a



Photo by PAM FLEMING

Rev. Joel Eidsness is currently serving as the interim senior pastor at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville Township. He will preach at the church at 9, 10:20 and 11:40 a.m. on Sunday, March 4.

church with a great future."

"Laying the canvas..."

He can't orchestrate all of the changes since he's a temporary pastor. Instead, he hopes to "lay the canvas" for the new senior pastor and maybe even paint some parameters that will set the tone for the days ahead.

"I think we're an aging congregation, so we need more young people in the church," he said. "We need to recapture people in their 20s and 30s."

Eidsness has organized a leadership team to see how the church can attract more members in this age group.

He believes people today are looking for meaning, purpose, a sense of community and belonging.

"People are asking 'What's life all about? Why am I here? How can I make an impact and touch someone?' If you can't find this, I think there's something empty about our lives," Eidsness said.

"People want their lives to

count for something more than just making money and being on the fast track," he said. "They want to make that move from success to significance."

He also said young people in particular want to make a difference in their community, such as helping the poor.

"If you're not invested in some of these things as a church, people wonder if you have a good reason for existence," he said.

In this vein, Ward Presbyterian's congregation "adopted" two families affected by the Feb. 7 fire at Inasbrook Apartments in Northville Township.

"If you don't have an interest in shaping or building a better community, there's something wrong with the church. That's my passion - to see us move out into the community and serve."

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Benefit at Baypointe Golf Club to aid young boy with autism

Dinner, music, auctions planned

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Cal McFarland looks like any other 3-year-old boy, so it's hard to believe watching the toddler play that his family must provide about \$6,000 a month for his daily therapy.

That's because the Commerce Township boy was diagnosed with autism at the age of 2.

Unfortunately, insurance does not cover any of his treatment. So, to help defray some of these extreme medical costs, McFarland's family is organizing a fund-raiser in his name.

More than 25 of the area's gourmet chefs and restaurants will provide culinary delights for a taste fest and auction to benefit the boy from 6-9 p.m. on Thursday, March 8, at Bay Pointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield.

The Callahan Culinary Extravaganza Celebrity Gourmet TasteFest Benefit will include live and silent auctions with more than 150 items, such as golf, spa and birthday party packages; a private plane ride; hot air balloon ride; trips; and more.

Entertainment will be provided by the Meri Slaven Trio, with pianist Keith Vreeland and Dennis Horvath on bass.

"When our son was diagnosed with autism last year, we were inspired to raise funds for his therapy and increase public awareness of this brain disorder by the story of former NFL star Dan Marino," said McFarland's mother, Val.

Marino's son was diagnosed with autism more than 15 years ago, and an annual benefit is held in his honor to raise funds for research on and the treatment of autism.

Autism is a complex brain disorder that inhibits a person's ability to communicate and develop social relationships. It is often accompanied by extreme behavioral challenges.

However, research has shown that early, intensive intervention is key. The McFarlands' goal is to "mainstream" Cal into a public school once he reaches school age.

"The younger one is diagnosed, the more successful the treatment outcome," said his mother, Val.

"After a year of therapy, he will look up now when someone talks to him," she said.

Val wants to get the government involved in trying to get insurance companies to cover autism treatment.

"Once we get him going, my next stop is Capitol Hill," Val said.

Cal's father, Kevin; 4-year-old brother, Patrick; godmother Dawn Powell and paternal grandparents Harry and Eileen McFarland, of Northville, are also involved in

How to get tickets, donate

For tickets to the March 8 Callahan's Culinary Extravaganza Celebrity Gourmet TasteFest Benefit, call Val McFarland at (248) 515-7423 or e-mail her at vawgolf@sbcglobal.net.

The McFarlands are still accepting items for the live and silent auctions. They can pick them up, or donors can mail them to 3269 Adele Terrace, Commerce Township, MI, 48382.

helping the toddler.

What his treatment involves

His treatment involves daily behavioral analysis, speech therapy five days a week, and occupational and physical therapy once a week.

He also attends an autistic classroom with three other boys for three hours twice a week through the Walled Lake Schools.

A William Beaumont Hospital Hope Center consultant tracks and updates his programs.

Autism affects one in 166 children. Boys are four times more likely than girls to be diagnosed with the disorder. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have called autism a national public health crisis, and Michigan has the fourth highest rate of diagnosed autism cases in the nation.

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A finger-paint print of Callahan McFarland's 3-year-old hand in his Commerce Township home.



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Callahan McFarland, 3, smiles and laughs as a box of plastic balls are poured over him by his mother, Val, at their Commerce Township home. Cal is being treated for autism, and a benefit dinner with silent and live auctions to help cover the cost of his therapy is scheduled for Thursday, March 8, at Bay Pointe Golf Club in West Bloomfield.

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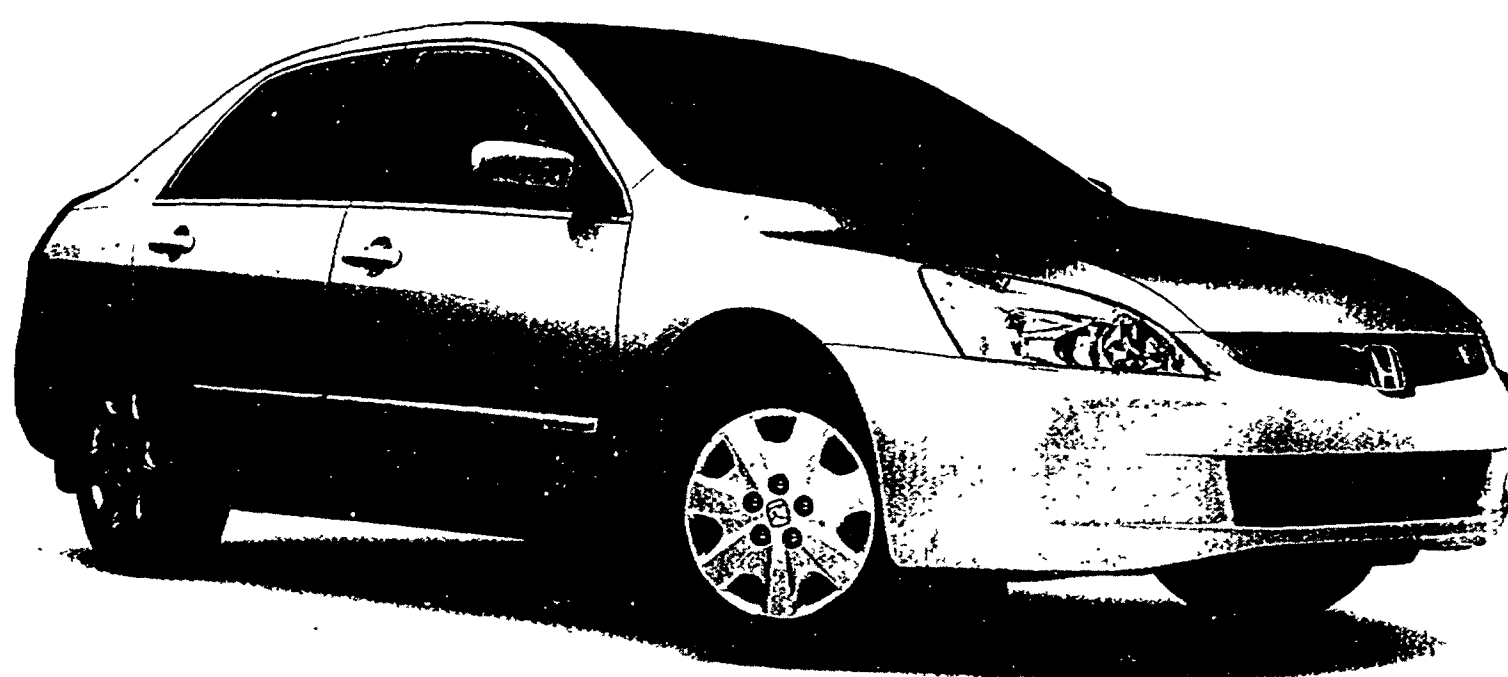
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OBITUARIES



MARTIN R. LEBLANC

Age 44, of Novi, passed away February 8, 2007. Beloved son of Lois A. LeBlanc and the late Gerald A. LeBlanc. Dear brother of Greg, Vincent (Julie Beall), Baron (Teri) and Desiree. Adored uncle of Kyle, Renee, Robert Stahl (Emily), Joseph Stahl, Madeline Hall and Sydney Hall. Also loved by many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Marty graduated with honors from Novi High School in 1981. He was a Chief Warrant Officer (CW2) in the Army National Guard. He became a member of the Army's Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) in 2002. He was an experienced helicopter pilot with 22 years of service in the military. He was well known for his love of aviation. LeBlanc's name will be added to the memorial wall for soldiers at the Grand Ledge, MI Army base. Memorial gifts may be made online at:

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JOSEPH STELMACH

Age 79, of Northville, passed away Feb. 17, 2007. Funeral Service was last Tues. at Casterline Funeral Home. Laid to rest at the Protestant Omer Cemetery in Omer, MI. Contributions to Angela Hospice appreciated.

JACQUELINE M. TOWNE

Age 67, a lifelong resident of Northville, passed away February 17, 2007. She was born February 3, 1940 in Detroit, Michigan to Walter and Marjorie (Dye) Campbell. Jacqueline was a sales associate at McDonald Ford in Northville. She also worked at Northville Downs for many years. She was a member of the VFW Post 4012 Ladies Auxiliary. Ms. Towne enjoyed sewing and gardening. Survivors include her children Bruce Towne of Shelbyville, IN, Mark Towne of Wayne, Jon (Cheryl) Towne of Novi, and Linda Comire of Northville, siblings Ivan (Annette) Ely, Jr., Susan (Mike) Chervany and Sara (Hap) Schader. Survived by 14

grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. The funeral service is today, Thursday, February 22, 2007 at 10 a.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dnlap, Northville. Pastor James N. McGuire will officiate the service. She will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Memorial contributions would be appreciated VFW Post 4012, 438 S. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

MARY L. FESTIAN

Age 73, of Northville, passed away Feb. 13, 2007. Funeral Service was Feb. 17. Contributions to Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Institute, 4100 John R Detroit, MI 48201 Casterline Funeral Home.

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Pressured to succeed: Students think cheating is a way to make the grade

By Renee Gates
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From wanting to get into good colleges to feeling pressured by parents to perform, to just wanting a higher grade point average, Northville and Novi High School students admit they have resorted to cheating to get ahead, and they are not alone.

"It happens on a daily basis," said Mike, a senior at Northville High School.

"I guess because there is just so much pressure on kids to do well that cheating — it's not right — but it helps kids to get into colleges they want and to succeed in whatever they want to go into. I wouldn't say it's totally wrong, but it is wrong."

"I know it's the easy way out," said Danielle, a junior at Novi High School. "But, I think personally the stuff that we learn in school you don't ever use in the workplace."

In 2004, an ABC News "Primetime" nationwide poll of 504 12- to 17-year-olds revealed seven out of 10 youth said students cheat on tests; six out of 10 have friends who have cheated; and one in three admit they have cheated.

"When you talk about cheating, you have to ask, 'Why is there cheating?' said Novi High School principal John Lawrence. "From my perspective, there is a lot of pressure over our students to pull down the highest grade point average they can because of colleges."

The pressure is internal as well as external.

"Nobody tells them to cheat. It's the pressure that builds up, the need for them to have to do well," said Chris Ford, Northville's American government and mythology teacher for 18 years.

"You're supposed to be in a club or an organization, so many of them join three, four or five. You're in Rotary, you're in the National Honor Society, you run track, then you have a part-time job and then you take two AP classes... How are you going to do it all? You've got to take some shortcuts. One way to take shortcuts is to have people assist you with assignments," he said.

Old habits, new tricks

It's not always easy to spot a cheater. According to the ABC NEWS poll, most cheaters are not

caught. Students see other students cheating all the time but never report it. Some bring in the answers typed up on a small piece of paper in size 8 font. They attach it to their water bottles, calculators, baseball caps or sleeve covers, students and teachers said.

And when students have to work on papers or essays at home, the Internet can be a very tempting short cut. But the Internet can also assist educators in finding cheaters.

"What I tell the students is, if they can find it online, I can find it online," said Cheryl Gibbs, Hillside Middle School eighth grade English teacher. "The Internet has made it easier in some ways to find out the cheaters. It goes both ways," she said.

Cheating hasn't changed much in the 20-plus years she's been a teacher.

"I don't think it's changed a whole lot. They use to copy out of books. It's easier, because now they can get the sources easier."

Technology has made it easier for cheating students to cover their tracks, but it has also made it harder for them to cheat. Turnitin.com is the name of an anti-plagiarism online resource that allows teachers and institutions to submit students papers online and scan them for any unlawful use. The resource comes at a price of both time and finances, Ford said.

"There are programs that you can run through online by typing in key words of the first sentence, and it'll run the search. But some of those programs are costly — and what teacher has the time to actually go and check those things?" Ford said.

"I think what the bigger problem with cheating is the homework and the little worksheets. Because they don't think that so called 'working together' is cheating. But any work that is not your own, unless you attribute the source that assisted you with it, is technically plagiarism," said Ford.

Deterrents

Novi High School science teacher Jim Didio found an online resource that helps ensure his physics students aren't cheating off each others' homework. The program, called LON-CAPA (learning online, computer-assisted personalized approach) allows students to take tests and collaborate on home-

work assignments online, but each student has an individual set of questions. The service is paid for by a grant from the Novi Educational Foundation and is shared by four instructors at the high school.

"All of my homework is online now," Didio said. "Each student has a unique set of problems so they can help each other, but they don't have all the same answers."

"I didn't want to spend my time chasing my kids around for their homework issues like that. This allowed me to free up more of the class time to do more instructional things rather than trying to catch them copying homework or cheating."

The consequences for cheating vary with the institution. Novi High School issues teachers to take disciplinary actions on a case by case scenario. There is no set school policy addressing cheating.

Northville High School passes out the policy every year in the student handbook. Each student caught cheating will lose credit on the assignment, have his/her parents called and receive a discipline referral form in their student file.

"I think (cheating) is always an issue for every district," said Northville High School principal Robert Watson. "I think you have to help your students understand the difference between what's their work and what's someone else's. It's more of a responsibility than a problem. It's something we have to make sure they understand before they leave us."

Raising the stakes

A group of Northville seniors said when they finish high school, that's probably when their cheating will stop.

"Right now, the reason we're cheating is because we have so much pressure to get into a good college and to get a good degree," said one. "So much of our cheating is on little assignments that we have. In college it's going to be big papers, big tests, so it's not going to be those little quizzes and little homework stuff," another student said.

Most likely, they will cheat, Ford said.

"If they cheated in high school, and there's no real repercussion

for that, they'll cheat at the college level. They'll cheat on their worksheets or time cards," he said.

"We can give them a zero on an assignment, we can fill out a discipline referral, but until the University of Michigan or Michigan State, or Ferris, or Eastern or whoever it is says, 'You're a cheater. We're not letting you in,' happens, it won't stop."

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Northville High School students are warned: Those thinking of plagiarizing text should know that the school has the ability to scan essays to see if they've been used elsewhere.

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Student's book helps those with special needs

By Renee Gates
RECORD STAFF WRITER

One book, like one life, can have an impact. Just ask Lauren Parent.

Her seventh grade year at Novi Middle School was difficult. Kids called her names, put gum in her hair, and teased her for being different. It made her sad, and she didn't like going to school.

That summer, the special education student decided to write a book about her life experience. Lauren authored and illustrated "I'm different but I'm special." With the help of her mother she self-published 70 books.

"It's about how to treat other special needs kids the way you want to be treated," she said. "I don't like seeing people getting teased, so I thought of doing the book. It's helping my friends with special needs, and people are ending the teasing."

Now Lauren and her mother are on a campaign to sell books, but more importantly to find sponsors for the book so they can give them away to school districts that cannot afford to buy them. The hope is for more students to read it and learn how to relate to their classmates with special needs.

"If [children] know, maybe they won't be so mean," is the

thought of many people," said Joan Parent, Lauren's adoptive mother.

"It's almost like we're trying to work for a gentler, more considerate generation."

The message is getting out. School districts receiving books so far include Livonia, Troy, Royal Oak, Novi and Northville, Parent said. Spillane and Reynolds Orthodontics in Novi sponsored \$250 for 25 books to rotate among Novi's elementary schools. Parent also found an anonymous donor to sponsor 50 books to rotate among Northville schools. A total of 370 books have been made to date, of which 340 have been sold or sponsored to school districts.

"They rotate in a package of 25 so that they can use them at the schools. Third- and fourth-graders might have a group read and a class discussion. It's also being used at the fifth/sixth school, which is Novi Meadows, where a lot of teasing also takes place," Parent said.

The book and Lauren's eighth grade year have been a wonderful experience for her. Since the book's release, Lauren has received several requests from different organizations to come and read the book. She's held book signings, gone on radio pro-

grams, television programs and done several interviews. She's also enjoying school more this year.

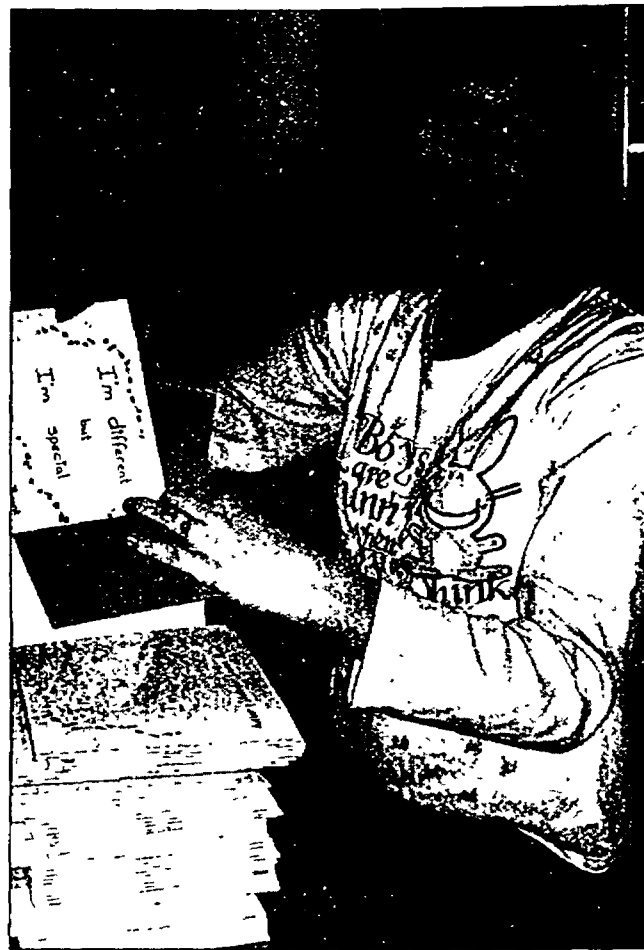
"This year there hasn't been any incidents at all. I can't say it's definitely from the book, but I think the book has definitely made an impression on the kids in the school," said Parent. Lauren thinks so, too.

"It's working good because I gave some of my books to my school's library. And I see a ton of kids plugging in 'I'm different but I'm special' on the computer, searching for it. They want to read it," she said. "That makes me feel special and happy."

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Courtesy photo

Lauren Parent of Northville opens a box containing her new book, "I'm different but I'm special." The Novi Middle School eighth-grader wrote the book with the hope that students will read it and learn how to relate to their classmates with special needs.



What's Inside

In her own language, illustration and handwriting, Lauren Parent takes the reader through her journey of becoming disabled in her birth mother's womb, how it affected her learning and how being teased by other children made her feel. She ends the book making new friends, enjoying school and believing she is special.

How to purchase or sponsor

Anyone interested in sponsoring or buying the book can contact Lauren and Joan by e-mail at: parentsingerm@yahoo.com or call them at (248) 449-7450. Lauren also has her own Web site for the book: www.Laurensbook.info. "I'm different but I'm special," retails for \$10. The book is also sold on Amazon.com, but the family receives very little proceeds when purchased through Amazon. Proceeds from the book are going into a trust fund for Lauren.

2007 Northville Board of Education Candidates Announced

Four candidates are running for two open seats on the Northville Board of Education.

School board incumbents Marilyn T. Price, Ph.D., and Libby Ann Smith are joined by Steven G. Lomske and Carol R. Grimmer for the May 8 election. Both seats are four-year terms beginning July 1, 2007, and expiring June 30, 2011.

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BE SCENE IN NORTHVILLE



CANDY COATED

After missing Valentine's Day due to heavy snow last Thursday, Gayle Cartwright's Winchester Elementary second grade class enjoyed their celebration a day late.

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1 - Classroom volunteer Julie Lenyo calls out Valentine clues for a bingo game during a belated Valentine's Day party in Gayle Cartwright's room.

2 - Clad in red and hearts, Emma Cemalovich creates a pattern of beads for her candy necklace.

3 - Ronan Egan bites into a graham cracker he dribbled with chocolate at the fountain.

4 - Isabella Lenyo strings candy beads onto an elastic necklace.

5 - With help from classroom volunteer Laura Eddy and teacher Gayle Cartwright, Justin Stanley and Kyra Eddy sample treats at the chocolate fountain.

6 - While Grace Doyle looks on, Kenneth "K.J." Jones lets liquid chocolate coat his graham cracker, creating a sweet treat.



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No Sandstone, please!

Anyone familiar with the mega-million-dollar lawsuit, known as Sandstone, that the city of Novi lost to a developer several years ago can see the potential for a similar scenario in Northville Township's Highwood project.

Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak & Brothers (REIS) originally wanted a million square feet of commercial space, with representatives saying that at least 400,000-500,000 is needed for the project to be viable.

The Northville Township Board of Trustees voted to devote only 25 acres for commercial development in the Highwood project. Initially, 42.4 acres and 400,000 square feet were proposed by Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak & Brothers Company (REIS). The developers then reduced it to 35 acres and 340,000 square feet. But, the township planning commission and board still thought this was too much for commercial space.

Township board members are not "anti-commercial" by any means, but rather see the Seven Mile corridor as more of a residential development, according to urban planner Brad Strader of LSL Planning, Inc., of Royal Oak.

Also, several board members are concerned about problems associated with high volumes of traffic if a large commercial development becomes part of the project. The Seven Mile and Haggerty Road intersection is already a dangerous intersection in the western suburbs.

Since the site must be cleaned up before any development takes place, decisions on the brownfield redevelopment plan are also crucial. REIS has estimated the tunnel demolition and cleanup alone will cost \$1-2 million, with the total cleanup to cost about \$15 million.

It's yet to be seen if REIS will file a lawsuit against the township in order to increase the amount of commercial space in the project. But let's hope that both sides remain respectful and professional and work it out — without getting the courts involved.

LETTERS

Schools Planning - More Info Needed

I commend the Northville School District for wisely planning ahead for possible future growth, and asking for resident input, but it also seems wise for the district to emphasize/provide the following information to the community:

The actual elementary student enrollment may, or may not, reach the enrollment projections.

The purchase of the maximum number of additional portables, or the maximum use of Early Childhood Center classrooms, will only be needed if enrollment reaches the capacity under each of the short term scenarios.

The expanded use of the short term scenarios may eliminate the need for any other longer term scenario.

The renting of a Livonia elementary school may, or may not, be available in the future.

The cost to operate a renovated or new school is about \$800,000 annually, and will likely increase each year. This money would come from the general fund.

Also, the district has stated that the cost of purchasing and installing additional portables at \$255,000 would also come from the general fund, and would necessitate cuts in other areas. Then how could the district afford the \$800,000 plus annual cost of operating an additional renovated or new school?

Would the district close an existing school(s) where enrollment is decreasing to fund and fill out a new school, and waste taxpayer dollars?

Laura Lorenzo
Novi

Thanks to all for Plunge Support

Dear Editor, The purpose of my letter is to thank you for your wonderful coverage of the Northville Kiwanis Polar Bear Plunge which was part of the recent Fire and Ice Festival. This year was our second year to hold our exciting event and I think that, by all accounts, the Plunge is once again considered an over whelming success; with 8 swimmers and net contributions exceeding \$5,000.

While we had hoped for a few more participants, the hearty swimmers who did participate this year were by far some of the most productive. Plunges like this often generate less than \$200 net proceeds per person, so at \$400 per person, everyone involved and supporting this event should be proud of their result. Thanks again.

You may want to check www.nkpbplunge.com for images from the 2006 and, soon, 2007 events.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Jean Kuzara laughs at some jokes during the Northville Senior Community Center's Valentine's Day luncheon. About 60 people enjoyed lunch, a raffle and time with friends.

The efforts of both Northville Kiwanis club, community services like Fire and Rescue, Planet Fitness Health Club and the many generous sponsors and participants made the dream of holding our own plunge a reality. Thanks again to the staff of the Northville Record and again, to the whole community who turned out to support us.

See ya next year!

John Miller, Plunge Director
Northville Kiwanis Club

Like automakers, schools must change or perish

Michigan citizens value education. Yet, 62 percent of Michigan's voters rejected the November ballot Proposal 5 to "guarantee" funding increases to our local public schools. The voters understood that the money was for the adults and not the children, so more money wouldn't automatically translate into higher quality and achievement.

Now comes the hard part of making the necessary changes in our schools.

Like the auto industry, our system of public education must change or perish. The configuration of our public system of education is not sustainable educationally or fiscally. And it will not prepare our children to compete in a rapidly changing world without significant and fundamental change.

With technology and globalization, our children are not simply competing against the students in the school district or state next door; they are competing against the 3 billion new capitalists in Russia, China, India and other developing

nations that are clamoring to take our jobs and our middle class way of life.

A time for boldness

Bold efforts need to be undertaken to redirect limited resources to the core mission of teaching and learning. Michigan citizens will not increase funding to schools until the governor and legislature, along with local school boards and superintendents, demonstrate that they have made the tough decisions to:

- Address runaway health and pension costs.
- Close unnecessary school buildings.
- Consolidate the tiny school districts across the state.
- Reduce administrative overhead.
- And direct more of the nearly \$13 billion currently spent in our public schools into the classroom.

As an example, the highly regarded public accounting firm Plante & Moran did a study nearly a decade ago that showed how Wayne County could save nearly

\$10 million annually by consolidating special education bus routes without hurting students. The recommendations were never implemented because it would affect adults and their jobs.

\$10 million wasted

That is \$10 million that could and should have gone to prepare our children for the 21st-century knowledge economy but was burned up on the roads. There are similar examples across our state.

There are no incentives or natural constituency at the local level for taking on the tough assignment to rein in costs, consolidate school districts, form joint operating agreements and other ways to save money and be more effective with public school aid.

Clearly, our children will benefit from strategically targeted investments. However, the problems confronting our schools cannot and will not be addressed by simply pouring more money into the existing system.

When I was state superintendent of public instruction, I compiled a 2004 report on Michigan's structural school funding issues and warned: "A simple solution would be to join the chorus and simply ask for more tax revenue to fund our schools. However, simply funding the current system will not yield the results our children need and deserve."

Consensus for reform grows

Others are reaching the same conclusion. The executive directors of the Michigan Association of School Administrators and the Michigan Association of School Boards, in a Nov. 15, 2006, joint letter to The Detroit News, appear to agree that fundamental change is needed when they wrote: "Proposal 5 — rejected by 62 percent of Michigan voters — should serve as a wake-up call for all of us in education."

The respected Citizens Research Council of Michigan concluded that change is required in a report that stated: "Increased pension and health benefit cost



About Tom Watkins

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for working school employees leaves little room for increased spending directed to teaching and learning."

Last year's Senate majority leader, a Republican, and the Senate minority leader, a Democrat (who is now Gov. Jennifer Granholm's budget director), with more than 40 years of legislative experience between them, concurred that the state needs to consolidate school districts and direct more dollars to the classroom.

Given the runaway health care and pension costs, unless changes are made, we should change the name of the Department of Education to the

Department of "Health Care and Pensions" to more accurately reflect where the bulk of any future money will be spent.

We have witnessed what has happened when the auto industry ignored new realities and waited too long to address the structural problems confronting them. Michigan's citizens have historically demonstrated their willingness to invest in our children. They will do so in the future when fundamental changes in Michigan's public education system assure them that the investment will pay off for our children and our collective future.

Leadership matters. Doing nothing is not a solution.

Public needs active role in state

It is easy enough to pick on politicians — and I certainly have done so, many more times than once.

But we need to remember that they are human beings as well. Pause for a moment to consider the kinds of pressures our elected leaders in Lansing have to withstand during these tough times.

Most of them — like most of us, have kids and spouses that need and deserve their time and attention. They have the kinds of worries — financial, career, personal — that afflict every one of us.

But unlike us, they're in the capitol, the pressure cooker of our troubled state, facing an extra set of burdens and responsibilities.

Sure, they volunteered for this duty, but it's tough duty nevertheless. They are paid better than most of their colleagues in other states — \$79,500 a year — but most could do better elsewhere.

They expect to have their performance criticized. But it's deeply unfair to make it personal, to assault their characters.

New York Times columnist David Brooks, one of the most thoughtful and insightful folks around, detailed just why in a recent column: "In our democracy, lawmakers are compelled to spend their days maneuvering for trivial

advantages that nobody will remember by dinnertime..."

"In our democracy, top officials lead frantic, overscheduled lives, with almost no time alone and with major decisions made by instinct during rushed limo rides from one forgettable event to another. They spend their days talking, and pretty soon they become human jukeboxes — their snippets of conversation are just chunks of oft-repeated material they have retrieved from the stump speech audio collection in their heads..."

"Our democracy, at least as it has evolved, takes individuals who are reasonable in private and it chums them through a public process that is almost tailor-made to undermine their virtues."

"The process of perpetually kissing up to the voters destroys the leadership qualities the voters are looking for in the first place: tranquility of spirit, independence of mind, and a sensitivity to the contours and complexity of reality."

Amen!

We need to keep all that in mind as we take a moment to consider in greater detail the pressures that face our governor and everyone else we've elected, especially the legislature:

The fact is that Michigan is in terrible trouble. Our economy stinks. Our state budget is awash in red ink, and big decisions about how to plug the holes have to be made within just a few months. Those decisions will have enormous consequences.

The very future of our Michigan is up for grabs, as it never has been before. We can become "Mississippi," with, yes, low taxes — and poorly paid workers, a lousy education system, few state services and crummy economic prospects ... plus cold weather.

Or we can restructure our government, cut unnecessary spending, reform our tax system and find the revenue we need. The money we need, that is, to fund an investment program in our durable, distinctive competitive assets like our universities, our "North Coast" environment and the skills and brains of our people.

The special interests (what organization, after all, is not a special interest?) are already aroused and shouting. They are stirring up citizen unease about a 2 percent sales tax on services. The anti-taxers-no-matter-what are threatening recall campaigns.

The din grows, the pressure rises. And our public officials are



About Phil Power

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plunk in the middle of the pressure cooker.

Meanwhile, in our state capitol, in private, everyone acknowledges how complicated and how serious the choices are.

Our public officials know full well that we are approaching a defining moment in Michigan's future. Most want to do the right thing, but many are reluctant to make the hard decisions if it means they risk defeat the next time around.

What's needed is leadership — and the task of leadership is to find ways to put aside narrow partisanship and construct those small spaces in which lawmakers have some freedom of choice.

Freedom, that is, to do what they know is right.

What would make that a lot easier for our elected officials to do

their work would be if the public is given a chance to be heard from.

By this I do NOT mean public opinion polls. Here's how America Speaks, a non-profit organization promoting citizen involvement, puts it: "Unfortunately, polling is woefully inadequate for building a healthy democracy. Polls provide decision-makers with aggregate data about citizens' opinions, but do nothing to identify or help build a collective view upon which decision makers can reasonably act."

"They survey opinions without providing any way for people to learn or to be challenged. In the end, a public that has no opportunity to deeply engage with an issue (and only registers its opinions in snap judgments made to pollsters) will always be a ripe target for manipulation and influence."

Right now, when our future as a

state is teetering in the balance, we desperately need civic education and public engagement. After all, it's our Michigan, and our elected officials have a responsibility to consider carefully our thoughts and feelings, just as we have an obligation to be well informed.

There are lots of ways to do this. Reading the newspapers or surfing the web. Going to town hall meetings. Writing to our elected representatives and senators in Lansing. Talking and telling — in coffee shops, malls, anywhere — of our hopes and fears for our Michigan and saying what we wish would happen to allow our children and grandchildren to continue to live here, in our home state. That's truly the democratic process, as the Founding Fathers saw it. Now as then, it is a process whose time has come. Join it.

What do you think?

