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Marine helps cope with loss

■ Veterans event planned for Saturday

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

U.S. Marine Corps officer Lt. Col. Mindy Herrmann has one of the toughest jobs in the world.



M. Herrmann

Northville resident handles the difficult task of notifying next of kin when a local Marine falls in the line of duty.

To date, her unit, the 1st Battalion/24th Marine Corps Regiment, has notified eight families in southeast Michigan.

Other notification units serve outside the Metro Detroit region. Members literally knock on doors when bad news arrives, a job few covet.

And, although it's emotional, Herrmann considers it an honor and privilege to work with these families.

A U.S. Naval Academy graduate currently serving at the Selfridge Air National Guard base in Mount Clemens, Herrmann will receive a Wayne County resolution Saturday in recognition of her work.

The resolution will be presented at 9 a.m. during the Wayne County Veterans Appreciation Day at Hines Park.

Marines from many walks

Herrmann said her reserve battalion is an infantry or war-fighting unit with people from many walks of life.

"We have a lawyer, teachers, a firefighter, surgeon and police officers," she said.

Activated in June 2006, the

It's a full month of positive ...



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

This month will be positive May-hem as downtown comes alive with flower sales, new construction and the Memorial Day Parade.

Downtown alive with variety of events, activities

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

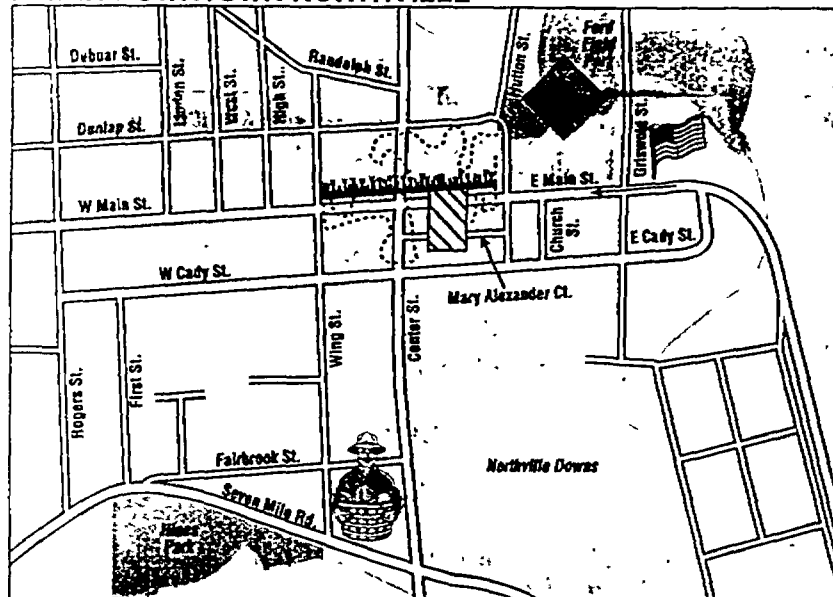
Time for downtown's mid-May wakeup call. Sidewalks warm with spring sunshine are about to jingle with colorful commerce, jangle with improvement projects and jump with community activism.

The Thursday farmer's market is in full swing, construction crews are poised to dig in and the Memorial weekend parade and flower sale are right around the corner.

That's just for starters.

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Flower Days

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Northville High School juniors Robyn Baldas, Bri Diegel, and Annie Tasse will be walking with team "Lassies 'N Lads" this weekend at Northville's Relay for Life event. The team is comprised of all Northville High juniors.

Relay for Life: Cancer fund-raiser returns to Ford Field this weekend

■ Campsite fun, silent auction, entertainment open to public Saturday

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Traci Sincok has her fingers crossed on the weather.

But the Northville Relay for Life planning committee co-chair knows factors within her volunteers' grasp are slipping into place as the annual fund-raiser returns to town this weekend.

Where does the money go?

Every Relay for Life dollar raised goes toward making a difference to people whose lives are touched by cancer. The American Cancer Society has contributed to almost every major discovery in cancer research. Millions of lives have been saved as a result of the society's research into better ways to prevent, detect and treat cancer. The non-profit agency also exerts influence on all levels of government, advocating stronger policies and enacting legislation that will save lives and conquer cancer.

Source: American Cancer Society

The 24-hour relay is expected to draw about 1,000 participants and spectators to Ford Field where ceremonies commence at 10 a.m. Saturday. The American Cancer Society signature event,

staged in communities across the country, raises money, awareness and hope in the fight against cancer.

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Cancer fundraiser returns to Ford Field

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"We're there for a specific purpose, but part of that purpose is a celebration," Sincok said. "There are lots of opportunities for the community to come down and participate in the fund-raising efforts or just make general donations."

For months, volunteer relay team members have been selling goods, serving meals and coaxing individuals and businesses to support the cause. Their fund-raising efforts will hit a fever pitch on the track infield this weekend, wrapping up at 10 a.m. Sunday.

Fund-raising on-site

At the start of the week, online donations already neared the \$70,000 mark. Sincok said event organizers would have a better handle on money raised to-date when cash contributions were tallied mid-week.

To further up the ante, relay teams have planned a variety of on-site activities — from fortune telling to selling glow necklaces for the late night sing-a-long.

"Some teams raise money ahead of time," Sincok said. "Some teams raise money on site. Some do both."

Committee members Sue and Dave Laabs, supporters of the inaugural appearance by Team 755 comprised of local boy scouts, coordinated live stage entertainment throughout the event.

"They've really done a fabulous job," said Sincok, who scheduled tent activities for the wee morning hours like movies and dance routines. "The planning committee did a lot of work."

"We would love to have community members come down and participate in whatever elements are important to them."

Starting a new tradition

With a theme "It's a Whole New Ballgame," Northville and Novi for the first time are hosting separate relays after participation climbed to 57 teams in a combined event last year.

"We're right back up there in spite of being split in half," Sincok said, citing registration of returning squads and newcomers. The addition of new sponsors — Hillside Middle School, Center Stage Dance Studio and Henry Ford Health System — also has boosted Northville's donations to the American Cancer Society.

Trademarks: Relay activities include an opening survivors' lap, and luminaria lighting after dusk. The schedule also includes dancers, DJs and American Cancer Society messages about advocacy, nutrition, breast cancer and sun safety.

Theme laps throughout the event feature specific activities for a chance to win prizes and encourage additional donations, including a poker round, a pajama fashion show, bubble blowing and male participants donning evening gowns.

Meanwhile, cancer survivors, volunteers and relay teams of all ages, shapes and sizes will take the field. The relay concept encourages one member of each team to be on the track at all times.

Sincok's one caution: People accustomed to bringing their dogs to Ford Field should refrain Saturday and Sunday.

Bidder up!

What: Relay For Life Silent Auction

How: Numbers available at 1 p.m. Saturday

When: Auction 2-4 p.m.

Proceeds: American Cancer Society

Payment: Cash, checks and credit cards accepted.

Theme baskets:

Assembled by Relay team members, including garden-

ing, quilting, ice cream

Noteworthy:

• Two tickets to the

November 3 Michigan-

Michigan State football game

donated by Dave and Sue

Laabs.

• Detroit Tiger tickets

donated by Mayor

Christopher and Patsy

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• Two footballs, one signed

by U-M Coach Lloyd Carr, the

other by MSU Coach Mark

Dantonio

• Autographed photo of

Detroit Red Wing Robert

Lang

• Northville Shopping

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Too, Van Dam's, Salon

Marzefon, Tuscan Café,

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restaurant gift cards

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including a mini TV, personal

CD player and digital camera.

THIS WEEKEND



American Cancer Society

Relay For Life

10 a.m.-10 a.m.

Saturday-Sunday

Ford Field

Source: American Cancer Society

Northville Relay for Life Schedule of Events

Saturday-Sunday

8-9:45 a.m.

(or after 11 a.m.)

9:30-9:45 a.m.

10 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

11 a.m.-noon

11 a.m.

11 a.m.-noon

Noon

Noon-2 p.m.

12:20-1:20 p.m.

1 p.m.

1:30 p.m.

2-4 p.m.

2-4 p.m.

2:30-3:30 p.m.

2:30 p.m.

3-4 p.m.

4-5 p.m.

4:20-5:20 p.m.

5 p.m.

5:40-6:40 p.m.

6-7 p.m.

6:45 p.m.

7 p.m.

7-9:45 p.m.

8 p.m.

8:30 p.m.

9 p.m.

9:30 p.m.

9:45 p.m.

10 p.m.

11 p.m.

Midnight

12:30 a.m.

1 a.m.

2 a.m.

2-3 a.m.

3 a.m.

4-7 a.m.

5 a.m.

7 a.m.

7-8 a.m.

9:30-10 a.m.

10 a.m.

On-site Team Fund-raising

10:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

11 a.m.-3 p.m.

11 a.m.-6 p.m.

All day Saturday

11 a.m.-8 p.m.

11:11 a.m.

Noon-2:30 p.m.

Both days

All day Saturday

7 a.m.

Team Set Up Begins

Campsite set up begins. Late set up will be allowed after the Celebration Lap.

Team Captain's Meeting

Opening Ceremony and Cancer Survivor

Celebration Lap — Relay Begins

Troop 755 Summer Camp Band

Cancer Survivor's Reception (immediately

following Survivor Lap)

Class A Band

Scavenger Hunt

American Cancer Society presentation: Advocacy

Aerobic/Nooner Stretch

Team Recognition for fund-raising

American Cancer Society presentation: Sun Safety

Seth Grass on Stage

Silent auction numbers distributed

"Miss Ter" Relay contest — guys in their best

evening dress will win rewards.

Silent auction

American Cancer Society presentation: Breast

Cancer Awareness

Turn in team fund-raising at bank

Bubble-lap fund-raiser

Company of Strangers Band

Puzzle Contest Laps

American Cancer Society presentation:

Colorectal Cancer Awareness

Shawn Riley Band

Luminaria Preparation (sand and candle distribution)

Mostly Static Band

Turn in fund-raising at Cady Inn

Aerobics evening stretch

Poker Lap

Baseline Folk Society Open Mic, including

featured entertainers "Rise Again"

Minors under 18 must be chaperoned (1:10 ratio)

Luminaria Set Up

Midnight pizza orders taken

"Shine" performance by Center Stage Dance Studio

Survivor Gathering/Luminaria Lighting

Sing-a-long

Luminaria Ceremony

Park lights back on

Pizza delivered

Pajama Fashion Show Laps

American Cancer Society presentation:

Tobacco "Jeopardy"

Movies in the Tent

D.J. entertainment on stage

Hip hop/funk band by Center Stage Dance Studio

D.J. entertainment on stage

Sunrise dance game

Turn in team fund-raising

Aerobics morning stretch

American Cancer Society presentation: Advocacy

Closing Ceremony and Awards Presentation

Final Lap — all participants walk the last lap

together

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McCotter introduces VETS Act to help local veterans get hired

■ New bill introduced Monday in D.C.

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Ron Jones of Northville wanted to hire a veteran.

He just didn't know how.

So, he decided to call his congressman.

Now, years later, U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI), has introduced legislation that, if adopted, will help veterans find jobs and offer benefits to their employers.

McCotter introduced the Veterans' Employment Transition Support (VETS) Act bill on Monday which would provide income tax credit for businesses that hire veterans.

A press conference took place Monday in Westland to announce the proposed bill.

McCotter is calling on Congress to amend the Internal Revenue Code to allow employers an income tax credit for hiring U.S. military veterans.

The VETS Act would provide a one-time credit to employers on income tax for hiring military service personnel honorably discharged.

The credit would equal 40 percent of the veterans' first-year

wages or up to 50 percent for disabled veterans.

"This bill ensures our valiant veterans' service to our nation continues when they come home," said McCotter, chair of the House Republican Policy Committee.

"Encouraging companies to hire veterans is not just the smart thing to do; it is the right thing to do. By facilitating their transition to civilian life, we further their good works on behalf of our country and our communities."

Jones at press conference

Jones, who attended Monday's press conference, said about two years ago the company he works for needed to fill an entry-level computer job, and he wanted the company to hire a veteran.

He called McCotter's office to see if any programs existed that helped returning veterans find work.

"They did some research and found there really wasn't any type of network set up to do this," Jones said. "His staff looked into it and thought it appropriate to introduce a bill to offer an incentive for employers to hire vets."

Jones said the original bill about two years ago, which was just for veterans returning from Iraq and Afghanistan, did not pass. The bill was then rewritten to include all veterans.

Michael Harris, director of



Photo by Tom Hawley

U.S. Rep. Thaddeus McCotter (R-MI) (left), listens as Michael Harris, director of Michigan Paralyzed Veterans Association, talks about the importance of the Veterans' Employment Transition Support Act.

Michigan Paralyzed Veterans Association, headquartered in Novi, was instrumental in helping the congressman's staff rewrite the bill. Harris was also present at Monday's press conference.

Jones said he's glad McCotter reintroduced this legislation to help veterans.

"He took a proactive position in trying to correct this situation," Jones.

The bill has five original co-sponsors, Rep. John Carter (R-TX), Candice Miller, (R-MI), Stevan Pearce (R-NM) and Jon Porter (R-NV).

McCotter flew to Washington,

D.C., after Monday's press conference to introduce the bill in Congress.

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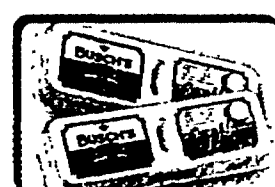
Facts about U.S. veterans

- The current unemployment rate for recently discharged veterans is 10.4 percent — more than twice the non-veteran unemployment rate of 4.6 percent;
- 33 percent of the homeless population are veterans (500,000-800,000 veterans);
- 67 percent (335,000-535,000 veterans) of homeless veterans served their country for three or more years;
- each year, 375,000-600,000 homeless veterans receive no assistance; and
- federal programs already provide tax credits for other targeted groups, including welfare recipients, ex-felons and young adults, but no credits target companies that hire veterans.

Source: Office of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter

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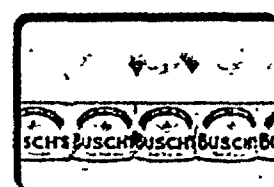
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■ Marine helps cope with loss

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unit's deployment to Iraq began in September 2006 and ended at the end of April.

Many members received a heroes' welcome a few weekends ago when they returned to the area. Others did not return.

But Herrmann said some families who had lost a loved one came to the homecoming to show their love and support.

Her Marine Corps support team members also provide assistance to families of fallen soldiers.

"We do things like help families when their health insurance

changes," Herrmann said.

They deserve the credit

Although she's being recognized by the county on Saturday, Herrmann doesn't think she should get any credit.

"These young Marines who are serving their country should be getting the recognition," she said.

Herrmann said these men serve their country at tremendous personal sacrifice.

"They miss the births of their babies, the death of a parent, family members' illnesses and injuries," she said.

Herrmann, who grew up in Kalamazoo, moved to Northville Sept. 10, 2001 — the day before the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center.

She and her husband, Fred, whom she met at the U.S. Naval Academy, have two children.

He was on active duty for five years, served as a reservist in her unit and now practices law in Detroit.

Progress made in Iraq

Herrmann said Americans should be glad U.S. troops are still in Iraq.

"We've got an impatient population," she said. "What you don't hear are the good things that are happening over there."

"I'm proud of what our battalion has done in Iraq to make the area safer and the Iraqi government better able to stand on its own. I definitely think they've made progress. For a Marine, the

most important thing is winning."

She hopes to announce the dedication of a proposed memorial for the 22 members of the U.S. Marines from her battalion who have died in Operation Iraqi Freedom. About 1,100 Marines belong to the unit.

She said the families she's met who have lost a loved one in Iraq are wonderful, just like their sons and daughters who served our country.

"These family members deserve the never-ending gratitude of the American people," Herrmann said. "They are in a class by themselves."

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On-site benefit registration

The Wayne County Veterans Service and Appreciation Day will take place from 9 a.m.-noon Saturday in Hines Park.

The event is scheduled at the Northville Recreation Area south of Seven Mile Road between Hines Drive and Northville Road.

Attractions will include health screenings, representatives from the Social Security Administration and Internal Revenue Service, Veterans Service officers, refreshments and more.

More than 100 veteran and their family members are expected.

Veterans are encouraged to bring valid Michigan identification, DD214 and proof of income to begin the veteran benefit process on site.

The Veterans Appreciation Day is being coordinated by Wayne County Commissioner Laura Cox, the Wayne County Veterans' Affairs and the office of Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano.

For more information, call (313) 224-0849.

'FIRST TIMERS' WELCOME: Old Timers' luncheon set for June 5

■ Annual event rekindles old memories about old Northville

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Hal Wright, Dave Longridge and Dick Ambler are at it again.

The "Old Timers" eighth annual luncheon will be Monday, June 4, at Genitti's. The informal gathering for long-time Northville residents begins at 11:30 a.m., with lunch at 12:15 p.m.

Men between ages 50 and 98 are welcome to attend, said Ambler, 84, who moved to Northville from Detroit at 2. And "first timers" are encouraged to join the group.

Eight years ago, Ambler founded the event, modeling it after a similar luncheon he attends with Chrysler retirees. The cost is \$15 for lunch, tip and tax; a cash bar is available.

Northville's changing face

In a little twist on the Old Timers traditional format, restaurant owner John Genitti will present plans for the expanded town square, just east of the restaurant on Main Street.

Demolition of Bandshell Park is expected to start next week, with completion of the larger gathering area, glass and metal pavilion and canopy of shade trees scheduled for September.

"The presentation will be an interesting and informative preview of what's to come in downtown Northville," Ambler said.

The three organizers typically

send more than 110 invitations to men ranging from 50 and older. Local historian Bruce Turnbull was on the list from the start; each year the list grows and past and present community residents reach the half-century mark.

The Old Timers' luncheon is an opportunity for friends and acquaintances to share lunch and swap stories about families, pursuits and a bit about how their hometown used to be.

Wright, 80, is a retired doctor who moved to Northville in 1956. Longridge, a long-time Northville Public Schools administrator, said it was the first teaching job of his wife, Marge, that brought the couple to Northville in 1959.

Ambler said it's not too late to be added to the invitation list; the sooner, the better to confirm the reservations with Genitti's and prepare name tags.

Old Timers' Lunch

Who: Men 50 and older

What: Informal luncheon

Where: Genitti's, 108 E.

Main St.

When: 11:30 a.m.

Monday, June 4

Why: Swap stories about

past and present Northville

Cost: \$15

Reservations: Required, mail checks in advance to names below

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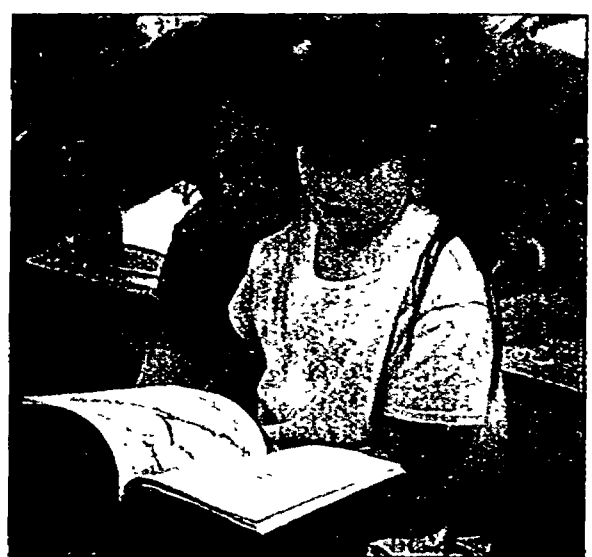


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Mom's tea

Carleigh Ray reads a book to her mom Laura during a Mother's Day Tea at Amerman Elementary School last Friday afternoon. Kids shared poems, stories and cake with their moms.

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A TABLE OR TWO: There are lots of spots to eat outside downtown

Get stuck with a bunch of 39-cent stamps Monday? Better yet, braved the lines at the post office now that stamps have crept up to 41 cents? Remember, if you only need stamps ... that's what those handy machines in the Wing Street lobby are for ...

Here's from a Sportsline.com (CBS) interview last week ... Comparing his former job with the Anaheim Ducks, Red Wings head coach Mike Babcock doesn't seem bitter at all about his exit from southern California. On living conditions here, he said, "As much as I miss the pool and the sun, my home in Anaheim, where I live in Northville is no slouch either — pretty nice spot." Our new hometown hero.

Guys rounding the track in evening gowns, memorabilia autographed by professional athletes up for grabs, food all day — get down to Ford Field! At the Relay for Life Saturday, that's all on top of the main mission of uniting against cancer. Check it out!

Yes, it's true ... for those of you who dig into Northville's signature event, the Victorian Festival, behind-the-scenes machinery is starting to grind forward. Host organization the Northville Chamber of Commerce called the first planning committee meeting for next week. C'mon — it's never too soon to start talking paraisols!

He's become a familiar face around city hall during his part-time extended internship, but it's time to move on ... Congratulations to Tim Davis who earned the spot as assistant director of iLabs, the center for innovation research at the University of Michigan in Dearborn. Under the direction of city finance director Nickie Bateson, he's helped on countless projects. Good luck!

Been down to Ford Field to spin Robert's Rock yet this spring?

He's still at it ... your state rep, Northville attorney Marc Corriveau, is hosting a town hall meeting at 7 p.m. next Thursday at the Plymouth Township board room, 9955 N. Haggerty Road to talk about Canadian and out-of-state trash imported here. He wants to know what you think ...

Don't miss it this weekend! Visit the Northville Art House.



Oklahoma-bound

Cast members from the Farmington Players musical "Oklahoma!" — Derek Bodendorfer of Northville (left) as "Curley" and Amy Lauter of Farmington Hills as "Laurey" — ride in a "Surrey with the Fringe On Top," one of the songs from this classic Rodgers and Hammerstein musical. The play opens tomorrow at the Farmington Players Barn Theater, 32332 W. 12 Mile, and runs through June 9. Tickets: (248) 553-2955 or www.farmingtonplayers.org.

215 W. Cady St., for a look at the "Our Muses" Art Show. The exhibition, featuring the figure paintings and drawings by 12 local artists, ends on Sunday. The regimen for the artists, including Northville resident Barbara Murphy, has included painting a model in the Novi gallery of Mary Step Tuesdays. Check it out!

And speaking of great stuff going on downtown ... there's still time to sign up for the Northville Central Business Association's inaugural "Shopping Scramble" Wednesday. Sounds like a lot of fun while raising funds for Northville's new non-profit professional performance venue, Tipping Point Theatre. Register in advance at Sherris or Swearingen art galleries.

Speaking of Tipping Point ... Community Financial recently contributed \$1,000 to the theater, scheduled to open later this summer, on behalf of the credit union's volunteer board director Michele Kelly, of Main Street law firm, Kelly & Kelly. As a board member since 1998, Kelly was able to designate a \$1,000 to a cause of her choice. She said, "I am excited to be involved with this wonderful new venue supporting the cultural enrichment of our community."

And speaking of community service ... this past weekend several crew members from the Northville Township Home Depot donated their Saturday toward beautification efforts. Store manager Nick Nordstrand said about 25 associates reported at 8:30 a.m. then worked along the bike path stretching from the I-275 rest stop on the north side between Michigan and Ford roads. Way to go!

Getting out for regular exercise will be one of the topics covered during the Northville Senior Community Center's



health and fitness day May 31. A whole schedule of free events is planned. Check next week's Northville Record for more details ...

And on June 6, the Senior Fest will return to Waterford Bend Park. Lunch, entertainment and prizes — all for \$8. Advance reservations are a must so get into the senior center today!

Still time to donate books ... the Friends of Northville District Library is hosting its annual used book sale May 31-June 3. Books can be dropped at the 212 W. Cady St. library before then. Skip the encyclopedia. Got anything else to share?

As the retail giant of

Northville Square continues to come to life ... it's always something going on there. The very latest: Check out the new furniture on the patio outside Solid Grounds coffee shop. Now, there's a spot to hang out!

And speaking of outdoor dining ... always a high-demand feature when residents met with downtown strategic planners. So, according to the Northville Downtown Development Authority, the list of outdoor seating in town includes: American Spoon, Edward's, Great Harvest Bread Company, Little Italy, MacKinnon's, NOMI, Poole's Tavern, Rebecca's, Starbucks, Tiramisu, Tuscan Café and now, Solid Grounds. Love it!

Trotting for animals!

Despite overcast skies and a few sprinkles, runners and walkers showed up for the Northville Community Foundation's Inaugural Trot for Animals fund-raiser at Maybury Farm last Saturday. Thanks to sponsors like Fifth-Third Bank, the event — which will return next year — raised more than \$1,000 to help buy winter feed for the farm animals.

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fax (248) 349-9832Developers seeking feedback
on new Five Mile/Beck conceptThumbs down
on big box retail
at two meetingsBy Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Developers Frank Jonna and Scott McCarthy want to hear what residents have to say about their proposed development at Five Mile and Beck roads.

So, Jonna, of Jonna Companies, and McCarthy of REDICO, both in Southfield, had two neighborhood meetings last week to get a feel for what people really think about their concept.

The developers are proposing to build a retail development that would include a large sculpture at the corner, decorative street lamps, benches, open seating areas, a collection of smaller buildings and at least one retailer with a 100,000-plus-square-foot store.

Gateway to the township

The design would make the corner appear to be a gateway to the township with an agrarian feel, said Adriaan Van Velden of Hobbs + Black Architects in Ann Arbor.

"We think a well done retail project would be an asset to the community," McCarthy said.

The May 8 meetings — one in the afternoon and one in the evening — included a presentation on the proposed retail development in Northville Township followed by discussion.

About 30 people showed for the first meeting, with about 40 attending the evening meeting, Jonna said.

More than 2,000 invitations were mailed to residents, homeowners associations and local police, fire and government representatives.

"The crowd was clearly much more receptive, interested and asked better questions at the evening meeting," Jonna said. "The people at that meeting were more open minded."

The site, on the northeast corner

of Beck and Five Mile, sits in "a sea of R & D and industrial uses," said Charlie Jacobs, a planner hired by the developers to perform a land use study of the area.

"We realize that a development on the corner does affect the residents," Jacobs said.

The developers believe the site needs more retail, especially with IAV Automotive moving its headquarters from Ann Arbor to the site next year.

Safety, traffic concerns

Jonna said safety and traffic seemed to be residents' biggest concerns.

Those who attended the afternoon session did not lend as much support to the development. Their biggest fear was the introduction of a big box retailer such as a Wal-Mart or Meijer store to the site.

"We prefer to call it a large format retailer because big box implies that there's not much going on interesting architecturally," Jonna said.

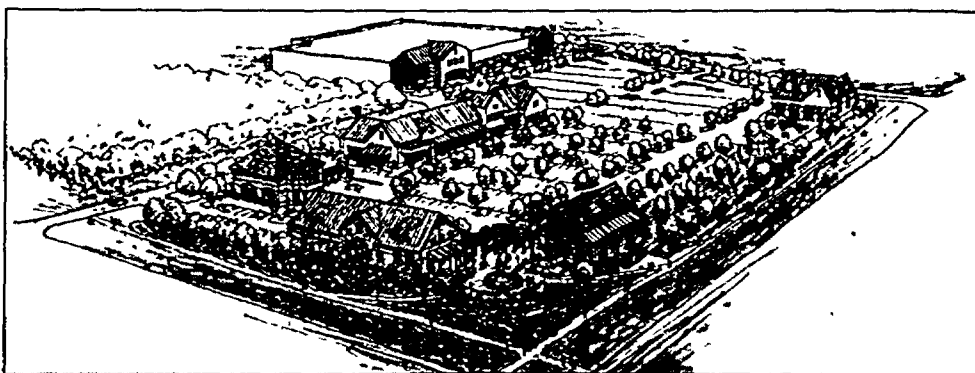


Illustration courtesy Hobbs + Black Architects

This rendering by Hobbs + Black Architects of Ann Arbor shows Southfield firms Jonna Companies and REDICO's concept for property at Five Mile and Beck roads in Northville Township. The proposed design features an agrarian look with a large sculpture on the corner, street lamps, outdoor seating areas and at least one 100,000-plus-square-foot retailer.

"I paid big bucks for my home to have trees and green," said Cherie Lessign, a resident of Northville Hills condominiums.

"They're all concerned about their property values," Jonna said.

Northville Planning Commission members denied a rezoning request several weeks ago, and the concept was tabled by the township board of trustees. Developers now plan to submit an application to the planning commission for conditional zoning, also called spot zoning.

"We're scheduled to meet to finalize some plans with our team and then to start drafting our proposal," Jonna said last week.

Jonna said he and his team members are also going to see if they can line up some potential tenants at the Shopping Center Convention in Las Vegas this weekend.

"Once we've got some feedback from potential retailers, we'll then develop a proposal to present to the planning commission."

The planning commission denied

Jonna's request to rezone the research and development site to a B-3 or general business zoning — one of the most lenient as far as the type of businesses that could open at the site.

The next planning commission meeting is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29.

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Community Park soccer fields' drainage plans being reviewed

Board member Gans suggests money-saving design

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Marv Gans says he has a way to build a better mousetrap — or, in this case, a better drainage system for Northville Township's Community Park soccer fields.

Gans, who sits on the Northville Township Board of Trustees, addressed members of the new Northville Parks and Recreation Commission May 9 to mention a less expensive but just as effective way to provide drainage to two of the fields in the park at Five Mile and Beck roads.

The fields will be discussed at today's 7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting at township hall.

Although Gans didn't want to go into too much detail until the topic comes under discussion tonight, he said his design basically includes 2-inch-diameter piping and small trenches with pea gravel placed about 8 feet apart.

He said the irrigation system should be installed in the fields before the drainage system. The fields being discussed are the two primary fields used by local soccer players at Community Park.

"There may be some ideas I haven't explored," said Don Weaver, director of public services for the township, in reference to Gans' idea for the fields.

Gans said the traditional method to provide drainage is effective but very expensive and that if township officials want to be fiscally responsible they should use his plan.

He estimates his proposal would cost \$62,465 per field per a quote Gans obtained or \$117,000 for two fields if they're done at the same time, with the more expensive method currently under consideration by the township costing about \$120,000 per field.

"If we spend less, it would be good," Gans said.

The \$120,000 per field was an estimate Traci Sincok obtained which was the number used as a budgeted item.

Friends of Northville Parks involved

In his proposal, Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation

"It's not in the township's best interests to spend money in this way, not when you can get a similar job for so much less."

Marv Gans
Trustee, Northville Township

would pay for one field. If the township pays for one field, then the township is only paying about \$60,000 per field, which would save a total of about \$180,000.

"It's not in the township's best interests to spend money in this way, not when you can get a similar job for so much less," Gans said.

But that this could adversely affect the Northville Soccer Association's program.

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, said that the township's way of doing business is to seek the advice of professionals in such matters.

He also said that Gans putting forth any projected numbers on a drainage system for the fields was

inappropriate, and that township leaders would never do anything to circumvent their fiduciary responsibility.

"Our interests are the same as everyone else's — saving tax dollars," Abbo said.

Abbo asked Weaver to evaluate Gans' alternative method, with professional consultation, before going out for bids on the drainage

project.

With the spring soccer season beginning, a plan for the fields needs to be decided upon rather quickly.

"I think everyone knows that time is of the essence," said Sue Hillebrand, commission member.

She noted that in the state's current down economy that the township is receiving low bids on projects.

"We are getting some phenomenal prices on work," she said. "People need the work, and they want the jobs."

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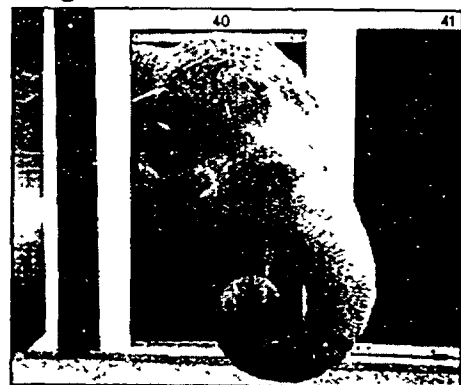
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Downtown alive with variety of events, activities

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So, May will be a mixture of long-standing traditions and new initiatives to help revitalize the commercial core.

Lori Ward, director of the Northville Downtown Development Authority, said Northville is positively active right now for good reason — adding new stores while proceeding with improvement projects — despite the state's overall gloomy forecast.

