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Marcia Greiner
Master gardener, Home Depot

■ Gardeners get ready to dig in

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with general lawn cleanup — when the time is right. She looks forward to resuming her seasonal hobby.

"It's an ongoing thing — you change something if it doesn't work," she said. "It's almost like therapy."

Ready for the rush

Nick Nordstrand, manager of the Northville Township Home Depot at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads, directed his staff to start stocking shelves with spring merchandise back in January.

"What they're buying right now is the mulches, the dirt, crab grass prevention," he said. "We'll go through hundreds of bags of that just this weekend."

Approaching the nursery register, people snag gloves, knee pads and hand tools.

"Lawn bags are the other big item," Nordstrand said. "That's probably the most asked question in the store right now."

By mid-March, Home Depot crews had transformed the east

end of the store into a greenhouse, filling aisles with fertilizer to plant food to bug killers and plants.

"It really depends on the weather," Nordstrand said. "Because of the mild winter, people bought bagged goods all winter."

On the heels of spring's March 21 official arrival, shelves burst with the colors of pansies and other hearty annuals.

"It's like overnight all these plants arrived," said Marcia Greiner, a master gardener who for nine years has been sharing her expertise in the Home Depot garden department. "As soon as the weather breaks — we have one warm day — everybody's thinking spring."

First things first

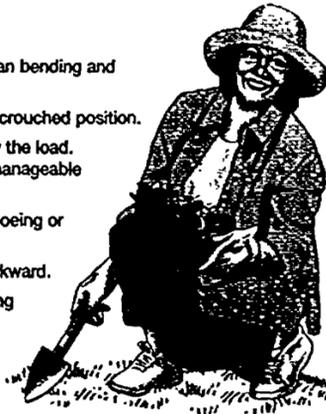
Greiner is one of the Home Depot experts who will lead weekly classes at the store covering topics like repotting a plant, fertilizing your lawn and replacing a screen.

"There's hours of training they have to go through," Nordstrand said. "They're experts in their field."

Watch your back!

Before starting a gardening project, consider the following tips to avoid back injury:

- Warm up with a brisk walk or light running to loosen up your muscles and increase your musculoskeletal system's flexibility.
- Know your strengths and limitations and don't overexert.
- When weeding, get down on your hands and knees rather than bending and twisting at the waist. Don't stand and bend over repeatedly.
- Keep your back straight when you stand up from a sitting or crouched position.
- Lift dirt and debris by letting your arms, legs and thighs carry the load. Keep your back straight and bend your knees. Handle only manageable loads at a time.
- Use long-handled tools to keep from stooping while raking, hoeing or digging.
- Don't work too long in one position, especially one that is awkward.
- Carry objects closely to your body to avoid the risk of straining your neck and lower back.
- Don't overexpose yourself to long periods in the sun without protection of the head and body.
- Take frequent breaks and drink water to keep hydrated.



SOURCE: Main Street Family Chiropractic Center

As she works with gardeners, Greiner describes tools ergonomically designed to aid their tasks.

"It's always good for people to stretch out — you're using muscles you don't normally use," she said. "It is good exercise."

In the doctor's office, Stopa hears a lot of stories about gar-

dening this time of year. He said a body warm up will keep prevent back pain from slowing you down.

"They get caught up in their projects," he said. "They'll be bent over in one spot for hours — they're not getting up or they're not warmed up when they get

started. "Every room I've been going into is, 'I was doing yard work

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A touch of color

The perennials that poked through to meet March sunshine, drooped under subsequent snowfall, then perked back up again.

Local businesses welcomed shoppers weary of winter weather embracing the early spring.

At Gardenviews on W. Main Street, sales associates Denise Rivers and Paulette Donaldson watched sales increase with the amount of sunshine.

People started injecting color into their yards with tile tabletops, silk flowers and garden globes, Donaldson said. Rivers said homeowners turning their attention to outdoors were adding pots, statues, fountains and benches.

"Everybody wants a touch of spring," Rivers said. "They're all sick of winter. They want color."

■ REIS wants to move on project

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"We don't have the jurisdictional right to overrule the board of trustee's decision or the land use variance," Doren said.

"You're preaching to the wrong choir."

"It is inconceivable to me that Northville Township would turn a blind eye on this project," Carson said, on a project that would provide 4,500 construction jobs and 2,500 permanent jobs.

Township supervisor responds

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, discussed the project in his April 18 State of the Community address.

He said the state, which owns

the property, decided to sell the property "as is," with environmental and title concerns even now outstanding.

"They attached a minimum bid to the project...a figure that now appears far in excess of fair market value," Abbo said.

"That has forced potential developers to seek density far beyond the underlying zoning for the project."

He said REIS wants to cram the project with houses, shopping centers and restaurants to project a profit.

But, he wants a high quality project which will meet the township's high standards.

Abbo said both the planning commission and board found the site plan showed more of what community leaders don't

want and less of what they do want.

The plan was approved, however, with conditions that dictated greater compliance with the township's initial vision for the property.

Recently, the township's Brownfield Redevelopment Authority declined REIS' request to designate the 414 acres as a brownfield site.

A brownfield designation would have captured all taxes above its current base to fund environmental cleanup of the property.

"The dirty little secret of brownfields is that while state, county and local taxes are being used to repay cleanup loans, community services are still being provided, and costs are still being expended," Abbo said.

He added that the loss in

taxes to fund those services would have been \$15 million overall and \$3 million to the township.

The township now awaits the developers' response to recent actions.

"And it probably won't be pretty," Abbo said. "Are we concerned? Yes. Are we worried? No," Abbo said.

He believes township leaders' responsibility is to promote careful development while protecting the interests of citizens and the community overall.

"I'm confident we can prove that in a court of law... if it comes to that," Abbo said.

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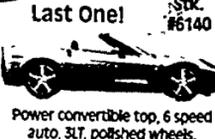


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Visit the Web

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department recently updated its Web site, www.northvilleparksandrec.org. Although program offerings are detailed, online registration will first be available late this summer with full capability for fall programming.

History of cooperation

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department could be known as the Department of Collaboration, according to director Traci Sincock.

She said the foundation of the program is based on cooperation between funding agencies, Northville Township and the City of Northville, and Northville Public Schools, which houses the main office as well as many of the activities.

"We do lots of local collaborations," said Sincock, citing contracts with the Northville Chamber of Commerce, Center Stage Dance Studio, Planet Fitness, Edward's Café and Catering, Maybury State Park and Entree Vous. "It's kind of our whole reason to exist."

"We just took the collaboration one step further," she said, referring to the inter-governmental agreement to purchase online registration software with the City of Plymouth.

"It's always been part of our culture out of necessity," Sincock said. "With the economy the way that it is today, it's even more important."

"Maybe this will encourage other communities to look at things creatively to supply services to their residents."

SMART PLAY: Two communities team up to offer online registration

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Ready to upgrade

ing long sign-up lines. Mix in a vendor willing to make less margin rather than no deal, and the parties ended up with a model intergovernmental cooperative agreement.

Model of cooperation

When the Northville City Council formally endorsed the agreement earlier this month, Mayor Christopher Johnson said the collaboration serves as an example for other governmental agencies trying to save money.

Sincock plans to share the benefits of the cooperative agreement with peers at the state and county level.

"I think it will be a model for collaboration and sharing," she said.

Sincock has been chasing the concept of online registration for years, but always paused at the nearly \$50,000 price tag.

As part of the agreement with Plymouth, Northville will share nearly \$15,000 with shared access to the software maintained by Plymouth's server. Start-up costs and staff training are part of the deal, Sincock said, while the cities will supply their own hardware.

Steve Anderson, Plymouth deputy recreation director, said he expects other municipalities to follow suit when they see opportunities for mutually beneficial arrangements arise.

"It's just exciting to see," he said, citing groundwork laid by the two staffs sharing expertise in informational technology and finance. "By mixing the two strengths, you're able to put a cooperative effort together."

"There's no way we could have afforded this on our own."

Sharing software started as a casual conversation between Sincock and Anderson while both were attending a national recreation conference. Previously, they had jointly applied for a state grant to pay for the software but were turned down.

"We've been working on this for four years," Sincock said. "As a result of all the work that we did for the grant, we decided to continue to pursue it."

"We said, 'Why can't we do this together?'"

In February, the Northville council awarded the software and training contract to low bidder Vermont Systems of Vermont for the city's \$32,700 share of the cost.

The recreation department's current enrollment procedure requires potential participants to visit the Recreation Center at Hillside, fax or mail in paperwork. The department's Web site, which currently leads program participants to printing a form, in the future will link them directly to the registration process.

"We knew we wanted to upgrade our software," Sincock said. "We were kind of delaying it because both of our departments don't have a lot of money to spend."

"We may or may not have been able to afford it at this point."

Sincock said online access will eliminate waiting in long walk-in registration lines, allow people to confirm facility availability and reserve diamonds, fields, gym, banquet rooms, picnic shelters or pool space.

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Tunes on Tuesday	800
Swimming lessons	770
Adult volleyball	635
Daddy-daughter dance	516
Adult softball	480
Youth basketball	464
Youth soccer (private)	No data, but exceeds 400
Youth baseball (private)	1,303

*Programs with the largest participation (>400)

Source: Northville Parks and Recreation Department

BATTERS UP: Parks & Rec softball season starts next week

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Couples are going to come out swinging next weekend.

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department signed up an unprecedented number of co-ed slow-pitch softball teams this season, according to athletic supervisor Joe Barberio. League play begins May 6.

With 16 squads signed up, he's reserved two Northville Community Park diamonds for the

summer-long Sunday afternoon league.

Meanwhile, eight men's and seven women's teams anted the \$445 league fee for weekly contests Mondays and Tuesdays, respectively. Other costs are an \$18-per-player fee for non residents and a \$13 umpire fee per game per team.

Barberio hosted his annual managers' meeting last Wednesday to reacquaint the returning coaches with the rules and bring leaders of the new teams up to speed. He said

he could still add an eighth women's team to even up the schedule.

While the number of men's slow-pitch teams declined from last year, the co-ed league doubled in size.

"People just kept calling," said Barberio, adding registering participants cited relocation of leagues in other communities and Northville's lower registration rates as reasons for the shift.

Barberio speculated part of the popularity of the co-ed league is couples' desire to share recreation.

They can remain active and share their Sunday afternoon.

"A lot of the younger people — the husband and wife or the boyfriend and girlfriend — this gives them an opportunity to play together rather than one going off in one direction and one going the other way," he said. "That's the case with my wife (Mary) — we both have the same two favorite sports."

"We both like volleyball and tennis."

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WHAT'S THE STATE OF NORTHVILLE?

SUPERVISOR: Success in sight, despite state's actions

■ Several deals still on the table

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

At last year's State of the Community address, Northville Township Supervisor Mark Abbo told residents Michigan was leading the nation — that is, in unemployment, deficits and low personal income growth.



M. Abbo

"Our dominant industries were losing market share, hemorrhaging cash, and, on a daily basis, companies were either filing for bankruptcy protection or simply leaving the state," Abbo said.

Unfortunately, he didn't paint a much prettier picture for the state during this year's address.

"We may be forced to grapple with our economic quandary for some time, and, if recent actions in Lansing are any indication, we'll have to do it on our own," Abbo said.

But, in spite of economic challenges, Abbo said his township has prospered.

"It sounds a little trite, but I'm actually beaming with pride," Abbo said, despite reductions of about \$400,000 per year in annual state revenue sharing since 2001.

Abbo said the township's budget is balanced, its finances stable and levels of service first-rate and improving.

"And, we've been able to do that without raising taxes or shoving our problems onto someone else."

residents' are on board. Funding from the millage will support public safety, recreation, senior services and youth assistance programs for four years.

He talked about the decision to contract with an economic development advisor to increase the township's competitiveness for stable, and diverse development.

"We've been successful in that, and more successes are on the way," Abbo said. He believes these efforts helped attract the Meiden Corporation, with more businesses to come.

He also noted contributions of the resurrected Historical District Commission.

One highlight this year was the closing on the sale of 15 acres at Five Mile and Sheldon.

In exchange for acreage at that corner, with an original cost of \$600,000, the township received \$2 million plus 15 acres at the northeast corner of Five Mile and Ridge roads.

Abbo also mentioned the benefits of the restructured Parks and Recreation Commission and the future creation of two standing committees.

He further defended the decision to not go forward at this time with a grant application for Thayer's Corner Park and the conditions applied to the proposed project at the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital site on Seven Mile Road.

The township currently awaits a decision on an offer to the city of Detroit to purchase 150 acres the city owns north of Five Mile Road and west of Ridge Road.

"Success has an address, and it's within the 48168 and 48167 zip codes," Abbo said.

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MAYOR: For now, finances, service still stable

■ City forecast filled with development plans, projects

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Projects are moving from the drawing board to sidewalk in the city this year.

City of Northville Mayor Christopher Johnson kicked off the 2007 State of the Community luncheon last week with an upbeat account of continuing development downtown.



C. Johnson

His slide presentation of pending projects took the audience of Northville Chamber of Commerce members from Dunlap Street, down Main Street and up Taft Road.

"You're really seeing a lot of change downtown," he said, reeling off a list of new businesses, pending road and building construction and the city's own revitalization effort.

And despite repeated cuts in state revenue sharing, he said, the city's budget is balanced with the same level of service, and the operational millage rate is the lowest it has been in 10 years.

Johnson — like Township Supervisor Mark Abbo and Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski — pointed out their reports of progress are in spite of the economy and little empathy from Lansing lawmakers.

While commending the city administration's receipt of a dis-

tinguished budget award, Johnson warned of challenges ahead in light of the changing revenue forecast for mature communities like Northville.

"Every city is slowly being strangled," said Johnson, describing the unintended interaction of state laws that continues to roll back tax revenue to municipalities. "It will be four to five years before we run into a real problem."

"We think it's time to get back to the original intention of the Headlee Amendment."

But most of Johnson's speech detailed positive projects under way, including:

- the creation of the professional, nonprofit Tipping Point Theatre on East Cady Street
- the evolution of Cadytown, where city leaders are attempting to nurture a shopping and entertainment destination in a former industrial district
- the initiation of physical improvements outlined in the city's strategic plan
- the launch and relocation of several businesses in Northville Square at the corner of Main and Wing Streets
- the redevelopment of Dunlap Street with new construction projects by Lee Holland and CVS
- the reconstruction of Taft Road between Eight Mile and Nine Mile roads scheduled for this summer.

In other news for the city this year, Johnson mentioned the hire of police chief Gary Goss and the departure of housing director Joann Inglis.

He also invited the luncheon guests to check out the city's Web site, www.ci.northville.mi.us.

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SUPERINTENDENT: School district braces for additional cuts

■ Programming already reduced to 'bare bones'

By Renee Gates
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Tuesday could mark a devastating financial blow to Northville Public Schools and school districts across the state, according to a letter sent to superintendents this month from the office of the state budget.



L. Rezmierski

In the letter, the state budget director advised districts — if nothing changes in the Michigan legislature between now and May 1 — to brace for a probable proration of funds from their June, July and August school aid payments from the state.

For Northville Public Schools, that could mean anything from a \$34 to \$185 loss per student, which would equal a loss between \$230,000 to \$1.4 million from the 2006-07 school year budget, said Leonard Rezmierski, Ph.D., Superintendent of Northville Public Schools.

"We are obviously like every district in a precarious position," he said. "Equally as dramatic is next year's budget because that has to be approved by the board by the end of June for implementation."

The district was set to present a balanced 2006-2007 budget to the board at the May 8 school board meeting, said John Street, business and finance director for Northville Public Schools.

Any proration amount from the state would create a deficit in this year's budget.

"We get our payments from the state from October through August," Street said. "The July and August payments, even though they come in our new fiscal year are for the prior year. If there's any take backs, they can be taken out of our June, July and August payments and that would be for our 06-07 fiscal year," he said.

Should that happen, the school board could be forced to use its fund equity to make up the difference for this year and look for ways to replenish the fund during the 2007-08 school year, Rezmierski said. The district's equity fund is at \$2.8 million.

"We would have few options available to us in May and June to pull off cuts," Rezmierski said. "We are in the bare bones in so many things right now."

The superintendent cited salary freezes by himself and other district employees and a switch to a different health care provider as cost cutting measures the district has taken in response to the changing economic landscape in Lansing and across the state.

"I know that the legislative body does not want to harm schools," Rezmierski said. "We're just all caught in the middle of all this."

That means students are caught in the middle of Lansing's budget crisis too.

The new state Grade Level Content Expectation are to start with next year's freshmen. But low funding levels may determine the degree to which they are implemented, Rezmierski said.

"We're going to have to be very judicious in our choices of which ones we going to ramp out and successfully do in '07-08 versus which ones we're going to ramp out in '08-09, but we're not going to do them all," he said.

"We'll do as many as humanly possible but sooner or later we're going to exhaust the budget line for implementation."

Property's taxable value up

In the 12 months ending Dec. 31, 2006, taxable value of township property increased by \$173 million — 10 percent above the previous year.

Abbo sees this as a sign that Northville is still considered a great place to live, work and play.

He sights voters' approval of a millage request in August that

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FARMERS' MARKET: Vendors return to downtown Thursday

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Surely it's spring when the Farmers' Market returns.

Thursday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m., the Northville Chamber of Commerce will host more than 100 vendors at the corner of Seven Mile and Shekdon roads, starting May 3. The community mainstay will be brimming with plants, baked goods and crafts.

And for the first time, two booths will offer wild flowers native to Michigan, said farmers' market manager Sher Watkins. Varieties like trillium, blood root, Jack in the Pulpit and trout lilies will be available only during the first two weeks of the market, she said.

"It's kind of rare — a lot of the plants are rescue plants; others are certified grown on their grounds," Watkins said. "They're licensed and certified by the state."

"But after the first two weeks, it gets too warm to plant those kinds of things."

hosting the farmers' market has been a tale of an increasing variety of merchandise with offerings evolving through the growing seasons.

"It's that time of year when we're getting really excited about the market opening," Watkins said. "We've got new crafters and new food products this year."

"And we have picnic tables with umbrellas so you can come and have a bite at the market under the shade."

Expanding the Market Square concept introduced last year, the chamber staff has added wooden picnic tables and increased food offerings to include hot dogs, sausage, pizza bread, as well as a variety of baked goods.

Watkins said because all the market products are Michigan-made or grown, the only produce offered early on will be varieties of lettuce and spinach. But shoppers will have plenty of other bounty from which to choose.

trees and shrubs, especially flowering shrubs," Watkins said. "Like previous years, we'll have master gardeners on site to help with questions and plans about your garden."

In the wee Thursday morning hours next week, motorists passing the parking lot borrowed from the Northville Downs race track again will see farmers, artisans and specialty business owners setting up displays of their wares, preparing for their first shoppers.

Among the specialty items offered: honey, garden art, woodworks, furniture, jewelry, soap, home accessories and organic products.

"I have a vendor who does strictly biscotti in all flavors," Watkins said. "I have several bakeries, including Great Harvest (Bread Company) again."

Aiding the nonprofit Chamber host of the market, sponsors include Steeplechase of Northville, Prestwick Estates at Northville Hills Golf Club, the Villas at Northville Hills Golf Club, Patti Mullen of Remerica Hometown One Real Estate and Northville Downs.

Call the chamber at (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org.

Plenty of bounty

Northville's 22-year history of

Starting in the garden

"Our main emphasis in the first couple of weeks is garden — plants,



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Kelly Solak checks out a dahlia Thursday-morning Northville Farmers' Market.

The crush of 'fire': Author set to explore 1913 tragedy killing 73

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Truth stranger than fiction makes for interesting reading — and writing.

As guest speaker of the annual Friends of the Library luncheon May 1, author Steve Lehto will tell the story behind the story of a 1913 mining town where 73 were crushed to death when someone yelled "fire."

An attorney and adjunct professor at the University of Detroit Mercy, Lehto had heard the story of the tragedy all his life. The details he found investigating the deaths in Calumet, became the book, "At Death's Door, The Truth Behind

Michigan's Largest Mass Murder."

The author luncheon, sponsored by the Friends of the Northville, Novi, Plymouth and Canton libraries, will be held at the Fox Hills Golf and Country Club in Plymouth.

Seating is at 11:30 a.m., with the luncheon following at noon.

The \$25 tickets can be purchased from any of the participating libraries.

Jim Morche of the Northville Friends group said Lehto fol-

lows in the footsteps of past authors who have addressed library supporters like chef Keith Famie, former reporter Tim Kiska and former newscaster Mort Crim.

"People have said Lehto is a good

speaker," Morche said. "They thought it was kind of an intriguing topic."

"At Death's Door" explores the Italian Hall tragedy when someone yelled "fire" during a Christmas Eve celebration when there was no fire. Lehto sets the scene of the disaster amidst a bitter struggle between the mining company and the striking workers, raising accusations that the mine officials were responsible for the false alarm.

In the ensuing panic to escape, Lehto wrote, 73 men, women and children were crushed to death, their bodies jammed against the doors that opened inward.

With family ties to the Calumet area, Lehto finally decided to investigate the incident.

For information about the luncheon, call the Northville District Library at (248) 349-3020.

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Still co-operating: Preschool adapting to changing family needs

Program site remains same for 2007-08

Northville Co-op Preschool is hosting an open house from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday night.

The parent-run school board is inviting families considering an alternative to traditional preschools to learn more about the 56-year-old non-profit program. The informational ice cream social will be at the school's home in the Detroit First Church of the Nazarene on Haggerty Road.

The three-teacher staff and parents who manage the school were happy to secure that location. Church administrators recently extended the school's lease through the 2007-2008 academic year, postponing the co-op parents' task of finding a new home.

While the 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds still will report to the same three classrooms, some aspects of the program will change, according to board member Annette McGowan.

"The board is offering a twist — our first non-traditional three-four class for this upcoming fall school year, which will have no parent participation requirement," she said. "After reviewing enrollment

trends, we've realized our membership needs to change when it comes to three and four classes.

"Parents are stretched thin with work, raising other siblings or the demands of participation of siblings in other grades."

McGowan said the board also agreed to cut back on some of the mandatory meetings that come with the parent-run program. And, the board will add a science enrichment class.

In exchange for a hands-on transition to a child's school experience, parents pay less than traditional pre-school programs.

But the school enrollment, typically around 100, this school year

was 60 pupils from Northville, Novi and the surrounding area. McGowan said the program appeals to all types of families with the grandparents, nannies and babysitters, in some cases, fulfilling the parental classroom duties.

"All that is required by licensing from the state of Michigan is a background check is completed before school starts," McGowan said. "It's very easy."

The staff and parents are grateful the school move from their five-year home at the Church of the Nazarene has been postponed. Run too lean to open a building, the program has had four homes in the last 20 years.

Ice cream social

Who: Preschool families
Host: Northville Co-op Preschool
What: Open house
When: 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, May 1
Where: First Church of the Nazarene, 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
Why: Learn about 2007-2008 programming
For info: (248) 348-1791 or www.northvillecoopera-tivepreschool.com

"Finding a new location that meets our membership and licensing requirements isn't as easy as it sounds," McGowan said. "Our relocation committee is very thankful for another year to complete this task for the future school year of 2008-09."

Northville author will highlight new book on Heidelberg Project

Events planned for all age groups

By Pam Fleming
 RECORD STAFF WRITER

Linda McLean believes everyone should visit artist Tyree Guyton's Heidelberg Project in Detroit.

In fact, once she toured the project, the Northville author and educator decided to write a book about it.



L. McLean

Titled "The Heidelberg Project: A Street of Dreams," McLean's colorful picture book is a celebration of Guyton's vision to artistically restore and rebuild a decaying community in downtown Detroit.

Guyton created the project, an outdoor exhibit, to create public awareness of various social issues and to inspire creativity and hope in the children of the city.

McLean's book, printed by Northville-based Nelson Publishing & Marketing, was written as a children's book. In her opinion, the book appeals to all ages.

A native Detroit, McLean attended elementary and junior high in the city and graduated from Cass Tech High School. She also earned master's degrees in education and library/information science from Wayne State University.

For the past 21 years, she has taught in the Walled Lake Consolidated School District. But for 15 years prior to that, she taught in the Detroit Public Schools at Marx Hausen Elementary, which has since been razed, near the Heidelberg Project, and at Pitcher Elementary on Detroit's west side.

The author, who also paints murals in children's bedrooms, explained her fascination with the downtown art exhibit.

"The Heidelberg Project was always an urban legend — something mysterious," McLean said. "I always wanted to see it."

Started in 1986, McLean visited the project off Mt. Elliott between Mack and Jefferson during its early years when it was very controversial.

"I went to see the project again in March 2004 and decided right then that that would be my next children's book," McLean said. "It's a magical, whimsical, colorful, fun and interesting place. It's like an outdoor museum filled with environmental artscapes."

McLean said Tyree uses other people's castoffs and a lot of paint to create his visions.

The House That Makes Sense

One aspect of the project that inspired McLean to write her book after meeting Tyree is the house he's covering with 800,000 pennies.

"He's calling it the House That Makes Sense, and he's collecting pennies as we speak," McLean said.

Students at Commerce Elementary in Walled Lake, where McLean works as a media specialist, have collected more

Upcoming events

Northville author, Linda McLean will be in Northville Township for a book signing of her new book "The Heidelberg Project: A Street of Dreams" and fund-raising book fair from 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, May 5, and from 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 6, at Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 1711 Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads. For more information, call (248) 348-1274.

McLean and artist Tyree Guyton, creator of Detroit's Heidelberg Project, will be the featured guests at Saturday event for children from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 9, at the Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady, and a book signing and reception from 4-7 p.m. Sunday, June 10, at the Art House. Guyton's artwork will be on display at the Art House from June 1-30. For more information, call (248) 344-0497.

than 25,000 pennies for Tyree. Inside the house, Tyree plans to open an art studio for himself, children and an artist in residence.

Another aspect of Tyree's mission that attracted McLean is his goal to bring communities together.

"He wants to bring suburbanites downtown to visit the street, make some connections and learn to appreciate one another," McLean said.

Tyree's aim is to bridge the gap between the suburbs and Detroit's urban areas.

"He wants us to think more about how we're all the same rather than how we're different," she added.

McLean also likes the fact that Tyree's work provides so much social commentary.

"God and war are both on his mind," McLean said. "It's fun to try to make sense of what he puts out there. Everything he does has meaning."

Tyree's work will be on display at the Northville Art House, 215 Cady Street, from June 1-30.

Activities for children June 9 at the art house will include a poetry reading with discussion and some type of art activity.

A portion of the proceeds from McLean's new book will go to the Heidelberg Project.

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SHEEP SHEARING: Experience spring time at the farm

Now that Maybury Farm visitors are showing up in their shirtsleeves, the sheep similarly are set to slip into spring.

Sheep shearing sessions are scheduled at the Eight Mile Road farm from 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The animals' seasonal haircuts will take place in the barn, along with "carding" and "drop spindle" demonstrations, according to Shari Peters, president of the non-profit Northville Community Foundation which administers the farm.

Peters explained "carding" is the straightening of the fleece before it goes on to the "drop spindle," which spins the fleece into skeins of yarn. Most of the wool is sold "raw," she said, adding some of the wool is donated to weaving organizations.

"This is a wonderful way to have children learn about shearing and the entire process of wooling," Peters said. Members from the Michigan

Maybury Farm events

Sheep shearing: 1-4 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, April 28-29

Antique Tractors: Plowing starts at noon, Saturday and Sunday, May 5-6

Trot For Animals: Run registration starts at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 12. For info: (248)374-0200

Hand Spinners Guild will attend to demonstrate spinning.

Admission costs \$4 per adult and \$3 per child.

Starting May 1, Maybury Farm will be open to the public 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. Mondays through Wednesdays will be for groups tours only.

Magical moments!

Northville Parks and Recreation is hosting a Mother and Son Magic Show with Jasen Magic 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 12 at Genitti's. The \$14 tickets are available by calling (248) 349-0203.

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Township awaits decision about sale of city's former prison site

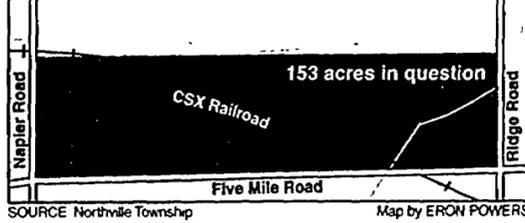
■ Detroit asked: 'Deal or no deal?'

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mark Abbo is learning how to play the waiting game. And the Northville Township supervisor must be getting pretty good at it. Last week, an attorney for Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company appeared before the Zoning Board of Appeals about the developers' \$800 million project on Seven

Mile Road — Highwood. The township awaits a decision from the developers after ZBA members said they didn't have jurisdiction in the matter. Township leaders await another decision from the city of Detroit on whether officials will sell 153 acres of its former prison site to the township. The property is located north of Five Mile Road and west of Ridge Road. The township made a counter offer recently of \$2.25 million for the 153 acres that was formerly part of the Detroit House of Corrections. This DeHoCo land is the last part of about 1,000 acres the city of Detroit once owned as part of

Former Prison Site



the correctional facility that closed in 1986. The township has the cash on hand after selling 15 acres on the northeast corner of Five Mile and Sheldon roads last October to Grand Sakwa Properties, LLC.

Abbo had no news as of Tuesday morning on a decision from the city following a meeting between township and city representatives last Friday. Real Estate Interests Group made a \$3.8 million agreement to pur-

chase the land several months ago. City officials have told township leaders that REI's bid has many strings attached, said Chip Snider, township manager. Detroit City Council members approved the sale to REI on Nov. 17, 2006, according to Sylvia Crawford, city of Detroit planning and development. But REI's option on the land expired the first week of April. Abbo now hopes the township can purchase the land. "I'm aware of another party interested in the property," Abbo said. "That's OK." However, he said when township leaders made their counter offer, they made it clear to Detroit

officials they would not participate in a bidding war or an auction on the property. "But, we felt if a local unit of government was to own the property, we would rather it be Northville Township versus the city of Detroit — no disrespect intended." The Northville Township Board of Trustees recently approved a \$60,000 contract for consulting firm Renaissance Strategies to help with the sale. Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or at pfleming@gannett.com.

Granholtm funding moratorium halts progress on Linear Park

■ Township was ready for project

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Chip Snider said this is just the type of move that frustrates people about government. Snider, Northville Township manager, was referring to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's recent moratorium on state grant funding. The moratorium on all state grants took effect April 4. This means the township will have to wait to proceed on development of the Coldwater Springs Nature Area's Linear Park along Johnson Creek on the community's west side. The moratorium on grant funding is through the end of the fiscal year — Sept. 30 — said Traci Sincock, director, Northville Parks and Recreation. "Grant payments are made in installments, and officials say only a

small amount of money has been disbursed so far. Since our staff members were getting ready to start working on construction drawings for the park project, with work originally scheduled to begin this summer or fall. "We'll regroup after the funds are released," she said. The state had approved a \$303,800 grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the nature area. A 50-percent match was to come from a contribution from Pulte Homes and the township for a total of \$607,600. The township was decided the property through an arrangement with Pulte. Preliminary notification that the grant had been approved came to the township in December 2006. The project will encompass about 17 acres along the creek that runs through the township. Johnson Creek is the only cold water creek in western Wayne County, Sincock said. Snider said he may Sincock consult 7th District State Sen. Bruce

Patterson (R-Canton) on the governor's moratorium on state grants, especially in light of recent news that the Michigan Attorney General's Office plans to spend thousands of dollars for a workout facility for staff investigators at its Lansing headquarters. "This is a failure of government," Snider said. "To have the funding arbitrarily taken away is so frustrating. It's pathetic." Snider believes it's actions like these that make people have little to no trust in government, except perhaps on the local level. "We spent money for engineering to prepare for construction at the park, but didn't get the grant that year. The grant was finally approved, and then the governor halts the funding," Snider said. The project would include direct access to Johnson Creek from Ridge Road between Five and Six Mile roads via pads and boardwalks. Nature kiosks and a bird watching deck are also part of the plan. The passive park would connect Johnson Creek through the Arcadia-Ridge subdivision up to Community Park.

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MARION FRANK PAJAS
Age 92, of Cumming, GA and West Bloomfield, MI, died Wednesday, April 18, 2007 at his residence. A native of Michigan, he had resided in Cumming for the past five years with his daughter. He worked for 53 years for the Ford Motor Company as an Automotive Analyst. Mr. Pajas was preceded in death by his wife, Helen Malay Pajas in 1999. He is survived by daughters Pamela (David) Burke of West Bloomfield, MI and Marian Janet Cook of Cumming; grandchildren Amy Pajas, Christopher (Paula) Cook, David Burke, Christine Burke & Rene Renteria, Michael (Cherie) Burke, Steven (Atsuko) Burke; and great-grandchildren Chase Cook, Lauren Cook, Matthew Pajas, Rachel Renteria and Alexander Renteria. Mr. Pajas was cremated and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Condolences may be expressed online at www.mcdonaldandson.com. Arrangements by McDonald and Son Funeral Home & Crematory, 150 Sawnee Drive, Cumming, GA 30040 (770)886-9899.

JAMES P. GROSS
Northville, MI. Age 73, died April 18, 2007 at his home. He was born October 8, 1933 in Jackson, KY the son of Arthur and Nancy (Allen) Gross. On November 1, 1957 in Hamburg, MI Jim married Patricia Hollis, she preceded him in death on June 28, 2001. Survivors include her son Timothy (Judy) Gross of Northville Twp., his daughter in law Shree Gross of Northville, grandchildren, Jason Coleman, Amber (Clayton) Taylor, Kristy, Tara, Brandon and Nicole Gross, great grandchildren Madison Taylor and sister Lois (Henry) Deaton of IN. His son Gerry precedes him in death. A Healing Farewell was held on April 23, 2007 at Borek Jennings Funeral Home, Hamburg Chapel with Rev. Carl F. Welsch officiating. Burial will be in Hamburg Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Please leave a Message of Comfort to Jim's family at 877-231-7900 or visit his guest book at borekjennings.com

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New water tank, booster station to alleviate low pressure issues

Board selects tank logo design

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville's got one. So do Novi and Wixom. Now Northville Township will have one, too, with construction

scheduled to begin soon on a new elevated water tank and booster station.

The township is in the design phase of a water distribution system improvement project that will create a new pressure district for an area of the township with low water pressure.

The area is generally bounded by the north and south by Five Mile and Six Mile roads, to the east by

Sheldon Road and to the west by Beck Road.

To create the new district, other water main improvements including new water main construction and taps will then be planned. Northville will be project ally with low water pressure problems experienced by some residents, it will also address pressure issues as the town lays out new zones.

The project will be a custom, all-steel water tower. It fits in high demand situations such as during the summer when the water system is used frequently.

The new pressure district will be supplied with water from the city of Detroit.

located on the north side of Community Park by a proposed new Department of Public Services building.

During the development of the Community Park master plan a possible location for the tank was shown near the park's Five Mile Road entrance.

However, after further study, Don Weaver, public services director, found it would be necessary to extend 3,600 feet of a 16-inch water main from the intersection of Five Mile and Beck roads along the north side of Five Mile Road along the west side of the park entrance drive, into the Arcadia Ridge development.

This would also require crossing beneath the 24-inch high pressure gas transmission main built last summer by Consumers

Energy. "The construction would pose a risk in working near this gas main as well as future maintenance activities to be performed by township personnel," Weaver said in a memo to the board of trustees.

The location on the north end of community park would save about \$100,000 in construction costs.

Locating the tank near Five Mile Road would also have placed it directly across from the new bank of the same name being constructed by Plymouth Township.

Two tanks of this mass and such close proximity would give the appearance of an industrial setting along Five Mile Road and would likely reduce property values for both communities.

Weaver said.

The booster station will be located at the northeast corner of the intersection at Five Mile and Sheldon roads.

The project should be completed by June 2008.

At the April 19 board of trustees meeting, members selected a logo design for the water tank.

They selected one in which the wording "1 in 6" in which the "1" is a water drop, is in the road by passing motorists.

The logo will appear on both sides of the tank so it is easy to see it when traveling in either direction.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1200 ext 105 or at pfleming@nvr.com

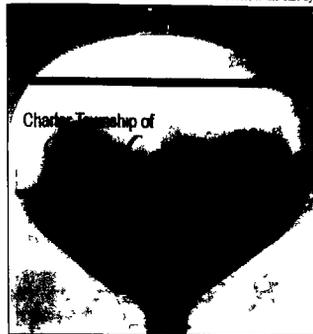


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This is the logo design members of the Northville Township Board of Trustees chose for the new elevated water tank to be constructed on the north side of Community Park at Five Mile and Beck roads. The \$4.5 million, 170-foot high, 1-million-gallon tank project should be completed by June 2008.

TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Northville Township Board of Trustees will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday May 17, 2007 at 7:30 p.m. at the Northville Township Hall Community Room 44025 Six Mile Road Northville Michigan to consider an Application for an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption Certificate under Act 158 of the Public Acts of 1974 as amended. Any owner, resident, taxpayer or legislative body of any taxing unit which levies ad valorem property taxes on the property in which the facility is located, may appear at said hearing and give testimony.

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(4-26-07 NR 350516)

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(4-26-07 NR 350740)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCE NON-ZONING AMENDMENT CHAPTER 142 - SEWER USE

The following ordinance amendment was introduced at the April 19, 2007 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

- The Sewer Use summary of changes are as follows:
 - Added definitions for available capacity, best management practices, quantification level total PCB and total phenolic compounds.
 - Changed the wastewater discharge limit for copper to 2.5 mg/l.
 - Added compliance period requirements.
 - Made numerous changes to define the POTW as both DWSO and VCLIA, and identified responsibilities for the POTW and township.

A complete copy of the proposed changes are available in the Clerk's office at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. Monday through Friday and on the Township Website <http://www.ci.northville.mi.us>. This amendment will be presented at the Board of Trustees Regular meeting, May 17, 2007 for Adoption.

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Retired police lieutenant earns high marks for professionalism

■ Sherman known for crisis intervention

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

John Sherman probably talked more than one person out of ending their life during his more than 30 years on the force.

And that's one of the many traits members of the community will remember about the former Northville Township Police Department lieutenant.

Sherman, who retired last week, was honored by members of the township board of trustees and citizens at the April 19 meeting.

He received a framed resolution from the board and one from the office of 7th District State Sen.



John Sherman

Bruce Patterson. Sherman, who spoke briefly at the end of the recognition, joined the township police department on March 11, 1977.

"When I first joined the township, I saw the potential of the community," Sherman said. "I now see it as one of the finest communities in Michigan, if not in the entire nation."

A deep sense of honor

Chip Snider, township manager and former director of public safety, worked with him for 17 years when Sherman was a sergeant and Snider was chief of police.

"John has contributed to his profession with a deep sense of honor," Snider said. "He was an active mentor to not only police officers but also the other command officers in the organization."

Snider said Sherman was known for the intense focus that guided his

career.

He said Sherman was often called by police from other jurisdictions to diffuse a crisis, such as a potential suicide or hostage situation, due to the successful outcomes of such crises following his assistance.

"His ability to persuade was the one thing that, frankly, defined him not only as an officer but as a person," Snider said.

"He's one of the reasons that Northville Township is on the best sellers list in regard to public safety."

John Werth, public safety director, said Sherman was known for his diplomacy and being an ambassador for the community.

Through good times and bad

"He's come through some good times and some bad times always with dedication and determination," Werth said. "He's done a great job."

Werth presented Sherman with his duty weapon displayed in a wooden box as well as his retirement badge and police identification.

"Once again, John, it's been a pleasure," Werth said.

Mark Abbo, township supervisor,

recalled one day in 1992 when Sherman pulled him over while Abbo was riding his motorcycle.

"When he asked why he'd been stopped, Sherman told him he hadn't done anything wrong.

"I just wanted to see your motorcycle," Sherman said.

"We insist that you come back and visit us," Abbo told Sherman at the board meeting.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or at pfleming@gannett.com.

New commanding officers

John Werth, director of public safety for Northville Township, also announced two new commanding officers in the township police department at the April 19 board meeting — Sgt. Samantha Bowen and Lt. Michael Wildt.



Samantha Bowen



Michael Wildt

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Developer Sam Sackllah inside Northville Market, one of three businesses now open at his new development, Northville Market Place, at the southeast corner of Seven Mile and Napier roads. Northville Cleaners and the Euro Tanning Club are also up and running, with more businesses to come.

NORTHVILLE MARKET PLACE: First three businesses open

■ Grand opening planned for May 1-7

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Local developer Sam Sackllah is so excited about his new "baby" — Northville Market Place — it's surprising he's not handing out cigars.

The new shopping center at the southeast corner of Seven Mile and Napier roads in Northville Township is coming along, with three tenants now open.

These include an upscale liquor store, deli and market, Northville Market; a dry cleaning operation, Northville Cleaners; and the Euro Tanning Club.

Sackllah, a broker and developer of residential and commercial projects and vacant land for 35 years who has a Century 21 office

at 1757 Haggerty Road in Commerce Township, designed and developed the project.

The first place to open at his new venture is the 3,400-square-foot Northville Market, which features catering and a variety of top-shelf liquor, wine, gourmet coffee, deli selections, hot food, frozen food, dairy, candy, sundries and even Honey Baked Ham.

The deli features Boar's Head meats; the same broasted chicken as Guersey's Restaurant; sausage from Alexander Homung, a 100-year-old Detroit business; fresh bread from Burghard's bakery, a Livonia business established in 1872, and the West Warren Bakery; homemade salads and more.

Guernsey's dairy products are available, as well as Daz's and Horizon Organic ice cream.

A mural depicts Northville Downs and Maybury Park, with the wine encased in oak shelving

and — every beer-drinker's dream — a special beer cave to keep the beverage at 35 degrees.

"It's like an old-fashioned, neighborhood market," Sackllah said.

Mike O'Connell, the store's wine expert who also owns Discount Beverage in Canton and Discount Drinks in Farmington Hills, said the extensive wine inventory features selections from Australia, Germany, Italy, Spain, France, Michigan and California.

"If we don't have the wine you're looking for, we would be more than happy to order it for you," O'Connell said.

Dry cleaners, tanning club

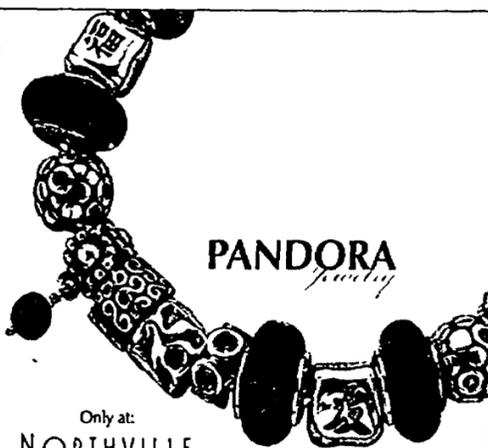
The 1,700-square-foot Northville Cleaners is owned by a second-generation dry cleaner, who does alterations and offers a pickup and delivery service. The entrepreneur also has a

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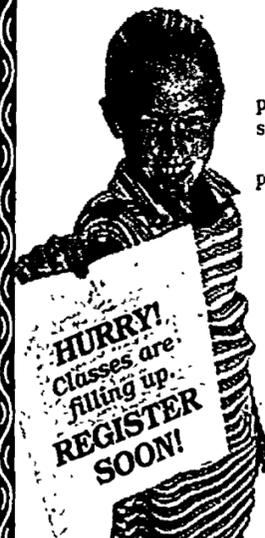


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Vigil's Academy of Taekwondo one of fastest growing in state

School attracts 150 in a year

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Dan Vigil knew he wanted to open his own taekwondo school since he was 8 years old.

Now, the 26-year-old Novi resident's dream has come true, with the success of his Academy of Taekwondo in Northville Township.

The academy opened at a location at Five Mile and Haggerty roads about 18 months ago. The school was located in Northville Township with a Plymouth mailing address.

About six months ago, however, Vigil moved his school to a new location in the Northville Research Center on Seven Mile Road east of Northville Road.

"We ran out of space," said the master taekwondo instructor. "The other academy only had about 2,000 square feet of space. With 20-40 kids and five to six instructors on the floor at one time, we were cramped."

The new suite has about twice the space of the previous location.

Vigil, who was born in Ann Arbor, moved to Massachusetts, then back to Ann Arbor before moving to Novi, said his academy is one of the fastest growing in the state, with 150 students signing up in only a year.

"A lot of them have made the



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Dan Vigil, owner of Dan Vigil's Academy of Taekwondo, performs a flying kick leap.

commitment to become black belts," Vigil said. The youngest student in the Black Belt Club is only 3 years old.

Vigil believes in teaching more than just the physical aspects of the ancient Korean martial art. He believes instruction in character skills, such as self-discipline, listening and confidence, is just as important.

"My classes are geared for parents who want to instill these character traits in their children at an early age," he said. A member of Northville Christian Church, he believes in instilling the priorities of church, school and taekwondo in his students.

A marketing graduate from Eastern Michigan University, Vigil knows families are also important to his business and allows those who sign up at least two children in the academy to enroll other family members for free.

He also offers free 30-day passes to new students of all ages.

His interest in the martial arts started when he was about 7 years old and watched the movie "The Karate Kid" and Ninja Turtles cartoons.

It sparked an interest in Vigil's

said. "As I got older, I really took to the lifestyle that stresses respect, integrity, good manners and discipline. It's really been a big part of my life."

Black belt in karate, too

A black belt in karate, too, in taekwondo, Vigil is a two-time Junior Olympic Gold Medalist; eight-time state champion — seven times in Michigan and once in California; Collegiate National Champion; and the winner of more than 80 gold medals.

He has a plaque that reads "Teachers live forever in the hearts they touch," in his office, given to him by a former student.

He and his wife, Jessica, a ped-

atric physical therapist, are expecting their first child — a boy to be named Titus — in July. They met when she was an aerobic kick boxing instructor at the same martial arts school where he was teaching in Ann Arbor.

"She was the only student who talked back to the instructor — me," Vigil said. "I asked her out the next Friday."

Working at different times as a bouncer, deejay, roofer, and as the owner of a deck and patio company to save money for his taekwondo academy, Vigil said he learned to live on about \$400 a month.

"I had a real clear focus on where I was going," he said.

First three businesses open at Northville Market Place

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location in Farmington Hills and plans to open at another location soon.

The Euro Tanning Club, at 1,750 square feet and owned by Freddy Antar, features top-of-the-line tanning equipment, including a stand-up booth and Mystic Spray tan. The nine beds feature Levels 6, 5, 4 and 3 as far as the concentration of UV rays.

The salon's tropical motif features a palm tree mural and fish tank. Items to purchase include

nonalcoholic beverages, candy, suntan lotion and oil and body jewelry, with sunglasses to come.

"He's been open about a month and doing well," Sackllah said. Construction will start on the 1,400-square-foot Rustique Bakery at the center this week, with the opening slated in two-three months. The bakery will be run by Brenda Holberg, a Schoolcraft College Culinary Arts Program assistant pastry chef.

Other tenants will include a nonfranchise pizzeria and hair salon, Sackllah said. The center even has an outdoor bathroom open year-round, deemed Ye Olde Outhouse.

Pam Fleming is a staff writer for the Northville Record. She can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or at pfleming@gannett.com.



Specials, giveaways planned

A grand opening celebration for Northville Market Place is slated from May 1-7 at the southeast corner of Seven Mile and Napier roads with lots of specials and giveaways planned.

Northville Market, which features a liquor store, grocery and deli, is open from 9 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m.-midnight Friday and Saturday; and 10 a.m.-7 p.m. on Sunday.

A dry cleaners, Northville Cleaners, and tanning salon, Euro Tanning Club, are also open now.

Owner and developer of the center Sam Sackllah invites area groups who want to have charity car washes in the parking lot to call him at (248) 722-1937.

About the owner, developer

Sam Sackllah is an ex-Marine and Vietnam veteran who served from 1968-1970 and was stationed on Marble Mountain outside of Da Nang.

He and his wife of 35 years, Hala, have three children: Fred, an attorney in Commerce; Andrea, a ninth grade teacher at Northville High School; and Rosanna, who works at Anthony's Jewelry at Laurel Park Place mall in Livonia.

Want to learn?

Dan Vigil's Academy of Taekwondo in Northville Township is open Monday through Saturday at 43334 W. Seven Mile Road, Suite 500, in Northville. For more information about hours of operation and class schedules, contact Master Dan Vigil, founder, at (248) 349-6900, e-mail him at vigil@plymouthtkd.com or visit the academy's Web site at www.plymouthtkd.com.

CITY OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Notice is hereby given that the public accuracy test for the May 8, 2007 Election is scheduled for May 3, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167, (248) 349-1300. The public accuracy test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meets the requirements of law.

(4-26-07 NR 350203)

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE Public Accuracy Test for the May 8, 2007 School Election has been scheduled for Thursday, May 3, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. in the Township Hall training room located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan.

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

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TO THE QUALIFIED AND REGISTERED ELECTORS
Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, to vote on the following:

- Northville Public Schools - Member of the Board of Education (City and Township)
- Plymouth/Canton Community Schools - Member of the Board of Education (Township only)
- Schoolcraft Community College - Member of the Board of Trustees (City and Township)

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

- Northville Township Polling Locations
- Pct 1, 15 Moraine Elementary School 46811 Eight Mile Road
 - Pct 2, 8, 9, 13 Silver Springs Elementary School 19801 Silver Springs Drive
 - Pct 6, 11 Winchester Elementary School 16141 Winchester Drive
 - Pct 3, 7 Northville High School 45700 Six Mile Road
 - Pct 10, 14 Ridge Wood Elementary 49775 Six Mile Road
 - Pct 5 Kings Mill Clubhouse 18120 Jamestown Circle
 - Pct 12, 7 Meads Mill School 16700 Franklin Road
- City of Northville Polling Locations
- Pct 1 Northville City Hall 215 W Main St (Wayne County)
 - Pct 2 Amerman Elementary School 847 N Center St (Oakland County)

Polling places are handicapped accessible. Each precinct is equipped with Braille and audio voting instructions and ADA compliant voting equipment.

Absentee Ballots are available at the office of the Clerk. The deadline for receiving applications for ballots to be mailed is 2:00 p.m. Saturday, May 5, 2007. The Clerk's Office will be open for the purpose of absentee voting on Saturday May 5, 2007 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Persons qualified to vote by Absentee Ballot may obtain a ballot in person until 4:00 p.m. Monday, May 7, 2007. A ballot obtained on May 7, 2007 must be voted in the Clerk's Office. For questions, please call the Northville Township Clerk's Office at 248-348-5800, ext. 10201 or 10202. The Northville City Clerk's Office phone number is 248-349-1300, ext. 1962. Each resident voting on the above must be

- (a) A citizen of the United States of America and eighteen (18) years of age or over; and
- (b) A registered voter as of April 9, 2007.

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Physical Therapy Rehabilitation Update

by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

THE BUOYANT FEELING OF PREGNANCY

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risk for injury. Of course, water aerobics helps your back even if you're not pregnant.