We welcome your Letter to the Editor. Please

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NORTHVILLE EVENTS**Introduction to the History of Northville Township**

DATE: Tonight
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road
DETAILS: This is presented by the Northville Township Historic District Commission. Light refreshments will be available.
CONTACT: (248) 662-0494

Land Conservation Program

DATE: Saturday
TIME: noon-3 p.m.
LOCATION: REI Store, 17559 Haggerty Rd., just north of Six Mile Road
DETAILS: LandChoices is a national non-profit organization working to reach landowners and provide them with choices that preserve land. They will be set up at the the REI store to promote their cause and answer questions.
CONTACT: (248) 347-2100

Free Art Marker Demonstration

DATE: Saturday
TIME: 2:30-3:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Awakening...The Artist Inside, 111 N. Center St.
DETAILS: This will be a demonstration of Copic Art markers, the preferred markers for any creative endeavor. The demonstration is also the kick-off of the popular Anime and Manga Cartooning Class starting in March.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0807

Corriveau Coffee Hour

DATE: Monday
TIME: 7-8 a.m.
LOCATION: Dandy Gander Family Restaurant, 333 E. Main St.
DETAILS: State Representative Marc Corriveau is inviting residents to join him for a cup of coffee and conversation. Corriveau wants to hear what Northville residents have to say.

Northville Arts Commission Lecture Series

DATE: Wednesday
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
DETAILS: Popular art historian, Michael Farrell, will present a series of lectures focusing on American art from 1600-1860. The lectures will be held on the third Wednesday of every month, January through May. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.
CONTACT: (248) 344-0497

Exhibit Opening

DATE: Friday, March 2
TIME: 6-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Swearingen Visions Gallery, 118 W. Main St.
DETAILS: The featured artist will be Michelle L. Hinz and her contemporary, abstract and textured paintings. The exhibit will run through the month of March.
CONTACT: (248) 347-1642

Northville Arts Commission Student Exhibits

LOCATION: 215 W. Cady St.
Michigan Art Education Association Show
TIME/DATE: 4:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, March 2; 12:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 3; 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 4
DETAILS: This is a juried show of artwork from students in kindergarten through 12th grade.
Ninth Annual Student Fine Art Exhibit
TIME/DATE: 4:30-8:30 Friday, March 9; 12:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 10; 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, March 11
DETAILS: This exhibit will feature work from middle and high school students. Art will be on display at the Art House and all of the Art Walk galleries.
High School Senior Show
TIME/DATE: 4:30-8:30 Friday, March 30; 12:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday, March 31; 12:30-4:30 p.m. Sunday, April 1
DETAILS: This show will feature the work from seniors at Northville High School. Students plan and execute the entire show on their own. Some of their art-

work may be for sale.
CONTACT: (248) 344-0497

Country Garden Club of Northville

DATE: Tuesday, March 6
TIME: noon
LOCATION: Cady Inn, Mill Race Village
DETAILS: The speaker will be Nancy Lindley on the "Seven Steps to Success with Roses". Guest are welcome.
CONTACT: Sue Witek, (248) 349-7783

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

CONTACT: Nancy Murphy, (248) 305-5460
Meet and Greet
DATE: Tuesday, March 6
TIME: 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Member's Home
DETAILS: Members and guests are invited for a morning of socializing and learning about the many activities the group has to offer.
Authentic English Afternoon Tea
DATE: Monday, March 12
TIME: 4-6 p.m.
LOCATION: Petite Maison, 103 Main St.
DETAILS: Enjoy an assortment of fancy sandwiches, pastries and choice of teas. Cost is \$28.50 per person. Seating is limited to 28 people. RSVP required by March 2.

Health Screenings at Meijer

LOCATION: 20401 Haggerty Road
DATE: Tuesday, March 6
DETAILS: The pharmacy at Meijer will offer the following tests for low cost: Cholesterol, \$30; Liver Function, \$15; Diabetes Screening, \$4; Hemoglobin A1C, \$30. You will receive results within 15 minutes. All tests include consultation and explanation of results by the pharmacist, answers to questions about your medications and blood pressure check. Appointments are necessary.
CONTACT: (248) 248-449-5733

Book Club Meeting

DATE: Friday, March 16
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St., Northville
DETAILS: The book for March will be "Rabbit Run" by John Updike
CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

Friends of the Rouge Frog and Toad Workshop

DATE: Saturday, March 17
TIME: 10 a.m.-noon
LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road
DETAILS: Help monitor the health of the Rouge River wetlands by listening for frogs and toads in your neighborhood. Registration to participate is requested.
CONTACT: (313) 792-9621 or e-mail picordinator@therouge.org

Taste of Northville Business Showcase

DATE: Saturday, March 17
TIME: 10 a.m.-noon
Business-to-Business Brunch; noon-4 p.m. open to public
LOCATION: Northville High School
DETAILS: This annual event brings together Northville's businesses to highlight their products and services to the community. This year's theme is "Race to Victory Lane at the Northville 500." Food sampling, free promotional items and raffles for prizes will be available. Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors 65 and over, and \$4 for children 12 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the door. Exhibit space is still available for area businesses.
CONTACT: Northville Chamber of Commerce, (248) 349-7640, or go to www.northville.org

Ballet Production of "Anastasia"

DATE: Saturday, March 24
TIME: 1:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville High School Auditorium
DETAILS: Center Stage Dance Company's in-house ballet company will perform to the music of

CALL TO ACTION**Tipping Point Theatre's first fund-raising gala March 10**

Tipping Point Theatre is pleased to announce its Inaugural Fundraising Gala, "A Call To Action," to support the development of TPT programs, productions and technical equipment. The Gala will take place at Tipping Point Theatre's newly acquired location in Northville on Saturday, March 10 from 7-10 p.m. This event will help raise vital funds that enable the theatre to achieve the following:

- Fund the immediate need for theatrical lighting, sound and staging equipment that will enable TPT to open its season in the Spring of 2007.
- Bridge the gap between ticket prices and the actual cost to produce professional theatrical productions.
- Further our mission to offer community outreach opportunities through the power of live theatre.

Tipping Point Theatre's Gala is a glamorous evening of mingling with local celebrities, passed hors d'oeuvres, a live improvisation performance and the unveiling of architectural design plans and TPT's opening season. Patrons will be given the opportunity to be the first to preview our space, meet our board of directors and participate in the founding of Northville's newest entertainment venue. This event is being graciously sponsored by Emerald City Designs of Farmington Hills.

Tickets are \$100 per person and corporate and individual season sponsorship opportunities will also be made available at the gala. All proceeds from ticket sales and donations benefit Tipping Point Theatre and are 100% tax deductible. For more information and to purchase tickets, please contact Christina Johnson at (734) 446-5843.

"Anastasia". Tickets are \$8 each or \$6 each for groups of 10 or more. Tickets are available at the Center Stage studio or by mail, e-mail or fax.

CONTACT: (248) 380-1666, fax (248) 380-1597, e-mail cscd5678@sbcglobal.net

St. Jude's Fund-raiser

DATE: Sunday, March 25
TIME: 5-8 p.m.
LOCATION: Uno's Chicago Grill, east side of Haggerty Road, just south of Eight Mile.
DETAILS: Uno's will donate 10 percent of its sales for the day to St. Jude's and employees will donate their tips. A deejay from WKQI Radio 95.5 FM will be on hand. A charity auction is planned.
CONTACT: Ashley, (734) 432-6091

Marquis Theatre

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

Raggedy Ann and Andy

SCHEDULE: 2:30 p.m.
Saturdays March 17-April 28; 2:30 p.m. Sundays, March 18-April 29; 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday April 9-13
DETAILS: Tickets are \$8 each. No children under 3 years of age.

Genitti's Little Theater

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

2007 Dinner Theatre - "Law & Disorder"

TIME/DATES: 6:30 p.m. every Saturday through April 14
DETAILS: Interactive comedy for \$45 per person. Call for reservations.

Frankie Ford
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Friday
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person.

The Reflections
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Saturday, March 24
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person.

Teen Angels
TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. and 7 p.m., Saturday, March 31
DETAILS: Tickets are \$35 for the 1 p.m. performance and \$45 for the 7 p.m.

Laughs for a Miracle
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Dinner, 8:30 p.m. Show Friday, Mar. 30
DETAILS: This evening is a benefit for the Children's Miracle Network. Enjoy grown up comedy for a little kid's cause. Tickets are \$45 per person.

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. Play theater games. Take a backstage tour. \$16.95 per person. Everyone

gets a Genitti's fun patch.

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.

Spring Egg Hunt

DATE: Sunday, April 1
TIME: 2 p.m.
DETAILS: This is a free event for those with a Michigan State Park Motor Vehicle Permit. 1,000 candy filled eggs and over 100 prize filled eggs will be available for hunting. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Maybury State Park. Use the Eight Mile Road entrance and meet at the Concession building.

LIBRARY LINES

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall; parking off Cady Street

TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

CONTACT: For information or to register for programs and request or renew library materials, (248) 349-3020

Winter Story Time

SESSIONS: 4 p.m. Mondays through March 12; 10:15 a.m. or 2 p.m. Tuesdays through March 13

DETAILS: This story time and activity session is for children who are 4 and 5 years old, or are in kindergarten, and are comfortable attending without a caregiver present. Siblings, or non-registered children may not attend. Please call to register.

All About Oscars
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tonight
DETAILS: Oakland Community College Film Professor Lawrence Jeziak will present insight into the history of the Oscars and will predict this year's winners. The program is free, but preregistration is necessary.

Little Me Storytime
TIME/DATE: 10:30-11:15 a.m. Friday

DETAILS: Babies to 2 years old, along with parents or caregivers, enjoy music, beanbag fun and simple stories. Older children are welcome to attend. No registration required.

Evening Family Storytime
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday

DETAILS: This half-hour program is suited for children 3 and older, but all ages are welcome. No registration is required. Children can wear their pajamas and be comfortable.

Books, Chat and Chow for Teens
TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26

DETAILS: Treats and discussion on the book "Bound" by Debra Jo Napoli.

Junior Books, Chat and Chow

TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 28

DETAILS: The book discussion group for fourth and fifth graders will be discussing "Escaping the Giant Wave" by Peg Kehret, as well as enjoying treats.

Spring Kids Club

TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m. Thursday, March 22

DETAILS: This is an after school program for children in first, second and third-grades featuring stories, games and crafts. Registration begins March 1.

Spring Tot Storytime

SESSIONS: 10:15 a.m. Mondays, March 26-April 30; 10:15 or 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, March 28-May 2; 10:15 a.m. Thursdays, March 29-May 3.

DETAILS: This is especially for children 2 and 3 years of age accompanied with a parent or caregiver. Babies, additional siblings, or nonregistered children may not attend. Registration is required and begins Wednesday, March 7.

Gardening for the Reluctant Gardener

TIME/DATE: 3:30 or 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 6
DETAILS: Janet Macunovich, horticulturalist and Free Press gardening writer will offer tips on making gardening easier and more fun. Registration required.

Between the Lines Book Club

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday, March 12
DETAILS: The book group for adults will discuss the non-fiction work "Arc of Justice: a Saga of Race, Civil Rights and Murder in the Jazz Age" by Kevin Boyle.

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

Book Donations

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

Library Board of Trustee Meetings

DATE: Fourth Thursday of every month
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
DETAILS: Open to the public.

CHURCH EVENTS**First Presbyterian Church of Northville**

LOCATION: 200 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911
Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.
American Red Cross Blood Drive
TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.
DETAILS: Walk-ins are welcome, or appointments can be made.

CONTACT: (248) 347-1063
Northville Concert Chorale
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday, March 11

DETAILS: The concert will feature the music of Johann Sebastian Bach and contemporary composer John Rutter. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors 65 and older, \$5 for students, and children 11 and under are free.

Single Place Events

CONTACT: www.singleplace.org
Divorce Recovery Workshop
TIME/DATE: 7:30-9 p.m. Tonight

LOCATION: Emeritus Room
DETAILS: Tonight's subject will be "Relationships Old and New" presented by Sadie Bolos.

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.

First Baptist Church of Northville

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing
CONTACT: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Mens Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Rd.
CONTACT: (248) 348-7600
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:50 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study, Youth & Children Ministries: 7 p.m.

Beth Moore Simulcast Event

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Saturday
DETAILS: Program will be live via satellite. Tickets are \$20 and lunch is \$5. Reservations required.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 374-7400

MOPs (Mothers of Preschoolers)

DATE: First and third Thursday of the month
TIME: 7-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Room C307-309
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: Kelli Plansinis, atplayintennis@comcast.net or Women's Ministries (248) 374-5978

WOW Tuesdays

DAY: Tuesdays
TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Chapel, NE corner of church

DETAILS: WOW Tuesdays offer seven different classes, four new. Something for everyone, Bible veterans or wanting to learn more. Small groups enable richer, deeper understanding of God's Word and how we can apply it to our everyday lives.

20s and 30s Women's Bible Study

DATE: Tuesdays
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Room C317-319

DETAILS: Study Scriptures in this 12 week program through "Breaking Free," a video series by Beth Moore. Reserve workbook.

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 (248) 347-3525

First United Methodist Church

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 349-1144

Sunday Worship

DETAILS: 8, 9:15, 11 a.m., and 5 p.m.

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

Career Ministry Meetings

DAY: Sunday
TIME: 1:30-3 p.m.

DETAILS: The Career Ministry

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program is to help meet the needs of job seekers and others in career transition. It is free of charge and is focused on providing career development resources, programs and net-working opportunities to anyone in the Northville/Novi area

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

LOCATION: 201 Elm St.
Sunday Worship
 8:30 a.m. Blended, 11 a.m. Contemporary, and 11:30 a.m. Traditional

SENIOR EVENTS**Thursday**

9 a.m.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly
 9:30 a.m.: Yoga
 10 a.m.: Bowling
 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
 1 p.m.: Web Browsing and Email

4 p.m.: Spaghetti Dinner
 Taxes by appointment
 Massage by appointment
Friday
 9:30 a.m.: Focus Hope and Liquid Nutrition

9:30 a.m.: Strength Training
 11 a.m.: Poker
 11 a.m.: Web Browsing and Email

1 p.m.: Movie: "While You Were Sleeping"

Monday

9:30 a.m.: Strength Training

9:45 a.m.: Oxyrise New

Enrollees

10 a.m.: Line Dance/Oxyrise

11:30 a.m.: Book Club

noon: Blood Pressure Check

12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

Chair Massage by appointment

Tuesday

10:30 a.m.: Mary Kay Facial

Party
 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
 1 p.m.: Computer I
Wednesday
 9:45 a.m.: Oxyrise New
 Enrollees
 10 a.m.: Oxyrise
 noon: Bridge
 1 p.m.: Computer I
 7 p.m.: Bridge
 Foot Reflexology by appointment

Spaghetti Dinner

DATE: Tonight
 TIME: 4-7 p.m.
 LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center
 DETAILS: The dinner will include spaghetti by Genitti's, salad, garlic bread, dessert, coffee, tea and punch. All proceeds will benefit the Senior Adult Services Program. The cost is \$8 per person.

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 p.m. Wednesday
 Pinochle (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, Friday
 LOCATION: Recreation Center and Hillside

DETAILS: All levels of play are welcome. Bring your friends. Cost is \$1.

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.

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 MATTERS**Mill Race Historical Village**

LOCATION: 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street, near Ford Field

DETAILS: Office Hours Mon-Fri 9 a.m.-1 p.m.; Archives Open Thu-Fri 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives

Open; 3:45 p.m. Brownie Scout Meeting; 6:45 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting

Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open

Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 10 a.m. King's 8th; 6:30 p.m. Venture Scout Meeting

Monday: 10 a.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 6:30 p.m. Lion's Club

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 4 p.m. Brownie Scout Meeting; 6:30 p.m. Northville Democratic Club

Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church

* Grounds closed to the public

LOOKING FOR YOU**Moms in Touch**

TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. Thursdays
 LOCATION: Member's homes
 DETAILS: These mothers form a college/career, interdenominational prayer group who gather for one hour each week to pray for their adult children and the colleges they attend and their places of employment.
 CONTACT: Kathy Petlicke, (248) 348-1691 or www.mom-sintouch.org

Northville Yoga Classes

LOCATION: American Legion Hall, 100 Dunlap
 Class for All Levels
 TIME/DATE: 5:30-6:45 p.m. Mondays through March 26
 Yoga II
 TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m.

Mondays through March 26

Northville Senior Center

TIME/DATE: 9:30-11 a.m. Thursdays through March 29

Yin Yoga

TIME/DATE: 5:20-6:45 p.m.

Thursdays through March 29

All Levels

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m.

Thursdays through March 29

DETAILS: The winter session registration rate is \$96. The drop-in rate for unregistered students is \$11 per class. There is no charge for the first visit.

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Northville Colts Football

DETAILS: The Colts are expanding 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 8-10; 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."

Open 40+ Basketball

DATE: Every Wednesday

Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167. Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

Friends of the Northville District Library

DETAILS: There are openings for the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Northville Library.

Sciatica?

Suburban Detroit - A new free report has recently been released that reveals an amazing new medical breakthrough that has proven 86% successful treating debilitating back pain. Even with multiple herniated discs. Find out how space travel solved astronauts back pain treatment today. For your free report entitled, "How Space Age Technology Is Solving Back Pain Without Drugs Or Surgery!" call 1-800-469-3618 and listen to the toll-free 24 hr. recorded message for all the details. If phone lines are busy, visit: www.midischerniation.com

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Let's face it... Erectile Dysfunction (E.D.) is not the easiest subject to talk about. By attending this FREE patient seminar, you can talk with someone who has already gone through what you are experiencing. If you have tried medications and are unsatisfied with the results, alternative treatments are available.

This is a FREE seminar sponsored by Coloplast Corp. to educate men and their partners about an advanced, DRUG-FREE treatment for E.D.

Featuring:
Zvi Levran, M.D.
 with St. Mary's Mercy Hospital
 A Board Certified Urologist specializing in the treatment of E.D.

Also featuring:
 A patient who permanently corrected his E.D.

Tuesday, February 27, 2007
 Presentation begins at 12:00 p.m.

St. Mary's Mercy Hospital
 Marian Professional Building, Classroom 10
 36475 Five Mile Road
 Livonia, MI 48154

This is a FREE seminar, but reservations are requested. Please call Steve at 800-788-0293 x 8574. Please leave name and number of persons attending.

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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT**Innsbrook Apartments Incident**

A 52-year-old resident of Innsbrook Apartments called police to say he suspected some prescription drugs had been taken from his apartment between 3:30 and 5 p.m. on Jan. 15.

Police were dispatched to the man's apartment when he noticed that some narcotic pain medication was missing.

The man recently had surgery and had the pain medication next to his bed. He left home, and when he returned noticed that 22 pills of 750 mg of Vicodin, a pain killer, and nine pills of 10 mg Flexeril, an arthritis medication, were missing from their bottles.

He told police that prior to the incident, he had contacted an apartment maintenance man about a broken toilet. The maintenance man said he had to order a part and wouldn't be able to fix the toilet until the part came in.

Another maintenance man approached the man and said he had been in the apartment and left a part that was not relevant to repair the toilet. Both maintenance men said they had been in

the apartment, and when they left nothing had been disturbed.

When the resident contacted the apartment's management, they said he should file a police report.

The case is still open pending further investigation.

Checks missing after move

A 29-year-old Northville Township woman reported to police at 10:45 a.m. on Feb. 3 that someone had cashed a check of hers for \$100 that she did not write.

The woman told police she had just moved from Denver, Colo., and she believed that someone stole a check from a box during the move and cashed the \$100 check on Jan. 28.

The woman has since contacted the bank and placed stops on all of her checks.

The moving company is also looking into the incident.

Domestic violence arrest

A 25-year-old Northville Township man was arrested for domestic violence after he got

into an argument with his girlfriend at 3 a.m. on Feb. 3 on Lehigh Court.

Upon arriving at the couple's residence, police found broken glass, later identified as a mirror.

The couple had been having relationship problems, and the man had decided to pack his things and leave in the middle of the night.

While he was packing up his belongings, they began to argue about the man taking some tools from the home that she had purchased. He later grabbed a hammer and knocked a hole in the kitchen drywall, smashed a mirror in the hallway, smashed out a large piece of the ceramic bathroom sink and two more holes in the drywall in the upstairs' master bedroom and hallway.

Police advised the woman to seek out a Personal Protection Order against the boyfriend.

Driving on suspended license

A 30-year-old Northville Township man was arrested for driving on a suspended license at 4:50 a.m. on Feb. 1 at Ironwood Court and Silver Springs Drive.

An officer was on patrol parked behind a brown van which came back "no title information" when

he ran the license plate.

Dispatch confirmed that the man's license was currently suspended with no prior convictions. The plate on the vehicle was also improper.

Reckless driving investigated

A 17-year-old Novi man was questioned following a reckless driving incident after he hit a 14-year-old Northville Township girl in the Northville High School parking lot at 8:45 p.m. Jan. 30 on Six Mile Road.

The woman told police when she tried to open the door to her vehicle, the man approached her in his vehicle, striking the rear of her right knee and pinning her against another vehicle.

The man then backed up, and

she was able to free her leg. The woman was transported to Providence Park Hospital in Novi and did not have any broken bones.

The case has been referred to the detective bureau.

Headlights out; warrant in

A 63-year-old Livonia woman was arrested for driving on a suspended license at 9:42 p.m. Feb. 3 at Haggerty and Seven Mile roads.

An officer on patrol spotted the woman's vehicle with no headlights on leaving the AMC Theater lot and pulling onto Haggerty Road.

The woman had a warrant out for a misdemeanor arrest out of Dearborn Heights.

Drunk driving, drug possession

A 21-year-old Livonia man was arrested for drunk driving and possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia at 3:07 a.m. at Six Mile and Sheldon roads.

The man told police he had consumed 1.5 beers at Novi Bowl within a four-five hour period. A preliminary breath test revealed a blood alcohol level of .11 percent.

The man told police he had a "bowl" in his pocket and an empty baggy that had contained marijuana in the front left breast pocket of his shirt.

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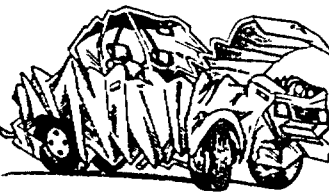
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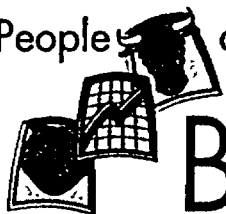
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New Northville bakery & cafe serves organic, gluten-free food

Options offered for area residents with special diets

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Royal Oak resident Donna Bonner loves bread, muffins and pastries.

But most of these types of foods sold in stores or served in restaurants contain gluten — an elastic protein substance found in wheat flour that gives cohesiveness to dough.

This substance can be a potential health threat for those like Bonner with celiac disease, a chronic nutritional disturbance that affects digestion.

But, now there's Wildflours, a new bakery and cafe at 43053 Seven Mile Road in the Highland Lakes shopping center between Northville and Haggerty roads.

The all-organic, all-natural business opened Aug. 1, 2006, by married schoolteachers Mark and Debbie Prentiss, and serves gluten-free food.

The Prentisses met at Warren Consolidated School District's Career Preparation Center, a vocational school in Sterling Heights, where they both work. Debbie teaches child care and guidance, and Mark teaches culinary arts.

Mark left his job in Chicago as an executive chef at Bubba Gump Shrimp Factory to move back home and be closer to his mother, Joanne.

He said customers are starting to pick up on the business' gluten-free foods.

"It's steadily getting better," Mark said. "People are starting to understand the concept and see what we're all about."

Mark's sister-in-law, MaryAnn Rivers, and husband, Greg, of Northville, own the business with the Prentisses.

The new bakery and cafe is in the space formerly occupied by the restaurant Michelle's Hearth.

"Michelle was in the process of selling the restaurant, and MaryAnn was a patron of hers," Mark said. "She liked the location and decided to purchase the space."

Now, fresh, all-organic regular and gluten-free bread is baked there daily.

Harvest Muffins a favorite

Their signature item is the Harvest Muffin with coconut, pecans, carrots, parsnips and different gluten-free flours.

"They're amazing," Mark said. "And, they're only 210 calories. I eat one every day when I go to school."

Take a walk on the 'Wild' side

Wildflours Bakery & Cafe, located at 43053 Seven Mile Road, is open from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For more information about their catering menu and items for those on special diets, call (248) 374-6244.

Both still teach fulltime, with employees taking care of the business during the day.

Mark's stepsons and Debbie's sons, Justin, 25; Kyle, 21; and Willie, 17; and the Prentisses' sons, Cole, 7, and Jeremy, 4, are the business' taste testers.

Cole's favorite soup is Clam Chowder, and the boys like the vegetarian chili, too, which took second place at the Jan. 27 Fire & Ice Festival chili competition.

The business' mission statement promises wholesome, natural food, and the cafe serves beef and turkey with no hormones.

"When people think of vegetarian or organic, they think it can't be tasty if it's good for you," Mark said.

Other soups include Chicken and Dumpling, Roasted Pepper and Tomato Basil. Brown rice flour is used to thicken the gluten-free soups.

Mark said those with food allergies who come into a restaurant may feel uncomfortable sharing the fact that they have a special need.

"We try to eliminate this uncomfortableness by having many gluten-free menu selections at their fingertips," he said.

Most customers come at lunchtime or pick up orders for dinner, Debbie said.

"We have a group of runners that comes in every Saturday to feast on our Harvest Muffins and Wild Turkey Apple Sandwiches," Debbie said.

The bakery and cafe's name comes from one of Debbie's and sister, MaryAnn's, favorite childhood activities.

"We grew up on a farm in Romeo, and we used to pick wildflowers all the time," she said.

The bakers even make gluten-free, decorated cakes.

"Our clients have been thrilled because this type of service isn't available in the area," Debbie said.

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Wildflours Bakery & Cafe owners Mark and Debbie Prentiss hold a couple of trays of their gluten-free bread that they sell at their Highland Lakes plaza location.

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Fix-N-Chips franchise owner requests new law for business

Repairs done while you shop

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Can you think of a business that needs no office, has no overhead and can help customers any time and any place?

Try Fix-N-Chips, a windshield stone chip repair business with 33 locations in Southeast Michigan.

Jeff Schmitz, president of a local franchise, approached Northville Township Planning Commission members with his attorney Feb. 1 to see about offering the service in the Meijer parking lot at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads.

This poses a bit of a problem, however, because the township has no ordinance that pertains to mobile businesses.

So, Schmitz and Farmington Hills attorney, Dave Palmieri, came to talk to planning commissions about creating such an ordinance.

Currently, the township's ordinance only allows businesses to be in an enclosed building.

Fix-N-Chips attracts customers

by displaying a sign about the business with a cell phone number customers can call any time.

With the slogan "There is no catch!" franchise owners do not approach customers in the parking lot.

"They come to us," Palmieri explained.

There is no heavy equipment — just tools in a small case.

Palmieri said windshield repair businesses have failed in a stand-alone building, and that the most effective way to operate such a business is in a large parking lot like Meijer's.

"This is a business that has a safety aspect to it as well since windshields with stone chips can crack right down the middle," Palmieri said.

Fix-N-Chips is no fly-by-night operation, Palmieri said.

"We'd like to think our business is different than someone selling velvet paintings of Elvis [Presley] in the parking lot," he said.

The service saves insurance companies money as well as the insured because the entire windshield doesn't have to be replaced.

Township considers concept

Jennifer Frey, township com-

Have a stone chip?

Need to have a stone chip repaired on your windshield? Contact Fix-N-Chips at (866) FIX-GLASS any time. Most insurance companies will waive the comprehensive deductible and pay for the stone chip repair.

munity development director, and planning commissioners have concerns about allowing mobile businesses to operate in the community.

But Schmitz said the township has been helpful so far in trying to find a way for the business to operate in the township.

"This is a service that has some value," said Commissioner Robert Nix.

"I think the idea needs more thought and analysis."

New commission chair Dick Allen is not convinced that an ordinance for mobile businesses is desirable for the township but is willing to explore it.

"It's something our staff needs to look at," Allen said.



Courtesy photo

Jeff Schmitz, right, president of the local Fix-N-Chips windshield repair business, with employee Danielle Toth. Schmitz hopes to be able to offer the stone chip repair service in the Meijer parking lot at Eight Mile and Haggerty roads if he can obtain approval from Northville Township lawmakers.

Commissioner George McCarthy understands that prime parking lot space is important for this type of business.

"It's location, location, location," McCarthy said.

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BRIEFS

Moss Rose closing

The Moss Rose, Purveyors of Americana, is closing its doors. A clearance sale is currently under way, continuing through the end of February. Prices are marked 30-50

percent off. Carving orders scheduled with Colin Mehaffey will be filled, and customers will be notified when the carvings are going to be mailed to them. The Mehaffeys would like to thank Northville and their many customers for their patronage over the last three years. The space at 124 E. Main St. will be available in March. For more information call (248) 349-5175.

Buth honored again

Verizon Wireless has named Douglas Buth to the company's President's Cabinet for the second consecutive year. Buth, a retail sales manager at the Verizon Wireless Communications Store at 20580 Haggerty Road in Northville, demonstrated exceptional sales leadership in 2006 by

providing metro Detroit area customers with outstanding service related to company products and service plans.

He earned the award by meeting several criteria, including being ranked in the top 1.2 percent nationally in 2006 sales, placing him as one of the company's top performers among its more than 17,000 sales associates.

Guernsey donates to Make-A-Wish

On Feb. 6, Guernsey Farms Dairy donated \$1,500 as part of its Egg Nog promotion to the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan grants the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions.

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The check was presented to Kendrin Ruuspaakka of the Make-A-Wish Foundation of Michigan at Guernsey's Northville store by Guernsey's 98-year-old founder John T. McGuire.

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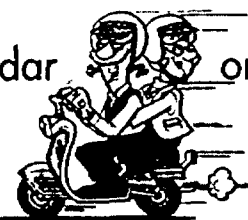
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SENIOR CITIZENS



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Planning commission considers proposed senior living campus

■ Project mainly for independent

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Jim Nield believes Northville Township needs more senior living facilities, and the sooner the better.

"We need to adjust our game plan to include senior housing," he said.

Nield, 64, a member of the township planning commission and senior advisory board, listened intently Jan. 30 as Laura Hester, senior vice president of development for Sunrise Senior Living's Midwest region, described a \$44-million senior project being considered.

Hester and Chuck DeMaggio of Burton-Katzman Development in Bingham Farms produced more details on a senior living campus proposed on the east side of Haggerty Road north of Five Mile. The plan is a possible redevelopment of the Northville Green Office Park.

The presentation was a follow-up from the last planning commission meeting. Members of the planning commission expressed some concern over the number of buildings and lack of parking spaces planned at the site.

The property would have to be rezoned before a final site plan could be approved.

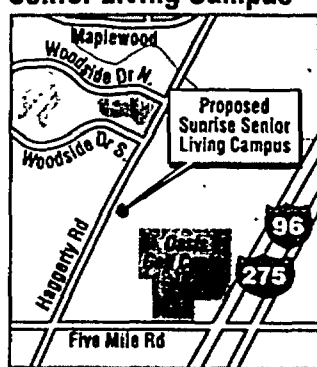
The project would be built just north of the Oasis Golf Center and would feature primarily senior independent living with a small component of senior assisted living.

It would include two- or three-story senior apartments and condominiums called villas. A 230,000-square-foot medical office building with physicians specializing in geriatric medicine is also planned at the site.

Sunrise offers a full range of senior living services, including independent living, assisted living, care for those with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of memory loss, plus nursing, rehabilitative and hospice care.

Hester said Sunrise's current assisted living facility on

Proposed Sunrise Senior Living Campus



SOURCE: Charter Township of Northville

Haggerty Road has done well, with 100 percent occupancy currently, and that senior independent living has been identified as a township goal.

She also said 1.5 parking spaces per unit is the national average for such structures.

Other details of the proposal include two 80-unit buildings and a clubhouse with a dining room and pool, a two-story assisted living facility and 30 villas to be priced at about \$350,000 each. Extensive landscaping and walking paths would also be built.

"Seniors are choosing this lifestyle and social activities," Hester said. "We're all about choices."

Hester said the facility would be an integral part of the community and would not require a large entry fee like Erickson's Fox Run retirement village in Novi.

Not everyone goes South

Nield thinks many township residents don't want to become "snowbirds" — those who live in warmer states in the winter months, then return to their colder-climate homes in the summer.

"They want to stay here," he said.

He mentioned that moving to a condo in a senior living campus was less of a mental adjustment than moving to a facility.

The project is estimated to bring about a million dollars a year in tax revenue to the township, where an office building on the site would total only about \$660,000 a year, according to



Photo courtesy Sunrise Senior Living

Terry and Paul Klaassen are the founders of Sunrise Senior Living headquartered in McLean, Va. The company wants to construct an approximately \$44-million campus for senior citizens in Northville Township on Haggerty Road north of Five Mile Road.

Hester and DiMaggio.

The campus would employ about 60 full-time workers its first year and about 70 by year three, Hester said.

Commissioners Mike Weaver, Lisa Anderson and Robert Nix think the plan has merit but would prefer to see an office building built on the property.

"We can't combat the economy, but we can control how the dirt's used," Nix said.

But Commissioner Mark Gans likes the project.

"It's something we need and can use right now," Gans said.