"From my perspective, we've been planning for several years for what we consider necessary changes for merchants downtown," Ward said. "People are going to finally start to see them realized."

"I think people are excited — the buzz, the sizzle of the steak on the grill — that these things are really going to happen."

Progress in stages

Four-month construction of a \$1.7 million expanded town square is scheduled to start next week in the heart of downtown.

Meanwhile, one-day fund-raisers, special events and activities will encircle it, requiring the usual detours while Main Street becomes a flower showroom and parade route.

"I hear all the time, 'When are we going to get started?'" Ward said.

Pending Northville City Council action at the regular meeting Monday, department of public works crews could begin demolition at Bandshell Park Tuesday. The city's construction manager is scheduled to follow suit on a larger scale the day after the Memorial Day parade.

"We're really going to try to make it fun during the construction," Ward said. "We're going to have T-shirts and hard hats for the kids."

"People will still enjoy coming downtown even during this small inconvenience."

Tradition of gathering

Relay for Life, Flower Days, the farmer's market, Memorial Day and Independence Day parades bring thousands of people to the center of town in spring and summer.

The new, larger town square, scheduled for September completion, is designed to be the community's destination gathering space. The project emerged from the city's 2006 downtown strategic planning process targeting continued economic vitality.

"Exciting things are coming to Northville, increasing the connections with the customers and residents of Northville," Ward said. "The inconvenience of the construction will be very minimal."

Keeping perspective

Representatives of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, the non-profit agency supporting area businesses, echoed Ward's enthusiasm for the energy level downtown in coming weeks.

"There's going to be lots of flower action happening between the farmer's market, plant swap and flower sale," said Janet Bloom, chamber marketing and events director.

Chamber president Jody Humphries said Northville is an appealing destination right now for several reasons.

"Where else do you need to go with gas prices the way they are, battling the road construction?" she said. "You can go to your own downtown and find what you're looking for — dining and entertainment."

Brief detours are the price of progress, Humphries said.

"Construction is not scary," she said. "I have confidence in those who are guiding the project — the DDA, the DPW — they're going to phase it well to have minimal impact on foot traffic and parking."

"No one should freak out about it."

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Positive May-hem

May 17 Farmer's Market @ Center and Seven Mile
18 Spaghetti Dinner @ Northville Senior Community Center
19-20 Relay for Life @ Ford Field
21 Northville City Council meeting
22 Bandshell Park, city demolition begins
23 Shopping Scramble
24 Farmer's Market
25 Flower Days
26 Northville High School prom
27 Plant Swap at Mill Race
28 Historical Village
29 Memorial Day parade
30 Bandshell Park, contractor demolition begins
31 Farmer's Market

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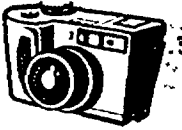
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Area counseling centers attempt to dispel stigma of seeking help

■ It's actually sign of strength, not weakness

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Dr. Paul Melrose believes pastoral counseling can assist people no matter what their spiritual beliefs. And, as the executive director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan, he and his team of counselors try to dispel the stigma of seeking help. Melrose works at the center's



P. Melrose

Farmington Hills office in the Nardin Park Methodist Church on 11 Mile Road between Orchard Lake and Middlebelt. Other offices are in Northville, Birmingham and Milford.

The centers were established about 20 years ago, and Melrose is the second executive director, following Rev. Dr. Wesley Brun.

"We work with people on religious and spiritual issues from a variety of faiths and backgrounds," Melrose said.

He is also available to speak to local groups about counseling issues.

Although individual counseling is the most common, he's seen an increase in marital and family counseling lately.

"Successful counseling is as much about the relationship between the individual and the therapist as it is about the person's or persons' problems," Melrose said.

"In relationship counseling, our goal is to get couples to talk to each other. We're more of a consultant than a preacher."

An ordained United Methodist minister, he's worked at the counseling center for seven years and says layoffs initiated by local companies have taken their toll on people's psyches.

"The current job market has produced a lot of stress as well as issues with children when both parents have to work," Melrose said.

Depression can be triggered by many events, including a job loss, death of a family member or even the loss of an opportunity to advance or loss of physical capacities due to illness or disease.

"We provide resources so that people can hopefully move forward," he said.

He believes this is one of the most important aspects of coun-

seling — to help clients identify resources they currently have to cope with various issues.

For more complicated concerns or issues — such as if a client needs medication for depression or anxiety — counselors make referrals to mental health professionals.

Affairs, addiction issues

Relationship counseling involves such things as extramarital affairs, gambling, drinking and even Internet addiction.

"Often there are unspoken expectations," Melrose said.

He said, sadly, there is still a stigma on counseling because many people see it as a sign of weakness.

"Instead, I tell clients it is more a sign of courage and strength," Melrose said.

He said the stigma stems from the fact that most people believe

Golf outing set for June 22

Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan will have its Sixth Annual Charity Golf Outing on Friday, June 22, at Links of Novi, 50395 10 Mile Road.

Registration is from 10:30 a.m.-noon, with a shotgun start at noon. A putting contest will be held at 10:30 a.m., with lunch provided at the grill from 11 a.m.-noon.

A steak dinner, awards and raffle follows at 6 p.m.

Cost is \$125 per golfer or \$25 for the dinner only. To be a beverage cart sponsor costs \$250, and a hole sponsor is \$125. A portion of these fees may be tax deductible.

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they should be able to solve their problems on their own.

"But, sometimes, that's just humanly impossible," Melrose said.

He sees counseling as more of an art than a science, especially when it comes to relationships

"Addressing those issues is different than fixing a machine."

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Samaritan Counseling Centers include Northville church office

■ Two therapists serve community

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Diane Grech and Dr. Ronald Studer are ready to help area residents with their problems.

The two therapists work in the Northville office of the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan, which has existed for more than a decade in the First United Methodist Church of Northville on Eight Mile Road west of Taft Road.

Grech, of Livonia, has worked at the Northville office about 17 months and graduated from Madonna University in the school's first master's degree program in clinical psychology.

"It's a wonderful place to work," she said. "It's nice to have the spiritual component."

Why do people come to their office for counseling?

"Sometimes people come in because they feel their life isn't working for them," Grech said. "It's not going the way they want it to go."

She said we often feel anxiety in our daily lives and don't really know why.

"A lot of times things unfold that we're not aware of, and we're not sure about why we're feeling the way we feel," Grech said.

In her practice, she uses psychotherapy, which she describes as a journey through a person's life to determine why they developed how they did and how they got to where they currently are in life.

In her quest to update her skills, she is in the process of completing a two-year program at the Michigan Psychoanalytic Center in Farmington Hills.

Grech said some people seek counseling during a crisis or life transition.

"It could be after a trauma in the family, such as the loss of a spouse," she said.

Communication is a big issue with couples, such as the inability to share needs, wants and expectations with the other person.

"We often get into other difficulties when we're not communicat-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Dr. Ronald Studer and Diane Grech are both counselors at Northville's First United Methodist Church's Samaritan Counseling Center.

ing," she said.

A limited licensed psychologist, Grech also counsels children.

"People just want to feel good about their lives," Grech said.

Veterinarian with two careers

Studer has worked part-time at the Northville center for about two years.

In his full-time job, he's a veterinarian who co-owns Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic, a small animal practice at 10 Mile and Beck roads in Novi.

After deciding he wanted a second career, Studer earned a master's degree in counseling from Oakland University and has been practicing part-time since 1994.

He does individual and relationship counseling.

"People come in because of anxiety, depression, career concerns and major life changes, such as retirement, divorce and crises that can occur throughout the various stages of life," Studer said.

He stressed that being a therapist isn't about providing answers.

"It's about being with people while they make their own decisions about the difficult questions

Where to get help

Although the Milford office is not currently accepting new clients, counseling services are still available at the Samaritan Counseling Center of Southeastern Michigan in Northville, Farmington Hills and Birmingham.

For more information or to make an appointment, call (248) 474-4701 or visit www.samaritancounseling-michigan.com.

they have."

Relationship issues can include family, spouse or sibling conflicts.

"What they're doing isn't working, so they're frustrated," Studer said. "People often seek counseling when the pain of not changing is greater than the pain of making a change."

He sees counseling as similar to coaching.

"The goal is to guide, give counsel and be with the person through their journey."

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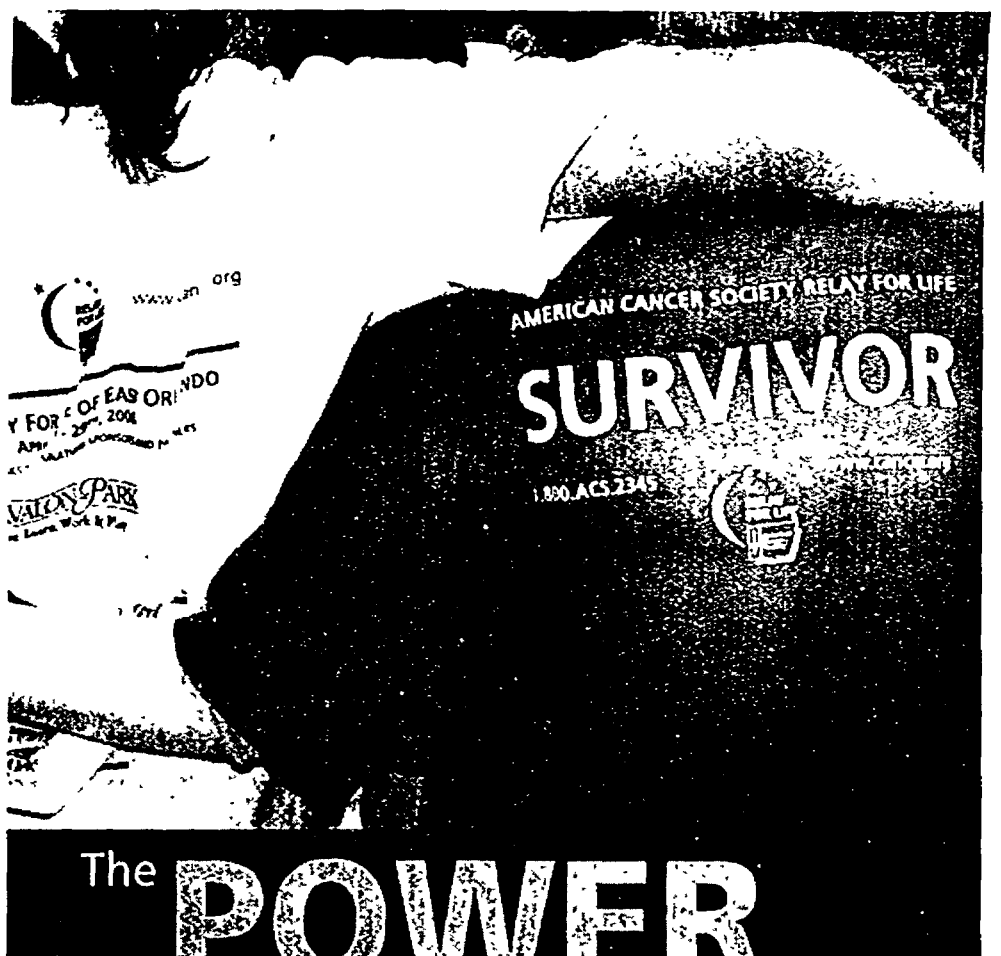


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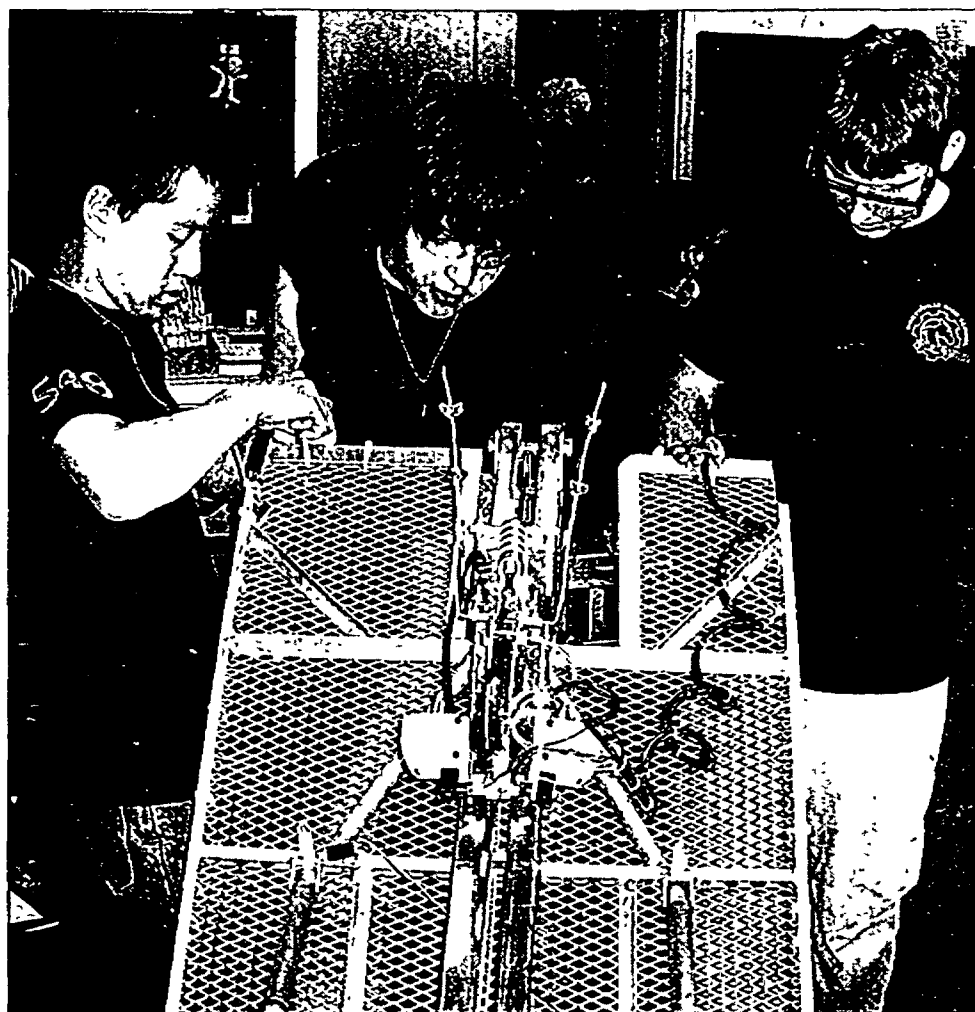


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Members of the Northville High School Robostangs FIRST Robotics Team, from left, senior Tim Tsai, and sophomores Mason Falk and Sean Hadley, work on their robot that came in second place in the preliminaries of the FIRST Robotics Buckeye Regional in Cleveland in March. The team needs funding right now for a competition they want to attend in July.

Robostangs thrilled about standing in regional event

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Jim Conzelman thinks the Robostangs rock.

The faculty advisor of the Northville High School robotics team had the honor of watching them capture second place out of 58 teams after the preliminary rounds in the FIRST Robotics Buckeye Regional in Cleveland last month.

This was the best finish in the team's seven-year history.

Unfortunately, they lost in the quarter finals.

But they're still thrilled with their standing in the competition.

They're looking for sponsors for next year's competition, as it costs at least \$6,000 to attend each event. Contributions are tax deductible.

About 30 students worked on the robot project for six weeks. Team members Dan Keys, Sean Hadley, Lauren Staszal, Don Ebben and Tim Tsai gathered recently to discuss the project.

Tsai believed one reason their robot did well was because it satisfied all of the roles a FIRST Robotics robot should.

And, they did it without a lot of backing.

"We had a limited budget, and we built the design around that," Keys said.

Hadley said sign-up was completely volunteer this year. But, if the popularity of the team continues, the school may have a selection process next year, Conzelman said.

Help them out

Members of the community who would like to make a tax-deductible donation to the Northville High School FIRST Robotics team, the Robostangs, can contact Jim Conzelman, the group's faculty advisor, at conzelja@northville.k12.mi.us.

For more information, visit www.robostangs.com.

Hadley said subcommittees on the team included animation, design, mechanical, electrical, Web page, programing and scouting of competition.

"It's a good business model," Hadley said.

The students said they learned more than just how to put together a robot. The project teaches cooperation, team management, time management and problem solving.

"It also teaches skills such as CAD (computer-assisted design), engineering, manufacturing and computer knowledge," Keys said.

Students may also discover that they're not suited for an engineering career. Although many team members do become designers or engineers, sometimes students in the robotics competitions learn such fields really aren't their cup of tea.

"Just as many students realize they don't want to be engineers," Conzelman said.

There's room for more logos

Although they did have a couple of sponsors — Shiloh Industries, which lent the team engineering support and materials, and the GM Proving Grounds, whose staff contributed machining and materials — the team learned how to obtain their own funding.

"We did everything from gift wrapping at Barnes & Noble to selling pizza gift cards," Keys said.

The team may compete in an unofficial event in July if they can raise enough money to travel.

In March's regional competition, the robot had to place inner tubes on an arm-like object.

"You got bonus points for building a device that could lift the robots," Hadley said.

"Ours could lift our two robots at 120 pounds each."

The team was disappointed not to win first place after the preliminaries, but there's always next year.

"We were so close to first," Keys said. "We were still really proud of ourselves."

Moraine Elementary to have new principal in 2007-2008

■ She's taught for more than two decades.

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Denise Bryan is hardly a newbie when it comes to teaching.

The fourth-grade teacher at Miller School, part of Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, has 21 years of experience in the field and looks forward to her new position as principal at Northville's Moraine Elementary School.

Bryan succeeds Mary Kay Gallagher, who was named assistant superintendent for Instructional Services for the school district last August.

Lynn Babcock, Ed.D., served as interim principal of the 450-student school for the 2006-07 school year. Bryan officially assumes her duties July 1.

"Denise is an accomplished educator who has honed the science and art of her skills for 21 years, teaching in five different states," said Northville Superintendent Dr. Leonard R. Rezmierski.

"She encourages parent involvement and has provided effective leadership as a team member in all her teaching assignments."

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Former Teacher of Year

Before joining the Plymouth-Canton Schools, Bryan was an elementary school teacher and high school drama coach for 10 years at Belle Fourche Schools in Belle Fourche, S.D.

In 1998, she was named South Dakota Teacher of the Year.

She was the first teacher in that state to seek and be awarded certification by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

She now serves as a mentor for other teachers seeking National Board Certification.

Bryan has also taught in West Virginia, Iowa and Minnesota and belongs to the Network of Michigan Educators, a group of award-winning teachers who share teaching expertise and innovations.

Excited about new position

"I am excited to be joining the Moraine community and am looking forward to working with the outstanding team of teachers, students and families," Bryan said.

"I am proud to be a teacher and a lifelong learner."

Bryan believes she was always a teacher and that teachers are born, not made.

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Watch out, Captain Kirk and the fictional crew of the Starship Enterprise.

You don't have anything over a group of fifth-graders at Amerman Elementary School.

Students at the Northville school will simulate space missions to a new planet each day this week, followed by an overnight mission from 7 p.m. Friday-8 a.m. Saturday.

Children often learn about space travel as part of science curriculum.

But few have the chance to blast into space and explore a new planet, unless they are part of Amerman Elementary's Space Simulation project, a hands-on learning experience led by fifth-grade teachers Wendy LaValle and Robin Long.

On their sixth space adventure, LaValle and Long will guide a new group of students this week as they embark on a simulated mission to a new planet, created in Amerman's courtyard, to study earth and natural sciences, collect and investigate data and explore careers in space studies.

A highlight of the project was the May 10 visit by retired NASA astronaut Jim Begian of Northville.

Begian, who served as a mission specialist on NASA missions in 1989 and 1991, told students that there is one piece of equipment invaluable to astronauts — duct tape.

"My dad says duct tape is like the force — it has a dark side and a light side and it holds the universe together," said one student.

Begian said astronauts have to learn to improvise in space while traveling 25,000 feet a second.

Students participate in daily launches this week as astronauts and members of Mission Control, culminating in a final launch Friday when some astronauts spend the night on the planet's surface.

"The students learn far more than just about space travel and how NASA conducts a mis-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Amerman Elementary School students listen to NASA astronaut Jim Begian last week.

sion," LaValle said.

"Throughout the week, our astronaut and Mission Control teams are involved in real-life drama, monitoring the environment to better understand and appreciate the complexities of the natural world."

Students conduct experiments and investigate plants, animals, weather and the geology of the planet.

They also learn to pace themselves, tend to the health, safety and morale of their teammates and work toward a common goal.

Students review project

Sydney Young is looking forward to the mission.

"It will be fun to be an astronaut and perform experiments on the new planet," Young said. "I think I'll learn about cooperation with the mission control team and other astronauts."

Annelie Herrmann said she learned a lot about the solar system, how long it would take to get to certain planets and how astronauts need to time their missions.

Ashley Peper said she's learned what astronauts have to do to prepare for a mission and

why they conduct experiments.

Anna Pearson said the six different launches will help them see what real astronauts do.

Trevor Glenn said he's already learned a lot from the study of space exploration.

"We've studied geology, meteorology and other sciences. We've studied animal behavior and found out things like wind speed and how to determine direction of the wind. We also have to make a map of the planet."

Adam Crittenden said students conduct a lot of tests in the project and learn how to communicate through the walls in the school, which can be a bit difficult.

"We have something we call a binary machine where we type in special codes which allows us to communicate through flashes of green and red lights," Crittenden said.

"In the end, it is about making learning fun, real and vital," LaValle said.

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NASA astronaut Jim Begian talks to Amerman students last week about his experiences in space and on the shuttle. Amerman's preparing for its own simulated space journey this week that will be coordinated by its students.

ON CAMPUS

The following Northville students graduated from Schoolcraft College at the May 5th commencement: Michelle Terese Alexander, Donna Kathleen Berkop-Kosmowski, Aaron Scott Boone, Jennifer Ann Bradley, Andrew Charles Brnecat, Colleen Patricia Brooks, Lihong Liao Brown, Mary Katherine Bruce, Justin Scott Campbell, Christine Anne Chojnowski, Sarah Lindsay Cyrek, Tina Marie Degillio, Jacklyn M Dooley, Matthew Robert Drake, Kelly Jane Dunkerley, Abigail Grace Good, John C Haas III, Alyssa Rose Hinds, Jennifer Leigh Katrich, James H Kiurski, Debbie J Krause, George Anthony Krause, Jacob Russell Leftwich, Devaughn D Little, Brandy L MacDougall, Nicholas Edward Manica, Alice E McCoy, Karie Jill Metzler, Donna J Nabozny, Justin T Nalley, Nick Aaron Napolitano, Ryan Philip Nie, Carl Andrew Peterson, Anthony Alan Pope-Cruz, Michael Harrison Ryan, Khadija Fouad Shouair, Debra Amadio Shutt, Andrew Christian Sienkiewicz, David Anthony Stewart, Teresa Swartout, Safia Usman, Deborah Lee Vanden Esschert, Laurie Lyn Weddle, Evan Alexander Wright, Jonathon David Yeazel, Linda Ann Zawrotny and Jason James Zimmerman

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Deanna N. Abrash of Northville has been named a United States National Award Winner in English as well as Leadership and Service.

This award is a prestigious honor very few students can ever hope to attain, as less than ten percent of all American high school students are recognized.

Deanna attends the Plymouth Christian Academy. She was nominated by her teacher, Patricia Frye. Deanna's name will appear in the United States Achievement Academy's official yearbook.

Deanna is the daughter of Michael and Claudia Abrash

Mark L. Morrow of Northville was named to the Dean's List at Kalamazoo College for the winter quarter. He is a 2006 graduate of Northville High School.

Northville High School trumpet player Zachary Thomas will study at the prestigious Interlochen Arts Camp. Some of this summer's visiting artists include Joshua Bell, Olga Kern, Branford Marsalis and Anthony Rapp. Zachary is the son of Andy and Joan Thomas of Northville.

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SCRAMBLE TIME: Sign up for the city's first-ever shopping party

Hey ladies, here's a break from routine.

Use that comp time at work, escape the kitchen or let the yard work wait. Time is running out to sign up for the Northville Central Business Association's inaugural "Shopping Scramble" Wednesday.

Shoppers, who pay \$50 per person to play, will spend the day dining, being photographed, viewing

fashions, visiting stores and potentially earning prizes with their companions.

The scramble is modeled after a golf event when teams "compete" according to pre-set rules on a specified course.

Meanwhile, half the proceeds of ticket sales will be donated to the

community's new non-profit Tipping Point Theatre, making \$25 of the scramble cost a tax-deductible charitable contribution.

"There's going to be wonderful food," said Sherri Mewha, owner Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art on Center Street where the scramble begins. "All the merchants are doing fun things. Like the fashion show — it's going to be wonderful with eight stores participating."

"It's probably one of the most broadly embraced events we've had in our town in a long time."

In addition to donating prizes for the winning foursome, Orin Jewelers is providing valet parking for the event.

Right after the breakfast kick-off — catered by Edward's — John and Nancy Swearingen are providing complimentary photos of shopping

foursomes at their third-floor studio in the 120 West Main building.

According to the scramble rules, teams of two, three or four members will be required to shop at least 18 of the shops — participating members of the business association — to complete their round.

But, that doesn't mean a full-day commitment, Mewha said, adding moms who need to be home to greet children still will be eligible for prizes during the wrap-up reception at the 19th hole, Northville Square.

"They don't have to stay the entire day in town," Mewha said. "If the kids are in school, you just have to turn in your scorecard."

"And there will be plenty of opportunity to sit, relax and be entertained. It's not just walking and shopping."



Photo by Maureen Johnston

Meet the Owners

During a visit to Great Harvest Bread Company, Silver Springs third grader Victor Lee met owner Dave Cole and asked questions about how he started his business. It was part of the school's "Meet the Owners" program — see the full story and more photos in next week's Record.

Shopping Scramble Schedule

- 9 a.m. Check in at Sherrus Gallery. Breakfast catered by Edward's.
- Group photos compliments of Swearingen Visions.
- 10 a.m. Shotgun start. Shop the first nine holes at any of the participating downtown merchants.
- 12:30 p.m. During lunch at Genitti's, Dueto's is coordinating a fashion show featuring downtown merchants.
- 1:30 p.m. Shopping continues, including special offers, sales and activities at stores.
- 3:45 p.m. 19th Hole opens at Northville Square where teams turn in score cards and enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres
- 4:30 p.m. Awards ceremony, including gift bags for all participants.

Shopping Scramble Registration

Cost: \$50 per person
Registration: Required
Deadline: Monday
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Contact: Swearingen Visions, 118 W. Main St., (248) 347-1642
Sherrus Gallery, 109 N. Center St., (248) 380-0470.

Gannett promotions

Rich Perlberg has been named executive editor and general manager and Grace Perry was named advertising director of the Livingston County Daily Press & Argus by Gannett Co. Inc. Perlberg will continue to serve as executive editor of the Northville Record and Perry maintains her role as general manager of the Record.

They will also continue their relationship with other weeklies in their group — the South Lyon Herald, the Milford Times and the Novi News.

In all four weeklies, the role of the community editor — Phil Allmen in Milford, James Mitchell in South Lyon, Cal Stone in Northville and Victoria Mitchell in Novi — is unchanged.

"These are the people you see and talk to every week," said Perlberg. "The local editors remain in charge of producing excellent community newspapers."

The new assignments were made with the announcement that Richard A. Rambhoff will leave the publisher role at the Daily Press & Argus in Howell to become president and publisher of the Lansing State

Journal and group vice-president of Gannett's Midwest Group, overseeing daily newspapers in mid-Michigan.

Perlberg, a 30-year veteran of the newspaper industry, had been serving as executive editor of the daily and the four weeklies since 2005 when the newspapers were purchased by Gannett.

Perry joined the company that previously formerly owned the Record in 1985 and quickly rose to become manager of the staff that sold classified advertising for six newspapers. She became general manager for the weeklies in 1998.

"Grace really stepped up after the papers became part of our company and helped us through that transition," Rambhoff said.

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Northville High School Internship Program

Business internship coordinator Leigh Stearns said more and more students are signing up for on-the-job training.

The Northville High School internship program she took over five years ago with 34 kids enrolled grew to 120 this school year. Stearns said 180 juniors and seniors signed up for the credit-course for 2007-08.

Work settings range from hospitals to radio stations, beauty salons to travel agencies. She solicits businesses in and around Northville willing to welcome high school students.

After meeting with students to discuss their declared career pathway and aspirations, Stearns tries to match an appropriate work environment. The employer and intern determine how the required hours are logged, sometimes in operating rooms, in court rooms, at concerts and in offices.

During the internship, the teacher visits the workplace, conducts evaluations and assigns a project.

"The goal is for the student to experience the career," Stearns said. "A lot of the time, the student changes their mind and decides that's not what they want to do."

"I say, 'That's good.'"

Stearns logs plenty of hours tracking down business owners who will invest the necessary time with students in the growing program.

"It's pretty stressful at the beginning of the year until everyone's in place once the school year starts," she said. "It's a really good program. I rarely get turned down — they really enjoy working with young people."

The internship is detailed in the high school course catalog, Stearns said. A letter in August acquaints students with the rules, expected conduct, dress codes and other aspects of the course. Different from co-op work experiences, interns are not paid, provide their own transportation and earn course credits.

"At parent-teacher conferences, I've had a couple of parents say, 'I didn't know about this — I found out from my neighbor,'" she said. "It's a win-win. The company gets free help and they get to mentor students going into their field."

"The kids get invaluable experience. A lot of companies really take the time to spend with these kids."

By Maureen Johnston

ON THE JOB TRAINING: Benefits of internships go both ways

High school, college students all over town

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Brian Bielskis can meet people a little easier these days.

As an intern with Long's Plumbing, greeting several customers a day was part of the crew's routine — not instinctively comfortable for the 17-year-old Northville High School senior. But the past four months have meant on-the-job training in a lot of areas.

And although Bielskis has ruled out plumbing as a career direction, he said the internship experience has been invaluable.

"I'm learning a lot about plumbing — I'll be able to do some things in my own home," Bielskis said. "I would definitely recommend the internship program at the school."

Considering a direction

Northville High School business internship coordinator Leigh Stearns matched Bielskis with Long's. During the past five years, the business teacher has talked with hundreds of juniors and seniors about their career paths, considering a potential fit with willing local business owners.

Don Luke, Long Mechanical vice president, said the Main Street business started bringing in high school and college students two years ago.

"We're enjoying it," Luke said. "We like to give the opportunity to have someone see if they'd like to do what we do in plumbing and heating."

For three hours three days per week, Bielskis has been traveling with a heating and air conditioning technician.

"He kind of helps the guy — whatever he can do," Luke said. "He observes."

Meanwhile, Eastern Michigan University alumna Priya Niskode earned a position in the kitchen and bath design showroom. After proving herself during a college internship, Long's hired her to work full-time until she moves on to graduate school.

Benefits both ways

A little west on Main Street, Nickie Bateson, City of Northville finance director, has had similar

success with hiring interns to provide professional services. Back when she decided to earn her business degree, she chose to attend the University of Michigan in Dearborn because of the strength of their internship program.

"You get on-the-job experience and it makes it easier when you graduate and are starting your career out," she said. "It gives the employer a lot of flexibility in staffing."

So, Bateson knew to turn to her alma mater for a temporary replacement for an finance department employee on maternity leave. Tim Davis, who holds three master's degrees, has worked on several projects for the city, including preparation of audit schedules and year-end financial data.

"You get someone who is educated in a particular area, but it isn't a long-term commitment," Bateson said. "It's a cost-effective way to get the work done."

"Any employer — I'd encourage to contact the intern department — they always have quality people who are right in the area."

And with the evolving job market and investment in education and training required by worker and employer, test driving a career makes good business sense.

Stearns said the internships can play a critical role eliminating a career path for high school students, as much as cementing a direction.

Sampling the water

Based on the interns so far, Luke said Long's will continue to bring in rookies for training.

"We've had an excellent experience — it's been quite a surprise," he said. "By bringing the younger people in — the fresh blood, the new ideas — it really makes us all think a little more outside the box."

So, Bielskis' career path options will still be wide open when he heads to Western Michigan University this fall.

"I think the internship is a great idea," he said. "I thought about plumbing as a career, then realized after a couple of months it's not for me."

But, he is grateful he has the Long's experience under his belt.

"Going into different people's homes all the time, I'm definitely a lot more comfortable talking to people."