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REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, April 19, 2007
TIME: 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Agendas: A. Approve Consent and Regular Agendas - approved.
2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:
 - A. John Sherman - Retirement Resolution - approved.
 - B. Plante Moran Audit Presentation - approved
 - C. Richard Brown - appointment to Seniors - approved
 - D. Dorothy Gay - Resolution - approved
 - E. 38th Annual Municipal Clerks Week Proclamation - approved
 - F. Western Wayne County Fire Mutual Aid Resolution - approved.
 - G. Wayne County Pilot Program Resolution - approved
 - H. CWW Resolution - tabled.
3. Public Hearings: None.
4. Brief Public Comments & Questions: Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox and State Representative Marc Combeau updated the board on activities of their respective offices. Kurt Heize Director of Wayne County Environment spoke re: the sanitary over flow agreement with Wayne County. A resident of Nville Hills Villa Condominium Association spoke re opposition to rezoning Beck & Five Mile Roads

5. New Business:
 - A. AT & T Video Service Franchise Agreement - approved
 - B. MML Membership Proposal - approved.
 - C. Parks and Recreation and Senior Budget FY2008 - approved
 - D. Ridgewood Plaza Consent Agreement Amendment - denied.
 - E. Five Mile & Beck Rezoning Request - tabled.
 - F. Street Name Change - Highland Lakes - approved.
 - G. Street Name Change - Northville Trails - approved.
 - H. Public Safety - Evidence tracking Software purchase - approved.
6. Public Safety - Preplan view Fire software purchase - approved
7. Alliance of Rouge Communities Annual Dues - approved
8. Beck Road Blvd - no action taken.
9. Unfinished Business:
 - A. Elevated Tank Logo Selection - approved
10. Ordinances:
 - A. Zoning Ordinance Amendment - Introduced.
 - B. Sewer Use Ordinance Amendment - Introduced
 - C. Bills Payable: A. Bills payable - approved.
 - D. Board Reports from Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Chip Snder, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner.
11. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: Motion to set a Public Hearing for May Meeting.
12. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:45 p.m. The minutes (draft) will be available in the Clerk's office after May 1, 2007.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CMC
(4-26-07 NR 350514)

BE SURE TO VOTE Northville's school board election will be held on

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EDUCATION



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Hillside hosts Iron Chef Challenge

Public event blends food, engineering

By Pam Fleming
GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Dena Grantham and Tandi Bagian think students should understand that science and art go hand in hand.

With this concept in mind, the Hillside Middle School teacher and parent have organized the first-ever Hillside Iron Chef Challenge from 6-7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 188 of the school.

Parents and member of the community are invited to this live, creative project designed to show students how engineering and cooking can work together.

The project was "cooked up" by the two when Grantham, who teaches the Meal Management class at Hillside, learned from former Hillside student Mike Bagian (now a sophomore at Northville High School) that his mother is an Environmental Protection Agency engineer.

"One day Mike and I were talking, and he mentioned that his mother used to work for NASA," Grantham said.

"I had him ask her if she would be interested in collaborating in a project. When she agreed, I e-mailed her last fall about getting together. Cooking and science do go together, and students need to see the connection."

In Tuesday evening's contest, students will use engineering skills by being asked to substitute an ingredient in a cake recipe.

"They're going to make a basic yellow cake and then a crescent braid," Grantham said.

On the braid, students must come up with their own filling.

The winning team will be asked to prepare more cakes and braids during school on Wednesday so they can be served at that evening's "Senior Prom" event with Northville senior citizens.

"They will also have to decorate their cake in a patriotic theme," Grantham said.

Judges will be national judges from the FIRST Robotics competition and parents. Judging criteria will include taste, color, flavor, substitution strategies, presentation and originality.

Grantham said cooking involves measurement, problem solving, teamwork and analysis as well as understanding a process.

"Those are exactly the skills that engineers use," she said.

Students can't wait for contest

Hillside students are excited about the contest, and some have even taken decorating classes in preparation for the event. Teams will consist of four-six students each.

"Cooking and health are big issues right now," Grantham said. "A lot of students watch cooking shows."

Bagian, a Detroit Science Center trustee, said she and Grantham have focused on helping students become more familiar with how different variables impact the outcome of a product or meal.

"They have learned how chemistry is the foundation of food science and that biology influences the digestion and enjoyment of foods," Bagian said.

Besides learning how to substitute ingredients, students will learn how to change amounts to impact yield and how to present an appropriate portion for nutritional needs.

"Our hope is that this first-hand appreciation of how modification of ingredients and preparation technique influence the resulting product will help stu-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Hillside Middle School Meal Management Class teacher Dena Grantham assists student Lauren Colasanti in prepping some baked goods.

produce the product. Team captains will be expected to describe the process selected by the team, using Science of Foods terminology.

"This should be a fun evening that highlights the joys of learning and the pride of performing as a team," Grantham said.

Pam Fleming can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or at pfleming@gannett.com.

Students will select ingredients and utensils and have one hour to

approach to problem solving, a critical concept for today's workforce," Bagian said.

produce the product. Team captains will be expected to describe the process selected by the team, using Science of Foods terminology.

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M.O.M.S. Annual Baby, Kid & Me Resale

M.O.M.S. (Moms Offering Moms Support) will hold its annual Baby, Kid and Me resale on Friday April 27th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday April 28th from 9 a.m. until noon at the First United Methodist Church, 777 Eight Mile Road (at Taft), Northville. Wonderful selection of gently-used items for sale; baby equipment and toys; baby, kids and maternity clothing; baby and kid coats and shoes; kids furniture, decor, toys/books; and car seats and play structures. \$1 admission. This resale is a fundraiser to help support mothers and children.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCE ZONING AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 170

The following ordinance amendment was introduced at the April 19, 2007 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees

- General clarification and reformatting to make the document easier to use.
- Revised various dimensional standards and added various design standards.
- Added a provision to Article 6, One Family Residential, for an R-4 classification that pertains only to smaller existing non-conforming lots.
- Added a new Retirement Community District, which focuses on providing independent senior living options.
- Created a new ORT, Office Research and Technology District, which combines existing large office and research and technology uses.
- Added a new Northville Road Mixed Use District that to encourage development with mixed uses.
- Created a new Consumer Industrial District that will permit upgrades to existing non-conforming sites on Gerald Avenue.
- Repealed the Vehicular Parking District.
- Created a lot clustering option to allow flexibility in lot sizes, provided the overall permitted density is not increased
- Added a provision for small planned unit developments
- Updated parking requirements.
- Revised site plan, subdivision and land division procedures.
- Added provisions for a limited number of tent sales.
- Modified procedures for temporary use approvals.

A complete copy of the proposed changes are available in the Clerk's office at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday and on the Township Website <http://www.twp.northville.mi.us>. This amendment will be presented at the Board of Trustees Regular May meeting for Adoption.

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ZBA actions correct

On Wednesday, April 18, members of the Northville Township Zoning Board of Appeals were challenged by having to decide on how to deal with two requests made by Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers & Company (REIS) on the Highwood project.

This proposed development on 414 acres on Seven Mile Road on the site of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital has been the subject of numerous meetings, with REIS spending thousands of dollars on the proposal.

REIS' requests were to appeal the Northville Township Planning Commission and Board of Trustees' conditions and decisions and to request a land use variance for the property.

On the advice of township attorney Jim Tamm, ZBA members decided that they did not have jurisdiction over either request considering Tamm's interpretation of the township's current ordinance.

We believe that this was the correct decision in the matter, with REIS now exhausting its remedies on the township level if the developers disagree with conditions community leaders have imposed on the project.

Both the applicant's representative and ZBA members conducted themselves professionally throughout the meeting, with the developers stating in a press release the day after the meeting that REIS wants to move forward on the more than \$800 million project.

This means that a judge in Wayne County Circuit Court will most likely be making the decision on what happens to this property if REIS officials decide to take the next step to do the project this way.

Whatever the outcome of this property, we hope that this eyesore in the heart of Northville Township will be cleaned up and some day become the type of use that will serve the residents and taxpayers well.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by Michael Shuster

Down on Main Street ...

On clear spring evening last Thursday, East Main Street reflects the warm glow of street lights looking west from Bandshell Park. City leaders assembled at the city's core to consider imminent improvements — including lighting — planned as part of the town square expansion project.

Touched by an angel

Some people touch many lives and leave a loving mark as they pass through this world. Addie Turner of Detroit, who passed away this past February, was one such angel. Mrs. Turner, or more affectionately, "Nanny," lived for 103 glorious years (April 29, 1903 — February 7, 2007).

As troubles weigh on each of us during these tough economic times we seek "hope" to help give us the energy to push forward. The memory of Mrs. Addie "Nanny" Turner provides me with the needed inspiration and help to recall life is good and tomorrow can be better than today. She would remind all around her that "God loves you" when it seemed that no one else did and that "only the strong survive and without hope — you have nothing."

Why is a middle aged, suburban, white guy writing about a deceased, centenarian, black woman from Detroit? Because her beauty touched my life. I, too, had a "Nanna" that helped raise me; Nanny reminds me so much of her.

Let me share a bit about the life of Mrs. Turner in hope that it will fill you with hope, faith, love and charity for yourself and

all that you love.

Love and faith pushes out hate

Nanny came of age, along with her 13 brothers and sisters, in the deep south, Locust Grove, Ga., in the early 1920's. This was not an easy time, nor a proud part of the American experience, for a young African American woman whose grandmother was a slave. While Mrs. Turner saw her share of ugliness, hate and evil as a young woman, she never allowed "the ignorance of others" to weigh down her spirit.

Nanny was a religious person with a grand spirit who knew discrimination existed but "would never let it define me" and knew that other "different" people, like the Jewish couple she later worked for in Detroit, were hated or discriminated against as well. Her refrain: "We are all God's children."

Addie Turner did not have much time as a child. She worked around the house to help her family make ends meet. She acquired an eighth grade education, which she cherished as "a

ticket to a good life." She was married at age 16 and had her four children soon after.

Mrs. Turner moved to Detroit in 1924 with two sons. She was seeking better health care for her oldest son, who was ill and needed better care than blacks were afforded in the south at the time. She had two more children born in Detroit. She devoted her life to her family and her 60-plus year "career" in the domestic services, cleaning houses and raising other's children, until her "retirement" in the mid 1970s. She took a bus every day but Sunday from the east side of Detroit to the west side to work for her "second" family, a Jewish couple who always treated her with the "greatest level of dignity and respect," and paid her the handsome sum of one dollar/day (in the early years) to cook, clean and help raise her "white family."

Like the folklore of the past, Addie was like the mailman who delivered come sun, rain, sleet or snow and never missed a day's work. She lived on Hinkley Street, a "reverse Oreo" she would laugh, as she described her street with the black families in the middle with white families



About Tom Watkins

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like book ends at the end of the block. Mrs. Turner described her neighborhood as "the little south" where everyone was your family and would look out for each other.

Without hope, we have nothing

Even during the darkest days of the Great Depression, Mrs. Turner never gave up hope - or went on the public dole. She believed until her last breath left her body that as long as you had your health, faith, a strong back and a determined mind you could find work and "get by." Like many of her generation, both black and white, she viewed FDR as a hero and the closest

thing to God here on earth for all he did for the "common man."

Her children, extended family, work and church were her life. She was a devoted and active member of New Rising Star Missionary Baptist Church for nearly 50 years.

Mrs. Turner would shake her head in disbelief at the young people today who were not in school or working and were on drugs and the public dole. To her, a woman who lived through a childhood in the South, two world wars, hatred, and the Great Depression, she still saw only hope and opportunity while others saw trouble and despair. She longed for the simpler times when families and neighbors would gather on front porches

and "parent" and discipline every child in the neighborhood, black or white, as if they were their own.

For those of you who were not as fortunate as me, with my "Nanna" or someone similar, take a lesson from someone else's chapter in life. Simply put, Mrs. Addie "Nanny" Turner lived 103 years and gave meaning to life. So, as you struggle to pay your bills, send your children to college, and worry about your job — think of "Nanny" and remember, life is good. And without hope you have nothing.

May you rest in peace, Mrs. Addie "Nanny" Turner, and may we all take a piece of your wisdom and faith into our daily lives.

Budget talks bring variety of state solutions

Know what that strange sound you are hearing in the background is? The vibration from increasingly frantic talks going on in Lansing about Michigan's financial future.

After what seems like months of talking at each other, Speaker of the House Andy Dillon, D-Redford Township, and Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, have agreed to talk to each other.

Specifically, they'll be meeting daily to hash out what to do about the estimated \$1 billion shortfall in this year's general fund budget and the \$377 million deficit in the School Aid Fund.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm and her budget director, Bob Emerson, will be at the table, as well. They've got a rough row to hoe. The deficit numbers are very large. The economy is still slumping, and tax revenues are consistently falling below projections.

Partisan differences are wide. And time is running out — the fiscal year ends on Sept. 30. That's a fast-approaching fact that will greatly intensify the impact of any cuts.

Crunch time is clearly here. The natural political instinct will

be to try to fix the deficit gaps with chewing gum and bailing wire. After all, that's what lawmakers have done every year for the past five years. Sooner or later, however, tough choices and out-of-the-box thinking will have to replace accounting gimmicks. What follows are some common-sense ideas. I'm sure there is a lot not to like in the list, but somebody has to start thinking about the unthinkable. Starting right now:

Cut prison spending: Our prison system costs around \$2 billion a year, employs around a third of state government's workforce and warehouses 51,000-plus inmates. If we incarcerated felons at the average rate of our neighboring states, we'd save \$500 million a year. Gov. Granholm has proposed releasing very sick prisoners and those who have served their minimum sentences and are awaiting parole. She thinks that would save around \$100 million.

The "lock 'em up and throw away the key" theory of sentencing isn't working and has to be fixed. How about allowing earlier parole for inmates who demonstrate good behavior and get a GED while in prison? How about discharging folks who are in the

slam for dealing drugs (a nonviolent crime) and putting them on electronic tethers?

How about completely changing the way we treat non-violent crimes, period? Theft or burglary is bad, but does it make sense to spend \$30,000 a year to imprison somebody who steals goods worth \$2,000? Make 'em pay restitution with jail time that will be thrown back at them if they commit any future violations.

Incidentally ... drug courts appear to be working to keep drug abusers out of prison by prescribing treatment, sanctions like tethers and employment services. What about doing the same thing for the estimated 15 per cent of the prison population that is mentally ill?

Take a hard look at school costs: Michigan spends more than \$13 billion a year on K-12 schools. The School Aid Fund faces a deficit of nearly \$400 million. Cutting the per-pupil school aid formula this late in the school year is a prospect that terrifies most school people, but this may be the only step that works for this fiscal year.

In the longer run, however, we might consider rethinking the



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structure of the way we manage our schools. Do we, for example, really need one principal per elementary school?

Principals are important, no doubt, but much of what they do is routine, setting policy, overseeing personnel reviewing performance, attending meetings. Elementary schools are small, and much of their administrative functions could be performed more efficiently.

And much of the business tags that each district does on its own could be consolidated in the intermediate school districts, where better technology and management could produce serious savings.

And while we're at it, let's take a look at the busing tail that all too often wags the school dog. Many school schedules are determined by the timing and deployment of

bus fleets.

But many cities already have bus systems which are paralleled by school busses. Do we really need both?

Look very hard at health care costs: Medical costs for school employees are high and getting higher every year. Last week, Michigan AFL-CIO President Mark Gaffney and American Federation of Teachers' David Hecker joined Republican Senate Leader Bishop to advance an interesting idea.

The three of them proposed that all schools, universities and local government units join health insurance pools that could select providers by open bidding. If that worked, advocates say it could save as much as 8 percent in health care costs.

The Michigan Education Special Services Association (MESSA) is a subsidiary of the Michigan Education Association teachers union, which provides health care coverage for around half the school districts in Michigan. MESSA says this is idea nonsense and points to its flexibility in providing reduced cost health care plans for many school districts. Maybe so, but every dollar that goes to medical care doesn't go to educating our kids. It's time for a fresh look.

There are lots of out-of-the-box ideas out there. Some are good; some are just silly. But the best of them deserve a flinty eye — but open-minded consideration. This much we know: We're not going to solve our financial crisis by more of the same old, same old.

LETTERS

Backs Smith and Price

Why do they do it? Why does anyone run for this elective school board office, asking citizens of the community to vote them into this thankless and non-paying full-time job? But they do it over and over, thank God, sacrificing family time, free time, and a good portion of their life to make Northville a better place to live.

Many residents of our school district, of course, often know exactly what to do, how to handle every problem that comes up. They call. They e-mail. They corner members of the board at every chance to express irritation, usually over some single-issue problem; no thought, of course to the many other complex and confusing points surrounding their particular problem nor the time and effort already spent coming to the best overall solution for whatever the issue is. Even those semi-involved don't have to face the eventual results of their proposed solution. We have to realize the hard decisions by the school board do not come easy, nor do they please everyone.

I certainly don't envy the board's responsibilities - dealing with unhappy parents, seldom hearing enough from pleased parents and residents. They have to deal with the teacher's union and other issues such as striking a balance between over-building and under-building, while they face an ever changing economy; no easy answers anywhere here.

My wife and I have both been involved and semi-involved with our school system many times in the last 40 years. We appreciate what our schools have done for the community and our property values.

We think it's a good time to keep our school board experience intact, and vote for Libby Smith and Marilyn Price. They've done a great job and truly deserve community support.

Phil and Connie Smith
Northville

Vote for Grimmer

I am urging everyone to get out and vote for a new School Board member on May 8.

I will be casting my vote for Carol Grimmer. She has some tough questions for the current board and like many of us sees a need for change. Carol has done her homework on the current budget and found quite a few things that need our attention.

Did you know that the teachers are still working without a contract? Bargaining has ceased, and the matter will go to fact-finding arbitration at the state in June. Our teachers deserve a contract. Did you know that there was a discussion at the April 4 board meeting about possible teacher layoffs? All of this while the board tells us they have to redistrict to maintain ideal class size. How can they do that with fewer teachers?

Did you know that our superintendent is paid \$193,000 a year? (This is more than our governor earns!), gets an all expenses-paid Lincoln to drive and a \$500-per-month expense account too?

I think we need to make some budget cuts at the top. When Carol Grimmer is elected she will do what is right and best for our children and the taxpayers. Please take some time to visit her Web site. Learn more about Carol and her goals: www.carolgrimmer.com. It's time for a change. It's time for Carol Grimmer!

Susan Hatch
Northville

Supporting Grimmer

Last week there were letters of endorsement for the incumbent school board candidates which stressed fiscal responsibility. The lack of fiscal responsibility was why I could not endorse the bond last year. Was it fiscally responsible to ask all of the taxpayers in this district to take on the possible liability of a school built across from a garbage dump? Was it fiscally responsible to ask for so many "wants" and frills when the economy was already in a decided downturn? How much did marketing this bond initiative cost the taxpayers? Why is the NPS board still holding costly special elections in May when it could be moved to the general November elections for virtually nothing?

Under the direction of the current school board, the NPS equity fund is currently down from 4.9 percent to a little over 2 percent, but their goal is 11 percent. The state is now renegeing on its own fiscal responsibility to the schools, making money tighter than ever before, with no end in sight.

It's always easier to balance the budget when you are flush with cash; the test comes when times are tough. The taxpayers in this community have been very generous with NPS, but the gravy train has come to a screeching halt by necessity.

I think that we need someone representing us who will speak their mind and who will not be bound by the "old ways," someone who will think outside the box. Carol Grimmer has extensive experience with the schools at all grade levels, both as a parent and as an interested committee volunteer, has a business and health care background and has a commitment to true fiscal responsibility for both the taxpayers and the students. (If you are interested in learning more, you can go to www.carolgrimmer.com.) I appreciate the service of the incumbent candidates, but let's indeed vote for "common sense in changing times": Vote for Carol Grimmer.

Richard F. Ambrose
Northville

Grimmer's her choice

On May 8 the community will vote to elect two new candidates to the Northville Public Schools Board of Education. Carol Grimmer is one of the candidates on that ballot.

Carol Grimmer would be a great addition to the school board. She is a mother of children in elementary, middle, and high school. She has

been involved on several committees and is an active member of the PTA at all levels. She is a longtime Township resident, experiencing, along with many of us, the growing pains and changes in the district. Carol is an advocate for fiscal responsibility, proactive solutions and for preparing our students for the global market.

Carol would be a new voice with new ideas and new perspectives. She would bring knowledge and empathy to the board room. Carol Grimmer would be Your Representative on the Northville Public Schools Board of Education.

Laurie Williams
Northville

Vote for Smith and Price

I support Libby Smith and Marilyn Price for re-election to the Northville School Board.

A few years ago, I co-chaired a successful operating bond issue for the Northville School District. At that time, our district was one of the best in the state by any measure. It still is.

The Northville Schools remain strong despite the fact that the state government has consistently reduced its allocated funding for all public schools. In addition to the state budget reductions, the district electorate voted down increased funding for the schools in the most recent operating bond request. Throughout all of this, the school district's student population has continued to grow, although at a slower rate than originally projected. These challenges have forced some very difficult decisions to be made by the team that runs our schools - the school board.

In an environment where so much that we value in Michigan is at risk, our school district has continued to be one of the best in the state and to deliver value to everyone here in our community.

When I take a sober and fact-based look at the way that the current school board has performed and retained the value of our district in the face of budget restrictions, population growth and business uncertainty, it becomes clear to me that retaining the team that has driven this value is the best choice. I will vote for Libby Smith and Marilyn Price for Northville School Board on May 8.

Al Cotrone
Northville

Vote for Gebhardt

I am writing to ask your readers to retain Joan Gebhardt as a Schoolcraft College Trustee. There are three seats open on the May 8th ballot and five candidates running. Joan Gebhardt, an incumbent who was unanimously appointed to fill a vacancy in 2006, is running for one of those seats. Joan is a retired school teacher and administrator and has shown her strengths through her deeds as well as the strenuous interview process. She should be retained so she can continue to serve the people of the Schoolcraft College district. I strongly encourage all of you to join me in voting to retain Joan Gebhardt for Schoolcraft College Trustee on May 8.

Sally Fedus
Plymouth

Who is looking out for the township?

We need a voice that truly has a pulse on what we need. Carol Grimmer lives in Northville Township. She has children who attend the Northville elementary, middle and high schools. She has demonstrated dedication to her family, her community and her profession through her countless hours of putting the needs of others first.

We need representation from the township that will bring dedication, accountability and credibility to the School Board. Carol Grimmer has my vote. Don't you want your voice heard?

Rose O'Reilly
Northville Twp.

Re-elect Price and Smith

The Northville Public Schools continue to exemplify educational excellence. The hard work of award-winning teachers, dedicated staff and caring administrators, combined with the support of parents, community members and businesses, help Northville students attain academic and extracurricular achievements that we can all be proud of.

In these challenging times, it is important that Libby Smith and Marilyn Price be retained as members of the Northville Board of Education. Libby and Marilyn have worked hard to maintain the fiscal integrity of Northville Public Schools in the face of severe budget constraints imposed at the state level while maintaining significant educational opportunities for all Northville students. Libby and Marilyn have also been responsive to input from school district residents on many issues, including class size, environmental concerns and school boundaries.

We have benefited as a community from Libby's and Marilyn's service and leadership on the Board, and are most fortunate that they are willing to continue to serve for another term. Please join me in voting for Libby Smith and Marilyn Price on Tuesday, May 8.

Mike Poterala (past member and president, Northville Board of Education)
Northville

Supports Broderick

We are writing to express our support for Brian Broderick, a current Schoolcraft College Trustee who is running for re-election on May 8. Mr. Broderick has served the Schoolcraft College

community well during his two terms in office. Through his efforts, Schoolcraft has remained an affordable educational experience for many people in our community.

His commitment to students and fiscal judgment can only further assist our community in job development and ongoing economic strength.

Please remember to vote on Tuesday, May 8. Make your vote count by re-electing Brian Broderick, Schoolcraft College Trustee.

John and Soraya Larkin
Northville

Looking for friends

The negativity of the April 19 "Won't miss Northville" letter was an affront to the City of Northville in general and specifically the community of Connemara Hills. Ms. Burrows was in an obvious delusional state of mind, writing from emotion not facts.

The Connemara Hills Subdivision is a stable, well-maintained community populated by some of the most friendly, longtime residents living in the Northville area.

Thirty years ago the writers sold the property on which Ms. Burrows' parents built their home.

In the years that followed, by their choice, we rarely spoke; consequently, there never was initiated, by them, a cordial societal interaction of any kind.

As a result of the foregoing, we considered them to be anti-social in nature, and we respected them for that.

In all the years that we casually observed Ms. Burrows' father did we ever witness the man openly conduct himself or other members of his family in a friendly manner with any of their neighbors.

There have been many issues occurring over the foregoing time frame that we could show our contentiousness about; however, nothing is to be gained by exacerbating Ms. Burrows' article.

Also it is highly doubtful that Ms. Burrows could be intimately familiar with the interaction of her parents, her siblings and their neighbors. In this instance Ms. Burrows has obviously been misled by the attitude(s) of someone else.

By her own admission, she has never lived in the community, and while we do not know Ms. Burrows, it is very doubtful considering her state of residence that she visited her parents very often.

There is today and always has been a congenial, cohesive and helpful social relationship with all the neighbors in the immediate vicinity of her parents' former home.

The last paragraph of Ms. Burrows' letter was inappropriate pertaining to the attitudes of the principals of the City of Northville and particularly the Connemara Hills community.

In the writers' judgment, Ms. Burrows apparently lives an insular lifestyle with little knowledge of the cultural, religious, social attitudes or attributes of those she denigrates.

She should have made some effort to get to know the folks "On THIS NICE STREET in Northville" before she spoke.

Finally, we are very happy for Ms. Burrows', her siblings and her mother to finally have the chance to meet newer and friendlier people in an area other than Northville.

Lee and Phyllis Ordling
Northville

Time to move on

We were shocked to read the letter in last week's Northville Record titled "Won't miss Northville" and to discover that it was written about our parents and their neighbors.

We were in disbelief that anyone could describe our parents as "harassing," and while we are tempted to argue the facts stated in the letter, we will instead just say that there are, of course, two sides to every story. Our parents also taught us respect and went on to teach us that "if you want a friend, first be a friend." This advice may have been useful for their former neighbors.

We do agree, however, with the author that this quiet street in the Connemara Hills neighborhood can teach us a lot about world peace. While our parents have many friends in the neighborhood, the family next door was never among that group. Issues were discussed and resolved as they arose, however, and a peaceful coexistence was established with a focus on the common goal of maintaining the neighborhood and property values. If more people and countries could adopt this type of relationship, we are convinced that the world would be a better place.

To our parent's neighbor that moved, we would like to wish you all the best in the next phase of your life and to bid you peace.

Matthew Hinds
San Ramon, CA
Joanne (Hinds) Payne
Northville

Can a dog disappear?

Living in downtown Northville, I would never expect to come home and find my front door open and my best friend, my dog, gone. To my surprise everyone's reaction was "Is anything else missing?" I ask, "What else is important?" Take my car, my stereo or even my Jimmy Choo shoes, but not my dog. On April 17 I lost Snickers. She is a mixed breed of maybe Jack Russell, beagle and terrier. Who knows?

Three months ago, I opened my door and my heart to her. A family no longer wanted her. She is to be celebrating her first birthday this month. I have posted hundreds of pictures, notified police, churches, schools, shelters and pounded the pavement. Yet, she is still gone. Someone please explain to me how she can just disappear?

Carol Webster
Northville

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HOT TICKET: Plan to take a wild flower walk at Maybury State Park on May 4-5

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NORTHVILLE EVENTS

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

Golf Lessons
DATE: Tuesdays beginning May 1
TIME: TBD (late afternoon)
LOCATION: Salem Hills Golf Course
DETAILS: Six 1-hour small group lessons at beginner-intermediate level provided by PGA instructor. Learn the game, improve skills.
CONTACT: Nancy Murphy (248) 305-5460

Country Garden Club of Northville

DATE: May 1
TIME: noon
LOCATION: Cady Inn at Mill Race Village
DETAILS: Plant swap and planning for Garden Walk in July. Refreshments served. Guests welcome.
CONTACT: Sue Witek (248) 349-7783

Fund-raiser for Multiple Sclerosis

DATE: Sunday-Monday
LOCATION: Chicago Uno Grill, 20420 Haggerty Road
DETAILS: 20 percent of proceeds from orders will be donated to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society Longest Day of Golf Event. Make sure to tell them that you are there to benefit the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.
CONTACT: (734) 432-6091

Health Screenings at Meijer

LOCATION: 20401 Haggerty Road
DATE: Tuesday, May 1
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) 449-5733

The Muses: Twelve Artists Interpret the Figure

TIME/DATE: Opening Reception 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday May 4; continuing Thursdays 1-7 p.m., Fridays 4:30-8:30 p.m., Saturdays and Sundays 12:30-4:30 p.m. through May 20
LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
DETAILS: Artist's work focuses on beauty of human form through drawing and painting. Exhibit features Karen Berrie, Peggy Brewer, Marge Chelstorp, Daria Fileta, Linda Logan, Barbara Ego Murphy, Kathleen Montgomery, Dominique Moroz, Anne Plutshack, Linda Sterns, Gail Salinsky, Mary Step.

Household Hazardous Waste Day

DATE: Saturday, May 5
TIME: 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.
LOCATION: Ford Field, 14281 Farmington Road, Livonia

BeckRidge Chorale Sing for the Cure

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday, May 5; 3 p.m. Sunday, May 6
LOCATION: Northville High School
DETAILS: Proceeds from this concert will go to the Barbara Karmanos Cancer Institute. Sing for the Cure is a musical interpretation of the journey through the diagnosis and treatment of breast

cancer. Each song is set to the music of composers who have been touched by breast cancer in some way. Tickets are \$25 and \$30.
CONTACT: (866) 924-4276 or www.Plycommunitychorus.org

Northville Garden Club

DATE: Monday, May 14
TIME: noon
LOCATION: Cady Inn
DETAILS: Annual Plant Auction
CONTACT: Julie Mantay (248) 349-1602

Northville Democratic Club Town Hall Meeting

DATE: Thursday May 17
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Hillside Middle School Forum
DETAILS: Guest speaker Dr. Henry Pollack from U of M will speak on "Meeting the Global Warming Challenge." Open to the community. Free admission.
CONTACT: (248) 465-1995

Book Club Meeting

DATE: Friday, May 18
TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Starbucks, 302 East Main St., Northville
DETAILS: "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest," Ken Kesey
CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

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 through April 28; 2:30 p.m. Sundays through April 29; 2:30 p.m. Monday-Friday April 9-13
DETAILS: Tickets are \$8 each. No children under 3 years of age.
Summer Theatre Camp Registration

DETAILS: Registration for two-week Day Camp or Ducky Camp sessions is now being accepted. Contact the theatre or go to the Web site for more information on session dates, times, and tuition.

Wayne County Veterans Service and Appreciation Day

TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
DATE: Saturday, May 19
LOCATION: Northville Recreation Area, Hines Park Shelter area (south of Seven Mile Road, between Hines Drive and Northville Road)
DETAILS: There will be health screenings; representatives from Social Security, IRS, Veterans Service officers; refreshments and more; bring valid Michigan identification, DD214 and proof of income to begin on-site veteran benefit process.
CONTACT: (313) 213-5026

Daughters of the American Revolution-Northville/Plymouth

DATE: May 21
TIME: 6-8:45 p.m.
LOCATION: Plymouth District Library
DETAILS: Genealogical Research
CONTACT: (734) 459-4764

Downtown Development Authority Meeting

DATE: Tuesday, May 22
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: City Council Chambers, 215 W. Main St.
CONTACT: downtown-northville.com

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com
New Children's Theater Show
TIME/DATE: 11:30 Saturday, April 28

DETAILS: Meal features soup, garlic bread, pasta, salad, chicken, lemonade and brownies. Show is "Commander Panic." Tickets are \$14.95 for children and \$16.95 for adults.
Dinner Theater - "In Stitches"
TIME/DATES: 6:30 p.m. Saturdays, April 21-June 30; 7 p.m. various Friday dates, please inquire or go to Web site.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person.
Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin Tribute from Las Vegas
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, May 11; 4 p.m. Sunday, May 13
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person for the Friday show and \$35 per person for the Sunday show.
Neil Diamond Tribute
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, June 8
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person.
The Bette Midler Tribute From Las Vegas
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, July 6; 4 p.m. Sunday, July 8
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person for the Friday show and \$35 per person for the Sunday show.

CHURCH EVENTS

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.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0911

Sunday Worship
TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Women's Retreat
TIME: 3-8:30 p.m.
DATE: Saturday, May 5
DETAILS: "Embracing our Daily Blessings," includes continental breakfast and catered lunch.
Single Place Ministries
CONTACT: www.singleplace.org
May 3: "Spring Cleaning for the Soul," with Maria LaCombe; Cards and Games 8 p.m.
May 10: "Understanding and Improving Credit Scores," with Beth Troost; Cards and Games 8 p.m.
May 17: "Online Dating: What You Need to Know," with Tara Kachaturoff; Cards and Games 8 p.m.
May 24: "Health and Wellness," with Patrick J. Offman, PhD; "The Power that Made the Body Heals the Body," with Dr. Patricia L. Chelnyak, DC; "Looking at Foods," with Dr. Patrick J. Offman, PhD.
May 31: "Picnic & Light & Lively Concert," featuring Ronnie "J." Requesting donation of \$10 for picnic and concert; \$5 for concert.
Divorce Recovery Workshop II
DATE: May 17-June 14
TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
DETAILS: The cost for the workshop is \$45. Child care is available for toddlers through sixth grade. Register for child care at least two weeks before workshop starts. Registration for workshop required.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0911
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

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City of Northville 2006 Consumers Annual Report on Water Quality

What is the purpose of this report?

Northville Public Works Department wants you to know that your tap water is safe to drink and that it meets or surpasses all 2006 Federal and State monitoring and reporting standards for quality and safety.

The City of Northville's source water comes from the Detroit River, situated within Lake St. Clair, Clinton River, Detroit River, Rouge River, Ecorse River in the U.S., and parts of Thames River, Little River, Turkey Creek and Sycamore watersheds in Canada. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, in partnership with the U.S. Geological Survey, the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department, and the Michigan Public Health Institute, performed a source water assessment to determine the susceptibility of potential contamination. The susceptibility rating is on a seven-tiered scale from very low to high based primarily on geologic sensitivity, water chemistry, and contaminant sources. The susceptibility of our Detroit River source water intakes were determined to be highly susceptible to potential contamination. However, all four Detroit water treatment plants that use source water from Detroit River have historically provided satisfactory treatment of this source water to meet drinking water standards.

For more about this report, please visit the Detroit Water and Sewerage Department's website at www.dwsd.org or contact Mary Lynn Semegen at (313) 935-7106, or at semegen@dwsd.org

Who is responsible for safe drinking water?

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of specific contaminants in water provided by public water systems. In turn, the City annually tests the water to ensure the regulations are being met. Additionally, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which provide the same protection for public health.

What do you mean by "contaminants"?

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides** which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and residential uses
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems
- **Radionuclide contaminants**, which are naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities

"Northville's tap water meets or surpasses all 2006 Federal and State standards for quality and safety."

NORTHEAST AND SPRINGWELLS WATER TREATMENT PLANTS

2006 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation Yes/No	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	3/15/06	ppm	4	4	0.954	NA	NO	Erosion of natural deposits, water additive which provides strong water disinfection and aluminum sulfate
Nitrate	1/15/06	ppm	10	10	0.172	NA	NO	Runoff from agricultural and urban areas, septic systems, and animal waste
Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products - Monitoring in Distribution System								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb-Nov 2006	ppb	NA	80	22.0	8.9-42.7	NO	By product of drinking water chlorination
Halooacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb-Nov 2006	ppb	NA	60	13.9	5.1-24.5	NO	By product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfection Chlorine	Jan-Dec 2006	ppm	MFDCL 4	MFDCL 4	0.70	0.47-0.80	NO	Water additive which provides disinfection
High in Single Measurement - 2006 Turbidity - Monitored Every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap								
High in Single Measurement Cannot Exceed 1 NTU							NO	Soil Runoff
Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.								

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	High in Number Detected	Violation Yes/No	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	In one month	NO	Naturally present in the environment
E. coli or Fecal Coliform Bacteria	0	Any detectable fecal coliform bacteria and one if any fecal coliform bacteria	0	NO	Human waste and animal fecal matter

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	NA	NA	4.32	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal (requirements) to the TOC that remained each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.

Symbol	Abbreviation	Definition / Explanation
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLG as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
MCLDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level - Lead and Copper	The level of disinfectant which must be maintained in drinking water to ensure disinfection. MCLDLs do not affect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MCLDL	Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
ppb	Parts per billion (one in a billion)	The job is equivalent to one drop in a 100 million gallons.
ppm	Parts per million (one in a million)	The job is equivalent to one drop in a 100,000 gallons.
MU	Maximum Allowable Units	measures the cleanliness of water
TT	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
NA	Not Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
HAAS	Halooacetic Acids	HAAS is the total of bromoacetic, chloroacetic, fluoroacetic, and trichloroacetic acids. Contaminant is listed in this table.
TTHM	Total Trihalomethanes	Total trihalomethanes is the sum of chloroform, bromoform, dibromoform and bromochloroform and bromoform.
SD	Not specified	Guidance is based on the total.
>	Greater than	

Is the water tested for lead?

Infants and children are typically more vulnerable to lead in drinking water than the general population. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning disabilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

With the cooperation of several Northville residents, the Northville Public Works Department has been collecting samples from homes with plumbing systems that may contribute lead to the household water supply. The results of this testing show that lead levels are below action level. However, it is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than at other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home's plumbing. If you are concerned about elevated lead levels in your home's water, you may wish to have your water tested. Other steps to take include:

- Anytime your water has not been used for more than six hours, run your water for 30 seconds to two minutes
- Always use cold water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula.
- Use faucets and plumbing material that are either lead free or will not leach unsafe levels of lead into your water.

Additional information is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791

City of Northville Lead and Copper Testing

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation Yes/No	Major Source in Drinking Water
Lead	2005	ppb	0	15	0 ppb	1	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits
Copper	2005	ppm	1.3	1.3	270 ppb	0	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing systems, erosion of natural deposits, leaching from wood preservatives

*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the A, additional requirements must be met.

Should I be concerned about drinking the City's water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. However, some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than is the general population. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

The Northville Department of Public Works will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies of this report are available at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. This report is not mailed to the residents.
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DETAILS: This is a walking/social group. Everyone is invited.

elmoTHUMM Concert

DATE: Sunday
TIME: 7 p.m.

DETAILS: Midwest's reigning Harmony Sweepstakes' Champions perform rock and contemporary classics. Tickets \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors; \$5 for students; free for children under 11. Contact church for tickets.

First Baptist Church of Northville

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing
CONTACT: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 11a.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

"Answers in Genesis" Conference

TIME/DATE: 9:30 and 11 a.m., 6 and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, April 15; 7 p.m. Monday, April 16; 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17

DETAILS: Carl Kerby will help you discover how to defend Biblical truth, answer some of the most asked questions about the Bible and help to build a

Biblical world view. This event is open to the public and free of charge.

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene

LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road

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.

Meadowbrook Congregational

LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road

CONTACT: Rev. Ed Willingham, Interim Minister, (248) 348-7757, or visit www.mbccc.org or gmccc@arounddetroit.biz
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.

Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church

LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 374-7400

Movie Night
Friday: 7 p.m., Knox Hall
Getaway to Toronto
Friday-Sunday
Laugh Out Loud
May 4: 7 p.m., Knox Hall

Woman to Woman Ministry

May 5: 9 a.m.-noon, C309 Lifeworks

May 11: 7 p.m., Knox Hall

Motherless Daughters Seminar

DATE: Thursdays through May 10

TIME: 7-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Room A101

DETAILS: We support, encourage, discuss and evaluate feelings associated with the loss of a mother. Through healing, find strength and joy ahead.

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.

CONTACT: Keli Plansinis, atplayintennis@comcast.net or Women's Ministries (248) 374-5978

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.



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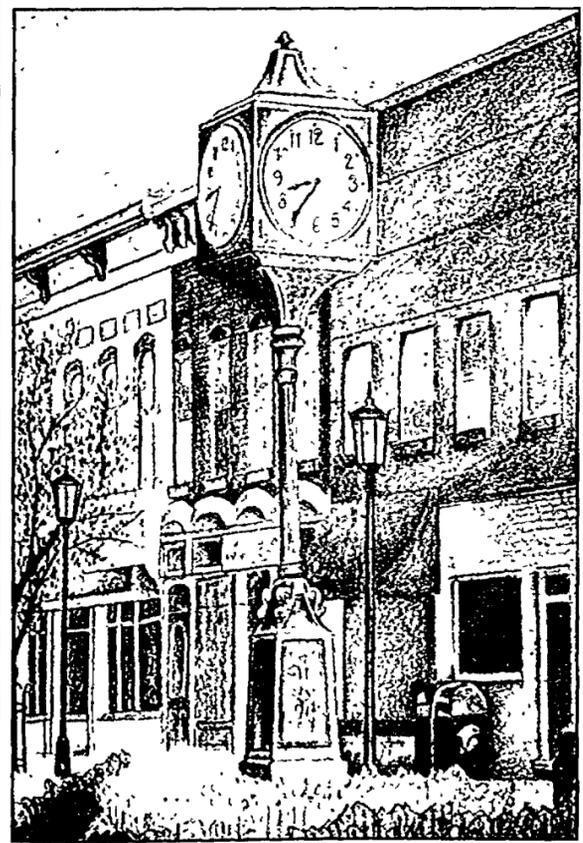


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It's Always Something: Relay for Life fund-raisers all around town

Check out the scene at Ford Field this weekend ... Northville's Boy Scout Troop 755 will be camping out as part of the celebration of their 60th anniversary. All day Saturday, the public is welcome to visit stations to learn about scouting. Then at dusk, the scouts and their leaders will respectfully dispose of retired American flags in a solemn ceremony. Solid lessons ...



Submitted photo

Style Utopia!

Hip to the latest fashion trends, Patrick McGiver demonstrates new spring and summer color techniques during a Sunday visit to Utopia Salon and Spa on Main Street. New York stylist to models gracing the covers of Vogue, Elle, Allure and W, McGiver uses Redken products featured by Utopia, a flagship salon for the hair-care product line.

Attention mothers of young children ... the Moms Offering Moms Support group is hosting their Baby, Kid and Me Resale event 9 a.m.-3 p.m. tomorrow and 9 a.m.-noon on Saturday. The super-organized fund-raiser, where shoppers can find oodles of gently used children's clothing, toys and equipment and maternity wear, is at First United Methodist Church where Taft meets Eight Mile Road. Stock up while raising money for a good cause!

Speaking of raising money for Northville Civic Concern ... Load up your cart at Busch's Market at Five Mile and Sheldon roads this weekend. The grocery store, in cooperation with the Northville Chamber of Commerce, is wrapping up its first ever "Northville Drive for the Needy" at the end of the month.

Also on the fund-raising front ... listen for the sound of breaking wood next Monday. Greg Martin, head instructor of PKSA Karate, is leading a "Break-A-Thon" to benefit needy Northville families from 5-7 p.m. at Hillside Recreation Center. Students who collected pledges will be breaking wood. The event is scheduled outside with a rain location inside the Crow's Nest. Questions? Call Martin at (734) 223-9173.

Word is more than 30 people turned out to turn on the lights in Bandshell Park last Thursday. Professional consultants and volunteers who comprise the strategic plan design committee described plans for the town square expansion, including experimenting with lighting options. More details coming in future issues of the Northville Record ...

On the heels of recent accolades by the Government Finance Officers Association for her budget preparation skills ... the City Council was again singing the praises of finance director Nickie Bateson and her staff. On Monday night, they wound up their third special session of reviewing the 2007-08 spending plan by commending Bateson for a job well done. Who said accounting wasn't glamorous ...

Been spring cleaning? There's an effort afoot to collect vintage clothing for third graders to borrow for their annual Victorian Festival field trip to Mill Race Historical Village. Especially for parents new to Northville, collecting the garb can be a bit overwhelming. The lending closet will be set up in the Northville Youth Assistance office at Hillside Middle a couple of weeks before the festival, but items can be dropped off on the porch at 317 W. Dunlap St. Needed items include: dresses, hats, aprons, knickers, shirts, vests, caps, knee socks, ties and other Victorian accessories. Questions? Call Joan Wadsworth at (248) 348-5881.

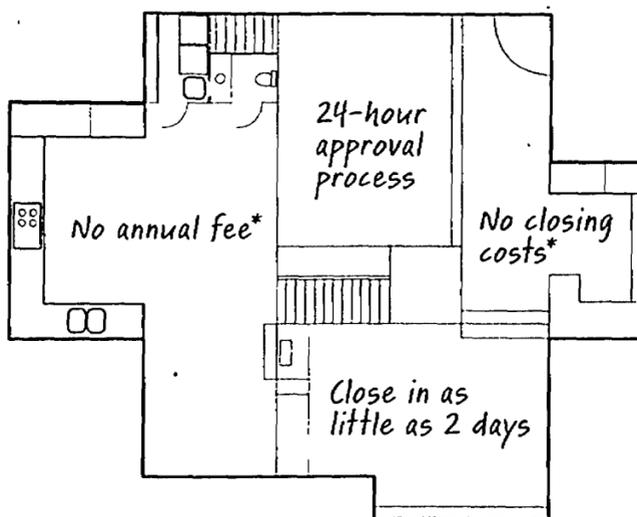
Remember the Assenmacher family that called Northville home from 1969-1999? From her former home of The Old House on the Fish Hatchery Park, Kathy (Assenmacher) Kvalvaag moved with her husband to Norway, then returned to the states to the quaint lakeside

town of Ludington, where her parents had retired. Now owners of the historic bed and breakfast, the Ludington Inn, Kvalvaag is inviting former neighbors to check out their Web site, www.inn-ludington.com, and come stay for a while ...

And just around the corner ... thousands of volunteers united in the pursuit of a cancer cure and increased awareness will bring Relay for Life to town May 19-20 ... Work continues behind the scenes for the America Cancer Society's signature 24-hour fund-raising event to be held at Ford Field.

Speaking of the 57-Relay for Life teams revving up their fund-raising ... the Steeplechase Book Jockeys and Friends will be selling luminaria bags from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday at Hiller's Market. The same group, along with Fighting Dreamers team, will be hosting a car wash and used book sale at the Steeplechase Clubhouse from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May 5, with a rain date of May 12.

And another source for luminaria bags ... the same Boy Scouts in Troop 755 celebrating their anniversary this weekend are part of a fund-raising team participating in the May 19-20 Relay for Life. From 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at Ford Field, Saturday, the scouts also will be selling the memorials for ceremonial lighting during the relay event. Check it out!



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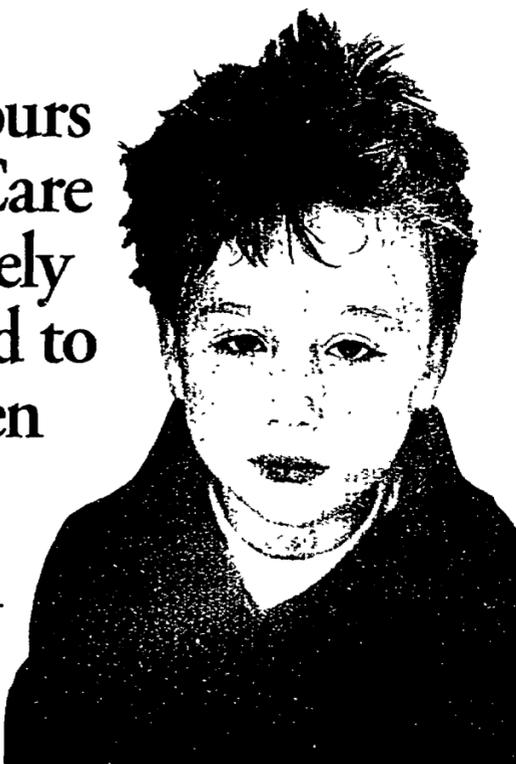
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KICKING UP THE CHARTS

Northville's Toney ranks 2nd on all-time scoring list

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville All-American soccer player Danielle Toney said she has no idea how many goals she has scored this year.

After Saturday's game, Toney has tallied five goals this year and now sits just four behind three-year teammate Lauren Hill for the Mustang school record for goals.

Hill is the all-time leading scorer in Northville history with 61 assists and 81 goals for 142 points. Toney started the year with 72 goals and 100 total points.

Northville head coach Ron Meteyer said both players have similar skills, but Toney is starting to do the same things Hill did during her senior year before moving onto Michigan State.

"Lauren was much more of a chatterbox out there," Meteyer said. "She's constantly calling for the ball and telling people what to do."

"Lauren was always the comeback person, and I think Danny now realizes that there is nobody that is going to do that as well as what she can."

Becoming the all-time scorer for Northville is something that would forever remind her of all the hard work that went into becoming the player she is.

"It would mean a lot," Toney said. "It would help me know that all the work that I do for soccer is leading up to something."

But replacing Hill on the scoring list won't replace the memories of her teammate.

"Playing with Lauren was awesome," Toney said. "We clicked and we understood each other in a way that both of us played. We just knew where each other was going most of the time."

With Hill gone, the bull's-eye on Toney gets even bigger. Teams have tried several different defenses already, but none of them changes the way she approaches the game.

"I'm used to it. I just have to deal with it," Toney said. "I don't really pay attention (to the defense). I just try to play."

"I definitely have to step up more, because (Hill is) not there to do what she did. I just have to step up and be more of a leader."

Speed is Toney's biggest weapon. Meteyer said she has the legs of a sprinter, but admits he is more than happy that she went out for the soccer team.

"Her speed is the overwhelming thing," Meteyer said. "Every player, even the best of players, they only have a few really good moves. She's got a couple of good moves ... and then she turns on the heat, and then she can outprint just about anybody."

Leadership

Toney admits to being shy and quiet around those she

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Senior Danielle Toney sits just four goals back from being Northville's all-time leading goal scorer.

Top Mustang goal scorers before 2007 season

1. Lauren Hill	81	(04-06)
2. Danielle Toney	72	(04-06)
3. Larisa Fill	61	(91-02)
4. Lindsay Dunmead	52	(99-02)
5. Jen Kritch	37	(03-05)
6. Vanessa Bailey	22	(04-06)
7. Nicole Cauzillo	21	(02-03)
8. Lindsay Miglio	19	(02-03)
9. Lindsey Blair	17	(04-06)
9. Theresa Markovich	17	(06)

Saturday showcased rivalry



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Dominic Benavides sends the ball to first after fielding a ground ball.

Northville battled Novi in softball, soccer and baseball

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Even Mother Nature wanted to watch Saturday's ultimate Baseline Battle boxing card Saturday. She offered near-perfect temperatures and a cloudless day to enjoy five Novi-Northville matchups.

Novi and Northville faced off in baseball and softball with double-headers for each starting at 10 a.m.

The featured bout took place at noon with the two state soccer finalists from last year squaring off.

All three games were held at the home of the Mustangs, which made seeing at least parts of all three sports very accommodating.

Northville softball earned the first win of the day, ending just after 11 a.m. with a 2-1 victory.

The Mustang baseball team followed suit about a half-hour later with a 13-3, five-inning victory for the next win of the day.

Softball started to get underway for the second game of the doubleheader as the two heavyweight soccer teams took the field for battle.

The Wildcat soccer team insisted it was just another game on the schedule, but everyone in the packed stands knew this was a big

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Photo by Michael Shuster

Jenna Dumbleton races to pick up a bunt before throwing it to first base.

Mustang softball off to perfect start

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD WRITER

Northville softball stays undefeated with five wins in the past week, including two over rival Novi.

The Mustangs (8-0, 4-0) started the week with a 2-1 win against league foe Walked Lake Central.

Friday's win was the comeback of the year for the Mustangs. Plymouth led 6-0 after six innings of play, before the Mustangs rallied for seven runs to escape with the win.

Saturday's home games featured 2-1 and 10-0 wins against Novi.

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Mustangs peel off five straight victories

Northville tops Novi in doubleheader

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville baseball recovered from a pair of losses to string five wins in a row.

Saline dropped the Mustangs 8-3 and 3-1 in a doubleheader April 17.

After that, it was all wins. Northville topped Walled Lake Central 7-4 April 18, Plymouth 8-7 in eight innings Friday, Novi 13-3 (five innings) and 7-5 Saturday and Franklin 6-5 Monday.

Against Saline, defense let the Mustangs (8-4, 2-0 division) down in the first game. Northville led 3-1 in the fifth before errors cost the 'Stangs an 8-3 loss. Saline pitching led the way in the second game with a 3-1 win. Northville had just six hits in the two games.