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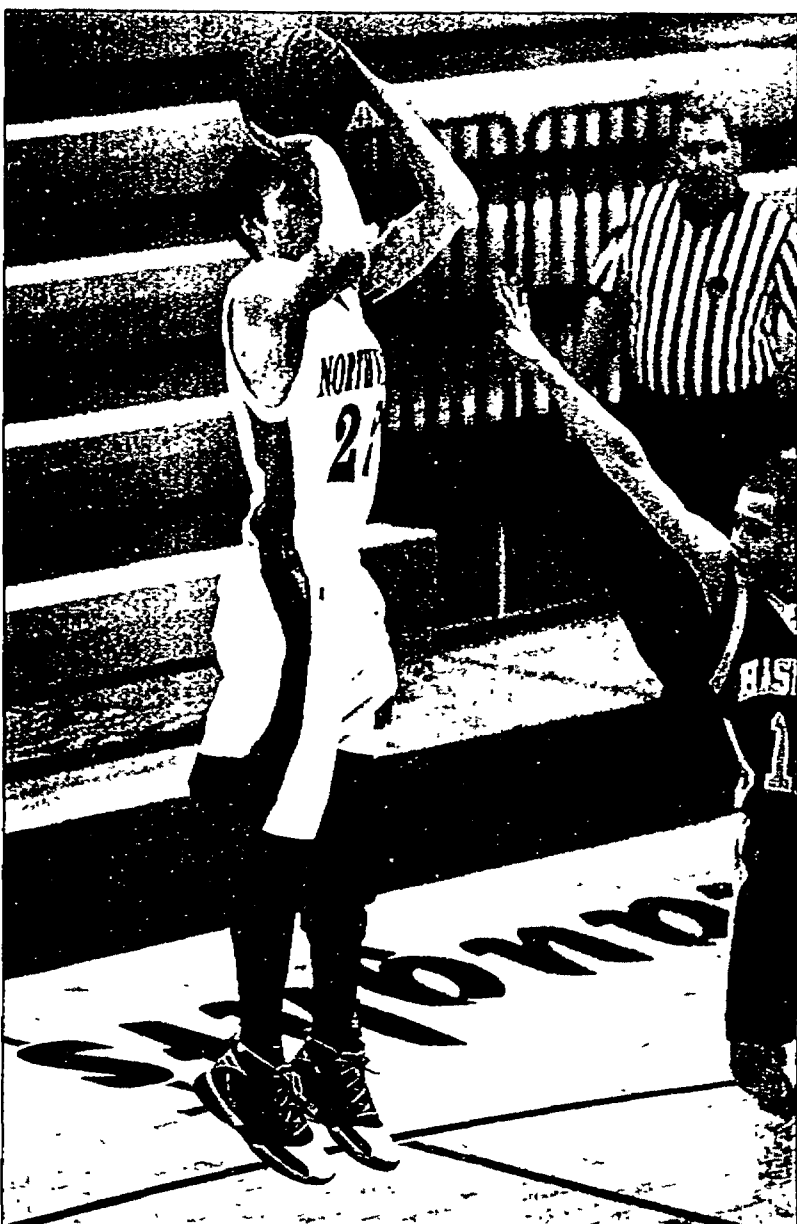


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Northville senior Andrew Manor takes an outside shot against Haslett.

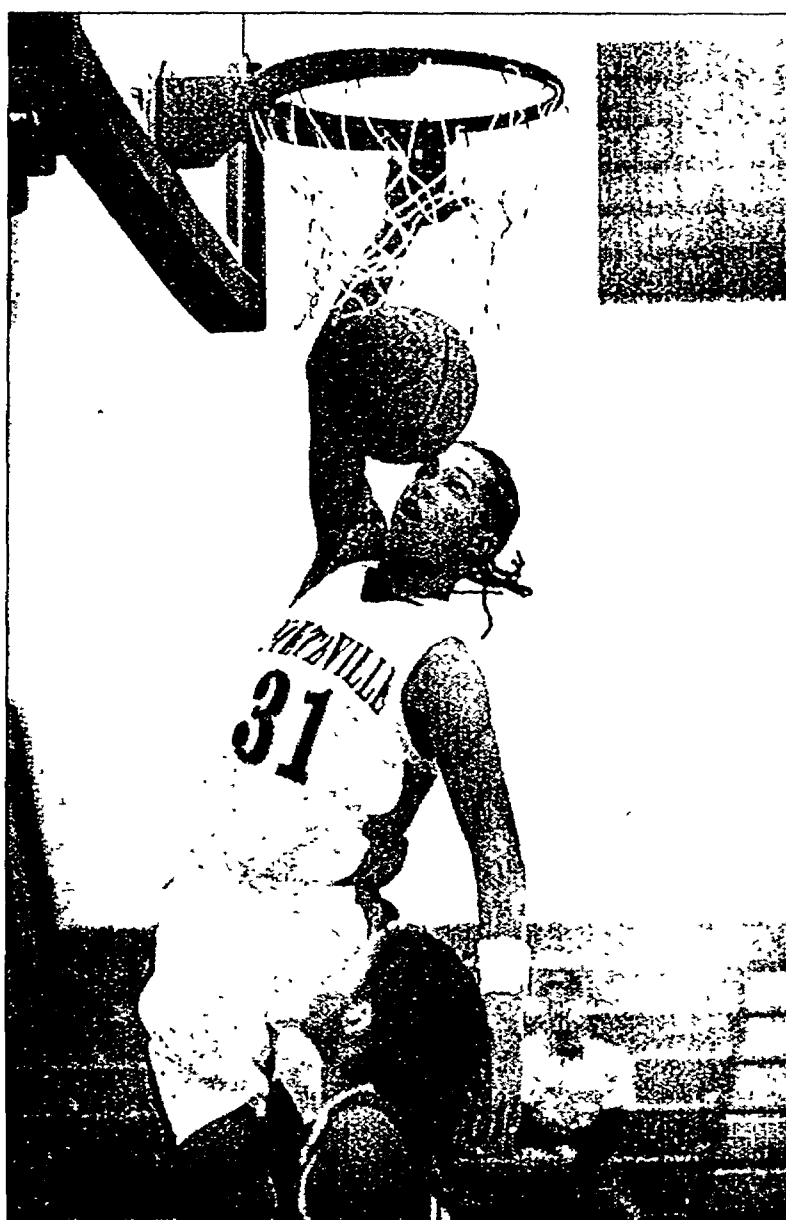


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Mustang senior Alvin Storrs slams against Walled Lake Western.

Three seniors have lost just one regular season game in two seasons

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville basketball captured a second consecutive WLAA divisional title Friday. Mustang seniors Alvin Storrs, Bret Spencer and Andrew Manor have been a major force behind the run — each in their own way.

Storrs is the leader on the court and the No. 1 scoring option.

Spencer does a lot of inside work on defense and is one of the top outside threats for the Mustangs.

Manor has played very limited minutes this year because of a knee injury suffered before the season. His biggest contributions have been by example of hard work and keeping everybody energized on and off the bench.

Northville has lost just one game in two years of regular season play and is 16-1 after clinching the division title Friday.

"We've got a bull's eye on our stomach or chest, whatever you want to call it. Everybody is shooting their A game at us every night," said Darrel Schumacher, Northville basketball coach. "Our seniors are tremendous leaders on and off the floor."

Storrs shines in spotlight

When the season is over, Storrs will be headed to Grand Valley State University. But before then, he would like to replace the memory of how last season ended. The Mustangs were undefeated until a close loss in the opening round of district play to



Photo submitted by Dana Birdsall

Northville seniors, from left, Andrew Manor, Bret Spencer and Alvin Storrs stand together Friday before the Canton game.

Catholic Central.

"It was really sad for me. It was really hard," Storrs said. "I love to win."

The offense runs through Storrs. If he's on, Northville is going to be tough to beat. If he's off, Northville will struggle to win. But many more times than not, Storrs has been up to the call.

Storrs admitted to enjoying things more in his senior year.

"I'm definitely trying to take the wins in

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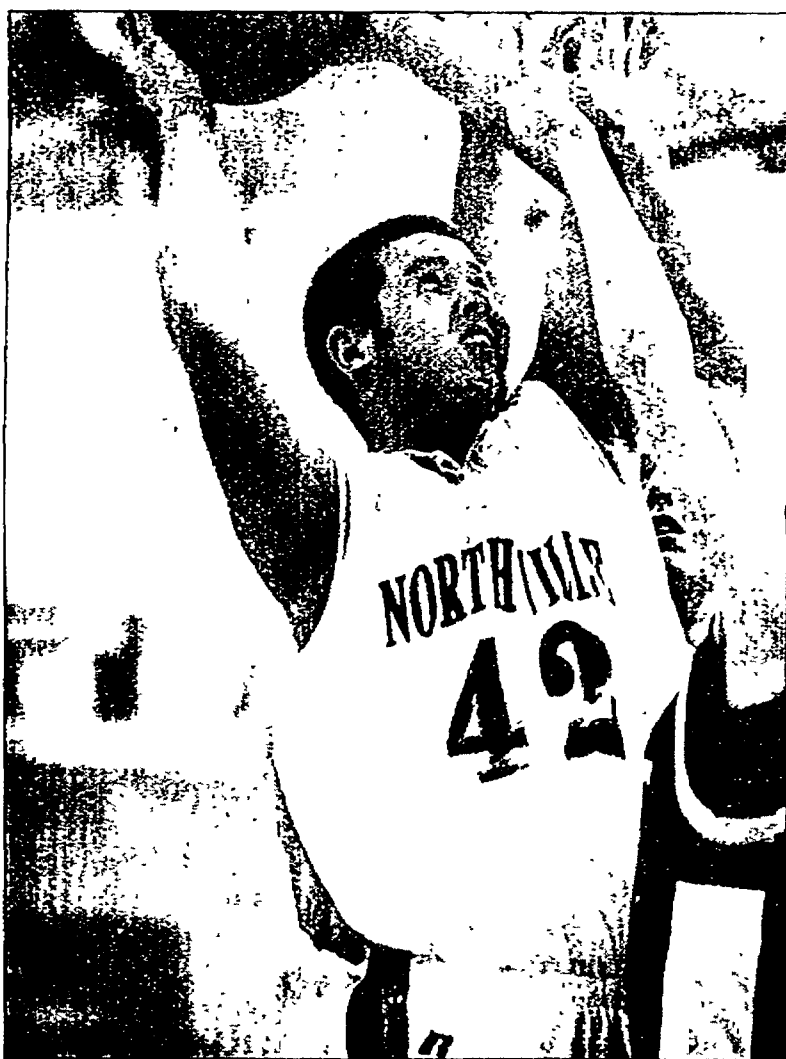


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Northville senior Bret Spencer works inside against Haslett.

Five Mustangs advance

D'Anna wins district title

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville wrestling coach Jeff Balagna was very pleased Saturday as five wrestlers moved on from districts to the regional tournament.

Leading the way for the Mustangs was junior Jonny

D'Anna who put together another perfect tournament in rout to winning the 119-pound district championship.

D'Anna pinned Nieko Ianni of Catholic Central in 17 seconds in the finals to claim the title. This is his second year in a row qualifying for regionals.

"I am extremely happy for Jonny," said Balagna. "He got hit in the face early in his finals match and fought through his aggression to make short work of the match."

"D'Anna has really been solid all year, and this is just one step along the way for him to reach his goal."

D'Anna also has won three straight tournament titles, starting with the Brighton invite Jan. 13.

Also qualifying for regionals were senior Brian Dulzo (119) and juniors Evan Bentley (130), John Hebert (135), and Brian Baglan (140). All four placed fourth in their respective weight class.



Photo submitted by Jeff Gatt

continued on 3 Northville's Brian Baglan controls his Novi opponent.



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Northville captain Kyle Ziomek scores against Farmington during the second period.

Northville charges in front, holds on versus Farmington

Garbarz nets game winner in third period

Submitted to the Northville Record

Northville's 5-4 win against Farmington last Thursday night held a few surprises for the Mustang faithful.

Farmington responded to Northville's typical offensive onslaught with some offensive pressure of their own, especially during the numerous power play opportunities Northville gave up. The first period appeared to be an evenly matched contest, but a flurry of Northville goals in the second proved too much for Farmington, in spite of notching a few of their own in the third. The Mustangs held off a Farmington third-period rally for a 5-4 victory.

With less than seven minutes left on the clock in the first period, Northville took the lead when senior Steve Dawson slipped by a Farmington defenseman and passed the puck to trailing senior Anthony Deneau. Deneau shot it back to Dawson who snapped a quick, high shot through some heavy traffic in front to score. The period ended at 1-0 Northville, but some great checks by junior Case Moerman and solid defensive work in the corners by junior Jordan Duff kept the Mustang's fans cheering.

The first half of the second period was filled with more outstanding defensive play by Northville. Senior defenseman Kyle Ziomek's shut down a couple of quality Farmington opportunities, and Moerman kept delivering his aggressive, physical game.

At eight minutes in, sophomore Wes Gates started a successful 2-on-1 with a pass to senior Brandon Wales, who took the puck down the ice and sent a perfect pass to sophomore Matt Dembecki who one timed it to put the score at 2-0.

A few minutes later, Ziomek rushed out of the penalty box like he was on fire, checked a Farmington player and stole the puck. He stormed down the boards and fired the puck home on a startled Farmington goaltender for Northville's third goal of the game.

Farmington scored their only goal of the period with two minutes to go with a slapshot from the blue line.

The Mustangs responded when Wales shot in his own rebound and the puck deflected off the goalie's shoulder and hit the net, ending the period at 4-1 Northville.

Farmington proved they came to play early in the third when they scored on a power play less than a minute in, and notched another a few minutes later putting the score at 4-3.

Halfway into the period, Dawson and Deneau worked their magic behind the net and got the puck to senior Mike Garbarz who was ready in the slot and scored what would be the winning goal. Farmington scored on another powerplay opportunity with six minutes left on the clock, but the Mustang defense held the lead and the win, ending the game at 5-4 Northville.



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Mustangs to stay in state!

With their football teammates looking on, Northville seniors Erik Markstrom, left, and Brian Smith sign their letters of intent for Michigan Tech and Northwood University, respectively. Markstrom's parents, Tim and Carmen, are both graduates of Michigan Tech. He finished with 18 receptions for 228 yards and two touchdowns as a tight end. Smith was a lineman. Both earned All-WLAA honorable mention last year.

SIGNING DAY



Three Div. I signees!

Northville seniors, from left, Danielle Toney, Kristen Slack and Liz Watza sign letters of intent. Toney signed with Penn State, Slack with George Washington and Watza with Oakland University. Northville soccer coach Ron Metever watches over the signing.



Next stop, Binghamton!

Northville resident Casey Pederson signs a letter of intent to attend Binghamton University in New York to play soccer. Pederson attends Mercy High School and will graduate magna cum laude. She is also a member of the Michigan Hawks club team.

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For more information, call Dave DeMatteis at (248) 349-0203, ext. 1405.

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The Wildcat preseason baseball camp for players age 7 to 14 is set for March 17 at the Novi High School fieldhouse gym. The morning session will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon with registration beginning at 8 a.m. The afternoon session runs from 1-4:30 p.m. with registration beginning at 12:30 p.m.

The fee is \$55 at the door or \$50

for early registration. Early registration is due by March 14.

For more information, contact Novi coach Rick Green at rjgreen@servicesports.net or call (248) 420-6637. Checks can be mailed to the high school (24062 Taft Rd., Novi, MI 48375) care of Rick.

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The Detroit Lions' Barry Stokes is hosting a bowlathon March 24 at Drakeshire Lanes in Farmington. The money raised will go towards the Barry Stokes Foundation, Michigan Elks Youth Association and Eastern Food Bank.

The day will feature a meet and greet at from 10-11 a.m., lane draw at noon, bowling from 1-4 p.m. with raffles, 50-50 and a silent auction running throughout the day.

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WLAA DIVISIONAL CHAMPS

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville basketball team put an emphatic stamp on the WLAA Western Division by going into Canton's gym to win the title outright.

The Mustangs won 39-31 and earned the No. 1 seed and home-court advantage in the league tournament.

Northville also won earlier in the week, beating Walled Lake Western 64-44.

Canton trailed most of the game but went on a 9-0 run midway through the third quarter for its only lead of the game at 20-18.

Mustang senior Alvin Storrs said he got mad and turned up his offensive aggression. He went on a personal 7-0 run, and Northville wouldn't trail again.

"He just decided he was going to do something," Schumacher said. "Usually he does it when he decides that."

"It is kind of nice to have our seniors lead us to another (division title)."

Storrs finished with a game-high 23 points, 10 of which came in the third quarter.

"I hate to lose," Storrs said. "Seeing the game slip away like that, I started getting more and more mad."

"Everybody was thinking the same thing I was. I looked in my teammates' eyes, and everybody was just kind of mad about it. Finally I was just like, 'Somebody has to do this ... I've got to lead.'"

Northville just about shot a perfect first quarter, hitting five of six shots in taking a 10-4 lead. A Canton three-pointer ended an 8-0 Northville start with 1:45 left in the first.

Both defenses dominated the second quarter, and Canton managed to trim the lead to 15-11 at the break.

Storrs started the scoring in the second half with a three pointer, but Canton responded with the 9-

0 run for the short-lived lead.

Northville didn't panic and finished the quarter on a 7-1 run to take a 25-21 lead in the fourth.

The teams scored six points each, until Bret Spencer hit a three-pointer off a scramble that put the Mustangs up seven with just over two minutes to play.

Canton trimmed the lead to 34-29 with 1:24 to play, but they wouldn't score again until 25.8 left, missing three shots in the process.

The Mustangs could've put the game away, but two players missed the front end of one-and-ones before Storrs hit a pair at the line.

Spencer capped off the night with a fastbreak basket that drew a foul with 23.1 left, all but ending the game.

"It was nice. It was just like last year — one of the best feelings ever," Spencer said. "I got in foul trouble and couldn't compose myself and it kind of hurt our team a little bit. But I got it together at the end."

"We're definitely pumped up now."

Neil Sharma led the Chiefs with 16 points, but it came on 4-of-13 shooting. Canton was held to just 2-for-11 shooting in the final quarter.

Schumacher said Friday's game might just be a prelude to the conference tournament final.

"I thought that they played exceptionally well, forcing us to make a lot of mistakes," Schumacher said. "We were not rebounding well. We need to rebound better if we ever expect to beat them again."

Northville 64, Walled Lake Western 44

The Mustangs closed out senior night with a 20-point win against Western.

The offenses started out landing jabs before the Mustangs hit the big punches in the second half.

The first quarter ended in a 12-



Photo submitted by Mike Kolbow

Northville junior Michael Baldwin holds the ball over the Walled Lake Western defender.

all tie, but Northville scored the first five points of the second quarter and wouldn't trail again. The Mustangs led 23-19 at the break.

A 10-0 run in the middle part of the quarter put the Mustangs in control. They led 44-31 with one quarter left to play.

Northville shot a steady diet of free throws in the fourth quarter to bury the Warriors at the line. Northville hit 32 of 36 free throws during the game.

Storrs led all scorers with 28 points, including 14 of 15 at the line. Greg Hasse was next with



Photo submitted by Diana Birdsall

Northville senior Alvin Storrs works inside against Canton.

eight points. Bret Spencer, Andrew Manor, Dan Kirkpatrick and David Burke each scored six points.

Darryl Warthem led Western with 13 points.

Northville JV

The Northville JV basketball team beat Walled Lake Western 63-52. The Mustangs lost to Canton 47-31 Friday at Canton.

The JV Mustangs are 11-6 overall and 8-5 in the WLAA.

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Volleyball, swim capture division titles

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville volleyball captured its third straight WLAA divisional title with a three-game sweep of Walled Lake Western on Feb. 15.

The Mustangs (35-4-2, 8-0) jumped all over the Warriors and closed out the match with a close game, 25-15, 25-15, 27-25.

The Mustangs clinched the league title with two divisional games remaining.

"I'm really proud of the players and the program," said Steve Anderson, Northville head coach. "Being the first three championships ever in school history for volleyball is kind of a special thing."

The Mustangs also knocked off league foe Franklin on Feb. 12, 25-7, 25-15, 23-25, 25-10.

On Feb. 10, Northville finished runner up to Lakeland at the U-M Dearborn tournament. Northville beat Huron Valley Lutheran, Robichaud, Romulus and Huron Valley Lutheran again to make the finals. Lakeland won the championship match 25-18, 25-18.

"There are goals set for this year," Anderson said. "This is the first step of many steps. Each step gets tougher and tougher."

"The nice part is we have not played our best games yet. They've played good volleyball so far, but we're still waiting to see their great volleyball."

Gymnastics

A struggle on the bars cost the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Mustang Julie Davison leaps high into the air during her floor exercise at a recent gymnastics meets hosted by Salem High.

Mustang gymnastic team against Livonia Blue and Livonia Red. Blue won the meet with 145 points, just beating Red with 144.875. Northville finished with 142.7 points.

The Mustangs fell behind with a team score of 33.9 on the bar. They roared back in other events, but couldn't come all the way back.

Northville reached its top score for the year on the floor with

36.45 and the second-highest score on the beam with 36.9. The Mustangs scored 35.45 on the vault.

Julie Foucher led the way with an overall score of 37.25, including a personal best of 9.5 on the beam.

Other highlights included an 8.9 on the floor for Cassidy Winter; a 9.1 on the beam for Caleigh Deacon; a 9.0 on the floor for Amy Reynolds; a 9.1 on

the vault for Makenna Pohl; Julie Davison with an 8.55 on the vault; and Michelle Steslicki with an 8.4 on the vault and 8.35 on the floor.

Swim and Dive

The Northville swim and dive team (12-0, 7-0) wrapped up the WLAA Western Division title with a 124-62 win against Canton.

BASKETBALL: Seniors lead

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a lot more," he said. "I'm trying to become more in touch with the younger guys. Let them know that the decisions they make now are going to affect them later on."

Spencer does dirty work

While Storrs does the bulk of the scoring, Spencer does a lot of things that go unnoticed. His big body suits him for rebounding on the defensive end, but his outside shooting abilities make for another scoring option on the offensive end.

"Obviously, Alvin gets a lot of (attention) — and deservedly so as a great player — but Bret makes tremendous decisions for us and makes things happen," Schumacher said.

Spencer credits playing a lot in his junior year to helping him improve as a senior. But becoming a leader on the team means more than just showing up on game day.

"You've got to always be positive. You can't be negative because (the non-seniors) look up to you," he said. "However you play, they're going to play."

The lone loss came on the road against Plymouth Salem. The loss wasn't nearly as devastating as the one that ended Northville's season the year before.

"I think it was a real heads up for us," Spencer said. "Last year we went undefeated and lost the first game in districts. It really helped us that it didn't mean anything in the long scheme of things. It's paid off in the long run."

Hurting but helping

Manor hurt his knee Aug. 11. Instead of delaying the surgery, he moved it up in hopes of having a chance to take the court late in the year. Doctors aren't expecting Manor to be 100 percent during the season, and Manor has come to accept that.

"It's been real tough," Manor said. "It's slow. I'm trying to get some playing time, but it doesn't look like that is going to happen."

Instead of scrapping his season and focusing his energy toward getting ready to play college ball, Manor has stuck with the team and led in a spirited way.

"I'm just trying to be a motivator, especially to the younger kids," he said. "I'm trying to tell them to stick with it and fight for it."

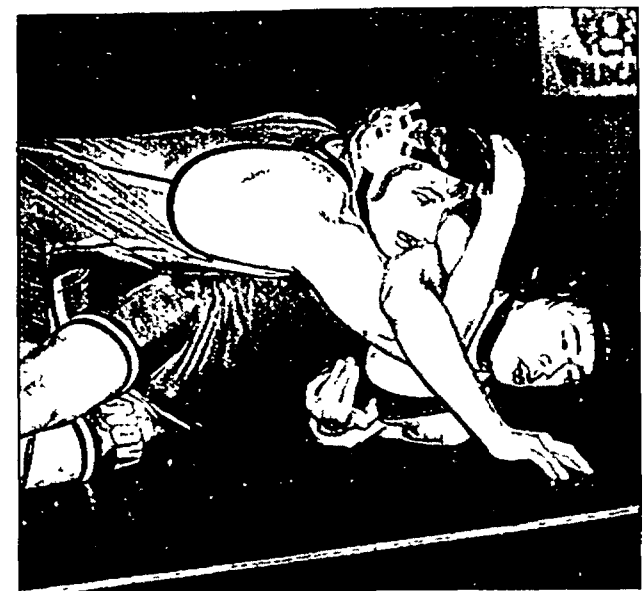
"Coach pointed out (to the team) that I would love to have two healthy legs. I just have one and I'm trying to do the most I can."

Schumacher still holds out hope that Manor might be able to contribute on the floor, but he knows the team suffered a blow with his injury.

"No one will understand what a big loss it was not to have Andrew healthy," Schumacher said. "If he was healthy ... we would have unbelievable scoring ability from the outside. Nobody knows how good that kid could've been this year."

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WRESTLING: Northville advances five from districts to regionals



Submitted by Jeff Gatt

Northville's John Hebert works on his Novi opponent during the team districts Feb. 15.

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"What an amazing accomplishment for this young team to see five kids get through to regionals," Balagna said. "Having four of the five be juniors really makes me excited for the future of this program."

"Making regionals is a big step. There are a lot of good wrestlers who finish their career without seeing the regional tournament."

Bentley wrestled in one of the most exciting matches of the day to earn the birth in regionals. He beat Novi's Brad Frey 8-6 after battling back from a severe nose bleed.

"Hebert was his solid self and wrestled really well," Balagna said. "I know this means a lot to Brian Zulzo. He is a senior who had trouble making weight late in the season. To be able to enter at 119 and qualify shows me what he is made of."

"Bagian was injured in the team district match against Novi, so we were nervous about his performance. We felt like he could make it out if he wrestled like he knows how to. I know he was in pain throughout a lot of the day, but he battled it out and came out a qualifier."

The five wrestlers move onto Saturday's regional meet at Novi High School.

"Districts is a very tough tournament where everyone is fighting for their season," Balagna said. "It is hard to coach because you have seniors that know their career is over."

"You could see the emotion on the face of some of the wrestlers as they walked off the mat for the final time. These seniors have meant a lot to this program, and I am sad to see them go. It is hard to replace leadership like these guys have given this team the last three or four years."

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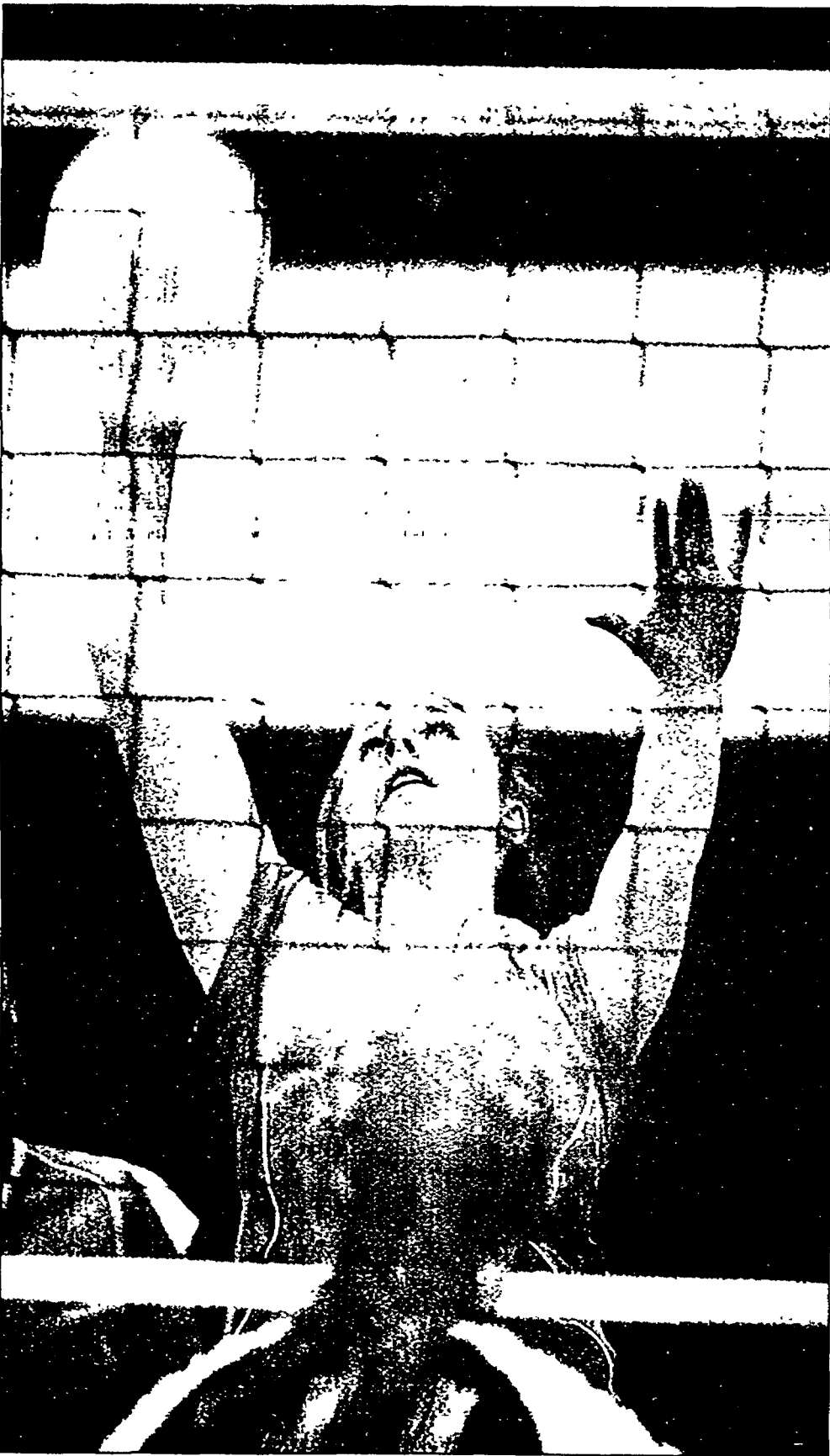
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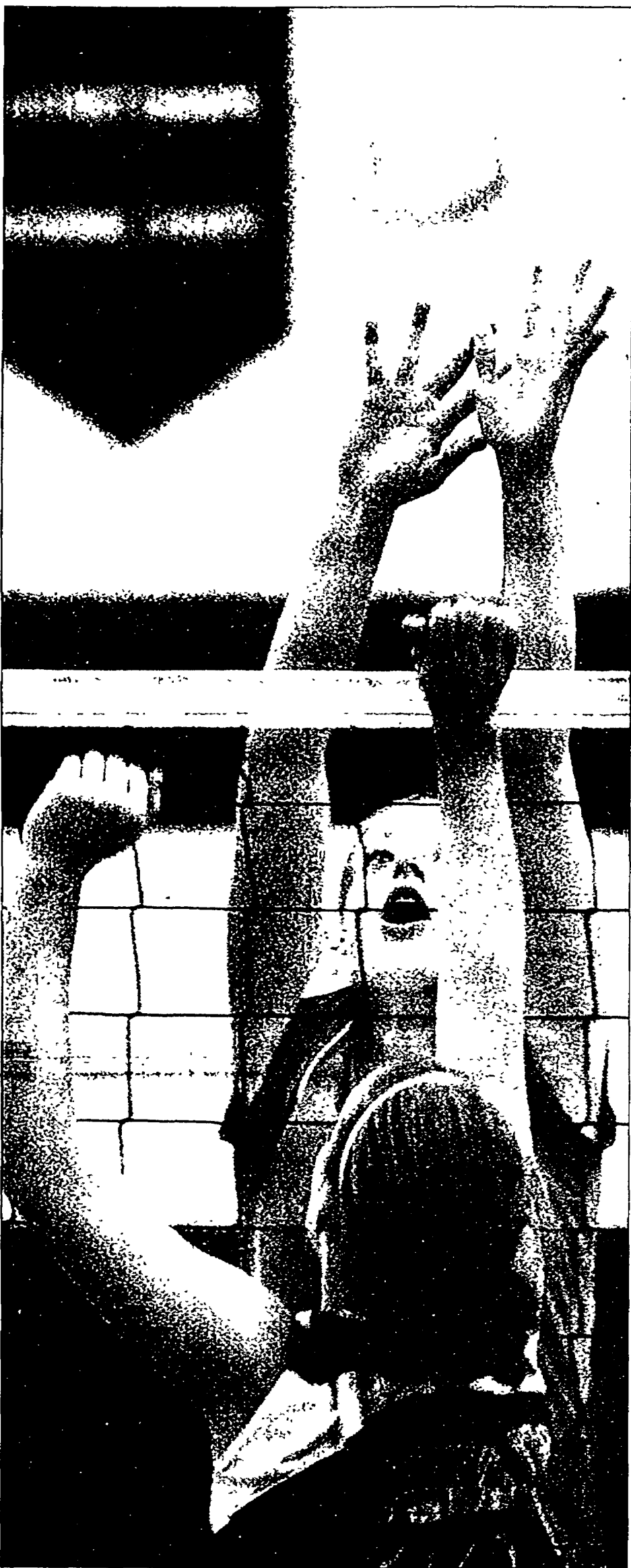
DIVISIONAL 3-PEAT



Mustang volleyball's Jackie Elder prepares to serve.



Mustang Krysta Cicala goes up for a tip in a game at Livonia Franklin.



Northville's Joanna Foss goes up high for a tip-over during the Mustang's away game hosted by the Patriots of Livonia Franklin.