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Long's Bath Shop worker Priya Niskode, right, goes over some figures with fellow employee Karol Gore. Niskode got an internship with Long's while pursuing design studies at Eastern Michigan University.

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

Consider less costly design for soccer fields

Tonight, members of the Northville Township Board of Trustees will discuss the possibility of upgrading two soccer fields at Community Park. These fields near the northwest corner of Five Mile and Beck roads are two of the most popular fields in the township and are in need of irrigation and drainage systems.

At the May 9 Northville Parks and Recreation Commission meeting at the Northville Township hall, board member Marv Gans briefly reviewed a proposed design for a drainage system for the fields.

In his opinion, the design would be as effective as the more traditional method used but at a significant savings to the township.

The most savings would occur if work on both fields was done at the same time. However, this might put a crimp in the spring soccer program.

With some financial assistance from the Friends of Northville Parks and Recreation, Gans says the township might have to pay only \$60,000 for work on one of the fields. He has also estimated that the township could save up to \$180,000 with the less expensive method.

Mark Abbo, township supervisor, said at the meeting that the township normally does business by using the advice of professionals in the field before making any decisions.

Abbo also said that the board would never do anything to circumvent the fiduciary responsibility of its members.

He said he has instructed Don Weaver, director of public services for the township, to compare Gans' proposal with any others and to determine if his method could possibly be incorporated with another method.

"I'm not an engineer," Abbo said. "And we do rely on the expertise of professional engineers." He said his goals are to find the most efficient and effective way to fix the soccer fields, to make sure that the work is done correctly so it doesn't have to be redone in the future and to save as much money as possible.

Hopefully, members of the board will at least consider fellow member Gans' alternative method of providing drainage to the Community Park soccer fields if the design is as effective as a more costly concept.

These fields are a vital part of the recreation offerings of the city. Their care and upkeep is important, as is saving township dollars, especially with the reduction in state shared revenues municipalities have had to face in recent years.

LANSING CONNECTION

Legislation requires children entering kindergarten to be 5 by Sept. 1

Recently I introduced two measures, Senate Bills 474 and 475, that would require children to be 5 by September 1 of the year they enter kindergarten. Currently a student must be 5 by December 1 to start school.

These bills focus on giving all students the best start possible by ensuring they are the same age when they enter the classroom. Astoundingly, some students are only 4 when they enter kindergarten. Moving the cut-off date to coincide with the start of school will level the playing field and give our children the best chance for academic success. Importantly, this measure can prevent learning problems from developing early, that later require costly special education services.

Teacher Brenda Benn, who taught kindergarten for ten years at Novi Woods Elementary, said she is pleased with the legislation. "Year after year, I have seen children attend kindergarten who have late birthdays and would have, without a doubt, done much better in school had they waited until the following school year," said Benn, currently a first-grade teacher at the school. "Give our children the time to develop and mature and to be truly ready to start their academic journey. Life is not a race, and we shouldn't be rushing these little ones before they're able to handle the greater expectations placed on them."

Most states require a student to be at least age 5 by August or September before being allowed to enter kindergarten. Michigan is one of only six states with a cut-off date of December 1 or later. The bills would phase in the cut-off date over three years by making the deadline one month earlier each year. They would also require local school boards to adopt a policy enabling parents of a child who is 4 by September 1 to request a waiver of the age requirement if the student is deemed to have the capabilities necessary for kindergarten.

Similar measures were part of a landmark legislative package that I sponsored last year that focused on prevention and early intervention of learning failure. The new legislation will complete a comprehensive plan to give students the strongest start possible and help ensure a solid foundation for their school years.

SBs 474 and 475 have been referred to the Senate Education Committee.

Mortgage fraud legislation passes Senate

The Senate has passed legislation that will help prevent mortgage fraud in Michigan.

According to the FBI, mortgage fraud loss in Michigan skyrocketed from \$9 million in 2003 to \$26 million in 2005. Currently, lenders in Michigan lose at least \$29 million a year to mortgage fraud.

To help address this serious crime, Senate Bills 343 and 356 will prohibit mortgage brokers or other lending professionals from coercing or inducing real estate appraisers to inflate the value of real property used as collateral for a mortgage loan.

A companion measure, SB 342, would prevent appraisers from conducting an appraisal if a requirement for getting the job is an expected outcome, or it is implied that their payment is based upon a desired minimum appraised value.

SB 432 is a technical bill that will remove the outdated three-year misdemeanor penalty from the sentencing guidelines associated with mortgage acts. The penalty will be replaced with a standard one-year misdemeanor and increased fines.

Senate Bills 342, 343, 356, and 432 now move to the House for consideration.

Tax plans go to workgroup

House and Senate plans to replace the Single Business Tax which expires on December 31, 2007, are the subject of negotiations between 8 members of a bi-cameral, bi-partisan workgroup. Co-Chairs are Rep. Steve Bieda, House Tax Policy Chair and myself, Chair of Senate Finance.

Your feedback is always welcome. You can contact me by e-mail at: sennacassis@senate.michigan.gov, or toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

State Senator Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) represents the 15th Senate District which includes West Bloomfield, Oakland portion of Northville, Novi Township, Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, Lyon Township, South Lyon, Milford, Highland, Holly, Rose, Commerce, White Lake, Orchard Lake, and Wetherline Lake. Constituents can contact her by e-mail at sennacassis@senate.michigan.gov or toll free at 1-888-38-NANCY.

LETTERS

Thayer's friends thanks

On behalf of the Northville community, we would like to thank all the volunteers, including All Season's Tree Company, with their machinery; Debbie Brown and her tractor; 18 Northville High School honor students; and 26 others for their skills, tools and physical labor. The cooperative work of Northville Township's maintenance staff and their machines is also much appreciated as were the food donations by Farmer Jack and McDonald's.

Much was accomplished and the park is looking much improved. The central area was cleared of fallen tree branches. Dangerous tree limbs were cut down. A trail to and around part of the pond was cleared and covered with wood chips. Another trail through the woods was blazed and partially covered with wood chips.

Since a few projects still need to be completed, we are anticipating another clean-up work day on Saturday, June 9, 8:30 a.m.-noon. We welcome anyone interested in helping us develop this Northville gem of a "bit of up north" to come out and help. Wheelbarrows and rakes would be helpful.

Marv and Rikki Gans
Friends of Thayer's Corner Park

Food drive thanks

We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for all of the food collected during the National Association of Letter Carriers' annual food drive on Saturday, May 12. We sincerely appreciate all of the donations received from Northville and Northville Township residents, the hard work of the letter carriers, and scores of volunteers who donated their time on Mother's Day weekend.

We would specifically like to thank Eagle Scout candidates Max Catanese and Dan Ketchum, and the following businesses and organizations: Busch's Grocery, Hiller's Supermarket, Good Tyme Party, Starting Gate, Cassel's Restaurant, Genetti's Hole in the Wall, Toll Brothers, The UPS Store, Copy Boy Printer, Northville High School and Northville City Department of Public Works.

All of the food and staples received will be used to benefit needy residents in our community. Thank you again for your support.

Marlene Kunz
Director, Northville Civic Concern

A candidate's thanks

Thank you to everyone who voted, supported, and worked on my campaign for the Northville Public School Board Of Education Trustee. I look forward to your continued support in 2008.

Steven Lomske
Northville

Gebhardt thanks

The votes are in and the precincts have been tallied. The people in the cities and townships of the Schoolcraft Community College district have elected me to represent them as their Schoolcraft Trustee. I am truly humbled by and appreciative of the vote of confidence. I promise you that I will not break the trust that you have given me. I

will do my very best to represent you, your families and all of the stakeholders in the Schoolcraft Community College district.

This vote was an endorsement of the unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees last December. I truly believe that I was chosen by you because you feel that I best represent the students and families in the district. I have worked hard to earn your trust and I will continue to do my best to make decisions with your best interests in mind.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the volunteers who worked on my campaign. It was your tireless dedication that ensured my success. I also could not have done this without my family, relatives and friends. Thank you so very much!

Joan Gebhardt
Livonia

County commissioners oppose plan

We are writing on behalf of Oakland County to ask that readers oppose the planned raid of the convention facility fund - which is collected from liquor and hotel taxes - to balance the general State of Michigan budget. Discussions are currently under way to liquidate that fund in Senate bill 220, for fiscal year 2007. If enacted, our communities will lose nearly \$36 million currently used for public safety and substance abuse treatment programs.

These programs with their intense focus on intervention and public safety of our citizens provide successful and less-costly alternatives to incarceration, such that our strained county jail space can be used for criminals more likely to steal from or harm our residents. The Legislature and the Governor are working to finalize the budget within the next two weeks.

Michigan counties, most especially Oakland, have already helped the state to the tune of \$183 million annually for a limited period of time. Other annual cuts to county programs in other areas of the budget have left critical county services which our residents use in an extremely vulnerable position. The 'slash and burn' planned for substance abuse programs is dangerous policy, when added to state proposals to dump felony parolees back into our localities while also shifting sentencing guidelines.

Even as state leaders contemplate confiscating funds from these proven programs, they continue to dither over changes needed to reawaken Michigan's economy; and massive unfunded future budget obligations are left untouched while legislators perpetuate massive subsidy programs for favored clients, and indeed, even propose new ones.

Michigan citizens need to demand that our legislators stop relying on our communities' safety. Oakland County has already dealt responsibly with deep cuts in state funding, without increasing county tax rates, even as we are still responsible for providing extensive state mandated services. A recent survey indicates that the state requires counties to spend \$1.1 billion dollars for mandated services; however, only \$550 million of those dollars come from the state, with more cuts on the way.

Unfortunately, Michigan's citizens will directly suffer when services such as county jails, roads, local public health departments and public safety are cut again. We simply cannot maintain a quality of life for our citizens nor guarantee their safety if these cuts are made.

* Oakland County government, has been partic-

ularly mindful of Michigan's economic crisis, and has responded by calibrating expenditures to forecasted shifts in revenues, building reserves, pre-paying major retirement health care costs, and, moving forward, sculpting affordable benefit plans, which more closely approximate those available to our citizens.

On behalf of Oakland County, we ask members of the Legislature to assist in the protection of these services vital to community safety. Readers who are also concerned would do well to contact their state legislator and let them know they vigorously oppose these planned cuts.

Hugh Crawford & Jeff Potter
Oakland County Commissioners

Thanks from Interact

Northville Interact's 8th annual Heart N Sole track and field race was a major success. All proceeds from this race will benefit the nonprofit organization, Save Darfur. A special thanks to all of our wonderful sponsors: Beauty First; Border Cantina; Copy Boy; Cubellismarco; Genetti's; Golfsmith; Jack's Barber Shop; Margo's of Northville; Noodles and Company; Northville Watch and Clock Shop; Panera Bread; Pear-Aphemia; Poole's Tavern; Pure Barre Technique; Putting Edge; Quizzo's; Rocky's; Spar's; Sylvan Learning Center; The Bamboo Club; D.J. Boyd; Bob Buckhave; Sue Campbell; Jim Galkogly; Steve Hoppens; Joanne Inglis; Dave Jerome; Karen Motz; Charles Peltz; Chuck Spera; Steve Stocker; Tim Story; Bob Wright

Northville Interact

St. Paul's thank you

Thank you to the many area business who helped make our auction a huge success.

A special thank you to the following downtown Northville establishments: Genetti's, D&D Bicycle, City of Northville Fire Dept., Great Harvest Bread Co., Images Interior Design Center, Girly Daze, NOMI Restaurant, Northville Candle & Gifts, Poole's Tavern, Pure Barre, Salon Marzejon, Spar's of Northville, Stampedder, Swearingen Portraits, The Pendleton Shop, Marquis Theater, Orin Jewelers, Sizzling Sticks Café, Northville Physical Therapy, Town & Country Cycle, Painting Place.

God bless you all.

St. Paul's Lutheran School Auction Committee

What do you think?

We welcome your letters to the Editor. Please include your name, address and phone number for verification.

We ask your letters be 400 words or less. We may edit for clarity, space and content.

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Deadline: Letters must be received by noon on Tuesday to be published in the Thursday edition.

State budget rhetoric is taxing

With the political rhetoric being spun like Spiderman on steroids, you would think our state taxes provide little or no value to taxpayers. Of course our state government could be more efficient and effective while providing a higher value for the taxes collected. However, if you listen to the political spin, one could quickly come to the conclusion that we receive no return on our tax investment. Of course, that is not true.

Consider the following the next time you hear excessive government bashing:

- You called 911 and the local police, fire or ambulance arrived to assist your family. This service is partially the courtesy of "revenue sharing," i.e., your state taxes being returned to your local community to provide vital services.

- A burglar, rapist or other "bad guys" are plucked from your neighborhood and are hauled off to prison; yep, your tax dollars at work.

- Remember the tears that swelled in your eyes when you read about the children being abused and neglected by their parents? Yes, it costs money to care for them and keep them safe.

- Grandma is at a local nursing home and you are counting on appropriate rules, regulations and oversight to assure she is safe and cared for -- yes, sirree, your tax dollars at work again.

- People with mental illness or developmental disabilities are contributing on the government to continue to provide the neces-



About Tom Watkins

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sary resources so they may be able to live with dignity.

- Our children need a quality education to be prepared for the hyper-competitive global economy -- so thank a teacher and your fellow taxpayers for the investment in our collective future.

Seems like everyone has their favorite government waste and inefficiency story. Clearly there is a need for further strategic cuts, structural reforms, (including pension and health care changes and consolidation and collaboration among schools and local units of government) BEFORE taxes are raised. Many believe if taxes are raised before significant reforms are undertaken -- well, we will NEVER see the reforms while we will pay the higher taxes forever!

There have been calls coming from across the state for bold, decisive leadership from our elected officials at the state capital. Yet, with each day of political posturing and inaction, the problems of the state seem to multiply. The respective political parties are like a broken record, stuck on their talking

points and afraid to compromise for fear of losing political advantage and power.

Perhaps the great 20th century philosopher, Bertrand Russell best captured this dilemma when he said:

"The central problem of our age is how to act decisively in the absence of certainty."

People, not statistics

As the Governor and legislature grapple with the tough choices of investing in our collective future; while making sensible cuts and reforms, let's remember that the "cuts" do not simply impact a stereotyped, nameless, faceless, overpaid and under-worked bureaucrat. Actions being contemplated will define the Michigan that 10 million of us call home. We must not ever let the decision makers forget that beyond the statistics is the face of a person with mental retardation or mental illness, a child struggling to read, an uncle with Alzheimer's, Grannie in the nursing home or a family anxiously awaiting an ambulance to take Dad suffering from chest pains to the

emergency room.

The posturing on both sides of the political aisle over "whose fault" the current mess belongs to and who will get the credit or blame for the potential fixes has been palpable. Clearly, the taxpayers believe there is enough blame to go around and want a sensible resolution -- and they want it now.

Perhaps America's humorist, Will Rogers had it right when he asked: "If stupidity got us into this mess, then why can't it get us out?"

Decisions made will impact our collective futures -- let's hope the politicians can get it right. And remember, as we poke fun at the political leaders whose jobs are to solve these vexing problems, let's never lose sight of the fact that behind the headlines, laugh-lines, and political maneuvering, are not simply tax plans, cuts, and reforms -- the decisions being made will impact the citizens of Michigan and set the course for our future prosperity.

We are counting on our government leaders to lead -- hopefully with their heads -- but also with their hearts.

HOT TICKETS See 'The Muses' Twelve Artists Interpret the Figure' at the Northville Art House

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NORTHVILLE EVENTS

The Muses: Twelve Artists Interpret the Figure

TIME/DATE: 1-7 p.m. today; 4:30-8:30 p.m. Friday; 12:30-4:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
DETAILS: Artists' work focuses on beauty of human form through drawing and painting. Exhibit features Karen Berrie, Peggy Brewer, Marge Chellstorp, Daria Fileta, Linda Logan, Barbara Eko Murphy, Kathleen Montgomery, Dominique Moroz, Anne Plutshack, Linda Sterns, Gail Salinsky, Mary Step.

Huge Garage Sale

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. today-Saturday
LOCATION: 229 High St.
DETAILS: Drop off gently used donation items Monday, May 14-Wednesday, May 16; everything accepted; all proceeds go to Afghan School.
CONTACT: Vicky Lange (248) 380-9166 for information or to volunteer.

Northville Democratic Club Town Hall Meeting

DATE: Tonight
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
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

Northville Township Police and Fire Departments Annual Softball Game

DATE: Saturday
TIME: 1 p.m.
LOCATION: Don Massey Field, Haggerty and Plymouth roads, by courthouse
DETAILS: The public is welcome to come support and cheer for their Police and Fire Departments.

Wayne County Veterans Service and Appreciation Day

DATE: Saturday
TIME: 9 a.m.-noon
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

Bond and Beyond - An Original Musical Comedy

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: O'Leary Auditorium, 6500 Middlebelt, Garden City
DETAILS: Presented by the Livonia Civic Chorus. Tickets at door; \$12 adults, \$8 child or senior
CONTACT: (734) 525-6414 or www.livoniacivicchorus.org

Daughters of the American Revolution-Northville/Plymouth

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

Downtown Development Authority Meeting

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

northville.com

Northville Eclipse Baseball Club

TIME/DATE: 1 p.m. Saturday, May 26
LOCATION: Ford Field (next to Mill Race Village)
DETAILS: Home opener, the Eclipse versus the Mt. Clemens Regulars; baseball from the 1860s: rules, equipment, terminology, free.

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com
Dinner Theater - "In Stitches"
TIME/DATES: 7 p.m. Friday June 1 and June 15; 6:30 p.m. Saturdays through June 30
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person; to run through November; call for more dates.

Leah's Happy Hearts...The Journey Continues

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Friday
DETAILS: Benefit helping children with brain tumors; \$50 per person, includes appetizers and two drinks; silent auction and raffles; those wearing purple receive free raffle ticket for chance to win gift basket.

Neil Diamond Tribute from Las Vegas

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, June 8
DETAILS: Tickets are \$45 per person for the Friday show; \$35 per person for the Sunday show.

Genitti's Acting Workshops

DATE: We will open any date for 10 or more.

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; \$35 per person for the Sunday show.

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.

Farm Breakfast

DATE: Monday, May 28, Memorial Day
TIME: 8 a.m.-Parade Time, about 10 a.m.
LOCATION: Northville Masonic Temple, 106 East Main St., Northville

DETAILS: All you can eat breakfast serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash brown potatoes, ham, orange juice, tea and coffee. Adults \$5, children (12 and under) \$3. Sponsored by Union Chapter #55 RAM and Northville Commandery #30 KT.

Health Screenings at Meijer

DATE: Tuesday, May 29 and June 26
LOCATION: 20401 Haggerty Road

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

Amerman Elementary Ice Cream Social

DATE: Friday, June 1
TIME: 5-8 p.m.

DETAILS: Games, magician, moon bounce, pizza, fun for the whole family.

Village Voices "All That Jazz"

DATE: Sunday, June 10
TIME: 4 p.m.

LOCATION: Village Theater of Canton
DETAILS: Jazz standards to patriotic favorites, something for everyone; general seating; tickets \$12

Northville Garden Club

DATE: Monday, June 11
TIME: noon

LOCATION: 42221 Scenic Lane
DETAILS: Annual Picnic Potluck
CONTACT: Julie Mantay (248)



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Gimme 20!

Brian Abrams does some pushups with his fellow Moraine Elementary classmates last Wednesday morning. Moraine students joined millions nationwide in ACES (All Kids Exercising Simultaneously), a 19-year-old effort to get more students interested in making exercise a part of their lives.

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Northville Geneological Society

LOCATION: Northville District Library

DETAILS: Individual help on genealogy is offered by society members in the Local History Room at the library Mondays, 1-3 p.m., also by appointment.

CONTACT: Tille Van Sickle (734) 595-7806 or www.rootsweb.com/~mings

Northville Yoga Class

LOCATION: American Legion Hall, 100 Dunlap; Thursday morning class only, Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

CONTACT: Diane Siegal-Divita (248) 344-0928 or trianglestx@sbcglobal.net

SCHEDULE: 5:30-6:45 and 7-8:30 Monday; 9:30-11 a.m., 5:20-6:45 p.m. and 7-8:30 Thursday; through June 28

DETAILS: Drop-in rate \$11, registered students pay \$8 for an extra class; spring make-ups allowed in Legion class; scholarships available; start anytime, no charge for first class.

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

CONTACT: Nancy Murphy (248) 305-5460.

Golf Lessons
DATE: Tuesdays
TIME: TBD (late afternoon)
LOCATION: Salem Hills Golf Course

DETAILS: Six one-hour, small, group lessons at beginner-intermediate level provided by PGA instructor. Learn the game. Improve skills.

Farmer's Market

TIME/DAY: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. every Thursday
LOCATION: corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon Roads

Marquis Theatre

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

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

Senior Events

Thursday
9 a.m.: Take Off Pounds Sensibly

9:30 a.m.: Yoga
10 a.m.: Bowling
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle, Bunco
Massage by appointment
Friday

9:30 a.m.: Strength Training
11 a.m.: Poker
1 p.m.: Movie "Little Miss Sunshine"

4 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner Fund-raiser

Monday
9:30 a.m.: Strength Training
10 a.m.: Oxyrise, Line Dance
noon: Blood Pressure Check
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre
1 p.m. Computer 1
Chair Massage by appointment

Tuesday
10 a.m.: Computer II
12:30 p.m.: Pinochle
1 p.m.: Painting Demo
7 p.m.: Tai Chi

Wednesday
10 a.m.: Oxyrise
noon: Bridge
12:30 p.m.: Red Hat Seldom Blues

6 p.m.: Computer I
7 p.m.: Bridge
7:30 p.m.: Word Processing
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

Co-ed Adult 50+ Volleyball

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

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

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

Co-ed Adult 50+ Basketball

TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon
Thursdays
LOCATION: Senior Community Center

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

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

Health Walking

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

LIBRARY LINES

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall
TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; and 1-5 p.m. Sunday

CONTACT: (248) 349-3020 for information regarding programs and library materials.

Motor City Mafia

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday
DETAILS: Author Scott M. Burnstein explores gangland history of Detroit underworld from 1900s-1990s; rare photographs; anecdotes.

Summer on the Farm with the Farm Lady

TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m. Wednesday

DETAILS: Stories, songs and nature information with Margaret Schmidt, "The Farm Lady," and her farm animal friends. One hundred free tickets available 5 minutes prior to program; no advance tickets; due to space limitations, no day care or pre-school groups.

Junior Books Chat and Chow

DATE: Wednesday, May 30
TIME: 4:15 p.m.

DETAILS: Book discussion of "The Homework Machine," by Dan Gutman with friends and treats.

Get a Clue at the Library

DATE: June 15-July

DETAILS: Youth summer reading for ages 2-12; includes activities, storytimes, reading games, weekly prize drawings and more. Register in person to receive summer activity guide; more information at www.northvillelibrary.org.

MAYBURY STATE PARK

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

National Trails Day

TIME: 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
DATE: Saturday, June 2

DETAILS: Join the Friends of Maybury State Park in reconstructing hiking trails damaged in winter. Bring your favorite long-handled shovel, extra wheelbarrows needed. Friends membership not required. Lunch provided.

CONTACT: RSVP George, McCarthy (248) 347-0899 or gmccarthy@comcast.net.

Horseshoe Ride and Lunch

TIME: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
DATE: Saturday, June 2

LOCATION: Maybury State Park Staging Area off Beck Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads

DETAILS: \$5 donation for members, \$7 donation for non-members. Lunch provided from noon-2 p.m. Prizes at 2 p.m. State Park sticker required by all. Sponsored by the Maybury State Park Trail Riders Association.

CONTACT: Debbie (248) 349-5286

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul's Lutheran Church

LOCATION: 201 Elm St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3140

Sunday Worship

8:30 a.m. Blended, 11 a.m. Contemporary, 11:30 a.m. Traditional

Gospel Choir

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: Music Minister Marjorie Gabriel-Barrow of St. Augustine and St. Monica parishes in Detroit will direct the parish

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing
CONTACT: (248) 348-1020

Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

First Baptist Church of Northville

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

Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.

Sunday Worship: 10:50 a.m.

Wednesday: 7 p.m. Bible Study, Youth & Children Ministries

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: 7 p.m. Bible Study, Youth & Children Ministries

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Meadowbrook Congregational
LOCATION: 21355
Meadowbrook Road
CONTACT: Rev. Ed Willingham,
Interim Minister (248) 348-7757
or visit www.mbcc.org or
gmecc@arounddetroit.biz
Sunday Worship
TIME: 10 a.m.

Ward Evangelical
Presbyterian Church
LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile
Road
CONTACT: (248) 374-7400
MOPS (Mothers of
Preschoolers)
DATE: First and third Thursday
of the month
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Room C307-309
DETAILS: MOPS is an interna-
tional organization that provides
support and encouragement for
mothers of young children.
CONTACT: Keli Plansinis,
atplayintennis@comcast.net or
Women's Ministries (248) 374-
5978

WOW Tuesdays
TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
LOCATION: Chapel, NE corner
of church
DETAILS: WOW Tuesdays offer
seven different classes, four new.
Something for everyone, Bible
veterans or wanting to learn more.
Small groups enable richer, deeper
understanding of God's word
and how we can apply it to our
everyday lives.

20s and 30s Women's Bible
Study
DATE: Tuesdays
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Room C317-319
DETAILS: Study Scriptures in
this 12-week program through
"Breaking Free," a video series by
Beth Moore. Reserve workbook.
CONTACT: Women's Ministries
(248) 374-5978
College Age
DATE: Sunday
TIME: 10:20 a.m.
CONTACT: Mark Tarpinian (248)
347-3525

Preschool Enrollment Open
DETAILS: Enrollment for the
2007-08 school year is now avail-
able. Morning and afternoon ses-
sions for children ages 3, 4 and 5
by Dec. 1 are open. Tuition and
schedule information can be
viewed at www.wardchurch.org.
CONTACT: Carol Nowacki,
(248) 374-5911 or e-mail
carol.nowacki@wardchurch.org
Single Point Ministries
for single adults 40 years and
older
CONTACT: (248) 374-5920
Friday: 7 p.m. "Lifeworks" Dick
Bont continues his series
"Creating and Recreating
Relationships" touching on topics
concerning single adults, Knox
Hall

May 18: Neon Indoor Golf,
details tba
Every Sunday: 11:30 a.m.
Fellowship and refreshments,
Knox Hall
Every Monday: 7 p.m. Learner's
Bible Study, Room A101
Second and Fourth Monday: 7
p.m. Study of Ephesians, Room
C309
Every Tuesday: 7 p.m. Praying
Together, Sanctuary
Every Wednesday: 6:30 a.m.
Men's Bible Study, Single Adult
Ministries office; 7 p.m. Ward
School of Christian Learning for
Single Men, Room C350; 7 p.m.

SPEAK EZ: Workshop offers tips on relaxing during speeches

■ Consultant encourages increased confidence

Donna Marie said breathing is important.



D. Marie

practice particular techniques fare better.

Marie will share her advice

The Northville-based consultant said when it comes to stepping behind a podium to deliver an address, people who

for relaxed public speaking during a half-day workshop, "Speak EZ in Front of Groups," at Geniti's June 6.

Registration for the \$95 presentation and lunch begins at 9:30 a.m.; the workshop is 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

"I have a whole array of people who come," Marie said. "They're small business owners who want to feel comfortable."

"They want to know how they can funnel the nervousness when they get up in front of people."

A quick tip from Marie: "Breathing out nervousness is very helpful."

During the workshop, she will demonstrate basic skills for feeling more comfortable speaking in front of groups.

"In this workshop, you will be able to experience yourself in front of a group and acknowl-
edge and shift anxieties," she

Details

Who: Open to the public

What: Workshop on speaking in front of groups, with lunch

When: 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 6

Cost: \$95

Registration Required
For info: (248) 349-0522

Web: www.donna-marie@dennamarieconsulting.com

said. "Whether you are a new-comer or an experienced professional, you will learn and experience new techniques to become calm, centered and balanced when speaking."

MILL RACE MATTERS

Mill Race Historical Village
LOCATION: 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street near Ford Field

DETAILS: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday; archives open Thursday-Friday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845
Northville Historical Society
Plant Swap

DATE: Saturday, May 26
TIME: 8-11 a.m. (or later)
LOCATION: Mill Race Village
DETAILS: Share perennials, annuals, wildflowers, shrubs, trees, pots, flats, tools, books, magazines, and information. Bring whatever you may have or a donation. Northville Department of Public Works will again be supplying their "Black Gold" composted leaf mulch so bring your own shovel and containers. Refreshments served. Swap held rain or shine. Proceeds to benefit Mill Race Village Landscape and Garden Projects.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845
Thursday: 9 a.m. archives open; 10 a.m. school tour; 12:15 p.m. school tour; 6:30 p.m. rehearsal; 7 p.m. Northville Historical Society meeting

Friday: 9 a.m. archives open; 9 a.m. school tour; 4 p.m. Junior Scout meeting

Saturday: 1:30-3:30 p.m. wedding; 6:30 p.m. rehearsal
Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 4 p.m. Cub Scout meeting; 4:45-6:45 p.m. wedding; 6:30 p.m. Venture Scout meeting

Monday: 9:30 a.m. school tour; 10 a.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 6:30 p.m. Cub Scout meeting

Single Parents, Single Adult Ministries Office; 8:30 p.m. Volleyball, Knox Hall; 4-7 p.m. Tennis, Rotary Park (Six Mile Road between Farmington and Merriman roads)

Every Thursday: Co-ed Softball, includes shirt and tournament; \$30

Every Saturday: 10 a.m. Bicycling Group starts from various locations; geared towards tourist level rider; all levels welcome; helmets required; lunch half-way through ride at own expense; Saturday at Kensington Metro Park, South Lyon (Exit 151 off I-96, north on Kensington Road to park entrance, east one mile to West Boat Launch) May 19 at Newburgh Point, Hines Drive (west of Newburgh Road)
Every Saturday-Sunday: 1-5 p.m. Tennis, Rotary Park

First United Methodist Church

LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road

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

Healing Service
DATE: First Monday of every month
TIME: 4 p.m.

Suicide Loss Support Group
DATE: Second Thursday and Fourth Monday of every month
TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.

DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this support group to those who have lost a loved one to suicide. Registration is not required.

CONTACT: New Hope Center for Grief Support (248) 348-0115 or www.newhopecenter.net

Career Ministry Meetings
DAY: Sunday
TIME: 1:30-3 p.m.

DETAILS: The Career Ministry program is to help meet the needs of job seekers and others in career transition. It is free of charge and is focused on providing career, development resources, programs and networking opportunities to anyone in the Northville/Novi area.

Radical Joy Women's Bible Study
DATE: First and third Thursday of every month
TIME: 6-8 p.m.

DETAILS: This is a nondenomi-

national group that uses the guidebook, "Radical Joy" to study the New Testament book of Philippians and holds dinner and discussion meetings that provide fellowship and community outreach. The spring session will begin tonight and run through May 31; \$30 per person.

CONTACT: Sue Craik (248) 961-5911 or e-mail craik1@aol.com
"An Evening in Tuscany"

Dinner
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Thursday, May 31

DETAILS: Sponsored by Radical Joy Women's Ministry. All women of the church and their guests are invited. Tickets \$5 for non-Radical Joy members, complimentary if you've participated in Radical Joy for any session this year.

CONTACT: Amy Good at abgood73@aol.com, or Sue Craik at (248) 961-5911

Blood Drive
DATE: Sunday
TIME: 7:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Walk-ins welcome.
CONTACT: Janet (248) 349-6592

M.O.M.S. - Moms Offering Moms Support
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m. Monday
LOCATION: Lounge

DETAILS: Gardening. All moms of children, crib through kindergarten, welcome. Child care available for small fee.

CONTACT: Karen DeMeo at (248) 596-1764 or holdemee@hotmail.com

Habitat for Humanity
DATE: Saturday, June 16; Saturday, July 21

DETAILS: Sponsored by the Men's Group and Church and Society.

CONTACT: Brooks Kelley at (248) 380-0969 or BrooksK@soscs.org

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

PERMANENT UTILITY CUT REPAIR AND CITY YARDS PAVING PROJECT

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2:00 p.m. local time on May 31, 2007 for a "Permanent Utility Cut Repair and City Yards Paving Project" for the City of Northville.