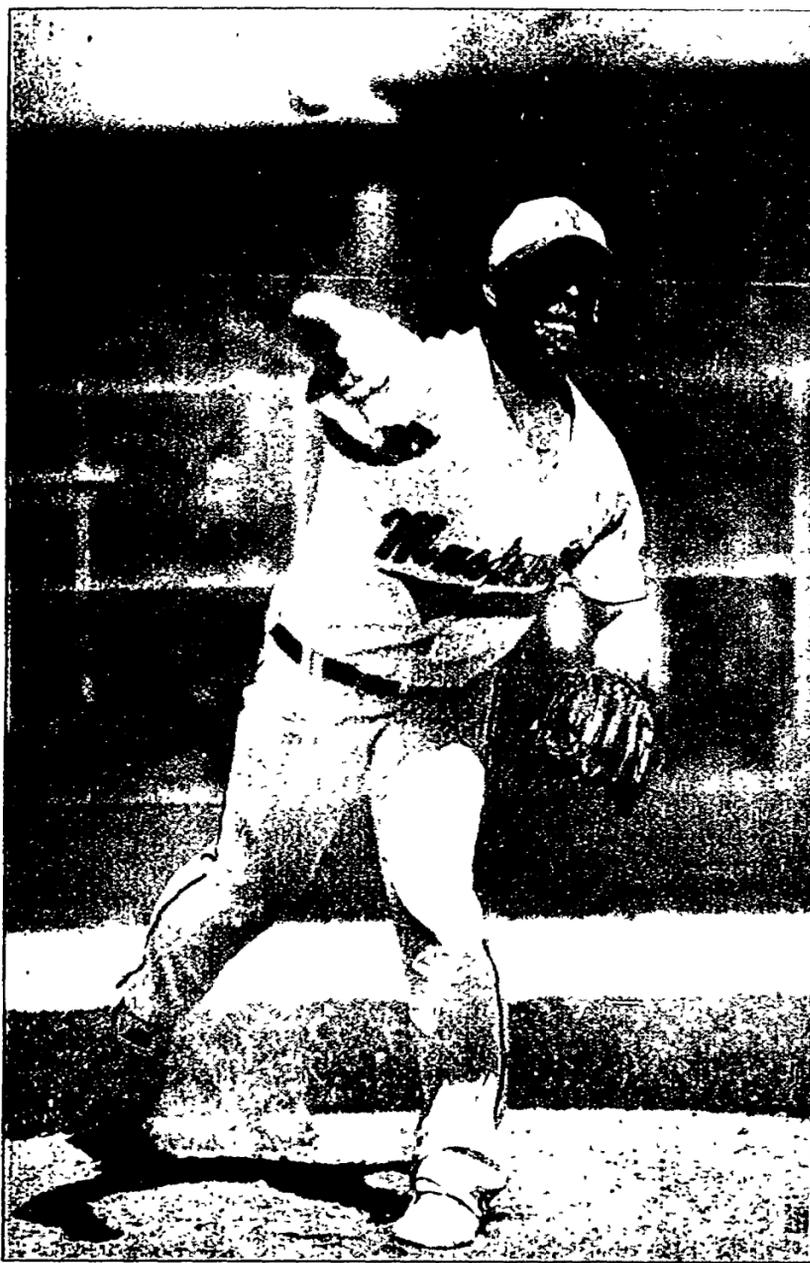
Against Central, Damarii Saunderson threw the first four innings, allowing one earned run for his first win. Nick Balow threw the final three innings for the save. Joey Mitchell hit a solo homer, and the Mustang pounded out nine hits in the 7-4 win.

Against Plymouth, Gerard Powell saved the day with a solo home run in the eighth inning for an 8-7 win. Bret Spencer threw seven innings, allowing five hits and one earned run to pick up the win. Bryce Jenney threw the final inning for the save, striking out the final batter with runners on second and third.

Against Novi, the Mustang bats came alive in a 13-3 whipping. Balow got the win, throwing five innings, allowing nine hits, two walks and one earned run for the win.

In the second game, Saunderson, Mike Deluca and Kevin Uetz combined on a two-hitter, with Deluca getting the win. Deluca was also 2-for-3 at the plate with three runs batted in. Uetz earned the save.

Against Franklin, Jenney earned the win, and Spencer picked up the save. Deluca knocked in the winning run with a double. Dominic Benavides hit a bases clearing double.



Northville pitcher Mike Deluca delivers a pitch Saturday against Novi.

Photo by Mike Shuster

"Offensively we have really picked it up of late," Northville head coach John Kostrzewa said. "We are getting a lot of contributions from a lot of different play-

ers. Our pitching has been very solid. "Coming back from a spring break layoff and going 6-2, I couldn't be more pleased."

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SOFTBALL: Mustangs rolling

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Northville 2, Central 1

Jenna Dumbleton controlled Central from the mound. She struck out nine and allowed just one earned run during the win.

Central scored in the first inning but were held off the scoreboard the rest of the way.

Kelsey Lewis knocked in pinch runner Alyse Moore to tie the game in the second inning.

Sarah Rounsifer started the sixth inning with a double, and Moore came in as the courtesy runner for her. Moore advanced to third on a bounce out and scored on a Brittany Birdsall single for the final run of the game.

"This was a great game to be a part of. Both teams played very well," Northville head coach Teryn Chrzanowski said. "It truly was a pitcher's dual. It was an important win for us against a tough opponent."

Northville 7, Plymouth 6

Northville's offense was non-existent until the final inning. Plymouth appeared as though it had the game in the bag before the Mustang offense woke up.

The rally started with an Emma Wise single. Rounsifer walked and Birdsall singled to load the bases.

Allison Holmes hit a fielder's choice to third, but all were safe when the ball was bobbled and Wise was safe at the plate.

Elise Fleishaker singled home a run, and Kelsey Whelan walked to score another, cutting the lead to 6-3.

Plymouth switched pitchers, but Kirstyn Wildey drew a walk to score another. Kelsey Lewis hit a fly that was misplayed, scoring a run and cutting the lead to 6-5.

With runners on second and third, Dumbleton smacked a double to rightcenter, scoring the tying and winning runs.

"This was an amazing comeback," Chrzanowski said. "The girls never gave up. They knew

they had it in them to fight back. We were struggling at the plate early, but in the seventh, the girls were much more patient."

Northville 2/10, Novi 1/0

The Mustangs pulled off a sweep of rival Novi on Saturday.

Novi got on the board first with an unearned run in the first, but that would be it for the Wildcats the rest of the way.

Northville countered with a run in the fourth and fifth inning for the win.

Rounsifer was safe at second on a misplayed hit to center. Whelan later scored her with a sacrifice fly.

In the fifth, Fleishaker was safe on a misplayed infield hit and moved to second on a sacrifice bunt. Wise doubled her home for the winning run.

Holmes went the distance, striking out six, walking one and allowing just two hits.

In game two, the Mustangs scored runs in each of the first four innings to earn the 10-0 mercy-rule win.

Wise led the offense with three hits, including a pair of doubles. Whelan and Lewis each provided two hits.

Dumbleton allowed just four hits and one walk with four strikeouts to pick up the win.

Northville 9, Franklin 0

The Mustangs continued to ride good pitching and hot bats with a 9-0 win at Franklin on Monday.

Dumbleton went the distance for the win, allowing two hits, a walk and a hit batsman, while striking out 11.

Whelan (2 RBI, 2 runs), Fleishaker (2 RBI) and Lewis all contributed two hits.

Northville went up 3-0 in the first inning and piled on six more in the fourth to take control.

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TONY: Senior five goals shy for all-time record



Danielle Toney dribbles the ball before a practice.

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doesn't know that well. But she is obviously comfortable with her teammates along with being on the main scorers for the 5-0-1 Mustangs. Being a senior has also made her more of a leader.

"It's different because all of the girls look up to you so much more," Toney said. "If anything needs to be done, they look to you to do it."

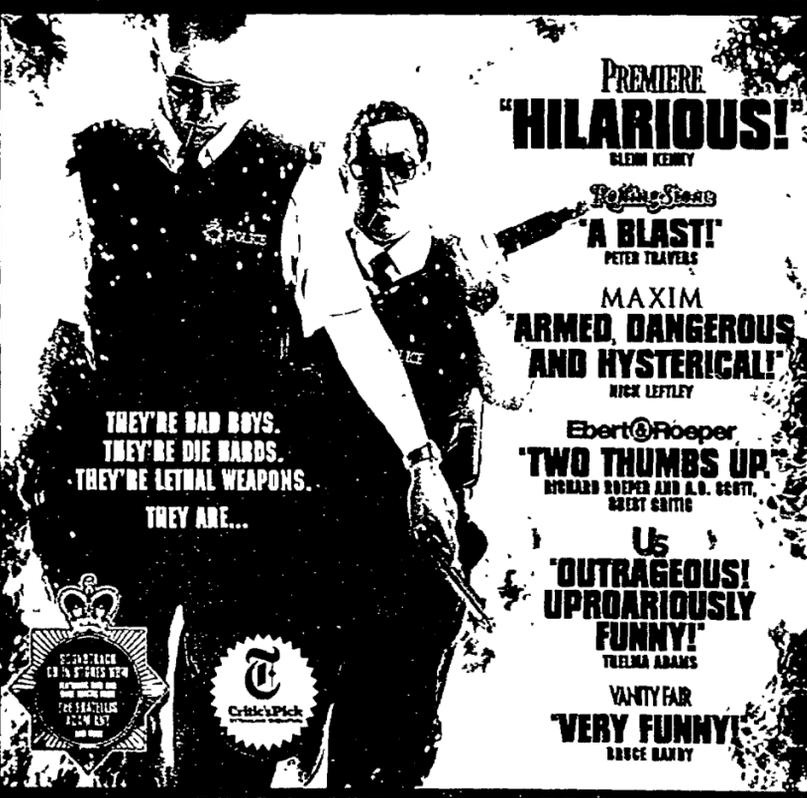
"I just try to talk to the girls ... and they know they can come to me if they need anything."

Like any athlete on any team, Toney hopes the Mustangs can go all the way to the state finals, but win or lose, she wants to see maximum effort.

"I just want us to the best that we can," she said. "If we don't make it there, I just want us to at least play as hard as we possibly can."

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Mustang track records continue to fall

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville girls track team continues to run wild, beating Walled Lake Western 111-26 April 19 and finished second in a 15-team meet at the Groves Invite on Saturday.

Against Western, Lindsay Hagan and O'Malley King both earned sweeps in distance and hurdle events, respectively.

Hagan won the 1,600 meters in 5:28 and the 3,200 meters in 12:59. King won the 100 hurdles in 16.1 and the 300 hurdles in 51.5.

Hagan was also part of the winning 3,200 relay with Emily Puskorius, Jenny Murphy and Mary Sprader (10:25). The Mustangs also won the 1,600 relay (4:24), the 800 relay (1:52) and the 400 relay (52.3). King also took part in the 400 relay.

Northville swept the 200 meters, with Julie Foucher just beating Kriechelt 27.8 to 27.9. The Mustangs also swept the 400 meters (Daniela Drury 1:04) and the 300 hurdles (King followed by Jackie Konopka 51.8).

Leslie Tilson won the 800 meters in 2:42, just beating Puskorius at 2:43.

Kriechelt won the 100 dash in 13.2.

In the field, Amy Reynolds and Julie Foucher went 1-2 in the pole vault, setting a new school record in clearing 10-1. Brianna Jenkins won the high jump, and Konopka's leap of 15-5 won the long jump. Anita Foss won the discus with a throw of 89-0.

"The girls really stepped up and worked as a team," Northville head coach Nancy Smith said.

At the Groves Invite, the long



The Northville track team celebrates after beating Canton on April 3.

Photo submitted by Mike Kolbow

jump team of Laura Keys, Paige Stuart and Konopka finished first.

The 3,200 relay team finished second with a season-best time of 9:54.9.

King finished second in the 100 hurdles (season-best 15.7) and fourth in the 300 hurdles (50.4).

Hagan reset her own school record in winning the 1,600 meters in 5:13.4, beating the 5:13.6 she had previously run.

The 400 relay team of King, Foucher, Stuart and Kriechelt placed second in 51.6, and the 800 relay team of Foucher, Konopka, Stuart and Kriechelt placed third (1:50.8). The shuttle hurdle team of King, Carrie Pichan, Shelby Johnson and Kinka Kochhar were second (1:10).

The sprint medley team of Stuart, Foucher, Kriechelt and Drury placed second in 3:01, and the co-ed relay team of Drury,

Habib Kahn, Mary Sprader and Nick Kolbow placed first in 5:47.

"The girls had a great day and had some amazing performances," Smith said. "Paige Stuart and Mary Sprader had great performances today and really challenged themselves. O'Malley King is having a great season and is improving weekly in the hurdles and has been a key asset in the 400 Relay.

"Jackie Konopka, our only freshman performer (Saturday), has a bright future in track and field and shows tremendous growth from meet to meet."

Boys track

Northville boys track knocked off Walled Lake Western 86-51 April 19 and competed at Birmingham Groves on Saturday. At Groves, Andrew Gorley won

the discus and the shot with throws of 145-8 and 45-11, respectively.

The 4x800 team of Nick Kolbow, Jack Dalton, Habib Khan and Jasen Turnbull won in 8:07, just 1.2 seconds behind the school record.

The discus team of Andrew Gorley, Anthony Petrucci and Kyle Mlinek won.

Second-place finishes came in the shuttle hurdle, the high jump and shot put relay.

Cavan Corcoran was second in the 300 hurdles, and teammate Even Gerish was next.

Against Western, Northville turned in several top performances. Mike Yassay continues to reset his own school record in the pole vault. He cleared 14-7 to reset his own school record. Yassay also went to a relay Friday in Mansfield, Ohio, and cleared 14-6 to claim second place.

Gorley won the shot (45-11) and the discus (148-8). Corcoran also claimed a pair of first-place finishes in the hurdles, winning the 110 in 15.81 and the 300 in 42.36. Turnbull won the 1,600 meters in 4:33 and the 800 meters in 2:01.94.

Ali Arastu competed in the long jump for his first time and won with a leap of 19-2. Eric Franceschi won the high jump (5-10). Kolbow won the 400 meters in 52.81.

Woodlands.

Highlights include Irsten Friesen shooting a 43 against Central, Friesen and Alicia Weber both shooting 42s against Churchill. Teammate Susan Snyder also shot a 44.

Friesen was the low Mustang with an 83 at the Grosse Ile tournament. Weber and Susan Snyder shot 85s.

Weber was medalist against John Glenn with a 39.

Golf

The Northville girls golf team started the season with a hectic schedule. The Mustangs competed in three events in four days.

Northville beat Walled Lake Central 194-220 April 16 at Edgewood Country Club, thumped Churchill 179-203 Friday at Tanglewood, finished 10th of 24 teams at the Grosse Ile tournament at Riverview Highlands on Saturday and beat John Glenn 187-218 Monday at

Tennis

The Northville tennis team (2-2, 2-0 WLAA) completed an 8-0 sweep against John Glenn on April 18.

Leading the charge in order of singles were Tim Wasielewski, Ben Ackerman, Andy Mills and Steve Irvine.

Winning in doubles play were Peter Curran and Chase Dehne, Brian Lovell and David Connert, Mike Hagan and Travis Dehne and Jason Raymond and Graham McHenry.

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SATURDAY: Baseline rivalries

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game for both teams. The defenses dominated the first half, with the teams going into the intermission tied at zero.

Novi's Emily Esbrook broke the tie just a couple of minutes into the second half with a goal from the top of the penalty box, and the Wildcat offense kept pouring it on.

Stephanie Janssens gave herself a birthday present with the second goal, nine minutes later.

Stephanie Crawford capped the scoring with a header goal off a corner kick with 4:40 left to play.

Novi keeps its incredible streak of three unbeaten sea-

sons in tact with a 3-0 win, cementing its place as one of the top teams in the state.

But that would be the only win of the day for the Wildcats.

Mustang softball took advantage of Novi emptying its bench in game 2 and finished with a 10-0 win.

Mustang baseball also earned the two-game sweep with a 7-5 victory.

In all, it was a great day for two rival schools to offer its fans the opportunity to enjoy a wonderful day of competition in one place.

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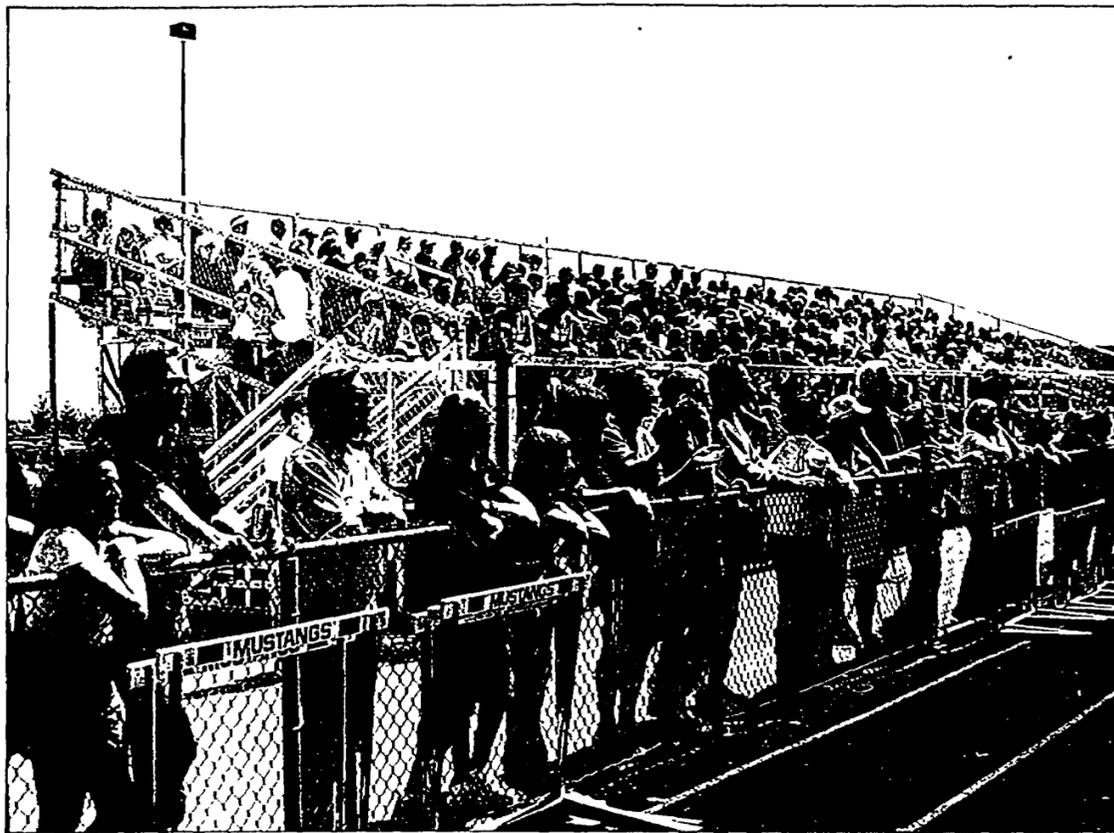
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Northville's Brianna Jenkins throws a ball in.

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Northville junior Annie Tasse tries to play a ball by a Novi player.

Mustangs top Franklin 2-0, lose to Baseline rival Wildcats

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville hosted a soccer rematch with last year's state champion and rival Novi on Saturday.

The Wildcats (7-0-1) played rude guests and walked away with a 3-0 victory, with all three goals coming in the second half.

The defenses dominated the first half, with both offenses stymied and left with few quality chances.

Things changed quickly in the second half as Novi's Emily Esbrook scored two minutes in.

Northville (4-1-1, 2-0) goalkeeper Liz Watza punched a free kick that went to the top of the penalty box. Esbrook got the ball in traffic, created a small window of space and fired a shot into the left side of the net.

The goal swung the momentum wildly in favor of the Wildcats.

Wildcat forward Stephanie Janssens outran a defender for a loose ball and chipped it past

Watza for a 2-0 lead with 28:56 left to play.

Stephanie Crawford scored the final goal with 4:40 to play. She scored off a header from a corner kick after Watza attempted to knock a shot over the goal, but the ball hit off the crossbar and went right to a waiting Crawford.

Northville 2, Franklin 0

Earlier in the week, Northville dispatched Livonia Franklin 2-0.

The Patriots tried to keep the game close by throwing most of their players into the defense.

Sarah Stern started the scoring in the 28th minute, and Kristen Slack started a rush from the defensive end to score the final goal in the waning minutes the second half.

The Mustangs outshot the Patriots 19-0 as Liz Watza picked up another shutout.

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Northville freshman Kelsey Fiscus heads the ball away as teammate Kelsey Baskins looks on.



Northville sophomore Christine Colleran heads the ball.



Novi defenders surround Mustang senior Danielle Toney.

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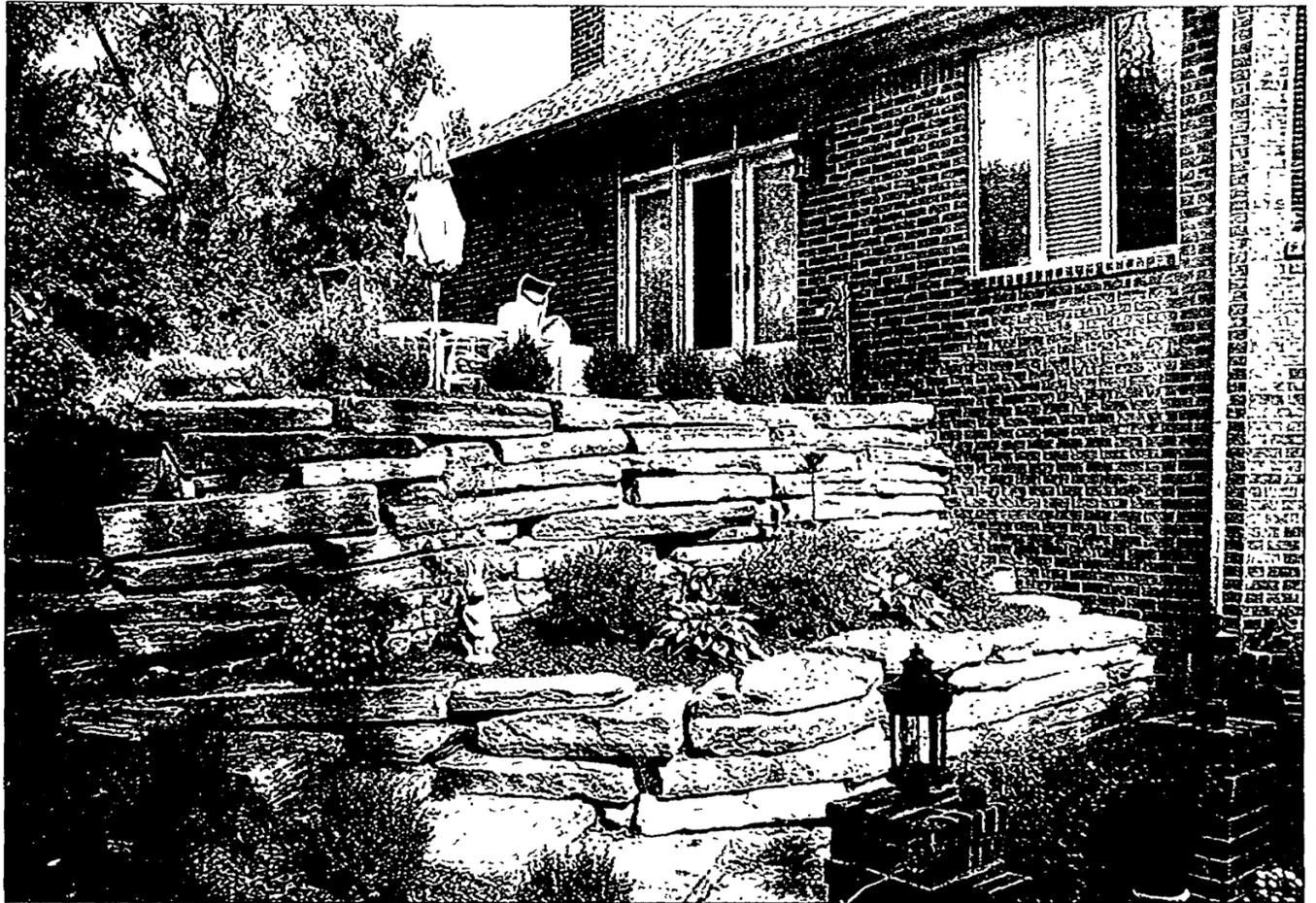
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Brien's Services can help homeowners choose a few key pieces that give the property a finished look without spending a lot. The design can be set up in stages so only parts of the yard are completed each year and the price stays low.

Brien's Services still best deal

By Kate Phillips
SPECIAL WRITER

During times when money is tight, Brien's Services is truly the best value for a dollar.

Can you afford to go anywhere else? The well-known maintenance service and landscaper may not always quote a cheaper price than other companies.

But Brien's truly does cost less, when factoring in future costs and major headaches associated with less-experienced landscapers.

"Sometimes we're the lowest, but often we're right there in the middle," said Brien Worrell who has owned and operated the business for 26 years.

DEPENDABLE EMPLOYEES

It all starts with the dependable full-time professionals at Brien's Services.

These men and women work hard to save customers time and money.

From the efficient office staff to the crews mowing lawns, each employee is expected to perform top-notch work. Brien hires only those who want to make a career out of full-time landscape work instead of just hiring cheap temporary help.

"We hire long-term employees who take pride in their work and do everything with a sense of professionalism," Brien explained.

FINE WORK FOR LESS

Top-of-the-line equipment enables employees to do quality work at a reasonable price. Since employees carefully maintain the professional-grade mowers, weed whips, trimmers, dozer and skid-steer, they perform better and more efficiently, keeping prices low.

Brien's can outperform other landscapers for the same price or an even cheaper price because he has the right equipment for the job and has an organized staff that can make sure equipment is available at each job site when needed.

"This helps us stay competitive in our prices," Brien said.

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Brien's Services puts money in the pockets of its customers by showing up on

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time as scheduled for weekly maintenance or one-time jobs.

"If builders or Realtors are trying to sell homes and the common areas in the neighborhood aren't mowed on time, they'll lose business because the place looks unkempt," Brien explained.

"Every time business owners have to take time out of their schedules and call to find out why the bushes weren't trimmed or weeds removed, it costs them money because they could be doing something else a lot more productive.

"We're going to get the job done perfectly and do it on time. That means a lot."

AFFORDABLE LANDSCAPING

Brien's Services can save money for commercial or residential customers who need new landscaping that doesn't cost a fortune.

Brien can help homeowners choose a few key pieces that give the property a finished look without spending a lot. It may turn out to be much cheaper than buying dozens of small shrubs and plants from large garden centers.

The design can be set up in stages so only parts of the yard are completed each year and the price stays low. Or Brien's can help with financing.

Many customers actually save money by hiring Brien's instead of going it alone. The plants they choose will last for the long run, instead of fizzling away in a couple years.

Staff are experienced enough to know which plants thrive in sandy, clay and rich soil and which are best for dry, sunny, trouble spots or damp, shady coves. Expert planting methods also assure that each tree will be off to the best start possible.

Brien's Services offers guarantees on its



Brien's is a full-service landscape company that can take care of every aspect of a residential or commercial project. The company installs stone and brick walkways, patios and retaining walls, plus provides exterior lighting, sprinkler systems, hydro-seed and sod.

trees and plants to make sure customers aren't left high and dry.

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PROTECTING AN INVESTMENT

Brien's Services can extend the life of an investment by providing yard maintenance.

Trees and shrubs need pruning once or twice a year or they will become tall and spindly. Plants that aren't regularly trimmed lose several years of growth when they are finally trimmed back. Even details like mole treatment can do wonders to preserve a beautiful yard.

Fertilization is another way to make an investment grow. Brien's will set up a regular schedule of expert fertilization for lawn and plants.

Those who can't afford a full-service

maintenance plan can ask Brien's to do the most taxing parts, and Brien's will teach them how to manage the rest.

While other landscapers are "here today, gone tomorrow," Brien's Services can be trusted to maintain a yard with the future in mind.

INVESTING IN THE COMMUNITY

Brien's Services is one of the few landscaping and yard maintenance companies that invest in the communities it serves.

The employees at Brien's provide volunteer services to beautify the area in many ways. Plus Brien's contributes to summer festivals, youth sports, school events, ice festivals and all sorts of fund-raising campaigns in every single community where it works.

"Serving the community isn't important to a lot of companies, but it is important to us," said Brien, who is well-known for his personal volunteer efforts. "We don't take without giving back. We want to help grow a beautiful place for everyone to enjoy."

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Milford Landscape & Design installs many garden ponds, complete with stone waterfalls, making each backyard an oasis of relaxation. The company is also well-known for beautiful boulder work and exceptional trees from their Milford Tree Farm.

Popular landscaper celebrates 46 years

By Kate Phillips
SPECIAL WRITER

MILFORD LANDSCAPE & DESIGN

Many don't realize that the well-known Milford Tree Farm is also home to a large landscape company, Milford Landscape & Design.

It's not a run-of-the-mill operation. Long-time professional landscaper Scott Derisley heads the landscaping division.

Greg Palmer, owner, proudly explains that he and Derisley have been best friends since age 5. Derisley's landscape division has a lifetime relationship — and a lifetime of experience behind it.

After decades of experience, Derisley knows how to install the loveliest brick paver walkways and patios around. He has the knowledge and the know-how to create and install long-lasting brick paver walkways and patios.

Derisley installs many garden ponds, complete with stone waterfalls. They make each backyard seem like an oasis of relaxation.

"It's the tranquility of sitting in your backyard and hearing the soothing sounds of water," explained Derisley.

The company is also well-known for beautiful boulder work. Boulder walls and steps crafted by Milford Landscape & Design will practically take your breath away.

Another customer favorite are the winding limestone stairways and paths.

"We take such pride in our jobs," said Derisley. "You are going to get the same quality whether it's one tree or a \$250,000 job."

The landscaping starts with expert planning by in-house architects. They work closely with customers to make sure that the landscape plan is nothing less than a "dream come true."

Staff master gardeners help customers choose the perfect perennials for the soil and sun type. They can even locate hard-to-find favorites or particular colors of flowering plants.

When construction is under way, or trees are being planted, customers really get to see how a commitment to quality makes a difference and sets it apart from other landscape suppliers and installers. Instead of being plagued by mounds of dirt and jobs that go unfinished over a number of weeks, customers of Milford

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Milford Landscape & Design works in Oakland, Livingston and Genesee counties, and has traveled throughout the state working on vacation homes for regular customers.

Landscape & Design are surprised at how pleasant the process can be.

"We make it a point to clean up the job. At the end of the day, we line up our tools and make your yard look good," explained Palmer. "When we are done we leave your yard looking neater than before — not a stone out of place."

Milford Landscape & Design normally works in Oakland, Livingston and Genesee counties. But the landscapers have traveled throughout the state working on vacation homes for regular customers. Loyal customers won't settle for anything besides Milford Landscape & Design. The company has even been asked to travel to California to work on a home landscape.

"We get repeat business from 20 years ago," said Palmer. "People don't forget quality work."

MILFORD TREE FARM

Milford Tree Farm has enjoyed continued success in landscape supply and design since 1961 when Howard Palmer started the company.

Howard quickly developed a reputation for high quality and hard work. Quality came through his meticulous way of ensuring that nothing but the best was in store for each job.

Having been raised in the business, son Greg Palmer learned first hand life's les-

sons practiced in the fields of the Milford and Highland community where the family lived. From early on, he was taught that everything starts with a good foundation.

"Whether it is planting trees, building stone walls, laying brick pavers and most importantly, raising a family — it all starts with a good foundation," said Greg Palmer.

With a solid foundation already in place, Greg Palmer took over the business as he grew older.

Palmer has expanded the business, built a charming office and barn complex, and now offers more landscape options than before. Greg Palmer never strays far from the foundation his father taught him.

"This company grew from hard work and taking pride in what we do," explained Palmer.

The sales yard at Milford Tree Farm is located just east of the Milford border on Old Plank Road between Pontiac Trail and Grand River Avenue, in a quiet country setting. The sales yard is filled with the best trees and plants in Michigan from local stock. Many of the trees are grown in Palmer's own field.

Trees of every size are available — some up to 24 feet. Palmer grows some of the hardest varieties of Michigan trees,

from spruce to maples.

These are trees that are fed and nourished throughout the years to grow into more beautiful, mature specimens — not fizzle out in a small pot.

Many of Palmer's trees last for several generations of family.

Driving through the area, Palmer can pick out some of his trees planted throughout the community. They've spread their mature branches wide and have made homes and neighborhoods more beautiful places to live.

The beautiful trees also come with a quality guarantee.

A friendly nursery staff is always available in the sales yard to talk about what tree is suited for a particular spot and to educate customers on tree care. They can give customers a ride around on a golf cart, showing them the different types of trees.

"We take good care of our customers, and help answer any questions they might have," said Palmer.

Milford Tree Farm also delivers and carefully plants trees, when needed.

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SALES POSITION Todd's Services Michigan's largest residential landscaping co. is seeking a self-motivated aggressive, honest sales person...

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NOTICE IS hereby given that on 05/24/07 at 2:30 pm the following will be sold by competitive bidding at National Storage Center, 24985 Haggerty Road, Novi, MI Sp. # N-1124: Deborah Thompson, Household items, Misc. Goods; Sp. # P-1069, Robert J. Hackman II, Household items, Misc. Goods; Sp. # C-144, Charlie Harris Household Items Recreational items, Misc. Goods

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CAREGIVER Adult Foster Care Home in Howell specializing in long-term dementia care, is seeking people oriented, caring, responsible individual(s). Great work environment that is rewarding. Pick-up an application and information btwn 10am-4pm at 205 Francis Rd., (off D-19, near I-96, exd 137) Calls 517-545-1275 ask for Kristi

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Auction Sales 7060

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AUCTION, 5/2, 10am, Davidsburg: Sleigh, lawn tractor, tools, furniture www.narhauctions.com

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ANNOUNCING 2 SALES By: Everything Goes #1), Friday & Sunday April 27 & 29, 10-4 6102 Pickwood Court, Maplewoods Sub., W Bloomfield, N of Maple (15 Mi) W of Orchard Lake, take Rose Blvd Cherry drung set & long sleigh drbm set by Mt. Ariz. sofas & chairs by Sarge, entertainment center cost \$25K, Shickley & designer tables, chairs & lamps, canopy drbm, leather sofa group, piano, Rattan, appliances, fine art collectibles & more! #2), Fri-Sat, April 27-28, 10-4 3171 W. Shore Drive, Orchard Lake, take Pontiac Tr., W of Orchard Lk to Old Orchard Tr., 1/2 mi, turn rt W Shore Dr. Lg all custom updated home to be sold in parts prior to demo. All furnishings incl. Don't miss this sale! OFFICE: 248-855-0663

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LYONIA-33134 CURTIS Estate Sale- April 28- 9-4pm Sofa bed, hutch, recliner, tables, chairs lamps, kitchen Rem etc

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Garage Sales 7110

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BRIGHTON April 26-28, 8-2pm 2677 & 2695 Canfield Trail Off Grand River & Hubert Woodworking & stain glass tools, home decor, furniture, retro-later, yard sherd, new snowblower & more

BRIGHTON 5325 Leland, off Grand River by Brighton Chrysler Dealership Thurs, Fri. & Sat. 9-6pm. Good Stuff!

BRIGHTON Thurs 4/26 & Sat 4/28, 9.5. 6661 Alta Dr, Solitude Pointe Sub., Hamburg Rd/Winans Lk. Rd. 9-3pm

BRIGHTON Lots of good stuff No early sales Thurs & Fri. 8:30am-4pm 4910 Canyon Oaks Dr. Harvest Hill Sub Off Cuver & Spencer

COMMERCIAL Remnants & Bate Sale Thurs, April 26, 9-4 Fri, April 27, 9-1. Commerce United Methodist Church, 1155 N Commerce Rd., 248-363-3935

HARTLAND April 26, 27 & 29 9-4pm 1708 Darlington Dr. Midpointe Sub off of M59 Childrens clothes, books, furniture & household items

HARTLAND- Multi Family April 26-28, 9-6pm 4915 Cullen Rd. 1 Mile W of 23rd off Cyde Rd RAIN OR SHINE. Antiques, desk, building supplies, stainless steel kitchen fixtures and more

HARTLAND-9658 Oakbrook Apt., Near 59 & 23 Scrapbooking lighthouses, fridge, stove, Fr. & Sat., 8-5

HIGHLAND - MOVING SALE 5 piece bed set, household Everything for baby Tools, compound bow, Blue Ox tow-bar Too much to list Everything must go. April 27, 12 1262 Livngston, south of M-59, west off Milford Rd

HOWELL Sat, April 28st 8am-4pm 119 Cranbrook Off D19, S of Coon Lake Toys, household goods & much more!

HOWELL April 26 & 27, 8 am-4, 3465 Cedar Lake Rd. Corner of Coon Lk Rd. Tools, kids toys furniture, misc. household

HOWELL April 26 - 28, Thurs & Fri 9-3pm, Sat 8 5pm, 3160 East Allen Rd 4 miles N of M 59 Lots of Antique furniture, vintage tin signs, Fenton Glass, china, pottery, bottles and old hardware, led glass, old windows, fishing equipment and tools. And much much more

HOWELL Fri. & Sat., 9-5pm 3880 N Burkhart Rd 1 mile N of Grand River Ave. Bar, furniture & household items

HOWELL - APRIL 28 10am - 6pm at Cedar Closet 5670 E. Grand River Ave (across from Lake Chemung) Sale will feature oak doors artwork, D.J. equip., bar stools, tables, bathroom stall doors, kitchen equip., custom electronics & more.

HOWELL - River Doves Annual Sale! 4/27-4/29 Off Grand River. Over 300 items participating Fri.-Sun., 9 am-4 pm. Kids clothing & toys, household items, furniture, tools & too much to list!

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HOWELL, Fri., Sat., April 27, 28, 9 to 5pm, 2 houses, 5 family Lots of kids & adult stuff, boat, truck, riding mower, PSE Bow 2 miles N of M-59, off Curry Rd., E. of Latson & W of Argentine, on Kimberly

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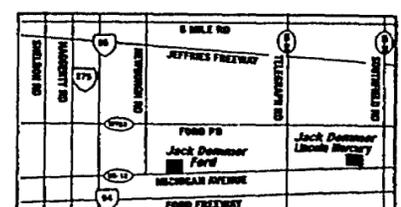
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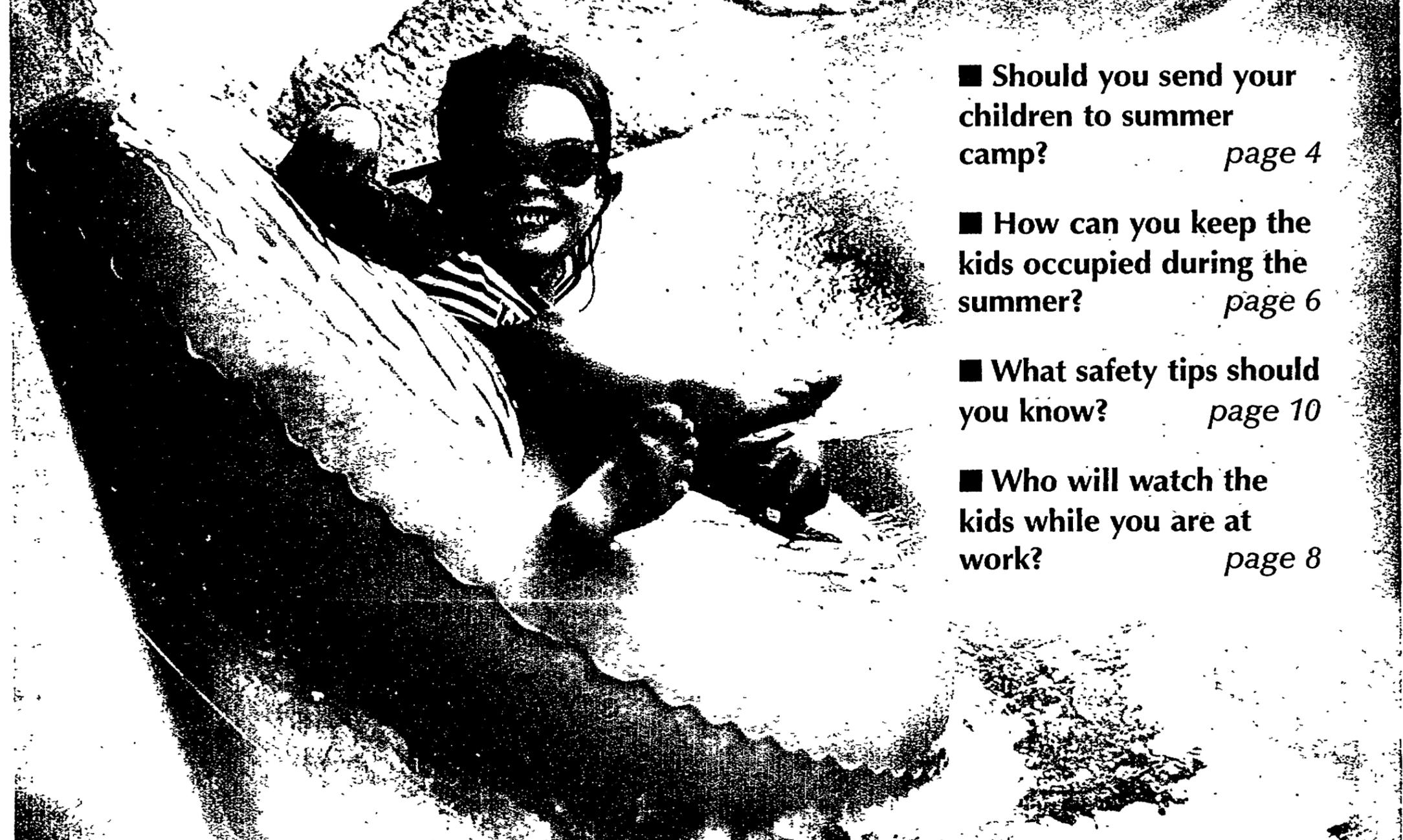
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It's time to get ready for summer

Ahhh, summer.

The warm breeze, blue sky and bright sunshine beg me to grab a cool drink and a good book and spend the afternoon relaxing by the pool.

Ahhh, summer.

And then cold water drenches me and my book as Korie does a belly flop into the pool. Moments later, she screams as Christopher takes her floaty. She hits him and he pulls her hair. She has to go to the bathroom. He's hungry. Her towel, left too close to the pool, is wet. The neighbor kid steps on his swim goggles. He's ready to leave. She cries to stay. And then the sun slips behind a cloud, the wind blows over my drink, the heavens open and it begins pouring rain.

Ahhh, summer.

Whether you are a working parent or are able to stay home with your children, summer is trying. Finding someone to watch the kids when school lets out can be challenging. Keeping them from being bored or turning into television zombies is even more difficult.

And that is why I am so excited about this special section.

Inside these pages are places to take the kids, day-care options, information on summer camps, tips for keeping the kids safe and so much more. You'll find out how old children have to be before they can be left home alone (on page 4) and where you can send them for an overnight camping experience (page 8). You'll also discover places you can take them and things you can make together (page 6). And don't miss the vital instructions on what to do if a tooth is knocked out (page 10).

As always, I love to hear your comments and suggestions. Drop me a line at cspiegel@gannett.com and have a great summer.

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Who will watch the kids?

Can they stay home alone?

By Cynthia Grochowski | DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

"There is no state law regarding age and leaving your child home alone," said Karen Gregg, health and safety coordinator for the Livingston County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

She said, "12 seems to be the magic age that kids can handle being alone, but then, there are some 16-year-olds who shouldn't be left alone."

Gregg emphasized that it is up to the parents to determine their child's maturity and what is expected of them. Whether they will be watching other children and how long they will be left alone should also be considered when deciding if they are old enough.

Being prepared is essential for both the child to feel confident about being alone and the parent to feel comfortable about leaving the child alone.

"Parents cannot assume the kids know what to do around the house just because it is their house," Gregg said. "Parents need to sit down with the kids and go over everything and make sure it is very, very clear what is expected and what to do in certain situations."

The Red Cross offers a number of classes for children to learn personal safety and first aid. Courses are listed in the community education's course booklets from local school districts.

Gregg points to classes like "Safe On My Own" and a baby-sitter's training course that teach more than answering a phone or diapering a baby.

"A baby-sitter's class is a good idea for a child who will be watching younger siblings," Gregg said.

"Even if they are not going to baby-sit, the classes go over valuable information."

The Red Cross offers also offers basic first aid classes for children and adults.

For more information, contact the Red Cross at (517) 546-0326.

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*— Karen Gregg
The American Red Cross
Livingston County Chapter*



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One of the working parent's biggest challenges is determining who will watch their children when school lets out for the summer.

Teach kids how to stay safe when home alone

By Cynthia Grochowski | DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Before the summer begins and many parents leave their older children home alone during the day, the entire family should sit down and go over the basics of personal safety.

Although not a substitute for a safety class, Karen Gregg, health and safety coordinator for the Livingston County chapter of the American Red Cross, suggests parents cover these basics before leaving their children home alone.

■ Instruct them to never open the door for anyone, a package delivery, or to let someone use the phone or bathroom. Do not let the person at the door know you are home alone.

■ Designate a contact person, like a neighbor, to go to in case of an emergency.

■ Tell them to stay indoors.

■ Under no circumstances should children use or be near a swimming pool when parents are not at home.

Weather

■ Stay off the phone, computer and out of the tub and shower during lightening storms.

■ Listen to a local radio station for weather warnings, watches and safety instructions.

■ During storms, stay calm so younger kids will stay calm — get them involved in a book or a game.

Power

■ Do not use candles. Use flashlights and know where they are kept.

■ Cordless phones will not work if power is out. Show child how to plug in and use a corded phone.

Cooking

■ Limit or prohibit use of the stove.

■ Teach them to operate a microwave safely.

Fire

■ If a fire starts, tell them to get out immediately and go the predesignated meeting spot. Do not try to get pets or valuables out of house.

Phone

■ Tell them to let the answering machine answer incoming calls.

■ If a child does answer the phone, instruct them to say, "My dad is mowing the lawn" or "My mom is washing the baby." Use a specific task, not a generic "My mom can't come to the phone right now."

Injuries

■ Show them the list of emergency phone numbers by each phone.

■ Teach them when to call 911, not to move an injured person and to follow the dispatcher's instructions.

Day-care centers offer many special programs

By Cynthia Grochowski | DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

A family summer outing or vacation can keep a child busy, but what about the daily need to keep a child occupied and safe during the summer while parents are at work?

Many day-care providers offer special summer programs for elementary-aged children.

"Parents sign their children up for the summer-camp program because they are working during the day or they want their children tuned-in for the summer, exposed to classroom programs, and organization," said Diane Miller, director of The Children's Ark Child Care in Novi. "They also want their children to have a fun experience during the summer."

Summer day-care programs for elementary-aged children follow a different schedule than regular day-care programs. The facility may offer field trips, outdoor activities, special visitors, crafts and games. Weekly themes may be organized with coordinated activities to keep things interesting. Special food days, like a pizza lunch, may be offered.

Some facilities, like Heart of the Shepherd Child Development Center in Howell, have unique facilities that provide a variety of activity choices.

"We utilize our 22-acre outdoor campus instead of taking field trips," said Courtney Holst, director of the center. "The children's home room is inside, but they utilize on-site nature trails, an elaborate sprinkler system for water fun, a climbing rock, and a ropes course during the rest of the day."

Summer programs usually limit the age range to kindergarten to age 13. Children are with more peers than they would be in a home sitter situation, and generally know the other children from their neighborhood school.

"This is better than a sitter in the house," said Byron Hartmann, owner of Whistle Stop Child Care in Howell. "The program gives them social time. They are not in front of television all day. They interact with kids younger and older than themselves."

Hartmann said electronic entertainment is available at his facility, but it is strictly supervised.

"They do all get along together — it's like the school year for them. It keeps them in a comfort zone," Hartmann said. "Being home by themselves gets kind of boring."

Summer program attendance is usually flexible, but parents should check with the center for complete details. For example, there may be a minimum number of hours per week required for sign-up. Additional fees may be charged for crafts or field trips. Meals and snacks may be included in the fee or parents may need to provide them.



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Encouraging kids to read can be a great way to promote their cognitive development.

Help them enjoy reading

By Candy Spiegel | DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Parents know how important reading is, but how do they get their children to crack open a book?

For starters, experts recommend not forcing kids to read, since that may turn them off of reading forever. Instead, set aside times when the television is turned off and everyone reads or spends quiet time alone.

Parents should also make sure there is plenty of age-appropriate reading material available. Consider subscribing to a children's magazine or purchase books that match the child's interests.

One of the best ways to motivate kids to read is through example. Make sure they see adults and older siblings reading and discussing what they read. If the subject is appropriate, share it with the child. Parents can tell them what they enjoyed about the book or what they learned from it.

Parents and older siblings may also talk about books they read when they were the child's age to encourage the kids to read them.

Additionally, Reading is Fundamental, a national organization that promotes literacy, offers the following tips to get kids motivated to read:

Check out these books to get them started

Aria Booksellers in downtown Howell recommends these new summer reads:

- "Bad Dog, Marley!" by John Grogan ages 3-8
- "17 Things I'm Not Allowed To Do Anymore" by Jenny Offill ages 4-8
- "Marley: A Dog Like No Other" by John Grogan ages 8-12

• "Dear Dumb Diary: Let's Pretend This Never Happened" by Jim Benton ages 8-12

• "My Weird School: Miss Suki is Kooky!" by Dan Gutman ages 8-12

• "Ouch! How Your Body Makes it Through a Very Bad Day" w/CD ROM by Richard Walker ages 9-12

• "Warriors No. 1: Into the Wild" by Erin Hunter ages 10-14

• "To Catch a Pirate" by Jade Parker Ages 12+

• "I'm Afraid You've Got Dragons" by Peter S. Beagle ages 12+

• "Pandemia" by Johnathan Rand ages 12+

■ **Combine activities with books.** Pick up a book on the child's favorite animal at the zoo or read a book about a favorite baseball player before going to a baseball game. Or, have them get a book that teaches them how to do or make something and get creative after they finish the book or article.

■ **Visit the library.** Help your child obtain a library card and encourage them to sign up for a summer reading program.

■ **Make it fun.** Encourage kids to select books that will be fun to read. Extend their bedtime if they are engrossed in a book.

■ **Read aloud.** Visit a storyteller or spend time reading to children in different voices to make it more exciting.

For additional tips and suggestions, visit www.rif.org.

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By Candy Spiegel | DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Keeping the kids happy and occupied during the dog days of summer is not always easy.

Rather than sitting them in front of the television, try some of these activities for fun summer afternoons.

Outdoor Activities

■ **Plant a garden.** Dedicate a space for them in the garden, a flowerbed or a large pot. Help them select the appropriate plants and teach them to nurture the plants and watch them grow.

■ **Purchase some inexpensive outdoor toys,** like sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, bubbles and squirt guns. Make up a contest or game if

Make a solar oven

The sun is an awe-inspiring star, which has the potential to do more than just provide the ideal warm day for a dip in the pool. Kids can build their own solar-powered ovens that can heat up s'mores, cookies and other snacks with just a few simple supplies and a bright, sunny day.

Supplies: Shoe box, popsicle stick, scissors, aluminum foil, treat to heat

Instructions:

1. Line the inside of the box and the lid with aluminum foil. Tape the foil to the edges to keep it in place.
2. Cut a flap in the lid of the box. It should be one inch from the three sides of the lid. Fold the reflecting lid back so it sticks up. Put tape around the edges of the opening to keep the foil in place.
3. Place the lid back on the box and use the popsicle stick and tape to keep the reflective flap open.
4. Place the box in the sun with a treat inside of the box. It could take a while, but depending upon the sun's intensity you can warm up a snack to enjoy. It may be very hot, so be careful.

they don't seem enthused at first.

■ **Pack a picnic lunch and head for a playground.** The kids will love the opportunity to go down the big slide or ride on the merry-go-round.