*Photos by JOHN HEIDER
Northville Record*



Lady Mustang volleyball players take a break after taking the first two sets from Livonia Franklin.



Submitted photo

Third at EMU

The Northville JV pom pon team placed third at the Mid-American Pompon State Championship on Feb. 11 at EMU. Team members include Grace Ackerman, Rachael Ambler, Shelby Canon, Brittney Emiling, Lauren Evasic, Meghan Gleeson, Carolyn Gohl, Megan Gomez-Mesquita, Kristin Juenemann, Melissa Learman, Rachel Lutz, Kelly Lysaght, Sarah Marker, Courtney Maximluk, Brittany McDermott, Jenna Pierson, Julianne Pitcher Tess Sheldy, Allie Smith, Sam Sorenson, Megan Squires, Erica Turner, Katy Williams and Kelly Wiska. They are coached by Kelli Hay.

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Pizza Fun IN THE MAKING



Stuffed-Crust Pizza

Bring fun to mealtime with these tasty pizza recipes your family will love to make and eat.

FAMILY FEATURES

For dinner tonight, turn on the fun and try one of these easy-to-make pizza recipes that begin with convenient Pillsbury refrigerated pizza crust. Bring the whole family into the kitchen to make preparation a hands-on activity. Each person can add a tasty, customized twist along the way. For example, the 4-Square Family Pizza allows for four tailored mini masterpieces all on one crust that bake at one time. There's also a slam dunk idea for pleasing kids who love playing with their food: Pizza Dipping Sticks are a hand-held version of pepperoni pizza in a dunkable stick. Or tap into a pizzeria trend and bake up a Stuffed Crust Pizza. The kids will have fun helping "stuff" the crust with string cheese. Buffalo Chicken Pizza is a top taste pick that's baked in a rectangle for easy serving.

"Making pizza together is a great way to get dinner on the table while having some fun as a family in the kitchen," said Julie Hinderks, pizza recipe creator and senior test kitchen expert. "When you start with refrigerated pizza crust dough, it's easy to roll up your sleeves and join in — from pressing out the dough, to adding sauce, to topping the pizza with cheese and favorite ingredients. People will find there are countless ways to improvise, customize and create a pizza that every one in the family will enjoy."

For more pizza recipes, visit www.Pillsbury.com and type "pizza" into the Search Recipes box.

4-Square Family Pizza

Buffalo Chicken Pizzas

This tasty recipe was a finalist in the 39th Pillsbury Bake-Off Contest in 2000. Create four mini crusts and top with Buffalo Chicken for a flavor-packed pie.

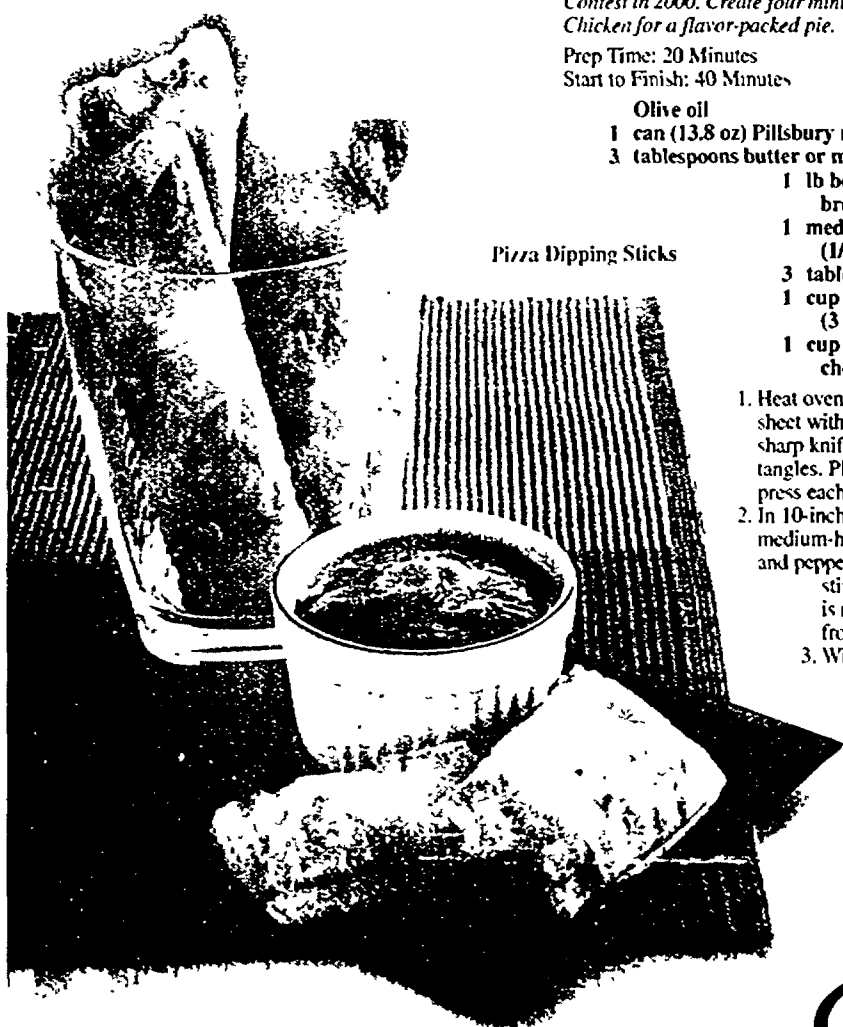
Prep Time: 20 Minutes
Start to Finish: 40 Minutes

- Olive oil
- 1 can (13.8 oz) Pillsbury refrigerated pizza crust
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 lb boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 medium sweet onion, chopped (1/2 cup)
- 3 tablespoons red pepper sauce
- 1 cup diced plum (Roma) tomatoes (3 medium)
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese (4 oz)

1. Heat oven to 425°F. Lightly coat cookie sheet with olive oil. Unroll dough; with sharp knife or pizza cutter, cut into 4 rectangles. Place rectangles on cookie sheet, press each into 6x5-inch rectangle.
2. In 10-inch skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add chicken, onion and pepper sauce; cook 4 to 6 minutes, stirring occasionally, until chicken is no longer pink in center. Remove from heat; stir in tomatoes.
3. With slotted spoon, spoon mixture over dough rectangles to within 1/4 inch of edges. Sprinkle evenly with cheese.
4. Bake 13 to 16 minutes or until crust is deep golden brown.

4 pizzas

Pizza Dipping Sticks



Pizza Dipping Sticks

Simply unroll the refrigerated pizza crust dough and let the fun begin. Kids will enjoy the making and the eating with these pizza sticks ready for dunking!

Prep Time: 10 Minutes
Start to Finish: 25 Minutes

- 1 can (13.8 oz) Pillsbury refrigerated pizza crust
- 30 slices pepperoni (from 3.5-oz package)
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (6 oz)
- 1 to 1 1/2 cups pizza sauce, warmed

1. Heat oven to 400°F. Grease cookie sheet, or spray with cooking spray. Unroll dough; place on cookie sheet. Starting at center, press out dough into 13x9-inch rectangle.
2. Bake 7 minutes. Top with pepperoni and cheese.
3. Bake 8 to 10 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Cool 2 minutes. Cut pizza in half lengthwise, then cut into 16 (1 1/2 inch) strips. Serve with pizza sauce for dipping.

4 servings (4 strips each)

Stuffed-Crust Pizza

Ever tried eating a slice of pizza crust-side first? One bite of this delicious, cheesy stuffed-crust and it may be difficult to leave the best for last.

Prep Time: 15 Minutes
Start to Finish: 35 Minutes

- 1 can (13.8 oz) Pillsbury refrigerated pizza crust
- 7 sticks (1 oz each) string cheese
- 1/2 cup pizza sauce
- 24 slices pepperoni (from 3.5-oz package)
- 1 cup cooked ground sausage
- 2 cups shredded Italian cheese blend (8 oz)

1. Heat oven to 425°F. Spray 12-inch pizza pan with cooking spray. Unroll dough; place in pan. Starting at center, press out dough to edge of pan, pressing up and extending over sides by at least 1 inch. Place string cheese around inside edge of crust. Fold extended edge of dough over cheese; pinch firmly to seal.
2. Bake 8 to 10 minutes or until crust is set and edges are light golden brown. Spoon and spread sauce evenly over crust. Top with pepperoni, sausage and cheese blend.
3. Bake 12 to 16 minutes longer or until crust is deep golden brown and cheese in center is melted. Cut into wedges.

8 servings

4-Square Family Pizza

Divide and conquer with this made-to-order pizza. Use Cheddar cheese to section off the refrigerated crust into fourths, and then let each family member customize a square.

Prep Time: 20 Minutes
Start to Finish: 35 Minutes

- Cornmeal, if desired
- 1 can (13.8 oz) Pillsbury refrigerated pizza crust
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1/2 cup shredded Cheddar cheese (2 oz)
- 1 1/2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese (6 oz)

BBQ Chicken Pizza Square

- 1 tablespoon chopped red onion
- 1/2 cup refrigerated honey hickory barbecue sauce with shredded chicken, large pieces cut up

Margherita Pizza Square

- 1 tablespoon shredded fresh Parmesan cheese
- 4 to 5 (1/4-inch-thick) slices plum (Roma) tomato (about 1 large tomato)
- 1 tablespoon thin fresh basil strips

Hawaiian Pizza Square

- 2 tablespoons pizza sauce
- 2 slices Canadian bacon, quartered
- 1/4 cup pineapple tidbits, well drained (from 8-oz can)

Pepperoni Pizza Square

- 2 tablespoons pizza sauce
- 8 to 10 slices pepperoni (from 3.5-oz package)

1. Heat oven to 425°F. Spray cookie sheet with cooking spray; sprinkle with cornmeal. Unroll dough; place on cookie sheet. Starting at center, press out dough into 14x12-inch rectangle. Brush dough with olive oil.
2. Bake 6 to 8 minutes. Sprinkle Cheddar cheese in the shape of a "plus sign" on crust, dividing the crust into four squares. Top each square with 1 of the 4 variations listed above to make 4 different squares; if desired, arrange the pepperoni to make a happy face. Top entire pizza with mozzarella cheese.
3. Bake 10 to 13 minutes longer or until crust is deep golden brown and cheese is melted and bubbly. Cut pizza into 4 squares; cut each square into 4 squares to make a total of 16 squares.

16 servings

Buffalo Chicken Pizzas



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Your original pizza creation could earn you \$1 million in the upcoming 43rd Pillsbury Bake-Off® Contest. Create an original recipe for a snack or family pizza, calzone, panini or more using Pillsbury refrigerated pizza crust for the Pizza Creations category, and you could become the next Bake-Off® Contest millionaire. Visit bakeoff.yahoo.com for details and to enter the contest. There are four other recipe categories in the contest, so pizza is just one of several ways you could win. Entry deadline is April 22, 2007.

Home Owners having a New Home Built should Consider A New Construction Inspection

When having a new home built, I am sure you will be very excited and can hardly wait until you are in your new home. You may be thinking that since the home is new construction that you may not need a home inspection. But considering this may be the largest purchase of your life, a New Construction Inspection will help reduce the risk with the purchase of your new home by reducing and eliminating any unknown surprises down the road. Even though most builders provide a 1 Year Warranty on the house, and some level of extended warranty on the structure of the home, it is always best to identify any issues up front and have them corrected prior to moving into the home. We will provide a level of objectivity when evaluating the home. We provide the role of a neutral third party for the process. Below are some of the items discovered at new construction inspections:



on the structure of the home, it is always best to identify any issues up front and have them corrected prior to moving into the home. We will provide a level of objectivity when evaluating the home. We provide the role of a neutral third party for the process. Below are some of the items discovered at new construction inspections:

- ✓ Incomplete electrical wiring for lights, ovens, whirlpools, and bonding of system
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- ✓ Insulation and ventilation issues in attic
- ✓ Missing flashing at chimneys and vent stacks
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- ✓ Exterior grade and drainage with negative grade
- ✓ Windows that would not open
- ✓ Gas leaks (gas insert fireplaces, furnaces and hot water tanks)
- ✓ Leaks in sump pump plumbing
- ✓ Unsealed gaps around plumbing and A/C lines
- ✓ Missing or incomplete molding

Without having a home inspection, many issues like the ones identified above may not have surfaced until you were in the home. The inspection process will provide the home owner with knowledge and information on the conditions of the new home in a critical time of the home purchase process. It is money well spent for your knowledge and Peace of Mind. The inspection process will help you have a smooth transaction with your purchase and it is less costly to fix issues upfront and avoid possible additional damages if left unknown.

We are another set of eyes to help ensure that you are purchasing a quality home and help minimize unknown repairs. I provide a written comprehensive inspection report at the conclusion of the inspection, and review the report with you on-site. The report identifies items which need attention. I also identify system shut valves for the water system, gas lines shut offs for furnaces, hot water tank, fireplaces, etc and other tidbits of information for the systems in your new home.

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Center Stage presents 'Anastasia, The Ballet'

Popular dance school presents annual fairy tale ballet, and offers seasonal dance classes and summer dance camps for all ages

By Kate Phillips
SPECIAL WRITER

Families will be swept away by the ballet, "Anastasia," a heart-warming story about an unlikely princess. Center Stage Dance Company is performing the classic tale as its annual spring ballet show.

'ANASTASIA, THE BALLET'

With beautiful costumes, professional scenery and vibrant music, Anastasia will delight all ages. The ballet will be performed for the general public at 1:30 p.m., Saturday, March 24, at Northville High School. Tickets are now available at Center Stage Dance Company for a family-friendly price of \$8 each.

The ballet is a valuable performance opportunity that CSDC provides for its students. Dancers who join the ballet company receive the benefit of being part of a professional-level show. Students audition for their roles in the ballet. Not only is it a great dance experience, but the performers become familiar with every aspect of the full-length show, both on stage and behind the scenes, while learning how to tell a story through dance.

The ballet is an annual highlight at Center Stage. Last year the ballet company drew large crowds with their performance of "The Wizard of Oz."

"We provide as many performance opportunities for students as possible because it helps them to build confidence and self-esteem," said Lisa Shapiro, director of Center Stage Dance Company.

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Christmas and spring tours offer additional performance opportunities. Dancers serve the community while gaining performance experience by dancing at nursing homes, senior centers and children's homes. They also dance at many community events in Northville and other areas.

Their annual June recital features each dance class in full costume. This year's show, "Stars at Sea," promises to entertain all ages as the dancers take to the high seas with full-out performances to great music, enhanced by exciting scenery. Recitals give each child an opportunity to shine. Specials, like a Daddy/Daughter piece (200 participants), make the recital fun for both the dancers and the audience.

JOY OF DANCE

Center Stage Dance Company offers classes in ballet, jazz, tap, hip-hop, lyrical and pointe.

Preschoolers can also get dancing with a ballet-and-tap combination class for beginning students ages 3 to 6.

Even adults can join in the fun — and get some exercise — with ballet, tap and jazz/funk classes. An adult punch card makes the classes flexible and affordable.

Center Stage is a place where dancers can express themselves and share their love of dance. The emphasis is on having fun while learning the proper technique.

"We are a non-competitive dance studio dedicated to teaching the art of dance for the purpose of physical, emotional and mental development, and for the sheer joy of movement to music," said Lisa Shapiro.



Submitted Photos

Center Stage dancers from the 2006 Summer Video Dance Camp are, from left, back row, Emily Zheng, Natalie Mooney, Claire Varvatos, Lauren Nash, Rachel Coleman, Nicole Krings, Danielle Romano, Lauren Dougher and Megan Ye. Second row includes Tiffany Teng, Claire Dion, Valerie Teng, Carolyn Chen, Christiana Hart and Elena Schietele. Front row includes Sarah Brown, Kelly Owens, Gretchen Seibel and Michelle Jaskolski.

FANTASY CAMPS

Nothing is more fun than the Fantasy Camps at Center Stage. The school is now taking registration for summer sessions that bring childhood fantasies to life. Girls and boys age 4 to 8 can choose their favorite theme: pirates and princesses, cowboys and cowgirls, Arabian nights, or mermaids and sailors. Students travel to far-off lands with lavish studio decorations. Cowgirls hang out at the "ranch" and Arabian Knights journey through the "desert."

"It's neat to see how the kids use their imaginations," said Mary Flis, camp counselor and dance instructor.

Games and crafts, plus a special dance, and lots of emphasis on using your imagination, keep kids entrenched in the theme. Activities like sack races in mermaid tail sacks, rope-the-cow, hoist the sails, steering the ship, and magic carpet rides, get the kids in the action. Daily crafts, such as making binoculars or a water canteen, promote the camp's theme and end up in the Fantasy Room as part of their activity gear.

These half-day adventures are over-the-top fun. Four sessions will be held this summer: July 10-12, July 17-19, July 24-26, and July 31 to Aug. 2.

VIDEO DANCE CAMPS

This August Center Stage will host two video-dance camps for children ages 6 and older. Choreography classes in ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical and hip-hop are just part of the action. Campers audition for roles, rehearse scenes, and create scenery. Each camper is fully costumed, and learns how-tos for make-up and hair. Dialogue, blocking, and staging bring all the parts together into a fun experience for all involved. The camp concludes with a Friday night performance at the studio for family and friends. Choose between "A Walk Down Broadway", session 1, Aug. 6-10, or "Disco Fever", session 2, Aug. 13-17. Either, or both, will be a week you and your camper won't soon forget.

Campers can choose a half or whole day. The camps are flexible for working parents.

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with before and after-camp care available (BACC). Parents can drop kids off as early as 8:30 a.m. and pick-up as late as 6 p.m.

NEW DANCE INTENSIVES

You've heard the song "All She (or he) Wants to Do is Dance"? Center Stage Dance has a camp for that too. Dance Intensives, held from 1-5 p.m. each afternoon, July 24, 25, and 26, will be a whole lot of ... dancin'. Choose jazz and hip-hop, ballet and lyrical and/or tap. Dancers must be 10 or older. Dance Intensives can be a jump-start to the fall dance season.

"It's perfect for dancers who are looking to improve a favorite technique or pick up something new," said Mary Flis, senior faculty member.

TRADITIONAL SUMMER CLASS PROGRAM

Weekly classes are offered via their flexible "Dance Bucks" program. Classes for preschoolers ages 3-4 and 4-5, and classes in ballet, hip-hop, jazz, and tap, for ages 6 and older — including adults — are all available starting in July. Visit the Web site, www.dancingcenterstage.com, for more information.

SOLID REPUTATION

Families travel from all around the area to attend Center Stage Dance Company. The studio has had a reputation for quality dance



Dancers from the Center Stage Dance Company's 2006 production of "The Wizard of Oz" are, from left, Jessie Stadnika, Alyssa Waineo, Katherine Reaume and Jaclyn Conti.

instruction for nearly two decades. They are the studio of choice for the Northville Parks and Recreation dance program and are active members in the community.

Dance instructor Lisa Shapiro has owned the studio since 1988. It was originally located in Walled Lake, and then moved to Northville 14 years ago.

Center Stage also hosts birthday parties at the studio, which include pizza, cupcakes and dance, plus prizes for everyone. Customized events for Girl Scout Badge requirements are also available.

The large modern studio is located in the Northville Research Center on Seven Mile Road, just east of Northville Road, in Northville. For more information visit www.dancingcenterstage.com.

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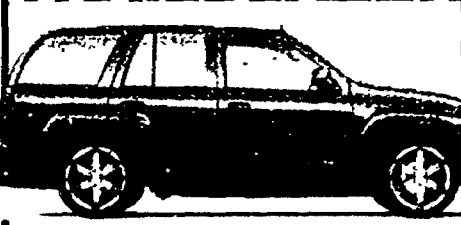
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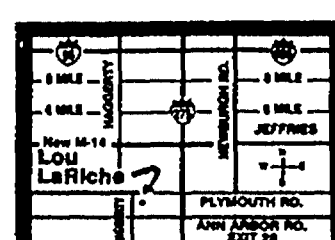
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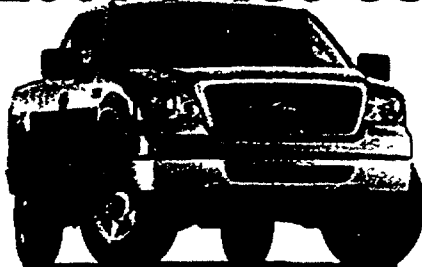
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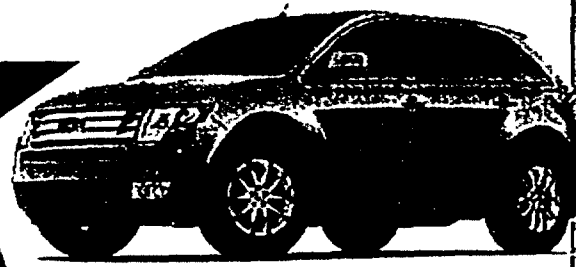
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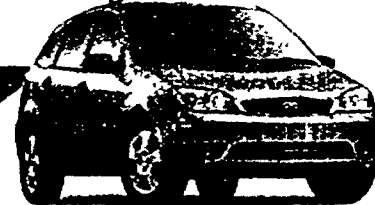
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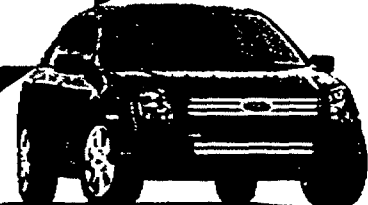
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per mo

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\$262^{13}**

per mo

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23 City
26 Hwy

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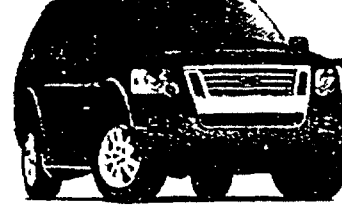
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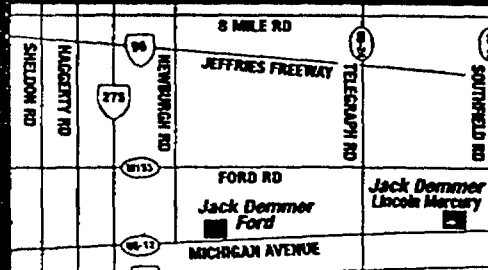
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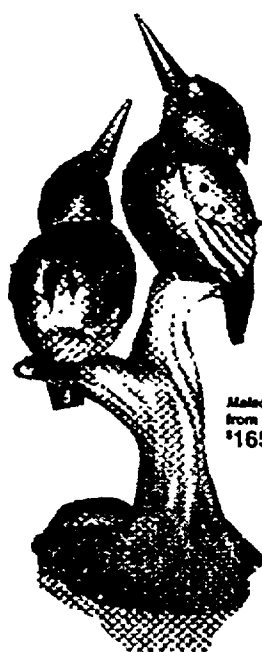
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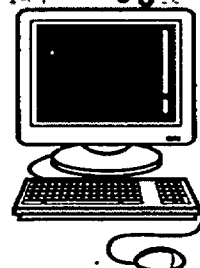
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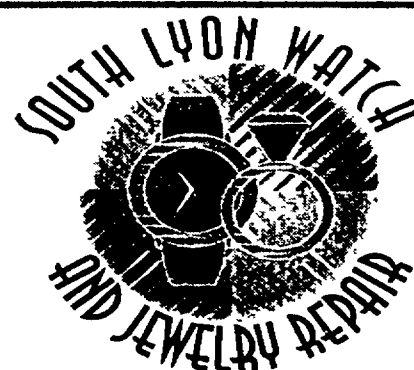
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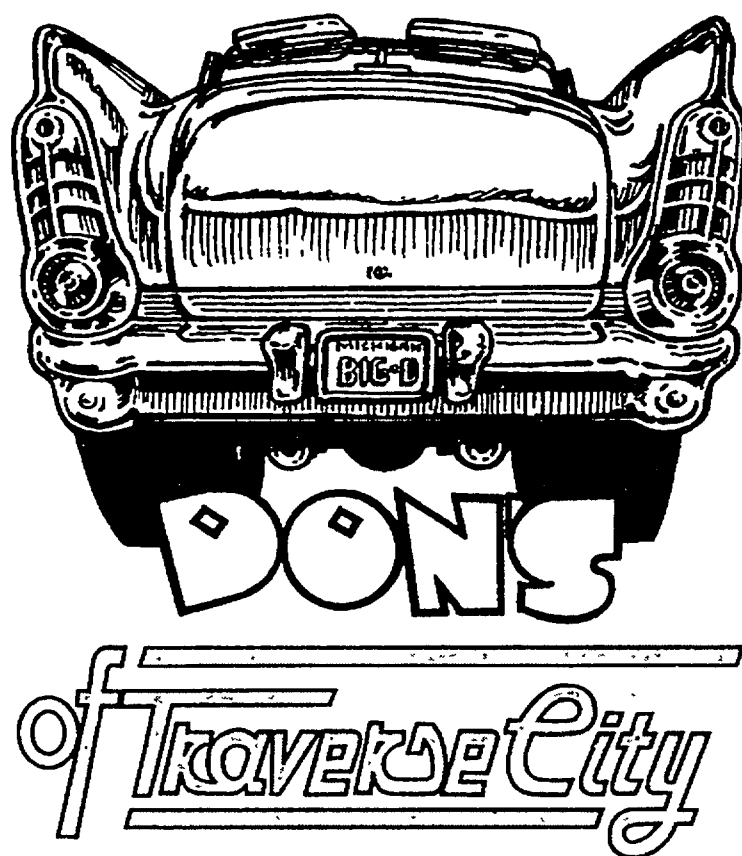
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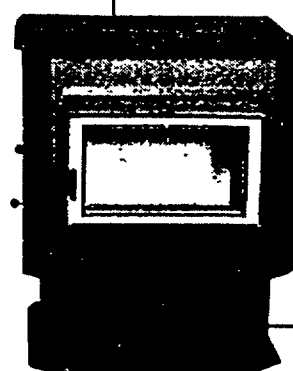
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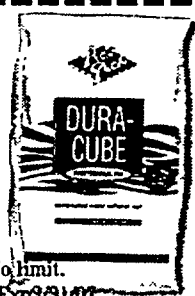
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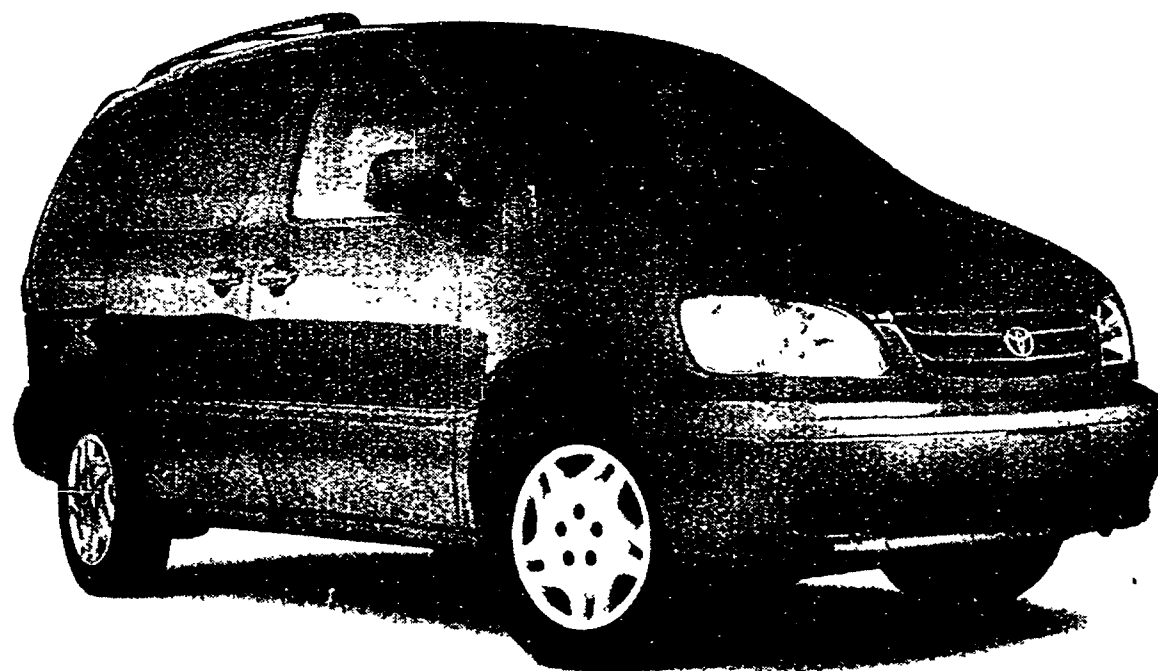
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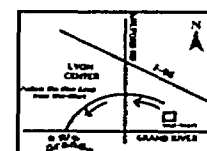
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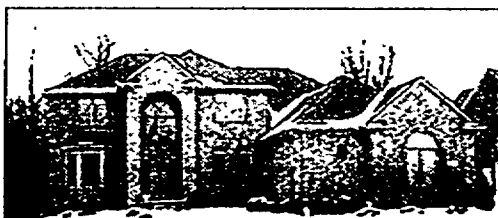
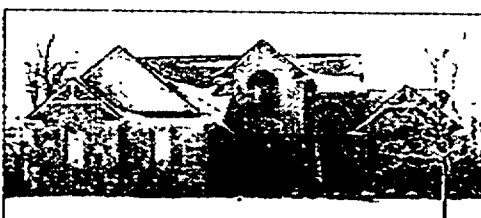
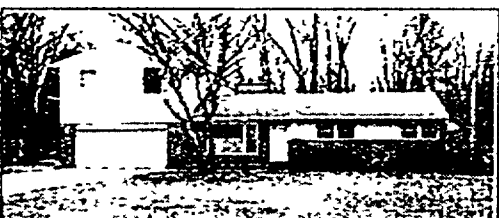
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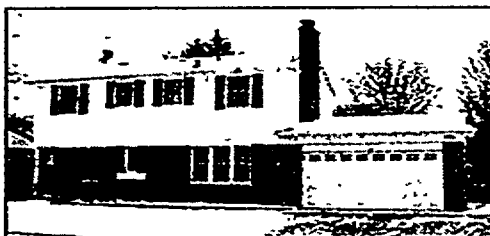
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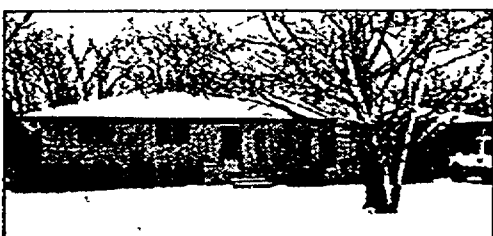
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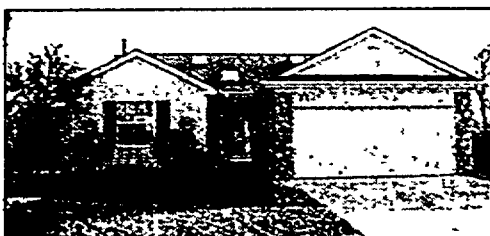
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LIVONIA **\$190,000**
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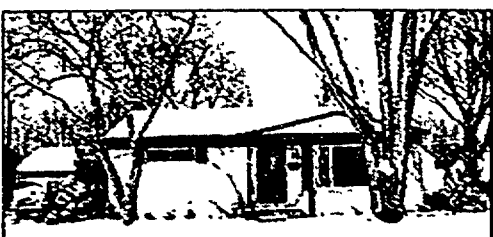
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PLYMOUTH **\$179,900**
Great kit w/island, lots of cbnts & cntrop space & nook. FR w/natural FP & soaring clgs. Formal DR w/bay wndw & crown mldg. Great finished bsmt.
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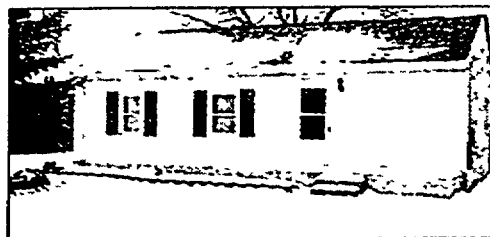
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LIVONIA **\$164,900**
3 BR 2 Bth HW Flrs T/O, Kit Rmdld W/Mpl Cabs, Gran Cntrs, Hwr Apps & Tile. Fin Bsmnt W/Bth, Bar, Lndry Rm, Updates: A/c, Furn & Alarm Sys, Hmidfr.
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FARMINGTON HILLS **\$130,000**
Move In Ready! Great Rm W/Skylight & Corner Frpl, Kitchen W/new Flr, New Dishwasher, Vaulted Mstr w/WIC, Full Bsmnt, New Carpet & Fresh Paint T/O!
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CANTON **\$124,500**
Cute, clean and cozy 3 bedroom Ranch w/newer roof, furnace, central air, windows, carpeting and paint. 1 car detached garage. Great location!
MLS# 27020115 734-453-6800



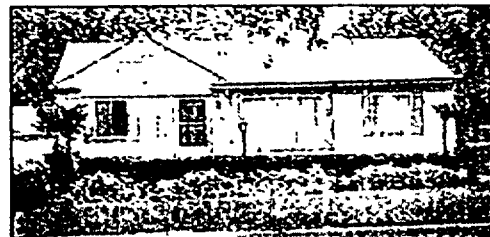
SOUTH LYON **\$124,500**
Beautiful 2 BR/2 BA condo in move-in condition. Mstr BR features huge walk-in closet/private BA. Neutral decor. 1,085 Sq ft. Walking distance to town.
MLS# 27022448 248-360-1425



REDFORD **\$121,500**
1067 SqFt Charming Redford Bungalow. 3Br/1 Ba. Tons of Updates. Carpet T/O. Fantastic Decorating. Unfinished Basement. Walking Distance to Park.
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LIVONIA **\$117,900**
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REDFORD **\$115,000**
3 BR, 1 Bth. Fresh Painted Int/Ext. Lrg Eat-In Kit W/ All Appl. Lrg LR/DR. HW Flrs T/O. Fin Bsmnt W/ W&D. Lrg Fenced Yard, 1.5 Car Gar. Many Updates!
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PLYMOUTH **\$84,900**
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Military spouses and retirees sign up for real estate careers

(NAPSI) — Like so many veterans, DeWayne Gamble wasn't sure what to do with his life after serving his country. Discharged from the Marine Corps with a medical disability, being a Marine was all he knew for 13 years. He never finished college and didn't know if any civilian job could utilize his military skills.