This project calls for the saw cutting and removal of temporary cold patch material along roadways in areas of recent utility repairs, along with the placement of properly compacted hot mix asphalt. It also involves the placement of approximately 2,700 sq. ft. of parking lot paving. Contract documents and bid proposals can be obtained by contacting the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so.

JAMES P. GALLOGLY
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
(5-17-07 NR 354997)

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Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 9:30 a.m. school tour; 4 p.m. Brownie Scout meeting; 6:30 p.m. Northville Democratic Club
Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. school tour; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church
* Grounds closed to the public

GOLF OUTINGS

Northville First United Methodist Church Golf Outing

DATE: Saturday
TIME: 1 p.m. tee-off
LOCATION: Links of Novi

DETAILS: Eighteen-hole golf scramble hosted by FUMC Men's Club. Cost is \$75 and includes green fees, cart, lunch and prizes for golfers. Open to golfers of all levels. Proceeds to First UMC Youth Programs plus Free Will offering.

CONTACT: Turner Osborne (248) 344-4395

Hole-in-One Event

DATE: Sunday, June 3
TIME: 8:30 a.m. registration; 9:30 a.m. shotgun start
LOCATION: Fox Hills Golf Course, 8768 N. Territorial Road, Plymouth

DETAILS: This is a fund-raiser for the Make-A-Wish Foundation; includes 18 holes of golf, brunch, prizes; \$90 per golfer; check in at Strategic Fox Clubhouse; registration deadline May 26.

Novi Lions Club 14th Annual Charity Golf Outing

DATE: Thursday, July 12
TIME: 9 a.m. shotgun start
LOCATION: Beacon Hill Golf Club, Commerce Township

DETAILS: Proceeds go to Penrickton Center for Blind Children in Taylor. Cost is \$100 per person. Includes 18 holes of championship golf, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, steak dinner; \$25 for advance dinner/silent auction tickets only.
CONTACT: Terri D. Taylor (248) 755-2384

Brighton Hospital Annual Golf Classic

DATE: Monday, Aug. 13

TIME: 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
LOCATION: Lakelands Golf and Country Club, 8760 Chilson Road, Brighton

DETAILS: Sign up early for an extra round of golf. Sponsorships available.

CONTACT: www.stjohn.org/Brighton

LOOKING FOR YOU

Beautiful Singles Hiking

TIME/DAY: 9:30 a.m. First and third Sundays of the month
LOCATION: Maybury State Park
DETAILS: Join singles of all ages for hiking and other activities.

CONTACT: <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/BShiking/>

Maybury Farm

DETAILS: The farm needs help in the following areas: Clean the barn Mondays and Tuesdays and feed the animals; four people to work part-time on weekdays and weekends assisting with hayrides (must be experienced); docents to assist with the school program; ming. Call (248) 374-0200.

Northville Community Foundation Independence Day Parade

DETAILS: Planning is under way for the parade. Volunteers are needed for both committee and parade day. Call (248) 374-0200.

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CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The purpose of the public hearing will be to solicit public comment on the request for a proposed rezoning to Planned Unit Development as submitted by the Velmeir Company, 5757 West Maple Road, West Bloomfield, Michigan, 48322 for the CVS Pharmacy located at 133 East Dunlap (Tax Id Number 48-001-04-0680-000). The proposed PUD would demolish the existing building and construct a new facility and drive-thru pharmacy at the Dunlap Street location.

Proposed development plans for this project are available for review at the City of Northville Building Department at the above address during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments concerning this development will also be accepted by the City at the above address.

This notice is sent as required by Article 20 of the City of Northville Zoning Ordinance to all persons to whom real property is assessed within three hundred (300) feet of the boundary of the property in question and to the occupants of all structures within three hundred (300) feet. (5-17-07 NR 354995)

DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

INVITATION FOR BIDS CITY OF NORTHVILLE PERMANENT PAVEMENT MARKING PROGRAM

Sealed bids will be received in the City of Northville Council Chambers, City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 until 2:10 p.m. local time on May 31, 2007 for a "Permanent Pavement Marking Program" for the City of Northville.

This project calls for the placement of centerline pavement marking at various locations throughout the City of Northville along with crosswalks, legends, arrows, and stop bars. Contract documents and bid proposals can be obtained by contacting the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

The City of Northville reserves the right to waive any irregularity or informality in bids, to reject any and/or all bids, in whole or in part, or to award any contract to other than the low bidder, should it be deemed in its best interest to do so.

JAMES P. GALLOGLY
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
(5-17-07 NR 355001)

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Proposed development plans for this project are available for review at the City of Northville Building Department at the above address during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, local prevailing time. Written comments concerning this development will also be accepted by the City at the above address.

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DIANNE MASSA, CITY CLERK

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Donations for PENNemonium

DETAILS: The fund-raising gala and auction to benefit the restoration of the historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth will take place at 6 p.m., May 11. The Friends of the Penn are seeking donations for the auction. Individual donations of items or services and business donations are needed.

CONTACT: To make a donation call Julie Johnston (734) 354-6069 or auction@friendsofthepenn.org. For information on PENNemonium visit www.PennTheatre.com

Volunteers Needed for Visiting Nurse Association Hospice Program

DETAILS: In as little as two to four hours a week, volunteers can provide companionship, write a memoir, provide respite for family members or provide office support. A free, 18-hour/three-day training program is provided.

CONTACT: (800) 882-5720 ext. 8361 or (248) 967-8361 or visit www.vna.org.

Moms In Touch

TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. Thursdays
LOCATION: Members' homes
DETAILS: These mothers form a college/career, interdenominational prayer group that gathers for one hour each week to pray for their adult children.

CONTACT: Kathy Petticke (248) 348-1691 or www.momsintouch.org

Susan B. Galli Angel Fund

DETAILS: Hidden Springs Veterinary Clinic has created a fund to assist families in need with medical expenses for their pets. The fund is in memory of one of their longtime clients and friends, Sue Galli, who passed away in November. Hidden Springs welcomes all donations from the community to help build this fund and help as many pets as possible. Please make checks payable to Hidden Spring Vet Clinic SGA Fund, and mail to: 48525 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167.

CONTACT: (248) 349-2598

Friends of the Northville District Library

DETAILS: There are openings for the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Northville Library. The Friends is a volunteer organization that promotes reading, supports programs in the library and provides financial support to projects not covered by the library's regular budget. Board members attend a monthly meeting and are also expected to serve on a committee. The only requirement for becoming a Board member is an interest in the library and a willingness to serve as a volunteer. Those interested should send a letter to James Morche, President of the Friends, c/o Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St., Northville, 48167.

Northville Newcomers and Neighbors

DETAILS: This group is for residents of Northville and surrounding communities. Activities include monthly coffees, various interest groups and special programs. New members welcome.

CONTACT: Nancy Murphy (248) 305-5460

Hospice Volunteers Needed

DETAILS: Heartland Hospice

Services, Inc., of Southfield is looking for caring, compassionate and dedicated individuals to be trained as hospice volunteers. Volunteers provide services such as visiting, companionship and support for clients and care givers. Office support volunteers also welcome.

CONTACT: (800) 770-9859

Angela Hospice Groups

DETAILS: Grief support groups include general grief, loss of a spouse, women's grief, parents who have lost a child and a grief support quilters group. All groups are led by bereavement professionals and trained volunteers.

LOCATION: Angela Hospice Care Center, 14100 Newburgh Road, Livonia
CONTACT: Joan Lee (734) 953-6012

Anxiety Disorder Support Group

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. Thursdays
LOCATION: Faith Lutheran Church, 30000 Five Mile Road, Livonia

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

CONTACT: Robert Diedrich at robtdiedrich@msn.com

New Hope Center for Grief Support

DETAILS: The New Hope Center for Grief Support offers age and loss specific groups for men and women whose spouse has died, parents who have lost a child, those who have lost a loved one to suicide and other specialized groups. The groups meet on a regular basis in various scheduled locations. All services for adults and children are offered at no cost to the participants.

CONTACT: (248) 348-0115 or go to www.newhopecenter.net

YWCA of Western Wayne County

DETAILS: The YWCA is looking for volunteers to assist with office help, after-school programs, building projects, communications and marketing in its various locations throughout western Wayne County.

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

Meals-On-Wheels

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

Camera Club

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northvillecamera@sboglobal.net or Northville Arts Commission (248) 449-9950

Arts Commission

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

Art House Store

LOCATION: 215 W. Cady St.
DETAILS: Looking for volunteers to work four hours per month. Meet interesting people. Get 10 percent off store purchases.
CONTACT: Carol Kendra (248) 344-0497

Beautification Commission

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

Housing Commission

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

Youth Assistance

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month
TIME: 8 a.m.
LOCATION: Northville Township Hall, 44405 Six Mile Road
CONTACT: (248) 344-1618

PARKS AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month
TIME: 7 p.m.

LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

LOCATION: 775 N. Center St., back entrance of Hillside Middle School

CONTACT: For registration and information on camps, classes and activities call (248) 349-0203 or visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

Group Fitness Classes

DETAILS: Classes include Yoga, Pilates Ball, Aerobics, Step, Kickboxing, Cycle and overall strength training. The class schedules are flexible and vary. A monthly calendar is available at www.northvilleparksandrec.org or call (248) 349-0203. The fees are \$5 for drop-ins or \$45 for a monthly resident pass for unlimited classes. The classes will be held at Hillside Recreation Center or the Senior Community Center. All fitness levels are welcome to participate and certified instructors are there to provide safe and fun workouts.

Open Basketball

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

Open Family Basketball

DATE: Every Sunday
TIME: 4-6 p.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: There is a fee of \$2 per person.

Open 40+ Basketball

DATE: Every Wednesday
TIME: 7-9:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: The fee is \$3 per person.

Open Volleyball

TIME/DATE: 7-10 p.m. Thursdays; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturdays
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside
DETAILS: There is a fee of \$4 per person.

Open Badminton

DATE: Every Tuesday and Friday
TIME: 7-9:30 p.m.
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside
DETAILS: Competitive style bad-

minton is available. All skill levels are welcome. The cost is \$7 per night.

Table Tennis

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

Total Golf Adventure's Golf Enrichment Program

DATE: Tuesdays through June 5
TIME: 4-5 p.m.
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside Waterford Room
DETAILS: TGA introduces students to the game of golf through a five-level enrichment program that promotes advancement and achievement while teaching the game in a fun atmosphere. TGA's program promotes values, life skills, coordination and achievement. Equipment provided. Fees from \$160-\$170.
CONTACT: (734) 459-2128, tgaofmichigan@sboglobal.net or www.totalgolfadventures.com.

TIME: 6 p.m.
LOCATION: 5TH Avenue Ballroom, Novi
DETAILS: Tickets are \$30 per person or \$50 per couple. Make checks payable and send to: Matt Zielinski, 12829 Lantana Ridge Court, Austin, TX 78732
CONTACT: megcauzillo@gmail.com or go to https://groups.google.com/group/nhsparty97

Belleville High School Class of 1982

DATE: Aug. 3-5
LOCATION: Eagle Crest Marriott, Ypsilanti
CONTACT: For more information, Richelle Fales (734) 844-8704 or brotary@comcast.net

Plymouth High School Class of 1972

DATE: September 8
LOCATION: Ernesto's in Plymouth
CONTACT: Gary Wales at wales2@aol.com or (248) 644-5636

REGIONAL

CLASS REUNIONS

Northville High School-Class of 1971-1974

DATE: Saturday, July 14
TIME: 3 p.m.
LOCATION: Classmates Farm, 51825 Eight Mile Road
DETAILS: Friday the 13th Night on the Town at Poole's Tavern, 6 p.m., 157 E. Main St.; Starting Gate Saloon later, 135 N. Center St.
CONTACT: 1971-nhs71reunion@gmail.com; 1972-nhs72reunion@gmail.com; 1973-poolorphan@yahoo.com; 1974-nhs74reunion@gmail.com

Northville High School-Class of 1987

DATE: Saturday, July 28
LOCATION: Dirty Martini, Novi
DETAILS: Purchase tickets and make hotel reservations online beginning in May. Details to come.
CONTACT: Chris (Hornberger) Nokes, (248) 449-7597

Northville High School-Class of 1997

DATE: Saturday, June 9


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Recent suspicious person report prompts quick action at schools

Person climbs over 8-foot fence to retrieve object in online game

By Pam Fleming
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Steve Anderson never would have believed that a harmless computer game could lead to a security alert at his school.

Anderson, principal of Amerman Elementary School in Northville, said an alert was issued last week for Amerman, Hillside Middle School and Cooke School last Thursday when a suspicious male came onto his school's property.

The man climbed over an 8-foot fence by the baseball field next to the school to find an object in the popular Global Positioning System game, Geocaching.

Like an online scavenger hunt, players use a GPS to locate an object at coordinates posted on the official Global GPS Cache Hunt Site, www.geocaching.com.

Billed as "the sport where you are the search engine," Anderson said he played the game recently while visiting friends in Arizona.

"It's a fun diversion and hobby, but to put one of these on public school property is rather naïve in the sense that everyone would be aware of our security with the students," Anderson said.

When the unknown man came onto school property, security measures had to be taken.

"I'm very happy with what went on," Anderson said. "The response was within minutes both at the school, with the police and other schools. The communication protocol worked quite well."

Parents receive update

Parents received an update regarding the suspicious person incident at Amerman, Hillside and Cooke School the next day.

A community member met with administration last Friday to explain that the individual observed in the Eight Mile Road baseball stadium and on the Amerman School site was most likely participating in a Geocaching exercise.

The resident visited the club's Web site and read that the object was reported found at 12:05 p.m. last Thursday, with the GPS coordinates placing the object on the Amerman School site.

"My understanding is that there are clubs around the world," said David Bolitho, assistant superintendent of Northville Schools.

"There are protected Web sites, and players can get onto a Web site with a password to find out where these objects are hidden. I guess it's an international phenomenon," he said.

Bolitho said the man did take

something from the school property, but authorities did not know what it was.

"We had a bit of excitement and had an opportunity to practice our security protocol," Bolitho said.

Bolitho said if the person had talked with school officials rather than running from the scene, the alert would not have been necessary.

On the positive side, district protocols were followed, and the incident received the proper attention based on what was known at the time.

Although they were called to the scene, no report was filed, according to the city of Northville police.

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



Courtesy photo

Take me out to the ball game

Members of the Northville Township police and fire departments will go head to head at 1 p.m. Saturday at Massey Field at Plymouth and Haggerty roads in Plymouth for the third softball game between the two groups. With last year's win, the firefighters are the defending champions. Police officers won the first game in 2005, with participants pictured here.

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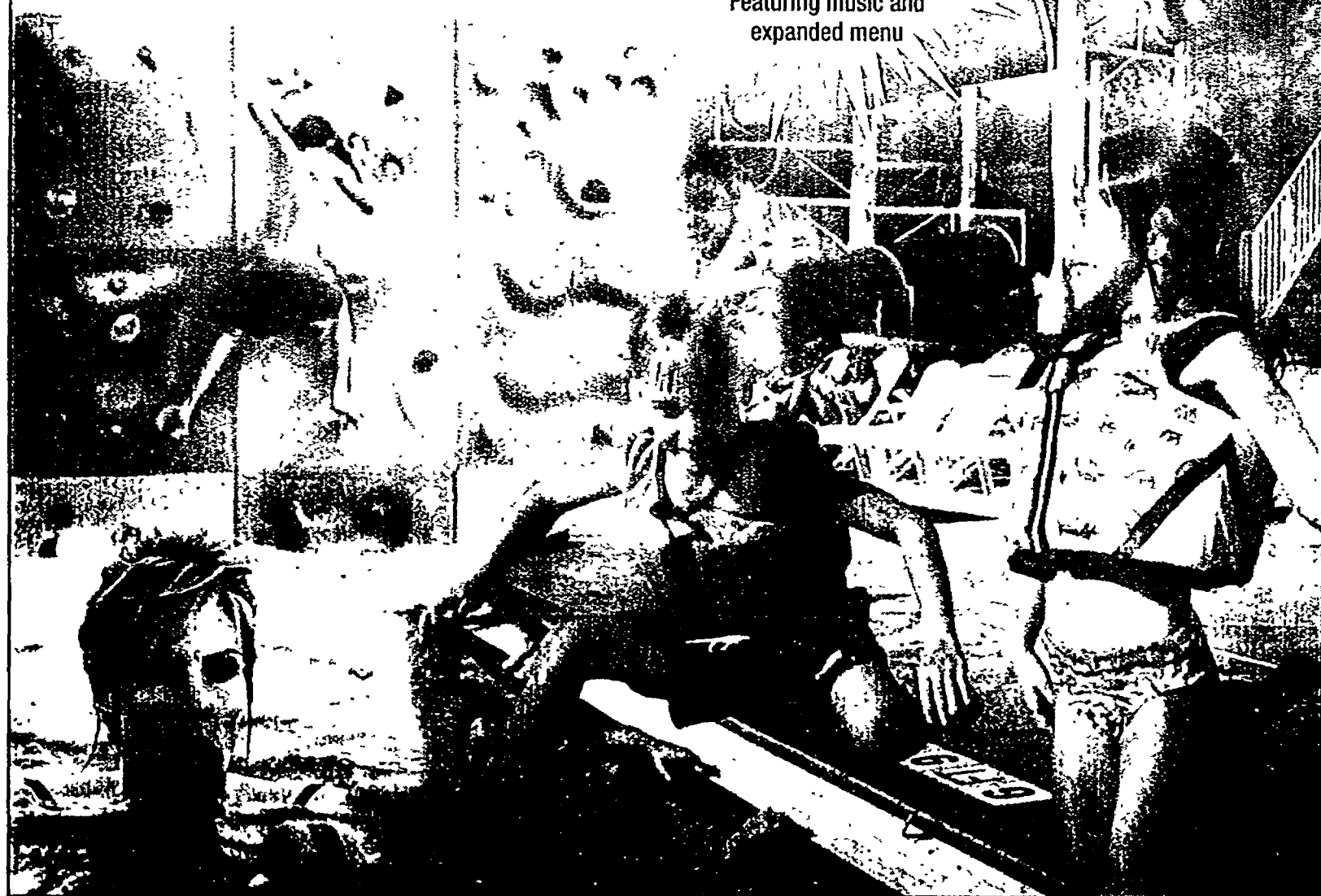
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NORTHVILLE CITY POLICE REPORT

Too much wine

A 24-year-old Northville Township woman is facing drunk driving charges in court next Thursday following her May 15 arrest.

According to Northville police reports, the driver of a silver Chevrolet repeatedly almost struck the curb while traveling eastbound on Eight Mile Road near Novi Road. Questioned by an officer who reported slurred speech and the odor of intoxicants, the woman said she had two glasses of wine with friends.

After a preliminary breath test indicated the driver's blood alcohol content was .19 — exceeding the legal .08 limit — police arrested the woman and transported her to the Northville Township police station where she was held pending bond.

Crying after shots

In the wee hours last Saturday, a Northville police officer arrested a 19-year-old woman for underage alcohol consumption after finding her walking along Eight Mile Road west of Lanthorn.

The officer reported he initially tried to stop the Northville woman to determine whether she needed help. Reports indicated the woman admitted drinking "three to four" shots with her friends and driving in the area earlier that evening. She told the officer when they refused to take her home, she got out of the car at the intersection of Eight Mile and Beck roads because it was near her home.

Noting an odor of intoxicants, slurred speech and bloodshot and glassy eyes, the officer asked the woman to take a preliminary breath test, which indicated a blood alcohol level of .20. He arrested her, transported her to the Northville Township police station where she was held pending bond and assigned a May 24 court date.

Cross crossing guards

A 32-year-old Roseville man could be facing reckless driving charges after tearing through the Amerman Elementary School parking lot May 7.

On May 11, Northville police submitted a request to the city attorney for an arrest warrant, following written statements submitted by three school crossing guards about the incident. The 30-year-old witness had jotted down the license plate number of the red Chevrolet Corsica that turned into the school lot from Center Street.

According to the three witnesses, the man was traveling at "an excessive rate of speed," talking on his cell phone, "fishtailing" and squealing his tires as he traveled through the lot. The Monday incident occurred shortly after children arriving for the school day entered the building.

Police reports indicated the driver told the Northville officer who traced him by his license plate number that he had been lost on the way to a new job when he missed the westbound turn onto Eight Mile Road. He told the officer he was driving recklessly because he was frustrated and lost his temper.



Courtesy photo

Hot Wheels!

Todd Chirillo, a resident of Northville Colony Estates at Five Mile and Bradner in Northville Township, woke up to find the wheels stolen from his 2007 Chevy Suburban last week. He noticed the theft about 7 a.m. on May 10 when as he was leaving for work. The tires and rims had been removed, with the vehicle placed on blocks in his driveway. "I actually noticed it looking out the window and was just stunned," he said. "I flew out the front door and was just shocked." The vehicle is less than a month old and with less than 1,000 miles on it. Chirillo said a surprised Northville Township Police officer came to his home within about five minutes after his call to report the theft.

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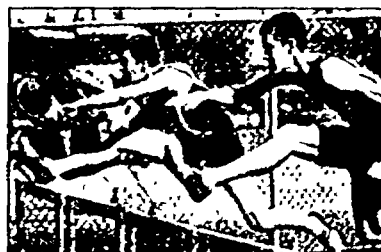
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RECORD BREAKERS

Four Mustangs rewrite records during stellar season

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville girls track team is enjoying sweet success this year. The Mustangs wrapped up the division crown with a 84-53 win Thursday against Franklin.

But the highlights of the year have been the record-breaking performances of four girls.

Pole vaulters Julie Foucher and Amy Reynolds have both taken turns breaking the previous record.

High jumper Brianna Jenkins has tied the school record at 5-4.

Lindsay Hagan has run the fastest mile in school history at 5:13.4.

"It's pretty amazing," Northville head coach Nancy Smith said. "It shows that are team is so much stronger this year."

"The records that they're breaking are records that were set a while ago. If we keep on working, achieving and believing in ourselves, I think we can break a lot more records."

Foucher and Reynolds have passed the school record from one to the other. They both jumped 10-1 to set a new record. Reynolds went one-inch higher before Foucher reclaimed the record, clearing 10-6.

"The two of them working together really is going to be incredible," Smith said. "They'll both be going to the state meet together, and they'll both be able to encourage each other."

Foucher, a senior, and Reynolds, a sophomore, were also teammates on the gymnastics team that qualified for the state finals.

"They came off an amazing gymnastics season," Smith said. "With that ability there, they continued to flow into track."

"Being this is Julie's last year, I think she's going to go out with the best she can."

Hagan and Jenkins both participated in indoor track during the off-season.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

A quartet of Mustangs who recently broke school records in track and field run on the Northville track. From left: Amy Reynolds (pole vaulted 10-2), Julie Foucher (pole vaulted 10-6), Brianna Jenkins (high-jumped 5-4), and Lindsay Hagan (ran the mile in 5:03).

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'Stangs winning streak at 19

■ Northville gets scare from Trenton

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Sitting at 2-4, it would've been easy to wonder just what could go right for the Northville baseball team.

Since then, just about everything.

The Mustangs have ripped off an amazing 19 straight wins for a 21-4 record.

Northville dispatched three teams during the past week — whipping Franklin 13-1 (six innings), squeaking by Trenton 6-4 and crushing Allen Park 13-3 in five innings. On Monday, Northville crushed Walked Lake Western 15-0 in three innings.

Northville 13, Franklin 1

Bret Spencer shut down Franklin on Friday, and Matt Deacon and Gerard Powell added home runs to get the game over in six innings. The Mustangs improved to 13-0 in the conference with the victory.

Northville 6, Trenton 5

On Saturday, Northville fell behind 5-0 before mounting a comeback against Trenton.

Mike Deluca went the distance to pick up the win.

The Mustangs chipped away at the lead before finally going on top in the bottom of the fifth.

"I was very proud of the way our team battled back," Northville head coach John Kostrewa said. "They never panicked, and by the fourth inning we were playing good baseball. Mike really battled to make pitch-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Right-hander Bryce Jenney fires to homeplate during a Mustang home game in April.

es at the most important parts of the game."

Steve Anderson led the offense with a pair of hits, and Spencer delivered a pinch-hit double to key the comeback.

Northville 13, Allen Park 3

Also on Saturday, Northville turned the momentum of a comeback into a rout of Allen Park.

Kevin Uetz picked up his first-career win, throwing all five

innings. He actually came in as a reliever, allowing just one run in a bases-loaded, none-out situation in the first inning.

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Submitted photo

The Novi tennis team shows off its hardware earned for winning the WLAA conference and division titles.

Tenni boys win conference title

Girls track claims division crown

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville tennis team captured the WLAA Conference title Saturday at the Plymouth-Canton Educational Park campus.

The Mustangs captured two singles titles and all four doubles titles.

Senior Michael Baskins won at No. 3 singles as did freshman Steve Irvine at No. 4 singles.

Winning in doubles were senior Harry Zhang and sophomore Lee Schechter at No. 1, senior Kevin Zhang and junior Phil Irvine at No. 2, junior Andy Mills and sophomore Michael Hagan at No. 3 and senior Jason Raymond and junior Graham McLenny at No. 4.

"Winning conferences this handsly gives us a nice boost of confidence heading into region-

als," Curran said. The regional meet takes place Friday at the Novi Middle School and high school courts. The middle school will be the principle site, with matches starting at 8:30 a.m. Novi and Novi Catholic Central are also in the regional.

Boys Track

The Northville boys track team wrapped up the Western Lakes Division title with a 78.5-58.5 win against Franklin on May 10. The Mustangs rode the momentum to a one-point win at

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Mustangs reach 20 wins



Photo by Diana Birdsall

Mustang outfielder Emma Wise closes in on a fly ball.

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville softball team climbed to the 20-win plateau with three more wins.

The Mustangs (20-5-1, 11-2) mercied John Glenn 10-0 in five innings May 10, earned a 2-0 win against Franklin on Friday and shutout Western 6-0 Monday.

Northville 10, John Glenn 0

Allison Holmes threw the first two scoreless innings, and Samantha Doud came in for the final three innings. The two combined to allow two hits with nine strikeouts. Holmes also delivered a solo home run.

Sarah Rounsifer went 3-for-3 with three runs knocked in and a run scored. Kirstyn Wilder had two hits with a walk, RBI and a run. Kelsey Lewis also smacked out two hits.

Northville scored three runs in the first and second innings and never looked back.

Northville 2, Franklin 0

Jenna Dumbleton controlled the Franklin offense, allowing just two hits with no walks and eight strikeouts.

Rounsifer again led the offense with two hits, including a double and both RBIs. Emma Wise scored both runs.

With Wise on first, Rounsifer scored her with a double in the first inning.

The final run came in the sixth. Wise tripled and scored on Rounsifer's single.

Northville 6, Western 0

Holmes was back on the mound and delivered another gem against Western. She struck out 13 batters while only allowing two hits.

Rounsifer had another good day at the plate, going 2-for-3 with a run batted in.

Whelan scored the winning run in the first inning with a single, steals of second and third and scoring on a passed ball.

The remaining runs were scored in the fifth and sixth innings.

"Allison Holmes pitched great," Northville head coach Teryn Chrzanowski said. "She was throwing hard and hitting her spots. Offensively, the girls took a little while to get going, but opened it up in the fifth inning. Everyone contributed, it was a good team win."

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BASEBALL: Northville stretches win streak to 19

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Dan McNeish and Powell each had a pair of hits. Dominic Benavides provided strong defense, collecting five straight assists during the game.

Northville 15, Western 0

Jenney kept Western on lockdown. He got the win, throwing three scoreless innings.

Jenney and Spencer provided the punch at the

plate, each hitting a pair of home runs. Jenney finished with three runs batted in, and Spencer knocked in four.

"All in all it was a very good week. We continue to get better in most aspects of the game," Kostreza said. "We won in a variety of ways, but the one constant it seemed was our teams focus and concentration."

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International success

The "Waza FC Scotland Team," consisting of 11 players from the 95 Boys Blue, two players from the 94 Boys Gold, one player from the Novi Jags 95 Boys Green, (plus coach, parents and siblings; 47 people in all) just returned from a 10-day trip to the United Kingdom where they played three International Friendly Games and watched two professional games. The group departed April 5 and returned April 15.

The Waza FC entourage flew from Detroit to Manchester, England, where they watched an English Premier League game of Manchester City vs. Charlton Athletic on April 6. The next day the Waza group drove north into Scotland to the city of Dumfries, in Galloway. There, the host club, Queen of the South FC (Scottish Football Division 1 professional), arranged three matches against local teams.

• The first game was against Queen of the South FC U12's. Waza won 7-2.

• The second game was against Greystone Rovers U13's. Waza won 4-1.

• The final game was against Queen of the South FC U13's. Waza won 2-1.

During the halftime of the Queen of the South FC's professional game vs. Livingston, the Waza team won a shootout competition.

Chris Wilson, Team Manager for the Waza team, said of the trip, "This was a fantastic experience for our boys and families and there is talk of doing it again next year."

Northville High School Schedules

Baseball

5/18 at Canton, 4 p.m.
5/19 vs. Milford, 10 a.m.
5/23 WLAA Playoff, TBA

Softball

5/18 vs. Canton 5 p.m.
5/23 WLAA playoff, TBA

Boys Lacrosse

5/21 at Brighton, 7:30 p.m.

Girls Lacrosse

5/18 vs. AA Huron, 6 p.m.
5/21 at Carman-Ainsworth, 5:30 p.m.
5/23 Regionals, TBA

Girls Golf

5/17 Regionals at Oak Pointe in Brighton, TBA

Soccer

5/21 WLAA Playoffs, TBA
5/23 WLAA Playoffs, TBA

Tennis

5/18 Regionals at Novi, 8:30 a.m.

Track

5/17 at Canton, 4 p.m.
5/18 Regionals at Milford, TBA
5/23 WLAA at Canton, TBA

Sports Shorts

Northville Eclipse Base Ball Club

The vintage base ball club plays its home opener vs. the Mt. Clemens Regulars at 1 p.m. May 26. All home matches are free and are played at Ford Field, next to historic Mill Race Village. Visit www.eclipsebb.com for more information.

The Summer Basketball Academy

Area players will receive the best individual instruction available in a camp setting. Five weeks to choose from, June 25-28, July 9-12, July 16-19, July 23-26, July 30-Aug. 2, will involve players in three hours of highly intensive skill development training per day. Limited enrollment guarantees players, ages 10-18, will rapidly and dramatically improve in all phases of the game. Basketball teaching professional, Coach Paul Tripp, will personally evaluate and instruct each player in shooting, footwork, offensive moves, and defensive instruction. He has trained

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Wildcat basketball camps

Novi boys basketball coach Pat Schluter is hosting three summer basketball camps.

The Boys basketball camp for grades 2-5 will run 8:30 a.m.-noon and grades 6-9 will be 1-4:30 p.m. July 18-22 at Novi Middle School. Cost of the camp is \$140 and will include all aspects of basketball and player development. Participants will also receive a T-shirt and outdoor basketball.

The boys and girls shooting camp for grades 2-5 will run 12:30-2 p.m. and for grades 6-9 2:15-3:45 p.m. July 23-27 at the Novi Middle School. The camp costs \$68 and will concentrate on all shooting aspects with awards being given to contest winners.

The boys and girls K-2 camp will run 8:30-10 a.m. for one class and 10:15-11:45 for another class July 23-27 at the Novi Middle School. The cost is \$68 for each class and will teach the basic

skills of basketball.

Gym clothes and gym shoes are required for all camps.

Registration begins April 16 by calling Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

4-Star Basketball Camp

Novi basketball head coach Pat Schluter is teaming up with South Lyon head coach Daren Clayton to run the All-Area 4-Star Basketball Camp at Livonia Stevenson High School.

The first camp is for boys entering grades 3-6 from 8:30-noon with boys entering grades 7-8 from 1-4:30 p.m. July 9-13.

The second camp is for grades 5-8 from 8:30-noon and grades 9-12 from 1-4:30 p.m. July 16-20.

Each camp cost \$165 and is aimed at improving the serious basketball player. Space is limited to 100 campers per session.

Visit www.allareabasketballcamp.com for more information.

Novi girls basketball camp

The Novi basketball camp run by for girls in grades two through nine will take place June 18-22.

An emphasis will be placed on all game phases including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship, and an introduction to the Lady Wildcats offensive and defensive schemes. Gym clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a T-shirt and outdoor basketball.