■ **Make or buy a fire pit for the backyard and have a campfire on a cool evening.** Cook hot dogs, boiled eggs and s'mores over the open fire. To boil the eggs, place an egg in a small paper cup and fill with water. Place it down inside the fire. Children will be amazed when the water boils and the egg cooks, but the cup doesn't catch fire.

■ **Make a treasure hunt.** Use clues to send the kids all over the yard in search of the treasure. Have a small toy or treat waiting at the end of the hunt.

■ **Buy a disposable camera for each child and teach them how to take photos.** They can take them of each other, the neighborhood, things in the house that are important to them, wildlife in the area or anything else you can think of.

■ **Play tour guide.** Brush up on your local history and then take the kids to a historic downtown, like South Lyon, Milford, Howell or Northville. Spend some time walking around and pointing out the architecture of the buildings and share some historical stories with them. Finish off the afternoon with a trip to a specialty candy store or ice cream parlor.

Indoor Activities

■ **Pick out a few craft kits.** They generally come with all of the elements necessary to create picture frames, placemats, stuffed animals, race cars and anything else one can imagine. Kids will have fun making them and then playing with them or decorating their room with them when they're finished.

■ **Teach them to cook.** Let them decide what to have for dinner, shop for ingredients and then prepare and serve it. Or help them bake cookies. Or fill ice cube trays with juice and help them make healthy popsicles.

■ **Remember the basics** — board games, coloring books, finger paints, puzzles and card games are great opportunities for fun on rainy days — especially if you play with them.

■ **Make a movie.** Turn the kids loose with the camcorder and let them write, film and edit their own movie.

■ **Redecorate their room.** Search the Web and visit the library for ideas for decorating on a budget. Give them a specific amount of money and assist them in picking out new paint, window treatments, bedding or accessories for their room. Older children can learn to put together furniture or create one-of-a-kind accent pieces. Take the opportunity to get rid of clothing and toys they have outgrown and organize the room before putting it all back together.

■ **Make a scrapbook of this summer of fun.** Take pictures of them doing a variety of summer activities and teach them how to include their own memories and feelings in the scrapbook. Younger children will be content with leftover products. Older children will



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The Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing offers an interactive trip through Michigan's history — from prehistoric times through the auto industry and World War II. Kids can hear the saw at the lumber yard, walk through a mine and take a ride on the plank road. Here Korie Parent is listening to Motown hits in this unique sound studio. Open daily, the museum is free, but donations are appreciated. www.michigan.gov (517) 373-3559

enjoy selecting products from the local store.

■ **Pull out their baby book and old photo album** and spend some time traveling down memory lane. Share the stories behind the pictures. Remind them of the silly things they did when they were little.

■ **Make a card or write a letter to a grandparent or relative who lives in another location.**

Sports & Fitness

■ **Get them involved in a sport.** Sign the kids up for golf lessons, taekwon do, fencing, tennis, or another favorite sport. Check with the local recreation center or community education office for a variety of programs offered to kids all summer long.

■ **Take the bikes to Hudson Mills Metropark** for a family bike ride.

■ **Help them run off some steam at Paradise Park** in Novi. The center offers mini golf, a climbing wall, a trampoline, go-karts and kiddie track, soccer cages and laser tag. An arcade, picnic facilities, covered leisure seating, gazebos, wireless Internet and concessions also available. Open daily. Activity fees vary www.paradiseparknovi.com (248) 735-1050

■ **Install a badminton or volleyball net.** It only takes two people to play badminton or toss a volleyball back in forth.

■ **Take them to a nearby skatepark** for fun rollerblading or skateboarding.

■ **Take them to the local indoor pool.** Carls Family YMCA, for example, has slides and water games for the kids to enjoy without the risk of sunburn.

■ **Set up a basketball hoop.** Portable hoops are available if you don't want to permanently install one. Younger kids can play with a toy hoop or adjustable hoop.

■ **Hike through the woods at Kensington Metropark's Nature Center.** Look for birds, squirrels and other wildlife. Imagine how different it must have been when woods covered the entire state.

Fun in the Neighborhood

■ **Encourage them to write a play, create a dance, or organize a talent show** with the kids in the neighborhood and then perform it for the parents.

■ **Get the kids together for a game of touch football, softball or volleyball.**

■ **Arrange a neighborhood yard sale** amongst the children. Let them set up a sale with toys and clothes they no longer want and then take turns visiting each other's sales to purchase new ones. Advertise it in the newspaper for more traffic. Proceeds can be used to buy new items or donated to a charity.

■ **Have a bike-decorating party** and then put on a parade through the neighborhood.

Day Trips

■ **Visit Wild Wonders Wildlife Park** at the Howell Conference & Nature Center. This park features Michigan animals in their natural



Potter Park Zoo in Lansing has both a petting farm and traditional zoo exhibits, including large cats, birds, camels, reptiles, rhinos and more. Open daily. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$2 for children. www.potterparkzoo.org (517) 483-4074

Build a tree house

A tree house can be a place of wonder and imagination for children. It can also be a great construction project Dad and kids can work on together. Consider these tips:

- **Choosing the location:** The most ideal trees for building a tree house are oak, beech, maple, fir, and hemlock. Consider the view the house will have as well as the wind exposure to the tree. In addition, you need to consider branch thickness and where you will support the tree house itself. And keep in mind that a tree will twist and sway in weather, so your house needs to account for that movement.
- **Plan out the project:** Sketch out your plans on paper to see if they will work in the real world.
- **Get creative:** Keep in mind the person for whom the tree house is being built. Is it a clubhouse or a secret retreat? Factor usage into design plans and use your imagination.

habitats. Open daily, there is a suggested donation of \$4 for adults and \$2 for children. www.howellnaturecenter.org (517) 546-0249

■ **Take a trip back in time at Crossroads Village & Huckleberry Railroad** in Flint. This historic village is surrounded by the original Huckleberry Railroad line. Demonstrations and hands-on activities give children a glimpse into the 1800s. A paddle-wheel boat ride, train ride and ride on a restored carousel are available for an additional fee. Open Wednesday through Sunday. Admission is \$7.50 per person. www.geneseecountyparks.org (800) 648-7275

■ **At the Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak,** kids can literally come face-to-face with 17 red kangaroos and watch the polar bears swim above their head. Open daily. Admission is \$11 for adults and \$7 for children. www.detroitzoo.org (248) 541-5711

■ **Ride the rails.** Train Travel, Inc., on the Walled Lake Scenic Railway, offers kids a chance to ride, dine and be entertained aboard a vintage train. Fees, dates and programs vary. www.rail-road.com (248) 960-9440

■ **Rediscover America at Greenfield Village** in Dearborn. Take a ride in a Model T,

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Museums

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■ **The Detroit Science Center** offers hands-on science labs and demonstrations



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Looking for more things to do? Head to the library

By Cynthia Grochowski | DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Libraries offer much more than story time and reading clubs for children and teens, especially during the summer.

Check out your local library — there are computers with age-appropriate games and software, and a few may have the latest in stand-alone video game technology. Perhaps a film series with a discussion group is forming. Many times guest speakers visit to teach a new skill, like drawing or knitting or candy-making. Some come for pure entertainment. Summer contests of all kinds are popular at libraries, as are mini-field trips, arts and crafts, and hobby clubs.

Of course, there are story times and reading clubs, too. While taking in all the local library has to offer this summer, update the family library cards and check out a book or two.

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Send the kids to summer camp

Find the perfect camp for your child

By Candy Spiegel | DAILY PRESS & ARGUS
& John Johnston | GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Climb a 60-foot tower. Brush up on your soccer skills. Explore a lighthouse. Learn a new dance. Visit an amusement park. These are just a few of the things kids can enjoy at summer camp.

Whether going to camp to learn something new and meet new people or as an alternative to day care, summer camps can be fun and exciting for kids.

Overnight camps are typically available for students ages 7-18. Day camps may take kids from 4-13.

However, sending a child away to a new place, whether for the day or the week, can be frightening for parents.

Here, Nancy LaPook Diamond, president and founder of www.KidsCamps.com, answers questions for parents beginning their first quest for the right camp.

Q: When is the best time to search for a summer camp?

A: It's never too soon to look. In fact, many families use the summer before as a way of visiting the camps and getting a first-hand look. It's important to see how they're actually functioning. For overnight camps, a lot of families schedule their vacations to visit summer camps much like how people do with summer college tours.

You get a sense of the activities and how the camp is run, and a feeling for the environment and the staff and the other children. But now is certainly not too late.

Q: I know you're not a psychologist, but you probably hear the question: When is a child ready for camp?

A: I really think the best answer is, as a parent, you know when your child is ready.

Q: Besides basics such as cost and duration, what goes into the selection of a camp?

A: You first have to decide what kind of experience you want your child to have. Why are you sending your child to camp? What do you want your child to get out of it? You can use a directory ... to help narrow that down. You have to (understand) it's your child who is having the experience,



Photo by METRO NEWS SERVICE

At summer camp, kids can take a trip in a canoe while making new friends and learning team-building skills.

and not you.

Q: After narrowing down the choices, then what?

A: What's key is parents must take time to speak with the camp director. Ask what is the camp's philosophy? How is the staff selected and trained? Do they background-check their staff? What are their policies for situations such as bullying or if a child becomes ill? Is there a refund policy? It's really good to get a reference of a family who has attended the camp. And if you're able to visit, that's always a great thing.

Q: Do those tips apply to both day and overnight camps?

A: Yes. If it's a day camp, why wouldn't someone visit and sit down with the director and make sure it's the right fit for your child?

Q: What are other pertinent questions?

A: Ask about the camp's risk-management (or emergency notification) system, as

unpleasant as that might be. What do they do to maintain the campers' health and safety? Ask about the communication that's allowed between you and your child. At overnight camp, do they have scheduled phone calls? Are cell phones allowed? What are rules for visiting camp?

Q: What trends are you seeing?

A: There's a lot of specialization. What's really nice is that there's a camp for every child. We've noticed a big increase in the special-needs camp offerings, everything from autism to oncology camps. Aside from sports camps or art camps, we have sewing, culinary, weight loss, space and aviation, circus camps. And there's a tremendous development of specialized programs for teens, whether it's college prep, leadership, study abroad, teen tours — those are growing very fast.

Q: List some money-saving tips.

A: Often camps have early-bird discounts. Sometimes they have sibling discounts. Don't be afraid, if something's not publicized, to ask. Often, a parent who wants to work at a camp can get reduced tuition.

Q: Some camps offer financial aid. What else is important to know?

A: Ask if (the cost) is all-inclusive, or if children go on a trip will it be extra? Is the photo extra? Do I have to buy uniforms? Know what the costs are if your child wants an extra snack or an additional horseback ride.

Q: Finally, how do kids benefit from going to camp?

A: They learn to be independent; they meet new friends, and develop social skills and interests. I tell everybody, everything I needed to know, I learned in camp.

Day camp prevents them from being bored

By Cynthia Grochowski | DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

The words "I'm bored" will not echo through houses this summer once kids get a taste of what they can do at the many area day camps this summer.

Learning to sail a boat or ride a horse, hit a bull's eye or perform a cheer, climb a rock face or master uneven parallel bars, dance with princesses or do the backstroke can be enjoyed at area day camps.

Kids may balk at first, or think it's too hokey, but after their first day at camp, they will have found something they like and something else they want to do tomorrow.

Day camps are generally for kids 5-14 years of age and typically run a full or half day in week-long sessions. Children normally attend a day camp for the entire five-day week, or a combination of days, going home at the end of the each camp day. It is not a day-care or baby-sitting service.

Day camps also expose children to a diversity of children and adults from other school districts as well as cultures. Your child may have a counselor or instructor from another state or a foreign country. This is one of many ways day camps can broaden a child's horizons.

Camps change themes from week to week, keeping the program fresh for returning campers. For example, Carls Family YMCA in Milford offers camp activities around themes like buccaneers, history or Tom Sawyer, while Camp Copneconic in Fenton features themes of Hollywood, pirates, aliens and superheroes.

Day camps also offer specialty camps, which spend most of the day on a specific interest, like horsemanship, coupled with a few traditional camp activities, like swimming or crafts. Studios and schools that teach a specific discipline, like dance, also offer day camps for children.

American Dance Academy in South Lyon offers themed dance camps for younger children, like Princess Camp, and other camps exploring acting, hip hop, singing, pom pom and more.

In addition to gymnastics day camps for all, High Flyers in Brighton offers cheer day camps for grades 2-9.

Wildwind Equestrian in South Lyon teaches day campers as young as 4 to ride and care for horses with confidence, and even offers riding lessons in Japanese.

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Overnight Camps

Summer resident camps offer a variety of activities for school-age children. Parents should be able to find a camp that matches their child's interest.

For example, the Howell Conference and Nature Center offers a beginners camp, complete with hayrides, campfires, a 60-foot climbing tower and more. Horse lovers will enjoy a chance to work on a ranch and perform in a rodeo at the Circle C Ranch Camp offered by YMCA Camp Copneconic.

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Stay safe on carnival rides

By Tresa Erickson | MULTI-AD

Although amusement parks are relatively safe, with only two deaths on average occurring each year, they do entail some risk.

Keep your children safe by insisting on the following:

- Follow the requirements posted by rides
- Behave appropriately on the ride
- Follow the attendants' instructions
- Use the safety equipment provided
- Keep hands and feet inside the car

■ Make a plan for emergency situations

When selecting rides, look for ones that appear to be well maintained.

Accompany your child on the first few rides. Be sure to follow the rules and use all of the safety equipment so they can follow your example.

When sending them alone, make sure they can handle the ride. Double check to be sure they are buckled in appropriately. If they become overly frightened before the ride starts, ask the attendant to remove them.

Stay by them to make sure they are OK during the ride. Contact the attendant if there are any problems.



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'Help, my child got a tooth knocked out!'

By Candy Spiegel | DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Kids spend a lot of time outside during the summer and it isn't uncommon for them to fall or get hit with something that knocks out their tooth.

Dr. Nevin Tchaoucheva, a Novi-area dentist, said she gets calls on a weekly basis from frantic parents wanting to know what to do when their child's tooth is knocked out.

This is one emergency where time and treatment is critical. With the correct care, the tooth can be reattached and "last a lifetime," Tchaoucheva said.

She offers the following instructions:

■ Pick up the tooth by the crown portion only — never touch the root.

"The oils on your fingers will contaminate the root and the body may reject it," Tchaoucheva said.

■ If the tooth is free of dirt and grass, insert it back into the socket immediately.

■ If the tooth has debris on it, run it under

Transport the tooth safely

A tooth must be placed in a safe liquid or reattached within 15 minutes.

According to Dr. Nevin Tchaoucheva, the choices, in order of best to worst are:

1. **Save-A-Tooth kit.** This jar has sterile liquid in it that will keep the microscopic cells on the surface of the tooth root alive for at least 24 hours. Just open the lid, drop the tooth into the liquid, and close the lid. It is available online at www.save-a-tooth.com.

2. **Cold milk (preferably whole milk):** Place the tooth in the cold milk and

water for no more than one second. Then place the tooth back into the socket

"Regular water will kill the cells on the root surface very quickly, so do not even rinse unless absolutely necessary," Tchaoucheva said.

transport the victim and tooth to a dentist as soon as possible.

3. If there is an emergency kit available with saline, place the tooth in saline. If not, call 911. Paramedics will have saline in their kit to place the tooth in.

4. Contact lens solution.

5. **Saliva.** Place the tooth under the tongue or spit into a small cup and place the tooth in it while transporting to the dentist.

■ If you can't get it into the socket, put it in a liquid (see sidebar) and transport it to a dentist who is able to handle trauma. Do not put it in water, ice, a cloth, paper towel or tissues.

The tooth must be placed back in the socket



Submitted Photo

Every coach or athletic instructor should have Save-A-Tooth in their emergency kit.

or in a liquid within 15 minutes.

For more information, contact Dr. Nevin Tchaoucheva at (248) 449-4300 or visit www.DrNevinDMD.com.

Keep the kids safe

Summer in Michigan is a great time to play outside and have some fun in the sun.

"As pediatricians, we strive always to keep your family safe and well," West Bloomfield Pediatricians said. West Bloomfield Pediatricians offer practices in both West Bloomfield and Novi.

The pediatricians offer the following safety guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics for summer safety.

Sports and Organized Games

• Always wear appropriate protective gear, such as pads and helmets, for the activity you and your child choose. Helmets are vital for biking.

• Encourage everyone to stretch before and after games, as this strengthens muscles and helps prevent sprains (injuries to ligaments) and strains (injuries to muscles). Only about 5 percent of sports injuries involve broken bones.

• Encourage all players to drink plenty of fluids before, during and after play. Limit activity, if possible, during periods of high heat or humidity. Relax and have fun! Sensing a "pressure to win" can cause emotional stress for children, and young athletes need encouragement to develop skills and sportsmanship.

Boating and Swimming

• Everyone, young and old, should wear life jackets when on boats or near bodies of water. Children learn by example. Jackets need to be the correct size, not loose, and worn with all straps belted. Rafts and blow-up toys are not substitutes for life jackets.

• Teens and adults must know that alcohol and illegal substances never mix with boating and swimming. Also, adults need to ensure that all teens and children never swim alone, unsupervised or in unfamiliar waters. Accidents can occur in fast-moving water or by diving into water that is shallow. Young children need to be under "touch supervision" — no more than an arm's length away.

Sun Safety

• Babies under 6 months of age need to be



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Before letting the kids play at the beach, make sure they are protected from the sun.

in shade under a tree or umbrella. Avoid direct sunlight for this age group.

• Older children need waterproof sunscreen with broad spectrum protection, and with an SPF factor of at least 15. Broad spectrum means that the lotion screens out both UVB and UVA rays. Rays can penetrate even on cloudy days, and lotion needs to be rubbed in well about 30 minutes before sun exposure.

Car Safety Seats

• Travel is fun for everyone, and seat belts are mandatory in Michigan. All babies need to be in rear-facing car seats at least until they are 1 year old. If they weigh at least 20 pounds at that time, they can move to a front-facing car seat. Seats must be installed and used properly to protect your child. Instruction is available toll-free at (866) SEAT CHECK (866) 732-8243.

• Michigan law requires that children up to age 4 be buckled into a car safety seat, so you will need a new seat when your child outgrows his rear-facing seat. Back seats are the best place for all children.

For more information on keeping children safe during the summer, contact West Bloomfield Pediatricians at (248) 596-1000 or www.wbpediatrics.com.



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Crafts are just one of the things children enjoy during Vacation Bible School.

Consider VBS programs for elementary students

By Cynthia Grochowski | DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Vacation Bible School, or VBS, is a four to five day summer time program offered by churches of different denominations for students in grades preschool through elementary.

The programs are traditionally offered in the daytime at the hosting church, but VBS may be held in the evening hours to accommodate parents and volunteers or held at a location other than the church.

Everything that happens through the week — such as music, crafts, snacks, recreation, small theatrical productions, and Bible teaching — revolves around a certain theme.

Some churches this summer will be decorated in sports themes while using the curriculum, "Game Day Central — Where Heroes are Made," published by LifeWay. Another popular theme this summer is the Indiana Jones-style curriculum "Quest For Truth".

Vacation Bible School is for everyone, not just children of church members.

"This is aimed at the community," said Chris

Fairbairn, associate pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran in Northville. "Outside of the Sunday school-style lesson time, everything else during the program is about the food, songs, crafts, games and video."

Activities are focused on social fellowship among the kids.

"VBS is about sharing the faith, not making an indoctrination," Fairbairn said.

"Parents find this week each summer a great way to get their children excited about the teachings of Jesus," Teresa Dryer, co-director of the VBS program at South Hill Baptist Church in Milford, said. "VBS goes a long way toward helping parents in their efforts to teach spiritual values that will effect the daily lives of their children as well as their eternal lives."

VBS is offered free to participants. A small fee may be incorporated if special props are used or entertainers hired.

"Church members often donate food, supplies and time to teach," Fairbairn said. "It's about getting together in the summer to reach out to the community."

Protect them from Internet dangers

By Candy Spiegel | DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

While parents are away, children will play and much of that time may be spent online. The Internet is a valuable tool and can be used for educational and entertainment purposes.

However, there are also predators and inappropriate Web sites online. Parents can keep their children safe online by installing a filter to prevent kids from viewing inappropriate Web sites and by monitoring where they visited during the day.

In addition, teach the kids these tips from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children:

- Do not share any personal information. This includes full name, address, e-mail address, phone number, and family situation.

- Do not trust anyone on the Internet. Predators can easily lie about their age.

- Report anyone who threatens children or adults online to the police and then to your Internet service provider.

- Do not look to online "friends" as sources of support. Parents should let their children know that they can talk to them about anything and that there are counselors, be it through school or church, and other professionals who can also help.

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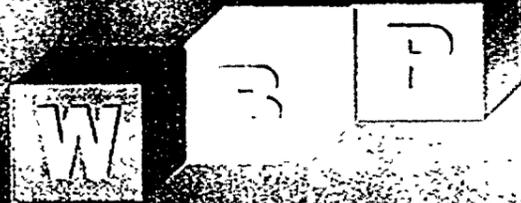
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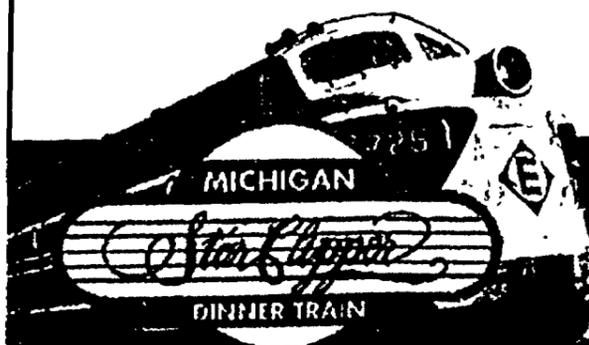
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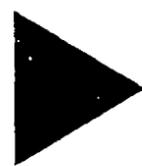
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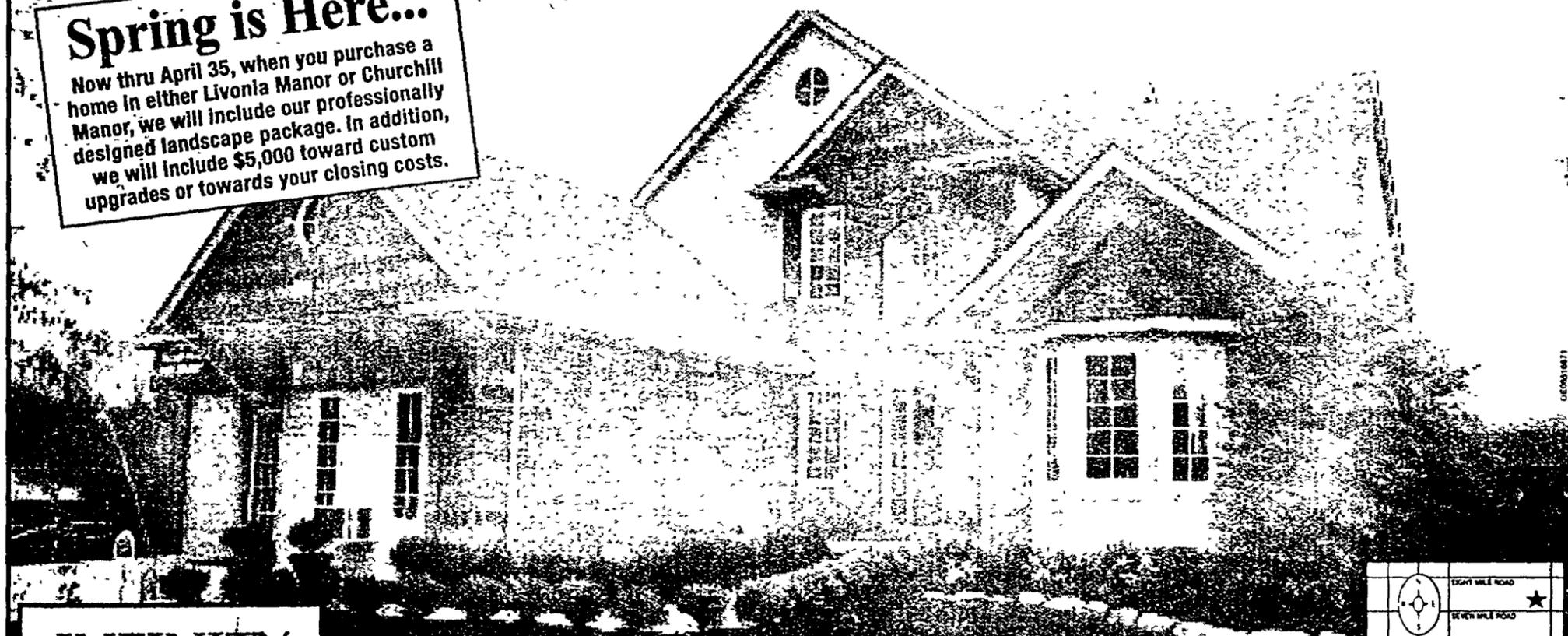
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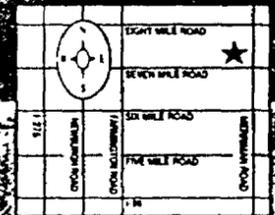
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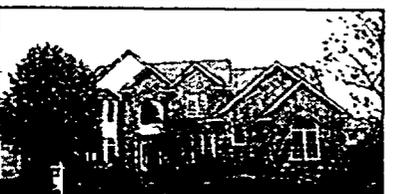
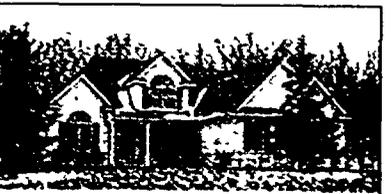
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MLS# 27051414 248-347-3050**NORTHVILLE** \$715,000
Madison Model Backing To woods! Gr W/18' Ceiling & Fp To Kit, Kit w/Granite Cnters & Ss Appl's. Fin Daylight Bsmt W/office, 5th Bdrm, Fr w/bar, Bth
MLS# 27067501 248-347-3050**NORTHVILLE** \$599,900
Backs 15th hole of golf course. 1st flr mstr ste- sun rm w/hw fl. Fin w/o. Bsmt w/wet bar gourmet kit w/ granite counters, impeccably maintained.
MLS# 27052807 248-347-3050**NOVI** \$580,000
Upgrades galore! Crown mldg limestone flrs U/o. Hw flr in FR w/FP, upgraded carpet U/o; gourmet kit w/ 42" maple cabs & granite cnters; 3.5 car gar
MLS# 27066796 248-347-3050**NOVI** \$550,000
Open Floor Plan! Gr W/2 story Fieldstone Fp, 1st Flr Mstr W/vaulted Ceiling & Jacuzzi. Hw Flr U/o. Maple Cabs in Kit, Fin W/o W/FR, Office Bth & Deck
MLS# 27038457 248-347-3050**NOVI** \$510,000
Maintained Impeccably! Int Freshly Pnt'd, Granite in Kit, 9' Ceilings On 1st Flr, Unfin Bsmt W/Bth Rough-Ins, 3 Car Gar, Hi-Eff Frnce & Hw Flr T/O.
MLS# 27066806 248-347-3050**NOVI** \$485,000
Gorgeous -2 Story Great Rm W/Frpl, Gourmet Kitchen, Library, Sunroom, 1st Flr Mstr W/Trey Ceiling, Jack/Jill Bath & Fin LJ W/Frpl, Kitchen, Bdrm & Bath
MLS# 27068017 248-347-3050**NORTHVILLE** \$475,000
Spectacular .5 Acre Cul-De-Sac Lot, Dramatic 2-Stry Great Rm, Gourmet Kitchen, Granite, Hwd Flrs, Vaulted Mstr Ste, 2 Princess Stes & Fin Lower Level
MLS# 27061965 248-347-3050**COMMERCE** \$472,000
STUNNING EXECUTIVE HOME. Two Story Great Rm, Chef Kitchen w/Butlers Pantry, Formal Dining Rm, Library, FIN WO LJ w/Wet Bar, THEATRE SYSTEM. F27033529
MLS# 27033529 248-360-1425**SOUTH LYON** \$469,900
Backs to 1st fairway of golf course. 2 stry foyer h/w flrs U/o. Paver patio 1st flr Indry, 3.5 car gar, 10' ceilings in LR&FR; fin. LL w/office&rec rm.
MLS# 27061235 248-347-3050**PLYMOUTH** \$469,900
4 BR, 3-1/2BA Col. Backs & sides to commons. Master w/tray clg. Kit w/hwd flrs. FR w/masonry FP. Fin bsmt w/kit-bar & more. Refreshing Inground pool.
MLS# 27057515 734-453-6800**SALEM** \$454,900
Amazing home on over 10 acres. Pole barn, fenced corral, fishing pond, 3 nat FP, deck & gazebo. Updates: furn, roof, well & more. Potential for splits
MLS# 27055540 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$439,900
4BR, 2-1/2BA Col backing to commons. Granite kit w/2-way FP into 2-story FR w/lots of wndws. Mstr w/vaulted clg. 2-story foyer. Covered front porch.
MLS# 27058672 734-453-6800**NOVI** \$425,000
2 Sty Fam Rm w/bridge, Frpl, Liv Rm w/French Drs, Gourmet Kitchen w/Granite, Dining Rm w/ butler's Pantry, Vaulted Mstr Ste w/Glam bth & Princess Ste!
MLS# 27038694 248-347-3050**MARION** \$399,900
Gorgeous Cape Cod on 1 acre w/2750 sq ft, 3BR, 2.1BA, 3Car, builder model w/12ft ceilings. Huge bonus room 36x13. Private yard w/ Inground heated pool.
MLS# 27059653 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$398,000
Custom Built w/Anderson Windows & Door Walks. Granite in Bths & Kit Island. HW Flrs. Masonry FP. Fin bsmt w/kit-bar & more. Spacious Rm Sizes. Over 1 Acre.
MLS# 27050955 248-347-3050**SALEM** \$374,900
Bring your horses! 4BR 1.1BA Ranch remodeled 1989 3.12 AC. 24x60 bldg w/gas ht & cool, 220 amp svc, 1/2 BA & more. LR w/FP. Finished bsmt.
MLS# 27059578 734-453-6800**ANN ARBOR** \$359,900
Gorgeous 4BR, 2-1/2BA Colonial. Updated kit w/ hwd flrs & new c-tops. FR w/FP. Florida Rm w/ skylights & hwd flrs w/drw to new brick paver patio.
MLS# 27059158 734-453-6800**COMMERCE** \$350,000
Relax and enjoy Huron River/All-Sports Fox Lake views. Pottery Barn Perfect home with hardwood floors on entire main level and luxury master suite.
MLS# 27064273 248-360-1425**CANTON** \$344,900
Gorgeous Col w/over 3100 sq ft. 4BR 2.1BA. Huge master BR. Oversized heated gar. HDWD flrs. 2 story foyer. Well maintained, golf course comm. Extras!
MLS# 27051470 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$339,000
Trailwood home with updates throughout. Recently redecorated family home w/4 br. 2.1 ba. Country kit, sunroom, LR, DR, den. New doorwall. Landscaping.
MLS# 27057414 734-453-6800**WESTLAND** \$330,000
Gourmet kit w/ceramic tile, apps stay, 2-st GR w/nat FP, 1st flr mstr w/WIC, fin walkout LL w/ BR & full BA. 1st flr laun. Inground pool.
MLS# 27058923 734-453-6800**COMMERCE** \$323,000
SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE!!! Library master suite w/ soaking tub, separate shower & huge walk-in. Island kitchen open to family room! V-Tour
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MLS# 27044214 248-360-1425**PLYMOUTH** \$320,000
Gourmet kit w/hwd, huge pantry & brt nook. Vntd FR w/FP & doorwall to deck. Formal LR & DR w/bay wndw, vaulted mstr ste w/WIC & bay wndw. Glam BA.
MLS# 27057547 734-453-6800**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$300,000
Brick Ranch On 1/2 Acre. LR w/tp, Lg Fam Rm W/vaulted Ceilings, JR W/ceramic Tile, Britstn Rm, 3 Car Gar. Fresh Painted Ext&Int. New Thermal Guard Roof
MLS# 27058782 248-347-3050**LIVONIA** \$273,000
Updated 6 BR 2.5 Bth Newly updated kit w/ apps, h/w flr, Florida Rm, Fin Bsmt W/wet Bar & 1/2 Bth, 2.5 Car Gar, Security Alarm & Heated In-ground Pool.
MLS# 27042627 248-347-3050**LIVONIA** \$270,000
Quality, Style, & Prime Location! Impressive ranch offering open flr plan w/chef's delight KIT, Spacious Great Rm w/Frpl, Mstr w/private Bth & Deck.
MLS# 27055498 248-347-3050**ANN ARBOR • BIRMINGHAM • BLOOMFIELD HILLS • CLARKSTON • DEARBORN • GROSSE POINTE
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Great location in Turtle Creek sub. 4 bedroom 2.1 bath Colonial. Freshly painted, carpet, move in condition. Part fin basement. 2 car att gar.
MLS# 27041098 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$259,900
Complete Remodel w/2000 sq ft Kit Remodeled w/42" Cherry Maple Cabs New Appls & Limestone Backsplash. Mstr w/2 Wics & Updates: powder Rm, windws, drs, & deck.
MLS# 27056879 248-347-3050**HURON** \$250,000
Gourmet kit w/ceramic tile, appls stay, 2-st GH w/nat FP, 1st flr mstr w/WIC, fin walkout LL w/ BR & full BA, 1st flr laun. Inground pool.
MLS# 27058408 734-453-6800**WHITE LAKE** \$250,000
NEARLY ONE ACRE of beautiful privacy! Newer home features great room, first floor master w/ luxury bath. Daylight basement! Check out the V-Tour!
MLS# 27063463 248-360-1425**NOVI** \$249,900
3 BR 2.5 Bth Home w/New Fin Bsmnt. Many Updates! Prof Landscaped Newer Deck. Award winning Novi Schools. Great Location. Also For Lease w/mis 27054322
MLS# 27054272 248-347-3050**FARMINGTON HILLS** \$240,000
Priced to Move - 2 Story Great Rm, Frpl, Kitchen w/Eat-In Nook, All Appliances Inc, 2 Mstr Suites Both w/Private Bths, Full Bsmnt & Att 2 Car Garage
MLS# 27061791 248-347-3050**LIVONIA** \$240,000
Home Sits On A 1/2 acre & Has Over 100 Ft Of Rouge River Frontage. Vaulted Ceilings & Gas FP In Lr. Mstr Ste Has Lrg BA w/garden Tub & Sep. Shower.
MLS# 27053209 Ted Genzwill 248-879-3400**CANTON** \$239,900
End Unit Condo w/many Upgrades Incl Marble FP, Corian Counters, Cabs, Ceramic Flrs In Kit & Bths, Wd Flrs In Foyer & 1/2 Bth. Fin W/o LL-door Wall To Patio
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Better Than New-Value Plus! Vaulted Ceilings, Great Rm w/Fieldstone Frpl, Gourmet Kitchen, 1st flr Mstr w/hurdw flr & finished lower level w/bdrm & bth
MLS# 27053431 248-347-3050**ANN ARBOR** \$229,900
Barely Lived In End Unit w/ many Upgrades! HW Flrs, Crwn Midlgs T/O, Upgraded White cabs, FP, Upgraded Appls, Jet Tub in Mstr Ste, & WIC in 2nd BR.
MLS# 27058204 248-347-3050**WATERFORD** \$224,999
STUNNING RANCH. Vaulted Great Rm w/Stone Fireplace, Tiled Baths, Finished LL w/Daylight Windows, Fenced Backyard, and Lake Priv!
MLS# 27036687 248-360-1425**CANTON** \$224,900
Super Condo, new Berber crpt, fr paint, GR features bay wndw, gas Fp w/raised hearth, Fin Rec Rm/office LL. Computer loft upper level between Br's.
MLS# 270039713 734-453-6800**LIVONIA** \$210,000
3 BR, On Priv Cul-de-sac. Almost 1600 Sq Ft, Huge Great Rm w/Cath Ceiling, Wood Burning Stove, Lrg Deck. Lrg Mstr BR, Full Bsmnt & Sprinklers!
MLS# 27054963 248-347-3050**GARDEN CITY** \$197,500
Spacious Kit w/Oak Cabinets, Cntr Island Snack Bar, Andersen Windows t/o. New Roof & Carpet, Fin Bsmnt w/4th BR & Full Bath, Mstr Ste w/WIC.
MLS# 27055043 248-347-3050**SALEM** \$194,900
10 Lots for sale. Paved roads. Quality subdivision. South Lyon Schools. Salem Twp. Taxes. Ranging from 2.5 to 8.39 acres Priced \$169,900 to \$225,000
MLS# 26117008 248-347-3050**NORTHVILLE** \$184,900
Terraces of Northville 2 BR, 2 BA condo in quiet, premium location. Many upgrades. Custom paint & light fixtures. Cath clgs. Private deck. Att garage.
MLS# 27058544 734-453-6800**CANTON** \$180,000
Phym-Canton schools. 4 BR, 1 1/2 BA home, master BR w/ceiling fan, new H/W floors in bedrooms & updated bath 06. Kit w/oak cab, neutral decor t/o.
MLS# 27048018 734-453-6800**WESTLAND** \$178,750
Sharp 3 BR ranch w/open flr plan. Oversized priv 1/2 ac setting. Freshly painted & new carpet t/o. New cherry kit. Updated bath. FR w/brick FP & cath clg.
MLS# 27062100 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$169,500
Walk to downtown Main Street! Great home on a deep lot! H/W flrs in kit, LR & DR. Newer kit, C/A, Roof, Windows, Siding. All appls stay. Home Warr.
MLS# 27053435 734-453-6800**WESTLAND** \$164,500
Great home w/Livonia schools. 3 BR, 1.1 BA, 2 car gar. Some updates include: furn, A/C, plumb, siding, gutters & landscaping. Awesome kitchen.
MLS# 27059112 734-453-6800**SOUTHFIELD** \$152,500
3 BR Ranch w/mw Flrs, New Roof, Furn 2004/05. Bth & Lndry Updated. Leaf Guard Gutters, Custom Patio, & FP, All This On A Quiet Tree Lined Street
MLS# 27062762 248-347-3050**CANTON** \$152,000
Bright, Neutral end unit w/cath ceilings, 2 Br 2 bath, DR, Kit, Gr-FP, Southern Exposure. Mint & Clean! Ready, Set, Move!
MLS# 27056393 248-347-3050**CANTON** \$151,000
2 BR, 2 Bth End Unit. Vaulted Ceilings In LR & Mstr BR. Kit w/Ss Appls & Lg. Pantry, Balcony, Common Pool & Clubhouse. Enjoy Maintenance Free Living
MLS# 27063915 248-347-3050**REDFORD** \$149,900
3 BR 2 Bths, 2 New Kits w/granite, Main Kit w/ s.s. Appls, Oak Cabs, Wood & Slate Flrs T/O, LL Has Kit, Full Bth, BR, office, & Fruit Cellar. Shed & 2 Decks.
MLS# 27047634 248-347-3050**NORTHFIELD** \$144,900
Build your dream home on 5 acre parcel-prime wooded property. Nat gas & elec avail on Earhart Rd. Zoned for up to 3 horses. So Lyon Schls. Twp taxes.
MLS# 27059215 734-453-6800**WATERFORD** \$108,000
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MLS# 27044828 248-360-1425**WATERFORD** \$119,700
Newer Built Rare Ground Flr Ranch 2 Br's & 1.5 Bths, Fin Bsmnt, Attchd Gar. New Roof, Newer Furn, New Carpet T/O, Gas FP, Open Flr Plan & Priv Deck.
MLS# 27056215 248-347-3050**LIVONIA** \$113,900
Super clean 2 BR 2 BA 1022 sq ft Condo over looking pond. Great use of space, lots of shelving. Pets welcomed. All appliances. In unit large laundry room.
MLS# 27059238 734-453-6800**TAYLOR** \$94,900
Great starter home w/updated kit & BA w/ceramic tile. Professionally finished bsmnt. FR w/FP. Washer/Dryer Included.
MLS# 27056884 734-453-6800**PLYMOUTH** \$77,900
Panoramic view of commons from one of the best locations in complex. Generous room sizes plus 380 sq. ft private bsmnt. All appls, club house & pool.
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The solution to a cramped bathroom is clear. Open the space visually with a clear glass shower enclosure.

Glass opens up small bathroom spaces

(NAPSI) — Creativity makes a big difference when coping with small spaces. Whether in urban areas where space is at a premium or in older homes where the emphasis is purely on the functional use of space, people want to improve appearance and style without knocking down walls. Have no fear: What you lack in square footage can be made up in ingenuity.

If home renovation is on your to-do list, a bathroom remodel is one of the smartest investments you can make. According to the 2006 Cost vs. Value report from *Remodeling* magazine, the average return on investment for a mid-range bathroom remodel is nearly 85 percent, second only to kitchens when it comes to room remodels. One way to enhance a cramped bathroom is to open the space visually by creating an "invisible wall" with a clear glass shower enclosure. Removing visual barriers, such as opaque shower enclosures and bulky shower curtains, can open the space dramatically and add depth. Clear glass enclosures will also showcase rich materials such as granite, marble and travertine selected for

the shower surround.

Custom shower enclosure shops report that unless homeowners have had clear glass enclosures before, they don't know they can face a challenge in keeping up the appearance of their new investment. In a shower's high-heat, high-humidity environment, cleaning chemicals, soap and shampoo can cause corrosion and staining of the glass over time. Some homeowners will attempt to protect the glass by applying spray-on or wipe-on treatments, but these coatings eventually wear off.

A permanent solution to the problem of keeping your shower glass looking like new is now available. ShowerGuard™ glass from Guardian Industries is sealed through a patented ion beam process during manufacturing. ShowerGuard glass resists the corrosion that makes enclosures impossible to clean — making it an excellent option for any bathroom remodel.

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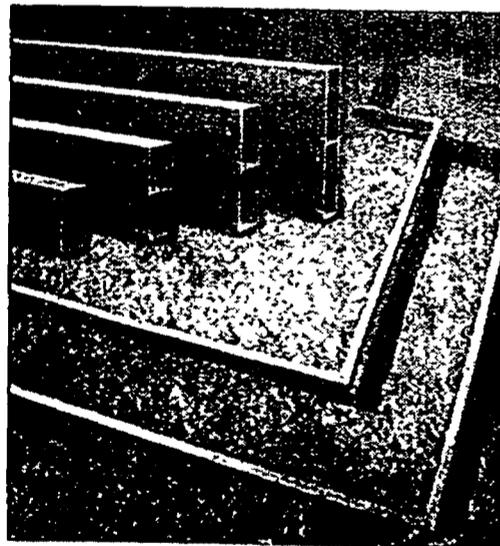
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Keeping groundwater out of your basement

(NAPSI)—Most people don't think too much about the foundation when they're having a new home built. Siding style, roof shingle color and interior amenities are the areas homeowners focus on, but they shouldn't forget about the part they don't see — the home's foundation and drainage system. If this isn't designed and installed properly, a wet basement can be a disaster. The basement is no longer the dark, damp storage area it was in years past. Now, homeowners want finished basements to use for recreation and home theater systems, making it critical that the space stay dry and comfortable.

Hard to believe, but conventional drainage is handled with inexpensive black corrugated pipe such as the kind sold at a home improvement store. If this isn't put in level, which can be difficult to do, or at the correct location, right up against the concrete footing, the system won't work properly and a wet basement can result.

Nothing is more frustrating than dealing with a wet basement. It can damage drywall, framing and flooring, ruin irreplaceable things such as family photo albums, deteriorate the foundation, and spawn harmful and



The best kind of water drainage system may be one that loops around your home and also protects it from radon.

unhealthy mold and mildew growth. And an improperly installed conventional drainage system is not easily repaired — just think about an excavator digging a deep pit going all the way around your home, or jackhammers in the basement.

The best and safest alternative is to have the builder use Form-A-Drain, a precision extruded thermoplastic material that is shaped like lumber, so

it's used to form the concrete footing that supports the basement walls and the entire home. Unlike lumber, the forms stay in place to act as a superior foundation drainage system that works 24/7 to keep the home dry.

Water is not the only problem lurking under your house. Nearly one in 15 homes in the United States has a high level of indoor radon. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that radon is the second-leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. If high levels are detected during a test on your newly constructed home, move-in will be delayed, and holes will need to be drilled in your new basement walls and floor for a conventional radon remediation system. But with Form-A-Drain installed with a simple adapter, it's ready to use as part of a radon-venting system if needed, with absolutely no drilling.

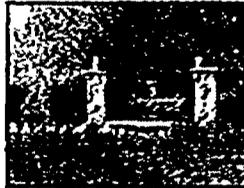
Increasingly, homeowners are choosing the best foundation drainage and venting system available. Form-A-Drain can only be installed while a home or addition is being built, not after, so make sure your builder is aware of your foundation needs. For more information, visit www.certainteed.com.

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\$89,000 (C-12BUR)**GREAT BUY!**

Open & airy condo featuring 2 bd, 2.5 baths, att 2 car Garage, full bsmt, Great Room w/ vaulted ceiling, doorwall leading to Deck w/view of Den area. Great location.

\$169,900 (P-282HE)**WALLED LAKE RANCH**

Beautiful ranch condo offering fresh paint, new carpet, attached Garage, private bsmt, & more. Great location & price!

\$134,999 (P-488DO)**BETTER THAN NEW**

Built in 2004, this Farm Hills home offers a low traffic location backing to woods, huge 1st floor Master w/bath, neutral décor, ceramic Foyer, granite Kitchen, 3 car Garage, & daylight bsmt.

\$529,900 (P-206LU)**BRAND NEW CONDO**

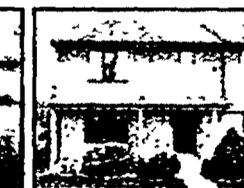
Fantastic location overlooking woods & park. Top quality construction, cathedral ceilings, walkout bsmt, 3.5 baths, 2 car attached Garage, & more. Convenient Plymouth location.

\$299,000 (C-925RI)**TURN KEY COLONIAL**

Find quality & elegance in this classic home w/2600+ sq ft, 4 large bds, 3.5 baths, remodeled Master w/heated floors, extensive crown molding, remodeled Kitchen, finished walkout & a great Deck.

\$354,900 (C-305WO)**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.

\$185,000 (P-660AR)**LOVELY CONDO**

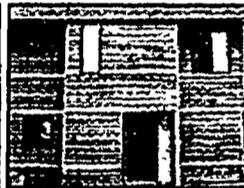
2 bd, 1.5 bath Canton Condo. Remodeled Kitchen & bath, extremely clean, updated carpet, full bsmt, & attached garage.

\$139,999 (C-686BE)**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)**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.

\$387,500 (P-479PA)**GREAT OPPORTUNITY**

Investing in college? Why not invest in real estate as well. Townhouse style condo, perfect for the college student! 2 bd, 2 baths, spacious LR w/ frpl, community pool & gym. Good location.

\$133,000 (P-200BR)**FANTASTIC END UNIT CONDO**

Open floor plan is great for entertaining. 2 story entry w/ ceramic, Great Room w/cath ceiling & gas frpl, Dining Room w/doorwall leading to large Deck, wonderful Master suite, finished bsmt w/office

\$209,900 (C-239ED)**GREAT PRICE!**

Move in quality! Neutral décor w/o this wonderful home offering open floor plan, 3 bd, 1.5 baths, Living Room w/bay window, updated baths, Family Room w/frpl & cath ceiling, updated roof, fenced yard, & great location in sub

\$229,900 (C-534FO)**WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY**

Nice home feat. 3 bd, 1.5 baths, open floor plan, formal LR, oak Kitchen w/Nook, cath ceiling Family Room, finished bsmt, updated hwh, elec, plumb, sprinklers, & too much more to list.

\$159,900 (C-227FRA)**TOTALLY UPDATED**

Great starter home w/fresh paint, new carpet, nice Living Room w/bay window, updated Kitchen & bath, sun porch, part finished bsmt, & large yard. A must see! Also for lease.

\$114,900 (P-420NO)**WELL MAINTAINED**

Roomy 4 bd colonial featuring a large Kitchen, open floor plan, Family Room w/frpl, 2 tier Deck, Master w/ vaulted ceiling & bath, bsmt, & close to everything.

\$279,000 (C-974SH)**COUNTRY SETTING**

4 bd, 2 bath ranch situated on 2 acres & features 2 Garages, finished bsmt, new roof shingles, new carpet, 4 appl, 1st floor laundry, Master doorwalls, gazebo off w/bath & WIC, built in 95, full Master, & large island Kitchen.

\$299,900 (C-660TU)**WESTLAND CONDO**

Nice detached 2 bd, 2 bath brick home in the heart of Westland. Oak Kitchen w/all shingles, new carpet, 4 appl, 1st floor laundry, Master w/bath & WIC, built in 95, full bsmt, & close to everything.

\$199,000 (C-296TW)**JUST LISTED!**

Nice 3 bd brick ranch in great sub. Living Room w/bay window, updated Kitchen & bath, finished bsmt, updated roof, hwh, windows, & furnace. 2.5 car Garage, privacy fence, & walk to schools.

\$149,900 (C-120AV)**BRAND NEW CONSTRUCTION**

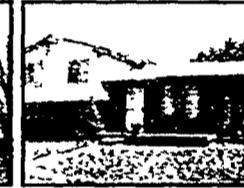
Great new construction condo featuring a Great Room w/ soaring ceiling, 2.5 baths, & wonderful Master w/sitting area, gorgeous Kitchen, private entry, private basement, & great location.

\$212,400 (P-750CO)**PRETTY & COMFORTABLE**

Great 4 bd colonial backing to commons area. Huge Kitchen & Family Room, attached Garage, neutral décor, light, bright, & airy. Don't wait too long!

\$214,900 (P-885FO)**UPDATED HOME**

Cute 3 bd home featuring updated windows, updated roof, 2 bered elevated Deck, hwd floors, coved ceilings, extra deep 1.5 car Garage & a home warranty.

\$84,900 (C-435MO)**LOTS OF SPACE!**

Great 3 bd tri level w/loads of space. New roof, furnace, A/C, beautiful oak trim, updated oak Kitchen, updated bath, & huge Garage w/workshop.

\$164,999 (C-477BA)**GREAT INVESTMENT**

This multi family unit is priced to sell! Separate entrances, furnaces, hwh's, & more. Updated bathrooms, newer roof, & can be converted back to a single family home.

\$59,900 (C-132CH)**ULTIMATE MUST SEE HOME!**

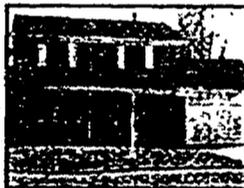
Incredibly updated & cared for home in excellent neighborhood. Updates include Kitchen, Baths, windows, roof, furnace, C/A, hwh, new attic fan, 200 amp elec, great fenced yard w/ large Deck, & more.

\$219,900 (P-827AR)**ATTENTION INVESTORS**

Short sale available on this 3 bd, 1200 sq ft bungalow. Home has newer roof, furnace, hwh, windows, & doors. Short sale upon bank approval, bring all offers, not much time left.

\$85,000 (P-435AS)**GREAT HOME!**

Here's what you've been looking for! Convenient location for this 3 bd, 1.5 bath bungalow on a nice tree-lined street. Finished bsmt, refinished hwd floors, C/A, & great storage space.

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Wonderful 2 story Great Room w/frpl, spacious oak Kitchen w/nook, 1st floor laundry, finished bsmt, newer roof, C/A, & Deck overlooking private yard. A must see!

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Built in 2002, this beautiful colonial has everything you desire. 3 bd, 2.5 baths, newer carpet, hwd floors, freshly painted, finished walkout bsmt, & more. Don't miss this one!