After many conversations with another former Marine who is a real estate broker, DeWayne decided to get his real estate license. After two months of classes, he was a licensed agent. Just over a year later, with a six-figure income, he says it was the best decision he ever made.

DeWayne says his success is due to a huge referral base, consisting of all active-duty and former military personnel from nearby Camp Lejeune. The work ethic and organizational skills he learned in the military finally paid off.

Now, he strongly believes real estate is the perfect career for ex-military personnel. He also believes any veteran can do what he's done and "not only be successful in real estate but be very successful."

Working in the same RE/MAX Real Estate Solutions office with DeWayne is Deana Bowen, the wife of a Marine who just returned from Iraq. She's also convinced that she's found the perfect career. Two years ago, she took a nine-week course, got her license and now brings home significantly more income than her previous job provided.

For a military wife, real estate is a natural choice. "Who knows more about moving than we do?" she asks confidently, while stating that she sold 10 homes last year to individuals in her husband's unit. She's also certain that her skills are portable. "If my husband is stationed elsewhere, I won't have to give up my profession," Deana says she could be re-licensed and back on the job very quickly in a new community.

In two years, her husband, Master Sergeant Norman Bowen, will retire with 20 years of service in the Marine Corps. His retirement plan? He wants to make her business a husband-and-wife team.

Many military spouses and retirees recognize that real estate is ideal. A real estate career does not require a college degree. A license can be earned in a convenient time frame and job experiences can be taken with you if you're relocated. Most importantly, real estate agents depend on referrals and valued personal relationships. Anyone in the military knows many people who relocate frequently.

To assist military personnel and their spouses learn about possible careers in real estate, RE/MAX International, in cooperation with the Department of Defense, has created "Operation RE/MAX." Interested individuals are directed to RE/MAX offices in their local community, where volunteer brokers provide specific information about licensing requirements, as well as the prospects for unlicensed positions.

Dave Liniger, co-founder and chairman of RE/MAX International Inc., is also a Vietnam veteran who knows how to be successful in both business and military service. He believes that "a career in real estate is ideal for many in the military," and proudly adds, "RE/MAX is honored to be working



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with the Department of Defense to develop second career opportunities for those who serve our country."

The Department of Defense is delighted that spouses are responding to Operation RE/MAX's career outreach. "The kind of career opportunity that RE/MAX has offered represents a model for other employers," says Deputy Under Secretary of Defense Leslye Arsh. "Military spouses are a key employee resource. RE/MAX already understands this. For spouses,

this program offers a range of opportunities to work in real estate—thousands of spouses are ready to put their life's experience to work."

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Gorgeous remodeled kit, updated baths, new carpet, updated windows, CA, Roof, copper plumbing, elec, large Master w/bath, & beautiful private yard. **\$299,900 (C-243ED)****GREAT LOCATION**3 bd, brick ranch located on a private interior street. Cozy LR w/bay window, large eat-in Kitchen w/doorwall to Deck, finished bsmt, 2+ car Garage, & fenced yard. **\$145,000 (C-621FL)****LAKE FRONT HOME**Completely remodeled colonial on Silver Lake. Maple Kitchen, Great Room w/soaring ceiling, 1st floor laundry, finished walkout w/bath & fireplace, 2 tiered Deck, & Garage. **\$399,900 (C-289FI)****CUSTOM RANCH ON ACREAGE**Newer custom built ranch featuring 4 bd, 3 baths, on 7 acres. Plenty of room for storage in the 3 car Garage & 54x30 Pole Barn. Big open rooms w/vaulted ceilings, full finished w/o w/8ft ceilings. **\$450,000 (C-449RA)****CHARMING & COZY**Cute home in quiet neighborhood featuring all new windows, newer carpet, low traffic location, glass block windows, spacious Master, & more. **\$131,000 (C-636SP)****WOW**Great 3 bd home w/large Living Room, dining area, partially finished bsmt, new roof, all appliances, & much more. Won't last, hurry! **\$120,000 (C-465ST)****GREAT OPPORTUNITY**Canton condo featuring a large Family Room w/frpl, Kitchen w/twd, finished lower level, large Master w/WIC, & convenient location. **\$129,900 (P-101VI)****NO GIMMICKS**Just a nice solid 3 bedroom ranch w/basement & 2 car garage in the southeast area of Dearborn Heights. Close to the new shopping center. **\$114,900 (C-611WE)****CONDO LIVING AT ITS BEST!**Spectacular view of the woods from every room in this 2 bd, 2 bath end unit. Master w/separate tub & shower, FFL, study w/French doors, 2 car garage, cathedral ceilings & a fireplace. **\$285,000 (P-865WE)****GORGEOUS CONDO!**2 bd, 2.5 baths, 2 story condo located in a nice neighborhood. Lovely wooded view from large deck, Great Room w/cathedral ceiling, marble baths, custom Kitchen, 1st floor laundry, & large Master Suite. **\$204,900 (C-705AN)****FANTASTIC RANCH**Wonderful updated ranch w/ spacious floor plan, 5 bd, 2 baths, updated windows, entry doors, maple Kitchen, Nook, 1st floor laundry, new driveway, & more. **\$190,000 (P-660AR)****COUNTRY LIVING IN CANTON**Absolute private setting on beautiful 1 acre lot. Extensively remodeled inside & out. 3 bd, 1st floor laundry, huge loft area, open floor plan, & in move in condition. **\$189,900 (P-600BE)****LOVELY CONDO**2 bd, 1.5 bath Canton condo. Remodeled Kitchen & bath, extremely clean, updated carpet, full bsmt, & attached garage. **\$139,999 (C-686BE)****TURN KEY CONDO**Enjoy a rare 2 bd, 2 bath ranch condo w/private entry, finished bsmt, updated 42" cabinets, all appliances included & a 1 yr home warranty. Great location. **\$112,900 (C-284CA)****GREAT INVESTMENT**Westland duplex offers 2 units. One unit has 3 bd, 1 bath, garage, family room, living room, & large Kitchen. Second unit offers 3 bd, 1 bath, living room & large Kitchen. Great opportunity, call for details. **\$88,900 (P-160DE)****QUIET SENIOR'S COMMUNITY**Superb layout for this 2 bd, 2 bath condo. 1400 sq ft, Great Room w/frpl, formal Dining, oak island Kitchen, 2 car Garage, Deck & home warranty offered. **\$162,900 (C-596DE)****MOVE IN CONDITION**Move right in to this cute bungalow in Dearborn! Featuring 3 bd, 2 baths, finished bsmt, updated furnace & C/A, hwd floors & great location. **\$129,900 (P-520DE)****CANTON RANCH**Spacious ranch 1940 sq ft, 3 bd, 2 ba, Prestigious master suite w/try ceiling, WIC & private bath. Large Deck, screened in porch, bay windows, & skylight. Handicap accessible. A must see! **\$289,900 (C-878ED)****NEW CONSTRUCTION**This home offers 4 bd, 3.5 baths, 3400 sq ft, & a walkout bsmt. Add to this an oversized 3 car garage, island kitchen w/cherry & granite, sitting room, study w/built-ins & 3 fireplaces. Also for lease. **\$499,900 (P-056EM)****SPACIOUS COLONIAL**Westland 3 bd home w/ Family Room w/frpl, 1.5 baths, bsmt, 2 car attached Garage, great backyard, & large covered Patio. **\$189,500 (P-625FA)****TRENDY HOME**Canton colonial features extensive hwd flooring, traditional floor plan, formal LR & DR, island Kitchen w/all appl & finished lower level. Call today! **\$279,000 (P-980FI)****PRIDE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD**This home stands above the rest w/remodeled oak Kitchen w/ceramic, remod baths w/spa shower & skylight, finished bsmt, new roof & windows. Backs to beautiful treed commons. **\$244,900 (P-695FO)****PRIVATE SETTING**Nicely decorated spacious home w/finished walkout bsmt. 2 story Deck w/ beautiful views, Master Suite w/jetted tub, 2nd floor laundry, 2 fireplaces, great floor plan, & more. **\$274,900 (P-617LA)****BEST DEAL INTOWN**Like new inside & out! Kitchen, bath, furnace, A/C, windows, roof, appliances all updated. Truly turn key! Nice location, great yard w/ screened Patio & Deck. **\$109,900 (P-666LU)****CHESTNUT HILL FARMS**Beautiful brick colonial offers large Family Room w/frpl, Deck, open Kitchen, Formal Dining, Master w/WIC, pergo flooring, & sprinklers w/great landscaping. **\$279,900 (P-996MI)****NEWLY REMODELED**This home is like "brand new"! Everything has been done for you, elec, plumb, windows, roof, Kitchen, bath, & so much more. Corner lot, great porch & Deck, & huge Master Bedroom. **\$114,500 (C-853FL)****BETTER THAN NEW**Awesome 3 bd, 2.5 bath colonial is waiting for you! Beautiful maple fireplace, ceramic surround fireplace, vaulted ceilings, private yard, huge Master Suite w/Jacuzzi tub, & more. **\$269,900 (C-892LA)****LOCATION, LOCATION!**Large half acre lot located on a quiet court backing to pond. Sunfilled Kitchen w/ nook & island, large open Family Room w/frpl, formal Living & Dining, spacious Master w/spa bath & more. **\$394,900 (P-479PA)****AWESOME LOCATION**Charming 2 bd Plymouth condo just a mile from downtown. Private Entrance, Anderson windows & doorwall, carport, low traffic location, appliances stay, newer hwh, & low assoc dues. Include water. **\$119,900 (P-252PI)****END UNIT CONDO**Nice 2 bd, 1 bath end unit for under \$140,000! Large rooms, 1st floor laundry, full bsmt, attached Garage, private Patio, lots of storage space & Ply-Canton schools. Don't miss out on this one! **\$139,900 (C-840SA)****NEW CONDO!**Fabulous newer end unit just minutes from downtown South Lyon. Premium siding, shingles, & windows. Hwd floors, large closets, full bsmt, upgraded insulation, private Patio overlooking back yard & low assoc dues. **\$139,900 (P-483SO)****BEAUTIFUL LAKE VIEWS**Access to all sports Tioiga Lake. 2500 sq ft, 4 bd, 2.5 bath ranch w/wide open floor plan, huge rooms, large Kitchen, Master w/bath & doorwall to Deck spanning the rear of the home. A must see! **\$215,000 (C-600UN)****STOP, LOOK, BUY!**This gorgeous 3 bd, 2 bath ranch is located in a great neighborhood. Gourmet Kitchen, new carpet, windows, roof, siding, insulation, 2 fireplaces, remod bath in bsmt, 2 car Garage, newly landscaped & more! **\$144,900 (C-905WA)**

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New home buying class

Success Mortgage Partners Inc. will sponsor a class for those looking to purchase a new construction home at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 20 at their offices located at 1200 S. Sheldon Road, Plymouth. Registration is required. Contact: Diane Adamick (734) 259-0850.

Giving land away

Neumann Homes is introducing a radical initiative - giving land away. Buy a home in Neumann's Village Park at Stonewood in Independence Township and you will receive an additional home site within the development for free.

According to Jerry Griffith, VP of Operations, the giveaway endeavor is tied to the Grand Opening of the Village Park community in the Parks at Stonewood. "This is an absolutely breathtaking neighborhood. It is a place to drop your roots and stay forever. We are hoping that our generous free lot offer will encourage folks to come and see how special this area is," Griffith said. "From the Clarkston schools to the Clarkston community and now to the extra free lot - how can you go wrong?"

A visit to Village Park at Stonewood is possible Friday through Tuesday 10 to 6

and Monday 12 to 6. Call 248 625 0484 or visit www.neumannhomes.com

The Design Spirit presents the Feng Shui classes for Oakland Builders Institute. For a free brochure and current schedule of classes call 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771.

Builder's pre-license classes

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with 16-hour comprehensive seminars offered by Birmingham Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute.

The following seminars are scheduled:

■ From 6-10 p.m. for Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 27, March 1, 6, & 8, at Berkshire Middle School, 21707 W. 14 Mile Road, Birmingham. The cost of the seminar is \$195 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, Feb. 23, to Birmingham Community Education. Please call 248-203-3800 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

■ From 6-10 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, Feb. 26, 28, March 5 and 7 at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights. The cost of the seminar is \$189 for residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample

questions, or \$208 for non-residents plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Thursday, Feb. 22, to Henry Ford Community College. Please call 313-317-1500 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

■ From 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 24 and 25, at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Drive, Rochester Hills.

The cost of the seminar is \$205 and is all-inclusive. The manual, sample questions and the test application are all included. A \$25 deposit is required no later than Thursday, Feb. 22, to Oakland Builders Institute, 1277 Dutton Road, Rochester Hills 48306. Please call toll-free 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. or register online at www.buildersinstitute.com

■ From 6-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, Feb. 27, & March 1, at the Community Education Center, 6558 Waldon Road, Clarkston.

The cost of the seminar is \$199 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions. Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Friday, Feb. 16, to Clarkston Community Education. Please call 248-623-4321 to

register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The course is for those who want to subcontract the construction of their own homes, real estate investors and developers and building trades people who want to work legally in Michigan.

This seminar is comprehensive, teaching math as well as blueprint reading. Oakland Builders Institute teaches building courses in 15 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule, call toll-free 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771.

Reverse mortgage

A free reverse mortgage seminar will be held at 6 p.m. every Thursday at Colonial Mortgage, 33919 Plymouth Road Livonia. RSVP with John McParland at (800) 260-5484.


BIA classes

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) will sponsor the following:

■ Certified Graduate Builder seminars - "Construction Contract & Law" - from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 23, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

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349,900 Plymouth Twp - 4 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, Many upgrades, Hdwd Flrs, Crown Moldings in LR, FR, and DR. Mstr Suite w/ Private Bath.

324,900 Farmington Hills - 4 Bdrms, 3.5 Baths, Great lot w/ huge deck, Prof. Fin. Lower level, w/wet bar.

383,000 Canton - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, Fin Bsmt w/pool table, Gazebo & hot tub. Also for lease at \$2100

299,900 Van Buren - 5 Bdrms, 3 Baths, Custom built in 2004, open floor plan, Lrg kitchen, 3 car garage.

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295,999 Canton - 4 Bdrms, 2.5 Baths, 2 Story Foyer, Open Floor Plan, Large Deck, Southern Exposure, Master Suite w/ Private Bath.

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186,000 Westland - 3 Bdrms, 1.5 Bath, Basement, Lrg Fam Rm, Lrg fenced Backyard

184,900 Canton - 4 Bdrms, 2 Baths, Charming Quad with Plymouth/Canton schools. Large Backyard backing to commons.

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128,500 Center Line - 3 Bdrms, 2 Baths, 1940'S Charming, Bathrooms Remodeled, newer windows and cement driveway. Finished Basement.

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Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members, and \$200 for guests. For more information, call (482) 862-1033.

■ Effective Business Management Seminar - "Environmental Risk Assessment" - from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 27, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills.

Jon Dattilo, B.S., CIAQP, CIE, CMRS, CHST, COCT, HAZWOPER of IAQ Management Inc. will instruct attendees on standard operating procedures for remodelers during project assessment, planning and engagement, as well as information on insurance costs and limiting liability while protecting occupant and worker health and safety.

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■ Henry Ford Community College in cooperation with Design Spirit is offering a one-day class, "Finding Your Way through Feng Shui," from 9:30 a.m. to noon Wednesday, Feb. 28, at Henry Ford Community College, Dearborn Heights Campus, 22586 Ann Arbor Trail, Dearborn Heights.

The cost is \$35 and includes materials. Class size is limited. Register by Monday, Feb. 26. Call Henry Ford Community College at 313-317-1500 to register, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

■ Also, Birmingham Community Education in cooperation with Design Spirit is offering a one-day class, "Finding Your Way through Feng Shui," from 7-9:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 26, at Kimball High School, 1500 Lexington, Royal Oak.

The cost is \$40 and includes materials. Class size is limited. Register by Friday, February 23, 2007. Call Royal Oak Community Education at 248-588-5050 to register, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Design Spirit presents the Feng Shui classes for Oakland Builders Institute. For a free brochure and current schedule of classes call 1-800-940-2014 or 248-651-2771.

Concrete masonry helps homes weather storms

(NewsUSA) — When a tornado or a hurricane rolls into town, many Americans know just how frightening it is to see their home's structure shudder against the force of high winds. Every year, news reports of major storms show images of devastation throughout the country: property losses costing billions of dollars, lives lost needlessly.

Experts from the National Concrete Masonry Association visit areas struck by these storms to record how various types of construction materials performed under high-wind conditions. Significant changes for stronger building standards were brought about in building codes following 1991's Hurricane Andrew, and now, the NCMA reports that concrete masonry is the predominant building choice for homes in hurricane-prone areas of Florida.

Dennis Graber, an engineer and director of technical publications at the NCMA, is a strong advocate for wind-resistant construction and has been a frequent presenter at seminars where builders, codes officials, architects and citizens have assembled to learn about proper building techniques to avoid damage from wind. Graber is no

stranger to wind damage, having lived for 26 years in Florida in addition to performing on-site assessments of damage left by hurricanes.

"High-wind standards are now much more specific regarding the amount and location of reinforcement to put into a masonry wall and how to sustain a continuous load path from the roof to the foundation," Graber said. "By conforming to these (standards), houses were better able to withstand the onslaught of not only Hurricane Charley in 2004, but also Hurricanes Frances, Ivan and Jeanne."

A new publication from the NCMA discusses these devastating storms as well as others and provides details for proper construction to avoid or lessen their damage. Builders, architects, regulators and others who wish to learn more about building storm-resistant concrete masonry homes and buildings may request a copy of the publication, called "Storm Resistant Concrete Masonry Homes and Buildings," at a cost of \$12 each.

For more information, contact the NCMA at (703) 713-1900 or e-mail ncma@ncma.org.

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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Oct. 23-27, 2006, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

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1515 Centennial Dr	\$438,000	32151 Bonnet Hill Rd	\$213,000
4191 Elizabeth Ave	\$160,000	28423 Cumberland St	\$170,000
44140 Leeann Ln	\$199,000	37176 Fox Chase	\$449,000
1201 N Willard Rd	\$270,000	29249 Glen Oaks Blvd E	\$168,000
2601 River Woods Dr N	\$313,000	29257 Glen Oaks Blvd E	\$160,000
41536 Wild Turkey Ln	\$187,000	22853 Glenmoor Hts	\$161,000
Farmington Hills			
27021 Arden Park Cir	\$225,000	34023 Gloucester Cir	\$275,000
		29670 Middlebelt Rd	\$114,000
		29150 Oak Point Dr	\$240,000
		29504 Omenwood Ave	\$228,000
		21122 Ontaga St	\$127,000
		29691 Pine Ridge Cir	\$170,000
		27224 Winterset Cir	\$340,000

Garden City			
31464 Bridge St	\$150,000	23672 E Le Best	\$178,000
31943 Elmwood St	\$150,000	24641 Edgewood Ct N	\$245,000
32612 James St	\$163,000	22372 Heatherbrae Way S	\$330,000
32941 Kathryn St	\$139,000	22364 Miller Road	\$244,000
28649 Marquette St	\$115,000	24855 Reeds Pointe Dr	\$529,000
Livonia			
33863 Eight Mile Rd	\$124,000	25810 Shoreline Dr	\$930,000
29409 Bobrich St	\$62,000	41666 Sleepy Hollow Dr	\$279,000
17148 Francavilla Dr	\$263,000	41630 Sycamore St	\$180,000
19347 Gill Rd	\$255,000	45103 Yorkshire Dr	\$235,000
10049 Inkster Rd	\$130,000	Plymouth	
33491 Michele St	\$190,000	40815 Newport Dr	\$98,000
9457 Patton St	\$179,000	11619 Parkview Dr	\$200,000
34894 Perth St	\$240,000	Redford	
14054 Riga St	\$130,000	24768 Ashley Ct	\$190,000
34159 Trillium Ct	\$100,000	9620 Berwyn	\$136,000
20059 Weyher St	\$160,000	19919 Five Points St	\$93,000
Milford		19990 Woodworth	\$130,000
715 Atlantic St	\$231,000	South Lyon	
804 Atlantic St	\$186,000	1009 Birchway Ct	\$362,000
806 E Commerce St	\$268,000	830 Fairhaven Dr	\$343,000
835 Squire Ln	\$154,000	26370 Great Plains Dr	\$361,000
619 Village Ln	\$170,000	688 Hidden Creek Dr	\$380,000
207 Woodbine Dr	\$90,000	822 Korchester St	\$176,000
Northville		22895 Turnberry	\$525,000
16125 Jupiter Hills Dr	\$885,000	Westland	
950 New Haven Ct	\$182,000	34238 Beechnut St	\$140,000
48881 Running Trout Ln	\$149,000	34045 Blackfoot St	\$150,000
48589 Wicker Creel Dr	\$639,000	6811 Deerhurst Dr	\$150,000
40005 Woodside Dr N	\$490,000	34760 Donnelly St	\$136,000
Novi		33696 Fairchild St	\$168,000
43100 12 Oaks Crescent Dr	\$165,000	35829 Fernwood St	\$155,000
28201 Carlton Way Dr	\$185,000	30451 Ledgecliff Ave	\$160,000
50140 Drakes Bay Dr	\$1,272,000	32554 Mackinac St	\$125,000
		32662 Menominee St	\$125,000
		6545 N Farmington Rd	\$238,000

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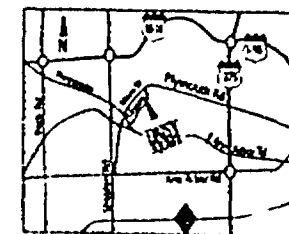
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Seawall in Florida raises environmental issues

Q. We own a condo on the coast of Florida which has been ravished by recent hurricanes and the association has built a seawall. Now we find that there may be a problem with the environmentalists. What do you suggest we do?

A. Your association may have a problem with the environmentalists. You will no doubt have a problem with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, the U.S. Official Wildlife Service and perhaps other state and local governmental agencies since the seawall may violate various laws and perhaps cause havoc to the environment. On the other hand, there is the property right which your association is trying to preserve, namely the beach front area. It is clearly an unsettled area which will be resolved in the courts, but you are best advised to insure that your association has received proper legal advice in regard to the action that it has taken and/or contemplates taking.

Q. I am on the board and one of the co-owners wants to extend his patio onto the common elements. Can he do that?



Robert Meisner

A. It depends on the nature of the common element on which he is extending his patio. If it is a limited common element pertinent to his unit, he may have a right to do so subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. If it is a general common element, it could

reasonably be construed as the expropriation of general common element area and the board may not have the authority to provide him with that approval. You are best advised to consult with your community association attorney.

Robert M. Meisner is a lawyer and the author of *Condominium Operation: Getting Started & Staying on the Right Track*, second edition. It is available for \$9.95 plus \$1 shipping and handling. He also wrote *Condo Living: A Survival Guide to Buying, Owning and Selling a Condominium*, available for \$24.95 plus \$5 shipping and handling. For more information, call (248) 644-4433 or visit bmeisner@meisner-associates.com. This column shouldn't be construed as legal advice.

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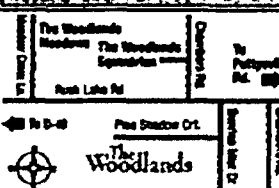
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Campaign focuses on affordable housing

The National Association of Realtors has launched a campaign to create more affordable housing opportunities for public and private sector workers.

The "Home from Work™" campaign encourages and trains Realtors nationwide to work with businesses to develop employer-assisted housing (EAH) benefit plans for their workers including home buying workshops, one-on-one housing counseling led by Realtors and financial incentives. Employers can choose to offer employees any or all of these benefits, and NAR will provide

assistance, at no cost, to employers who want to develop a customized EAH plan.

Home from Work™ is the newest initiative from NAR's Housing Opportunity Program that positions Realtors as community leaders in identifying, developing, and promoting business opportunities that expand housing availability and ensure an adequate housing supply in both the rental and homeownership markets.

"Realtors care about the lack of housing opportunities and know that work-

ing to promote affordable housing opportunities for families is good for the community," said Thomas M. Stevens, NAR president from Vienna, Va., and senior vice president of NRT Inc. "Realtors build communities, and Home from Work™ gives Realtors the tools to become advocates for employer-assisted housing benefits and help organizations increase their business opportunities while also helping their employees achieve their goal of homeownership."

As the cost of housing continues to rise in many areas, some workers can no longer afford to live near their place of employment and may be forced to commute long distances to work.

Employers who provide EAH benefits can increase employee loyalty and morale while reducing turnover, which leads to lower training and hiring costs.

"The Home from Work™ campaign has the potential to change the way

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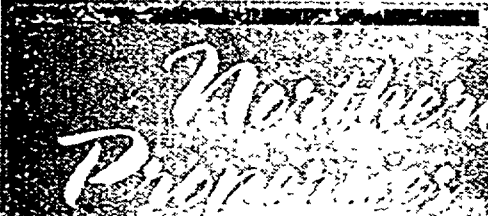
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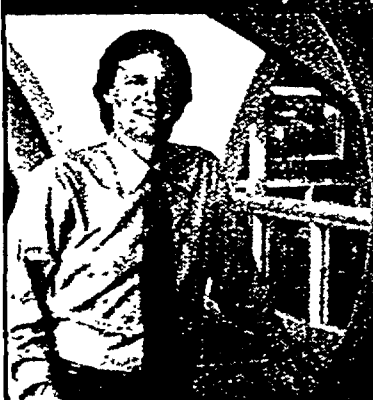
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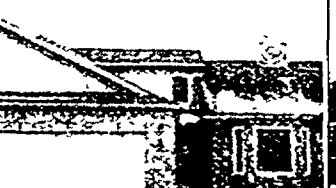
















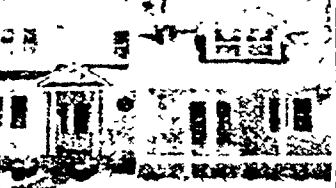









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Q Can you tell me where Kim Darby is and what she is doing today? She was great in the movie *True Grit* with John Wayne.

—Joe Rowan, *The Villages, Fla.*



Actress Kim Darby

Darby, now 59, was barely in her 20s when she made the now-classic Western in 1969. She had just had her baby daughter and turned down the major role of spunky Mattie Ross several times before the producer won her over. After the movie, she continued to act in a number of movie and TV projects and taught classes on acting at the University of California-Los Angeles. Last year, she portrayed an alcoholic mail carrier in an independent film called *Cold One*. "I had never played a drunk," she says. "It was a great experience." On the personal side, Darby recently ended a romantic relationship with former *Riflesman* TV star Johnny Crawford.

Q Whatever happened to singer-actress Susan Anton?

—Gloria Baker, *Oklahoma City, Okla.*

"If you're not on television or films, people don't think you're still around," says Anton, 57, who for the last several years has toured steadily with her band or performed onstage in the Las Vegas production of *Hairspray* and the road show of *All Shook Up*, a musical based on the songs of Elvis Presley. The statuesque former Miss California, who stands a

Susan Anton is back on stage.

little over 5 feet, 11 inches tall, lives in Las Vegas with her husband of 14 years, Jeff Lester. The couple recently launched their own film and TV production company.

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Q Why can't people view the second floor at Graceland? Is Elvis up there?

—Phyllis Schweitzer, *Grand Forks, N.D.*

The King was indeed laid to rest at Graceland, but not on the second floor. A spokesperson for Presley's famous tourist-attraction home explains why it's off limits: "The part of Graceland we show on our tour is the part that Elvis showed anyone who visited him. The upstairs was his private area." When the estate was opened to the public after he died, his former wife, Priscilla, and daughter, Lisa Marie, decided the upstairs should remain private.



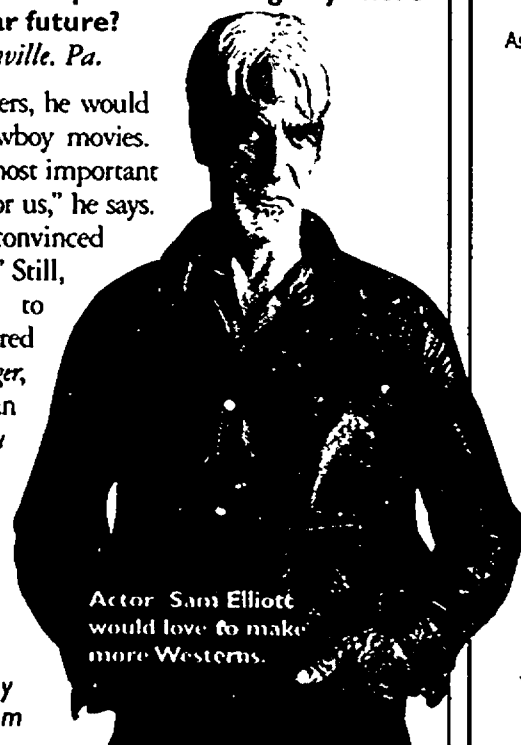
Elvis Presley was laid to rest at Graceland, but not upstairs.

Q I think Sam Elliott is one of the all-time great cowboy actors. Does he plan on making any more Westerns in the near future?

—Bonnie Dailey, *Greenville, Pa.*

If Elliott had his druthers, he would happily make more cowboy movies. "I think it's one of the most important genres we have going for us," he says. "But Hollywood is convinced there's no market for it." Still, Elliott, 62, continues to work. He recently starred in the TNT series *Avenger*, played the Marlboro Man in the movie *Thank You for Smoking*, voiced Ben the Cow in the animated *Barnyard* and soon will appear in the film *Ghost Rider* alongside Nicolas Cage.

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Actor Sam Elliott would love to make more Westerns.

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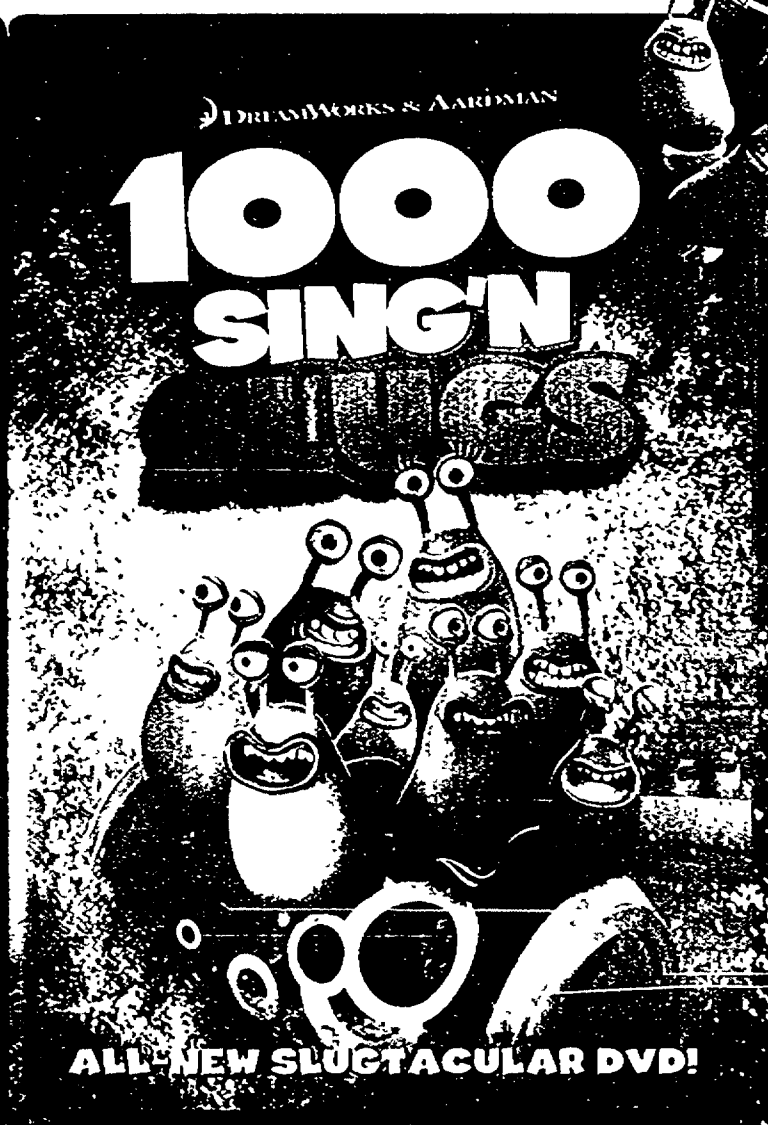
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Love for a Locomotive

by VICKI COX

A rare 1913 locomotive named the Soo Line 1003 sits hissing on the track in Burnett, Wis. (pop. 919), surrounded by parents posing their children under its headlight and railroad enthusiasts peering at its well-preserved parts.