The camp for grades 2-5 will run from 8:30 a.m. to noon each day in the fieldhouse. The camp for grades 6-9 will run from 1-4:30 p.m.

The camp is run by Wildcat head coach Bill Kelp.

The fee is \$140, and registration begins April 16 by calling Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

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Juday's day!

Steve Juday graduated in 1962 from NHS. He was an All-State Quarterback in 1961 (senior year) on a team that went 9-0. He then started on the 61-62 NHS basketball squad that went 20-0. Juday went on to star at Michigan State at Quarterback for legendary coach Duffy Daugherty. In 1965, he was an All-American and finished sixth in the Heisman Trophy voting that year.

NHS hosted the 2007 Steve Juday Coaches Academy, organized by Ryan Hockman, May 10. Football coaches from a wide variety of teams attended, with a common interest of gaining knowledge from other coaches. Mark Dantonio, Michigan State University head coach, spoke as did the rest of his coaching staff. Additional coaches came from Bowling Green State University, Eastern Michigan University, Hillsdale College, Total Performance, and the Detroit Lions (Phil Snow and Joe Cullen) to speak.

Pictured, from left, are Bill Juday, Steve Juday, Dave Longridge (head NHS basketball coach in 61-62), Dutch Van Ingen, Ryan Hockman (current NHS varsity head football coach), Dennis Colligan (retired NHS principal & former athletic director, current NHS JV head football coach)

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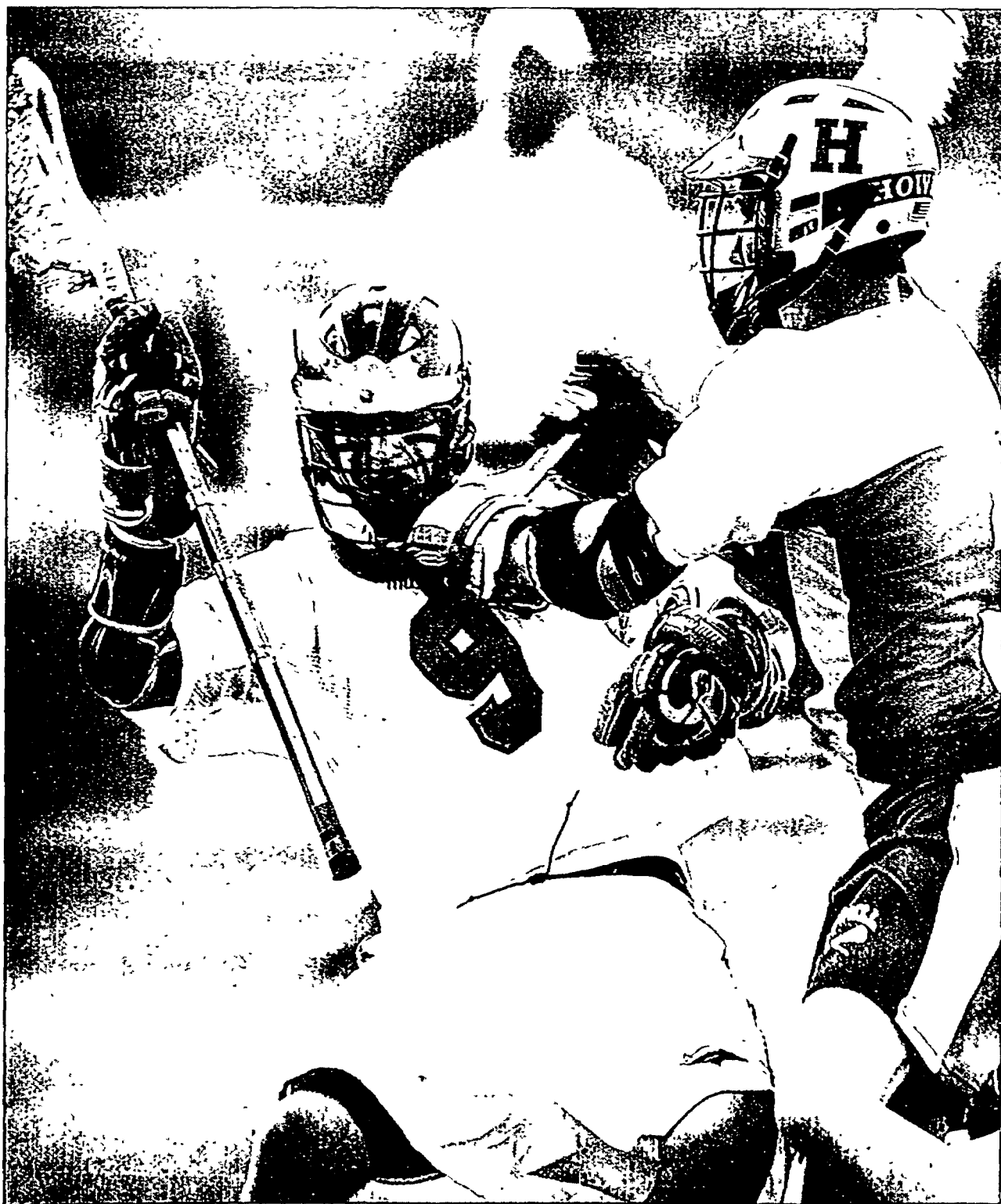
STICKIN' TO IT



A Mustang Nick Mitich races upfield with the ball as he and his teammates face off against the Howell Highlanders.



Northville's netminder Andrew Lamoureux brings the ball out during the Mustang's recent home game against the Highlanders of Howell. Northville's off to a great start this year posting a 10-2 record.



Northville Mustang Tory Massara gets crosschecked by a Howell Highlander during a lacrosse game hosted by Northville.



With possession of the ball and a defenseman on his heels, Mustang lacrosse player Alex Thurman races towards the Highlander's net during Northville's Tuesday night game.

Health

Female athletes: Knee deep in injuries?

The prototypical sports injury is the anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injury. Every year in training camp where hope springs eternal for most football teams, the future is inevitably dimmed by the loss of a potential star for the year to this common knee injury. For three consecutive years at least one of my fantasy football 'horses' has gone down early with an ACL. And every year, scores of our high school and collegiate female athletes have their seasons ended by this injury. Indeed, there are times when it feels as though female knee injuries are the sole reason we're still in business.



Sean Bak

The ACL is the main stabilizing ligament of the knee allowing for jumping, cutting and pivoting motions. Basketball, volleyball and soccer are the major at-risk sports for women's knee injuries. Almost two-thirds of female ACL injuries occur while landing from a jump. As women's participation in sports has risen over the last two decades, the corresponding storm of female ACL injuries has produced a minor epidemic. Several reasons for the three to four times higher rate of this injury in women compared to their male counterparts have been proposed.

Estrogen, the principal female hormone, has a direct negative effect on collagen. Collagen is the protein making up the bulk of every ligament in the body including the ACL. The intuitive thought is that increased levels of estrogen in females contribute to their higher rate of ligament injury. Taking this one step further, several studies have been performed attempting to pinpoint a time during the woman's menstrual cycle during which they are most susceptible to injury. Studies so far have failed to show a consistent point in the cycle when these injuries occur but a clear trend of increased injury during times of high estrogen has been identified. We do not have enough information at this time to identify stages of the cycle which are "high-risk" for injury (nor would avoidance of sports during this time be practical either) but the original hypothesis that estrogen plays a role in ACL injury seems to have been proven.

Several anatomic differences have been put forth to explain the gender difference in ACL injury. The 'notch' area of the knee is an area in the center of the knee joint where most ACL injuries occur; this area is proportionately smaller in women compared with men. Combine that with the reduced thickness of the ligament and you get one more reason for the increased risk of injury in women.

Instant replay and super slo-mo have allowed us to identify several subtleties in jumping mechanics. Women tend to land from a jump in a more upright position with their knees much closer together than male athletes and this type of position has been found to directly increase the stress on the ACL. Female athletes also tend to fire their quadriceps muscles more than their hamstring muscles during cutting maneuvers which can also put the ACL at higher risk.

While we cannot change the anatomic and hormonal differences in women, we can change mechanics and this has been the focus of the ACL injury prevention program we have implemented and others like it around the country. Just as a golf swing or jumpshot can be properly taught, so can landing mechanics and muscle balance. Early studies show that these injury prevention programs are effective in reducing ACL injuries. Unfortunately, though, for our sisters and daughters (and mothers!), we haven't reached the point at which we're putting ourselves out of business...yet.

Dr. Sean Bak is a Novi resident and an orthopaedic surgeon who specializes in shoulder reconstruction and sports medicine, and he can be contacted at sbaknd@hotmail.com.

MUSTANG ROUNDUP: Golf suffers 2 tough losses

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the South Lyon Sunset Invitational the next day.

Winning events against Franklin were: Erik Markstrom in the shot put (47-11), Andrew Gorley in the discus (123-2), Ali Arastu in the long jump (20-3) and in the 400 meter (54.2), Cavan Corcoran in the 110 hurdles (14.96) and in the 300 hurdles (41.42), Jasen Turnbull in the 800 meters (2:08) and in the 1,600 meters (4:20.7) and the 3,200 relay team of Jack Dalton, Nitin Jacob, Jon Zurek and Eric Peterson.

The Mustangs managed 101 points at the invite, beating host South Lyon by one.

Event winners included: Jonny D'Anna, Mike Yassay and Eric Francheschi in the team pole vault; the 3,200 relay team of Nick Kolbow, Turnbull, Habib Khan and Dalton; Corcoran, Evan Gerish, Francheschi and Arastu in the shuttle hurdles; and Turnbull in the 800 meters. Corcoran also won the 110 hurdles (14.44).

"Our young athletes have worked very hard this year in preparation for this Friday's Regional meet at Milford," Northville head coach William Cornelius said. "We are confident that we will do well."

"The track banner hanging in Northville's gym does not even have a place to show a regional winner. We plan to change that. Our goal for Friday's meet is simple: Win!"

Tomorrow's regional meet is at Milford.

Girls Track

The Northville girls track team wrapped up the division title with an 84-53 win May 10 against Franklin.

Julie Foucher outjumped teammates Amy Reynold's school



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A pair of Mustang hurdles compete against a Plymouth Wildcat during a meet hosted by Northville in early May.

record, clearing 10-6.

Other winners included the 3,200 relay team of Lindsay Hagan, Markea Dickinson, Jacklyn Konopka and Mary Sprader (10:10), the 800 relay team of Paige Stuart, Emily Kreichelt, O'Malley King, and Foucher, King ran a personal best in the 300 hurdles (48.13), King won the 100 hurdles, Hagan won the 1,600 meters in 5:23 and the 800 meters (2:25) and the 1,600 relay team of Stuart, Konopka, Brianna Jenkins and Daniela Drury.

Soccer

Danielle Toney continues to pour in the goals for the Northville

soccer team. She scored a pair of goals in a 3-0 win against Franklin on May 9.

The Mustangs (10-1-3, 7-0-1) broke open a scoreless halftime tie with a three goals in the second. Sarah Stern scored the other goal. Julie Blaszczyk recorded the shutout in goal.

Golf

The Northville golf team continues to roll, picking up three more wins with one narrow defeat: 193-272 against Canton on May 7, 177-267 against Plymouth on May 8, won by Foremouth against Salem when two of their four players pulled out of

the match and lost a narrow 179-176 decision to Stevenson on Monday.

Leading the way against Canton were medalist Alicia Weber with a 41, Kirsten Freisen was next with a 47, followed by Arianne Frink with a 51 and Taylor Johnson with a 54.

Freisen was medalist against Plymouth with a 40. Susan Snyder carded a 42, Weber had a 46, and Kelley Hill shot a 47.

Against Salem, Snyder won medalist with a 40. Weer was next with a 42, Freisen shot a 43, and Hill shot a 45.

Over the weekend, Freisen suffered a broken elbow and will be out the rest of the year. The

Mustangs took on undefeated Stevenson and suffered their first loss of the year.

Weber won medalist with a 38. Snyder finished with a 41, Hill shot a 49 and Eve Avdoulos shot a 51.

"Everyone on the team realizes they are going to have to play up and raise their level of play to make up for the loss of Kirsten," Northville head coach Mary Jane Ossola said. "They did a great job today and a three-stroke loss without Kirsten was a great effort."

The Mustangs compete in the regional tourney 9 a.m. today at Oak Pointe Golf Club in Brighton.



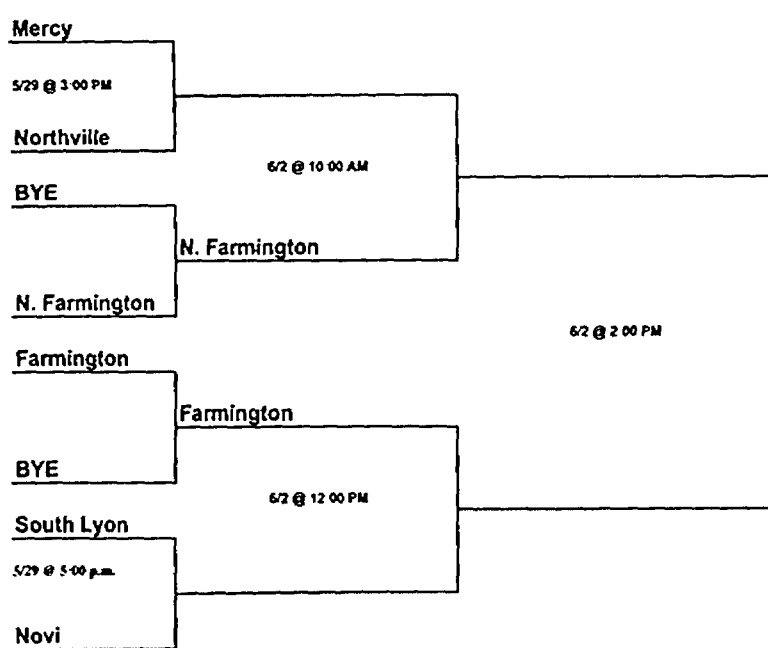
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Mustang high-jumper Elizabeth Foucher competes during a recent meet hosted by Northville High.

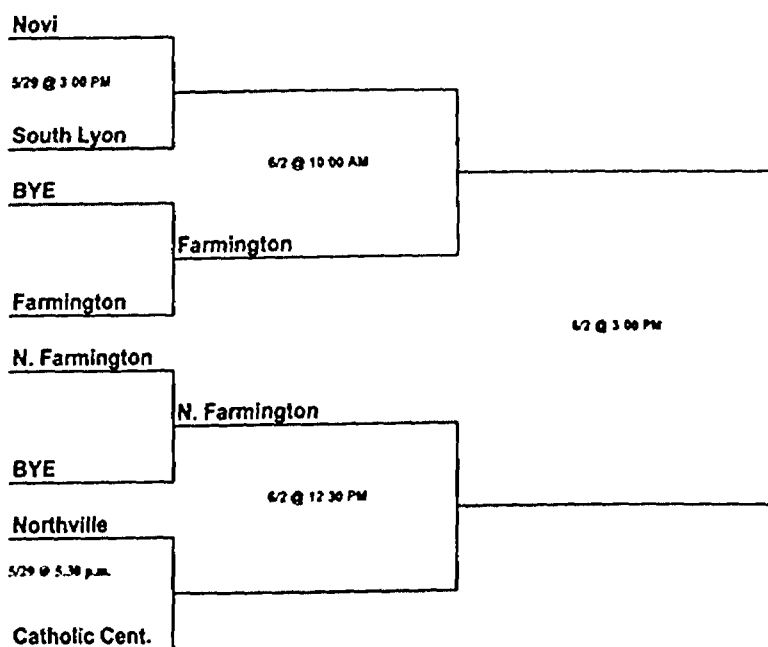
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TRACK: 'Stang records fall

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One strong herd

Hagan, who also ran for Smith in the cross country season, is hitting her stride and could shatter her current record, as she is only a junior.

"Lindsay's just really realized that she loves to run," Smith said. "She's at 5:13.4 right now, and she hasn't had very much competition."

Smith said one of the goals for Hagan is to get her down to 5:00.

For Jenkins, specialized coaching has made the difference.

"We finally found her a high-jump coach that can work with her," Smith said. "The time that she has spent with him during the indoor season and a little bit during the outdoor season has improved her technique so much more."

"She's confident in what she needs to do in order to achieve the better heights. I think she can go 5-6."

Having four girls at the top of their game is only part of what has allowed the Mustangs to run through their divisions. Smith said everyone is getting involved.

The sprints have been a stronger than ever, Smith said. Four girls are fighting to be the best ever at Northville, and everyone else is getting stronger each week.

Smith just hopes the other girls are picking up on what it takes to be the best in Mustang history.

"Hard work, dedication, commitment and believing in themselves that they can do it, really does pay off in the end," she said. "These girls have really strong work ethics and really believe in what they do. They're just not part-timers."

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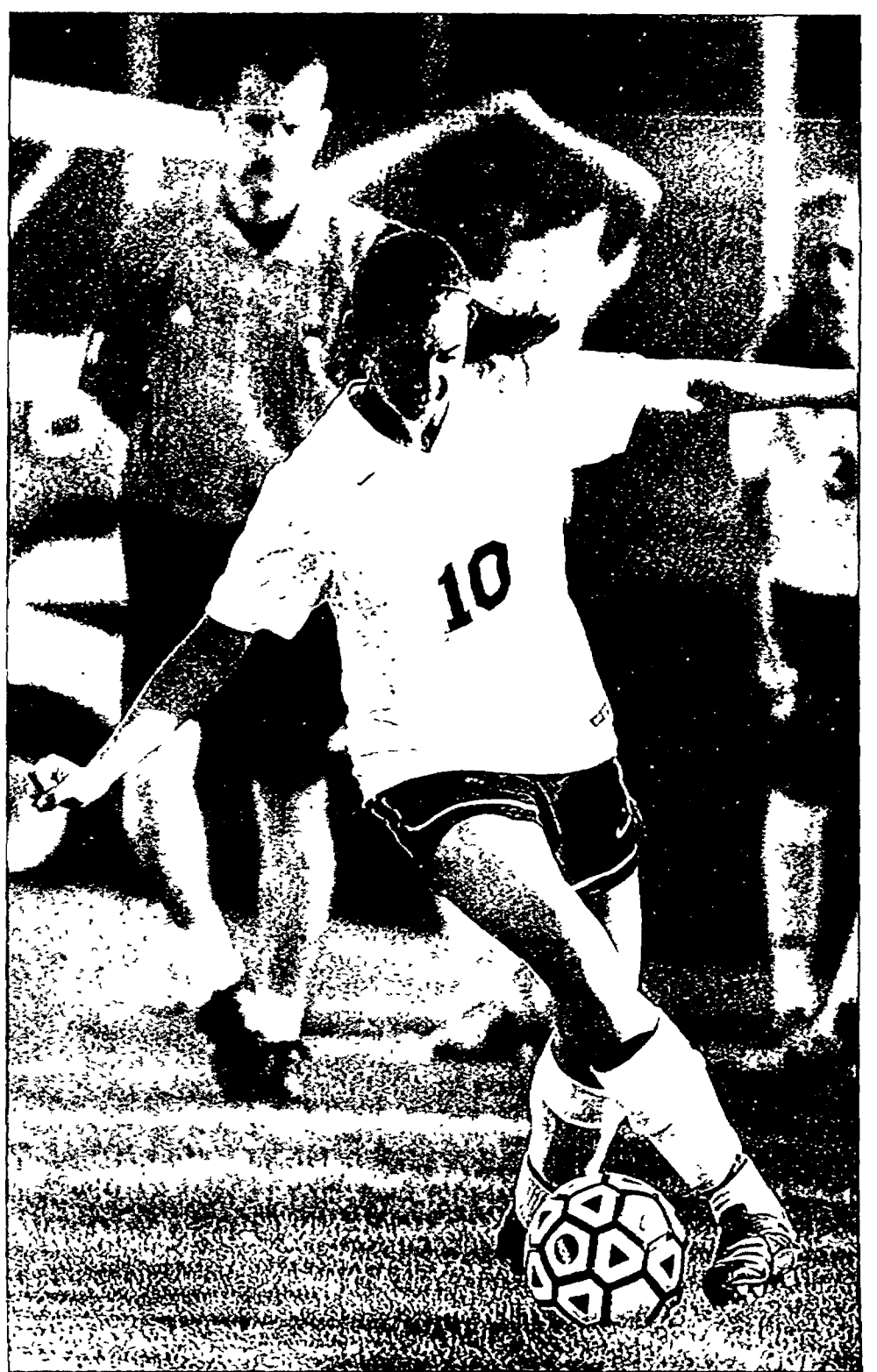
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Northville's Annie Tasse, right, collides with a Walled Lake Western player.



Mustang Brianna Jenkins fights to keep the ball inbounds during Northville's May 14th home game.



Mustang goalie Liz Watza calls out positioning to her teammates as Walled Lake Western brings the ball near Northville's net.

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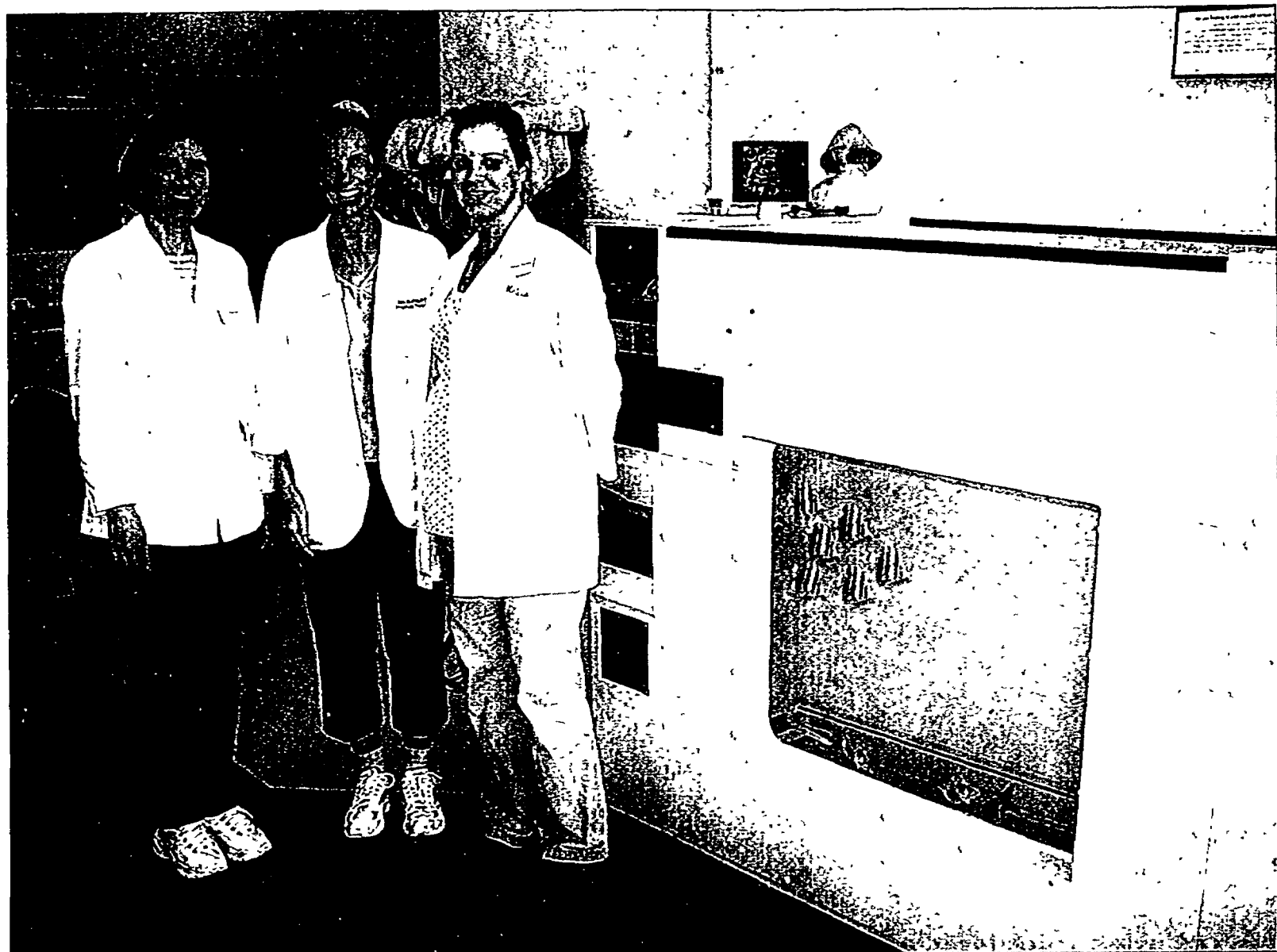
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The staff of the Northville Physical Rehabilitation Clinic, from left, Judy Majewski, Ann Bishop and Melissa Maltese, gather around the underwater treadmill.

Clinic emphasizes a healthier lifestyle

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

There are a number of very good reasons why patients visit the Northville Physical Rehabilitation clinic on 300 E. Cady St. in Northville. Most importantly, they feel much better when they leave and they get a very personable experience from the three-person staff.

The staff is led by physical therapist Ann Bishop, a graduate of Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy. She has worked mainly in an outpatient orthopedic setting and continues to grow her knowledge of physical therapy by taking numerous continuing education courses in a variety of fields. She formerly worked through Providence Hospital in Novi.

Bishop said that people who visit the clinic come in a variety of different shapes and sizes, all seeking the same things: rehabilitation and ways to live a healthier lifestyle.

"Most of our patients are from Northville and are referred from physicians in the area," Bishop said. "We treat orthopedic and neurological disorders in patients of all ages. Many hear about us by word of mouth."

"In fact, some people see us and walk in with their prescriptions."

One of the most popular pieces of equipment in the clinic is the underwater treadmill, referred affectionately as the pool by staffers at the Cady Street location as well as the original office at 215 E. Main St., which is run by Dennis Engerer, P.T.

"The underwater treadmill is a nice feature for patients who have back, knee, or hip problems," Bishop said. "There is less loading on the joints because of the water. Sometimes walking on a normal treadmill can be painful and some doctors specifically request aquatic therapy for their patients."

Bishop said that patients can adjust the water height to their specific needs and that the underwater treadmill has no age limit. Young children to the elderly can schedule routine treatments in the water.

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The underwater treadmill is not part of the monthly fee.

Beyond what the Northville Physical Rehabilitation clinic can do for the physical treatment of patients, the staff can also help with the disposition of patients too.

"We are homey," Bishop said. "It is nice and bright in here and people just like to visit."

The clinic has been open for two years and is located just east of the First Presbyterian Church. The staff also includes physical therapy technicians Judy Majewski and Melissa



The friendly staff at Northville Physical Rehabilitation Clinic includes, from left, Ann Bishop, Melissa Maltese and Judy Majewski.

Maltese, two very personable workers.

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- Reduce pain
- Increase muscle strength and endurance
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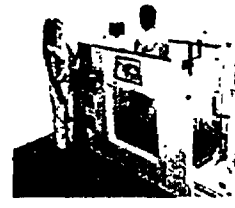
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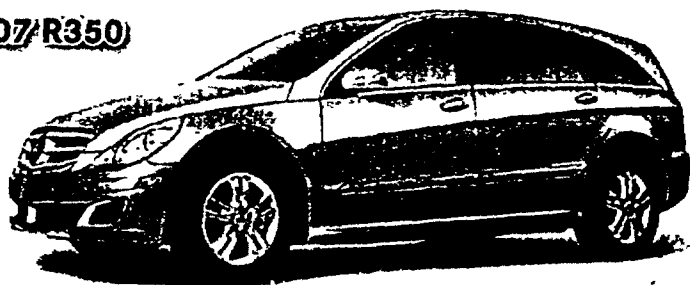
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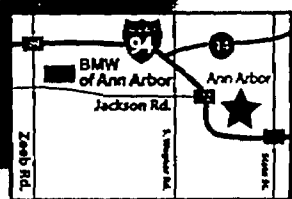
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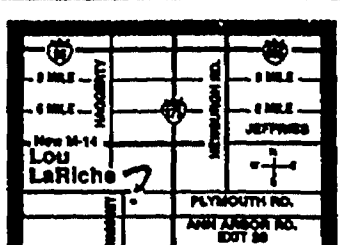
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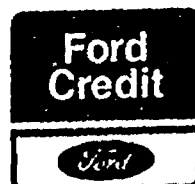


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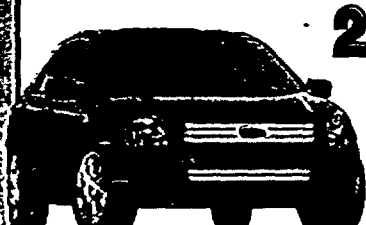
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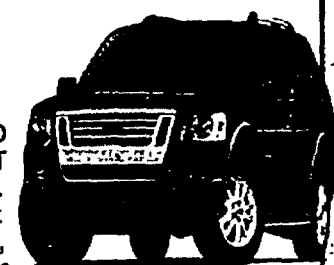
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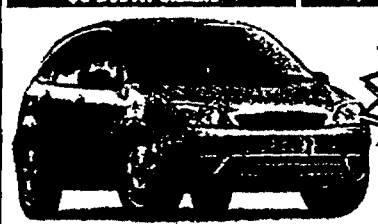
4.0L SOHC V6, 5-speed auto O/D trans, cargo area cover, XLT appear, P245/65R17 A/S OWL tires, running boards, 17" cast alum wheels roof rail cross bars, conven group, electrochromatic mirror, MSG cntr w/2 lines and compass, auto lamp headlights, keypad, XLT comfort. Stock #72633 Was \$27,235

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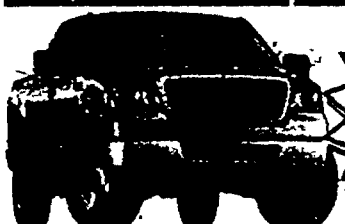
Power side windows, convenience group, integrated fog lamps, air, 16" alloy wheels, power locks, 2.0L DOHC engine, auto trans, P205/50R16 BSW tires, safety pkg., anti-lock brakes, side impact air bags, weather pkg., heated seats, power heated mirrors. Stock #72337 Was \$18,755

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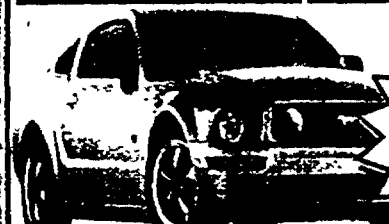
Pref. equip pkg. 507A, 5.4L FFV V8, electronic 4-spd auto O/D, P255/70R17 OWL all-terrain, 3.55 ratio 6m slip axle 7150# GVWR pkg., chrome step bar, elec. shift-on-fly, sliding rear window, trailer tow, keyless entry, 17" mach alum w/paint accents, prem cloth captains chairs. Stock #70357 Was \$33,950

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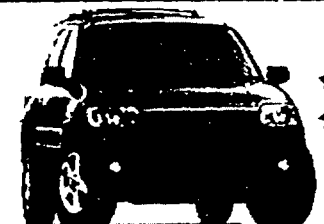
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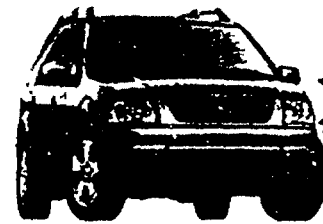
4 wheel anti-lock braking system (ABS), 3.5 L V-6 Duratec engine W/6 speed auto trans, power windows/locks, remote entry, air cond., privacy glass, speed control & tilt wheel, advance trac w/RSC, front & side impact air bags. Stock #72714 Was \$26,355

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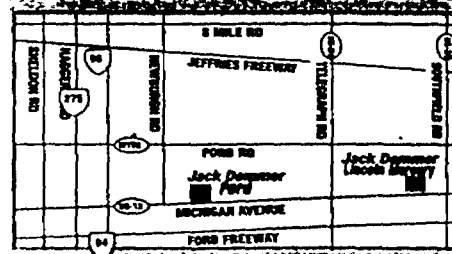
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The staff at Dr. Carol Wilkop's office includes, from left, Carol Motley, Jennifer Lucero, Dr. Carol Wilkop, Mindy Viazanko and Michelle Bone.