\$220,000 (P-185HU)**ROOMY COLONIAL**

Plenty of room to roam in this great 4 bd colonial in a great sub. Nice size Kitchen, formal DR, LR w/frpl, part finished bsmt, newer windows, furnace, roof, updated Kitchen, bath, & more.

\$149,000 (C-036JO)**NEW CANTON CONDO**

2 bd, 2.5 bath condo featuring a loft area, Master Suite w/ jetted tub, gourmet Kitchen w/ DR, LR w/frpl, part finished bsmt, newer windows, furnace, roof, updated Kitchen, bath, & more.

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This 2 bd, 1.5 bath ranch condo in popular Bradbury Park is a must see. Newer Kitchen w/stain steel appl's, carpet, oak Kitchen, Master w/WIC, appliances stay, Carpet, C/A, & short walk to area pool & clubhouse.

\$149,900 (P-403NE)**CHARM & ELEGANCE**

This 3 bd, 2 bath home is loaded w/extras! Granite Kitchen w/stain steel appl's, Master w/updated bath, refinished hwd floors, new WIC's, finished bsmt w/wetbar & bath, & 3 car Garage.

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Feng shui classes

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

How to build your own home

Oakland Builders Institute will offer a comprehensive, all-inclusive 16 hour seminar, How To Build Your Own Home on Saturday/Sunday, April 28 and 29, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Best Western ConCorde Inn of Rochester Hills, 1919 Star-Batt Dr., Rochester Hills.

Designed for those who want to contract their own home construction as well as those who want to work with a builder, the course details each stage of construction as well as your rights and responsibilities. The course covers home financing, the building process, builder's terms and contracts as well as building codes, insurance requirements

and much more.

There are many hand-outs and guidance from an instructor who is also a builder. The seminar costs \$220 and is all inclusive with a building textbook and a book prepared exclusively for seminar students covering home building information pertinent to southeastern Michigan.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Wednesday, April 25, to Oakland Builders Institute. Please call (800) 940-2014, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to register.

Pre-license classes offered

Oakland Builders Institute is presenting a 16-hour comprehensive seminar to give students the help needed to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination.

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 16 school districts in Michigan. For a free brochure and current schedule of all classes including evening sessions, call toll-free (800) 940-2014 or (248) 651-2771.

Seminars are offered at the following dates and locations:

- A seminar is scheduled for

Monday/Wednesday, April 30, and May 2, 7, 9, 2007 from 6-10 p.m. at Walled Lake Middle School, 46720 W. Pontiac Trail, Walled Lake.

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 Thursday, April 26 to Walled Lake Community Education. Please call 248-956-5000 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pre-license class (Farmington)

Get the help you need to pass the Michigan state builder's license examination with a 16-hour comprehensive seminar offered by Farmington Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute. The seminar is scheduled from 6-10 p.m. for Monday/Wednesday, May 7, 9, and May 14, 16 at The Community School, 30415 Shiawassee, Farmington.

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. The cost of the seminar is \$190 plus \$20 for the course textbook and sample questions.

Pre-registration with payment is required no later than Thursday, April 26 to Farmington Community

Education. Please call (248) 489-3333 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Pre-license class (Livonia)

Livonia Community Education in cooperation with Oakland Builders Institute presents a pre-license 16-hour comprehensive seminar from 6-10 p.m. for Tuesday/Thursday, May 1, 3, and May 8, 10, at Holmes School, 16200 Newburgh Rd., Livonia.

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, April 27 to Livonia Community Education. Please call (734) 744-2602 to register Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

BIA offers programs

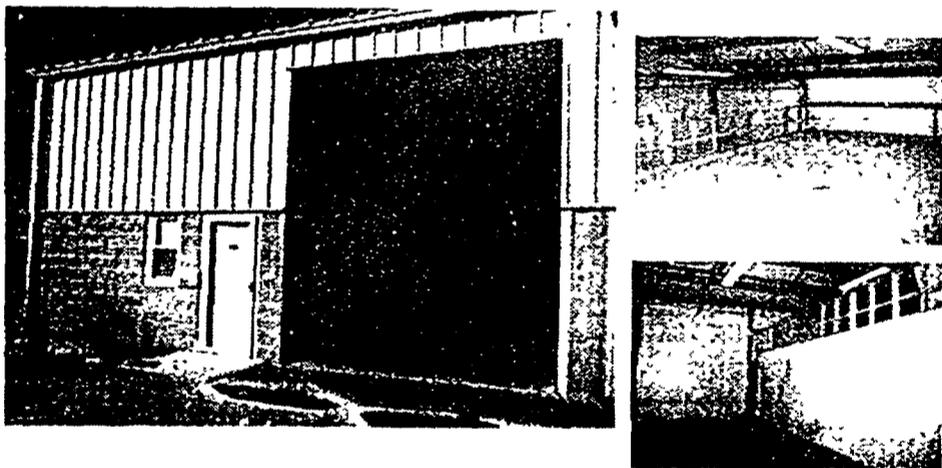
Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and the Construction Association of Michigan will present the following programs:

■ A "Business Management for Building Professionals" course will be conducted from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday, May 7, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

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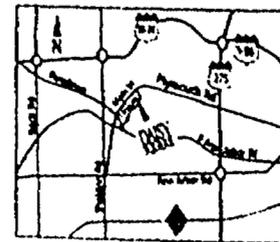


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MIOSHA seminar

BIA will present a MIOSHA Seminar from 8 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, May 2, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

The seminar will offer an explanation of the new agency directive for residential construction, builders' responsibility to have fall protection, a review of fall protection criteria and practices, and specific instructions for builders on fall exposure liability.

Registration fees are \$20 for BIA members and \$40 for guests. For registration information, please call (248) 862-1033.

Green building for pros

BIA will sponsor a Green Building for Building Professionals course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 8-9, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate (CGA) and Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) designation.

Chuck Breidenstein will instruct attendees on strategies for incorporating green building principles into homes without driving up the cost of construction. Participants will learn how green homes provide buyers with better value, lower energy costs, lower maintenance, better indoor air quality and better long-term value.

Registration fees are \$325 for Remodelers Council members, \$350 for BIA members and \$400 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Safety and security

BIA will present a Residential Construction Superintendent (RCS) course — Safety and Security — from 8 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, May 15 at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein will instruct attendees on how to protect a job site by

learning the essential components of a safety program. Participants will examine the most common OSHA citations and how to prepare for an OSHA inspection, as well as review a superintendent's responsibilities to adequately protect a job site.

Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Sales and marketing awards

BIA's Sales & Marketing Council (SMC) will host the 8th Annual Sales & Marketing (SAM) Awards from 6 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, at the Community House of Birmingham, 380 South Bates St. in Birmingham.

The SMC will recognize outstanding achievement in sales and marketing efforts throughout Southeastern Michigan. The Million Dollar Circle awards will also be presented. A portion of each ticket sold will benefit Habitat for Humanity.

Registration fees are \$90 for BIA or Apartment Association of Michigan members, non-members and guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Project management course

BIA will sponsor an On-Site Project Management course from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100, in Farmington

Hills. The course is part of the Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) series and counts toward Certified Graduate Associate, Certified Graduate Builder (CGB) and Certified Graduate Remodeler (CGR) designation, as well.

Chuck Breidenstein will lead a discussion on site conditions and layout, effective office and client communications, quality control standards, scheduling, and documentation.

Registration fees are \$155 for Remodelers Council members, \$175 for BIA members and \$200 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Estimating and bid strategies

BIA will present another in its series of Effective Business Management Seminars — Estimating and Bid Strategies for Increased Profitability — from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Wednesday, May 30, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Chuck Breidenstein will lead the seminar, instructing attendees on the business and strategic side of estimating, including tips on how to calculate and assign the correct margins for your business, strategies for competitive bidding in a tight market and key ratio tracking that will allow you to increase profitability.

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The Detroit chapter of Commercial Real Estate Women (CREW Detroit) now has 2007 entry packages available online for its sixth annual commercial real estate award program, the CREW Detroit Impact Awards.

The awards recognize two recently completed southeast Michigan commercial properties that significantly improve their surrounding communities.

The 2007 competition is open to new construction and redevelopment projects completed between Jan. 1, 2006, and June 30, 2007. The projects must also have involved at least one firm with a CREW Detroit member, said Sheila Monohon of Giffels-Webster Engineers in Rochester Hills, award committee chair. A list of companies with a CREW Detroit member is available at crewdetroit.org/memlist.htm.

Impact Award "intent to enter" forms can be downloaded now at crewdetroit.org/awards.html. Printed forms are available from Norma Beuter at (248) 646-0629 or beuter@comcast.net. Completed forms should be submitted along with a \$100 entry fee by June 1. Entrants will then receive an entry package outlining the submission requirements. Those completed entry packages are due on or before June 29.

Projects earn points for being environmentally friendly, improving the surrounding community and creatively using current materials, space and technology,

Monohon said. Visteon Village in Van Buren Township and the Mason Run brownfield redevelopment in Monroe won in 2006 in the new development and redevelopment categories, respectively.

A panel of eight judges from the commercial real estate industry will select one winner in each category in August. The awards will be presented at a Sept. 20 luncheon at Oakland Hills Country Club in Bloomfield Hills, where all finalists' entries will also be on display. Tickets are \$65; for more information, contact Beth Lilley at (313) 256-2342 or elizabeth.lilley@chase.com, or see the Web site.

CREW Detroit founded in 1986, is dedicated to advancing the success of women in commercial real estate by promoting networking and professional opportunities among its more than 140 members. CREW Detroit is one of the largest local chapters of CREW Network, a professional organization of 7,000 commercial real estate women and men in the U.S. and Canada. Other local activities include monthly programs, a golf outing in June, and community outreach work benefiting Alternatives for Girls in Detroit and First Step in Plymouth. CREW Detroit will also host the annual CREW Midwest Regional Midwest Regional Conference May 3-5 at the Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, expected to draw more than 200 members and non-members from 11 states and Ontario.

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Quality construction for superintendents

BIA will present another of its Advanced Residential Construction Superintendent (ARCS) courses - Building it Right: Quality Construction for Superintendents (Technical Proficiency Track) - from 8 a.m. to noon on Thursday, May 31, at BIA headquarters, 30375 Northwestern Highway, Suite 100 in Farmington Hills.

Brindley R.W. Byrd, CAPS, CGR of Qx2, Inc., will guide attendees to learn to identify the stakeholders of a construction project and the performance expectations that need to be set and measured for each group to ensure product quality, as well as offer technical tips and best practices to improve quality at each stage of a construction project.

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Newton, Mass., has housing parallel to Birmingham

Q. I am interested in buying a home in Newton, Mass., and understand that the market is changing. Do you have any information?

A. It depends on which of the villages in Newton you are talking about and I can tell you based upon my recent observations, that a number of older homes in the Newton villages are being torn down which were cottage like and new and larger homes are being constructed similar to what has happened in Birmingham, Mich. The real estate



Robert Meisner

market has softened substantially in the Boston area and the prices have retreated to 2003 levels. The price of real estate is still relatively high, compared to other parts of the country including Michigan, and this would appear to be the best time to get into the market given the relative shortage of housing in the metropolitan Boston area.

Q. Are you aware of a recent change in the law regarding awards to landlords, property managers, or tenants for repairs to compensate them for labor?

A. There are new provisions to the Revised Judicature Act in Michigan which provide that if damages for physical injury to the premises are awarded by making an award for or based on the cost of repairs, the court must award damages for labor expended by a landlord or property manager in repairing the premises in the same manner as it would if the repairs were performed by a third party. The provision also states that labor will be compensated at a rate the court determines to be reasonable based upon usual and customary charges for the repairs. Similarly, if the court awards the tenant damages because the landlord breached the lease or contract under which the premises were held by failing to make repairs and by making an award for or based on the cost of repairs, the court must award damages for labor expended by the tenant in repairing the premises in the

same manner as it would if the repairs were performed by a third party. The provision also provides that labor shall be compensated at a rate the court determines to be reasonable based upon usual and customary charges for the repairs. This legislation codifies the notion that labor is to be compensated and, for now at least, puts both sides on notice that they may not merely present arbitrary labor rates and realistically expect reimbursement. The party seeking compensation, either the landlord or the tenant for labor, probably will have to offer a witness who regularly performs the same kind of work and will testify as to the going rate.

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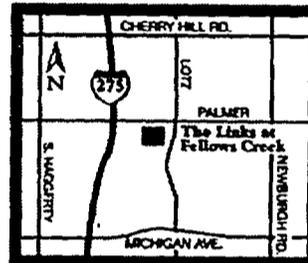
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These are the area residential real estate closings recorded the week of Dec. 25-29, 2006, at the Wayne County Register of Deeds office, plus some from Oakland County. Listed below are cities, addresses and sales prices.

City	Address	Sales Price
Canton	47691 Ashford Dr S	\$357,000
	1333 Hampshire Dr	\$178,000
	39770 Hillary Dr	\$174,000
	42743 Lilley Pointe Dr	\$114,000
Farmington	42216 Metaline Dr	\$239,000
	2211 Preserve Cir E	\$245,000
	3391 Riverside Dr	\$187,000
	47428 Stoneridge Blvd	\$337,000
Farmington Hills	47765 Ten Point Dr	\$338,000
	22476 Violet St	\$134,000
Farmington Hills	24836 Arden Park Dr	\$240,000
	36829 Aspen Dr	\$318,000
	37761 Baywood Dr	\$333,000
	34215 Brittany Dr	\$480,000
	25834 Livingston Cir	\$425,000
	31276 Misty Pines Dr	\$160,000
	23460 N Stockton Ave	\$155,000
	32427 Nottingwood St	\$226,000
	32415 Red Clover Rd	\$244,000
	33984 Rhonswood St	\$245,000
Westland	29554 Sylvan Ln	\$208,000
	27599 W Echo Vly	\$93,000
Westland	30101 Westgate Rd	\$315,000
	38062 Hixford Pl	\$135,000
Livonia	30911 Pierce St	\$128,000
	34899 Bretton Dr	\$407,000
Milford	11795 Hunters Park Ct	\$90,000
	4330 Old Plank Rd	\$250,000
Northville	707 Telya Rdg	\$240,000
	1395 Valley Crest Ct	\$582,000
Novi	39467 Northwind Ct	\$373,000
	23102 Argyle St	\$455,000
Plymouth	2325 Austin Dr	\$285,000
	24585 Bashian Dr	\$100,000
Redford	24200 Bramblewood Dr	\$297,000
	23974 Elizabeth Ln	\$408,000
Westland	44722 Gwinnett Loop	\$184,000
	42016 Loganberry Rdg N	\$245,000
Westland	22250 Roxbury Dr	\$508,000
	24793 Sutherland Dr	\$310,000
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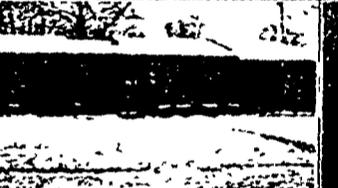
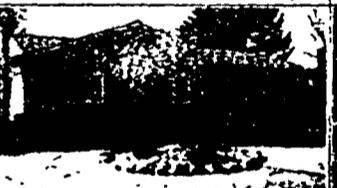
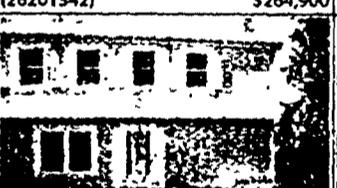
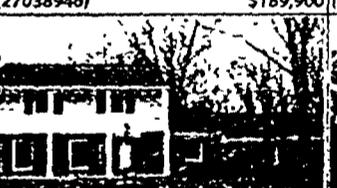
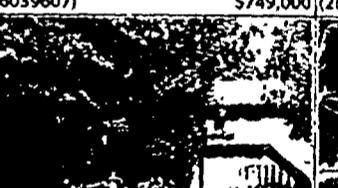
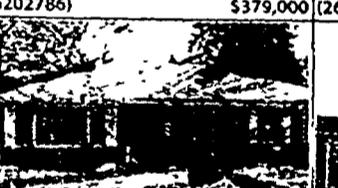
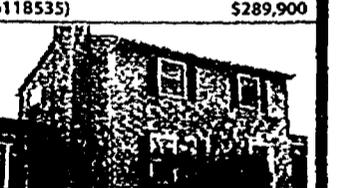
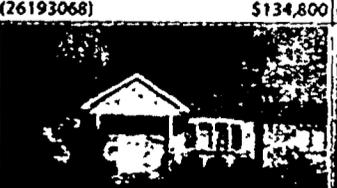
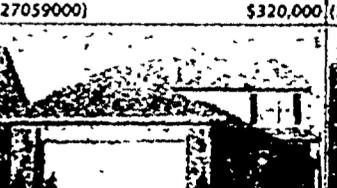
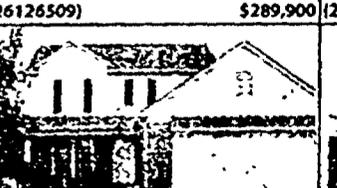
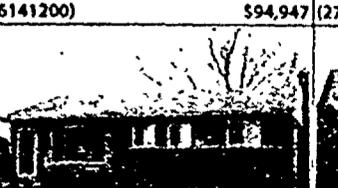
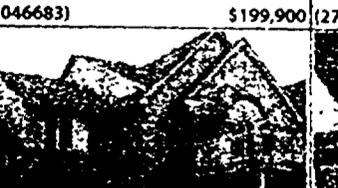
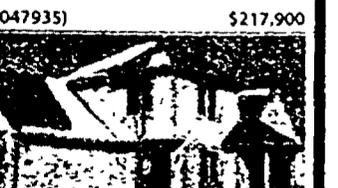
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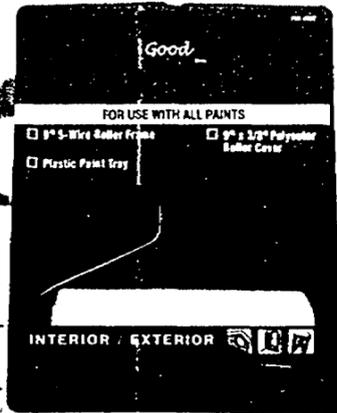
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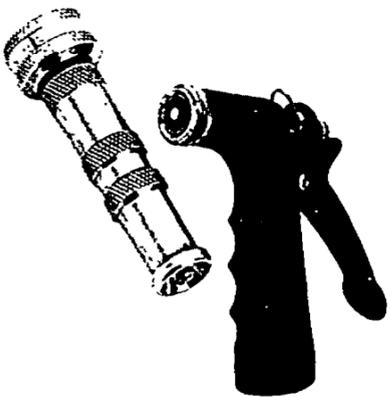
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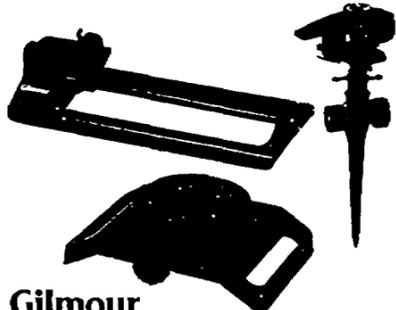
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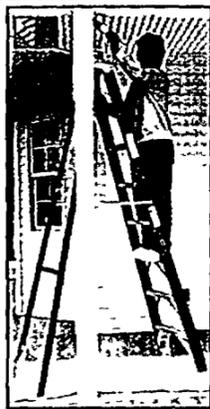
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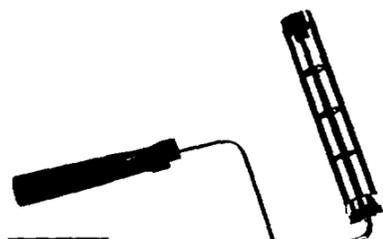


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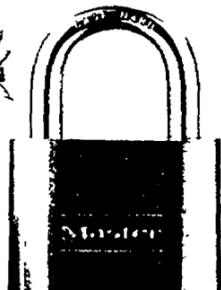
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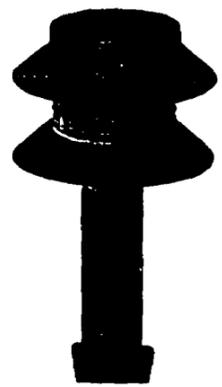
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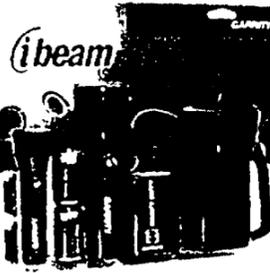
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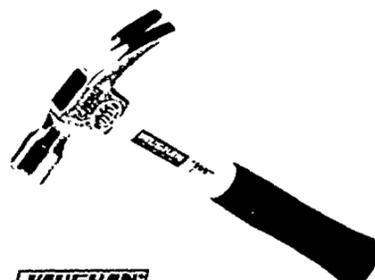


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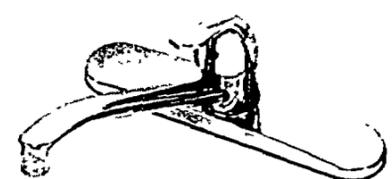


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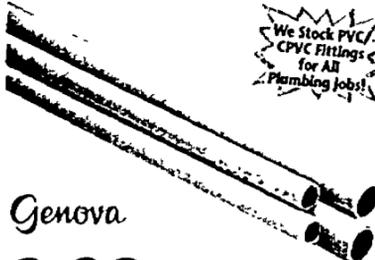
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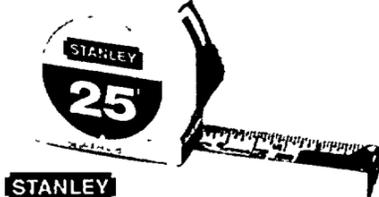
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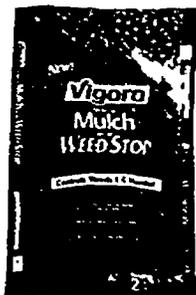


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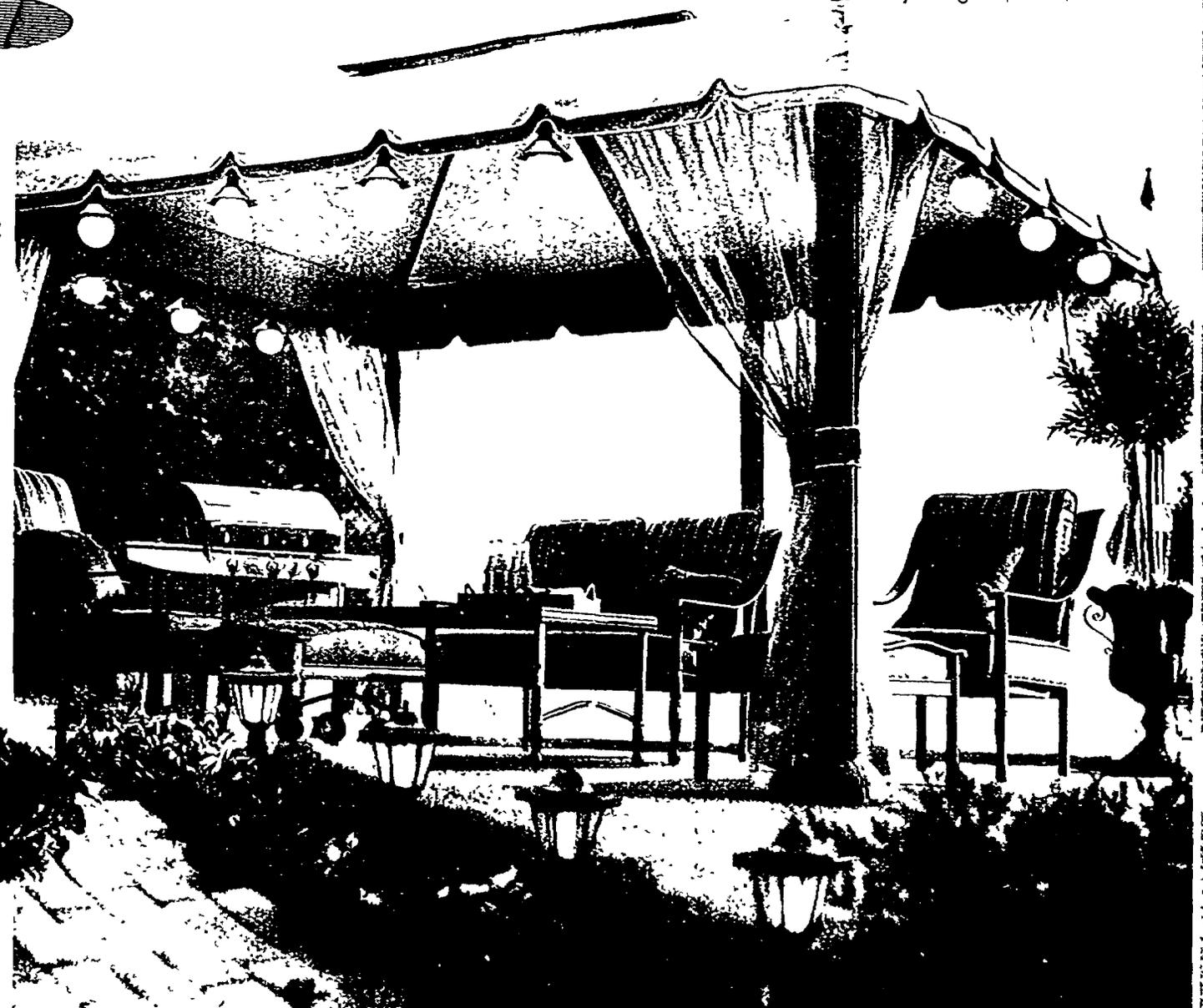
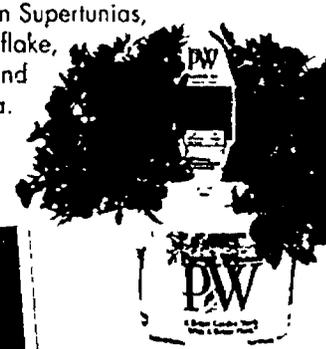
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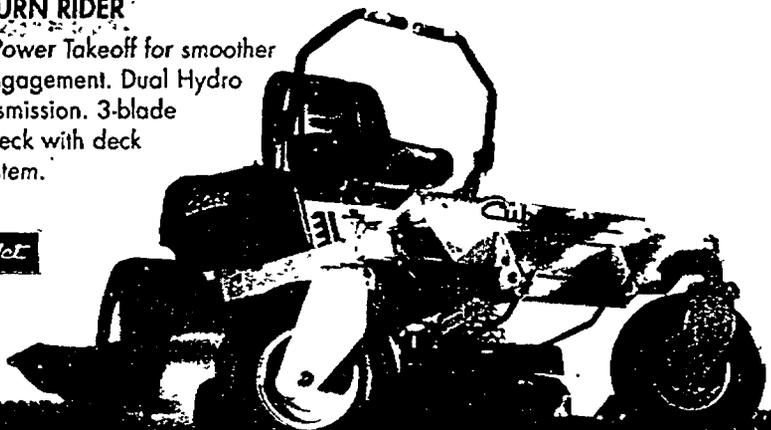
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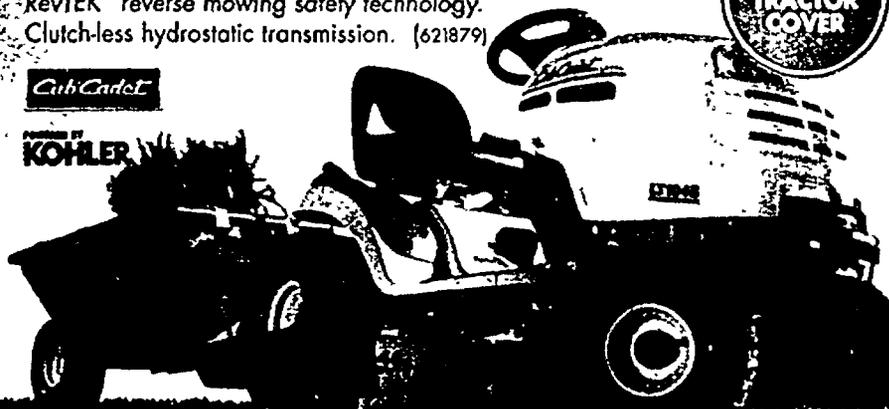
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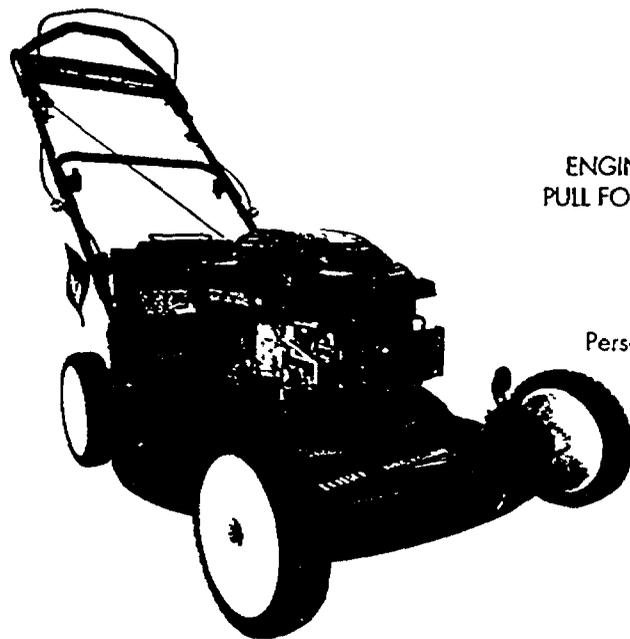
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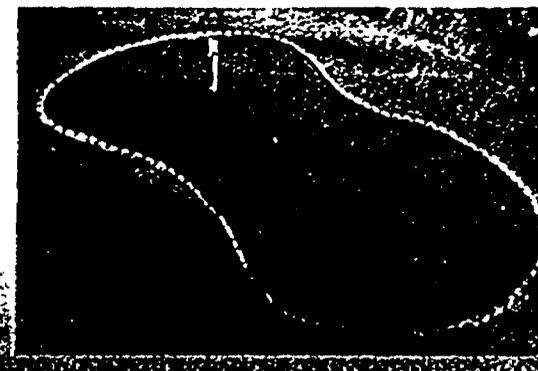
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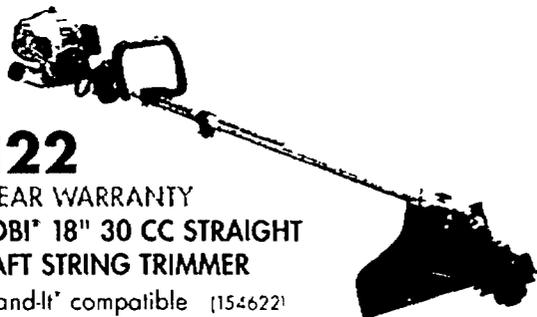


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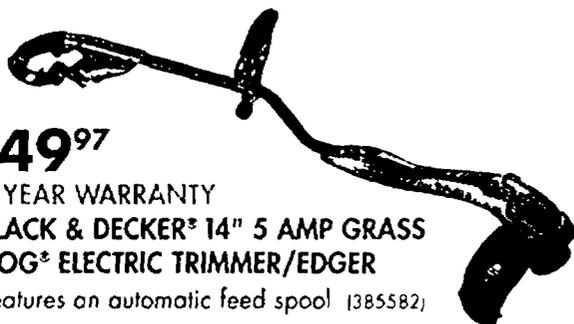


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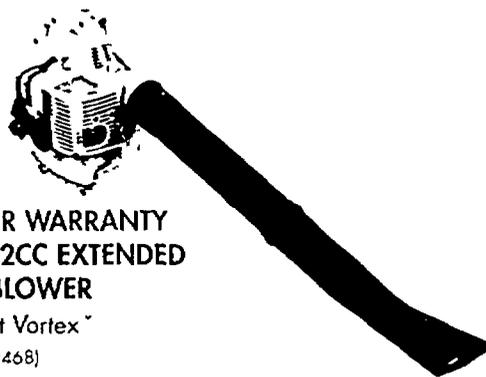
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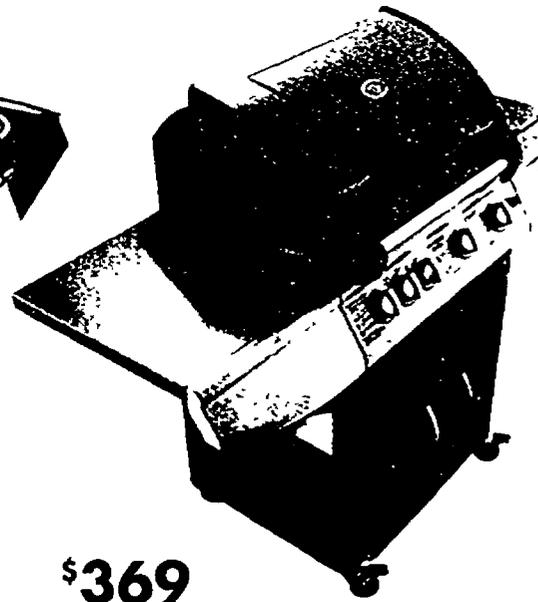
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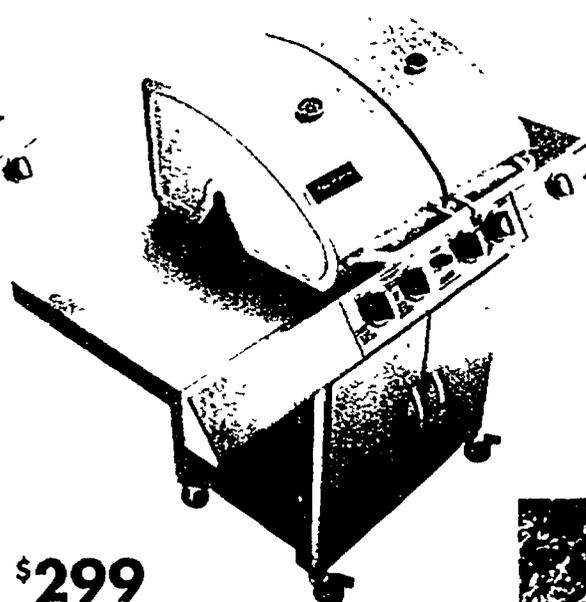
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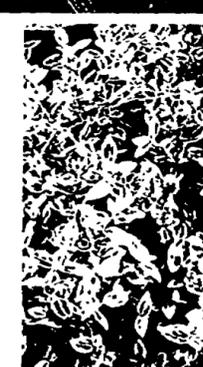
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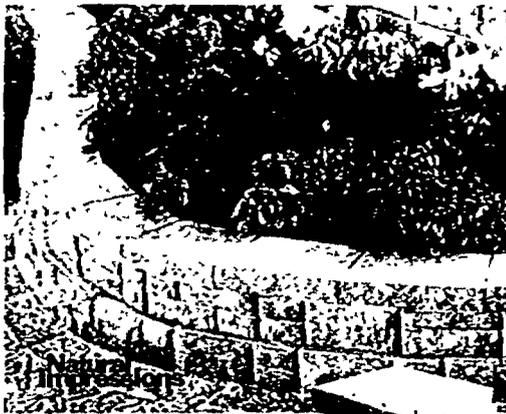
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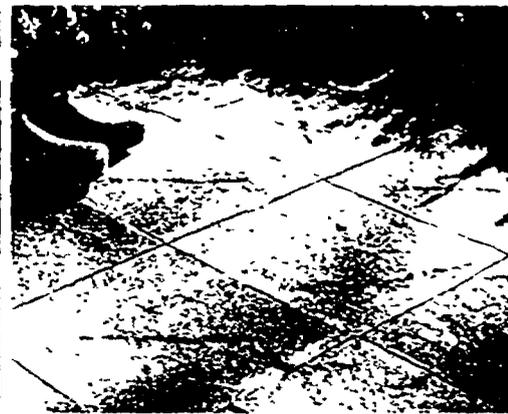
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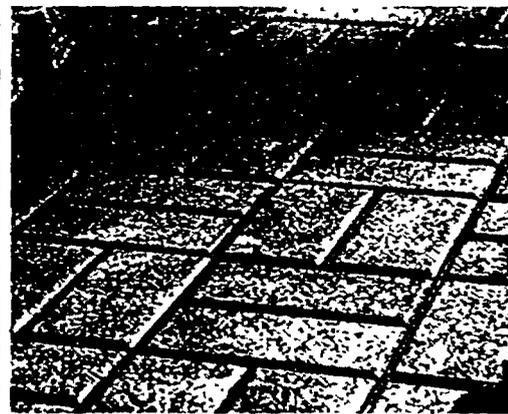
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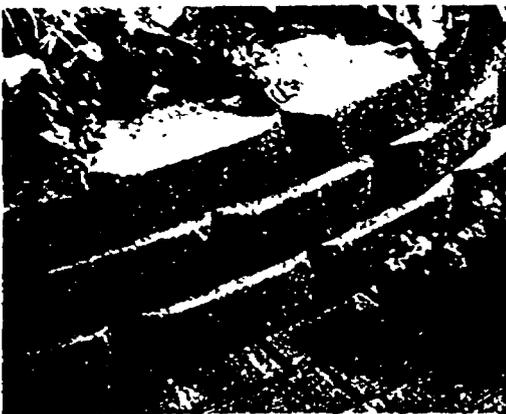
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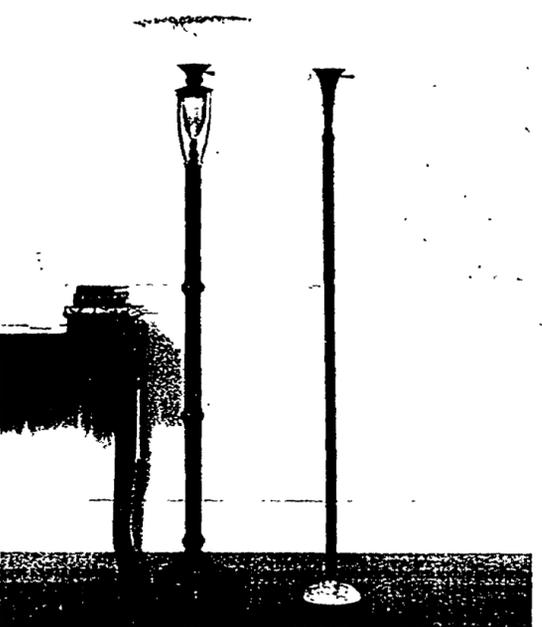
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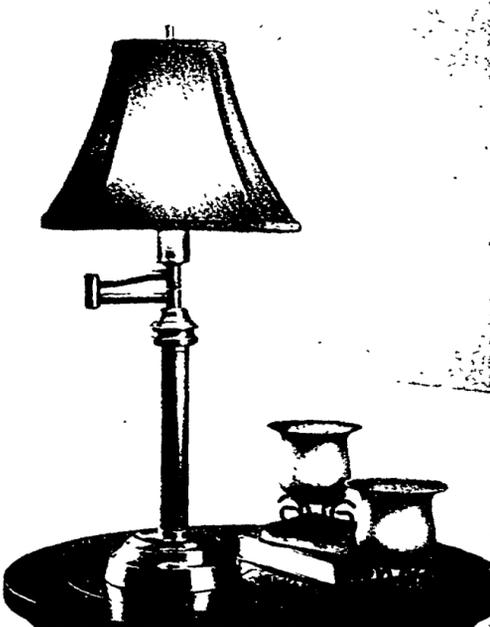
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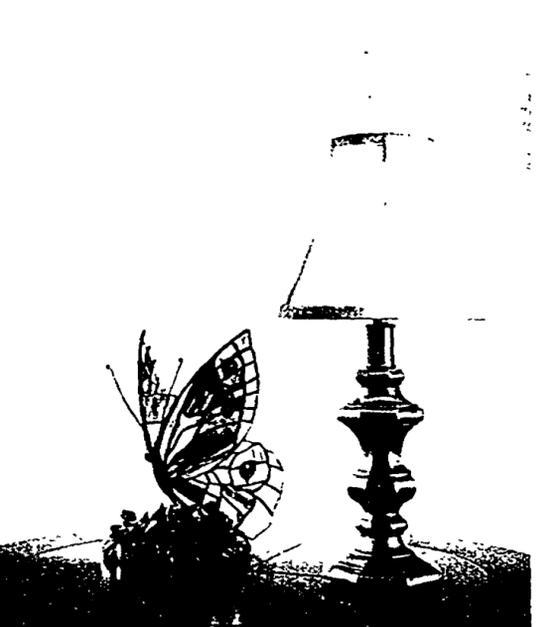
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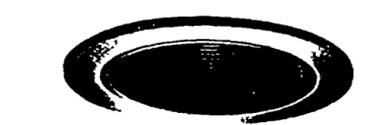
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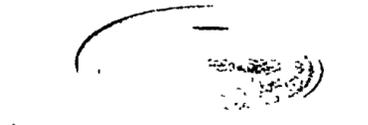
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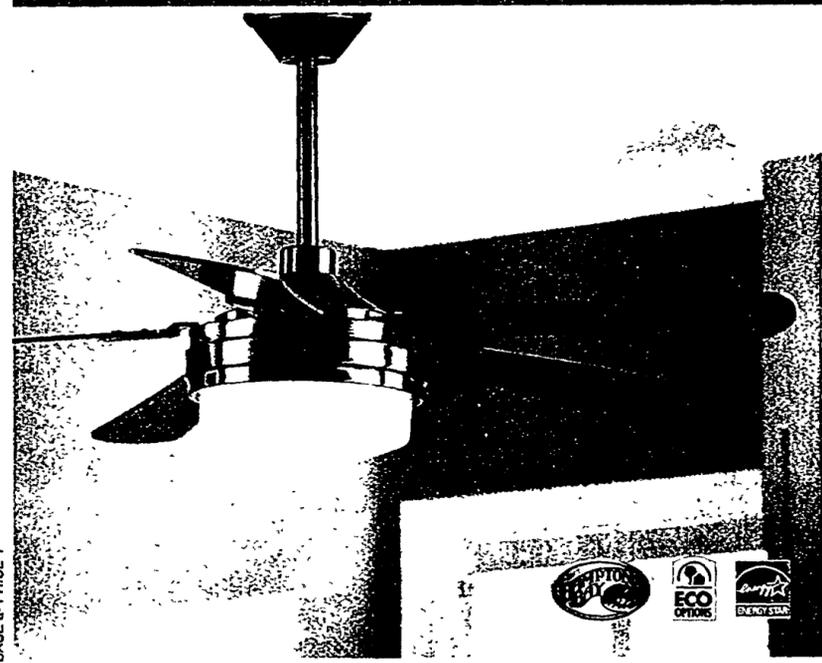


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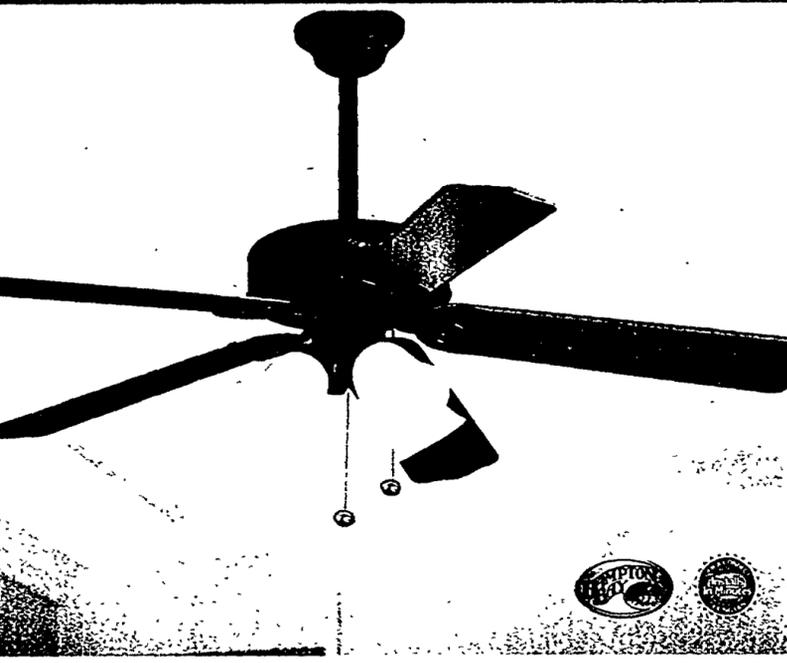
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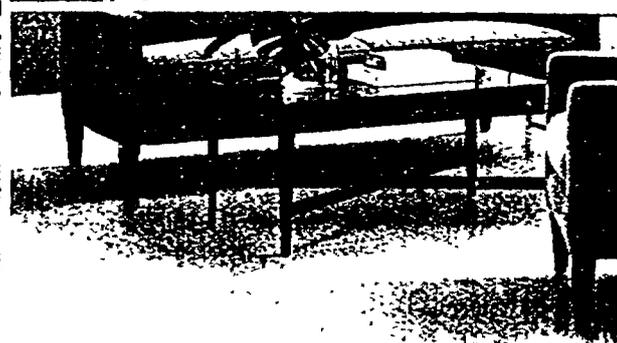
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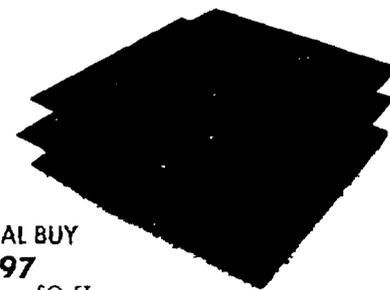
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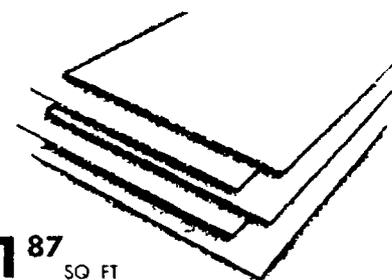
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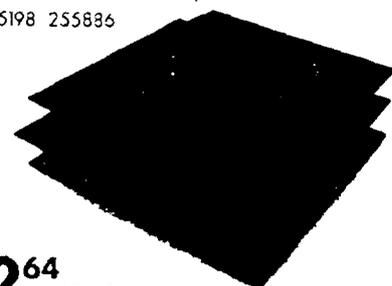
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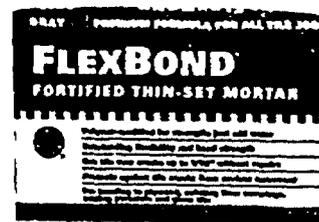


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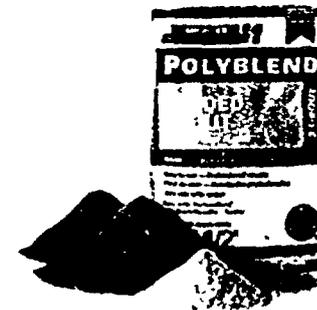
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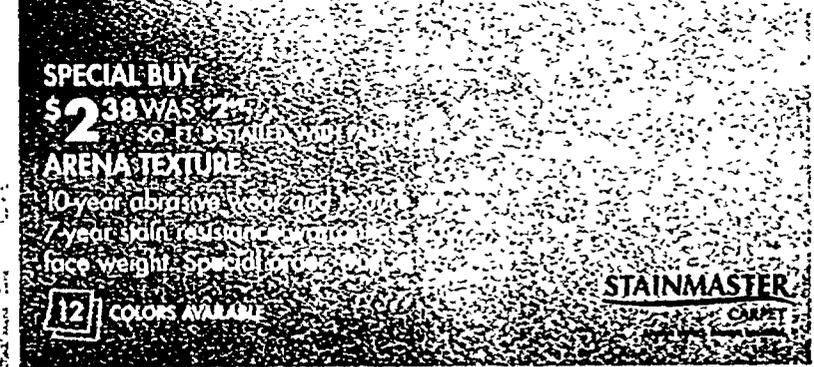
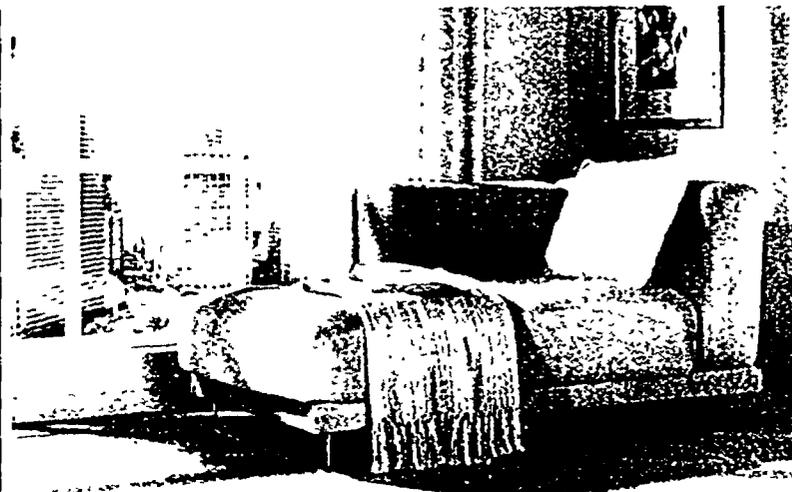
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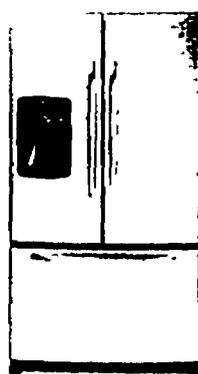
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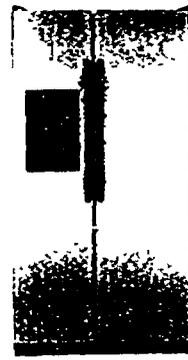
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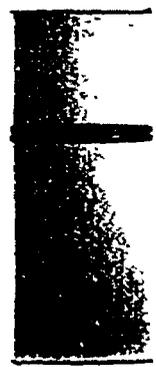
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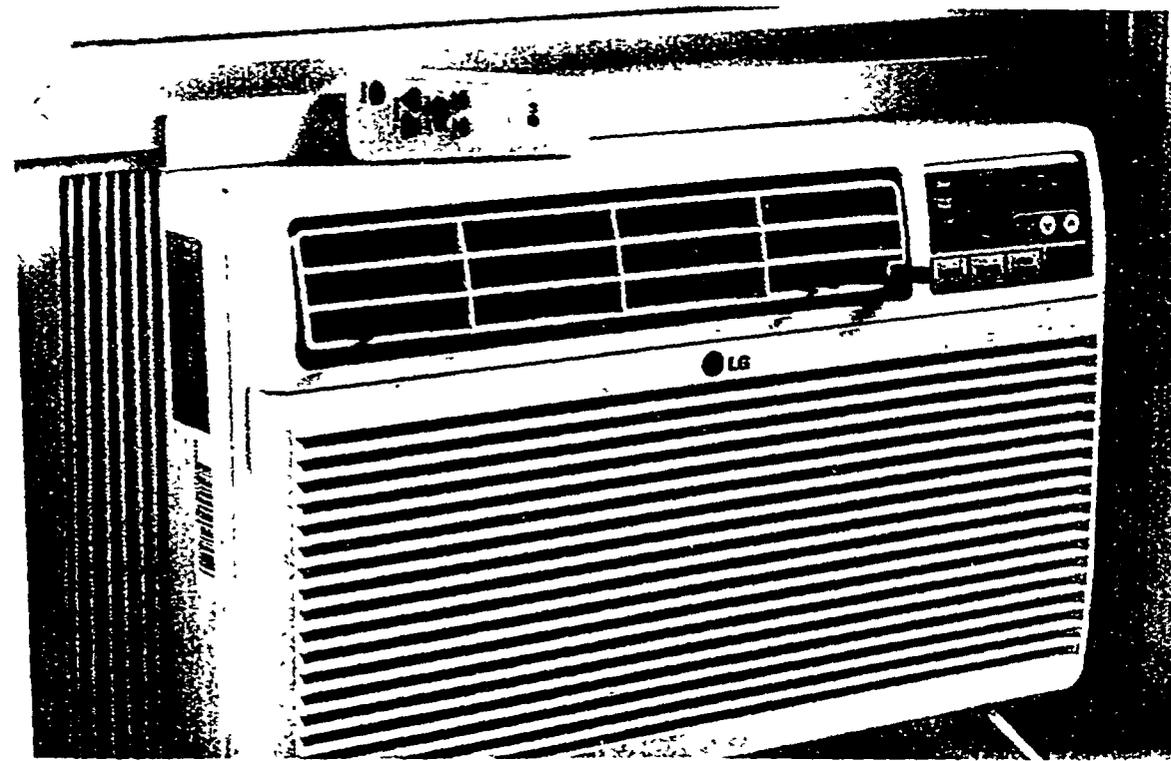
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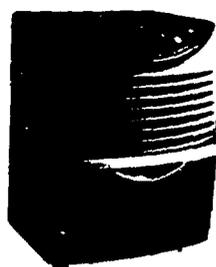
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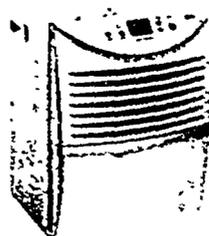
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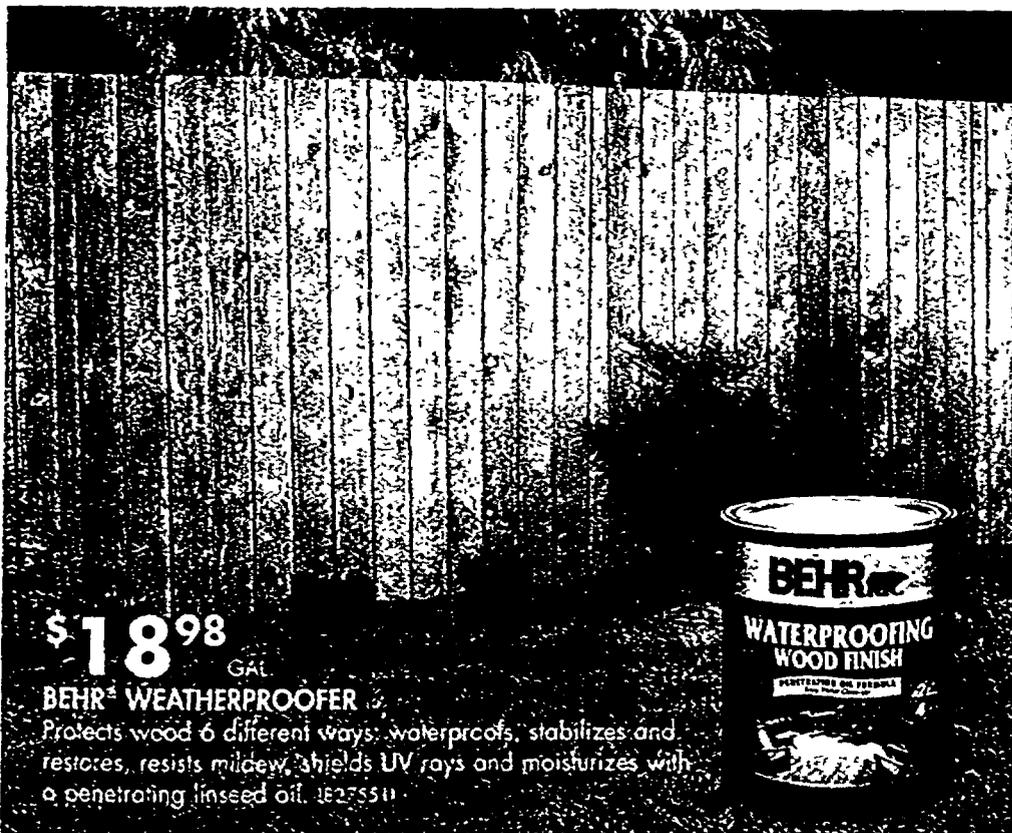
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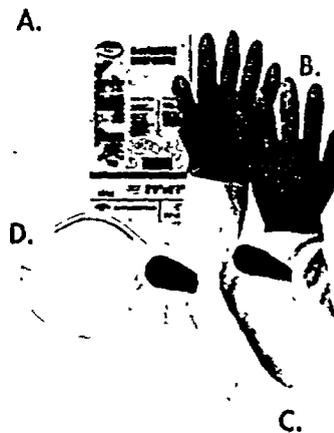