Right on schedule, the engineer rings the train's bell and pulls on its hollow-voiced whistle. The locomotive spews a plume of steam and smoke 300 feet above its smokestack. Seconds later, the ground shudders and 82 feet of unleashed power rolls forward.

"I wouldn't miss this for the world," says Bob



by Samuel Castro

Burt Mall (left) brought his chugging 1913 steam engine—the Soo Line 1003—to a community event in Burnett, Wis.

Krahn, 64, of Fox Lake, Wis. "I love the steam engine. I enjoy its sounds and sights. Pictures just don't do it justice," he says, watching as the Soo Line 1003 heads to Hartford, Wis. (pop. 10,905), for a holiday festival.

Dwarfed by a half-million pounds of iron and steel, Krahn's granddaughter, Brianna, 4, also is impressed by its size. "It is very big," says the wide-eyed youngster.

The locomotive owes its existence to Burt Mall, of Long Grove, Ill. (pop. 6,735). As its owner and chief caretaker, Mall is among only a handful of Americans who own a full-size railroad steam engine. Without him, the Soo Line 1003 would be a relic parked in a museum—or worse.

"It would have ended up some place rusting," says Bob Ristow, a volunteer who helps Mall bring the steam engine to community festivals and special events up to three times a year.

"There's a romance with old locomotives," says Mall, 65. "I was always interested in them."

Mall's passion for trains began as a child with a secondhand Lionel train, developed while part of a high school railroad club, and eventually led to summertime railroad jobs during his college years. His passion grew full-size when he learned of the 1003.

After nearly a half century of service, the locomotive was retired to a Superior, Wis., park in 1959. Volunteers tried restoring the inoperable engine in the 1970s and then sold

it partially disassembled to another Superior group, the Wisconsin Railway Preservation Trust (WRPT), in 1994. The WRPT had the train operational by 1996, when Mall joined the group. After his career as an executive in a manufacturing company, Mall enjoyed the greasy, dirty challenge of keeping the old engine running.

"I've always liked the real thing," Mall says. "I was going to retire and wanted



A family poses with conductor and co-owner Gary Ostrand.

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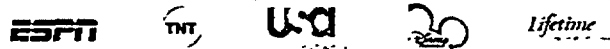
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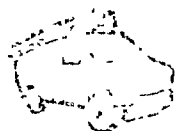


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Finding Washington's Faith

by
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George Washington often is depicted as a Deist, viewing God as a remote creator who abandoned his creation. But most people know little about the Christian faith that guided and sustained the Father of Our Country, says Peter A. Lillback, author of *George Washington's Sacred Fire*, a new biography based on 15 years of research into Washington and his writings.

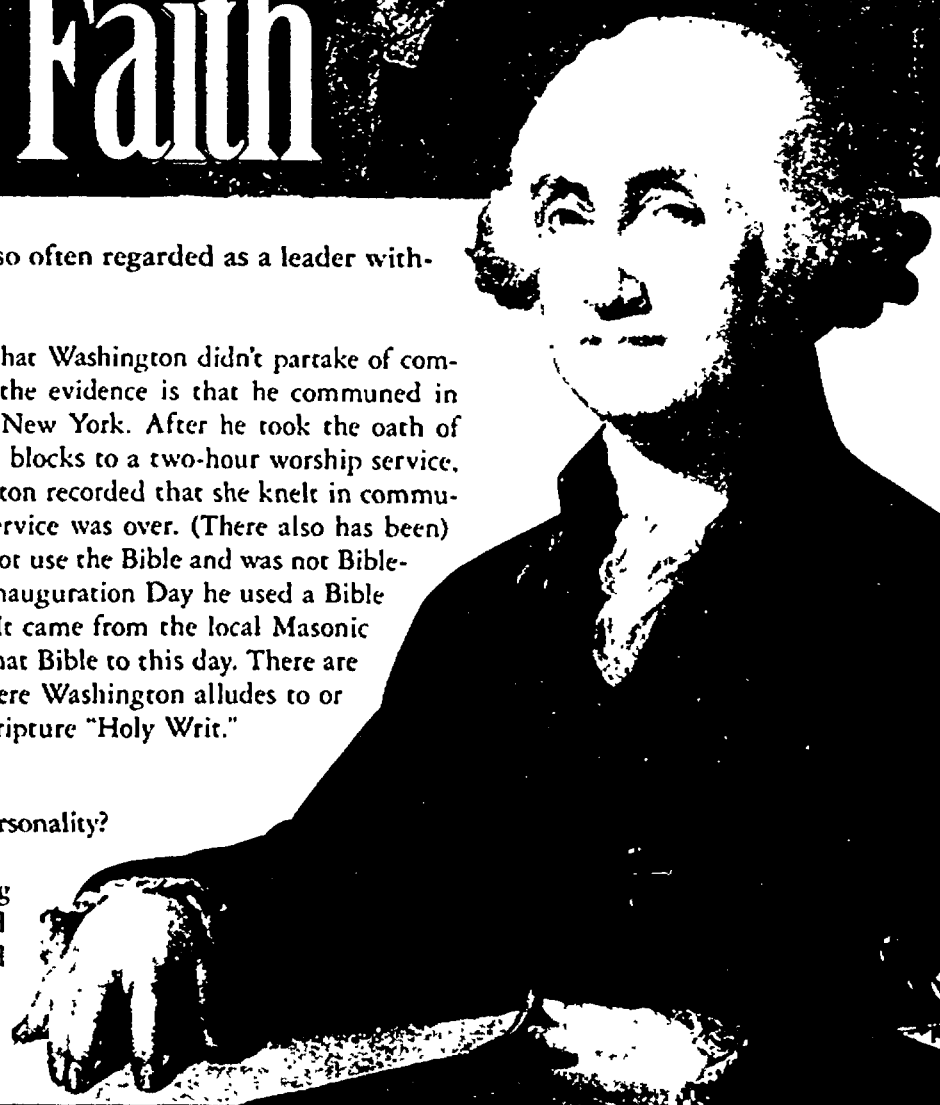
Lillback, a Presbyterian pastor in Bryn Mawr, Pa. (pop. 4,382), as well as the president of Westminster Theological Seminary and the nonprofit Providence Forum, an organization committed to preserving America's spiritual roots, spoke to *American Profile* about Washington, born 275 years ago on Feb. 22.

AP: Why is Washington so often regarded as a leader without Christian faith?

PL: It's been so often said that Washington didn't partake of communion. Yet I discovered the evidence is that he communed in Virginia, New Jersey and New York. After he took the oath of office, he went down a few blocks to a two-hour worship service, and Mrs. Alexander Hamilton recorded that she knelt in communion with him after the service was over. (There also has been) the argument that he did not use the Bible and was not Bible-serious. But we know on Inauguration Day he used a Bible to take the oath of office. It came from the local Masonic order, and they still have that Bible to this day. There are 200 different examples where Washington alludes to or cites the Bible. He calls Scripture "Holy Writ."

AP: What was his basic personality?

PL: Shy, non-self-disclosing and remarkably gracious and polite. He had a reserved dignity. And he was not a public speaker. One of the writers of the inaugural





Washington shivered and suffered alongside his loyal troops at Valley Forge.

address said, "He stood trembling before his people with his notes in his hand." There are some incidents where he was overcome by stage fright. Someone made the observation, "There was never a battle in which he stood in terror, but there are speeches where he could not stand up without trembling."

AP: Were his teeth really wooden, as we sometimes hear?

PL: They were not wooden. The story is that his (false) teeth were made out of animal bone or tusks. But how did the (wooden teeth) myth get started? According to one version, Washington loved to drink port (wine), and port can stain your teeth. He said, "My teeth are becoming so stained you could think they were wood."

AP: Washington's image today is quaint at best. We most-

ly see him as a talking dollar bill in a TV commercial for a President's Day sale. How did he become such a largely forgotten hero?

PL: I suppose because of the spirit of political correctness. In seeking to correct the oversight of people that belong in our story as Americans, we've thrown out some of our white male founders. We don't know them anymore. In a 2005 poll of college seniors, President Bill Clinton's job performance had a much higher score of approval than George Washington's. How many public school rooms have a picture of George Washington anymore? Fifty years ago, every school had a picture of him hanging up. He's as faceless as the monument that's been given to him, and that's tragic.

AP: What would he likely think of our modern-day presidents?

PL: Washington advocated peace through strength. He would have loved Ronald Reagan's idea of a really powerful navy and strong army. On the other hand, part of his farewell address gave the warning, "Avoid entangling alliances." So he would have had a

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Hometown Recipes

Just Add Soup

Sandwiches always pair nicely with soups, but for something a little lighter, try these salad and bread recipes.

Dorothea Hartman, of Decatur, Ind., sent in her recipe for Nature's Perfect Salad. "All the ingredients are rich in nutrition, and my husband loves it," she says. Any type of small-leaf salad greens will work well in this healthful salad, which gets a flavorful kick from the pungent horseradish in the dressing.

Try Wanna Faye Crouse's Mexican Cornbread to round out your meal. "I have been baking this cornbread for more than 20 years and probably wouldn't be welcome if I didn't bring it to gatherings," the Finger, Tenn., resident says. Featuring the spicy flavor of jalapeños, the cornbread is made with self-rising cornmeal. If you have only regular cornmeal in your pantry, use it and add 1 tablespoon of baking powder and 1 1/2 teaspoons of salt.

As always, *American Profile* looks forward to receiving your favorite recipes and sharing them with our millions of readers across the nation. Send them, along with a color photograph of yourself, to Hometown Recipes, *American Profile*, 341 Cool Springs Blvd., Suite 400, Franklin, TN 37067. ★

RECIPE

Nature's Perfect Salad



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Dorothea Hartman
Decatur, Ind.

Nature's Perfect Salad

Salad:

- 1 cup baby spinach
- 1 cup torn lettuce, any variety
- 1 cup shredded carrots
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1/2 cup blueberries (fresh or frozen and thawed)
- 1/2 cup quartered strawberries (fresh or frozen and thawed)

Dressing:

- 3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoons honey
- 2 tablespoons minced onion
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 2 tablespoons bottled horseradish
- 1/2 teaspoon celery seed
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

1. Combine all salad ingredients in a glass bowl.
2. Combine all dressing ingredients and whisk together. Just before serving, pour dressing over salad and toss to coat. Serves 4.

RECIPE

Mexican Cornbread



Wanna Faye Crouse
Finger, Tenn.

Mexican Cornbread

- 2 cups self-rising cornmeal
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 3 eggs
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 (15-ounce) can cream-style corn
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese
- 1 small red or green bell pepper, chopped
- 1 to 2 jalapeño peppers, seeded and chopped

1. Preheat oven to 350F. Grease and flour a 13-by-9-inch baking dish.
2. Combine cornmeal and sugar in a medium bowl. Stir in oil and eggs. Add onion, corn, buttermilk, cheese, bell pepper and jalapeño pepper and stir to combine.
3. Pour batter into pan and bake about 1 hour or until brown. Cut in squares. Serves 12.

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*Creamy Mexican Fiesta: Stir in
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Keys to a Great Retirement by JOHN NARDINI

After years of working and doing what you have to do, retirement generally is the period of life when you do what you *want*—if you've planned for it financially. The wiser you've saved, spent and invested, the greater your options to travel, spend more time with family, pursue hobbies or volunteer more, particularly during an age of inflation and longer life spans. Here are the keys to preparing for a great retirement:

- **Calculate how much you need to save for retirement**

Middle-income households usually need to replace 70 to 75 percent of their current living expenses to maintain their standard of living for retirement. A good rule of thumb is to estimate how much you'll need to withdraw from savings during your first year of retirement (adjusted for inflation) and multiply that amount by 25. For example, if you want to withdraw \$40,000 during your first year of retirement, you'll need to have saved \$1 million.

- **Develop a plan**

Once you know how much money you'll need for retirement, you need a specific plan to accumulate it. "Most families may save toward their retirement; but without a plan, their saving is random and haphazard," says David John Marotta, president of Marotta Asset Management of Charlottesville, Va. Having a plan means determining how much to save each month to fund retirement, then taking steps such as cutting expenses or earning extra income to secure this amount.

- **Begin immediately**

The earlier you start to save, the more time your money has to grow. "Every year you delay adequately funding your retirement cuts in half your retirement standard of living," Marotta says. "The wisest financial decision you can make is to start—now!"

- **Start with your 401k**

This personal investment plan is "the best place to save for retirement," says Steve Casto, a retirement educator in Omaha, Neb., and author of *Is Your Retirement Heading in the Right Direction?* If your company matches your contribution, you should contribute the full amount for the maximum benefit. It's free money and a tremendous return on your investment, even before you start working to make it grow. In addition to building your nest egg, your contribution reduces your taxable income.

- **Contribute to a Roth IRA**

If you're able to save more than the maximum 401k contribution that your employer will match, contribute to a Roth IRA if you're

eligible. (Your adjusted gross income must be under \$110,000 for single or head-of-household taxpayers or married couples filing separately and who do not live with their spouse, or \$160,000 for married couples filing jointly.) "Yes, you lose the tax savings now," Casto says, "but your money grows tax deferred and tax free. You will have more money in retirement."

- **Invest wisely for growth**

To make the most of your retirement savings, invest for growth, which generally means investing in stocks. Your best investment option probably is a stock market index fund, such as one that tracks the S&P 500 or the "total market," because it usually outperforms other mutual funds. This strategy has four big advantages: It's cheap, easy, fairly stable and, even though there may be occasional setbacks, it works.

- **Review your plan annually**

Circumstances change, so it's smart to make adjustments as needed. "Retirement planning isn't simply a matter of putting some money in a retirement account," Marotta advises. "It requires periodically working through the mathematical assumptions and projections required to ensure you will meet your retirement goals. Annual reviews guarantee that your changes in lifestyle are minimized and the chances of meeting your retirement goal are maximized."

- **Seek help if needed**

If you don't feel confident in knowing how or how much to save for retirement, consult with a financial professional such as a certified financial planner or CPA. Gordon Hecker, vice president of Nationwide Financial in Columbus, Ohio, says "a professional can help you assess your current standing, evaluate your retirement goals and develop an investment strategy to fit your needs."

So whether retirement is just around the corner or a distant drumbeat, begin today to plan and prepare. Wise choices today mean more options tomorrow. ☆

John Nardini is a frequent contributor to American Profile.



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Hats Off to Stormy Kromer

by STEVE LANGE



The Stormy Kromer cap

In 2001, Bob Jacquart was drinking his morning coffee at a restaurant in Ironwood, Mich. (pop. 6,293), when he heard that the Kromer Cap Co., after more than a century, had stopped producing its classic winter hat.

Upon hearing the news, some restaurant patrons decided to buy the last of the remaining hats at nearby stores. Jacquart, however, decided to buy the company.

"I knew I had to do something to keep that hat alive," says Jacquart, 54, who owns a sewing company in his



Bob Jacquart saved the classic cap when he bought the company in 2001. hometown of Ironwood. "The Stormy Kromer cap is part of our history.

"I called the company that day," he says. "I bought what would become Stormy Kromer Mercantile two months later."

The iconic, short-brimmed, ear-flapped hat long has been standard headwear in northern Wisconsin and Michigan's Upper Peninsula, where January temperatures average in the teens and annual snowfall nears 200 inches.

In 1903, Wisconsin locomotive engineer George "Stormy" Kromer, a former semi-pro baseball player, asked his wife, Ida, to modify one of his baseball hats for protection against the bitter winds on his wintertime railroad runs. Ida created an all-wool cap with a short brim and an insulated flap that could be pulled down over the ears. The cap was a hit with Kromer's co-workers, and it gained popularity as railroad crews traveled across the Midwest. The Kromers made and sold the hats



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out of their home until 1919, when they opened a cap manufacturing plant in Milwaukee.

Richard Grossman bought the company in 1965, and reluctantly discontinued production of the winter cap in 2001 to concentrate on more profitable products. "We were so glad to have someone like Bob to keep the Stormy Kromer going," Grossman says. "He understood how important it was."

Today, a dozen of Jacquart's employees create each Kromer from the original 13-piece pattern designed by George and Ida more than a century ago. The caps, which cost from \$27 to \$39, come in a dozen colors and sizes ranging from infant to a custom-made 16-and-1/4-inch hat for Wildcat Willy, the mascot for nearby Northern Michigan University.

Stormy Kromer Mercantile, which produced 6,000 hats in 2002, manufactured 75,000 hats—and added jobs—last year.

"It means a lot to me to make a difference in this community," Jacquart says. "My great-grandfather was a wheelwright here. Both of my grandfathers were grocers here. My dad and my uncles ran businesses here."

Though he knew the hat's history, Jacquart didn't realize how much the Kromer cap meant to people until he began hearing their sentimental stories.

"I was 7 when my dad bought me my first Kromer, and I remember it like it was yesterday," says Ted Erspamer, now 75. "It's the perfect hat. In the 1950s, we wore them as part of our uniform on the police department. We wore our badges right on the front of our Kromers."

Ironwood teacher Dave Kangas wore his old red Kromer on every fishing trip for as long as anyone could remember. So when Kangas died in 1983, his friends and family traveled by boat to the middle of Lake Superior, placed a rock inside the

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A seamstress adds the finishing touches to a cap at the Ironwood, Mich., factory.

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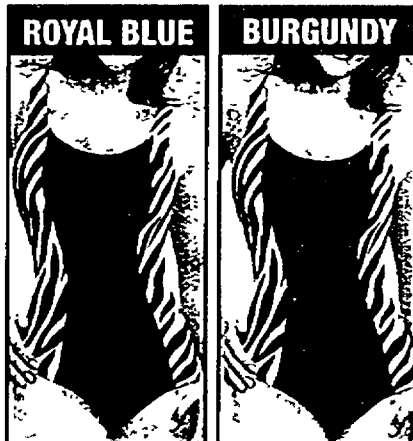
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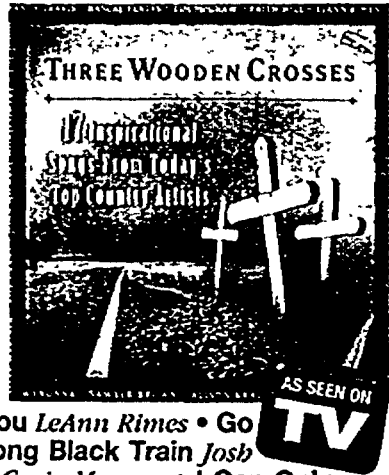
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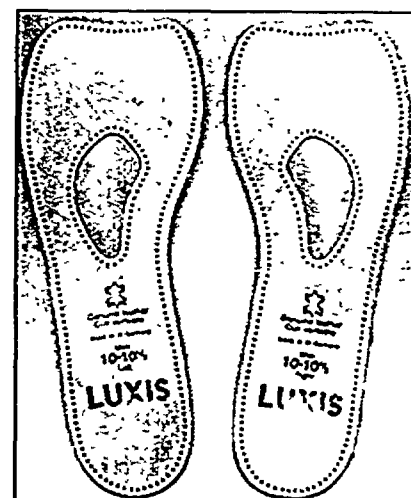
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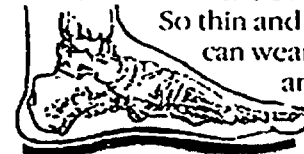
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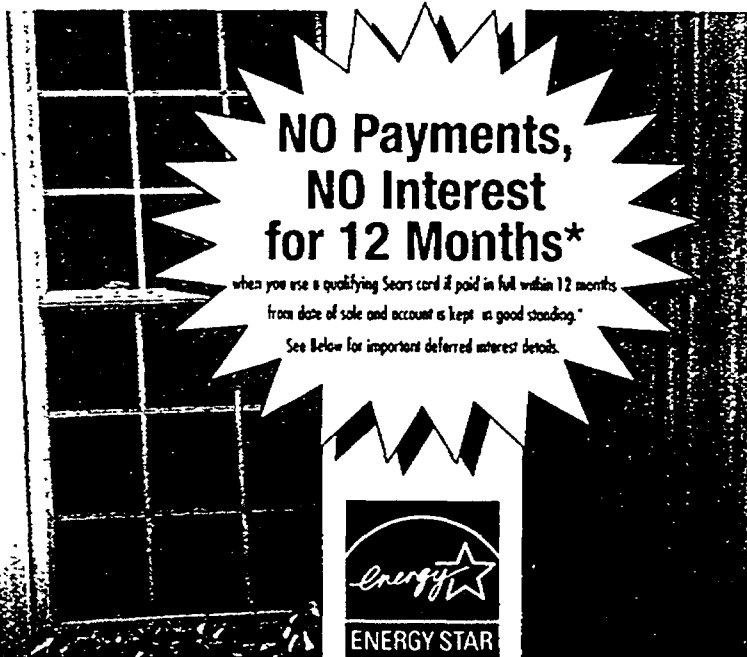
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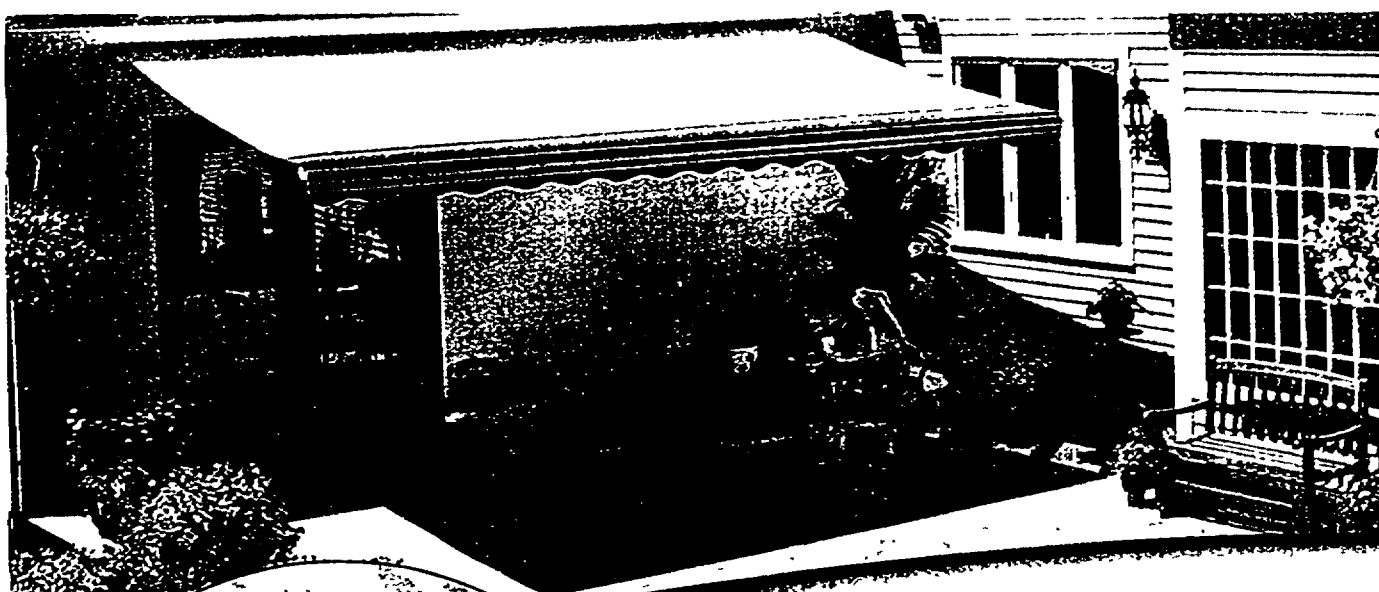
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Washington sought "strength through peace."

lot of problems going back to the (President Woodrow) Wilson era, when America got involved in European conflicts and world-wide issues. He wouldn't have wanted us to be involved on the international stage. But he would have been enthralled with George Bush's commitment to liberty. He would have looked at the debacle we're in right now of fighting terror, and he might have said something like, "You have to have people who are loyal to the government. Have you been letting immigrants into your country that are not loyal?" And he probably would have criticized every administration that allowed us to be dependent on international oil.

AP: What do you think his ultimate legacy is?

PL: His legacy is this country. His personality, his commitment and his resolve kept the army together. It was understood even in his own lifetime that if they could get him to give up, the war would be over. Imagine being defeated outside of Philadelphia. An enemy army has taken the capital city, and you've retreated, having lost two battles. You have to take care of your soldiers, and there's no place to go but the wilderness. And you have a letter sent to you by people in Philadelphia who had been loyal to you, saying, "Let's end this, before there's any more bloodshed." But Washington had the courage to stand strong and not give up, even

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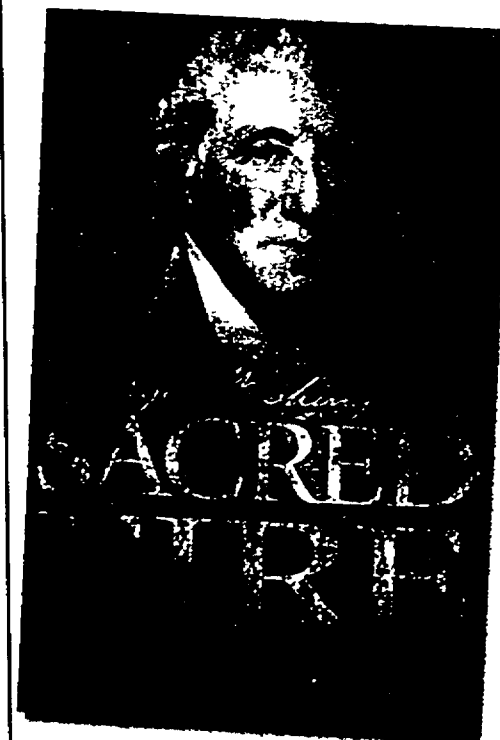
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"There would be no
America if there weren't the
character of Washington..."

though he said in one of his letters, "You can
tell where the soldiers have walked, not just
by their footprints in the snow, but by the
bloodstains that are there." Men were dying
of exposure and starvation. Weeks would go
by when they wouldn't eat anything but flour
and water. So there would be no America if
there weren't the character of Washington
that was utterly resolved to accomplishing
the job he'd been given.

AP: He had to have had faith just to sur-
vive Valley Forge.

PL: That's right. There was nothing there.
They had to build houses for 10,000 soldiers
by chopping down trees, finding mud and
putting them together. And he promised
his men, "I will not leave my tent until you
all are under roof." His headquarters were
there, but he didn't live in them until he
finished shivering with the very last soldier.
You've got to love a leader like that. ☆

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Discovered in the Archives

"America's First Cookbook"

As a newspaper writer, I often leave items of my work on the coffee table in my den.

My friends and neighbors come and go... but seldom if ever do they notice anything I've left out.

A cookbook I recently took home to review, however, "brought down the house."

Of twenty or so friends who wandered in and out over the weekend, everyone picked up the book. All were thoroughly amused and entertained. They couldn't put it down.

Excitement was the order of the day. You'd have thought I'd brought a "girlie" book into a World War Two Navy barracks!

The book is a pre-publication facsimile copy of *American Cookery*... the first cookbook published in America by an American author. It's a first in cookbook literature and an historic document.

The Mother of All Cookbooks

In 1796, a young lady named Amelia Simmons published what would become "the mother of all cookbooks" to follow in the U.S.A.

Until then, few cookbooks had been published in our new nation, but without

exception, all had been reprints of European works. All had been written by men... and written for men cooks. None dealt with the unique food ingredients available in America.

First Feminist Movement Spark

American Cookery was also the first cookbook on the planet slanted toward female cooks. Amelia's book, in addition to being an outstanding cookbook, was also the very first spark of the feminist movement and the emancipation of women in America.

American Cookery published the earliest clear pairing of our Thanksgiving classics, cranberries and turkey, and the first recipes anywhere using corn meal as the primary ingredient.

Here also was the very first recipe for "Indian Slapjacks" and "Johnny Cake," or "Hoe Cake" which was to become an American staple under several other names during the following centuries.

Pumpkin Pie & Gingerbread

Amelia also gave us the very first recipes for pumpkin pie, Indian pudding, rice pudding, and gingerbread. Here too

was the first use of the words "cookie" and "slaw"... both borrowed from the Dutch in America.

Dozens of recipes tell you how to cook beef, pork, mutton, lamb, veal, poultry, fish and seafood, meat pies, dumplings, apple and other fruit pies, puddings, tarts, custards, cakes, gingerbread, biscuits, and literally dozens more amazing, amusing, and delicious recipes.

"Sinful" in Richness & Goodness

Many of Amelia's recipes are downright "sinful" in their richness and goodness. In many others, however, you can easily substitute a low-fat cooking oil for lard and be right up-to-date and modern!

The dated language and comments give us a very unique window into the mores and morals of early America... never before seen by this writer anywhere else!

Only two original copies of this 1796 First Edition are known to exist... one in the Biting Collection of the Library of Congress, the other in the Whitney Collection of the New York Public Library.

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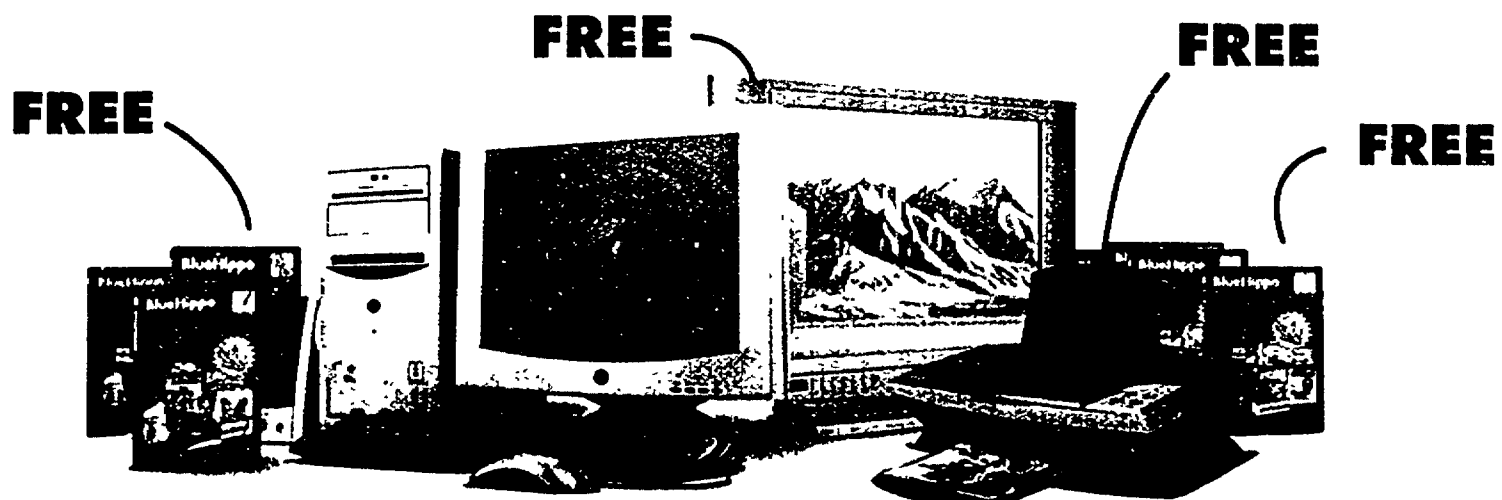
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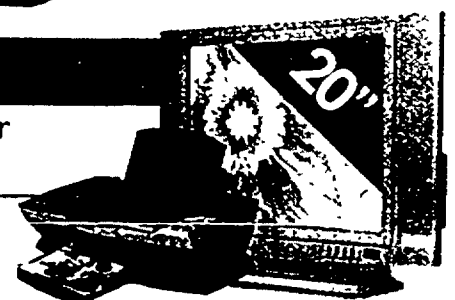


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The 1003 heads home to the Wisconsin Auto Museum in Hartford.

something to keep me active. So many steam engines are disappearing in the U.S. It's a shame."

In 1999, when the WRPT couldn't continue maintaining the 1003, Mall and partners Gary and Karin Ostrand purchased it.

"It's fun to tell people, 'My dad owns a steam engine,'" says Dane Mall, 35. "They say, 'What scale, what model?' We say, 'No, he owns a real steam engine, like the old Iron Horse.'"

A half-dozen like-minded railroad enthusiasts donate their time to help Burt with the steam engine, which is on display at Hartford's Wisconsin Auto Museum. Volunteer Ken Ristow, locomotive engineer at the Milwaukee Zoo, uses his vacation to run the 1003.

"I wouldn't trade this for anything," Ristow

says. "I was meant to be part of this history—to learn it myself and pass it on to others."