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Dr. Wilkop is knowledgeable about the new

Carol A. Wilkop, DDS

Family: One daughter and a cocker spaniel

Favorite Vacation: Mountains of Colorado

Hobbies: Biking, skiing, golf

procedures due to continuing education and a background in pharmacy. She earned a bachelor's degree in pharmacology from the University of Michigan then went to dental school at the University of Detroit-Mercy School of Dentistry.

Dr. Wilkop has been practicing for over 20 years, with 18 years in downtown Milford.

Dr. Wilkop has learned that helping patients feel comfortable enough to come to the dentist is an important part of overall health. Without dental cleanings, bacteria on the teeth can contribute to diseases like heart disease and diabetes.

Dental check-ups can also help identify health problems before they progress far.

"People want to be healthy and take care of themselves," Dr. Wilkop said. "It is so important to make dental visits a part of the picture."

The office of Dr. Carol Wilkop is located at 435 N. Main St., in downtown Milford. Call

"I want to do whatever I can to make people feel comfortable going to the dentist. Some people have been afraid and haven't come in for many years. Now they can."

— Dr. Carol Wilkop
Milford Dentist



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Dr. Carol Wilkop offers pain-free, comfortable dentistry.

Advanced Hearing Care • Karen Butchart

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May is Better Speech and Hearing Month — the perfect time to get a baseline hearing screening at Advanced Hearing Care in Brighton.

"Hearing loss increases to one out of three adults after the age of 65, which makes it very important to get a baseline screening now," owner Karen Butchart said.

Some reasons for scheduling a hearing screening include: a sudden or gradual loss of hearing, a family history of hearing loss, exposure to high noise levels, an ability to hear but not understand what is being said, or dissatisfaction with current hearing aids.

Butchart's motivation for quality hearing care is a personal one: her brother was born deaf.

"I wanted to help the hearing impaired and in this business, I have a chance to

*"In this business I have
a chance to meet
families and improve
their communication."*

— Karen Butchart
Advanced Hearing Care

meet families and improve their communication," she said.

As a result, her office has an excellent reputation for technological skill, as well as concern and empathy for their patients.

They offer many hearing aid models in all price ranges and pride themselves on helping clients find the one that is right for them — no matter what the hearing problem.

"Proper and regular professional care is vital to successful and comfortable hearing aid usage," Butchart said. "The staff at Advanced Hearing Care is committed to the highest quality care for the hearing impaired community."

Advanced Hearing Care is located at 8023 W. Grand River Ave., in Brighton, just east of Hacker Road. Business hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with evening and Saturday appointments available.

The staff recommends clients make an appointment so ample time is available for consultation.

— By Sally Rummel



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Karen Butchart of Advanced Hearing Care enjoys assisting the hearing impaired improve their communication abilities.



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It's all under one roof at Howell Western Wear. The store's downtown location shows customers that it's hip to wear western whether you're out in the country or in town.

When owner Lynn Trevor opened Howell Western Wear in August of 2006, she corralled Karen Shaw and her husband, Dick, out of retirement after a 30-plus-year career in the

Stop in at Howell Western Wear to see the amazing collection of western wear and the largest selection of cowboy boots and hats in the area, modeled here by Karen Shaw, left, and owner Lynn Trevor.

western apparel and boot industry.

Together, they make a dynamic trio of experience, enthusiasm and expertise at one of Howell's newest and most unique retail stores.

One of their specialties is western hat cleaning and shaping, performing almost a sacred rite on some people's most important piece of attire.

Howell Western Wear carries both the cross-over brands and styles for people who want just a western accent or flair, plus the more serious western look for an authentic cowboy, or cowgirl, look.

But the biggest draw are the boots and hats for both men and women. The selection is staggering, and the owners promise a good ol' fashioned fitting in a comfortable leather chair to get the best possible fit.

Shopping is available six days a week at the store or 24/7 on the Web site at www.howellwesternwear.com.

— By Sally Rummel

HealthStyles • Barb Herzog

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Twenty years in the physical therapy business and the mother in Barb Herzog still wants the best for her children and her clients.

Just like during her recent trip to Cancun where Barb made sure each step of the trip was safe and enjoyable, she wants every step of the way at HealthStyles to be comfortable. Therapy is most rewarding when it is thought out and mapped in a way that plans for success and eliminates the unknowns.

When Barb and her team of continually trained professionals assist people in their recovery and health needs, they receive the benefits of their skills and experience so no one needs to go it alone.

Besides being a proactive mother, Barb is involved in several professional organizations to promote and improve the care available to her clients, as well as the people in her community.

Barb acts as the president for the Physical Therapy Provider Network for Michigan and 4 Women in the Know — Livingston Thursday, May 17, 2007

Ohio and is vice president of the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce.

For fun she has lead her golf team to two consecutive wins in the chamber golf outing.

With her leadership, Barb, along with her colleagues, have been able to add Blue Care Network to their list of accepted insurance programs and will be available at HealthStyles.

Despite Barb's daughter heading off to college this fall, Barb will make time for several projects: finish the details of staffing South Lyon East with an athletic trainer when it opens; continue to grow the one-year-old APEX Athletic Performance center in Brighton where her sons do their conditioning training; mentor her niece; and gather community input for new ideas and services that people have asked for and do what she can to provide them.

HealthStyles, located at 301 S. Lafayette in South Lyon, is open to the public for a variety of health and wellness activities for the



Photo by MICHAEL PILOTTI

The professionals at HealthStyles are, back row standing left: Tylene Costello, Dana Roslinski, Jill Sullivan, Barb Herzog, Evon Springart, Shawn Spears. Front row Audrea Radtke and Cristina Podeanu.

young and the seasoned body. Business Hours are 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday, and 7 a.m.

to 3 p.m. Sunday.

— By Michael Pilotti

Uptown Threads • Sue Riggleman

(248) 684-7346

Sue Riggleman

Family: Married to Steve, with children Kaley, 13, and Matthew, 10

Favorite Charity: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Since Uptown Threads opened in Milford last July, it's been a hub of activity. The store carries trendy, upbeat clothes that look good on women of all ages.

Owner Sue Riggleman said that she couldn't be more pleased with the downtown location, because her store plays off other successful shops. She's found that many of her customers have traveled from elsewhere to spend time shopping in Milford.

"I love doing this because my clientele is so friendly and enjoy my different style," Sue said. "Everyone tells me how much they love the store."

The casual, fun atmosphere of Uptown Threads is a major part of the shopping experience. Sue's unique style comes through in the sassy, fun decor, which compliments the unique clothing.

Sue stocks mostly casual clothes, like Silver and Worn Jeans, Cordelia and Hazel, which include colorful tops and bold jackets. There are also fun accessories, like buffalo-skin handbags

and funky jewelry. A hot item right now is Upseedaisies — a pajama line that is sold with a supportive tank. They're perfect for travelers or those that want to look nice while lounging comfortably at home.

Uptown Threads is successful, Sue said, because she carries a very small inventory of each item, so the clothing is quickly sold out and new clothing is circulated in the store.

Uptown Threads is located at 423 N. Main St., in Milford. The store is open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday; and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Friday.

— By Kate Phillips



Photo by KATE PHILLIPS

Sue Riggleman carries trendy clothing that looks good on women of all ages at Up Town Threads in downtown Milford.

Salon at Boardwalk — Silhouettes

(810) 229-2893 • www.salonatboardwalk.com

Kim Walter operates Salon on Boardwalk — Silhouettes, a full-service Brighton salon serving Livingston County since 1989.

At the Salon at Boardwalk — Silhouettes there are a wide range of services like dimensional color and highlighting, precision and textured cuts, perms, updo's, make-up, and full-service nails, including pedicures. The salon also offers make-over packages for bridal parties, proms, birthdays and even girls' night out that include a photograph of the visit to take home.

"We pride ourselves on customer service and appreciation," Kim said. "We create a fun, warm and inviting atmosphere often offering snacks and beverages."

It is a team atmosphere at the salon and Kim feels it is important that every client is comfortable with all the stylists. They work together to create an uplifting atmosphere. Kim finds it incredibly rewarding to get to know each client personally and to help them to feel good about

Kim Walter

Age: 35

Family: Married to Keith with two daughters, Taylor and Alexis

Hobbies: Boating, being outdoors

Favorite Charity: Cinderella's Closet. "The Women's Resource Center helps women have the things they really need."

themselves, inside and out.

The salons philosophy is client satisfaction.

"We have a great group of friendly girls who are continually taking classes to keep updated on current styles and techniques," Kim said.

Kim enjoys meeting new people and giving back to the community. The salon often donates their services to local schools and organizations.

The Salon at Boardwalk — Silhouettes is located at 5757 Whitmore Lake Road, Ste.,



Photo by KRISTINA DRAKE

The team at the Salon at Boardwalk — Silhouettes includes, from left, standing, Joyce, Kirsten, LaRie, Heather and Jenny. Seated are, from left, Myra, Kim Walter and Ginny. Not pictured, Melissa and Cindy.

1400, in Brighton. To make an appointment, call (810) 229-2893. The salon opens at 10 a.m.

Tuesday through Thursday and at 9 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

— By Kristina Drake

La Casa del Rio Grande • Dawn Salvati

(248) 446-7700 • www.riogrande-restaurant.com



Photo by KATE PHILLIPS

Dawn Salvati serves up authentic Mexican food at La Casa del Rio Grande.

You don't have to go south of the Rio Grande for authentic Mexican food — just visit La Casa del Rio Grande, which is located on Grand River Avenue in New Hudson.

This family-oriented restaurant serves up a variety of authentic Mexican food. It's not spicy Tex-Mex — it's the real deal. If you like it hot, ask for pico de gallo or crushed habaneros.

The recipes are straight from Mexico. Owner Dawn Salvati still travels to Mexico every year to bring back ideas — and plenty of decorative items for the restaurant.

The restaurant has a personal meaning for Dawn. The name, La Casa del Rio Grande, means "the house on Grand River." This was the site of Dawn's childhood home, which has been in her family for more than 40 years.

In addition to providing great Mexican food, Rio Grande also offers special events

"Come be part
of the fun."

— Dawn Salvati,
Owner, La Casa del Rio Grande

to keep families happy. Just check the Web site for details.

Early-bird specials are offered 3-5 p.m. Monday through Friday — just ask your server. Sundays and Wednesdays are Margarita Days. Mondays are All-You-Can-Eat Taco Days. Tuesdays and Saturdays are Kids Days with kid's meals for only \$2.99, including drink and dessert.

Once a month is clown night. The next

clown night is set for 6-8 p.m. May 19.

May is Party Month, with a month-long celebration of the restaurant's fifth birthday.

"There will be many specials all month long," said Dawn. "Come be a part of the fun."

With new TVs throughout the restaurant and a newly expanded full-service bar, Rio Grande is the perfect place to catch sports on television.

In addition to sit-down restaurant service — both indoors and on the patio — Rio Grande also provides catering — with both a Mexican and American menu.

Come and enjoy lunch or dinner at La Casa del Rio Grande. The restaurant is located at 57721 Grand River Ave., a quarter mile west of Milford Road, in New Hudson.

— By Kate Phillips

Sovran & Dillaman LLC • Geraldine Sovran Bodker & Patti Dillaman

(810) 220-4900 • www.pattiandger.com

The goal of Sovran & Dillaman, LLC is to provide a natural personalized approach for all of a person's financial needs for both the present and for retirement. The company is well known for integrated financial and tax planning.

Geraldine Sovran Bodker, Financial Advisor, and Patti Dillaman, Certified Financial Planner™, have been helping people create and preserve wealth since 1990 and 1992, respectively. When they teamed up, they decided that their company must focus on providing honest and objective expertise. Both are well educated and experienced to serve the needs of a diverse clientele, including pre-retirees, retirees, single women and baby boomers.

Emphasizing the use of invest-

ment alternatives to provide investment diversification, Sovran & Dillaman LLC can handle various monetary issues under one roof. From planning, investments, tax preparation, insurance, and even divorce financial planning, Geraldine and Patti enjoy helping people obtain their financial goals.

"Ultimately, financial planning, whether you're 30 or 80, is all about retirement. You can borrow for a child's education, but not retirement. Our mission is to help our clients enjoy a secure retirement," Patti said.

Patti is a Certified Financial Planner™ and does traditional comprehensive financial planning, which looks like at a client's financial situation, including investments, taxes, and insurance,

and then develops a plan to help them meet their stated goals. But, as a Certified Retirement Counselor™, she specializes in retirement income distribution — how and where to position assets and take income in retirement so market fluctuations have minimal impact on retirement income, and so that people don't outlive their money.

Geraldine is a financial advisor and registered representative. Her specialty is taxes and tax-advantaged investments. Geraldine does tax preparation and planning to help ensure that what a person has worked so hard for is protected from unnecessary taxes. She is an enrolled agent and can represent clients in front of the IRS.

Geraldine also focuses on 401(k) rollovers and beneficiary designa-

tions, neither as simple as they may sound. "There are very good reasons a person might not want to do a rollover to an IRA and many financial advisors are not aware of these," Ger said. She is also a Certified Divorce Financial Analyst.

Securities are offered through Questar Capital Corporation, member NASD/SIPC. Advisory services are offered through Questar Asset Management, a registered investment advisor. Sovran & Dillaman, LLC is independent of QCC and QAM.

For more information, contact Patti or Geraldine at (810) 220-4900 or visit them online at www.pattiandger.com.

Their office is located at 10559 Citation Drive, Ste., 207, in Brighton.



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Geraldine Sovran Bodker, Financial Advisor, and Patti Dillaman, Certified Financial Planner™, are ready to assist with financial planning.

HealthWyze

Meena Puri • (248) 685-3489 • Terry Purcell • (248) 891-5640

Gretchen Snell • (248) 684-4411

HealthWyze is the brainchild of three healthcare therapists in the Milford area: Meena Puri, Terry Purcell and Gretchen Snell.

The HealthWyze vision is fueled by the belief that optimal health is more than chance — it is a choice.

Their understanding is that health is defined by more than merely an alleviation of symptoms — a fact that is often overlooked in many health-care programs.

During the course of their practices, Puri, Purcell and Snell have noticed that chronic illness often results from inadequate exercise and nutrition, unresolved stress and a rigid mind-set.

The purpose of HealthWyze is to provide education in health therapy options to the community in the form of newsletters, seminars and workshops.

In addition, this collective effort is supported by their individual-health therapy practices and referrals between each to address the health of the whole individual. Their private practices — Yoga, CranioSacral Therapy and Homeopathy — provide the steps for building health regardless of age or health status.

HealthWyze believes that the strength of a community depends on the health of its residents and is committed to providing education and support in this area. Proceeds from a recent seminar will be donated to the Milford Trail Fund in a continuing effort to support this commitment.

HealthWyze also conducts corporate health and wellness programs.



CranioSacral Therapy

Terry Purcell

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www.iahp.com/terry--purcell

Terry Purcell's private practice in downtown Milford includes Advanced CranioSacral Therapy, Visceral Manipulation and Lymphatic Drainage.

Terry works with adults, teenagers, children and infants, who experience a wide range of physical and emotional trauma, along with preventative care. Terry is a member of the International Association of Healthcare Professionals, the Associated Bodywork and Massage Professionals, and the American CranioSacral Therapy Association.



Natural Path Consulting

Gretchen Snell

(248) 684-4411

www.naturalpathconsulting.com

The philosophy of Gretchen Weger Snell, B.S., DiHOM, is to focus on building health as an alternative to managing disease.

Gretchen uses a variety of complimentary and alternative therapies to assess and develop a customized program to build health. Natural remedies are utilized, which stimulate the body's defenses without toxic side effect.

Gretchen is also an instructor at the Institute for Natural Health Sciences.



The Yoga School of Milford

Meena Puri

(248) 685-3489

www.theyogaschool.com

Meena Puri is the founder of The Yoga School of Milford and has been teaching Yoga therapy and philosophy for more than 15 years.

Meena conducts stress management workshops in the Detroit area and also teaches at Providence Park Hospital.

Meena is member of the Yoga Association of the Greater Detroit and is a columnist for The Milford Times.

Research Federal Credit Union • Kellie Hett

(248) 685-1583 www.researchfed.com

Research Federal Credit Union in Milford is dedicated to helping its members enjoy better financial services.

Kellie Hett, branch manager, said their goal is to improve the member's financial life by taking a look at their whole financial situation.

"We look for ways to help them reduce interest on their loans, and possibly consolidate debt," Hett said.

The credit union offers free checking with direct deposit and free bill payment. Their used car rates are extremely competitive, as well. Potential members will find lower fees in general with a credit union. Additionally, they offer a full range of business services, including commercial loans, business checking, merchant services and direct deposit.

Presently, Research Federal Credit Union has three locations: Warren, Detroit and Milford. They have 23,000 members. Earlier this year, their membership voted on and approved a merger and name change with Community Choice Credit Union in Livonia. Once the merg-



Photo by NATHAN MENOIAN

The helpful staff at Research Federal Credit Union includes, from left, Angie, Tanesha, Linda, Suzanne, and Kellie Hett.

er takes place, in mid-August, a new office will open in the Lyon Towne Center.

Hett is active in the Milford community. She is on the board of directors for The Huron

Valley Chamber, the Milford Memories Steering Committee, and is a board member for the Milford Rotary Club.

"I love my job here — working with people

Kellie Hett

Family: Married with two boys, 12 and 14

Hobbies: Involved with the football program her sons participate in — Lakes Area Hawks

Favorite Charity: The American Cancer Society — the office sponsors a Relay For Life team

and helping them," she said. "But the backbone of a credit union is the tellers. It's not an easy job. We're entrusting them with our members' transactions."

"We actually call our tellers, 'Member Service Currency Associates' because they do so many different things from taking a loan application to closing loans," Hett explained.

Branch hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday; 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday; 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; and 9 a.m. to noon (drive-through only) on Saturday.

— By Nathan Menoian



Photo by CYNTHIA GROCHOWSKI

Seated on tyke-sized versions of Castaway Café's larger playscapes are, from left, Shannon Mills, Kathy Niles, and Tracy Grant.

Castaway Café • Tracy Grant, Kathy Niles, Shannon Mills

(517) 545-7386 • www.castawayplay.com

What qualifies a woman to own and operate Michigan's largest indoor playground?

Motherhood, partially, where necessity brings about wonderful, inventive solutions to keep children entertained.

Business partners Kathy Niles and Tracy Grant, moms themselves who know what it is like to hunt for playground alternatives for children, created their own by opening Castaway Café at 1800 N. Burkhart Road, in Howell.

"Everything about us is unique," said Niles. "We offer great food and great exercise."

Niles and Grant did not want a restrictive environment or unhealthy concession fare. Being without prior business or restaurant experience did not phase them one bit.

"We did years of research before opening this," Grant explained.

Parents can go into the 25-foot-tall play structure with their children. The structure spans more than 3,000 square feet, and includes four

giant slides, auto-return zip lines, a suspension bridge and more. Popular teen nights include games, Dance Dance Revolution and more. Currently a battle of the bands is in the works.

Toddlers have an enormous area all to themselves.

"We took all the big kid events and made them toddler size," Niles said.

The café offers Ciabatta bread sandwiches, soups, shrimp, sushi and salads, a full coffee bar and smoothies. Children's favorites like pizza and grilled cheese are also available.

Niles and Grant, along with general manager Shannon Mills, operate Castaway daily, host children's characters events, birthday parties, special events and fund-raising opportunities. They also offer food-preparation classes for families and on-site spa treatments for moms, scrapbooking nights, and more while the kids play.

— By Cynthia Grochowski

LaFontaine Automotive Group • Maureen LaFontaine

(248) 887-4747 • www.thefamilydeal.com

Life is about family for Maureen LaFontaine.

She and her husband Michael started up the LaFontaine Automotive Group 26 years ago. LaFontaine Buick Pontiac Cadillac GMC is just a couple miles from their family home in Highland.

Maureen and Michael LaFontaine built the family business along with their sons Ryan and Mike, Jr. With 10 grandchildren, including a set of twins, the LaFontaine family is growing by leaps and bounds.

And now with five dealerships and customers from across the state, the LaFontaines have enlarged their family even more. Staff members, some of whom have been with the company for more than 20 years, are part of the growing family.

"We treat our staff like family," Maureen LaFontaine said. "We take them to our home in Florida, to Piston's games and to Las Vegas, just to mention a few."

And through the LaFontaine Family Deal, customers become part of the family also. It's part of the LaFontaine commitment to customers.

"You can go anywhere to buy a car, but are they going to take care of you?" Maureen said. "We will take care of you like part of the family."

The Family Deal is much more than the best price on a new or pre-owned vehicle — it is an attitude, a motto, which all employees of the automotive group encompass. LaFontaine has always gone, and will continue to, go the extra mile for all of their customers.

Customers can check out all types of cars at LaFontaine Buick Pontiac Cadillac GMC in Highland, LaFontaine Chevrolet in Dexter, LaFontaine Hyundai in Dearborn, LaFontaine Toyota Kia Suzuki Scion in Dearborn, LaFontaine Honda in Dearborn and LaFontaine pre-owned autos in Waterford.

Maureen LaFontaine

Family: Married to Michael with sons Ryan and Mike Jr., daughters Christa and Kelley and 10 grandchildren

Favorite Vacation Spot: Florida home

On June 5th the dealership will be breaking ground on its new Highland facility at 4000 Highland Road (at Hickory Ridge Road) in Highland.

"This will mean better selection and better customer service, along with an elegant atmosphere," Maureen said.

— By Kate Phillips

Holding one of her grandchildren is Maureen LaFontaine who, with husband, Michael, started the LaFontaine Automotive Group 26 years ago.



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Photo by RICK GOODLASKI

Decorate your home affordably and beautifully with help from the staff at Our Place to Yours, which includes, from left, Wendy Bednarski, Debbie Kolnitys, Carol Kelley, Kari Antone, store owner Deb Goodlaski, Kathy Sherman and Laurie Mentley. Not pictured is Mandy Milarch.

Our Place to Yours • Deb Goodlaski

Hartland (810) 632-4433 • www.ourplacetoyours.com • Milford (248) 684-9017

Where can you go to get high-quality, affordable furniture and home furnishings from well-known manufacturers?

Our Place to Yours, of course.

Thanks to the creativity and dedication of owner Deb Goodlaski, these items are as close as your neighborhood store — with locations in both Hartland and Milford.

Our Place to Yours is the largest and oldest home-decor business in Livingston County. The store provides customers with both new and gently used items.

"Sometimes our customers have a hard time being able to tell the difference," Goodlaski said with a smile.

New Ashley Furniture and gently used furniture and accessories exist side-by-side in her stores, creating an

eclectic mix that is both pleasing to the eye and similar to the way most people decorate their homes. She is pleased to offer the quality line of Ashley Furniture, providing her customers with the best price — guaranteed.

Always a bargain hunter, Goodlaski likes to pass on good deals to her customers, providing discount coupons on her Web site and special in-store pricing.

The Hartland location has been open for nine years, and has literally grown up with the Goodlaski children — Rick, Tim, Christie and John. Thanks to an excellent staff and a helpful family, including husband, Rick, Goodlaski is able to balance well her family and professional life.

The original store is located at

10534 Highland Road, just east of U.S.-23, behind McDonald's in Hartland.

The second store, which opened in Milford a few years ago, is located in the New Farmer Jack Plaza at GM Road and S. Milford Road, behind Lu & Ruby's.

Spring and summer consignments are now being accepted.

Shoppers looking for affordably priced home decor, and consignors wanting to sell, may stop at either store during the regular business hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

— By Sally Rummel

Acupuncture and Laser Therapy Clinic

Dr. Yu Wei Graham

(248) 889-8889

Dr. Yu Wei Graham practices what the Chinese have known all along — traditional Chinese medicine is effective in treating a variety of illnesses, conditions and pain.

Acupuncture, laser therapy, herbal medicine and cupping are just a few of the techniques Graham uses to treat pain and dysfunction in the Acupuncture and Laser Therapy Clinic, located at 2955 E. Highland Road, near the intersection of M-59 and Duck Lake Road.

Her services are effective as treatment for many chronic illnesses and pain, ranging from migraine headaches to neck-back-shoulder pain, hormonal issues and infertility, as well as smoking cessation and weight loss.

"The use of acupuncture in China dates back over thousands of years," explained Graham, whose mother was also a traditional Chinese doctor. "The principle behind acupuncture involves regulating the body by making holes along certain pathways, called meridians. A blockage of one of these meridians is thought to cause illness. The hole allows the blockage to be swept away."

The number of sessions it takes to rid a person of a blockage often depends upon whether the condition has been chronic or is a new pain, but very noticeable results occur often after just one treatment.

"It's not like chiropractic," Graham explained. "Once the problem has been taken care of, patients

don't usually require additional treatment. Treatments for weight loss and smoking cessation are often effective after only one treatment."

Graham graduated from a six-year medical program in Shanghai, China.

"We go to the same school as western practitioners," she said. "We start out with the same classes, then make a choice to go traditional or western. It is a very intensive study."

She has been in practice for 15 years, opening her clinic in Highland last summer. In addition to acupuncture and laser therapy, which uses infrared lasers instead of needles, Graham also offers cupping (a method of detoxification)

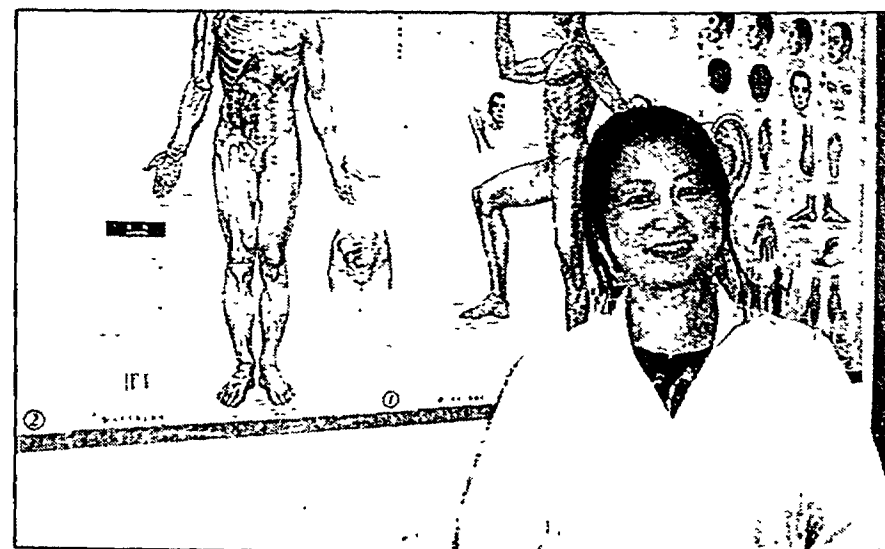


Photo by SALLY RUMMEL

Dr. Yu Wei Graham practices traditional Chinese medicine at the Laser and Acupuncture Therapy Clinic in Highland.

and therapeutic massage.

The Acupuncture and Laser Therapy Clinic is open daily by

appointment. Call (248) 889-8889 to set up an appointment today.

— By Sally Rummel

Entrees Made Easy • Claudia Wild & Kristin Edmonds

(248) 446-6055 • www.entreesmadeeasy.com/milford



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The owners of Entrees Made Easy are Claudia Wild, left, and her daughter Kristin Edmonds.

Among other things, what Claudia Wild and her daughter Kristin Edmonds wanted most in a business was the opportunity to work close to home and set their own hours.

With Entrees Made Easy, a retail franchise, they found what they were looking for. They both live just minutes away from their store, and when their workday is finished they still have enough time left for themselves and family.

Entrees Made Easy provides restaurant-quality food at affordable prices — averaging just \$3.50 per serving. Even better pricing is available when purchasing a 6- or 12-meal-package plan. Full-order portions serve 4-6, and half-orders serve 2-3 people.

The store handles all the shopping, chopping, cleaning and prep work. Customers at the store go from station to station, assembling meals according to easy-to-understand instructions. They then wrap and label their meals and take them home in disposable containers. The meals finish cooking at home in about 30 minutes.

As an alternative to fast food and take-out, Wild said their food is fresh — not frozen, canned, or

processed. It's fresh herbs, homemade sauces, and choice fresh meats.

"We're happy to meet the needs of the community because everybody needs a home-cooked meal," she said.

Kristin has a degree in finance and professional management from Albion College.

"Mom and I have opposite strengths," she said. "I handle the business end, and mom loves overseeing the kitchen side."

Wild is impressed with the corporate vision statement: "Prosper by doing what you love." She feels the most compelling aspect of the business is the opportunity for the hosting of private store parties.

"In addition to having the first state franchise, we're also the master franchisers for Michigan and the Toledo area," Wild said. "Potential franchisees could be those who've experienced job loss due to corporate downsizing."

Entrees Made Easy is located at 30800 Lyon Center Dr. East, in Milford. Store hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

— By Nathan Menoian

Fowlerville Ford • Tina Engler-Socha

(517) 223-7777, Ext. 215 • tengler@fowlervilleford.com

Tina Engler-Socha enjoys making the car-buying process for new and used cars seamless and hassle-free for her customers at Fowlerville Ford.

"Purchasing a vehicle is a big, expensive decision," Tina said. "Being informed is important."

"I really love our community, thanks to years of getting to know many people through Fowlerville Ford," Tina said. "Our customers have been coming here for years and we have developed relationships with their friends and families based on trust and loyalty."

Because of her high energy and positive attitude, Tina said about half of her business comes from referrals. She also added that along with owner Ken Hagar, Fowlerville Ford offers the highest trade-in values for vehicles.

"I'm lucky to have an owner like Ken Hagar," Tina said. "Like many women in

Tina Engler-Socha

Age: 36

Family: Husband and best friend Jeff, son Nicholas

Hobbies: Vacationing, golfing, entertaining, and collecting Coach purses

business, I'm a 'new' mom first and Ken is very flexible with my situation.

"If you're lucky," she laughed, "You'll get to see my baby son at the dealership running around in his walker. Nicholas is what I proudly consider my greatest accomplishment."

"I am grateful for my job, husband, baby, and my customers," Tina said.

Fowlerville Ford is located at 8100 Country Corner, just south of the I-96 exit



Photo by SUSAN MISUKAITIS

Tina Engler-Socha looks forward to serving customers and meeting their families and friends at Fowlerville Ford.

in Fowlerville. Tina can be reached by calling (517) 223-7777, extension 215, or

by e-mailing tengler@fowlervilleford.com.

— By Susan Misukaitis

Friendly Doctor In Your Neighborhood • Dr. R. Lepley

(248) 887-3900

Dr. Raghad Lepley is a board-certified family physician. Her practice is called Highland-Milford Family Clinic, specializing in family medicine for adults and children.

She describes herself as a caring, friendly, open, and dedicated doctor who prides herself in being a good listener. Lepley believes that being a good listener makes her a better doctor.

"In the one year the clinic has been open, we have quickly grown more than 700 patients," she said.

"I listen to my patients. I can spend a half hour or more with them, asking them questions about their health, and once they know I am concerned about their well-being, it helps with the healing process," Lepley said. "When a patient trusts their physician, it helps build a better doctor-patient relationship."

Prior to the new clinic, Lepley spent three years practicing in Southwest Detroit in Mexicantown. She completed her residency at Genesys in Grand Blanc.

Lepley's nurse, Deb, helps her with patients, takes care of office duties, and both of them will answer the phone.

"The little touches make a difference," Lepley said. "I make follow-up phone calls to our patients to see how they are doing. And when I write a prescription, I take into consideration their ability to pay for the medicine I prescribe."

The clinic accepts most insurance plans, and is open during normal business hours. There is an on-site lab with the capabilities of doing EKGs, blood work, lung tests, paps and sports physicals.

"The clinic is unique in that we encourage walk-in patients," Lepley said. "And they will be treated as quickly as possible."

Lepley, her husband David, and their 4-year-old son live in Novi. She likes the Milford area.

"I know there is a high demand for caring doctors in Milford, Highland, White Lake and Hartland," she said. "We've been well-received here, and our patients are happy. They've even

"When a patient trusts their physician, it helps build a better doctor-patient relationship."

— Dr. Raghad Lepley,
Highland-Milford Family Clinic

been recommending our clinic to their family and friends."

The Highland-Milford Family Clinic is located at 1641 S. Milford Road, in Suite B.

— By Nathan Menoian



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Hands to Work Gardening Services • Denise Putnam

(810) 220-1978

Loving what you do for a living is a beautiful thing. Just ask Denise Putnam of Hands to Work Gardening Services.