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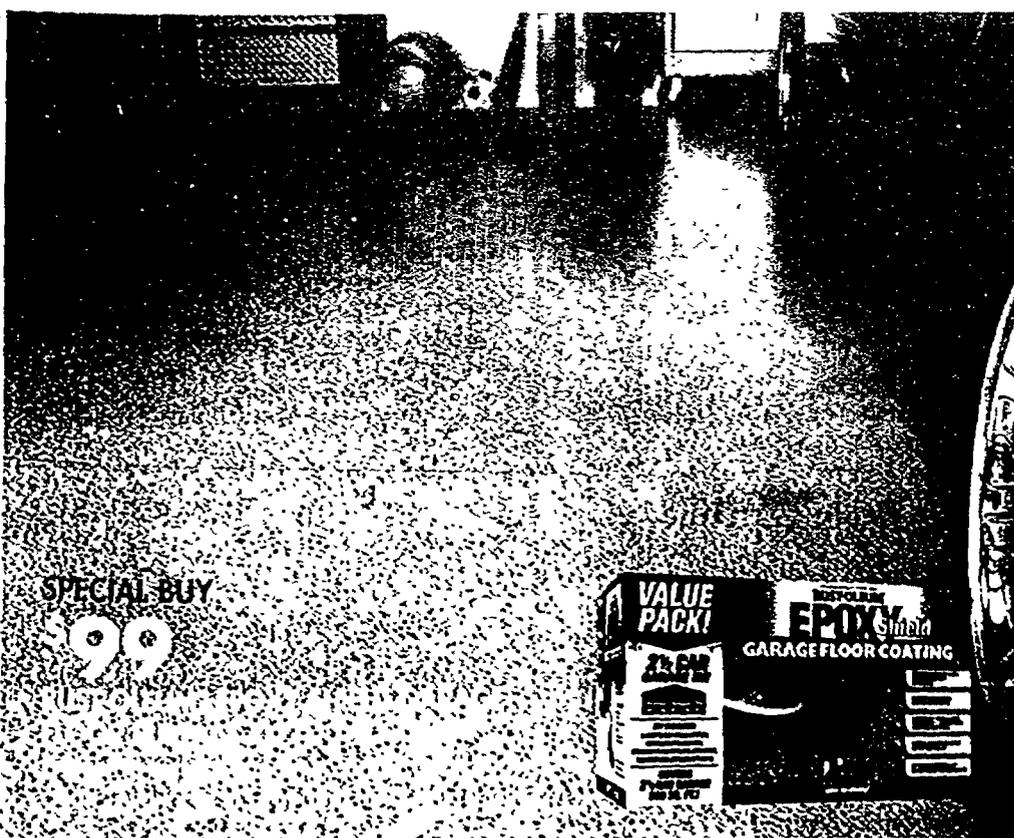
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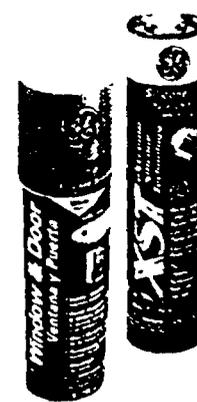
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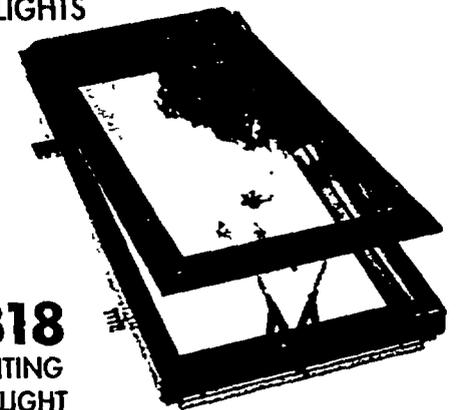
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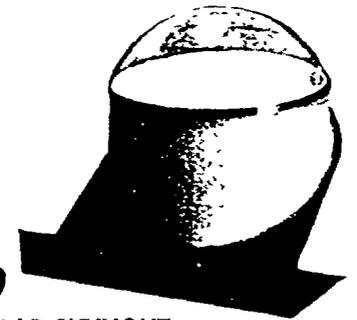
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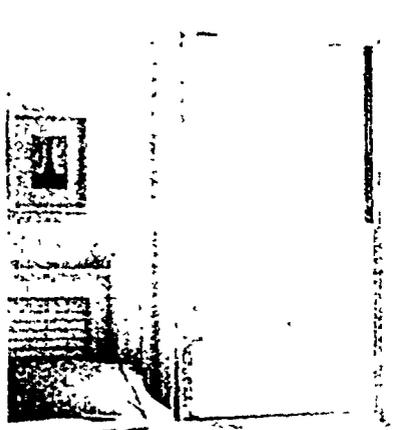
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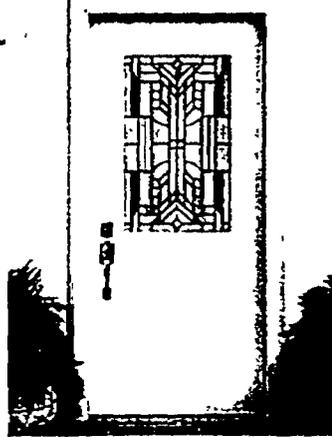
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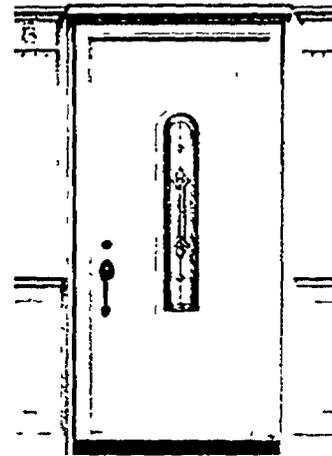
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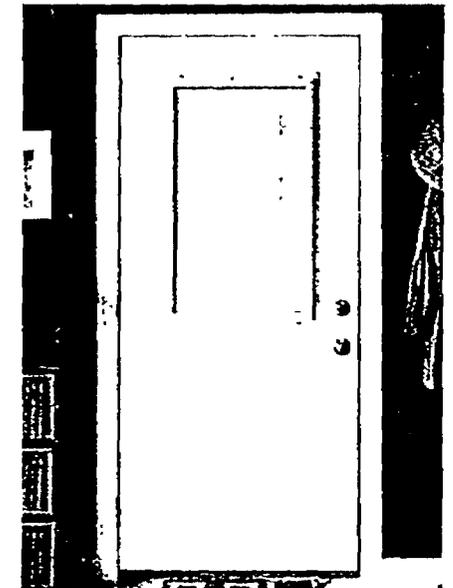
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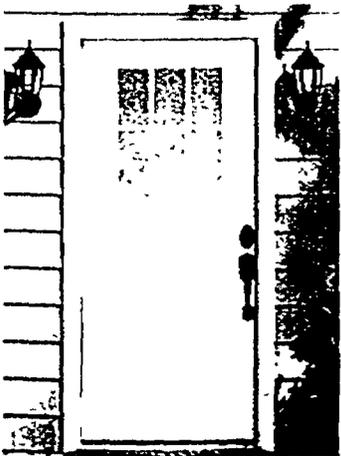
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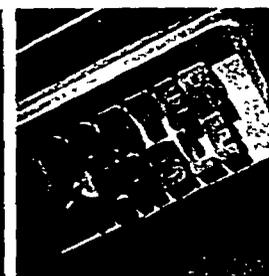
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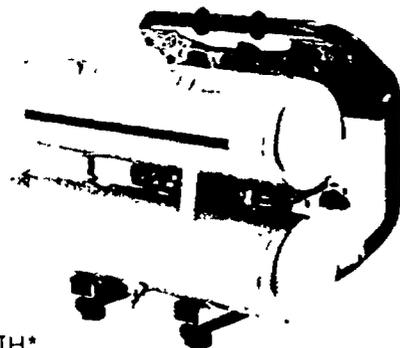


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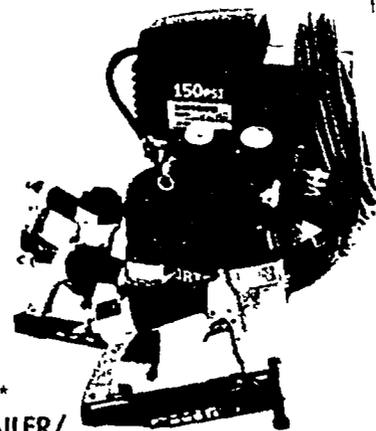
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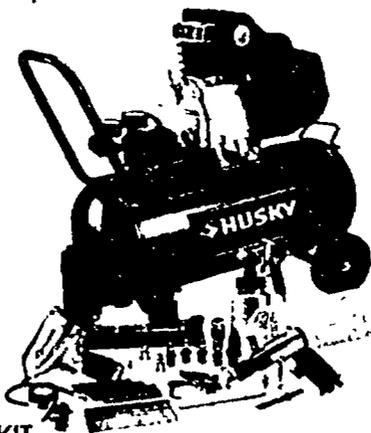
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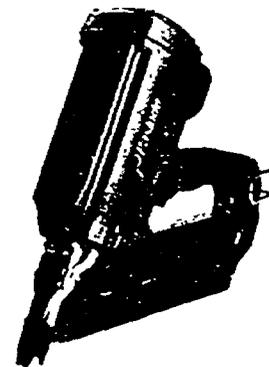
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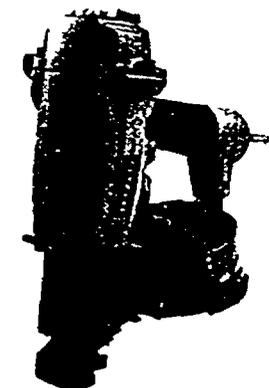
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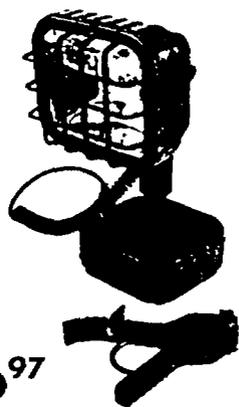
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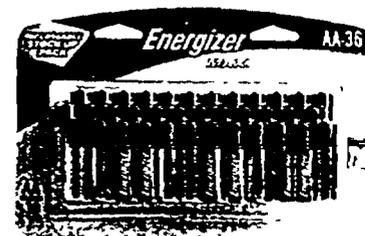
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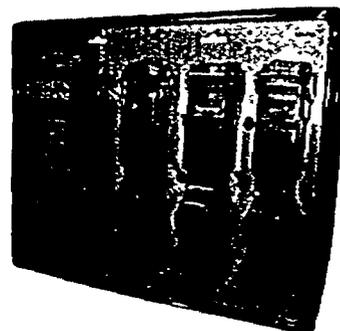
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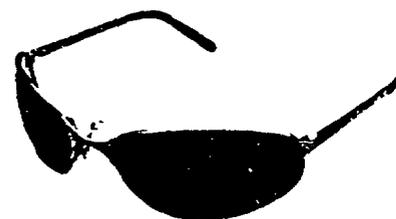
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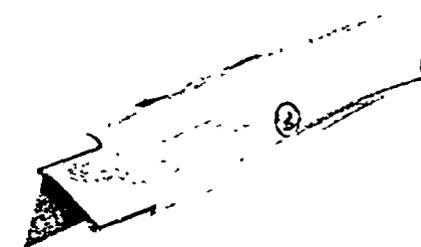
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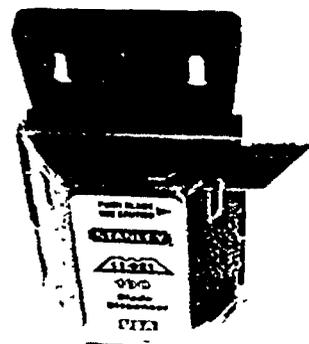
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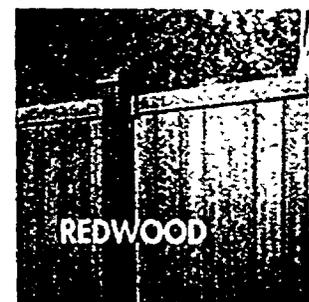
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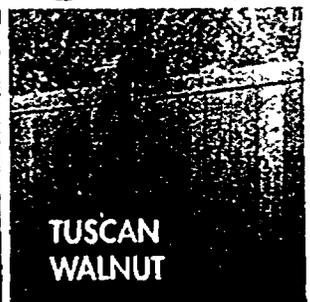
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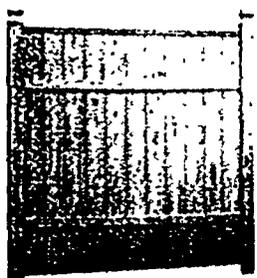
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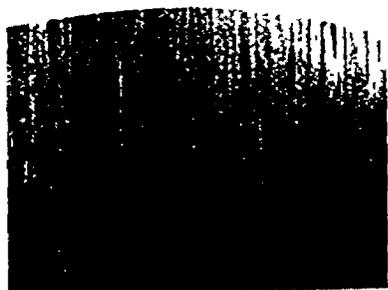


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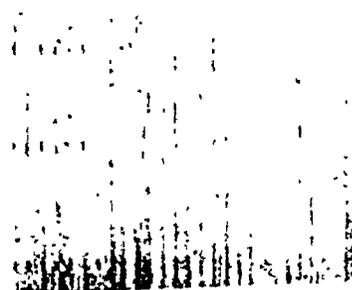


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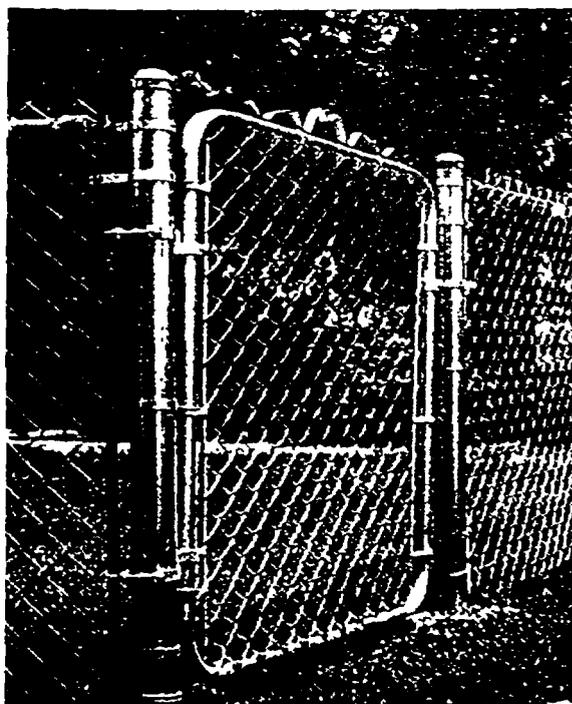
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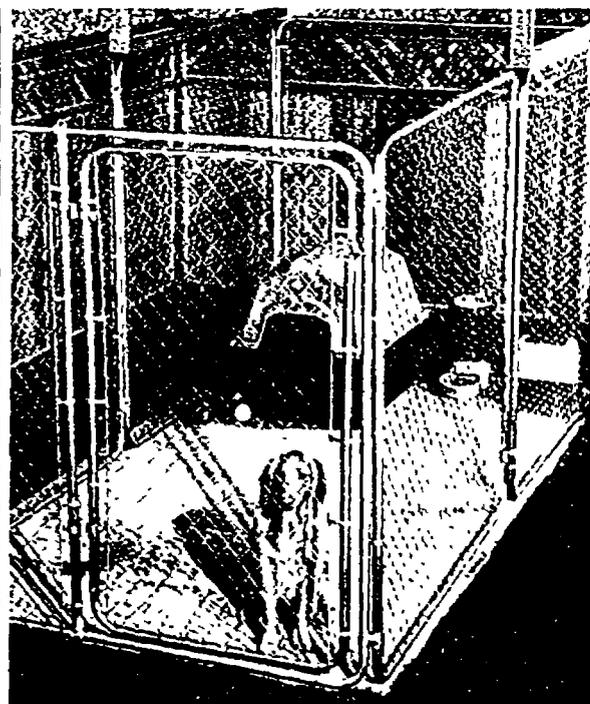


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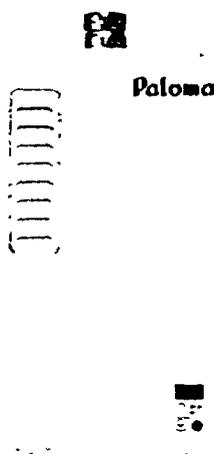
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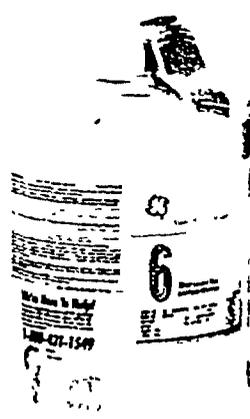
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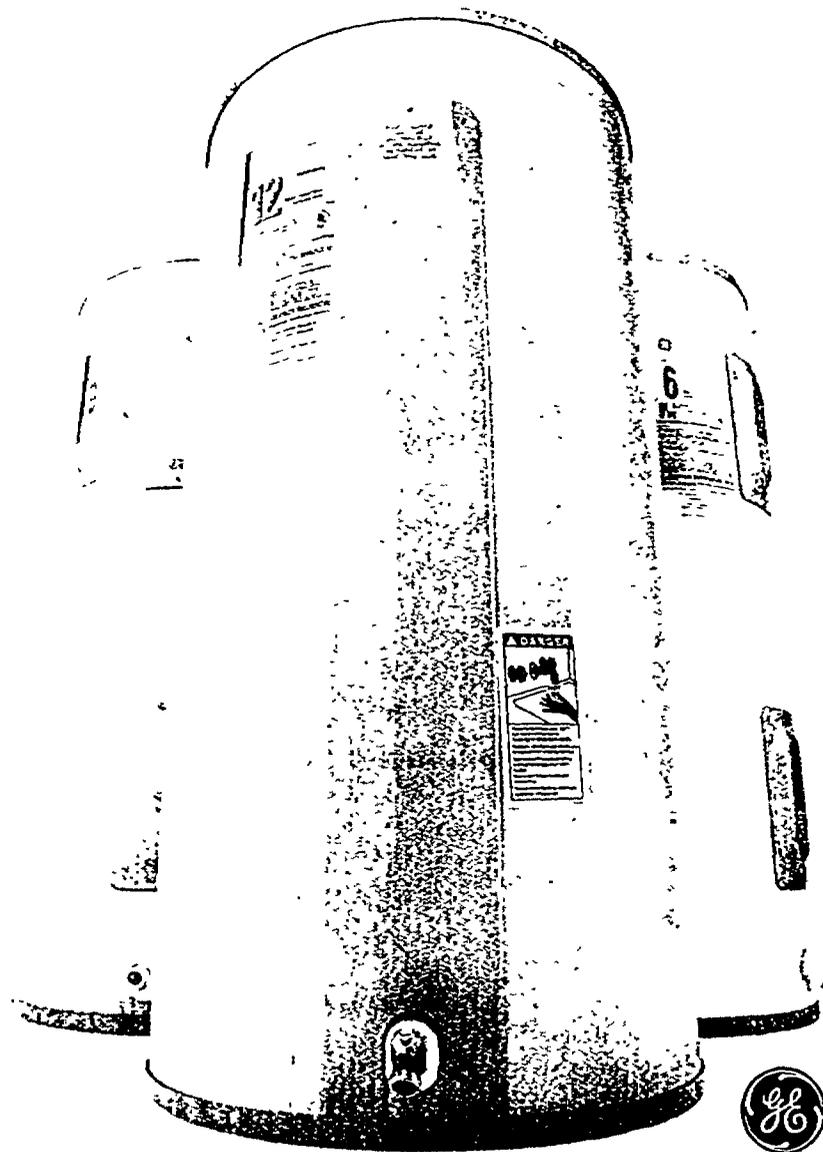
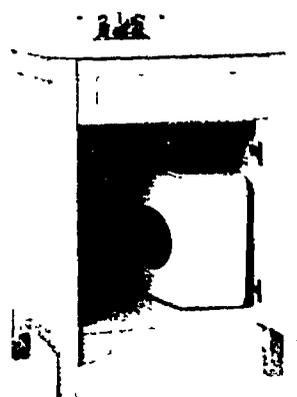


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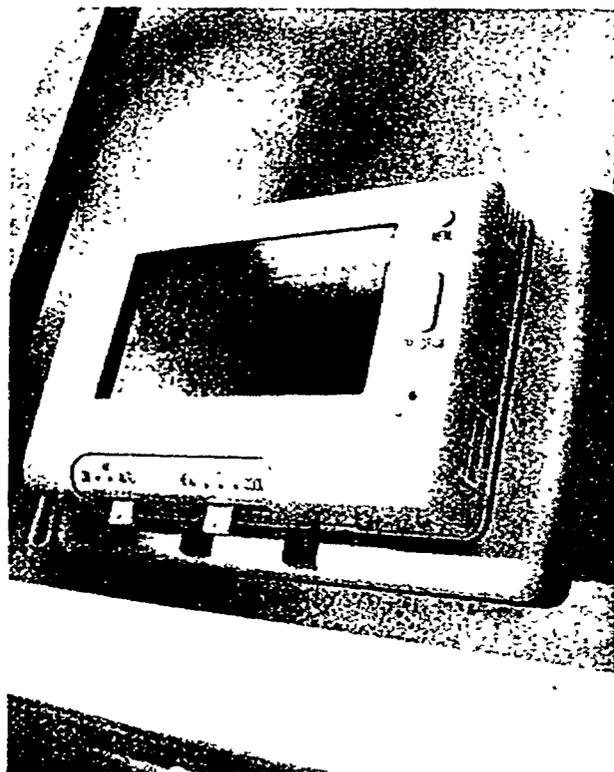
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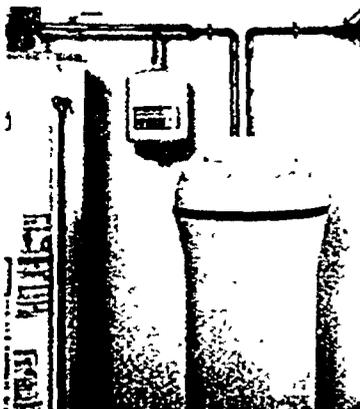


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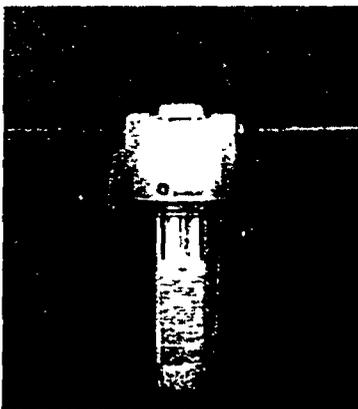
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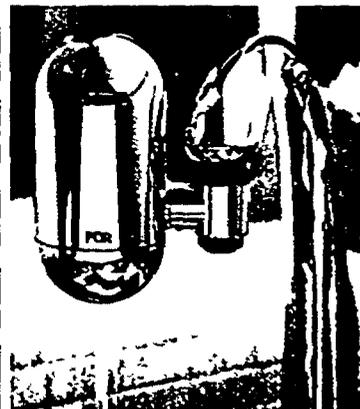
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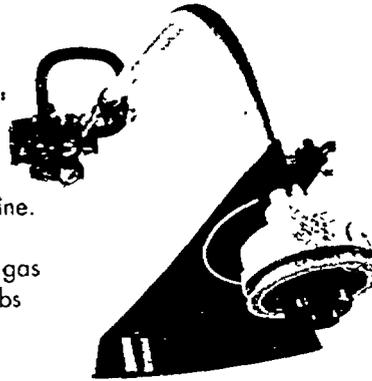
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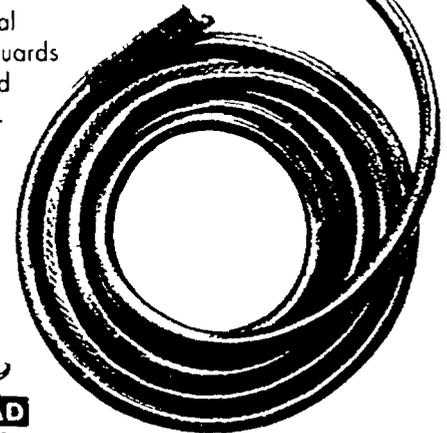
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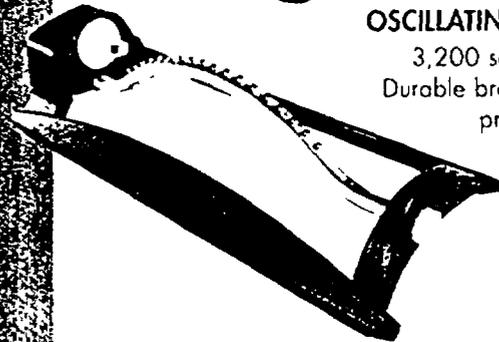
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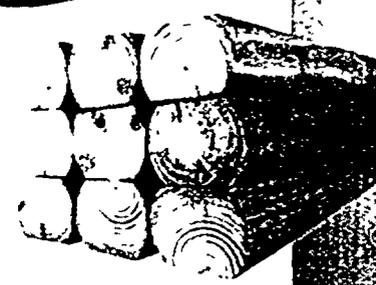
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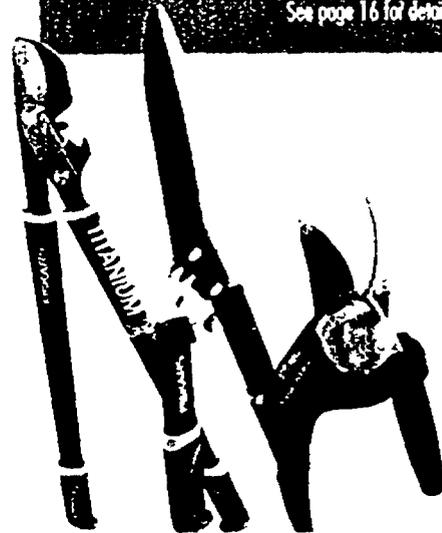
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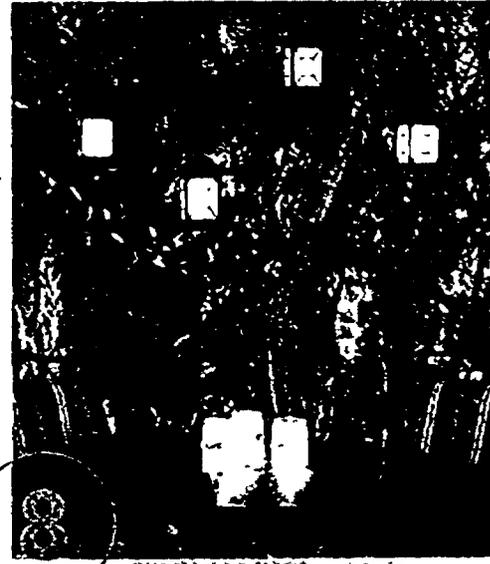
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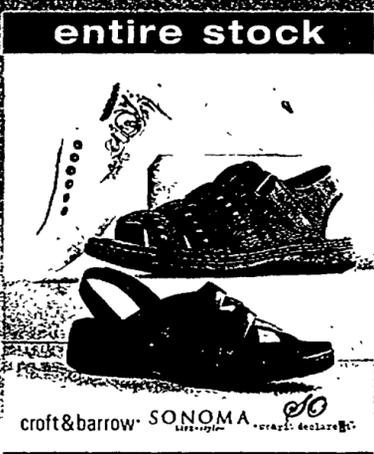


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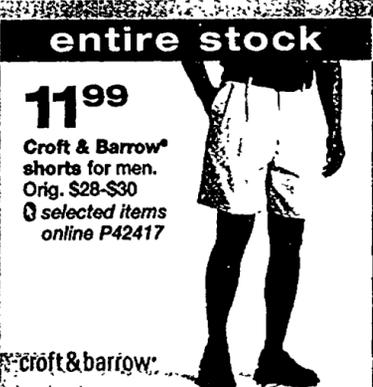
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749
Croft & Barrow® short-sleeved V-neck tee for misses and petites. Orig. \$14



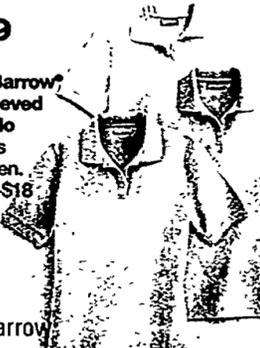
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Croft & Barrow® picot tank top for misses. Orig. \$14



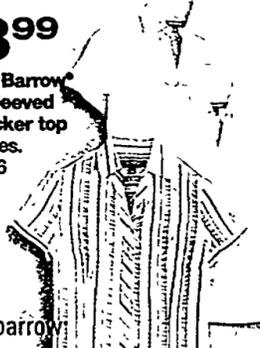
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Croft & Barrow® short-sleeved pique polo for misses and women. Orig. \$16-\$18



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Croft & Barrow® short-sleeved seersucker top for misses. Orig. \$26



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Entire Stock
17⁹⁹
Briggs® capris for misses and petites. Orig. \$36
women's Orig. \$38, sale 18.99
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13⁹⁹
Erika® capris for misses and petites. Orig. \$26
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ERIKA



Your Choice
749
Croft & Barrow® short-sleeved tees or tank tops for misses or petites. Orig. \$14-\$16 ea.



Your Choice
15⁹⁹
Croft & Barrow® capris or skorts for misses or petites. Orig. \$28-\$30 ea.
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Your Choice
849
Sonoma printed layered tees or tank tops for misses. Orig. \$18 ea.



Entire Stock
1349
Sonoma skorts for misses. Orig. \$22
women's Orig. \$32, sale 18.99

SONOMA ONLY AT KOHL'S

SONOMA
LIFE style
849
Sonoma utility knit top for misses. Orig. \$18



SONOMA
LIFE style
899
Sonoma rugby polo for misses. Orig. \$18



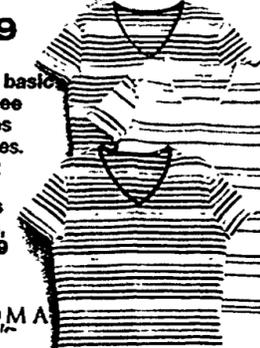
Lee
GET THE FITS
Entire Stock
17⁹⁹
Bermudas from Lee® and Gloria Vanderbilt® for misses. Orig. \$34



Entire Stock
17⁹⁹
Shorts from Gloria Vanderbilt® and Lee® for misses. Orig. \$32



549
Sonoma basic V-neck tee for misses and petites. Orig. \$12
women's Orig. \$14, sale 5.99
SONOMA LIFE style



899
Sonoma double layer strappy tank top for misses. Orig. \$18
SONOMA LIFE style



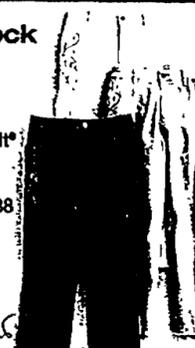
Entire Stock
1249
Sonoma shorts for misses and petites. Orig. \$26
women's Orig. \$30, sale 14.99
SONOMA LIFE style



Entire Stock
15⁹⁹
Sonoma capris for misses and petites. Orig. \$34
women's Orig. \$38, sale 19.99
SONOMA LIFE style



Entire Stock
1949
Capris from, Gloria Vanderbilt® & Lee® for misses and petites. Orig. \$38
women's Orig. \$40, sale 19.99
Gloria Vanderbilt



Entire Stock
19⁹⁹
Skorts from, Gloria Vanderbilt® and Lee® for misses and petites. Orig. \$34
Gloria Vanderbilt



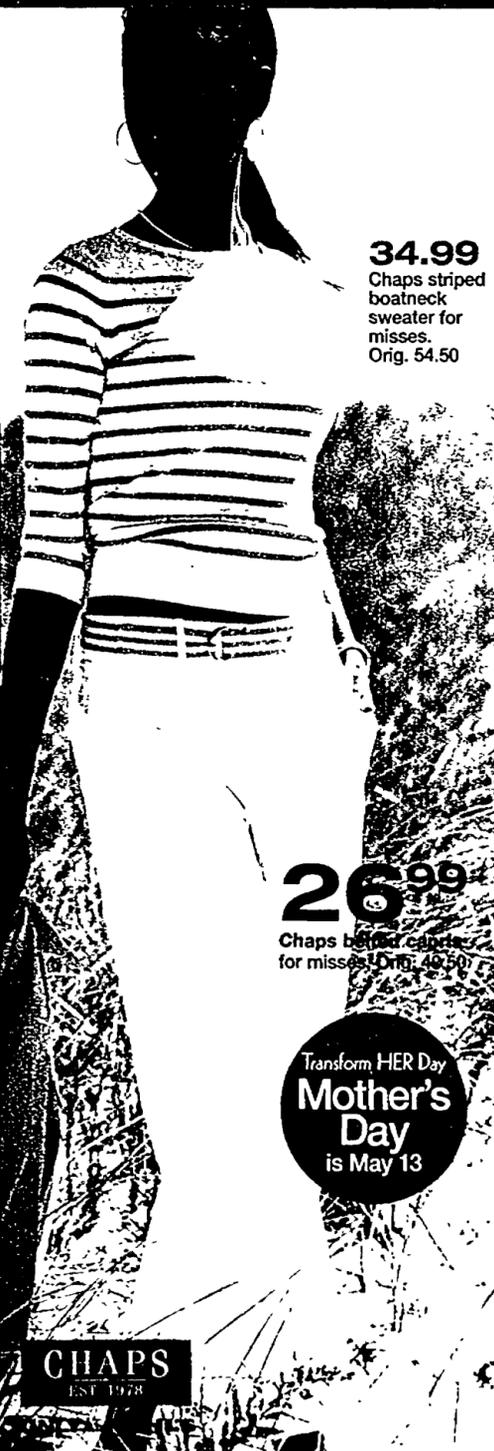
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35-55% off entire stock

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for misses, petites and women. Orig. 16.00-99.50, sale 9.99-64.67 selected items online W2300



34.99
Chaps striped boatneck sweater for misses. Orig. \$4.50

26.99
Chaps boatneck sweater for misses. Orig. \$49.50

Transform HER Day
Mother's Day
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CHAPS
EST. 1978



29.99
Villager crocheted sweater for misses. Orig. \$49

villager



19.99
Requirements short-sleeved embellished tee for misses. Orig. \$34

24.99
Requirements printed skirt for misses. Orig. \$40

REQUIREMENTS



Your Choice
21.99
Sag Harbor short-sleeved eyelet woven top or capris for misses. Orig. \$36 ea.



21.99
Notations burnout top for misses. Orig. \$44

notations

40-55% off entire stock

apt. 9, AB Studio, axcess, daisy fuentes, Nine & Co. and Stamp 10 sportswear

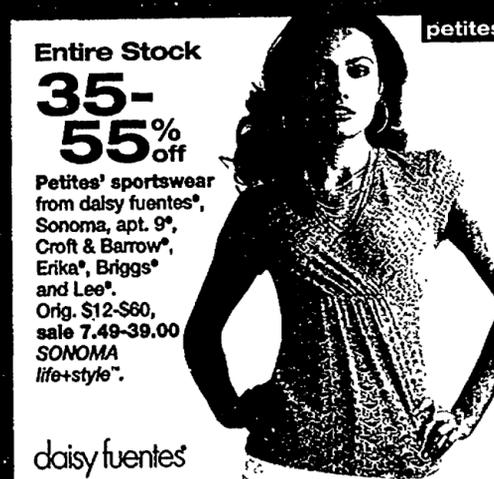
for misses, petites and women. Orig. \$16-\$74, sale 7.20-44.40 selected items online W2300



9.99
apt. 9 lace-trimmed ribbed tank top for misses. Orig. \$20

23.99
apt. 9 lace cutout skirt for misses. Orig. \$44

apt. 9
ONLY AT KOHL'S



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19.99
AB Studio layered eyelet top for misses. Orig. \$38

ABSTUDIO



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daisy fuentes eyelet babydoll top for misses. Orig. \$39

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ONLY AT KOHL'S



28.99
apt. 9 eyelet shirt dress for misses. Orig. \$50

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Oh Baby!
by MOTHERHOOD

Entire Stock
45-55% off

Oh Baby!™ by Motherhood® maternity apparel
Orig. \$16-\$44, sale 8.80-24.20
selected items online W2820

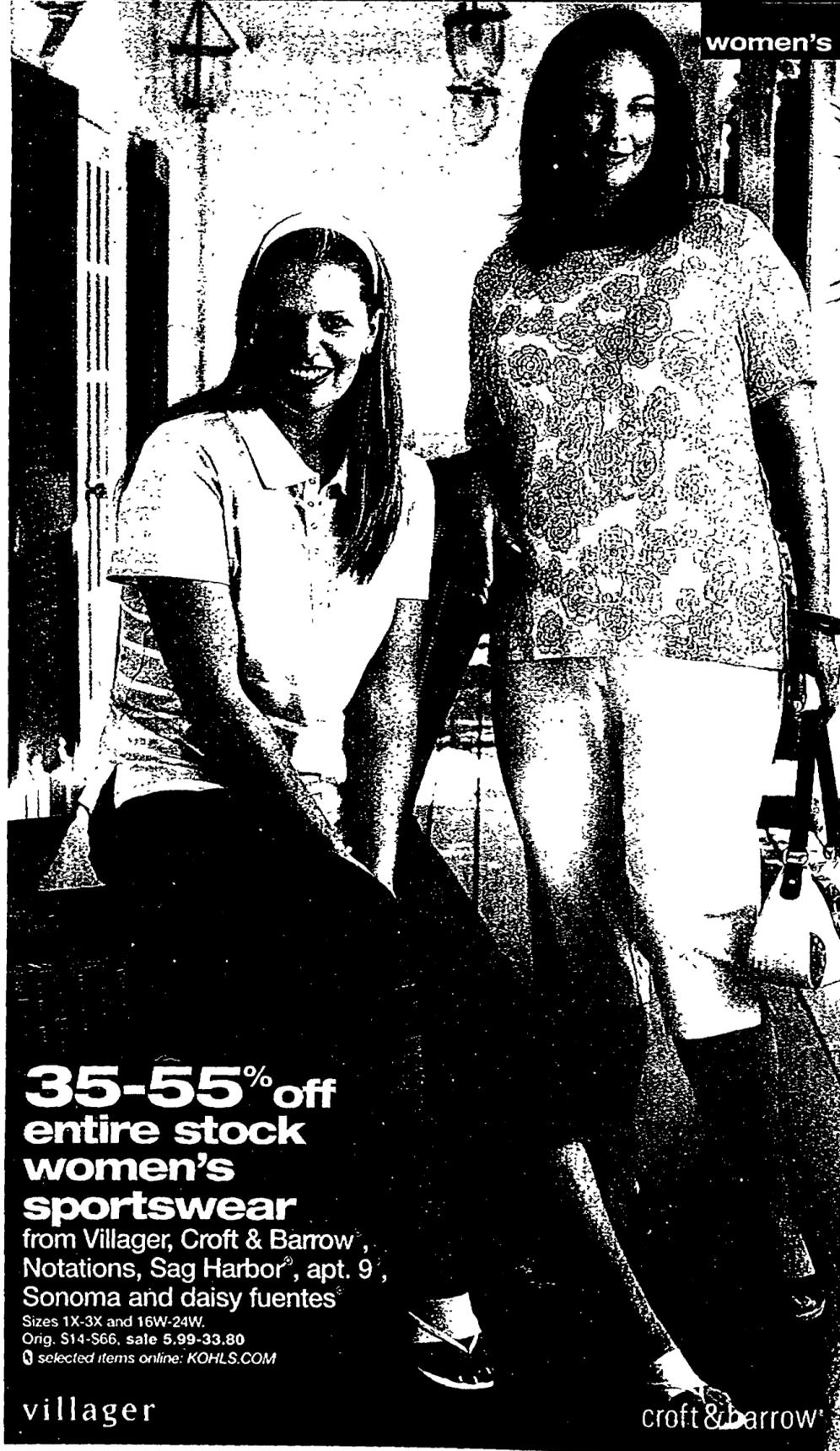


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Entire Stock
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Swimwear for misses, juniors and women.
Orig. \$24-\$86, sale 12.99-51.60
selected items online W3200

women's



35-55% off
entire stock
women's
sportswear

from Villager, Croft & Barrow,
Notations, Sag Harbor®, apt. 9,
Sonoma and daisy fuentes®

Sizes 1X-3X and 16W-24W.
Orig. \$14-\$66, sale 5.99-33.80
selected items online: KOHLS.COM

villager

croft & barrow®

40-55% off all
New York Laundry® activewear

for misses, petites and women. Orig. \$20-\$40, sale 9.00-21.99 selected items online W5240

N.Y.L.
NEW YORK LAUNDRY®



13⁹⁹
V-neck tee
Orig. \$24

15⁹⁹
Printed skirt
Orig. \$28



11⁹⁹
Baseball tee
Orig. \$24



16⁹⁹
Mockneck jacket
Orig. \$34

13⁹⁹
French terry capris
Orig. \$28



Your Choice
14⁹⁹
3/4-sleeved
polo or French
terry skimmer
Orig. \$28 ea.

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33-55% off all fine jewelry and sterling silver jewelry

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23.99 pr.
1/8 ct. T.W. diamond
solitaire earrings. 14k
gold. Reg. \$100 pr.



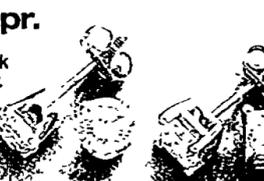
69.99 pr.
1/4 ct. T.W. diamond
solitaire earrings. 14k
gold. Reg. \$250 pr.



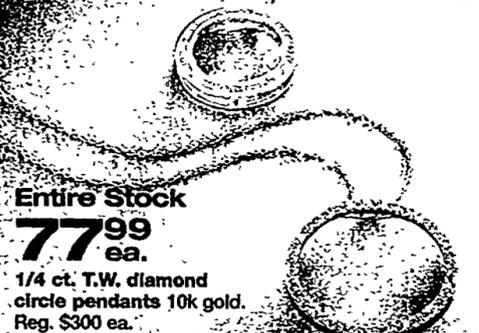
219.99 pr.
1/2 ct. T.W. diamond
solitaire earrings. 14k
gold. Reg. \$750 pr.



599.99 pr.
1 ct. T.W. diamond
solitaire earrings. 14k
gold. Reg. \$2,000 pr.



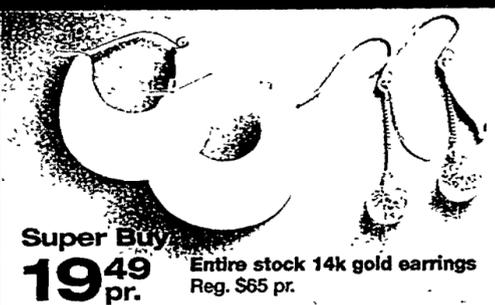
Entire Stock
77⁹⁹
ea.
1/4 ct. T.W. diamond
circle pendants 10k gold.
Reg. \$300 ea.



Entire Stock
48⁹⁹
ea. Gemstone Jewelry
10k gold. Reg. \$150 ea.



Super Buy
19⁴⁹
pr. Entire stock 14k gold earrings
Reg. \$65 pr.



9⁹⁹
pr. Sterling silver earrings
Reg. \$30 pr.



Entire Stock
106⁹⁹
ea. 1/4 ct. T.W. Journey
diamond jewelry
10k gold. Reg. \$325 ea.

Entire Stock
199⁹⁹
ea. 1/2 ct. T.W. Journey
diamond jewelry
10k gold.
Reg. \$600 ea.



sparkling gift ideas for mom

94⁹⁹
ea. 1/4 ct. T.W. diamond jewelry
10k gold. Reg. \$300 ea.



Super Buy
37⁴⁹
ea. Entire stock diamond accent
pendants 10k gold. Reg. \$125 ea.



Entire stock
29⁴⁹
pr. 14k gold earrings
Reg. \$95 pr.



9⁹⁹
ea. Sterling silver pendants
Reg. \$30 ea.



30-55% off all fashion jewelry

Orig. \$8-\$50, sale 4.40-35.00 * selected items online F999

Entire Stock
30% off
Fashion Jewelry
from 1928[®]
and Napier[®].



NINE & CO.
Entire Stock
40% off Fashion jewelry from
Nine & Co.[®], Villager and Trifari[®].



Entire Stock
55% off Boxed fashion jewelry



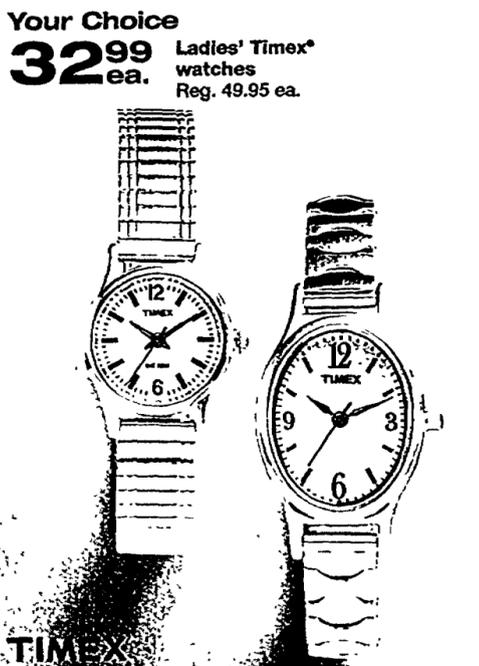
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45% off
Fashion jewelry
from Sonoma,
Croft & Barrow,
SO and Candie's
SO wear it
declare it.



33-55% off all watches

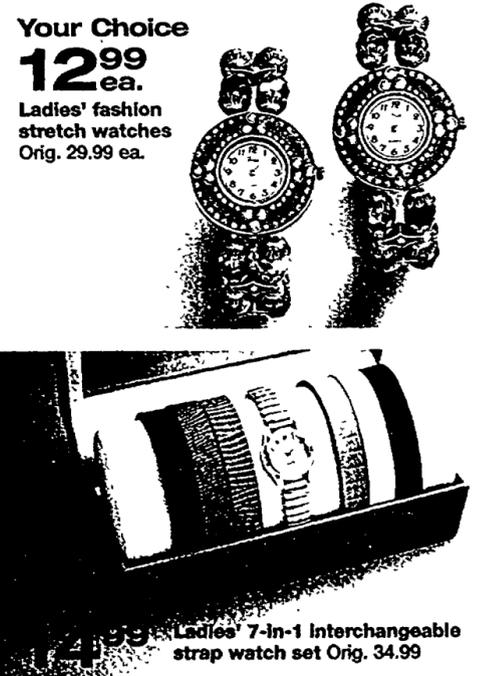
Reg. 19.95-695.00, sale 12.99-465.65 * selected items online F999

Your Choice
32⁹⁹
ea. Ladies' Timex[®]
watches
Reg. 49.95 ea.



Your Choice
12⁹⁹
ea. Ladies' fashion
stretch watches
Orig. 29.99 ea.

4⁹⁹ Ladies' 7-in-1 Interchangeable
strap watch set Orig. 34.99



Your Choice
42⁹⁹
ea. Ladies' or men's
Relic[®] watches
Reg. \$65 ea.