The locomotive undergoes weeks of preparation before taking off on a trip. Before leaving the museum, Mall and his volunteers perform government-required tests on the boiler, safety valves, air brakes, running gear and pressure gauges. They inspect the firebox, fill the 8,000-gallon boiler, start and tend the fire, and build up steam pressure. Mall also must coordinate schedules with the Wisconsin and Southern Railroad Co. and communicate with event sponsors.

"I like large projects," Mall says. "And I like bringing history to people who don't have any idea what a steam engine looks like."

It's no surprise parents bring their children, train enthusiasts set up tripods with cameras and people respectfully stand up as the Soo Line 1003 passes by.

"Engines like this built the country," says Dan Sanger, a Wisconsin and Southern Railroad Co. employee. "I really appreciate anyone who can keep them alive for future generations to see what built this country." ★

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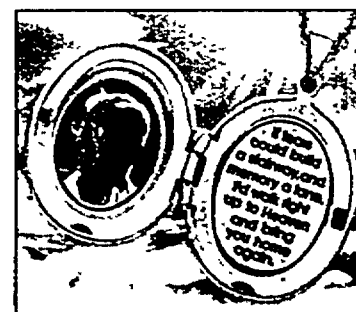
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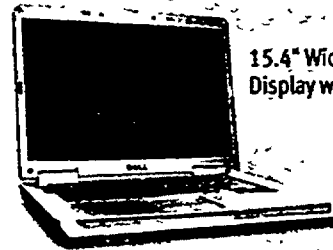
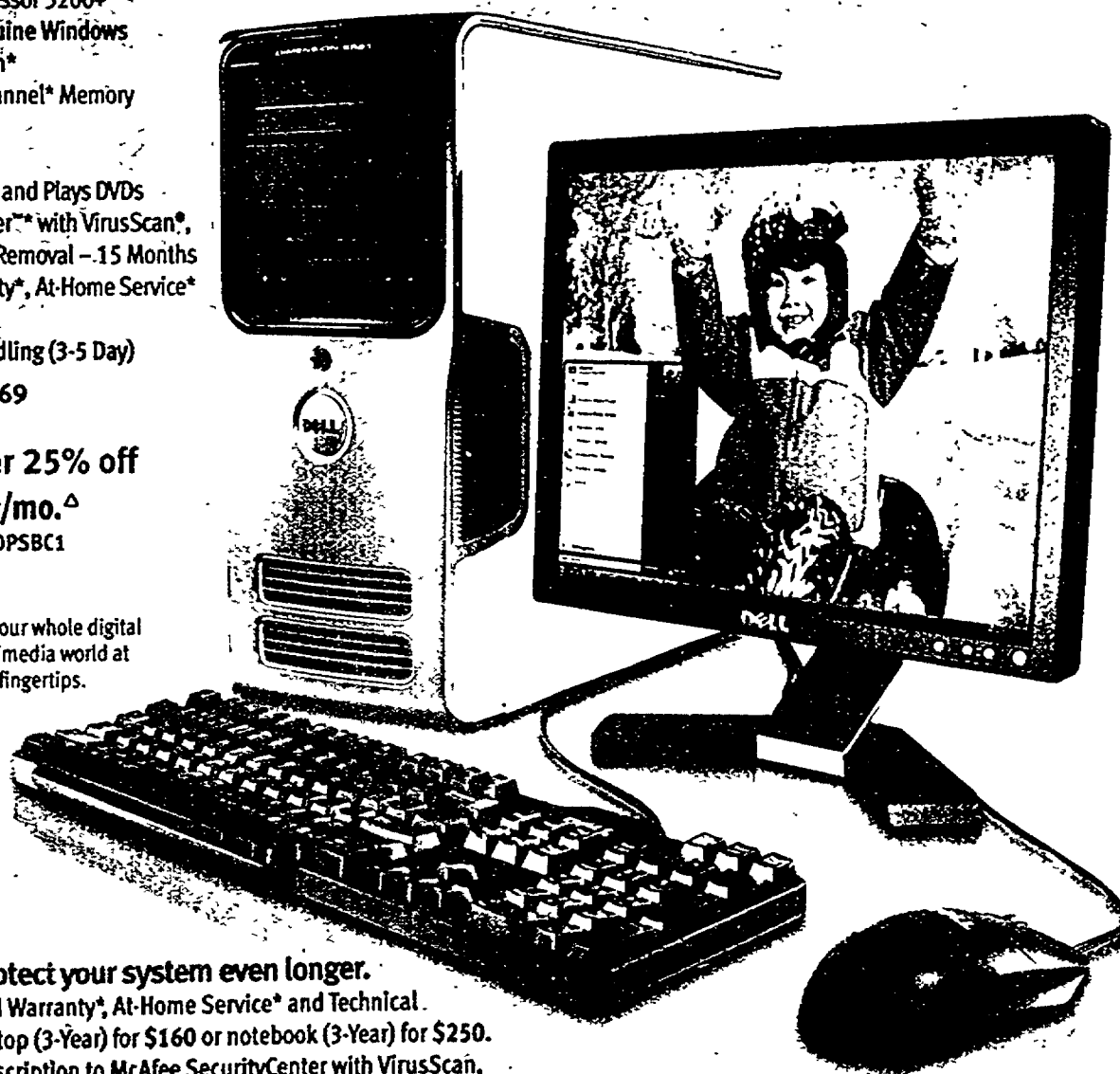
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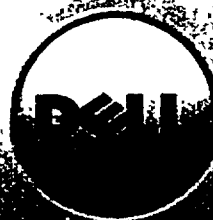
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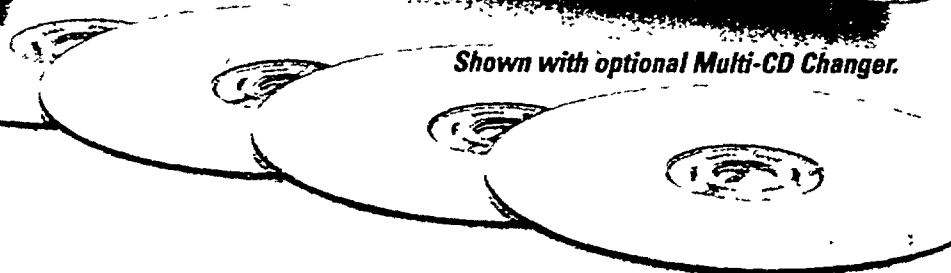
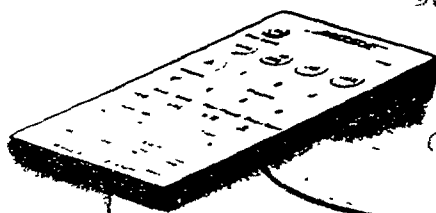
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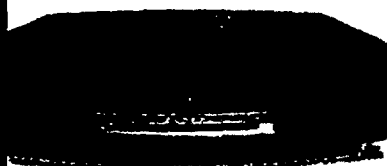
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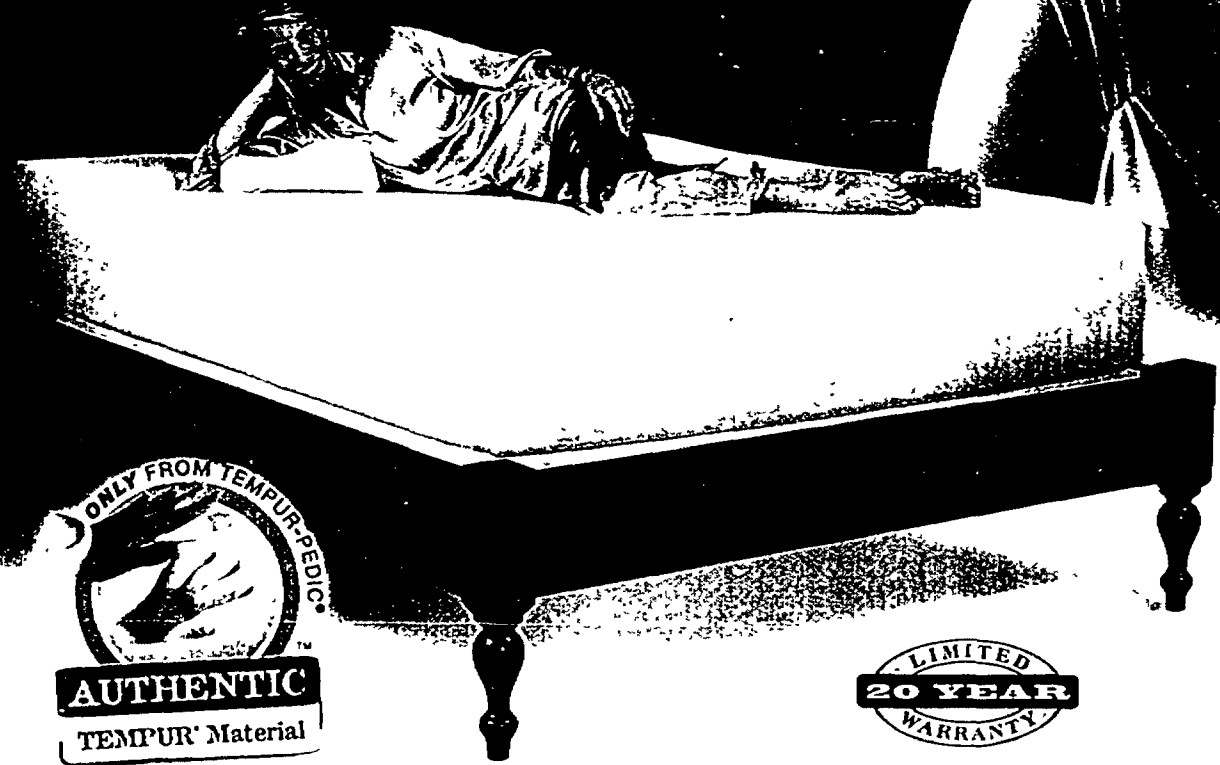
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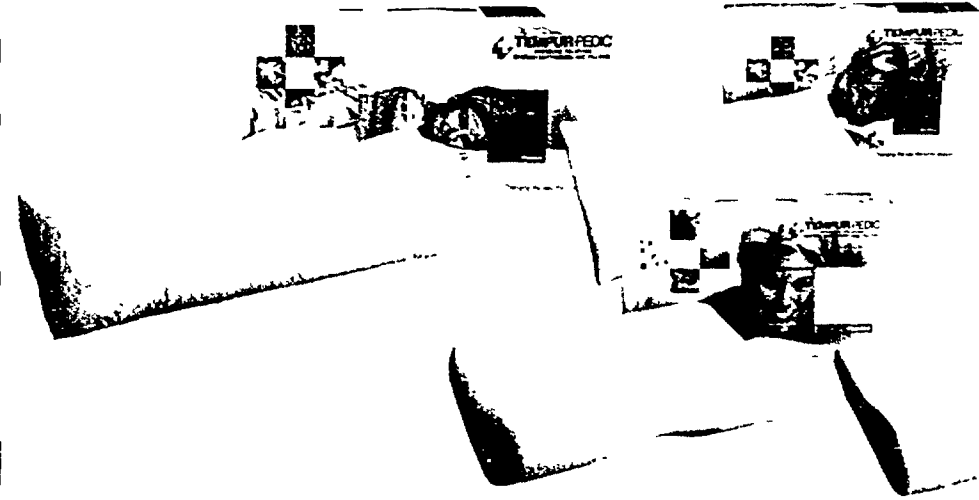
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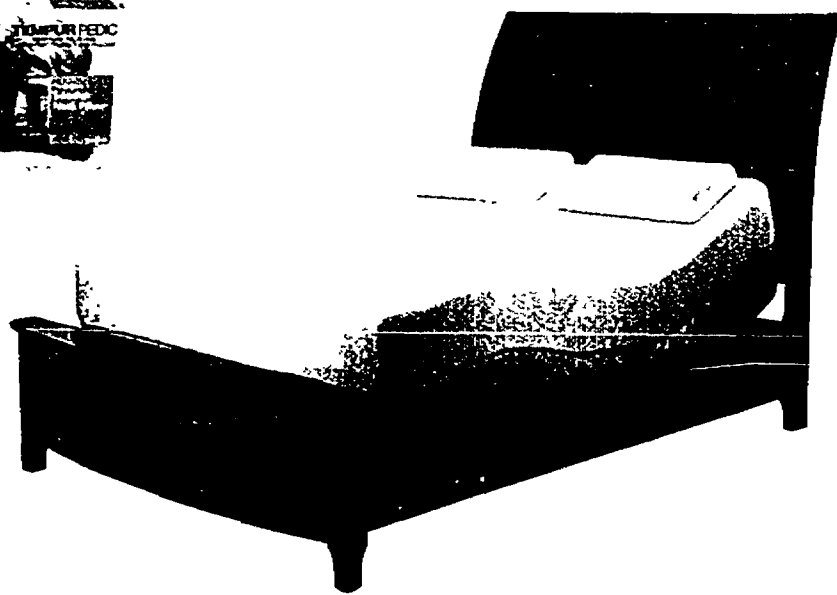
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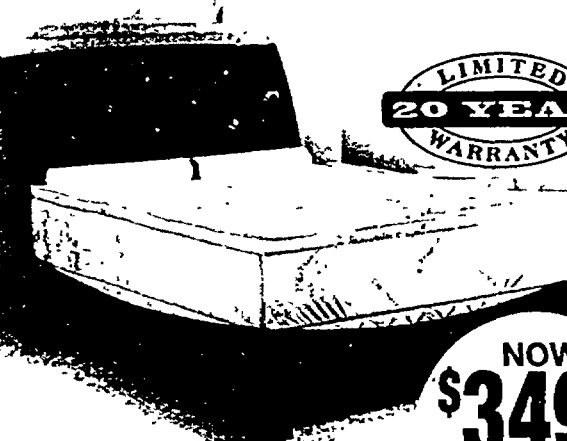
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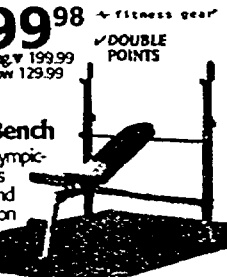
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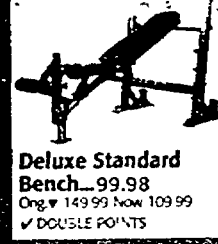
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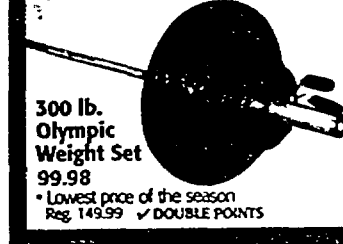
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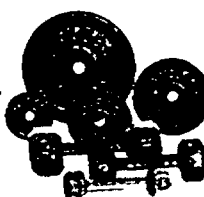
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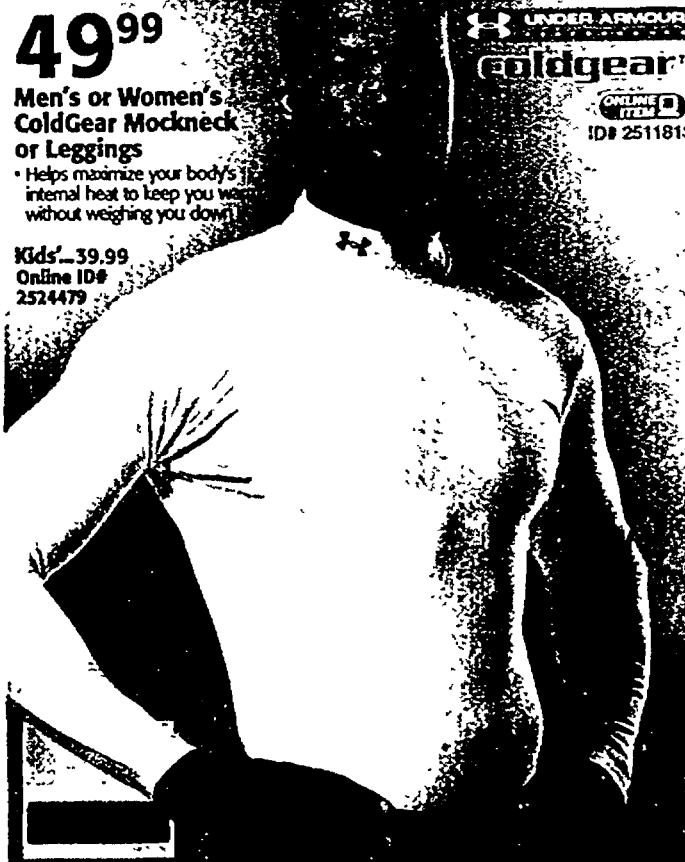
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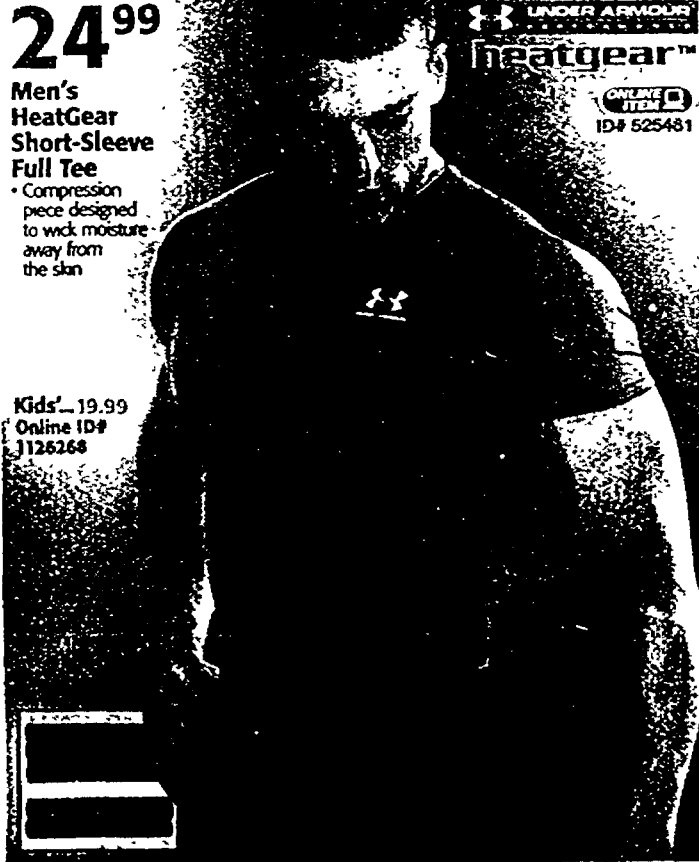
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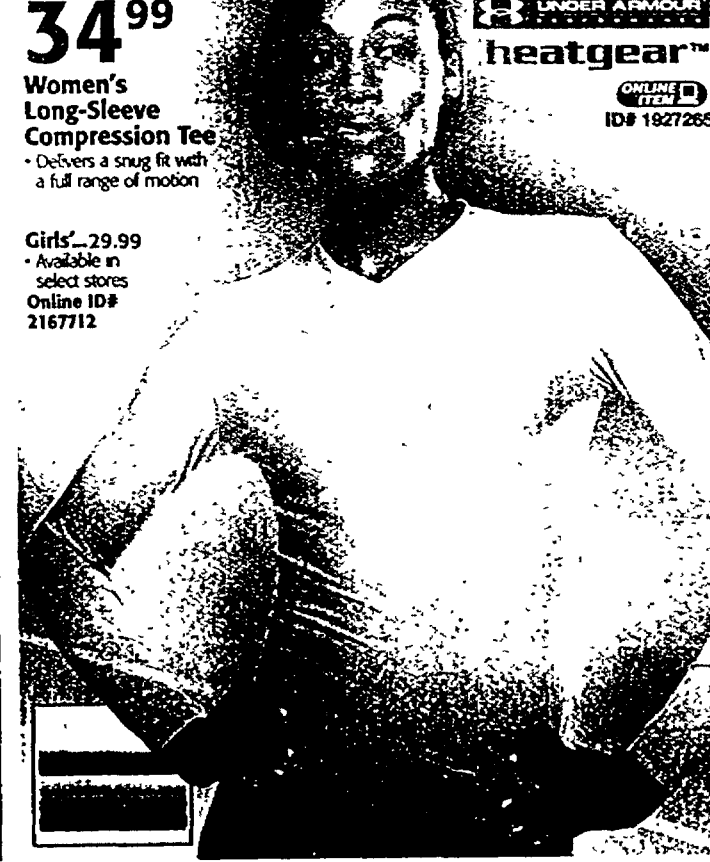
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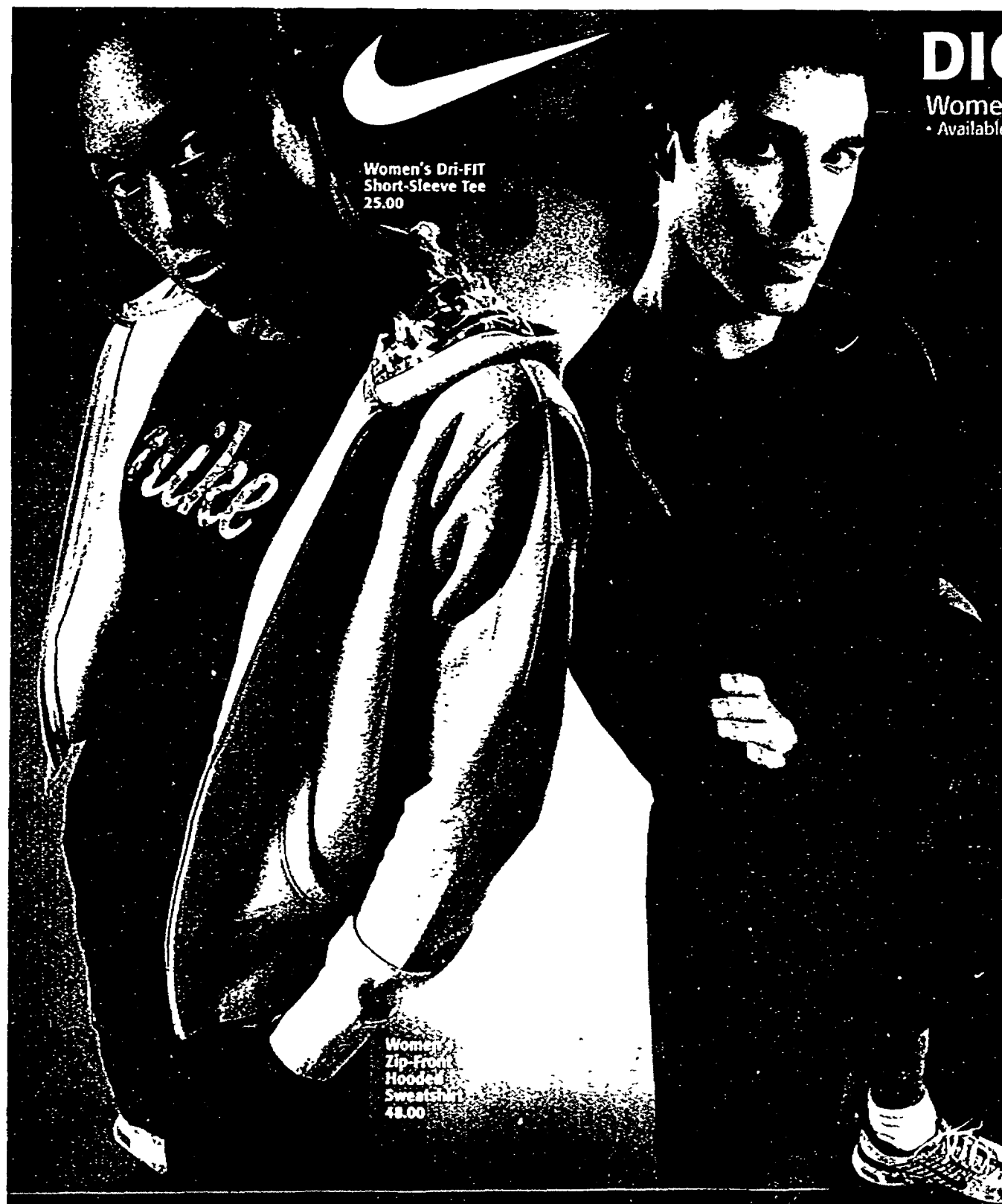
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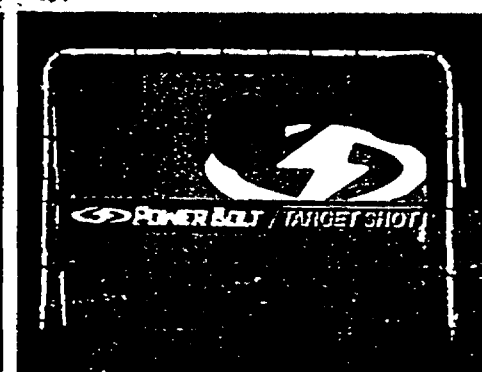
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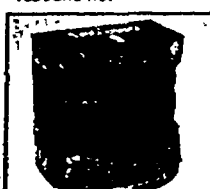
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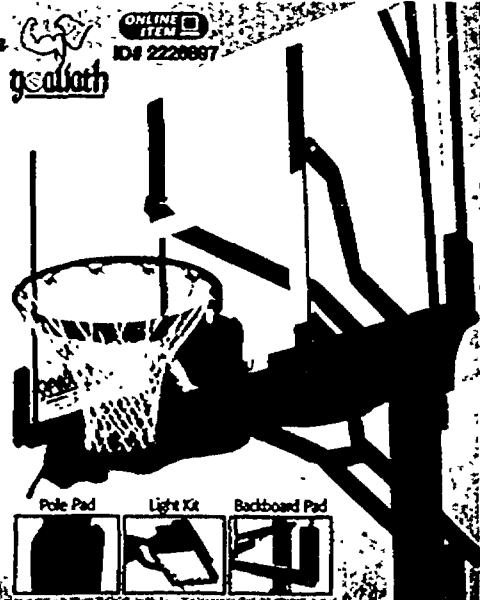
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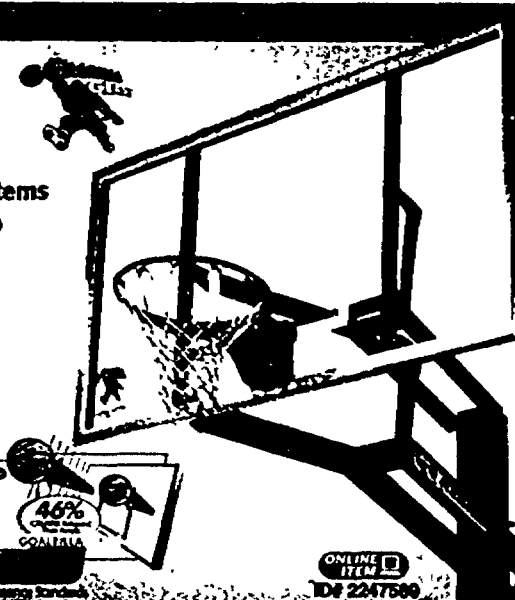
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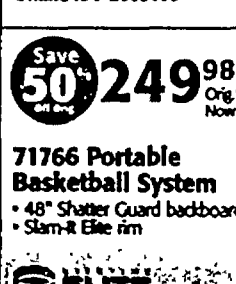
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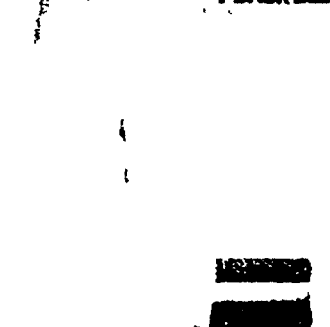
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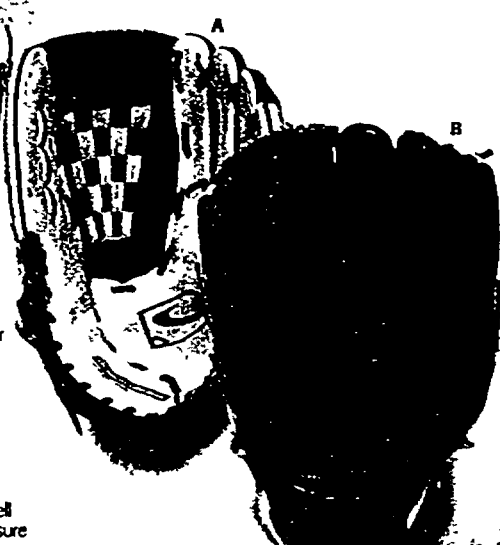
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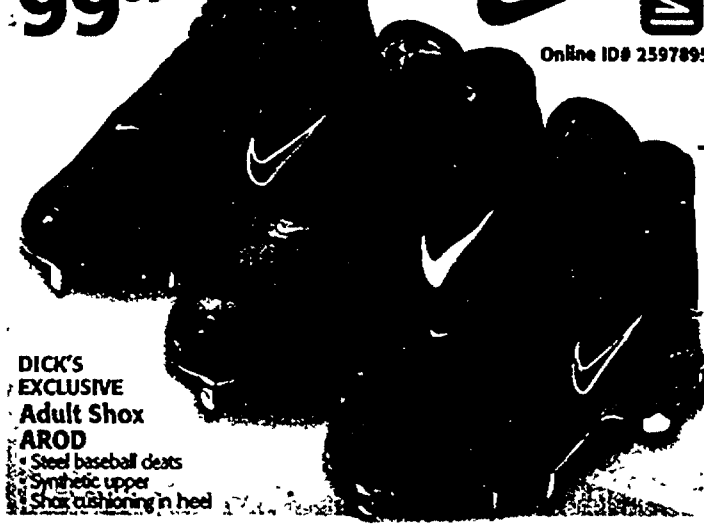
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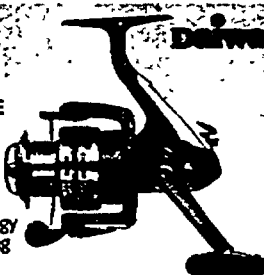
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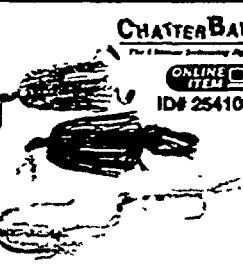


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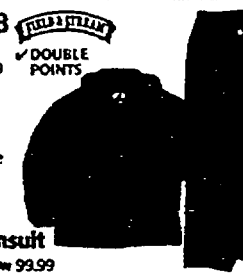


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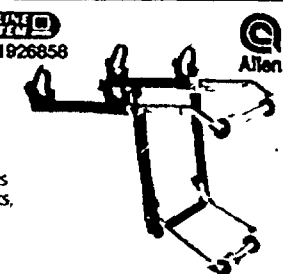


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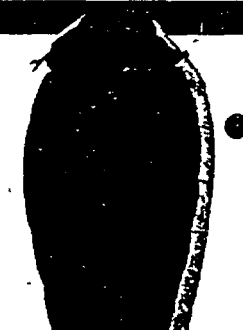
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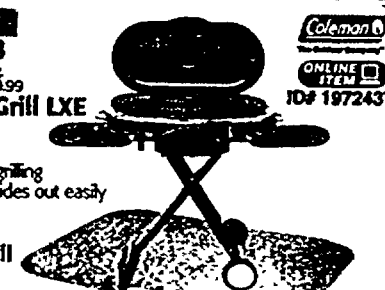
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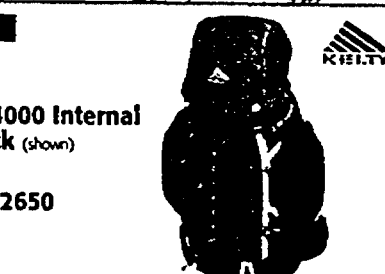