"I am truly blessed to be close to and amazed by all the beauty of God's living earth — doing what I love and loving what I do," she said.

Denise cares for her client's garden beds at their homes and offices including subdivision entrances and common areas.

She also acts as a consultant for do-it-yourselfers. She can start from scratch and help you plan what to plant and where, or she can help you to improve a garden bed you already have.

She plants, prunes, digs, trims and pulls lots of weeds.

This will be her eighth season gardening and growing her passion professionally.

Since horticulture is an extremely broad, evolving field that requires ongoing education, Denise must read, study and research often.

"The longer I have been in the business, the more this particular service niche has seemed to grow. Now with the housing market slowing down I am seeing more people invest in making beautiful the home they already own," she said.

Denise offers a variety of services. Not only does she design and create new gardens for clients, but she also main-

Denise Putnam

Age: 49

Family: Married to Bob for 23 years, with teenage daughters Lauren and Rachel

Hobbies: Gardening

Favorite Charity: St. Mary Magdalen Parish where she and her family have been members for 11 years.

"This parish is an extraordinary place to worship, love, learn and belong," she said. "My family's path is entrusted to their guidance."

tains garden beds every few weeks throughout the season.

"It is kind of like having a housekeeper to make sure the interior of your home is lovingly tended and doesn't become a time-consuming burden. I just do the same for the outside," she said.

Contact Denise today to make your yard more beautiful.

— By Kristina Drake



Photo by KRISTINA DRAKE

Denise Putnam enjoys helping others enjoy God's beauty.

Caring For Your Family • Judi Crawford

(866) 367-6835 • www.StaffNowHere.com



Photo by NATHAN MENOIAN

A few Caring For Your Family staff members who stay busy helping others are: from left, Dee Schellenberg; Steffi Korens; Judi Crawford, manager; Carolyn Baker; and Claudia Boerner.

Judi Crawford stays busy helping others. It's part of her life and part of her business.

She is the manager of Caring for Your Family, an agency providing care services to family members, whether in a private home or elsewhere. Additionally, they provide respite care, and are available on holidays too.

Care services are available from four hours a day to full-time care 24/7. Their current staff consists of 100 people covering Oakland, Livingston, Wayne, Macomb and Genesee counties.

"We go to great lengths to hire individuals truly committed to making a difference in the lives of your family," Crawford said. "The people we send to a patient actually lives in their area, so they know the community and live nearby."

The staff helps with medication reminders, driving patients to medical appointments, shopping, hair appointments, or wherever they need to go. The staff works in shifts if 24-hour care is needed. They also have male caregivers for gentlemen patients. Crawford said they prepare meals, do light housekeeping, laundry, assist with dressing and bathing, run errands, read to patients, and even write letters for them. An hourly rate is charged.

"It's important that people know we are fully licensed, bonded, and insured," Crawford said. "We don't send in anyone who

Judi Crawford

Age: Old enough to know better

Family: Two grown children, Kristi and Dale

Hobbies: Kayaking and boating

Favorite Charity: Freedom Works assists physically and mentally challenged adults with work opportunities in the community

we wouldn't send to take care of our own parents. We are very particular about our hiring. We've been in business since 1992."

Active in the community, Crawford said she loves helping people. She is a member of the White Lake and Highland Business Association, and Women in Business. She is a member of The Church of the Holy Spirit in Highland, and is involved with their Women's Group.

Families seeking care services may e-mail Crawford at info@caringforyourfamily.com.

— By Nathan Menoian

Independence Village of White Lake

(248) 360-7235 • www.seniorvillages.com

Independence Village of White Lake is Oakland County's Premiere Retirement Community. Located minutes from Milford, Commerce, West Bloomfield and Waterford, this Luxury Senior Community offers unparalleled quality and exceptional services to meet all your retirement needs.

Residents of Independence Village experience affordable private apartment homes with all the amenities that make life enjoyable. Huron Valley's best known activity director, Rita Sandon, inspires residents to meet and enjoy new friends through entertainment and special events.

The staff invites you to visit on Saturday, May 19, or Sunday, May 20, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. for the Spring Open House. Community tours are available. Plan to stay and enjoy entertainment and refreshments. Call (248) 360-7235 to RSVP.

Beverly Immel, General Manager, said

"Our community offers a wonderful opportunity for seniors to enhance their life with new friends and social connections."

"I continually see our residents rejuvenate their mind, body and spirit through music, exercise and laughter."

For residents needing a little extra support, Enhanced Services are offered in "The Harbors."

Independence Village offers the perfect blend of independence and support. The convenient shuttle service makes driving optional.

"Independence Village: The Best in Senior Living!"

Call (248) 360-7235 to arrange a personal tour.



Professionally Managed by Senior Village Management.



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Let our family of experts help your family with your retirement needs. Pictured above are, from left, Julie Goodreau, Food Service Director; Carolyn Pelland, Leasing Director; Rita Sandon, Activity Director; Beverly Immel, General Manager; Lisa Iacobelli, RN; and Sarah Fenton, Property Administrator.



Photo by MICHAEL PILOTTI

Dr. Ruffin, left, shares her office with her best friend Palmer, a 6-year-old golden retriever.

New Hudson Chiropractic Wellness Center • Dr. Paula Ruffin

(248) 486-5684 • www.drruffin.com

Stamina, flexibility, and peace of mind are attributes that define a positive quality of life that we all desire. Dr. Ruffin has those attributes and works hard with her patients to help them regain those things for themselves.

Ruffin knows what it takes to ride a bike to the top of a mountain. The reward she gained from biking that mountain — looking down at Lake Tahoe and realizing her achievement — was driven by the same force that she employs when caring for each of her patients.

Ruffin knows treatment for many ailments is sometimes a long, tough journey. That's why she helps her patients with her compassion and drive equal to that of her personal mountain biking achievement.

Her best friend Palmer is also avail-

able in the office if patients wish a second opinion. Palmer is Ruffin's 6-year-old golden retriever who comes to work with her every day.

The journey to better health begins with an understanding of what brought you here first and what things will get you back to a life you can happily live within.

For this journey, Dr. Ruffin looks at your whole lifestyle, not just your symptoms. It would be of little use to stop a symptom without understanding what caused the problem first.

"Customized lifestyle management for each patient is the key to proper treatment," Dr. Ruffin offered.

She can achieve this for all her patients through a variety of questionnaires, surveys and tests. This helps her determine the connection between the hidden problem that shows itself

as the symptoms we feel or exhibit.

Dr. Ruffin credits her personal drive and lifestyle to her mother who made it a point to always prepare homemade foods rather than rush to prepackaged foods high in processed carbohydrates. She also gives a nod to her father who gave her the strength to get in front of people and have the confidence to say what she truly believes in.

There are many more things about Dr. Ruffin that you can read on her Web site concerning the traits she has, continues to model in her life, and truly wants all of her clients to possess.

Visit Dr. Ruffin and Palmer at the New Hudson Chiropractic Wellness Center, located at 30033 Shepo, in New Hudson.

— By Michael Pilotti



Photo by JOHN R. HALL

Michelle Conforti is pleased to use the latest dental technology to bring happy smiles to the people of South Lyon.

Gateway Dental Care • Michelle Conforti, DDS

(248) 446-2700

Dr. Michelle Conforti picked the perfect name for her dental practice.

It wasn't necessarily because Gateway was the name of the new shopping center her office is located in. It is because the word symbolizes progress leading to a better future.

That is how she feels about her patients, helping them in progressive steps to better dental health, resulting in brighter smiles and a brighter future.

Conforti opened her office 1½ years ago with one goal in mind — bring happy smiles to the faces of her patients. And she has succeeded.

"Business has been awesome," she said. "We have met many friendly people here in South Lyon."

Conforti's training began in the dental school at the University of Detroit and progressed through a large Livonia practice. When her family made the

move to South Lyon, she made the move to bringing dental patients in the area to the high-tech world of dental care.

"We have all of the latest dental equipment that brings us into the digital and paperless world," she said. "Yet the office is very soothing and comforting."

Gateway Dental Care caters to people of all ages and Conforti is especially encouraged by the young people who visit her office.

"We are located right across from the high school so kids can make an appointment to come by after school. It is convenient for the parents, too."

As her practice grows, people continue to spread the good word about Conforti. She even rewards patients who refer new people with gift cards to local merchants.

Gateway Dental Care is located at

Michelle Conforti

Age: 44

Family: Husband Mike and 6-year-old son Zachary

Hobbies: Half-marathons and golf

Favorite Charity: South Lyon sports and school fund-raisers; juvenile diabetes research

25660 Pontiac Trail, in South Lyon. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. every other Saturday.

For more information call (248)-446-2700.

— By John R. Hall

Polished Outlook • Ruslana Medyanikova

(248) 685-9898 • www.polishedoutlook.com

Ruslana Medyanikova couldn't be happier as the owner of Polished Outlook, a salon, spa and boutique.

The Waterford resident purchased the Milford business last November after working at Polished Outlook for three years.

"We've made a few cosmetic changes. The services are just as wonderful as ever. Polished Outlook is a very popular, well-loved spa salon," Ruslana said. "We're just continuing to add more European services."

Ruslana still serves the public as an image consultant and esthetician. She specializes in European facials and other anti-aging spa treatments.

But operating a busy spa salon is not an easy task. Ruslana relies on assistance from her daughter, Alina. The two work together seamlessly to provide friendly customer service and a smoothly operating business.

The staff at Polished Outlook works carefully to create a relaxing spa atmosphere in a beautifully decorated historic art deco home. Clients feel a sense of relaxation as soon as they enter the spa, put on a pair of slippers and sit down to a cup of herbal tea.

Spa services, such as hot stone massage, spa pedicures, body treatments, European facials and spa manicures, are complimented by salon services, such as professional styling, color, hair

Ruslana Medyanikova

Family: Married to Vasyl with daughter Alina

Biggest Accomplishment: Moving to a new country six years ago with nothing but my family, learning and speaking the language, furthering my education, getting a good job and having the opportunity to own and operate Polished Outlook.

straightening, perms and up-dos.

Wedding parties have great fun at Polished Outlook. Friends can get together for a day of beauty with beverages and hors d'oeuvres to make the event complete.

Gift certificates are also available for every occasion.

— By Kate Phillips

Photo by KATE PHILLIPS

Ruslana Medyanikova, left, makes everyone feel special at Polished Outlook with help from her daughter, Alina.



Real Estate One Milford

(248) 684-1065 • www.realestateone.com

For Real Estate One of Milford, 2006 was a great year.

While home sales were slow for some companies, the women of Real Estate One kept going strong.

The Milford branch finished in the top 10 of all Real Estate One offices — winning both an office performance award and an office growth award. In addition to that recognition, they were also recently voted The Best Real Estate Agency for the Milford 2007 People's Choice Award.

Why do these women succeed?

"It's their skill in the development of lifetime relationships," manager, Vicki Ascherl observed. "They have proven records of customer service, industry knowledge, integrity and professionalism."

There are 25 women in an office of 35 agents, who come from a wide variety of occupations and back-

grounds. Some have been in the real estate business for 30 years, while some are new to the business. All use their unique insights and experiences to perform at their best. They work together to help clients sell homes, properties or businesses or to find the home of their dreams.

"They truly leave no stone unturned as they assist their clients in the achievements of their real estate dreams," Ascherl said.

Ascherl is proud of their professional and personal dedication.

"Not only are they a success in business, but they have a heart. Each month the group sponsors at least one charity fund-raiser. I'm as proud of that as I am of all their accomplishments." Two charities they support include Special Olympics and the American Cancer Society.

Stop by their office to learn more

"They have proven records of customer service, industry knowledge, integrity and professionalism."

— Vicki Ascherl
Real Estate One Milford

today. Real Estate One is located at 560 N. Milford Road, at Detroit Street in downtown Milford. Office hours are 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. — By Annette Jaworski



Photo by ANNETTE JAWORSKI

Ready to help you buy or sell real estate are, from left, back row, Vicki Ascherl, Deana Wallace and Cyndi Robinson; second row, Trista Whitmire, Caroline Spencer and Margaret Angelosante, third row, Lynn Delamilleure, Mary Ann Wilson, Nancy Hutchison, Mary Pearce and Marlene Reinhardt, front row, Linda Mitchell and Pat Boyle.

Always Special & Personal • Renee Tacy

(248) 889-1203 • www.alwayspecialandpersonal.com

Renee Tacy of Highland has carved out a niche for herself with her own candle business called Always Special and Personal, LLC.

Renee and her family actually make every candle by hand and sell them through direct marketing, candle parties fund-raisers and craft shows.

But the candles are no ordinary candles. They're all-natural soy candles.

"I got into candle making because soy candles are healthier than other types of candles," Renee explained.

With asthmatic family members, Renee was quick to discover that traditional paraffin candles emit soot and toxins because they are created from crude oil.

So Renee's family started working on highly scented soy candles that are 95-percent soot free, non-toxic and non-carcinogenic.

There's extra value in candles at Always Special & Personal because they actually burn much longer and cooler than paraffin candles and don't tunnel, leaving the outside of the candle left unburned.

Many ladies like to have candle parties with Renee's candles because the items cost less than candles from other companies, are available at the party without special order, and include free merchandise for hosts.

Those looking for custom candles to coordinate with a room, or for shower or wedding favors, can create a custom design with Renee. Any color, scent and candle holder can be combined for a personalized look — with quantity discounts.

Renee even provides custom candles for her church that are stenciled with a symbol of the Holy Spirit.

Renee Tacy

Family: Married to Jeff with five children and one granddaughter

Hobbies: Rollerblading, crafts and family time

Renee is offering a special to anyone who mentions this article. They will receive 10 percent off their next purchase.

— By Kate Phillips

Photo by KATE PHILLIPS

Renee Tacy displays handmade soy candles she offers through Always Special and Personal, LLC.



Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce

(248) 685-7120 www.huronvcc.com

Fast-paced, friendly and fun might easily describe the daily routine at the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce.

With Joell Beether as executive director, Renae Behr as membership and sponsorship manager, Laura Bolyard as office manager, and Yvonne Peake as administrative assistant, there's never a dull moment.

"We all thrive on a crazy, fast pace. You have to be ready to change gears quickly," Behr noted.

You may know them primarily as the host of Milford Memories, but they're behind many other events and activities that benefit chamber members and the community at large.

As a resource center, they function as kind of a "hub of the community," Behr noted.

"People will call us for anything, like if they planning a wedding, or putting a new roof on their house," Beether added. "We're obviously here first and foremost to support local business."

With the difficult economy, it gives people a new way to network and get referrals, Beether pointed out. There are scores of different events throughout the year that allow businesses exposure to the community and prospective customers.

Upcoming Chamber Events

Milford Memories • August 10, 11, 12

Christmas Parade • 10 a.m. Nov. 24

Although located in Milford, the chamber embraces Highland, Commerce and White Lake area businesses as well.

With the 45 years in existence, Bolyard noted, "We have a pretty good track record and longevity for a chamber."

One reason the group accomplishes so much is the teamwork that thrives between them.

"With the amount of work and manpower involved, you have to have people who give 110 percent," Beether said.

Interested in finding out more? Why not come to the Coffee Club the third Friday of every month at a new location each month.

"There's so much growth and opportunity, not just in membership but in programming and education. We're trying to take it to the next level," said Beether.



Photo by ANNETTE JAWORSKI

Helping the businesses of the Huron Valley area are, from left, Renae Behr, Joell Beether and Laura Bolyard.

The Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce is located at 317 Union St., in downtown Milford. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

— By Annette Jaworski

American Dance Academy • Melva Zavisa

(248) 486-9664

"Take the first step ... and we will turn that first step into dancing!"

This has been the motto of the American Dance Academy for more than 28 years — 11 of them in South Lyon.

Whether the dancer is a beginning student, recreational dancer or has aspirations to be a performing arts dancer on Broadway, ADA is ready to help them meet or exceed their goals regardless of age, experience level or gender.

Melva Zavisa, co-owner of ADA with her husband Greg, continues to be energized by running the academy.

"I find that after owning a dance school for more than 28 years, the greatest inspiration comes from watching the youngest little tiny tots blossom and succeed through the years into beautiful, talented young

adults," she said.

ADA is not just about dance. It is about growing confident people and offering dynamic learning and instruction at developmentally appropriate levels. It's about challenging the children to be their best, and mostly it's about fun. Students also finish the school year in style, demonstrating the fruit of their learning in a performance, rather than a recital.

And the formula seems to have worked for Melva and her team of certified and seasoned instructors. Year after year, students continue to excel as they reach for their potential.

"We have students not only dancing professionally," Melva said, "but on scholarships at universities, traveling all over the world, and realizing their dreams, whatever they may be."

Melva has instilled a culture of cre-

*"I know that we
are doing what we
feel in our hearts
because we love to
teach dance!"*

— Melva Zavisa
American Dance Academy

ativity at ADA. One example is a unique class in musical theater, that blends dance with singing and stage performance for students who are looking to hone their skills for a performing arts edge. Their voice coach-

ing also sets the studio apart from others in the area.

The American Dance Academy has been recognized by the community for its excellent dance education. It has been voted the No. 1 Best Dance School four years running by the South Lyon Herald's Peoples' Choice Awards.

Melva is affirmed from within that she has found her niche.

"At the end of a long, difficult night of teaching, when the last student has left and it is quiet," Melva said, "I know that we are doing what we feel in our hearts because we love to teach dance!"

The studio is conveniently located at 22886 Pontiac Trail, in South Lyon.

Melva invites all interested to inquire about enrollment and class options.

— By Scott Runyon



Submitted Photo

Melva Zavisa owns the American Dance Academy with her husband, Greg.

JD Photography • Jean Dendel

(248) 797-7607 • www.jeandendelphotography.com

When one has the experience and the creativity to create lasting memories, it is only logical that she use her skills to manage a business that brings smiles to the faces of her customers — literally.

That's what Jean Dendel of JD Photography has been doing for the last three years — creating lasting memories through her professional photography skills.

Dendel, along with husband Mark, has been making a name for her business in the South Lyon community and beyond. Weddings are part of her portfolio, which also includes portrait photography and light industrial photography.

"My family has always been artistic," she said, "and photography has always been a passion for me — even since I was a child. One year my aunt drove over to our house in the dead of winter to deliver an autobiography of Margaret Bourke-White, a master photographer. I learned all about photography

at a very young age."

Dendel believes that it is important to capture just the right image. That's why she takes her time with every customer.

"There is not a lot of creativity in production-line photography," she explained.

Her years of experience at Ford Motor Company taught her some very interesting things about photography beyond what many portrait photographers experience.

"I enjoy working with people although industrial photography can be very interesting," she said.

Besides wedding and industrial photos, Dendel has experience working on special assignments within the South Lyon community. JD Photography donates time to take photos for local schools. In addition, Dendel has worked for local event planners. Her work includes portrait photography for special Christmas cards.

Photo shoots can be arranged at a cus-

Jean Dendel

Age: 52

Family: Married for 32 years with two daughters and three grandchildren

Hobbies: Downhill skiing, golfing and enjoying family, friends and fine wine

Favorite Charity: The American Cancer Society

Favorite Organization: South Lyon Chamber of Commerce

tomers' location or at Dendel's home studio.

For more information call (248) 797-7607 or (248) 486-1327, e-mail Jean at jdendel@cablespeed.com, or visit the Web site at www.jeandendelphotography.com.

— By John R. Hall Jean Dendel loves to make people smile.



Photo by JOHN HALL



Photo by CYNTHIA GROCHOWSKI/DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

The friendly staff at Bifano Eye Care in South Lyon enjoys meeting their patients' eye care needs. Pictured are, from left, Karen Cooker, Nora Morin, Rhonda Bifano and Amy Hoakenhull.

Bifano Eye Care • Rhonda Bifano

(248) 446-1146

The day Rhonda Bifano was told she needed to wear glasses was one that would change the course of her life forever.

Bifano is an owner of Bifano Eye Care, located at 317 N. Lafayette, in downtown South Lyon. Her familiarity with the optometrists office was what originally drew her to the field, as she has worn glasses most of her life.

"Many people ask me if I have optometrists in my family, but I don't," Bifano said. "It's just something that I've always been interested in."

A graduate of Ferris State's optometry program, Bifano has been in the business for more than 17 years. She opened the South Lyon practice nine years ago.

"I would tell any woman interested in opening their own business to just go for it," Bifano said.

"I think a lot of people in my field are intimidated by the thought of opening their own practice, but it's not really that hard to do."

Located in a historic home, Bifano's practice is an

environment that is friendly and cozy for patients. The setting immediately puts people at ease, realizing Bifano's goal of non-intimidating and comfortable care.

The small-town feel is perfect for the optometrist, who lives in South Lyon with her family.

One of her favorite things about her job is the fact that she gets to work with the public. And being a resident of the area, she sees many familiar faces amongst her patients.

Another benefit of her private practice is that it allows her the flexibility to spend time with her two children, who are 9 years old and 10 years old.

She also has time to enjoy golf and exercise — two of her favorite pastimes.

Bifano Eye Care is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Call (248) 446-1146 to make an appointment.

— By Kristina Drake

Bob Saks Buick • Brandy Dollinger

(248) 437-3530 • www.bobsaks.com

Brandy Dollinger loves her challenging job as new-car manager at Bob Saks Automotive Group of New Hudson.

She has just completed her first year as the new-car manager after 11 years working in new-car sales.

She believes that she's helped make the New Hudson Buick dealer even more successful because of her focus on taking customer service just a step farther.

The friendly, good-natured manager is never too busy to spend time with any customer that calls.

She loves being a part of special surprises, such as delivering a car with a huge bow as a gift, or working out an elaborate pres-

entation for a graduate picking up a gifted car.

Bob Saks has been in business for more than 30 years and is preparing for its big expansion this fall.

A new dealership is being built on Pontiac Trail at Milford Road, near the I-96 interchange. It will feature Buick, Pontiac and GMC along with used cars and a large service department.

Bob Saks is a full-service part, body shop and service dealership.

They offer free pick up and delivery of your vehicle for service within a 10-mile radius of the dealership.

The service department also offers free diagnosis of the vehicle and a free loaner vehicle if the repair is more than \$200.

Brandy Dollinger

Family: Dorothy, 8; Ellie, 7; Mary, 6; and Lily, 5

Favorite Charity: St. Robert Church and School in Flushing

Stop by today for a \$9.95 oil change.

Visit Bob Saks now to test drive the brand new Buick Enclave and say hello to Brandy Dollinger.

The new dealership is located at 54000 Grand River Ave., New Hudson, or call (248) 437-3530 for more information.

— By Kate Phillips



Photo by KATE PHILLIPS

Brandy Dollinger works hard for her customers as the new-car sales manager at Bob Saks Buick.

Changing Image at Hair Station • Louise Mizera

(248) 437-0009

Louise Mizera feels that everyone, regardless of his or her age, is entitled to be beautiful.

The owner of Changing Image at Hair Station has been working with her customers to develop an image they can be happy with and show off to others.

Mizera plans to show off those images to people walking into her downtown South Lyon shop and in her advertisements. She believes that real-life examples of before and after images send a powerful message.

"I like using real images to show what kind of work I do," Mizera said, who bought the business a year ago and has been showing a changing image.

She has kept touch with her traditional customers and also is inviting new customers who want all of the latest fashion trends.

"Our main goal is to beautify people

and make them feel very good when they leave," she said.

Mizera has been in the hair-fashion business ever since high school and has worked in many different salons in suburban Detroit. She eventually began working at the Hair Station part-time before getting the opportunity to begin her own business. She plans to make a successful go of it because of her care for her customers.

"I serve the customers," she said. "I get to know them and understand their needs. They all should look beautiful because beauty on the outside makes them feel good on the inside."

Mizera said she can offer options to her customers that can change their appearance.

Changing Image at Hair Station is located at 553 S. Lafayette St., in South Lyon and is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; and

Louise Mizera

Age: Ageless

Family: Married

Hobbies: "I like to camp with my husband and we bike, paddleboat, swim and do things together when we can. We love nature."

Favorite Charity: Forgotten Man Ministry

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Mizera will make evening appointments and "won't shut off the open sign until everyone has been served."

Call her at (248) 437-0009 for your appointment.

— By John R. Hall



Photo by JOHN HALL

Louise Mizera, owner of Changing Image at Hair Station in South Lyon believes that every person should be given the opportunity to be beautiful.



Photo by NATHAN MENOIAN

From left, Christine Ansara, Susan Schrader, and Anne Dietz, work as a team, guiding the business of Diamond Castle Jewelry in Novi every step of the way.

Diamond Castle Jewelry

(248) 442-2440 • www.diamondcastlejewelers.com

Selling quality jewelry at the most competitive prices is what Diamond Castle Jewelry in Novi is all about.

Sue Schrader, a long-time store employee, helps purchase current, high-fashion jewelry at an affordable price from jewelry shows all across the country. Diamond Castle passes that savings on to their customers.

For the customer, Schrader said, buying jewelry is a happy occasion because it represents special events like engagements, weddings, anniversaries and graduations.

She likes the store because of the family atmosphere, the wonderful customers, and the fact that the store is dedicated to quality and service.

"Anne is a Master Jeweler, and takes a lot of care and time in repairing your piece of jewelry," Schrader said.

This full-service jewelry store does everything from watch repairs to custom-designed jewelry, and provides a level of service they believe is the best around. A gemologist is on staff, and the store

specializes in GIA- and EGL-certified diamonds.

"We have jewelry for every occasion, and so many selections," Ansara said. "And since the store doesn't have to pay high rent, like businesses at the mall, we pass more savings on to our customers."

Diamond Castle also carries an extensive collection of Swarovski crystal. A store remodeling is planned to expand their showroom.

Family-owned since 1902, Diamond Castle is proud of their referral and generation-to-generation business they have earned. The women at Diamond Castle take care of the store from morning to night, guiding the business every step of the way. They all work as a team, and have high respect for each other.

Diamond Castle Jewelry is at 39955 Grand River Ave., in Novi. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

— By Nathan Menoian

Huron Valley State Bank • Lori Verbrugge

(248) 684-9626 • www.hvsb.com

Lori Verbrugge knows what it takes to make the long haul, recently completing a grueling 26.2-mile marathon at Disney World in January.

Going the extra mile is certainly something that Lori and the staff at Huron Valley State Bank are doing for their customers. Each of the professionals at the bank knows their customers by first name and will bend over backward to help in any way they can.

"We make all our banking decisions locally," Lori said, "and that means no waiting for out-of-state approvals for your banking needs."

Living in Milford for more than 16 years, Lori and her husband Dave are part of the same fabric as the customers who walk through the door of Huron Valley State Bank. She takes pride in starting a bank in her community to help her neighbors.

Lori loves her career because it gives her a chance to "help customers achieve their financial goals." She and her associates can do that because Huron Valley State Bank offers great products and services just like the big banks:

online banking and bill payment, telephone banking, mortgage and equity loans, small business banking services, commercial loans, and more.

When Lori gets her second wind, she is busy contributing her time to the Milford Business Association, Huron Valley Council for the Arts, The Highland Business Association and the Huron Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Huron Valley State Bank is located at 525 N. Main St., Suite 260 in Milford. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

Coming soon is the new Huron Valley State Bank location at Milford and GM roads in the fourth quarter of 2007. The new facility will offer plenty of parking, drive-through service and safety deposit boxes.

Leave the long-distance running to Lori and bank locally at Huron Valley State Bank.

— By Michael Pilotti



Photo by MICHAEL PILOTTI

The women of Huron Valley State Bank are, front row, from left: Ronica Goetterman and Darlene Reardon; Back row, Lori Verbrugge and Nellie Corey.

Meet the women who help bring your local paper to you every week



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If bright, healthy, and happy smiles are what you want, then look no further than the team of Laurie Jayne Toomajian and Piiamari Bowers, dentists and partners at Laurie Jayne Toomajian, DDS & Associates of Northville.

What makes their practice different from others is the fun and professional atmosphere.

"We want to make dental work as fun as it can be," Toomajian said. "We laugh as much as possible."

"We provide dental service with state-of-the-art equipment," Bowers added. "But we also care for our patients overall health."

Both dentists graduated from the University of Michigan Dental School. Toomajian opened her Northville office in 1988, after being associated with other practices after her graduation. Bowers joined Toomajian seven years ago after her own

Laurie Jayne Toomajian

Family: Married with one daughter

Hobbies: Spending time with family

Favorite Charity: Local schools and organizations

graduation.

The dentists promote a family atmosphere at their practice at 339 N. Center St., in downtown Northville. They treat adults and children with a great deal of care in the relaxed atmosphere, even as Toomajian said, "if it means holding a patient's hand during treatment." The entire staff's commitment to its patients begins with a highly trained and enthusiastic dental team and an emphasis on working well together.

Piiamari Bowers

Hobbies: Outdoor activities including hiking, reading, church, movies

Favorite Charity: Local schools, organizations and churches

"Our whole team is motivated to work together to help our patients," Bowers added.

The staff has one goal: To continually develop their practice, build lasting relationships with their patients and their families through thoughtful on-going dental care, and to establish strong roots in the community.

For an appointment or more information, call (248) 348-6780 or visit www.smilenorthville.com.

— By John R. Hall



Photo by JOHN HALL

Piiamari Bowers, DDS, and Laurie Jayne Toomajian, DDS, are committed to helping the community and their patients.



Photo by JOHN HALL

Lisa Vanderhoof is preparing for a move to a new office in South Lyon.

Allstate Insurance Company • Lisa B. Vanderhoof (248) 486-2800 • agent.allstate.com/lvanderhoof/welcome

Lisa B. Vanderhoof has been a familiar face in a familiar building for 14 years in South Lyon. Now, the Allstate agent is moving to new surroundings and bringing some new programs for her customers with her.

Her new office is located at 22180 Pontiac Trail, Ste B, just south of the soon-to-be Walgreens, which is replacing her current building.

"The new building will have a more professional look," Vanderhoof said. "I was able to design it with a private room for Spencer Vanderhoof, which affords him more privacy to discuss the financial needs of our customers. Customers can talk to Spencer about various financial services that we offer, including annuities, life insurance, and long term care, while I handle their property and casualty needs."

Although she has been comfortable in her old office, Vanderhoof is looking forward to the open setting she has designed for herself and fellow agent Tammy Rose. "I look forward to being able to greet my customers as they walk in."

While there, clients can learn about special new boat and motorcycle policies, which Vanderhoof calls "extremely competitive."

She is also excited to talk about Allstate's new Gold or

Lisa B. Vanderhoof

Age: 51

Family: Married for 19 years to business partner, Spencer Vanderhoof

Hobbies: Entertaining guests for dinner

Favorite Organization: Co-chair of Women's Forum, a monthly social networking dinner activity of the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce

Piaunum 'Your Choice Auto' insurance programs that feature accident forgiveness. "This benefits all clients from day one of their coverage," she said. "These programs also feature a decreasing collision deductible."

Vanderhoof, a graduate of Michigan State University with over 25 years of insurance industry experience, is happy to continue serving her customers, which is one part about the move that will never change.

— By John R. Hall



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"I operate in a medical manner, but want

Sue Alderson, R.N., aesthetic nurse, invites clients to come in to enjoy a relaxing spa experience while looking their best with new skin treatments.

people to come in and feel comfortable,"

Alderson said of her office's spa-like atmosphere. "This is where you can come in to relax, restore and rejuvenate."

As a registered nurse for more than 25 years, Alderson views her services as an art, studying each person's face and finding the best treatment for each individual. Yet her skills as a nurse provide an important component of safety and experience.

Alderson serves as state director for the Association of Medical Aesthetic Nurses and also sits on the group's board of directors.

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Fountain of Youth Skin Renewal Centre is proud to carry a number of physician-grade skin-care products and a full line of mineral make-up, reflecting Alderson's philosophy that beauty is only skin deep.

Susan Alderson

Age: 54

Family: Married with four children and seven grandchildren

Hobbies: Spending time with family

Walk-ins are welcome as time permits. No-pressure consultations are provided at no cost.

Fountain of Youth Skin Renewal Centre is reasonably priced and within the affordable range for most people.

Fountain of Youth Skin Renewal Centre is located in Fountain Square Plaza on M-59 at U.S.-23.

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— By Sally Rummel

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Do you remember how the simple shoeshine boy became the cartoon hero Underdog? He lived to help the oppressed. This is the same spirit that has guided Armene Kaye since she was a child.