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Passion for Comfort™
full-figure
underwire bra



Playtex® Secrets
cushioned
Comfort Strap®
full-figure bra



Body Siline™
Underwire bra



40-55% off bras

from Bali®, Playtex®, Vanity Fair®, Lily of France®, Warner's®, Maidenform®, Olga®, and barely there®

Reg. \$17-\$32, sale 10.20-14.40 Selected styles. Q selected items online W1800

Dazzler®
push-up bra



Front Close
with Plushline™
bra

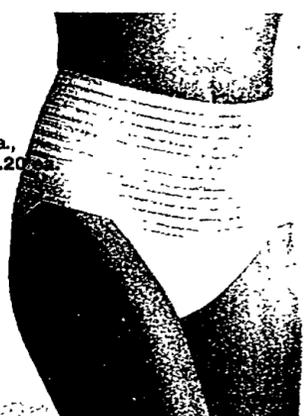


One Fabulous
Fit™ Sexy bra



Entire Stock
40%
off

Shapewear
Reg. 2/\$20 to \$52 ea.,
sale 2/12.00 to 31.20
Q selected items
online P42421



FLEXEES®

Entire Stock
45-
55%
off

Panties and Innerwear
Reg. 3/\$15 to \$21 ea.,
sale 3/6.75 to 9.45 ea.
Excludes Jockey® and
bra coordinates.
Q selected items
online P42420

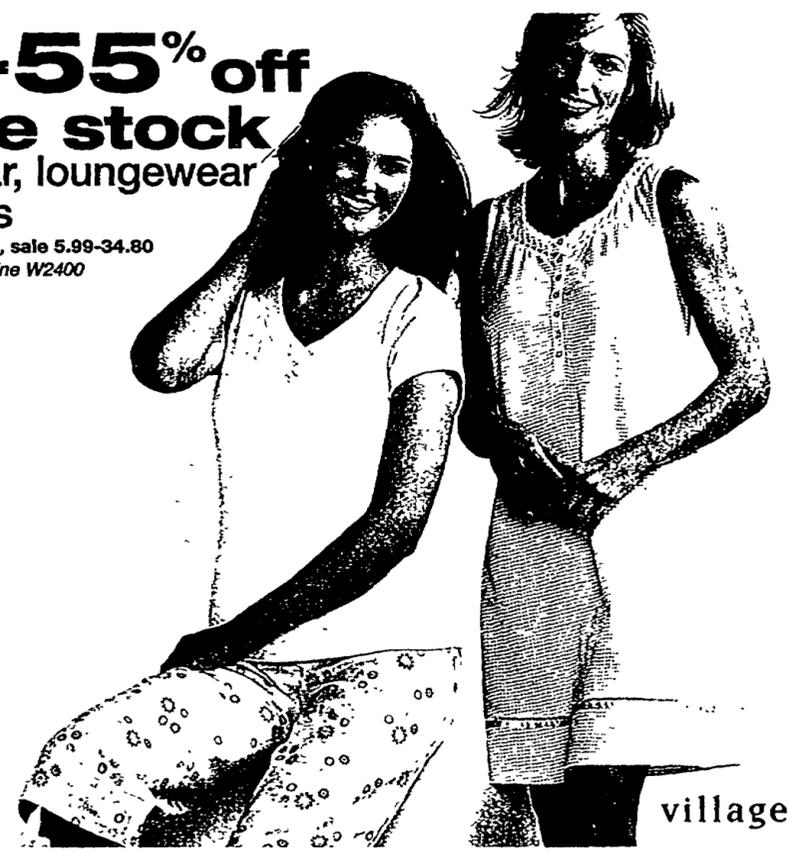


Vanity Fair

SONOMA
LIFE+STYLE

40-55% off entire stock sleepwear, loungewear and robes

for her. Orig. \$12-\$58, sale 5.99-34.80
Q selected items online W2400

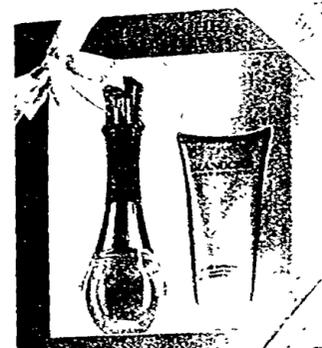


villager

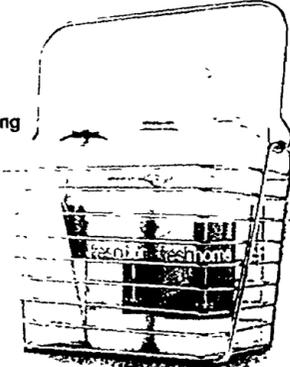
pamper mom with special savings on all Beauty

Entire Stock
15%
off

Fine fragrance
for men & women.
Reg. 4.50-70.00,
sale 3.82-59.50
Q selected items
online: BEAUTY



9.99
Fresh Home
spring cleaning
caddy.
Orig. \$30

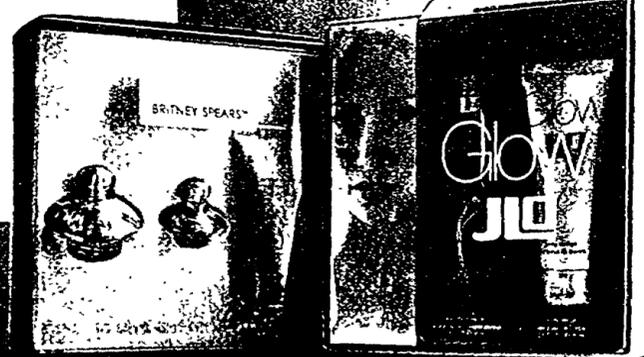


29.99
Fragrance
gift sets from
American
Beauty.
Reg. 37.50



Entire Stock
40-55%
off

Bath & body
Reg. 1.50-25.00,
sale .82-15.00
Excludes grassroots™.



Entire Stock
20-40%
off

Cosmetics, skincare & fragrance
from American Beauty, FLIRTI,
good skin., and grassroots™.
Reg. 6.00-39.50, sale 3.80-30.99

KOHL'S
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cosmetics, skincare, bath & body, fragrance.

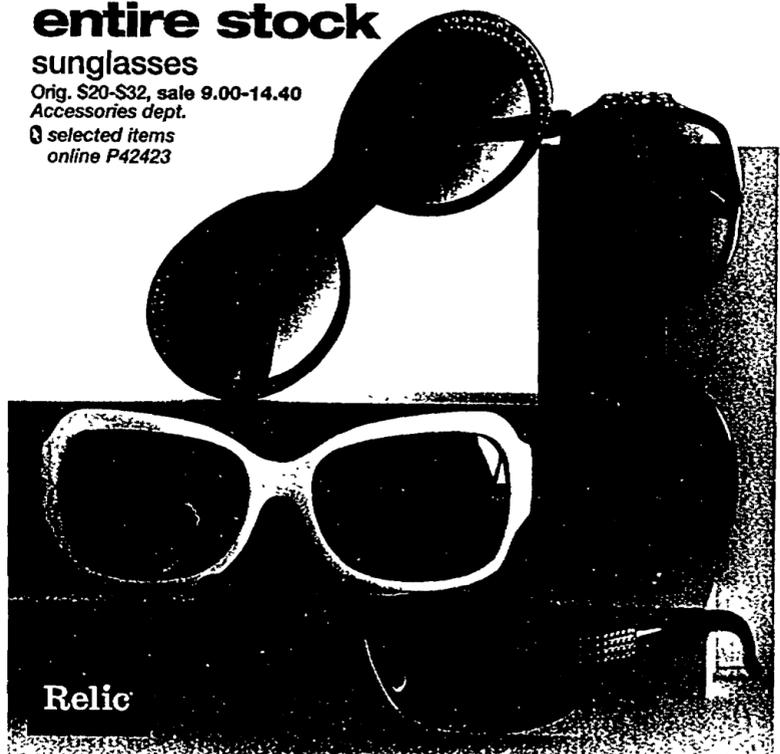
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55% off
entire stock
sunglasses

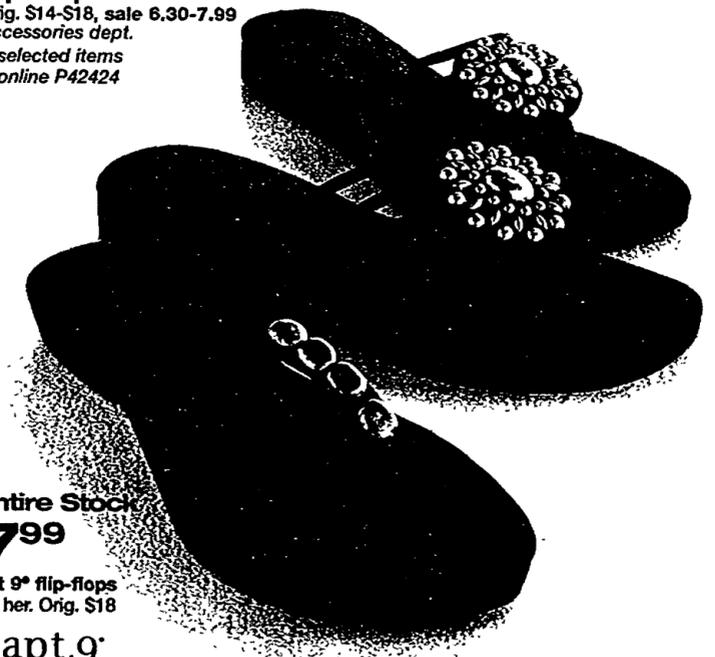
Orig. \$20-\$32, sale 9.00-14.40
Accessories dept.
selected items
online P42423



Relic

55% off
entire stock
flip-flops for her

Orig. \$14-\$18, sale 6.30-7.99
Accessories dept.
selected items
online P42424



Entire Stock
7.99
apt 9[®] flip-flops
for her. Orig. \$18
apt.9[®]

Entire Stock
40% off

Candie's[®] apparel
for juniors.
Orig. \$24-\$68,
sale 14.40-40.80
selected items
online P42427



Candie's

Entire Stock
40-60% off

Collections
for juniors.
Orig. \$24-\$68,
sale 14.40-
40.80



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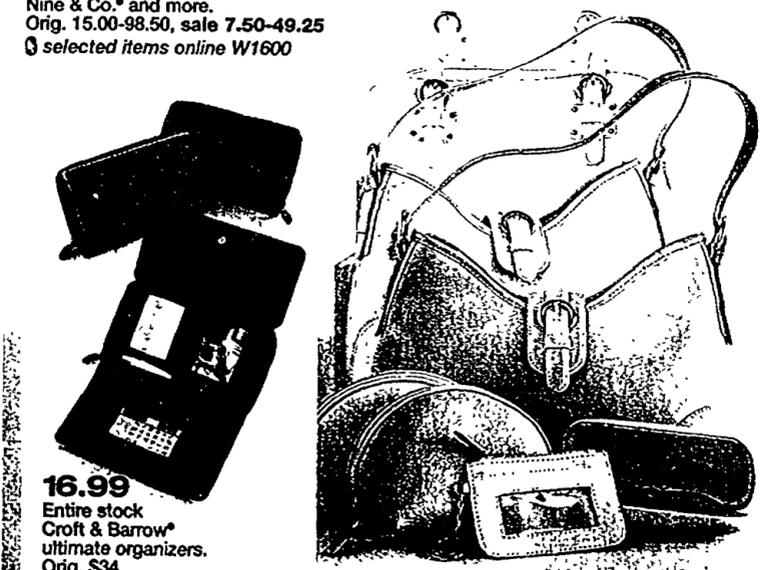
Entire Stock
45-55% off

Dresses
for juniors.
Orig. \$30-\$58,
sale 13.99-31.90
Excludes
collections.



50-55% off
entire stock
handbags and
handbag accessories

from Croft & Barrow[®], Sonoma,
Nine & Co.[®] and more.
Orig. 15.00-98.50, sale 7.50-49.25
selected items online W1600



16.99
Entire stock
Croft & Barrow[®]
ultimate organizers.
Orig. \$34

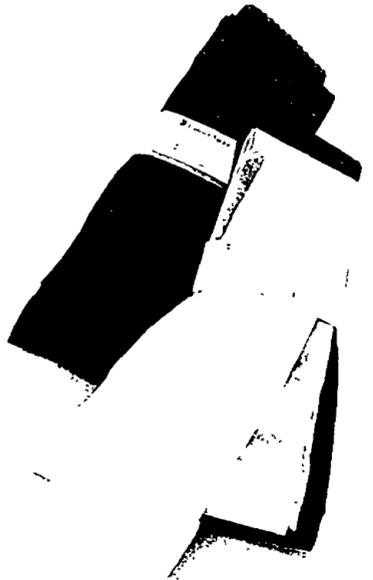
croft & barrow[®]

15.99
Entire stock
Croft & Barrow[®]
Organize It
satchel.
Orig. \$36



SONOMA
ultimate

Entire Stock
45-55% off
Belts for her.
Orig. \$16-\$32, sale 8.80-17.60
selected items online P42425



apt.9[®]

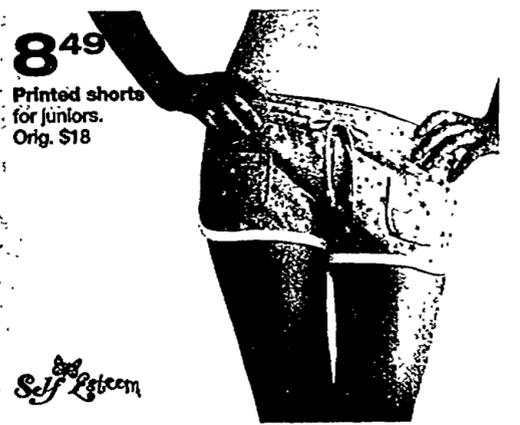
Entire Stock
40-55% off
Socks and slippers for her.
Orig. \$6-\$18, sale 2.70-10.80
selected items online P42426

2/\$12
Soffe[®] shorts
for juniors.
Orig. 7.99 ea.,
sale 6.49 ea.



SOFFE

8.49
Printed shorts
for juniors.
Orig. \$18



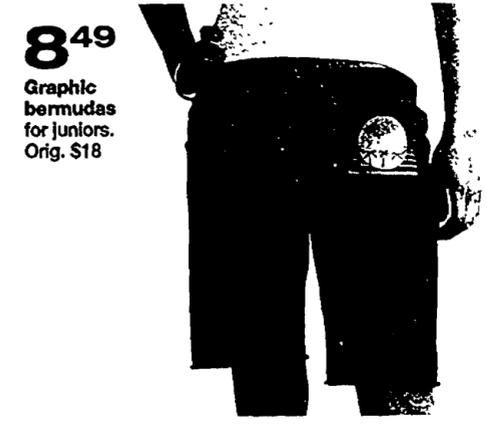
Self Esteem

8.49
SO active
bermudas
for juniors.
Orig. \$18



SO
wear it declare[®]

8.49
Graphic
bermudas
for juniors.
Orig. \$18



13.99
SO active dress
for juniors. Orig. \$30
selected items online P42428



SO
wear it declare[®]

plus, save 45-55% on all other activewear for juniors
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40-55% off entire stock knit & woven tops and sweaters for juniors

Orig. \$12-\$30, sale 3.99-18.00 selected items online: KOHLS.COM

6.49
SO babydoll
tee for
juniors.
Orig. \$14

9.99
V-neck tee
for juniors.
Orig. \$20

9.99
Energie* layered
ribbed tank top
for juniors.
Orig. \$18

7.99
Graphic
tank top
for juniors.
Orig. \$18

lowest prices of the season on all capris, shorts, bermudas and skirts for juniors

selected items online P42429

Your Choice
18.99
Fashion capris
for juniors
from Rewind*,
L.e.i.* Paris
Blues* or Ang
Orig. \$34 ea.

REWIND

Entire Stock
11.99
SO poplin
capris
for juniors.
Orig. \$28

Entire Stock
13.99
SO fashion
capris
for juniors.
Orig. \$30

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5.49
SO satin
trimmed cami
for juniors.
Orig. \$12

8.99
Energie*
layered cami
for juniors.
Orig. \$16

9.99
Energie*
ribbed tee
for juniors.
Reg. \$18

11.49
Short-
sleeved
woven shirts
for juniors.
Orig. \$24

5.99
SO henley
cami
for juniors.
Orig. \$14

5.99
SO ribbed
tank top
for juniors.
Orig. \$14

11.49
Woven cami
for juniors.
Orig. \$24

14.99
Cardigans
for juniors.
Orig. \$30

Entire Stock
16.99
Fashion
shorts
for juniors
from Bongo*,
L.e.i.* & GLO*.
Orig. \$26

**FREE
FLIP-FLOPS**
with the purchase
of selected Bongo*
shorts for juniors.

Entire Stock
13.49
SO fashion
plaid bermudas
for juniors.
Orig. \$28

Entire Stock
18.99
Fashion
bermudas
for juniors
from Unionbay
Angels & L.e.i.*
Orig. \$30

UNIONBAY

Entire Stock
18.99
Fashion skirts
for juniors
from Angels,
Mudd* and
Rewind*.
Orig. \$34

Angels

Entire Stock
11.49 SO fashion skirts
for juniors. Orig. \$26

SO

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cash
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lowest prices of the season on tops and shorts for young men

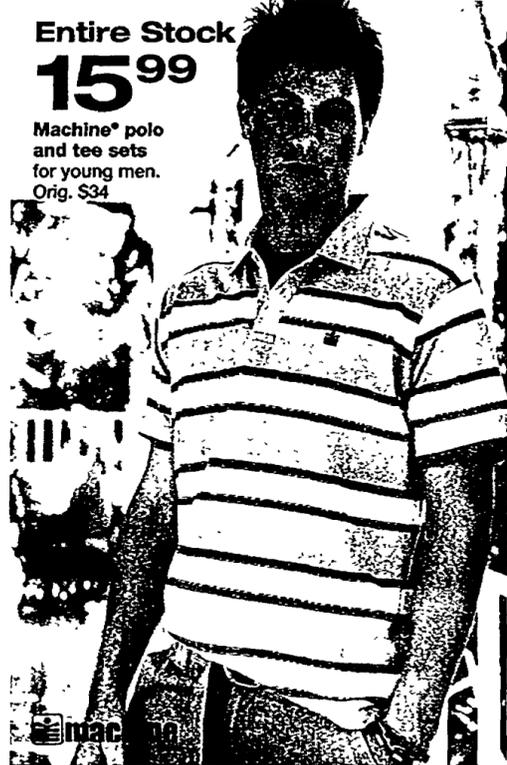
Entire Stock
8.49

Graphic tees for young men. Orig. \$18. Excludes collections. selected items online P42430



Entire Stock
15.99

Machine® polo and tee sets for young men. Orig. \$34



Entire Stock
15.99

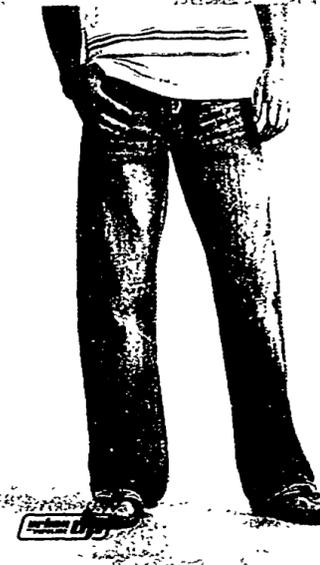
Urban Pipeline® woven top and tee sets for young men. Orig. \$36



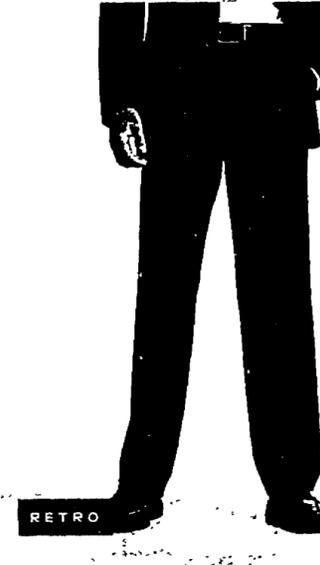
Entire Stock
9.49



Entire Stock
13.99



Entire Stock
13.99



Entire Stock
13.99



Entire Stock
15.99

Urban Pipeline® denim and twill shorts for young men. Orig. \$34. selected items online P42431



Entire Stock
16.99

Plugg® cargo shorts for young men. Orig. \$36



Entire Stock
18.99

Shorts for young men from Unionbay® and U.S. Polo Assn. Orig. \$40-\$44



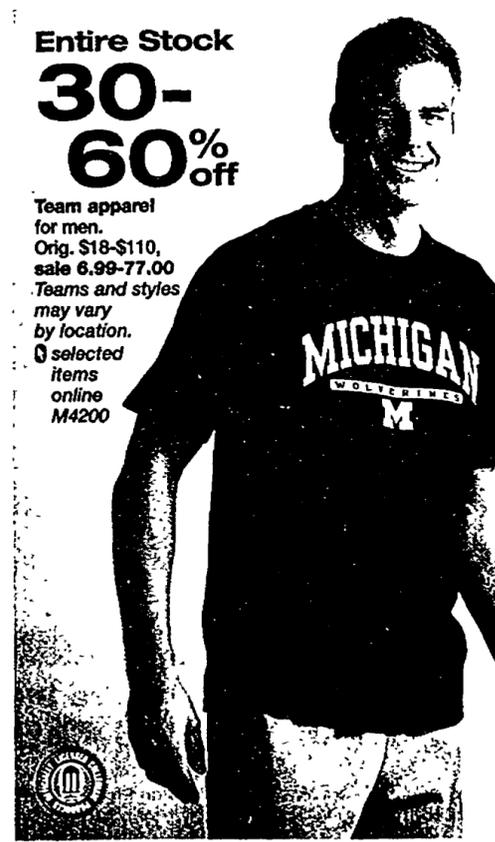
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19.99

Lee® Dungarees denim and twill shorts for young men. Orig. \$36. selected items online P42432



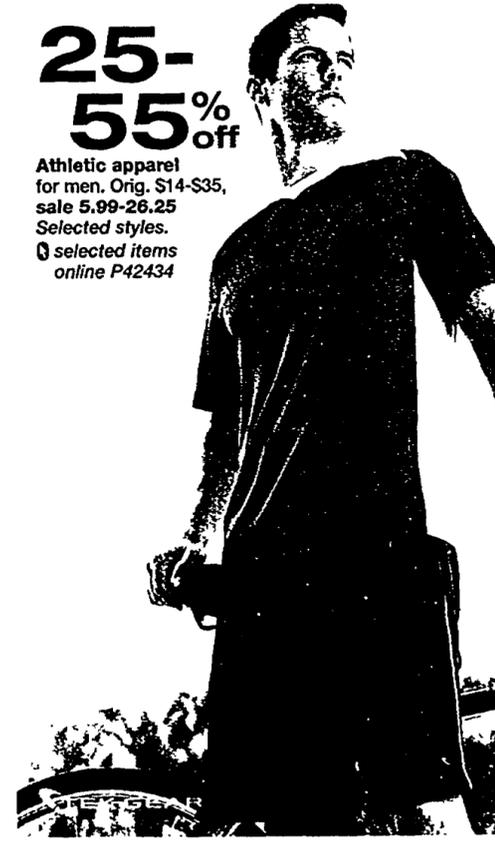
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Swimwear for men. Orig. \$18-\$42, sale 8.99-23.99. selected items online P42433



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Team apparel for men. Orig. \$18-\$110, sale 6.99-77.00. Teams and styles may vary by location. selected items online M4200



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7⁹⁹

Urban Pipeline® jersey polos
for boys 8-20. Orig. \$18



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5⁹⁹

Sonoma jersey striped knit tops
for boys 8-20. Orig. \$12



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XTreme Gear®
knit tops
for boys 8-20.
Orig. \$22



Entire Stock
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Sonoma
piqué polos
for boys 8-20.
Orig. \$18

SONOMA



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Urban Pipeline®
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Sonoma tees
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Orig. \$12,
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Your Choice
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for girls 7-16.
Orig. \$10 ea.,
sale 4.99 ea.



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2/\$9
SO crewneck or
V-neck tees
for girls 7-16.
Orig. \$12 ea.,
sale 4.98 ea.



Your Choice
2/\$10
Sonoma
embellished tops
for girls 4-6x.
Orig. \$12 ea.,
sale 5.49 ea.

SONOMA



Your Choice
2/\$10
SO ribbed
tank tops
for girls 7-16.
Orig. \$12 ea.,
sale 5.49 ea.



Your Choice
2/\$12

SO embellished tees
for girls 7-16. Orig. \$14 ea., sale 6.49 ea.



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Sonoma graphic tees for girls 4-6x.
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15⁹⁹
Lee® Dungarees
microfiber shorts
for boys 8-20.
Orig. \$30

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DUNGAREES



Entire Stock
17⁹⁹
U.S. Polo Assn.
shorts for
boys 8-20.
Orig. \$36

U.S. Polo Assn.



Entire Stock
10⁹⁹

Urban Pipeline® denim and canvas
carpenter shorts for boys 8-20. Orig. \$24



Entire Stock
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Urban Pipeline® cargo shorts
for boys 8-20. Orig. \$28



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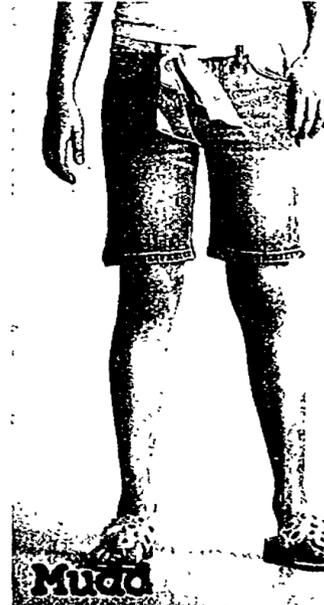
Sonoma pull-on shorts for boys 4-7.
Orig. \$16 ea., sale 7.49 ea.



Your Choice
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Sonoma twill or denim scooters
for girls 4-6x. Orig. \$24 ea., sale 10.99 ea.



Entire Stock
16⁹⁹
Capris for girls 7-16 from Unionbay®,
Mudd®, GLO® and Bongo®. Orig. \$30



Entire Stock
14⁹⁹
Bermudas for girls 7-16 from Mudd®,
Unionbay®, GLO® and Bongo®. Orig. \$28



Your Choice
2/\$13
SO active
bermudas
for girls 7-16.
Orig. \$16 ea.,
sale 6.99 ea.

SO



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capris
for girls 4-6x.
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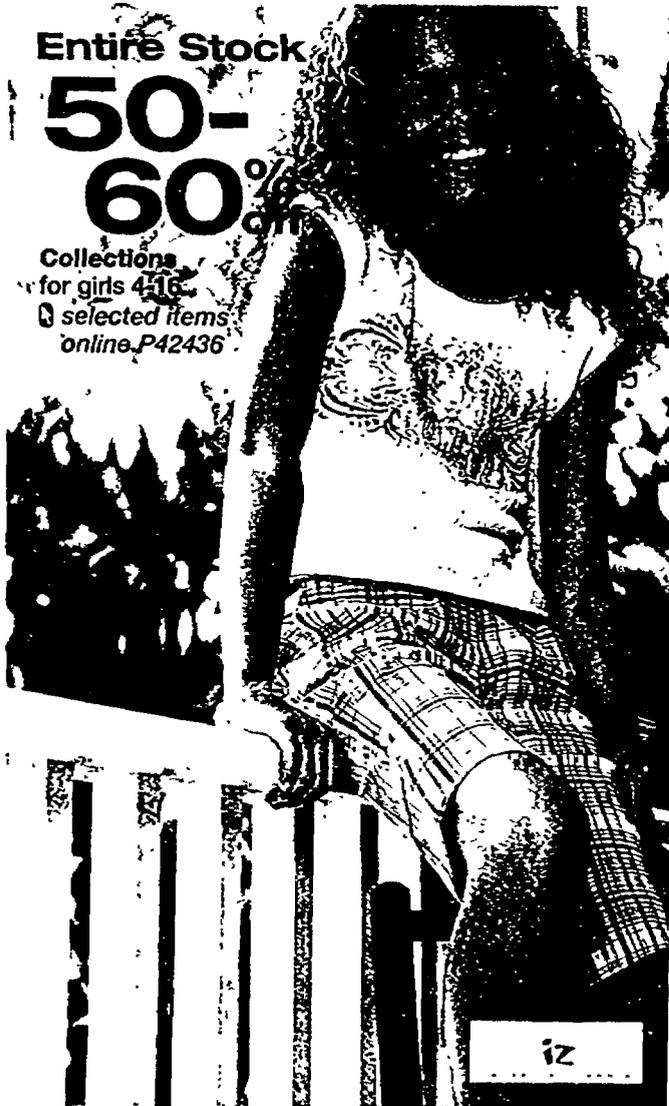
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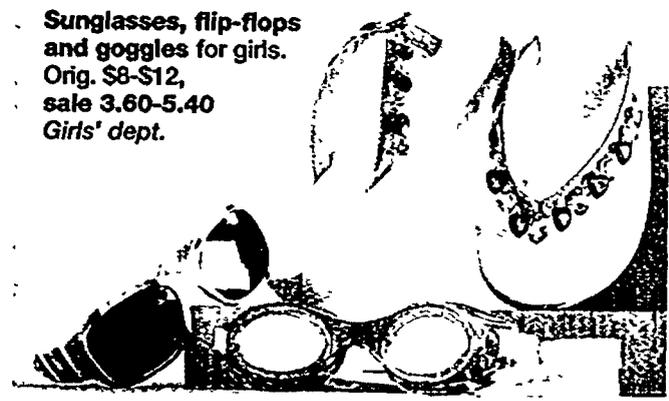
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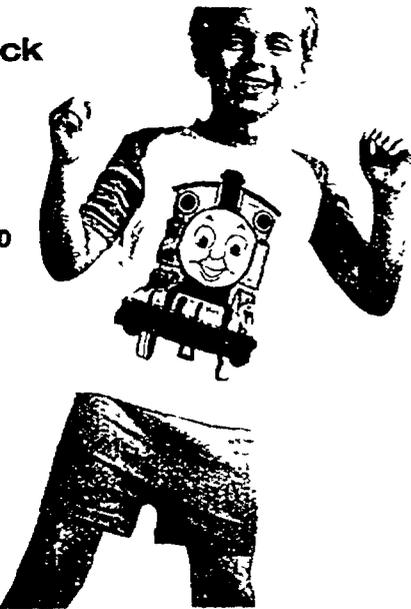
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for boys 4-20.
selected items
online K4470



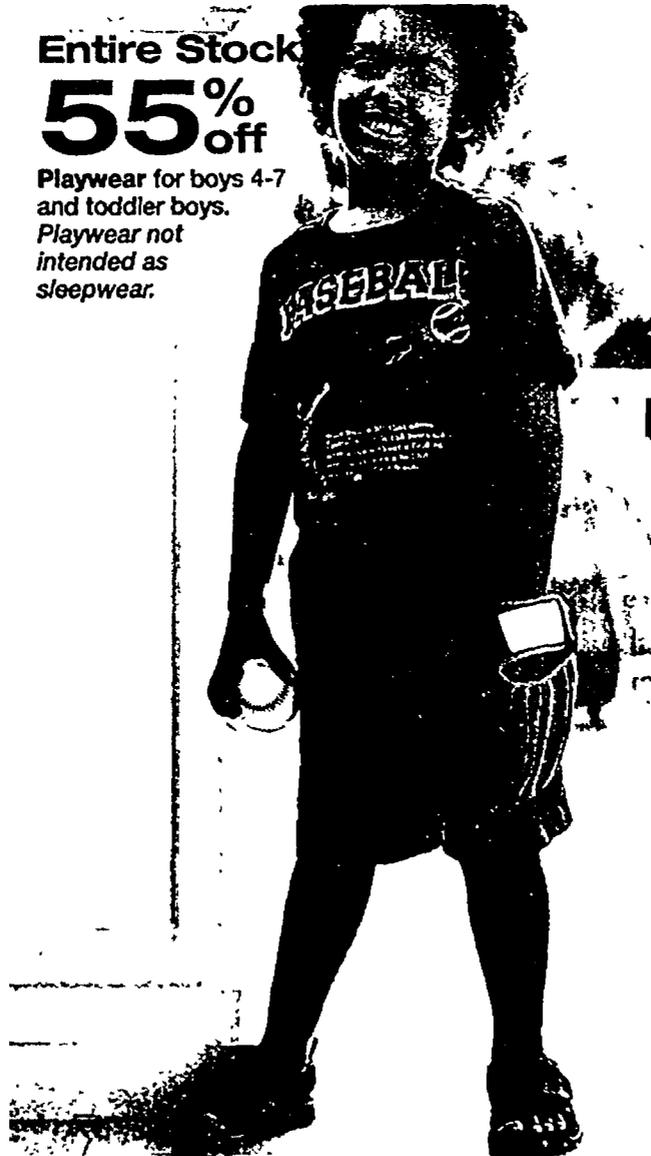
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Sleepwear
for boys 4-20.
Orig. \$16-\$32,
sale 7.20-14.40



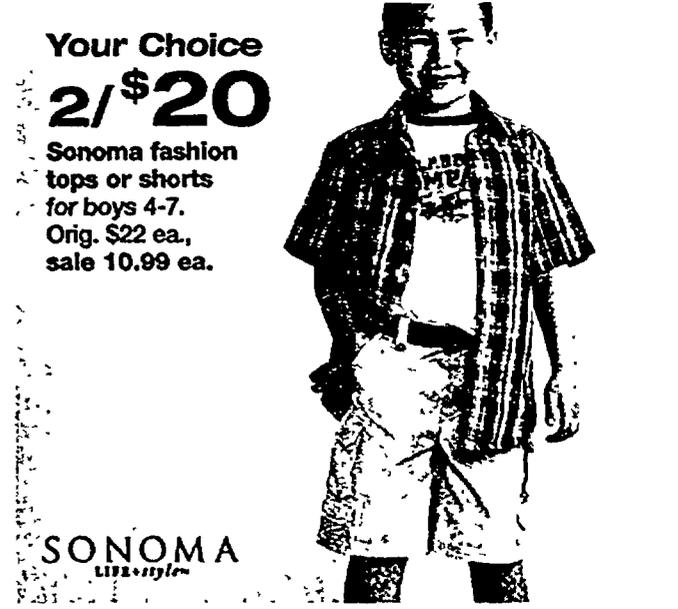
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Playwear for boys 4-7
and toddler boys.
Playwear not
intended as
sleepwear.



Your Choice
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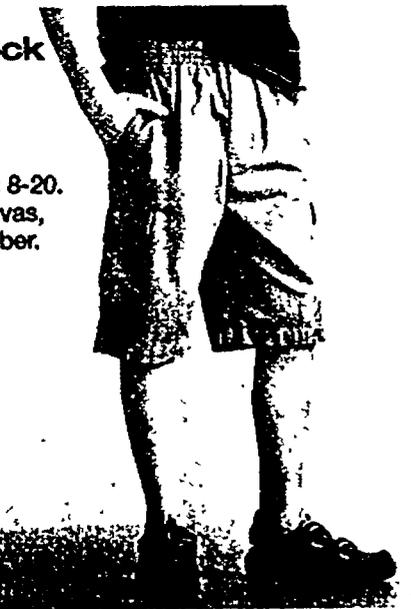
Sonoma fashion
tops or shorts
for boys 4-7.
Orig. \$22 ea.,
sale 10.99 ea.



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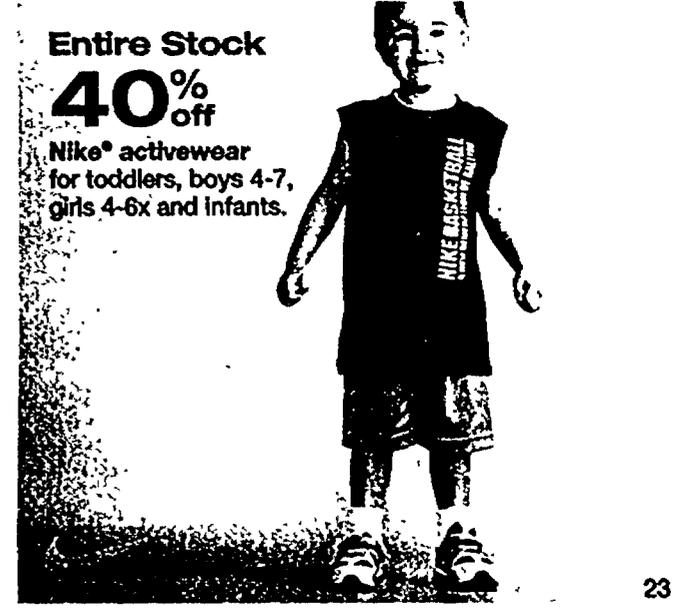
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Sonoma cargo
shorts for boys 8-20.
Available in canvas,
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Nike® activewear
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girls 4-6x and infants.



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Sonoma separates for infants and newborns.
selected items online P42439



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24.99
Dockers® Mobile Cargo and Plush Twill pants for men.



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Sportswear collections for men from apt. 9® & access. Orig. \$24-\$50, sale 8.60-26.99 selected items online P42444



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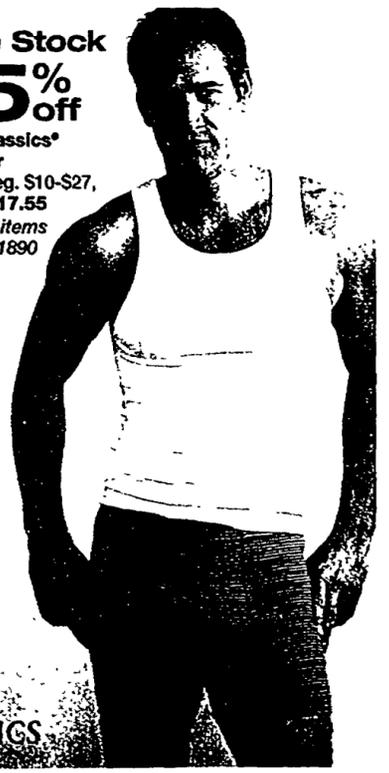


40-55% off
Entire Stock
Sport shirts for men from Sonoma, Arrow, Axist®, Haggar®, Havana Jack's Café®, Natural Issue® and Croft & Barrow®. Orig. \$30-\$45, sale 14.99-26.99 selected items online P42446



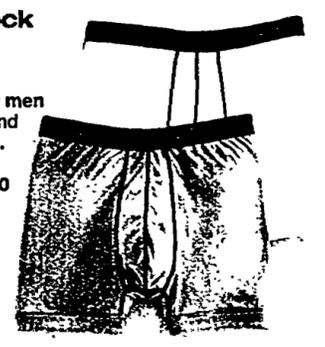
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Rialto Enterprise

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Mootsies Tootsies® Emilia

Croft & Barrow® Adria



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28⁹⁹

Sandals and shoes for women. Orig. 49.99
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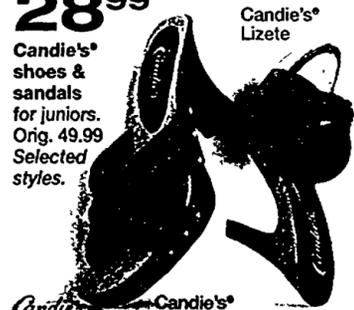
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villager

28⁹⁹

Candie's® shoes & sandals for juniors. Orig. 49.99
Selected styles.

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Shoes and sandals for juniors. Orig. 29.99-34.99
Selected styles.

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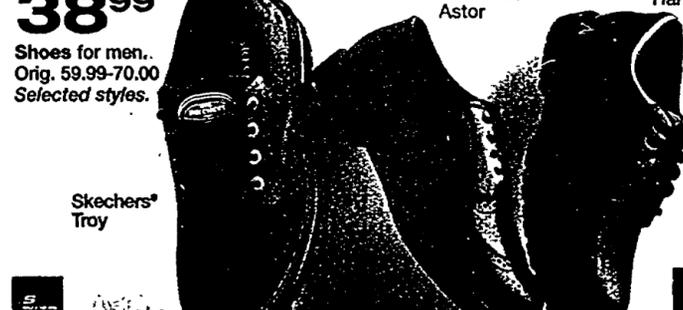
Ruddy

38⁹⁹

Shoes for men. Orig. 59.99-70.00
Selected styles.

Nunn Bush® Astor

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Dress & casual shoes and sandals for kids. Orig. 24.99-34.99, sale 13.99-20.99
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Carter's

Oshkosh

23⁹⁹

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Selected styles.

Raleigh

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26⁹⁹

Athletic shoes for men and women. Reg. 49.99-59.99
Selected styles.

Reebok® Ozone walking shoes for women



Avia® 6582 running shoes for women

Reebok

Reebok® CB Court classic shoes for men

Avia® 6209 cross-training shoes for men

Avia

35⁹⁹

Athletic shoes for men and women. Reg. 54.99-60.00
Selected styles.

Nike® VXT II shoes for men



Reebok® Swift Step walking shoes for women

Nike® Attempt III running shoes for women

Vans® Mafone skate shoes for men

Reebok

Reebok

VANS

49⁹⁹

Nike® Air Dual D II running shoes for men and women. Reg. \$65



Nike

46⁹⁹

Asics® Gel-Equation running shoes for men and women. Orig. 69.99



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43⁹⁹

New Balance® 540 running shoes for men and women. Orig. 64.99



New Balance

13⁹⁹

Nike® sandals for men & women. Reg. \$18-\$20
Selected styles.



Benassi Swoosh slide for men

Celso Thong for men

Nike

18.99

Yorrisage for women. Orig. 29.99



Yorrisage

17.99

Calissage Slide for men. Orig. 26.99



Calissage

Entire Stock **19⁹⁹**

Athletic shoes for toddlers. Orig. 29.99-30.00
Excludes Nike® Reax.



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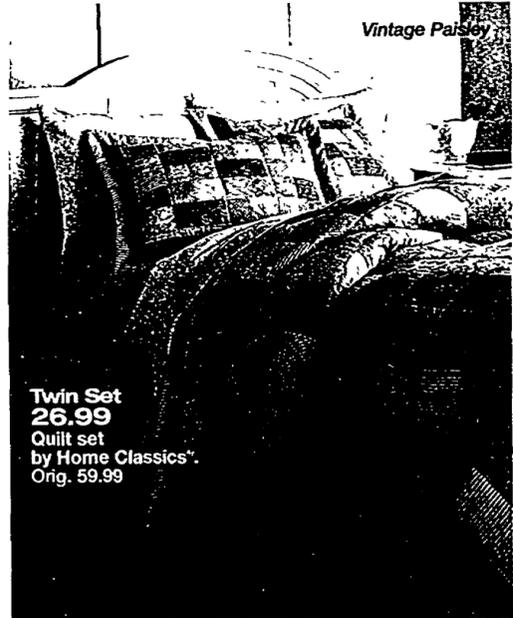
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Orig. 14.99-44.99, sale 6.49-20.24
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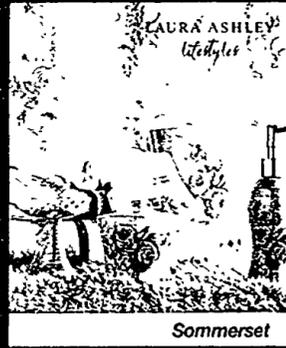


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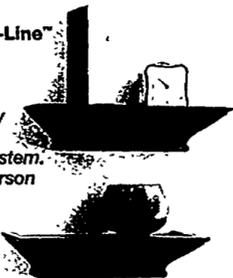
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Malden® 3-opening caption frames
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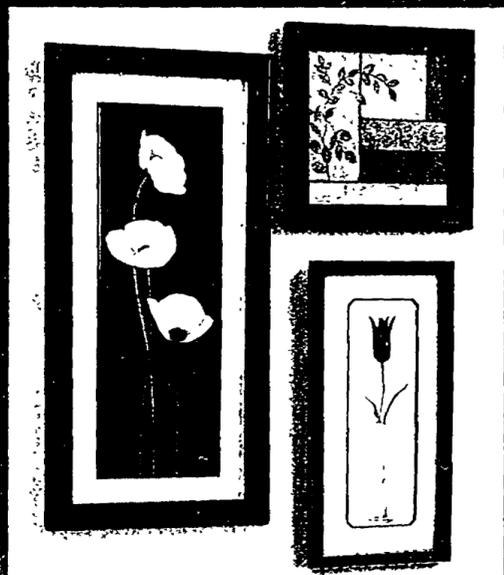


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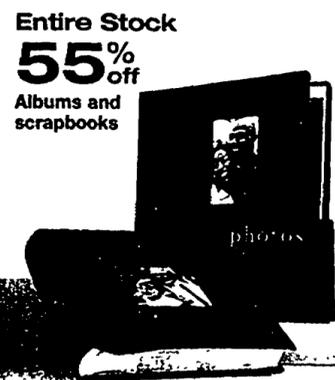
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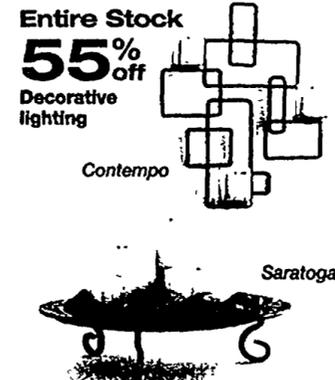


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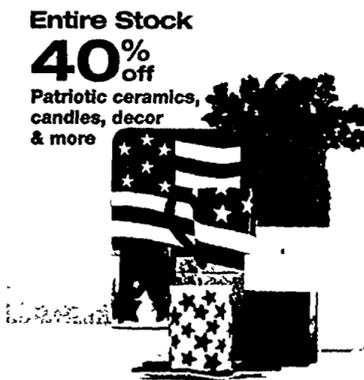


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55% off entire stock frames & wall decor from Lara's Gifts & Decor



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Entire Stock 40% off Patriotic ceramics, candles, decor & more



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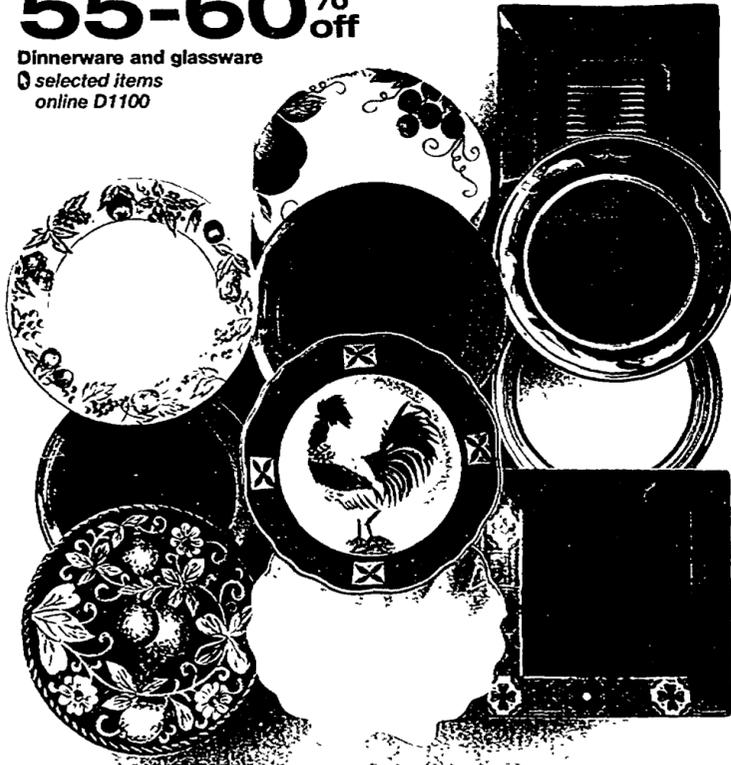
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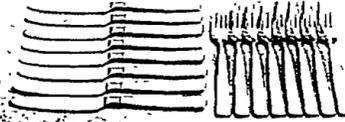
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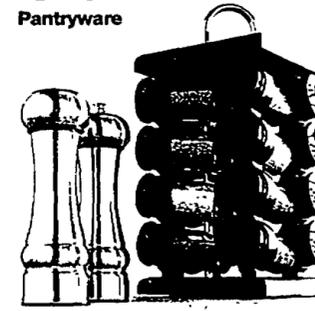
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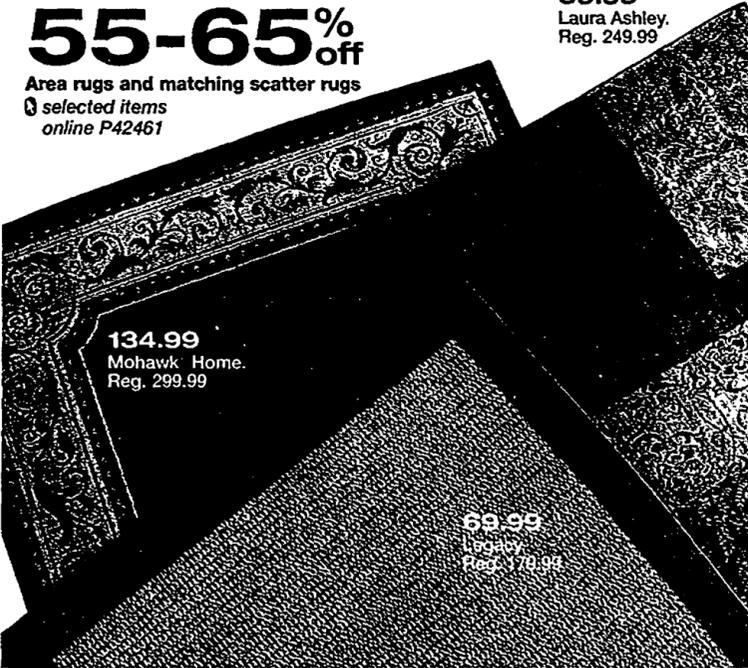
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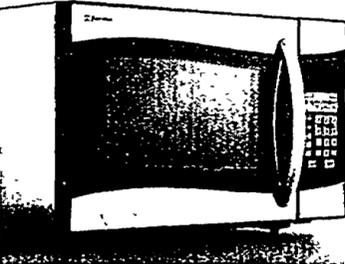
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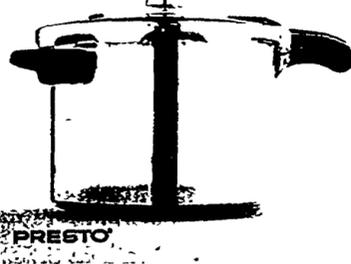
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selected items
online P4241

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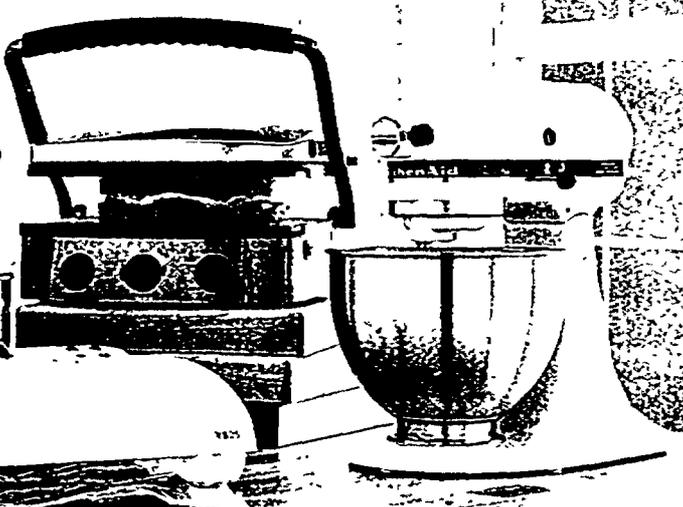
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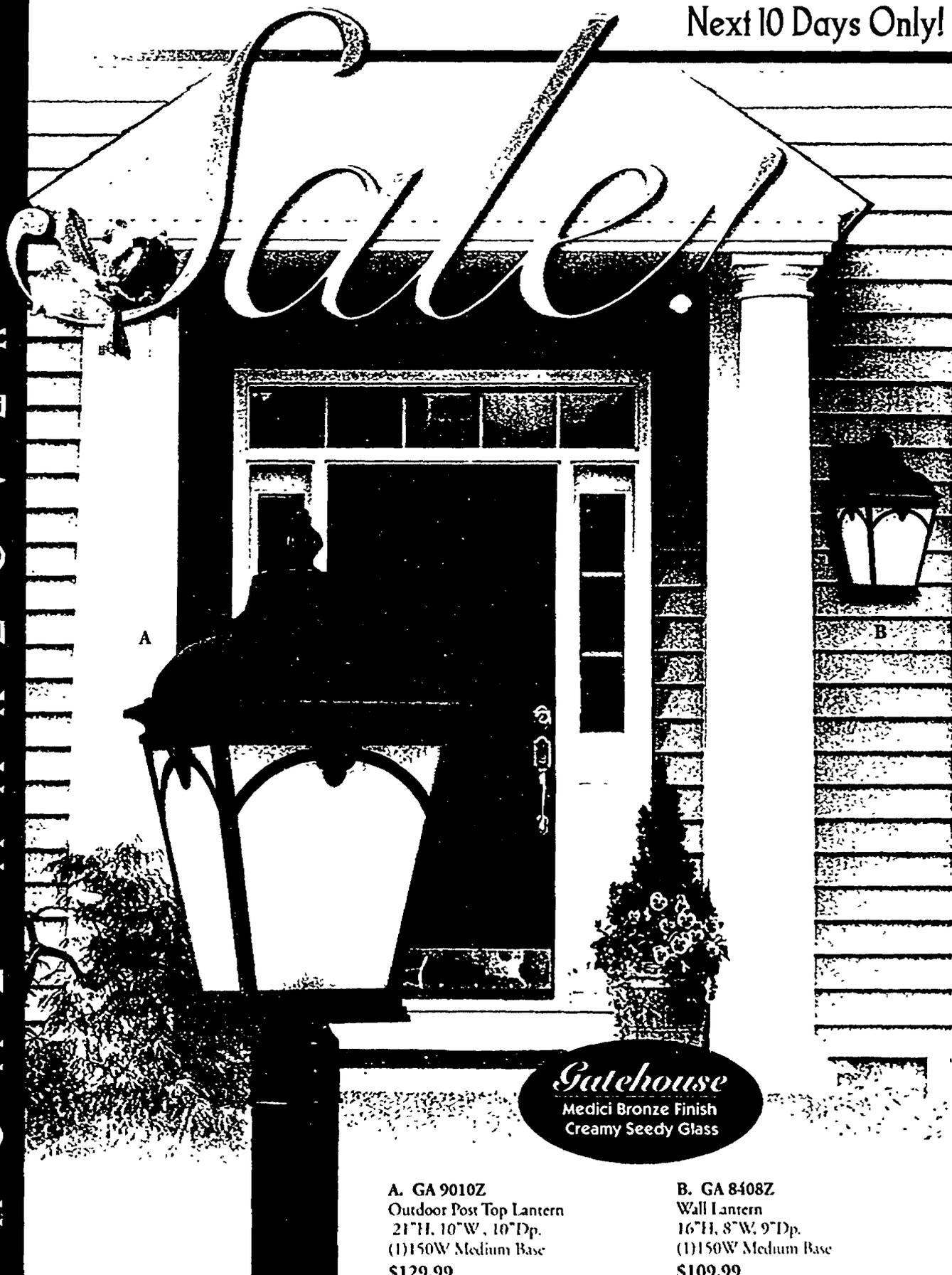
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B. GA 8408Z
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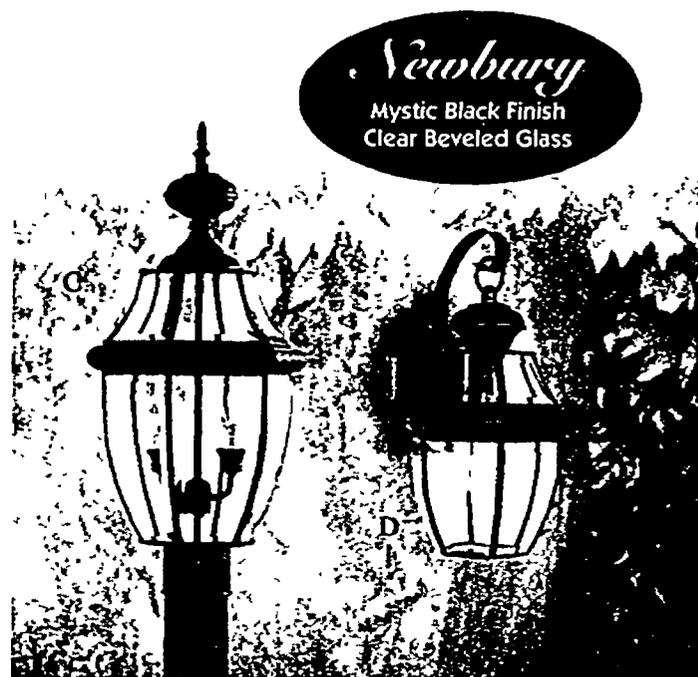


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Mystic Black Finish
Clear Beveled Glass

C. NY 9042K
Outdoor Post Top Lantern
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D. NY 8316K
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14"H, 9"W, 8" Ext.
(1)150W Medium Base
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Hillcrest
Imperial Bronze Finish
Linen Glass

E. HC 9011IB
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B. GE 5006SE
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C. GE 5103SE
22"H, 23"D (3) 100W Medium Base
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Genova
Stonehedge Finish
Twisted Amber Scavo Glass

H.