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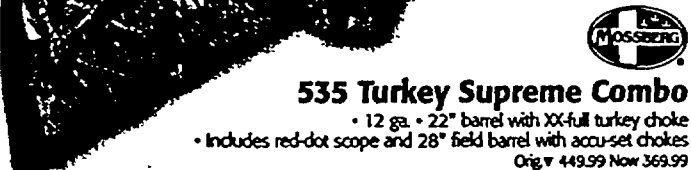
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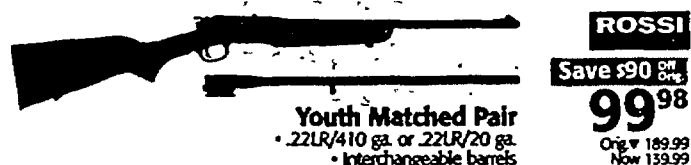
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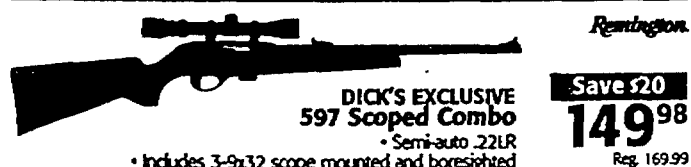
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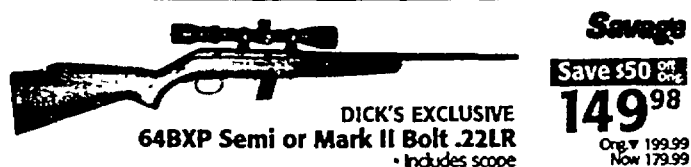
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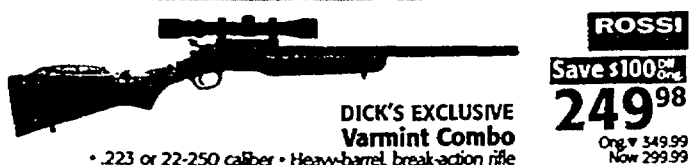
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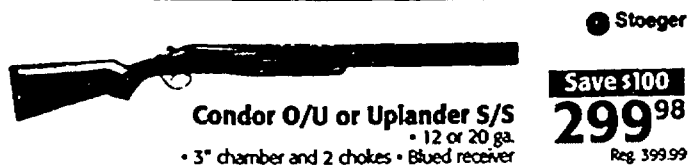
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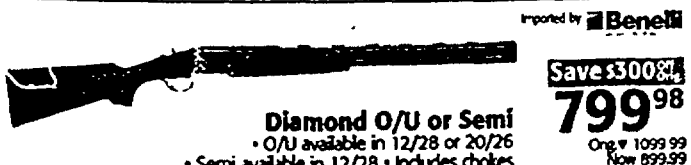
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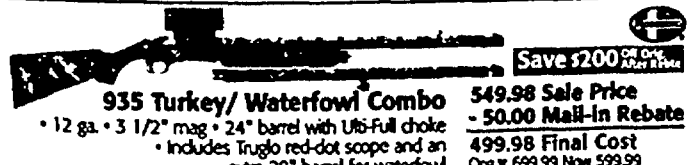
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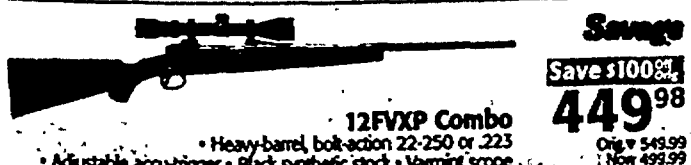
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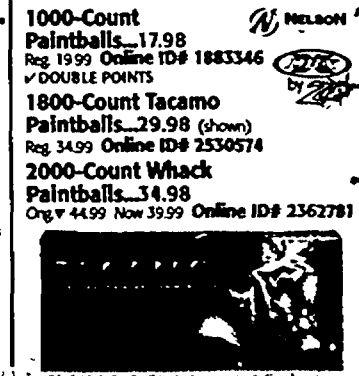
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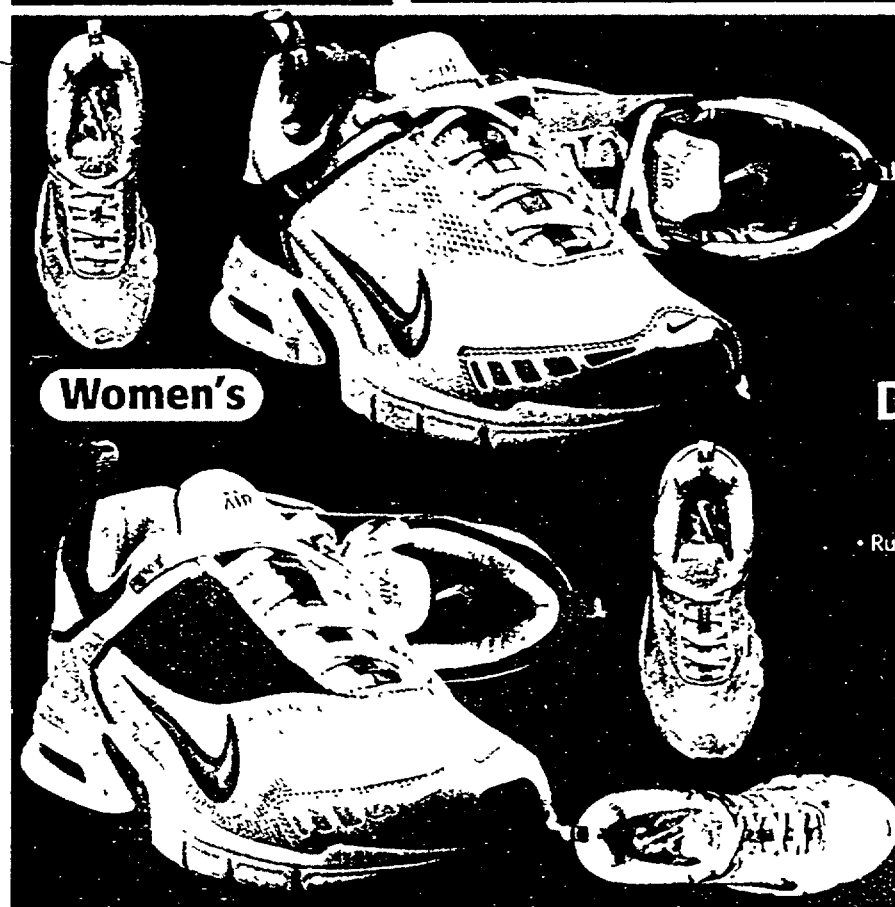
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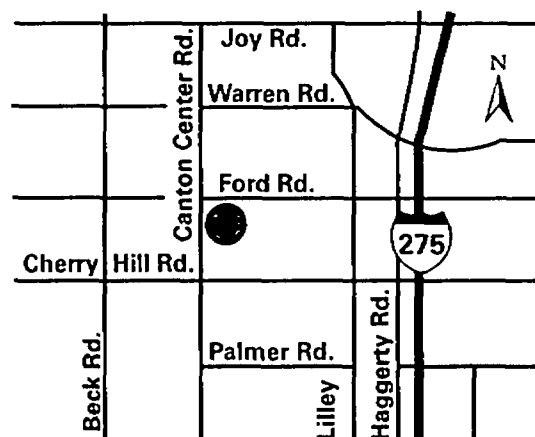


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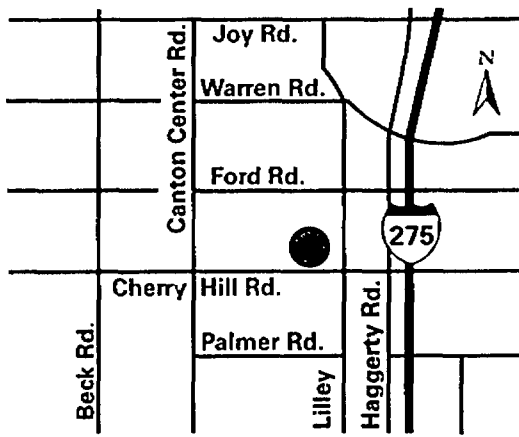


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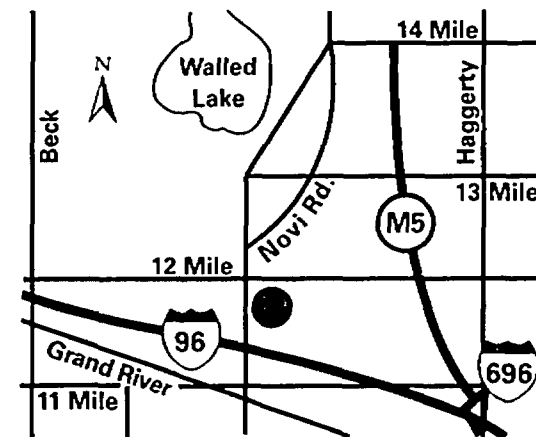


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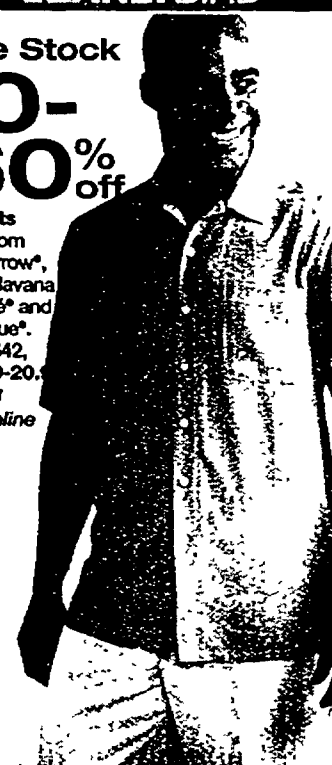


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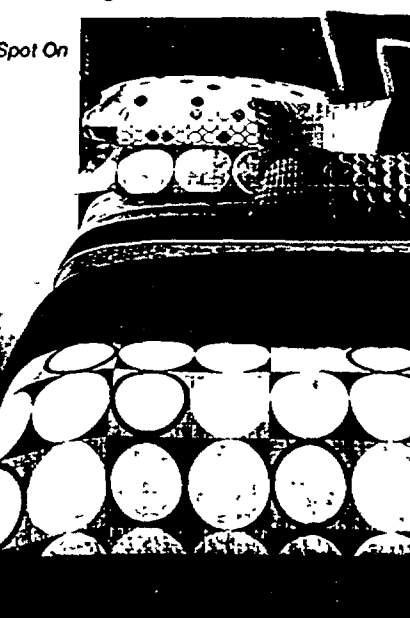


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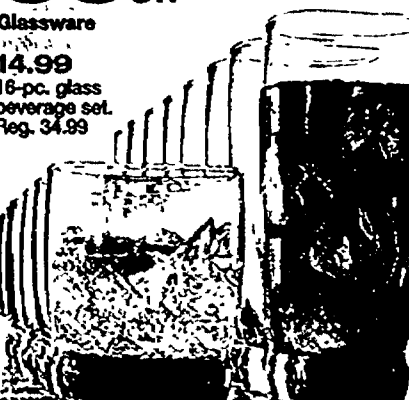


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entire stock

33-50% off

Croft & Barrow* sportswear for misses, petites & women. Orig. \$14-\$44, sale 8.99-29.48
Q selected items online W2330



croft & barrow*

ALL-DAY SAVINGS FOR HER

entire stock

33-50% off

Women's sportswear from Villager, Notations, Sonoma, apt. 9*, Croft & Barrow*, Sag Harbor* & daisy fuentes*. Sizes 1X-3X & 16W-24W. Orig. \$14-\$68, sale 9.38-40.80
Q selected items online P22318



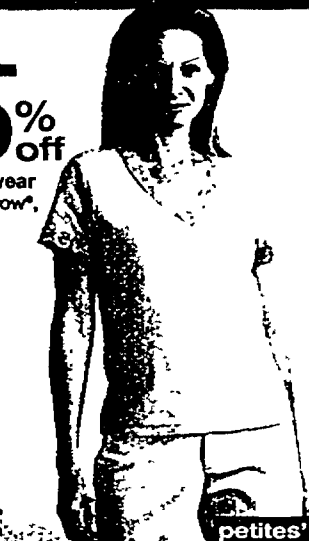
villager

women's

entire stock

33-50% off

Petites' sportswear from Croft & Barrow*, Sonoma, apt. 9* & daisy fuentes*. Orig. \$12-\$60, sale 8.04-40.20
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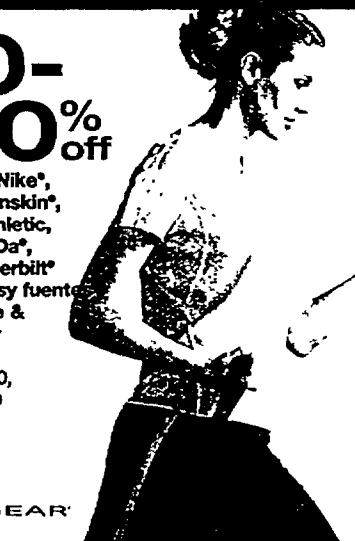
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petites

entire stock

20-50% off

Tek Gear*, Nike*, adidas*, Danskin*, Russell* Athletic, N.Y.L., Fu Da*, Gloria Vanderbilt* Sport & daisy fuentes* sport active & fitnesswear for misses. Orig. \$16-\$50, sale \$8-\$40

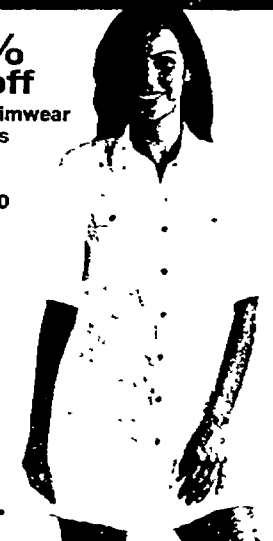


TEK GEAR

entire stock

30% off

Cover-ups & swimwear for misses, juniors & women. Orig. \$24-\$84, sale 16.80-58.80
Q selected items online W3200



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ALL-DAY SAVINGS
SATURDAY, February 24

SUPER

40% off

Bras from Lily of France*, barely there*, Olga*, Maidenform* and Warner's*. Reg. \$23-\$32, sale 13.80-19.20
Selected styles.

40% off all panties & innerwear. Reg. 3/\$15 to \$21 ea., sale 3/9. to 12.60 ea. Excludes Jockey* & bra coordinates.



LILY OF FRANCE

entire stock

40-50% off

Sleepwear, loungewear & robes for her. Orig. \$12-\$52, sale 7.20-31.20
Q selected items online W2400



entire stock

40-50% off

Handbags & handbag accessories. Orig. 15.00-98.50, sale 9.00-59.10
Q selected items online W1600



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entire stock

35-45% off

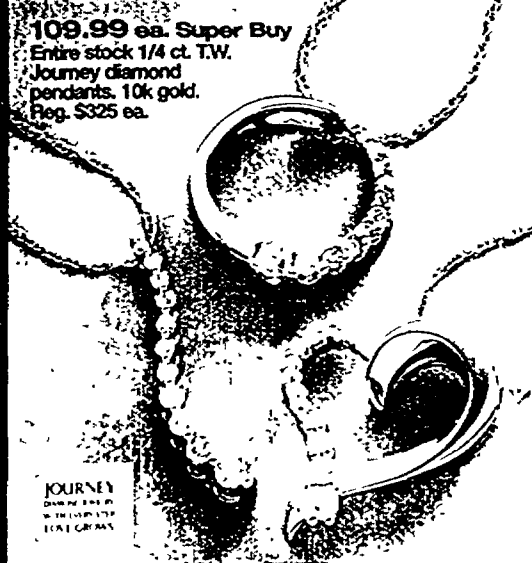
Sunglasses. Orig. \$20-\$26, sale 13.00-16.90
Accessories dept.



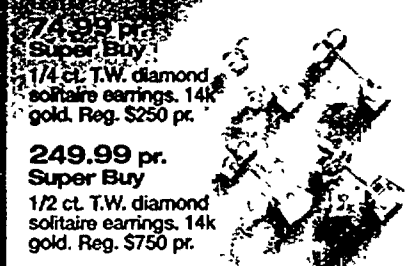
60% off entire stock

fine jewelry & sterling silver jewelry

Excludes Moissanite. Q selected items online F999



109.99 ea. Super Buy
Entire stock 1/4 ct. T.W. Journey diamond pendants. 10k gold. Reg. \$325 ea.



774.99 pr. Super Buy
1/4 ct. T.W. diamond softaire earrings. 14k gold. Reg. \$250 pr.

249.99 pr. Super Buy
1/2 ct. T.W. diamond softaire earrings. 14k gold. Reg. \$750 pr.

39.99 ea. Super Buy
Entire stock 1/4 ct. T.W. diamond jewelry. Sterling silver. Reg. \$125 ea.

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ALL-DAY SAVINGS ON ACCESSORIES

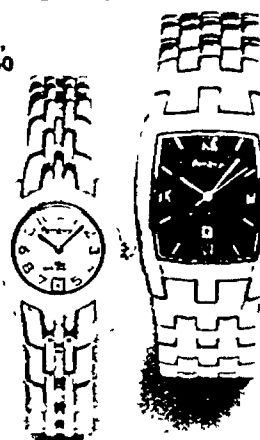
entire stock

25-50% off

Watches. Reg. 19.95-650.00, sale 14.96-487.50
Q selected items online F999

36.99 ea. Men's & ladies' Armitron* watches. Reg. 49.99 ea.

Armitron*



entire stock

30-40% off

Fashion jewelry. Orig. \$8-\$34, sale 5.20-23.80
Excludes Napier* and 1928*. Q selected items online F999



the new gold star
clearance

40-50% off

Knit tops for juniors from Energie® and Self Esteem®. Orig. \$16-\$24, sale 8.00-14.40. Selected styles. selected items online P22328



energie

entire stock

40-50% off

Sweaters & woven tops for juniors. Orig. \$24-\$30, sale 14.40-18.00. selected items online P22320



SO
wear it declare®

entire stock

33-50% off

Collections, separate bottoms & dresses for juniors. Orig. \$26-\$58, sale 17.42-38.86. selected items online P22321



50% off

50 tees and tank tops for juniors. Orig. \$12-\$14, sale \$6-\$7. Selected styles. selected items online P22322



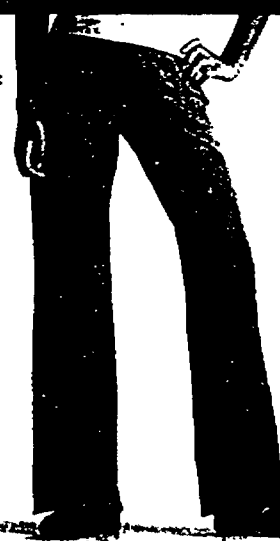
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ALL-DAY SAVINGS FOR JUNIORS

entire stock

50% off

Active pants & capris for juniors. Orig. \$26, sale \$13. Excludes collections and MJ Softe®. selected items online P22323



entire stock

50% off

50 casual capris, pants and 5-pkt. fashion jeans for juniors. Orig. 29.99-38.00, sale 14.99-18.99. selected items online P22324



SO

entire stock

24⁹⁹

5-pkt. jeans for juniors from Angels, Paris Blues® & Le.i®. Reg. 29.99

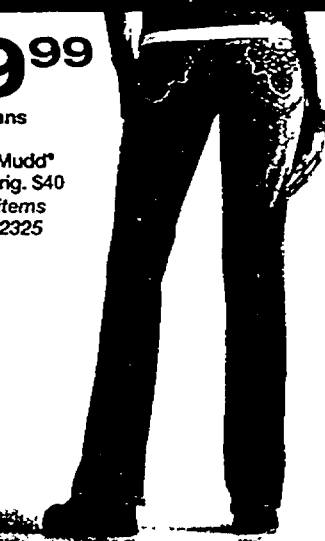


Angels

entire stock

29⁹⁹

Fashion jeans for juniors from Le.i®, Mudd® & Angels. Orig. \$40. selected items online P22325



lei

SATURDAY

entire stock

50% off

Woven tops for boys 8-20 from Urban Pipeline® & U.S. Expedition®. Orig. \$26-\$28, sale \$13-\$14



Urban Pipeline

entire stock

50% off

Sonoma denim and twill pants for boys 8-20. Reg. 19.99-24.99, sale 9.99-12.49

SONOMA
live style™



entire stock

40% off

Collections for girls 4-16. Excludes Candie's®. selected items online P22326



entire stock

40% off

Fashion tops & capris for girls 4-16. Excludes Candie's®.



energie

ALL-DAY SAVINGS FOR KIDS

entire stock

30% off

Swimwear for girls 4-16, boys 4-20, toddlers and infants.



ZEROXPOSURE

entire stock

50% off

Sleep & play for newborns. Excludes Carter's®. selected items online P22327



SONOMA
live style™

entire stock

50% off

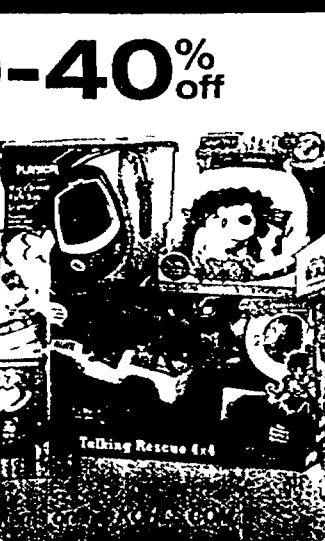
Sonoma rompers for infants and newborns.



entire stock

10-40% off

Toys



save
60-80%

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We've made it easy.
Final price is marked on the ticket.
We do the math. You enjoy the savings.

entire stock

40-50% off

Dress shirts and neckwear for men from Arrow, apt. 9th, Axist[™], excess and Croft & Barrow[®]. Orig. \$25-\$46, sale 15.00-27.60
selected items online P22329

entire stock

40-50% off

Sport shirts for men from Sonoma, Arrow, Croft & Barrow[®] and Haggas[®]. Orig. \$30-\$42, sale 17.99-25.20
selected items online P22330

50% off

Chaps sport coats and blazers for men. Orig. \$175-\$225, sale \$7.50-100.00
Selected styles. shop online P22331

entire stock

50% off

Dress pants for men from Braggi[®], Axist[™] and Croft & Barrow[®]. Orig. \$45-\$70, sale 22.50-35.00
selected items online P22332

CHAPS

BRAGGI

ALL-DAY SAVINGS FOR HIM

entire stock

40-50% off

Knit tops for men from Croft & Barrow, Sonoma, Arrow and Haggas[®]. Orig. \$18-\$38, sale 10.80-22.80
selected items online P22333

entire stock

40-50% off

Golf tops for men from Dockers[®], Grand Slam[®] and Wedge[®]. Orig. \$26-\$50, sale 15.60-29.99
selected items online P22334

entire stock

50% off

Shorts for men from Croft & Barrow[®] and Sonoma. Orig. \$28-\$36, sale 13.99-17.99
selected items online P22335

entire stock

50% off

Boxers and loungepants for men from Sonoma and Croft & Barrow[®]. Orig. \$12-\$20, sale \$6-\$10

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DOCKERS

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SONOMA

ALL-DAY SAVINGS SATURDAY, February 24

SUPER

entire stock

27⁹⁹

Levi's[®] 559[™] Relaxed Straight Fit, 505[™] Regular Fit, 517[™] Bootcut, 550[™] Relaxed Fit and 560[™] Loose Fit jeans for men.
selected items online P22336

entire stock

40-50% off

Shoes for men, women & kids from Sonoma and Croft & Barrow[®]. Orig. 29.99-65.00, sale 17.99-39.00
selected items online: SHOES

Croft & Barrow[®] Riviera for men

high wide widths

Croft & Barrow[®] Headline for women

Sonoma Eva for girls

SONOMA

croft & barrow

38⁹⁹

Athletic shoes for men & women. Orig. 59.99-60.00
Selected styles.

Nike[®] Attempt III running shoes for men

Nike[®] Attempt III running shoes for women

new balance

New Balance[®] 473 running shoes for men

Nike[®] Attempt III running shoes for men

adidas[®] Falcon running shoes for women

adidas

SAVE ON ENTIRE STOCK SHOES

entire stock

50% off

Woven tops for young men from Urban Pipeline[®], Machine[®] and Eighty Eight[®]. Orig. \$28-\$40, sale \$14-\$20
selected items online P22337

entire stock

50% off

Mootsies Tootsies[®] shoes and sandals for women. Orig. 39.99-44.99, sale 19.99-21.99

Duwop

WUSS

bazed

entire stock

40-50% off

Shoes for juniors. Orig. 34.99-54.99, sale 20.99-32.99
selected items online P22338

Bongo[®] Lindsey

Candle Seer

Mudd[®] Corner

Candies

Mudd

bongo

24⁹⁹

Athletic shoes for kids. Orig. 34.99-39.99
Selected styles.

Avia[®] 153 for boys

Avia[®] 8605 for boys

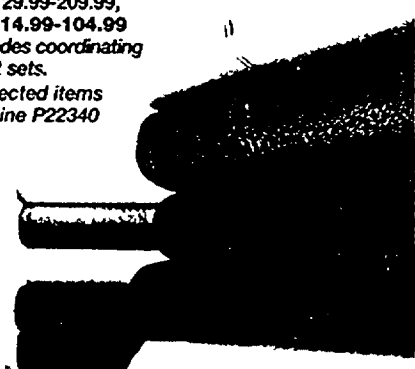
Avia[®] 8605 for girls

kids'

entire stock

50-60% off

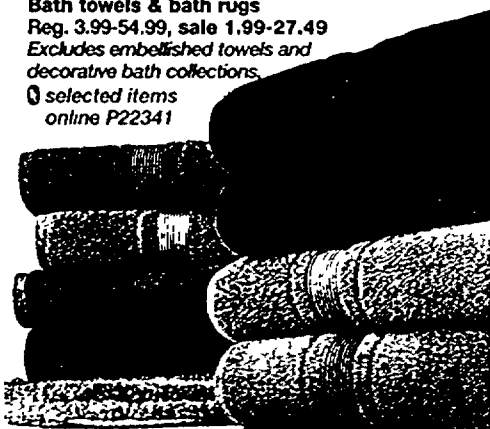
Sheet sets
Orig. 29.99-209.99,
sale 14.99-104.99
Excludes coordinating
sheet sets.
selected items
online P22340



entire stock

50-60% off

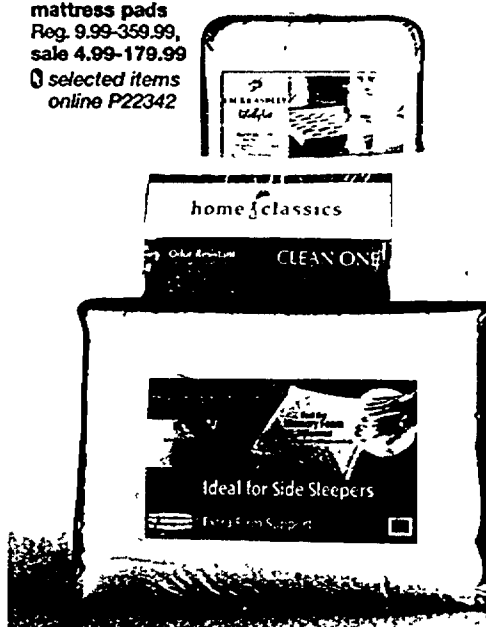
Bath towels & bath rugs
Reg. 3.99-54.99, sale 1.99-27.49
Excludes embellished towels and
decorative bath collections.
selected items
online P22341



entire stock

50-60% off

Bed pillows and
mattress pads
Reg. 9.99-359.99,
sale 4.99-179.99
selected items
online P22342



entire stock

50% off

Bed in one bag sets
Includes comforter,
sham(s), bedskirt
and sheet set.

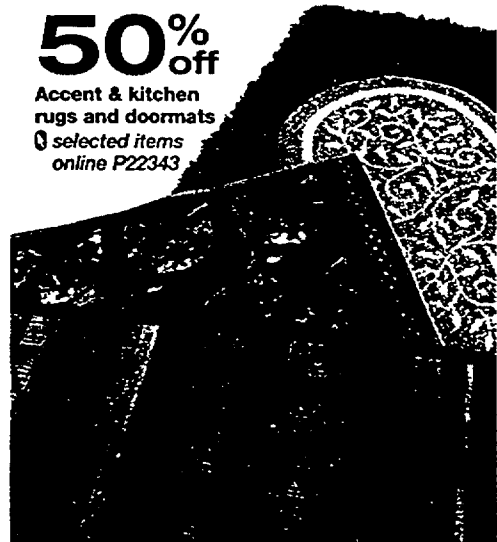


ALL-DAY SAVINGS FOR YOUR HOME

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50% off

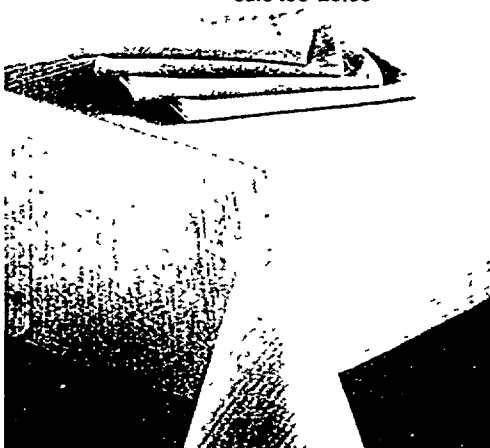
Accent & kitchen
rugs and doormats
selected items
online P22343



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50% off

Table linens &
kitchen textiles
Orig. 1.99-59.99,
sale .99-29.99



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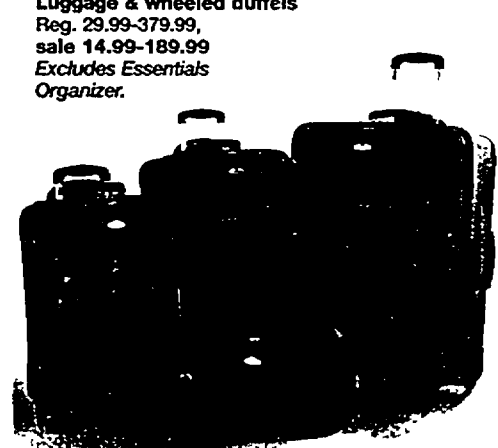
Decorative pillows
Orig. 19.99-34.99,
sale 9.99-17.49
selected items
online P22344



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50-60% off

Luggage & wheeled duffels
Reg. 29.99-379.99,
sale 14.99-189.99
Excludes Essentials
Organizer.

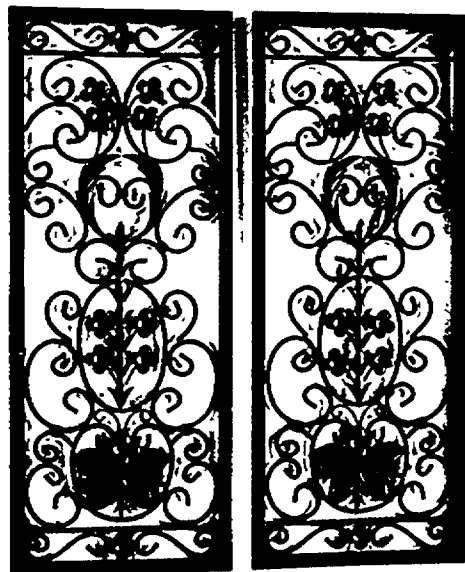


SATURDAY

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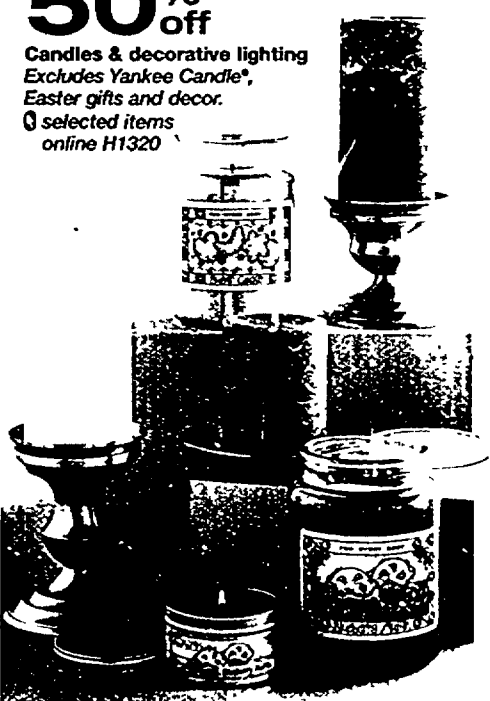
Metal wall decor



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50% off

Candles & decorative lighting
Excludes Yankee Candle®.
Easter gifts and decor.
selected items
online H1320



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50% off

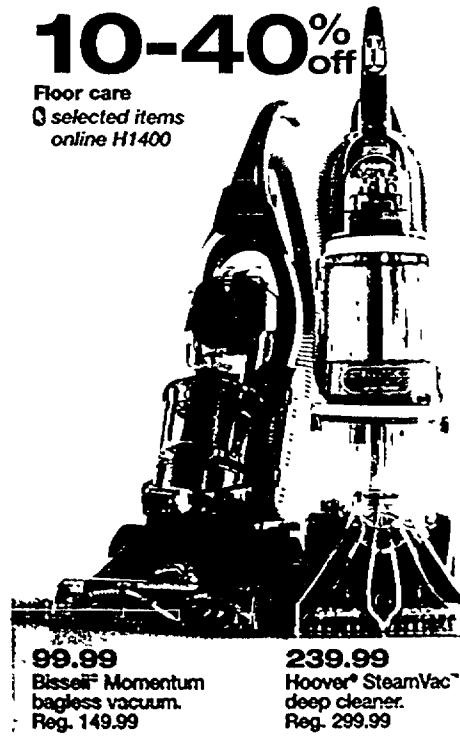
Tabletop Choose from
dinnerware, flatware,
glassware or
pantryware.
selected items
online D1100



entire stock

10-40% off

Floor care
selected items
online H1400



entire stock

30% off

Video games
Reg. 12.99-24.99,
sale 9.09-17.49



entire stock

33% off

DVDs
Reg. 16.99,
sale 11.38



79.99 New at Kohl's

After \$10 mail-in rebate
Basic Essentials® nonstick
11-pc. cookware set plus
quadruple bonus
Reg. 159.99, sale 89.99



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Kitchen electrics

19.99
Your choice
Black & Decker®
10-cup programmable
coffeemaker, Crush
Master 10-speed
blender or Classic
Chrome electronic
2-slice toaster.
Reg. 29.99-39.99