Juliet
Verona Finish
Amber Alabaster Glass
With Painted Accents

H. JL 1506VE - Piccolo Pendant
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\$55.99 each

I. JL 5103VE
21"H, 22"D (3) 100W Medium Base
\$172.99

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Marquette Collection
Heirloom Finish
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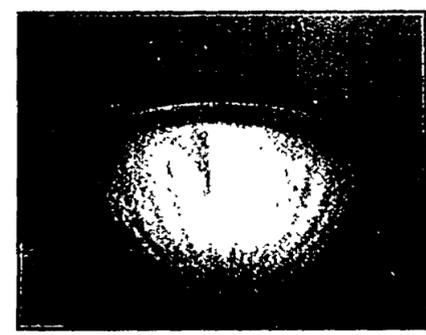
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8 1/2"H, 26"W, 8"Ext.
(3) 100W Medium Base
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L. MQ 5006HL
38"H, 28"D
(6) 60W Candelabra Base
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K. DI 43224C
Beveled Mirror
32"H, 24"W, 1"Ext.
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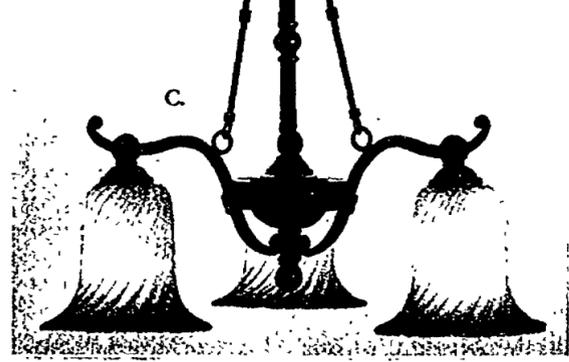
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N. ST 182EN
Flush Mount
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Strauss
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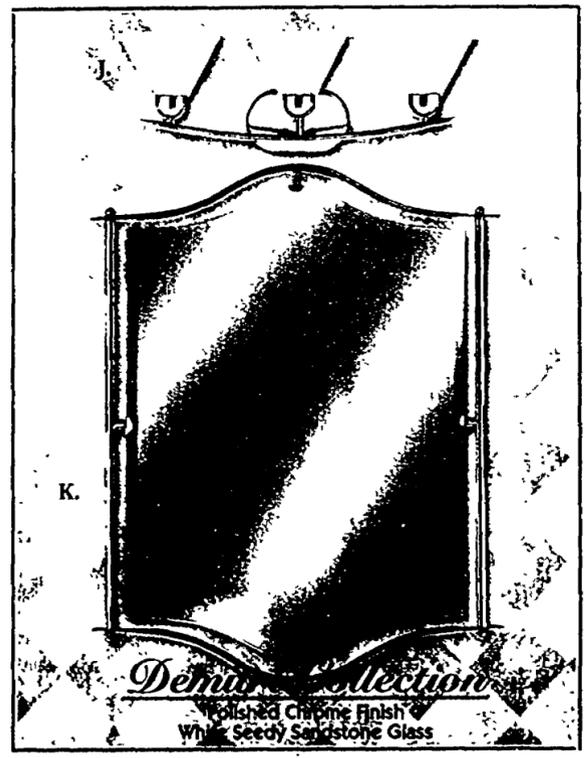
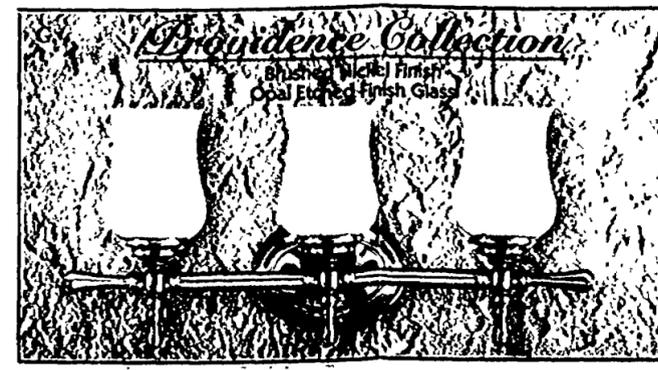
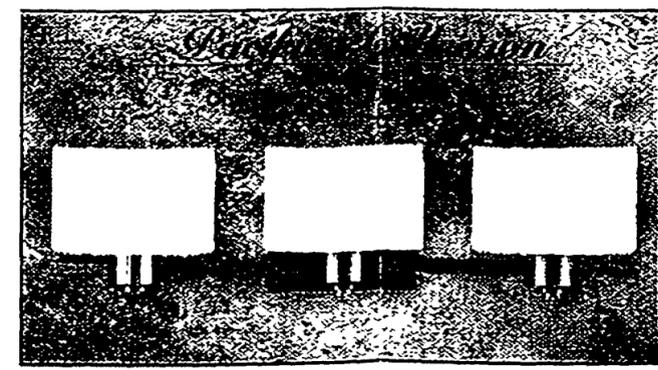
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10"H, 23 1/2"W, 8"Ext.
(3) 100W Medium Base
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F. PF 8603ES
6 1/2"H, 25"W, 6 1/2" Ext.
(3) 100W Medium Base
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E. GE 43126SE
Beveled Mirror
30 1/2"H, 26"W, 1 1/2"Dp.
\$189.99

G. PP 8603BN
9"H, 20"W, 6" Ext.
(3) 100W Medium Base
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K.

Demure Collection
Polished Chrome Finish
White Seedy Sandstone Glass

A. AR 16378AM - Desert Sky
25"H, 14"D / (2) 40W Medium Base
Multi / Desert Sky Art Glass
\$222.99

B. BLV 2819IB
28 1/2"H, 18 1/2"D / (1) 100W Medium Base
Loving Vineyard Art Glass
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C. BLDS 1507IB
46"H, 16"D
(2) 100W Medium Base
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D. BLDS 8603IB
10"H, 25"W, 9" Ext.
(3) 100W Medium Base
\$142.99

E. BLDS 1507IB
46"H, 7"D
(1) 100W Medium Base
\$74.99 each

F. BLDS 5005IB
25 1/2"H, 26"D
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*Bellissimo
Collection*

Imperial Bronze Finish
Desert Sunrise Art Glass

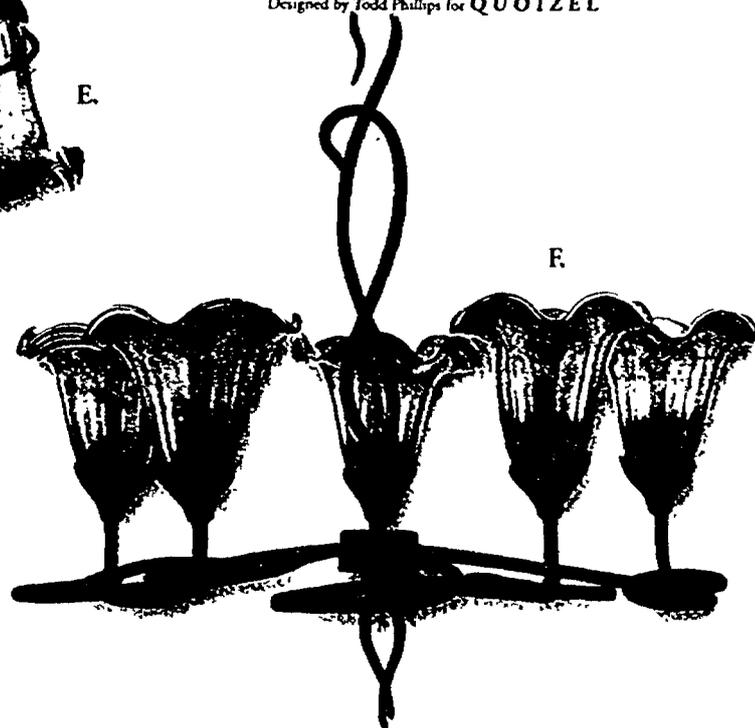
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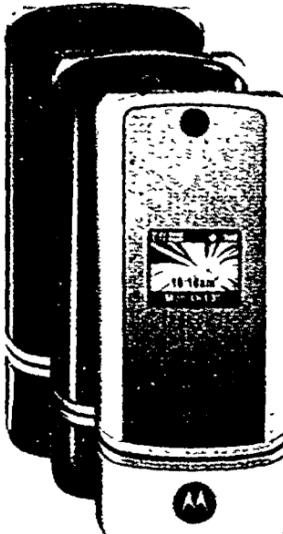
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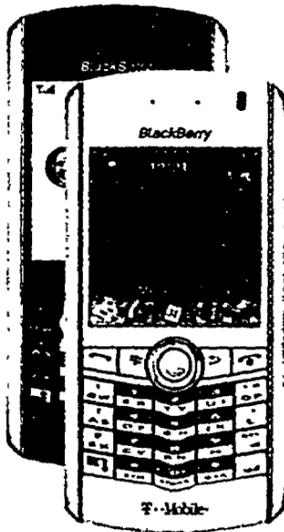
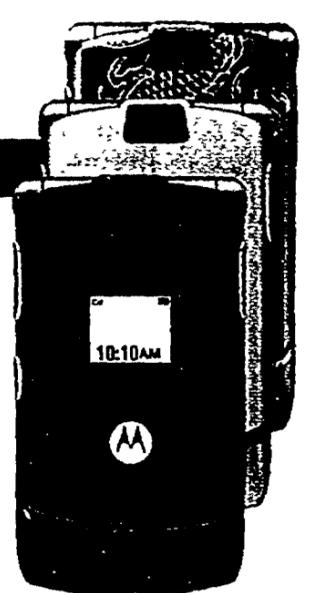
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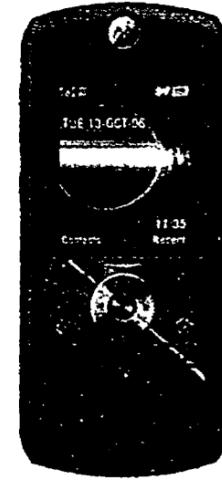
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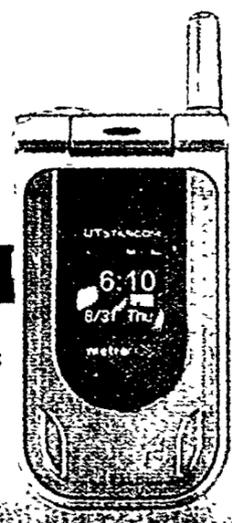
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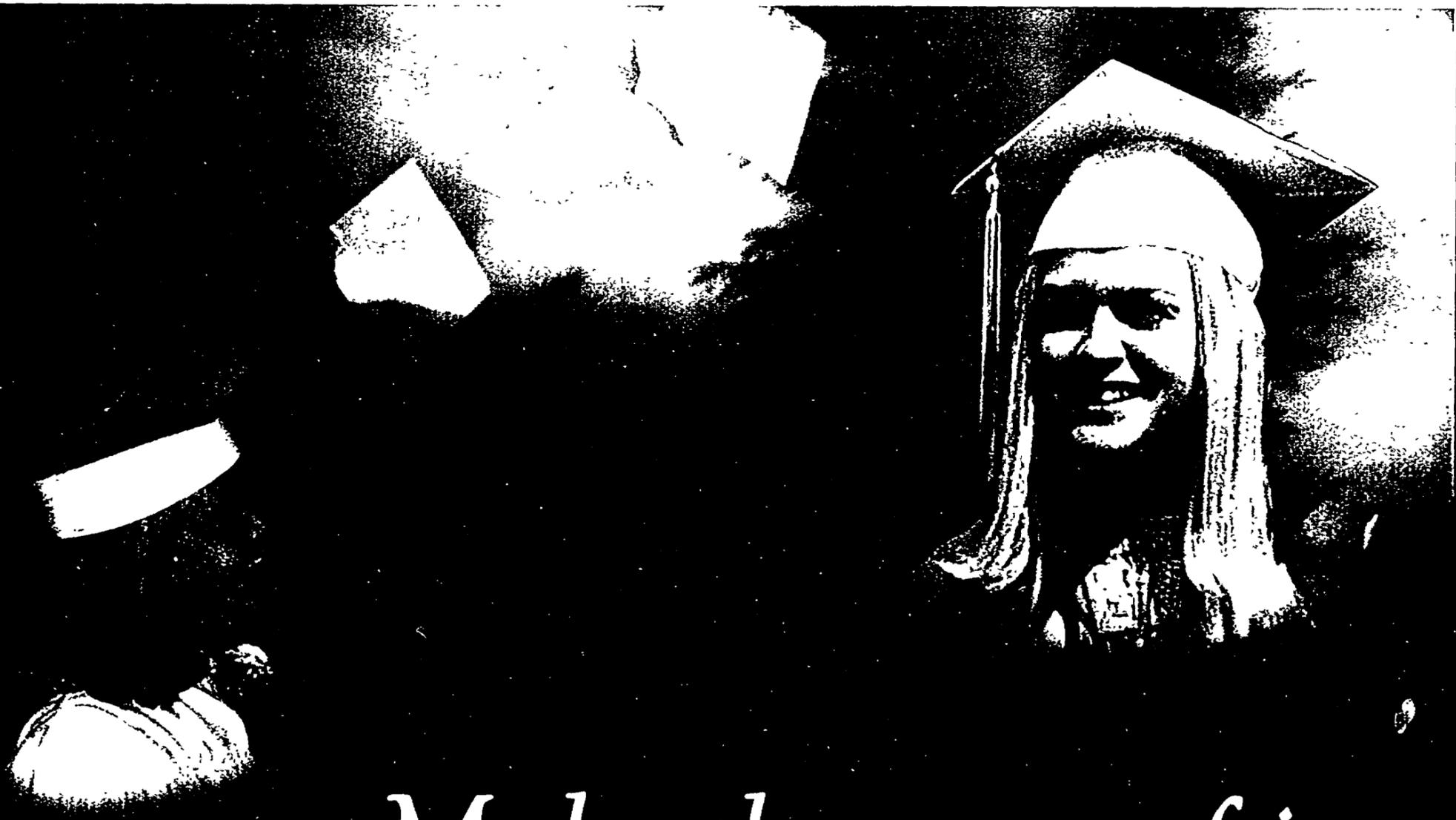
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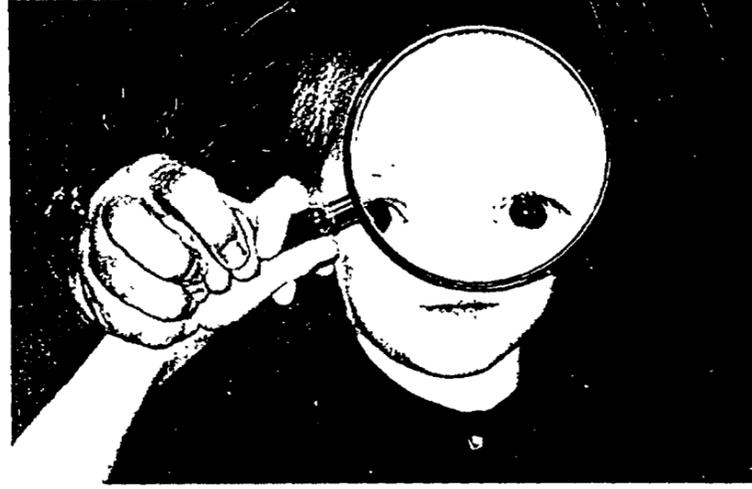


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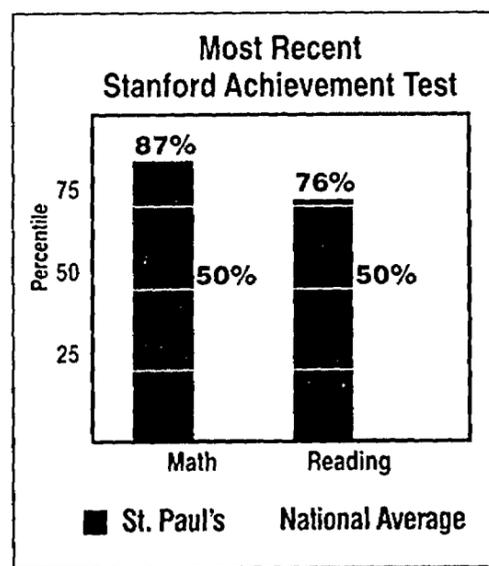
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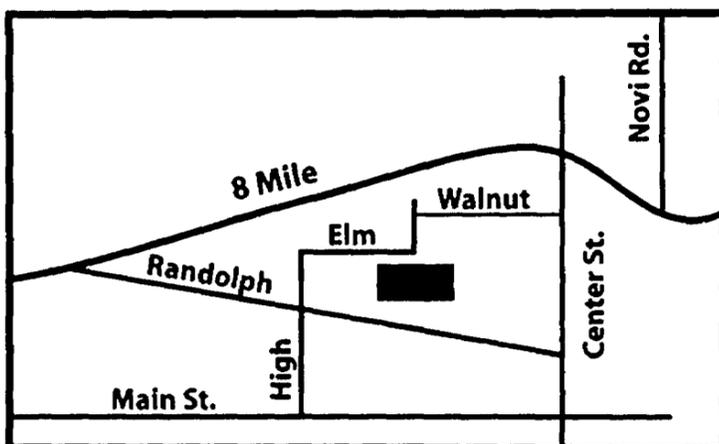
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Q I'm in love with Jack on *Men in Trees*! What can you tell me about this new TV hunk?

—Shelly Alvarez, Artesia, N.M.



Actor James Tupper

James Tupper, 37, is making lots of hearts flutter in the hit ABC-TV series as a handsome fish and wildlife biologist in small-town Alaska who reels in newcomer Marin Frist (Anne Heche). He's appeared in more than 50 stage plays, had small roles in the TV shows *How I Met Your Mother*, *CSI: New York* and *Gilmore Girls*, appeared in the movies *Joe Dirt* and *Corky Romano*, and in the TV movie *Love's Long Journey*. Before settling down to become an actor, the native Canadian traveled extensively and once owned a coffee and tea farm in the foothills of Africa's Mount Kenya.

Q What's the name of the song at the end of the movie *The Executioner's Song*? It's played when the hearse is taking away the body of Gary Gilmore.

—Theodore Miller, East Hartford, Conn.

The late country superstar Waylon Jennings contributed several songs to the soundtrack of the 1982 TV movie about the final days of serial killer Gary Gilmore, portrayed by Tommy Lee Jones. The closing theme, "Defying Gravity (The Executioner's Song)," was included on Jennings' 1987 album *Hangin' Tough*.



Sally Field stars in TV's *Brothers and Sisters*.

Q I see Sally Field doing a lot of commercials now. Has she quit making movies? We loved her in *Steel Magnolias* and many others. She is still such a beautiful lady.

—Gladys Clark, White Hall, Ark.

Field, 60, became a spokeswoman for the osteoporosis medication Boniva when she was diagnosed with the condition. No movie roles are on her horizon at the moment, but the Academy Award-winning actress, who has appeared in nearly 30 films, currently stars in the Sunday night prime-time ABC-TV drama *Brothers and Sisters*.

Q Could you give me some background on Hugh Laurie, who plays Dr. House on *House M.D.*?

—Dianna Arthur, West Baden Springs, Ind.

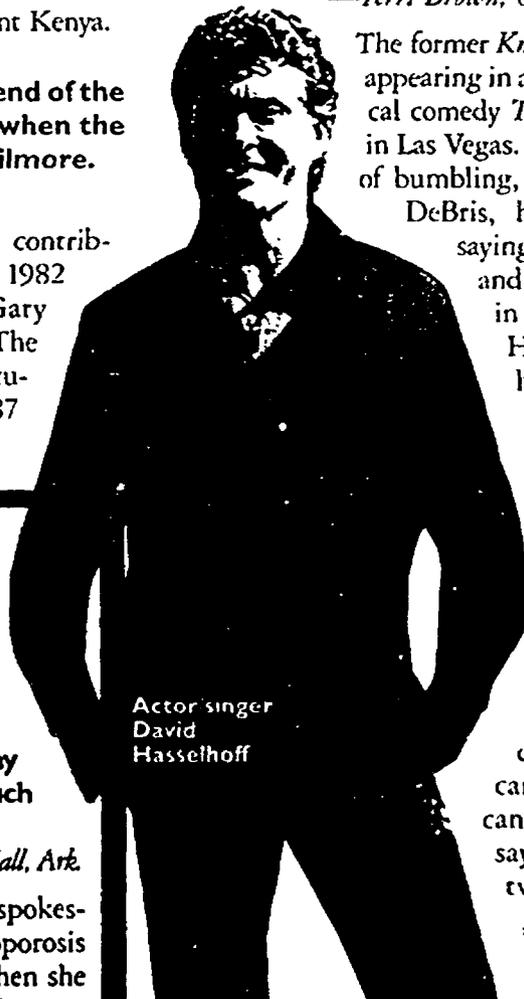
Laurie, 46, who plays the irreverent, cranky, miserable and anti-social maverick physician on the hit Fox-TV series, says he is not at all like the character—and even his American accent is fake. Until *House M.D.*, the England-born actor's highest-profile role in the United States was as the father in two *Stuart Little* movies. Married for 17 years, wife Jo stays in London with their three children while Laurie takes frequent breaks from his work to fly home.



Hugh Laurie plays Dr. House on TV.

Q What is David Hasselhoff doing these days?

—Terri Brown, Orlando, Fla.



Actor/singer David Hasselhoff

The former *Knight Rider* and *Baywatch* star is appearing in a version of the Broadway musical comedy *The Producers* at the Paris Hotel in Las Vegas. When Hasselhoff got the part of bumbling, cross-dressing director Roger DeBris, he recalls the choreographer saying, "David, you're a great singer and you're going to look fantastic in a dress." Speaking of clothing, Hasselhoff has been creating his own line of T-shirts with funny sayings such as "Don't Hassle the Hoff." Last year he published his autobiography, *Making Waves*, and he's recording a new CD. He's also been going through a messy public divorce. "I don't like talking about the negativity because I'm moving on," he says. "My duty is to be the best father I can be, the best human being I can and do the best work I can," says Hasselhoff, 54, who has two teenage daughters.

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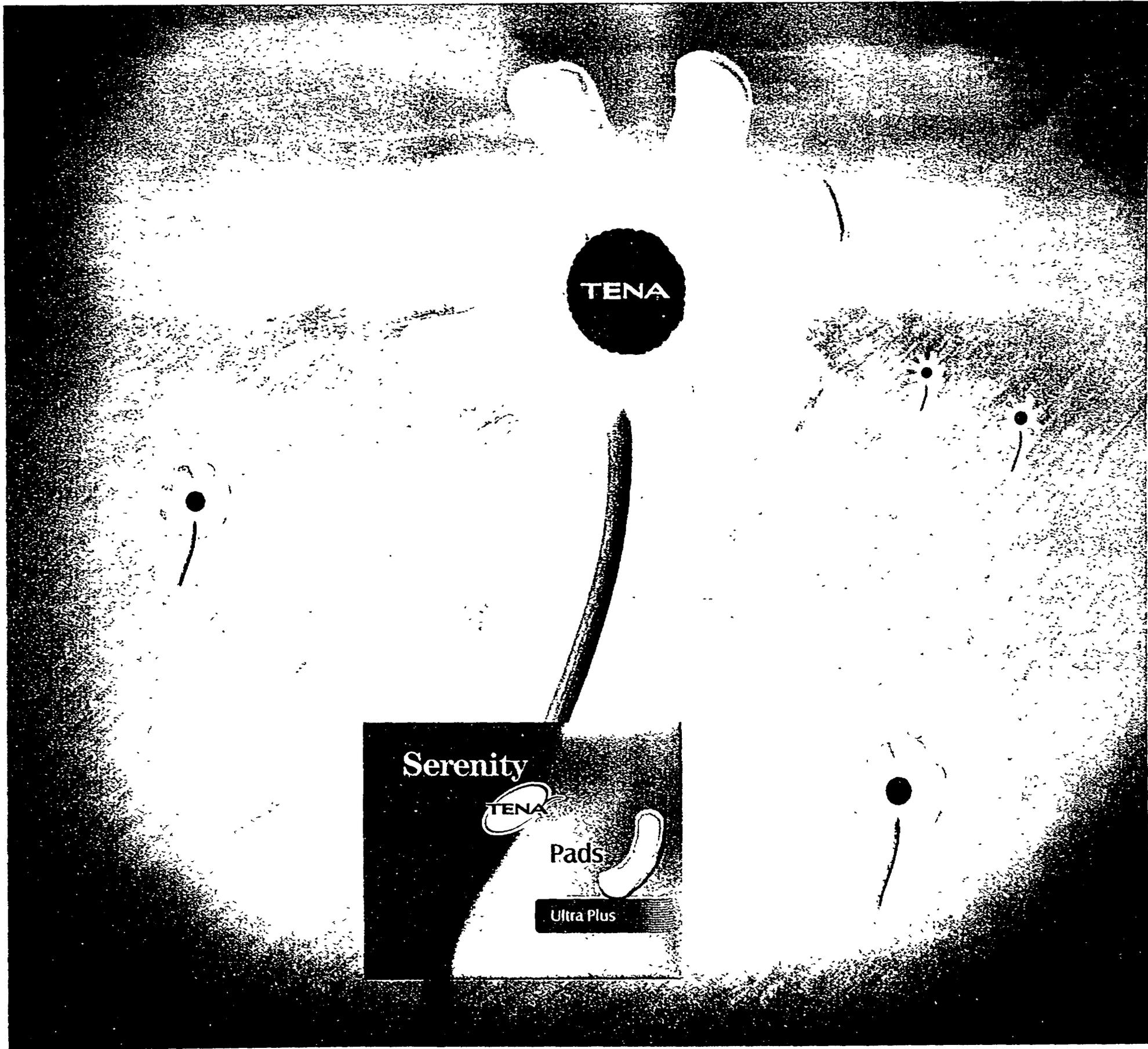
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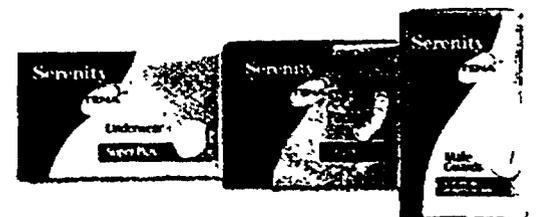
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Rediscovering Jamestown

Danny Schmidt hoists a plastic bucket filled with mud from an abandoned water well in Jamestown, Va., unearthing 400 years of history at the first permanent English settlement in the New World. Inside the bucket is a shoe sole that belonged to one of the colony's early residents.

"It's very fragile," says Schmidt, 27, cradling the piece of blackened leather in his hands. "I'm going to take it to the lab right now."

Within a few hours, Schmidt and three other archaeologists sift through five buckets of mud containing four shoe soles, an iron sword hilt, a ceramic tobacco pipe, a handful of squash seeds, and numerous glass and pottery shards.

"This site is just loaded with artifacts," says archaeologist Carter Hudgins, 28, referring to the well, which researchers believe colonists filled with refuse four centuries ago after it went dry or became contaminated.

Since 1994, archaeologists have discovered hundreds of thousands of artifacts, from a tobacco seed to a suit of armor, while excavating the site of James Fort, a one-acre wooden enclosure built by a group of 104 men and boys who landed on Jamestown Island on May 13, 1607.

The colonists arrived aboard three ships, the *Discovery*, *Godspeed* and *Susan Constant*. Though

they faced disease, starvation and war with the Powhatan Indians, they ultimately endured under the leadership of Capt. John Smith and planted the seeds of American democracy. They also brought to the continent the English language, the Anglican Church and the free-market system based on the tobacco trade.

Today, evidence of the colony is preserved at Historic Jamestowne, a 1,500-acre park admin-



Capt. John Smith

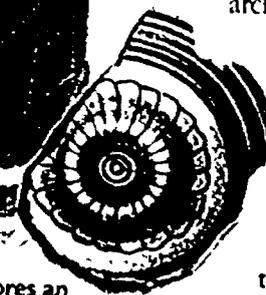
istered by the National Park Service and the Association of the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA), which last year opened a museum along the James River to showcase more than a thousand artifacts, including two human skeletons, found during the ongoing archaeological dig.

"We haven't found the site of the first church yet," says William Kelso, APVA's director of archaeology. "That was the heart of the operation."

In 1614, Englishman John Rolfe married Pocahontas, the daughter of Chief Powhatan, in a Jamestown church, ushering in a period of temporary peace between the colonists and native people. Five years later, the first general assembly in the Western Hemisphere convened in the colony's church, laying the foundation for the form of



Archaeologist Danny Schmidt (above) explores an abandoned well in Jamestown, Va., where artifacts, such as pottery shards (right), have been discovered.





Dick Cheatham depicts his ancestor John Rolfe, who sowed the seeds of democracy.

representative government we have in the United States today.

"The seed of democracy was watered by the profits of tobacco," says Dick Cheatham, 58, a 14th-generation descendant of Rolfe who portrays his pioneering ancestor. Rolfe is credited with introducing West Indies tobacco in Virginia, crossbreeding it with indigenous strains and providing the colony with a cash crop for export to Europe.

A mile upstream of the original Fort James is Jamestown Settlement, a living history museum where costumed re-enactors teach visitors about sailing aboard replicas of the ships that brought the colonists to Virginia. They also demonstrate 17th-century skills such as cooking over an open hearth, shooting a matchlock musket, tanning deer hides and basket weaving in a re-created fort and Virginia Indian village.

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Cameron McKay portrays a Powhatan Indian.

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Morning Glories

Muffins are a great way to start the day, especially for busy families. Mix them up and bake them the night before so they're ready to grab as you and your family members run out the door the next morning.

Helen K. Woronik of Salem, Conn., sent us her recipe for Blueberry Muffins. "We grow our own blueberries on our farm, and for years I searched for the perfect muffin recipe. I finally created this recipe, and it has been a hit with my family and friends for many years," she says.

Perfect for holiday mornings and for hostess gifts, Pumpkin Applesauce Muffins from Cheri Marcovitch will fill your kitchen with the aromas of cinnamon, mace and nutmeg. "These muffins are a very moist and delicious healthful snack," the Santa Clarita, Calif., resident says. "I have enjoyed making them for gift baskets for many years. They are always well received."

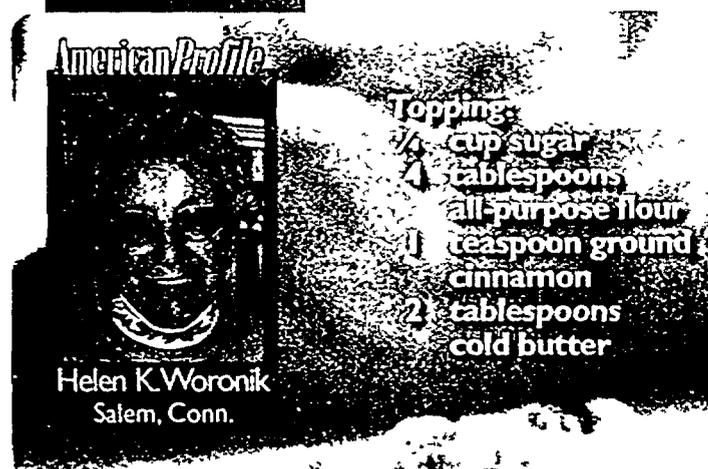
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RECIPE: Blueberry Muffins



Topping:
¾ cup sugar
4 tablespoons all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
2 tablespoons cold butter

Helen K. Woronik
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RECIPE: Pumpkin Applesauce Muffins



Cheri Marcovitch
Santa Clarita, Calif.

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Blueberry Muffins

Muffins:
4 cups all-purpose flour
6 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup sugar
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup butter or margarine
2 large eggs, slightly beaten

1 cup plus 3 tablespoons milk
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 teaspoons almond extract
3 teaspoons grated orange rind (optional)
2 cups blueberries, fresh or frozen

1. Preheat oven to 375F. Grease cups of muffin tin or line with baking cups.
2. Combine flour, baking powder, sugar and salt in a large bowl. Cut in butter using two knives or a pastry blender until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Make a well in the dry ingredients and add eggs, milk, and vanilla and almond extracts, stirring just until the liquid is absorbed. Gently fold in orange rind, if using, and berries, then fill muffin cups with the mixture.
3. To prepare the topping, blend sugar, flour, cinnamon and butter together and sprinkle evenly over top of muffins.
4. Bake 23 to 30 minutes, until the center springs back to the touch. Yield: 24 medium or 12 large muffins.

Pumpkin Applesauce Muffins

⅔ cup solid vegetable shortening
2⅔ cups sugar
4 eggs
1 cup applesauce, any style
1 cup canned pumpkin
⅔ cup apple juice
3⅓ cups all-purpose flour
2 teaspoons baking soda
½ teaspoon baking powder
1½ teaspoons salt
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon mace
½ teaspoon nutmeg
1 cup finely chopped walnuts

1. Preheat oven to 350F. Grease cups of muffin tin or line with baking cups.
2. Cream together shortening and sugar. Add eggs one at a time, then stir in applesauce and pumpkin until well mixed. Add apple juice, flour, baking soda and baking powder. Don't overmix. When batter is just smooth, add salt, cinnamon, mace and nutmeg. Stir in walnuts. Fill muffin cups.
3. Bake 20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Yield: 24 medium muffins.



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"We get our raffia (a plant fiber used for weaving) from a supplier in Maryland, but the Indians would have used cattails from the marshes," says Cameron McKay, a Williamsburg, Va., resident who portrays a Powhatan Indian.

Meanwhile, back on Jamestown Island, the historic settlement's only modern-day residents—William Kelso and his wife,



William Kelso

Ellen—live in a four-room cottage within view of the archaeological dig at James Fort.

"I'm the luckiest guy in the world," says Kelso, 65. "My dream was to find something significant in American history and then to live and breathe it."

Kelso has accomplished his dream and he hopes further excavation at Jamestown reveals more clues about the people who gave the United States its start 400 years ago. "I'm at the epicenter of America," he adds. "This is my hometown." ☆

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At mile 17 of the Houston Marathon, Steve Boone, 57, is miserable. He's exhausted, overheated and dripping with sweat, but he maintains a steady stride through the streets of Texas' largest city, determined to cross the finish line of the 26.2-mile footrace.

Seeking a distraction, the founder of the 50 States Marathon Club turns to another runner and says, "Look for George Bush Sr.; he and Barbara live here." The Bushes have been known to watch as runners pass through their neighborhood.

A sighting of the nation's 41st president would give Boone a psychological boost and something to talk about for miles. He scans friendly faces in the crowd, supporters holding out orange slices and chunks of banana to energize the runners.

"We turned the corner, and he wasn't there," recalls Boone, recollecting details of the January race.

Disappointed, the long-distance runner perseveres toward the finish line, knowing that his wife Paula, 40, and dozens of other club members are confronting their own physical and mental challenges along the grueling course.

"We still have to run the best we can," says Boone, a computer software designer from Humble, Texas (pop. 14,579). "We will never quit."

On the road again

Boone ran his first marathon in Houston in 1988 at age 39 after two friends bet he couldn't do it. He since has completed about 340 marathons, including three marathons in each of the 50 states. Paula has run two marathons in each state and plans to run her 200th marathon in Wilmington, Del., in May.

The couple met at the Boston Marathon in 1997, and together they've seen much of the country on foot. They've raced through California's giant redwoods during the Big Sur International Marathon, run through the streets of New Orleans' historic French Quarter during the Mardi Gras Marathon and jogged through the foggy Appalachian foothills of West Virginia and Kentucky during the Hatfield & McCoy Marathon.

"Our adventure is like a travel book," he says. "You turn the pages one step at a time."

The Boones run 30 to 40 marathons a year, sometimes two in a weekend. They usually fly to

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out-of-state destinations the day before the race to register and get a good night's sleep.

Join the club

Boone, a former member of the 50 States and D.C. Marathon Group, founded the 50 States Marathon Club in 2001 because he wanted to improve communication and cooperation among runners by launching a website



Steve and Paula Boone of Humble, Texas, have run multiple marathons in every state in the nation.

Both organizations now maintain active websites, and hundreds of long-distance runners belong to both. Boone's club has grown to 1,300 members and includes athletes from every state and nine foreign countries. Runners must finish marathons in at least 10 states before they can join either club.

"I was 48 before I started, and I got hooked," says Don McNelly, 86, of Rochester, N.Y., who has completed more than 720 marathons. "It's an addiction, really, but a positive addiction."

The club's youngest member, Brenton Floyd, 21, of Harrison, Tenn. (pop. 7,630), finished his first marathon at age 10 and has since completed about 350 marathons and other long-distance races.

Club members often team up along the course to chit-chat, trade jokes and pass the time. "You look for the 50 States shirt at races and say, 'Oh, there's somebody I have something in common with,'" Paula explains.

A test of human endurance

Marathons test human endurance like few other sports. Whether a runner is slow or fast, running 26.2 miles is a physical and mental challenge that often involves muscle cramps and blistered feet, and requires psychological distractions to ward off the pain and fatigue.

"When it gets really irritating, I start going through particularly bad days at school," says Paula, a former third-grade teacher. "Correcting papers, all the things I had to do—that seems to pass time."

"If I'm running with friends, we start cracking more jokes," she adds.

Paula also looks forward to the traditional kiss her husband gives her before and after each race. He usually proposes again, too. "Would you marry me again, even in Rhode Island? Even in California? Even in Kentucky? Even in Iowa?" he asks. The answer is always yes, she says.

Long-distance runners have different motivations and abilities. Top athletes crave the competition and can run a marathon in a couple of hours. All marathoners desire the personal challenge, even if they walk

across the finish line after the crowds have gone home.

Fran Drozd, 63, a motivational speaker from Litchfield Park, Ariz. (pop. 3,810), started running in 1979 to lose 30 pounds before the Honolulu Marathon. Now a veteran of more than 50 marathons, she continues to run "for the health of it" and to set a good example for her two grandsons.

"They are my heart, and I want to be around to see them graduate, marry and have children," she says. "I want my grandsons to know that fitness is an everyday thing like brushing your teeth and is part of living your life to the fullest."

Once Drozd completes a marathon in all 50 states—she has run in more than 30—she wants to run marathons on all seven continents. "I'm living my life like I have six months left to live," she says, "and I am not running anymore for competitive fast times but the time of my life."



**An estimated 360 runners
have completed marathons
in all 50 states.**

Going the distance

Nearly an hour after Steve Boone crosses the finish line in Houston with a time of 4 hours, 57 minutes and 43 seconds, his wife Paula and fellow runner Dave Bell, 44, of Highlands Ranch, Colo. (pop. 70,931), complete the race amid a cheering crowd.

"Dave and I crossed the finish line and we heard people say, 'There's George and Barbara Bush,'" Paula recalls. "We walked over and got to shake both of their hands. They said, 'Congratulations, we're proud of you.'"

Shaking hands with a former U.S. president tops the list of marathon memories for Paula, who along with her husband has run thousands of miles while participating in foot races across the nation. ☆

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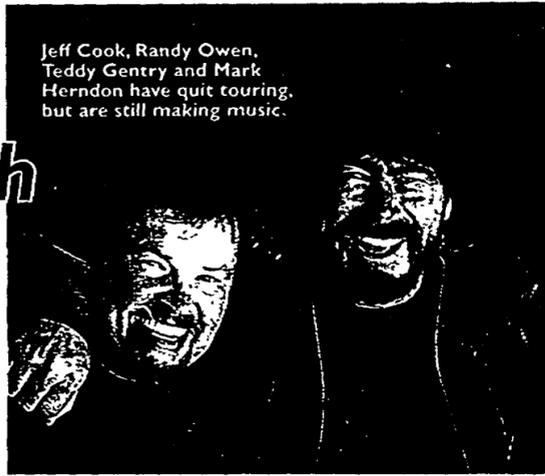
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Alabama Goes Back to Church

by CHRIS NEAL

Jeff Cook, Randy Owen, Teddy Gentry and Mark Herndon have quit touring, but are still making music.



Randy Owen, lead singer of the country group Alabama, had a couple of very good reasons for wanting to make a CD of gospel music.

"There were some songs that I felt like I had to record to make my soul semi-complete," he says. "And, of course, I wanted to make my mother happy."

Owen's mom, Martha, must be beaming. Alabama's latest album, *Songs of Inspiration, Vol. II*, the follow-up to last year's surprise hit of the same name, is full of classic church songs. Both projects were Owens' idea.

Despite all the band's achievements over the last three decades—induction into the Country Music Hall of Fame, more than 40 No. 1 hits and 150 awards—*Songs of Inspiration* was the group's first album to debut atop the *Billboard* country albums chart, indicating an out-of-the-box sales explosion.

More important than the project's success, however, is the way in which both *Songs of Inspiration* albums reconnected the members of country music's most successful band with their childhoods. "The Alabama guys grew up in the church, so this is second nature to them," says Sony BMG Nashville Chairman Joe Galante, who had been planning the *Songs of Inspiration* project with the band for more than a decade.

The new CD features Alabama's renditions of such hymnbook standards as "Church in the Wildwood," "Precious Memories," "Love Lifted Me," "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" and "Lonesome Valley."

Owens' parents were musicians who sang at churches all over northern Alabama when he was a child. "My mama'd play piano, and sometimes sing," he recalls. "My sisters would sing harmony." Martha still plays piano at the Rainsville Community Church in Rainsville, Ala. (pop. 4,499). Randy's father, Gladstone, died in 1980.

Owen and his wife, Kelly, attend the First Methodist Church in Fort Payne, Ala. (pop. 12,938), his hometown and the organizational base of the band. He says his faith has sustained him during his experiences in the topsy-turvy music business. "There's a goodness about faith that helps you through the tough times," he says. "It lets you rejoice with the successes, and yet have a deeper meaning in your life."

Alabama retired from touring in 2004. Since then, Owen, 57, has spent much of his time writing songs, and he completed the most recent season as a judge on the popular USA Network TV talent show *Nashville Star*. He also performed on the Christian Country Music Association's Inspirational Country Music Awards show

last November, extending Alabama's reach into the gospel music community.

"To have someone like Randy Owen do a gospel album and sing on our awards show is miraculous," says CCMA Founder and President Gene Higgins. "It's wonderful. It broadens the base."

In the wake of the band's retirement from the road, the rest of the group has kept busy as well. Bass player Teddy Gentry, 55, has become a record producer; guitarist Jeff Cook, 57, has a new duo called Cook & Glenn; and drummer Mark Herndon, 51, is a corporate jet pilot.

The members have been spending plenty of time with their families, too. All four are married with children and continue to live in Alabama. Randy



has two daughters and a son, Mark and Jeff each have one daughter, and Teddy has a son and daughter, plus five grandchildren. Their kids are related to one another, as Owen, Gentry and Cook are cousins who all grew up in or around Fort Payne.

Alabama will continue to make music together, says Owen, even if the band won't be taking their show on the road anymore. "All we said was that we weren't planning on touring," he says. "We didn't close any doors to anything else."

That may even include a third volume of *Songs of Inspiration*. "I'd love to do it," he says. "And I'd like to keep on doing it as long as I'm able." ☆

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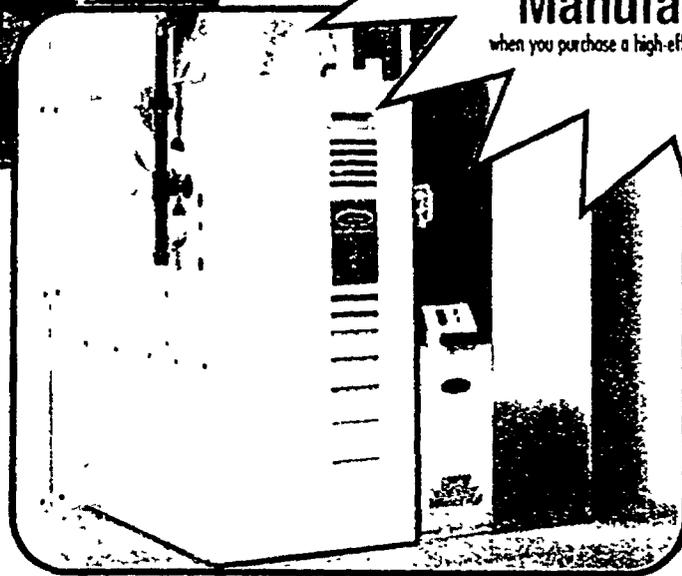
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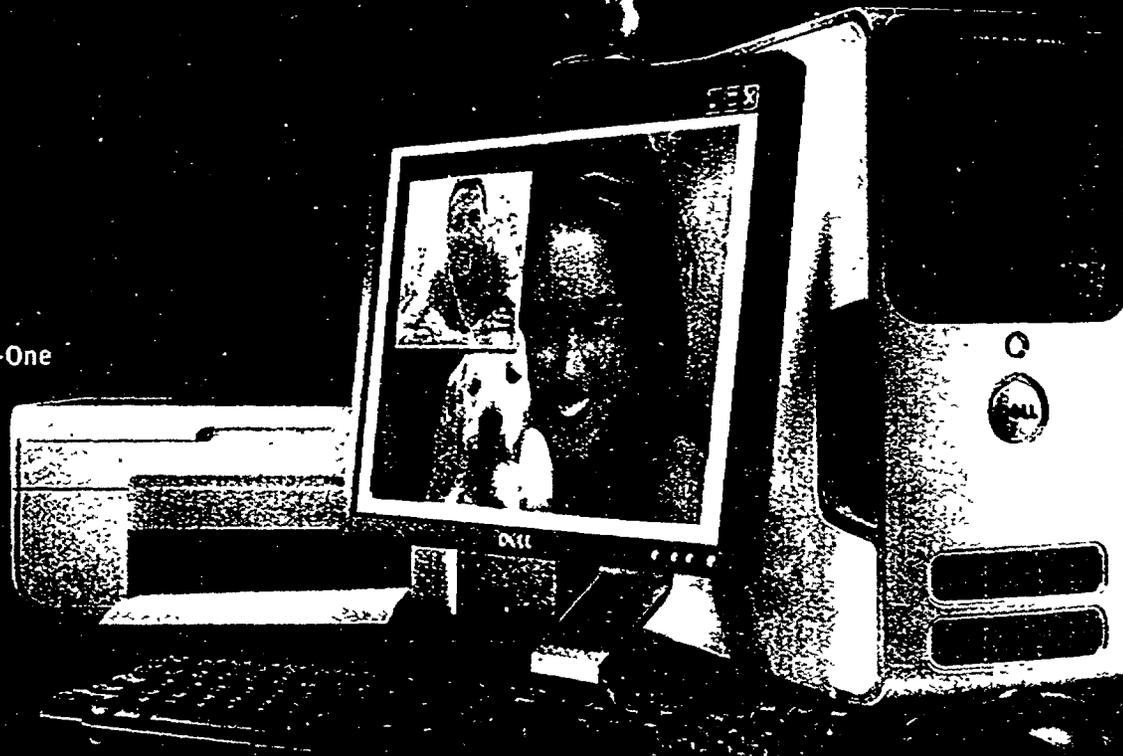
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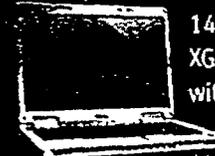
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