"I wanted to be a super hero fighting for justice," Kaye said. "I protected kids at school from the bullies." That sense of protection and compassion has matured into a career that embodies heroic acts in family law, estate planning, business law and civil litigation cases.

Armene's intense focus on the business that bears her name is occasionally diverted. She does take time out to play Frisbee with her dog, coincidentally named Justice. A dusty putter and bowling ball sit idly by, remnants of a previous life not consumed by law. Armene confesses that even in her free time, she finds herself contemplating legal strategies that will benefit her clients and their families. Albeit, much to the dismay of her family and friends.

Make no doubt about it; she makes her clients a top priority.

"I make house calls, hospital visits and have evening appointments available," she pointed out. "I handle a lot of my initial consultations over the phone. People seem to appreciate that the most."

When purchasing her professional legal services, Armene believes clients should know their attorney is trustworthy and is dedicated to ensuring their full satisfaction. By maintaining membership in the Better Business Bureau, Armene demonstrates that she takes her livelihood and clients seriously.

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— By Kate Phillips



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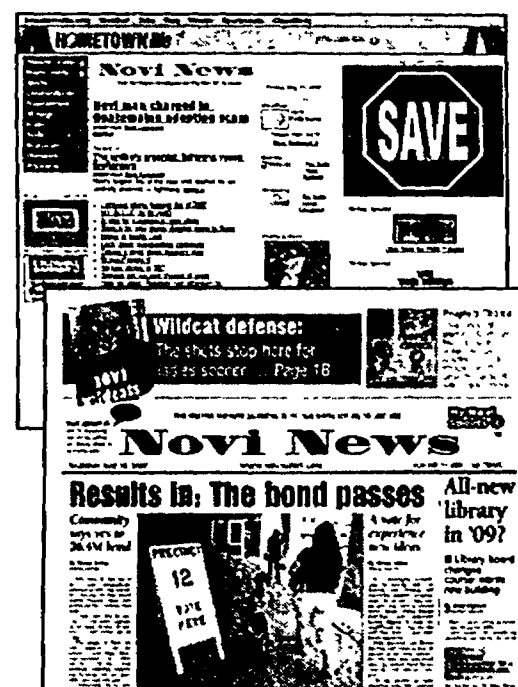
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Jane Geen may spend a lot of her career time mentoring and encouraging other women in her sales position with Mary Kay Cosmetics, but she hasn't given up her face time with individual women who consult her for facials, make-overs and personal consultations.

As an Independent Future Executive Senior Sales Director for Mary Kay Cosmetics, Geen has worked her way up in her 20-year career to a position that now has her leading Geen's Dream Team, a unit of approximately 50 women, in their own careers, as well as three offspring sales directors.

While much of her day is spent mentoring team members and marketing her business as a new member of the Huron Valley

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Jane Geen enjoys helping other women look beautiful and start their own career.

Chamber of Commerce, Jane still enjoys the work that got her into Mary Kay in the first place — giving women an opportunity to try Mary Kay Cosmetics in the comfort of their own home with a personalized consultation.

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"You never know who you're going to meet or how you're going to touch each other's lives," Geen added.

She likes to meet women where they are in their lives, remembering the time in her own life when she was working for an aerospace company and looking to work part-time as the time came to have a family.

That time never came, and Geen's work with her Mary Kay clients became more important to her than her corporate job.

Jane Geen

Age: 49

Family: Married to David with golden retriever, Sydney

Hobbies: Golf, bowling, walking, various church activities, which include playing keyboards with the contemporary worship team

Favorite Charity: The Rainbow Connection because they grant wishes to kids with terminal and life-threatening illnesses.

She hasn't looked back.

"You can run your own race at your own pace," Geen quoted, with a smile, knowing that's exactly what she has done.

— By Sally Rummel

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Lotus Bank, a full-service commercial bank, is the first to open in Novi in 20 years.

Lotus Bank is seriously focused on providing full banking services. Located temporarily at 45650 Grand River Ave., Lotus Bank is building their office headquarters in Novi, off of Twelve Mile Road, across from Fountain Walk. The plan is for the bank to move into the new building by the end of the year. They plan to add locations in Troy and Canton before the end of the year.

Two women with dedicated banking careers are working for Lotus Bank: Michele DeJaegher, assistant vice president — business accounts, and Jennifer Burley, banking officer.

DeJaegher, a Novi resident, said the duo's greatest accomplishment has been opening the bank.

"We're two women setting up the bricks and mortar of starting a bank from scratch, and wanting to succeed in this community."

She says her goal is to help businesses succeed and attain their goals, add value to their business, and help get them to where they want to be.

"We have a good foundation here," Michele said. "We're one team and helping the customer is what we're all about."

Jennifer Burley is in charge of setting up the retail operations, opening accounts and visiting schools to help younger students learn about savings accounts.

"I meet the customers coming in up front," Burley said. "Everyone gets treated equally. It doesn't matter the size of the bank account."

Lotus Bank features the newest technology such as Remote Data Capture, allowing businesses to initiate electronic bank deposits from their office without having to come to the bank.

Lotus Bank is open 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday.

— By Nathan Menoian



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Michele DeJaegher, left, and Jennifer Burley are part of the team that has opened Lotus Bank of Novi, the first commercial bank to open in Novi in 20 years.



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"My goal is your goal —
a sold house."

— Cyndi Robinson
Real Estate One Milford

smoking or pet odors. Although tempting, she believes that sell-by-owner is not a wise decision in a highly competitive market. A word of advice — leave it to the pros so you won't end up being penny wise and pound foolish.

Marketing is one of Cyndi Robinson's strengths. She has a proven track record as top agent at Real Estate One from 1992-2006. Her use of extensive marketing

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Stock cabinets by Merillat continue to be so popular at KSI that this small eight-store company is the second-largest distributor of Merillat cabinetry in the U.S.

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Even people who are putting their homes up for sale are investing money where they know they'll capture a buyer in a very competitive market.

"A new kitchen or bath will sell your home," Opfer said. "It's an investment many people are willing to make."

Designer Sharon Field-Camilleri said that dark cabinetry colors are coming back in, as



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Brighton's store manager Alda Opfer, CKD, left, and designer Sharon Field-Camilleri relax on an island in one of the many kitchens on display.

well as two-toned woods for trim or mixing two different colors together.

Simple, clean lines are more popular than ornate, formal designs. And gadgetry, such as

full-extension drawers and a soft close feature, are extremely popular.

"Women get most excited about roll-out trays, better storage and easy access, while men really get into the gadgets like soft-close drawers, plus countertops," both designers said.

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— By Sally Rummel



Alda Opfer, CKD, shows off one of the most popular kitchen displays in the store. Customers love it because of its simple lines and special features.



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television again and I can tell street signs from in the car," Robert states. He encourages others with low vision, "Don't hesitate! He who hesitates gets left behind. People who see my glasses and ask to look through them can't believe what a difference they make."

Octavius Germany, age 91, from Dearborn was seen in January. A retired architect and engineer, Octavius had a goal of driving again. With his new glasses he states, "Everything in the distance looks clearer...I'm impressed with my new lenses. This is what's going to win the day for me."

For John Roberts, age 82 driving became dangerous as he couldn't see the street signs or traffic signals. However by fitting special telescopic lenses into his regular prescription "I was able to drive once again. I could see the TV screen in its entirety. With another pair of special reading glasses I could read small print once again."

Valerie Bassett, 79, a music teacher and church organist from Essexville, MI was turning down music students because she could not see the music from the teacher's position. Dr. Smith fit Valerie with telescopic glasses with an adaptor to read music. "Now I use my glasses to participate in worship service, sing hymns and read the bible. I can read music. It's wonderful to be able to see again. I have a new lease on life!" says Valerie.

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Eating and the Elderly: Approaching Diet As You Age

Parents often hear about the need for their children to eat a healthy and balanced diet. But what about the parents of those parents? As people age, a balanced diet remains important.

For seniors, maintaining a healthy diet is very important as they head deeper into their golden years. Oftentimes, maintaining a healthy diet means making changes to your existing diet to counter the changes in body composition experienced as you grow older. Because your body will gradually lose bone and muscle while gaining fat as you grow older, these changes can go a long way to helping you maintain your current health.

• **Keep protein a part of your diet.** As people grow older, protein becomes more important, in large part because protein helps

to maintain a healthy immune system and prevents the wasting of muscle. Discuss with your physician the various ways in which you can incorporate high quality proteins, such as fish, eggs and poultry, into your diet.

• **Make sure you're eating enough carbohydrates and fiber.**

A diet with the right amount of fiber will help you avoid problems such as constipation. Carbohydrates are necessary because they provide a good source of energy, something seniors need if they hope to maintain a more active and less sedentary lifestyle.

• **Continue to consume calcium.**

Bone diseases such as osteoporosis can be the result of calcium deficiency, and most seniors will admit their calcium intake isn't what it should be. Since osteo-

porosis weakens bones and makes them more susceptible to breaking, consuming calcium is essential for seniors to avoid potentially debilitating breaks. Seniors who don't like the taste of milk or other dairy products, can consider a calcium supplement or regularly include broccoli, a good source of calcium, in their diet.

• **Drink enough water.**

Dehydration is common among seniors due to the reduction in the body's overall water content. Regardless of thirst, seniors should drink water with each meal. Oftentimes, low water levels in the body can result in fatigue. How much water you should drink depends on individual body weight, so consult with your physician and stick to his or her recommendations.

• **Don't eliminate fat entirely.**

While it's important for seniors to limit their fat intake, fat remains an important energy source, so eliminating fat entirely is not a good idea. Low fat dairy products and lean meats are good sources of fat, which also provide necessary vitamins to maintain health. Also consider where you're getting fat from. If your preferred method of preparing meals is frying, that should be eliminated, as it will only lead to excessive fat intake.

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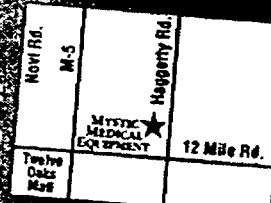
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Contrary to popular belief, moderate exercise to improve overall health doesn't require a slew of expensive equipment. You likely already have just what you need at home: a pair of good shoes.

Many people underestimate the power of walking. According to James M. Rippe, M.D., a cardiologist and director of the Rippe Lifestyle Institute in Shrewsbury, MA, almost all of the benefit you get from exercise comes from escaping the bottom 20 percent of people in terms of physical activity. To achieve this, all you need to do is walk for 30 minutes per day.

The Benefits of Walking

Walking just may be one of the most beneficial actions you can take. If the power of walking were compressed into pill form, it would be one of the most popular remedies ever. What's more, walking is something that is easy to do, requires no prescription and you've been doing it from as early as age 1.

Here are just some of the benefits of walking:

- **Weight loss:** Physical activity com-

combined with well-balanced eating can keep the pounds off. This means advantages in lowering risk of heart disease, cancer, diabetes and more.

- **Decreases your risk of heart attack:** Exercising just half an hour a day is associated with a 30 percent to 40 percent lower risk of heart disease in women, according to a 20 year Nurses' Health Study of 72,000 female nurses.

- **Moderates blood pressure:** Getting the heart pumping regularly conditions it to work more effectively and with less effort.

- Reduces "bad" cholesterol: Physical activity boosts good cholesterol (HDL) and lowers bad cholesterol (LDL), which causes plaque to build up on the walls of the arteries.

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Getting Started

Being sedentary is one of the worst things you can do for health, particularly if you have no medical reason to stay put. You don't have to run a marathon the first day. Build up to the recommended 30 minutes of walking by starting slowly and for whatever duration you can manage - even 5 minutes. As you gain confidence your momentum will approve.

Choose a safe place to walk that is also comfortable. Many seniors enjoy a stroll around an area mall because walking is not impeded by weather conditions. Still, you can walk on the boardwalk, around a scenic lake or wherever else you choose.

Overcoming Obstacles

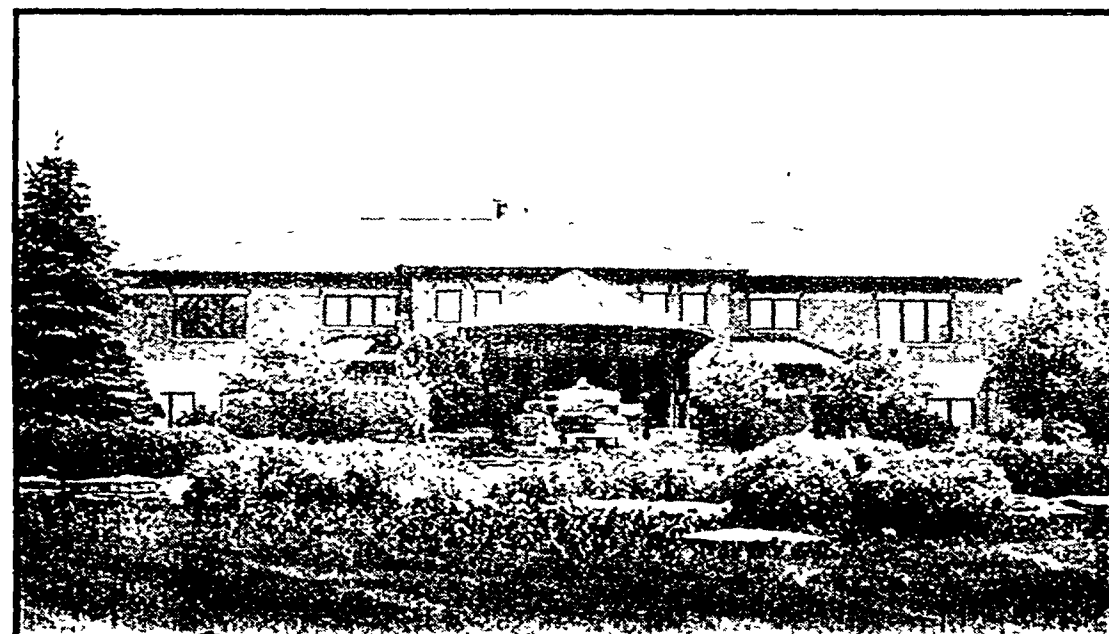
If you feel unsteady walking, or have had a fall or broken bone that limits mobility, there are solutions. You can use walking poles, which will give you balance and a little extra body strength. If you use a walker or cane, still get out there and get moving as much as possible.

Water exercises can also be beneficial. The water serves to support your body, and walking through water provides subtle resistance that can build strength. Check out area health clubs or senior centers that have a pool.

If dizziness or balance is a concern, you may need a new hearing aid or glasses. Sight and ear function contribute to balance.

If you're concerned about safety or embarrassed to walk alone, start a walking club or go with a friend. Remember, having the support of others will make it more likely you'll continue in your fitness goals. You can also get a dog as a walking companion. Requiring two or more walks per day, a dog can be the incentive you need to get moving.

Remember to check with your doctor before beginning any exercise routine.



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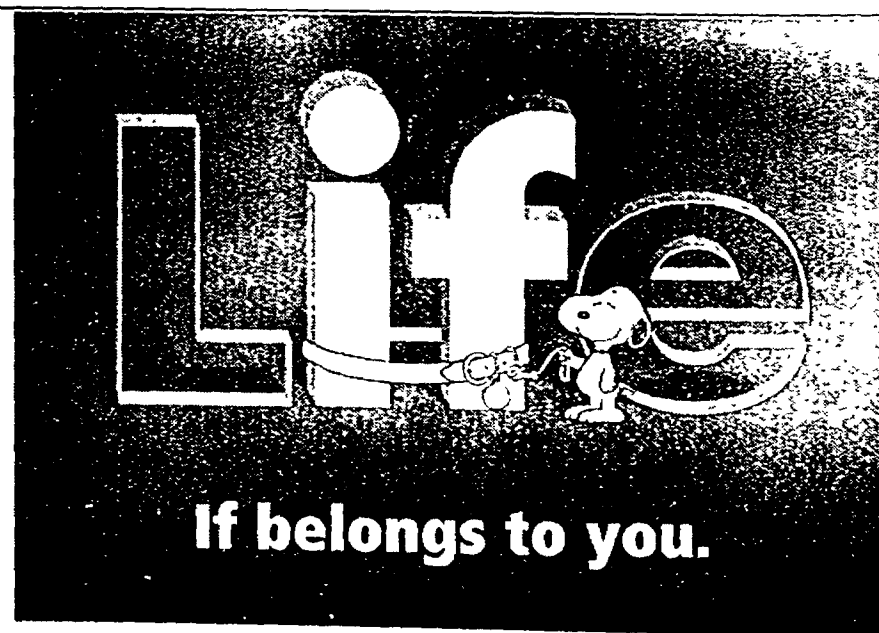
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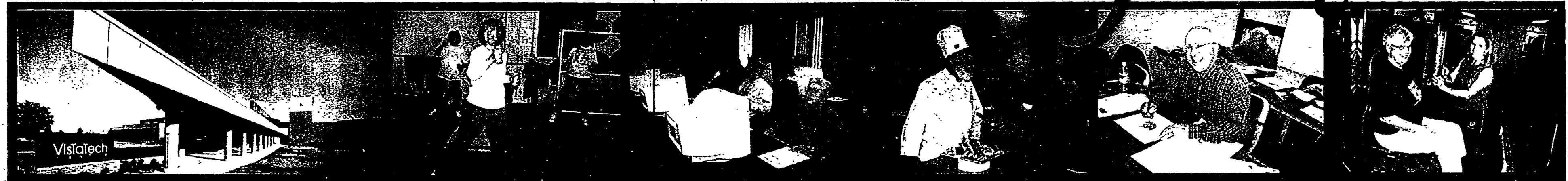
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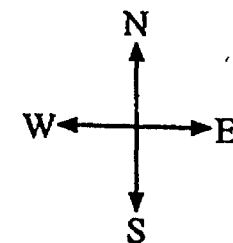
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- Northville:** Located at the top left, with a compass rose and a diamond-shaped road sign.
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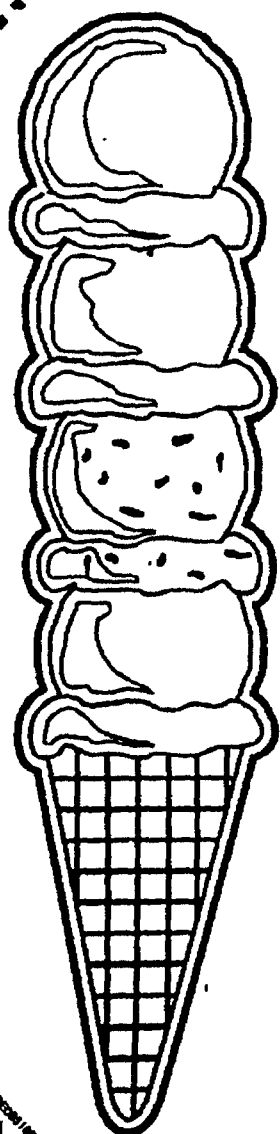
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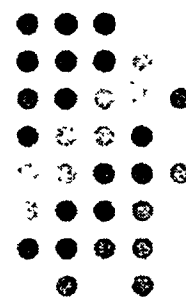
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Estimates suggest that millions of people are injured each year from medication errors - mostly seniors. This should come as no surprise because seniors often take several prescriptions to maintain health and manage chronic diseases. Studies show the average senior takes four or five prescription drugs and two over-the-counter drugs on any given day, and this can compound the risk for complications. That adds up to quite a number of pills and liquids being consumed daily, which can be confusing in and of itself. Plus, slower metabolism among seniors means that drugs will remain in the body longer than in younger people, making them more prone to adverse drug reactions and the potential for overdose.

Limit Risks From Medication Mistakes

There are ways to reduce the chances for mistakes when it comes to your medication.

1. Notify your doctor of all over-the-counter, prescription drugs and vitamin or herbal supplements you are taking. Every one of these items has the potential to interact with new drugs your doctor may be thinking of prescribing.

2. Take the drugs your doctor prescribes according to directions (time of day, empty/full stomach, duration). Do not stop a medication without consulting with the doctor first, even if it seems like it may be a good idea.

3. Be aware that drugs can be listed and prescribed by their trade or generic name.

4. Some over-the-counter medications contain the same ingredients. For example, cold remedies can contain acetaminophen (Tylenol), therefore taking pain relievers on top of cold medicines could prove dangerous.

Always read the packaging and warning labels before taking a drug or supplement.

5. Drinking alcoholic beverages when you are taking some medications may alter their effects or create hazardous reactions.

6. Pharmacies may offer special services to make managing medications easier. For example, some can print labels in larger print for the vision impaired. Prescriptions may be color-coded if multiple members of the family are taking different drugs and the opportunity for confusion exists.

7. Paper prescriptions may become extinct soon. New computerized systems for prescribing drugs may reduce the number of drug-related mistakes. Studies indicate that paper prescriptions are associated with high error rates. Electronic prescribing is safer because it eliminates problems with handwriting legibility and, when combined with decision-support tools, automatically alerts prescribers to possible interactions, allergies, and other potential problems. Technicalities still need to be worked out, but

forecasters predict that by 2008 all health care providers should have plans in place to write prescriptions electronically.

8. Develop a rapport with your pharmacist. He or she can prove a wealth of knowledge on medications and answer any questions you may have concerning prescriptions or general health care.

9. Create a system at home that keeps medications organized according to when you need to take them. Some people prefer a pill organizer in which they distribute pills. When the caddy is empty, they've taken all the pills for the day. Others feel this presents confusion because the pills are taken out of their original bottles. A chart placed in the bathroom or where you keep your medications could prove handy.

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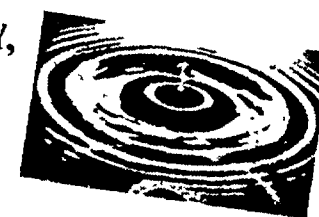
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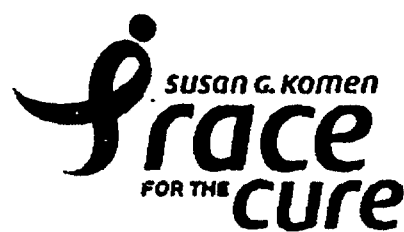
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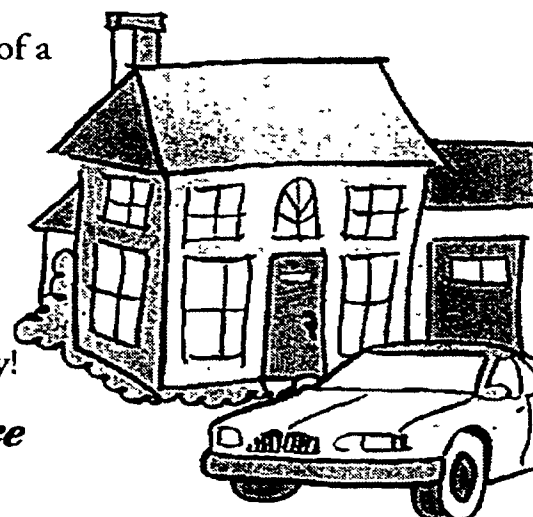
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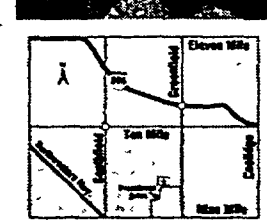
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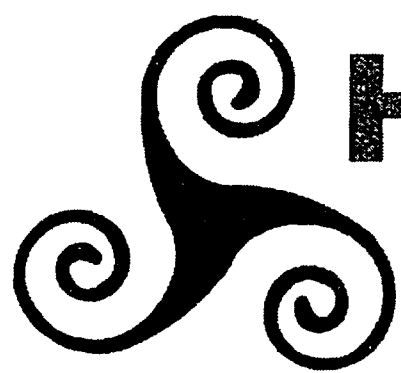
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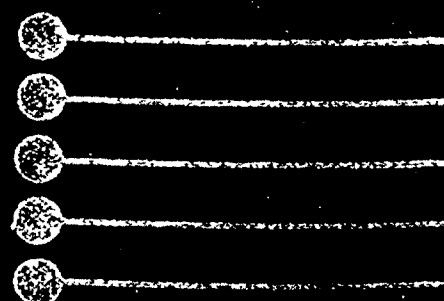
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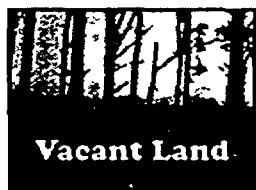
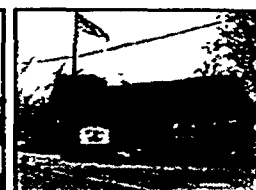
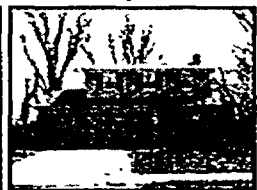
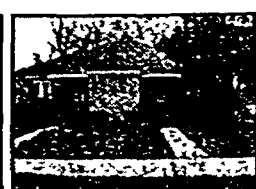
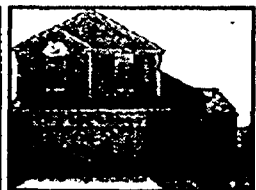
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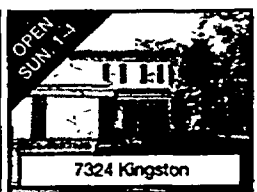
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BETTER THAN NEW Built in 2004, this home features Bruce Hardwood flooring, 9 ft ceilings, corian counters, oak cabinets, 6 panel doors t/o, Master w/bath & WIC, & a acre lot.
\$238,900 (P-60BI)



7324 Kingston

**N OF FORD
W OF NEWBURGH**
MOVE IN READY Enjoy this totally remodeled end unit condo. Updates include all fixtures, windows, & hwd floors. Add to this an attached Garage, fireplace, & great location.
\$129,900 (P-324KI)



2355 Amsterdam

**S OF CHERRY HILL
W OF BECK**
CONDO LIVING AT ITS BEST Stunning view of nature Preserve from the Great Room & Dining Room. 1st floor Master w/bath, guest bedroom w/bath, 2 way fireplace, 1st fl laundry, & move in ready!
\$259,900 (P-355AM)



42925 - 42955 River Bend

**S OF HINES DRIVE
W OF NORTHMILLE RD**
BRAND NEW CONDOS 4 units available. Fantastic location overlooking woods & park. Top quality construction, cathedral ceilings, walkout bsmt, 3.5 baths, 2 car attached Garage, & more.
\$279,900 (P-935RI)



16468 Ridgewood

**S OF 6 MILE RD
W OF RIDGE**
CUL DE SAC LOCATION Check out this home featuring volume ceilings, open floor plan, neutral decor, maple Kitchen, Master Suite w/huge WIC & bath w/6 ft tub! Northville Schools. Must See!
\$409,900 (P-468RI)



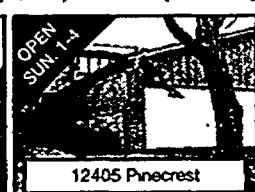
1215 Crowndale

**S OF CHERRY HILL
E OF BECK RD**
PHEASANT VIEW CAPE Outstanding home on a corner lot. Great floor plan offering dramatic ceilings, gourmet Kitchen, 1st floor master w/jetted tub & crown moldings, & a 3 car garage.
\$359,900 (P-215CR)



6382 Courtland

**N OF FORD RD, W OF
HAGGERTY**
GREAT HOME! Located in popular Pickwick Sub, this beautiful home has it all. Walking distance to parks, updates galore including roof, furnace, siding, gutters, paint, Kitchen, baths, & big screen TV stays!
\$234,900 (P-382CO)



12405 Pinecrest

**N OF ANN ARBOR TRAIL
W OF SHELTON**
PLYMOUTH CONDO Fantastic 3 bd, 3.5 bath condo w/an easy walk to downtown. 2 car attached Garage, lots of updates done in the last 2 years, too many to list.
\$237,500 (P-405PI)



15061 Gary Lane

**S OF 5 MILE
W OF FARMINGTON**
SUPER BRICK RANCH Charming home w/updated Anderson windows, Kitchen, bath, furnace, roof, insulated 2.5 car Garage, FR w/frpl, great yard w/Deck, pabo, & BBQ. Finished bsmt w/drybar & hwd floors.
\$198,500 (P-061GA)



45305 Woodleigh Way

**N OF ANN ARBOR RD
E OF CANTON CENTER**
TURN KEY COLONIAL Find quality & elegance 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.
\$348,500 (P-305WO)



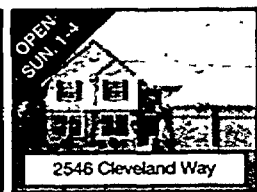
14949 Eckles

**S OF 5 MILE RD
E OF HAGGERTY**
PLYMOUTH - 1.45 ACRES Country setting close to Plymouth & Livonia shopping. 4 bd, 2088 sq ft, clean & neutral t/o. Decks off Master & Dining Room, large Patio w/hot tub, & treehouse w/elec.
\$239,900 (P-949EC)



14446 Yale

**S OF 5 MILE
W OF FARMINGTON**
LIVONIA RANCH Beautiful, spacious ranch featuring 3 bd, 3 baths, Family Room w/frpl, Master w/bath, finished bsmt w/wetbar, 2nd Kitchen, & bath, lots of storage & great landscaping.
\$219,500 (P-446YA)



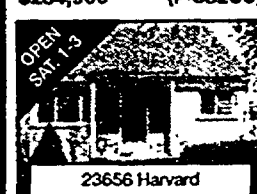
2546 Cleveland Way

**N OF GEDDES
E OF BECK**
SPECTACULAR CONDO Vacation at home in this gorgeous 3 bd condo w/1st fl Master, volume ceilings, walking distance to pool, fantastic view of pond from wall of windows, gourmet Kitchen, & more.
\$264,900 (P-546CL)



40463 Glen Eagle

**S OF PALMER
W OF LOTZ**
ELEGANT CONDO Enjoy the convenience of condo living in beautiful Links of Fellows Creek. 2 bd, 2 bath, Master w/large WIC, upgraded kitchen cabinets, carpet, custom blinds, & area pool & clubhouse.
\$177,000 (P-463GL)



23656 Harvard

**S OF MICHIGAN AVE
E OF TELEGRAPH**
IMMACULATE You must see this west Dearborn home to appreciate it! Pottery Barn inspired decor, refinished hwd, remod Bath & Kitchen, huge Master w/WIC, part finished bsmt, large Deck & charming neighborhood.
\$164,900 (P-656HA)



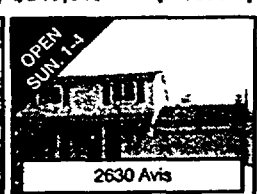
1923 Woodbine

**S OF PALMER
W OF LILLEY**
STUNNING CAPE COD Numerous accents abound in this open floor plan. 1st floor Master, refinished hwd, vaulted ceilings, gourmet Kitchen, Library, brick Paver pabo, huge bsmt, good location, & home warranty included!
\$299,900 (P-923WO)



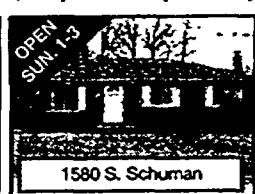
30654 Elmira

**S OF PLYMOUTH RD
E OF MERRIMAN**
LIVONIA RANCH This 3 bd brick ranch offers a spacious Liv Rm, remodeled bath, hwd floors in all bedrooms, finished bsmt, updated plumbing, elec, hwh, windows, & roof.
\$154,900 (P-654EL)



2630 Avis

**N OF 14 MILE RD
W OF RYAN RD**
BEST IN THE SUBDIVISION Totally updated colonial featuring 4 bds, 2.5 baths, & Family Room w/frpl. Updates include oak Kitchen, berber carpet, newer roof, hwd floors, & much more.
\$228,900 (P-630AV)



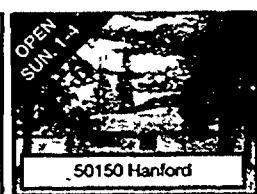
1580 S. Schuman

**N OF PALMER
E OF WAYNE RD**
THIS IS THE HOME FOR YOU Beautiful 3 bd ranch is move in ready! Great floor plan, open Kitchen, updated bath, new roof & C/A, vinyl windows, finished bsmt, big Garage & lots more. Call today!
\$149,900 (P-580SC)



28860 Five Mile

**N OF 5 MILE
E OF MIDDLEBELT**
DON'T MISS THIS ONE Awesome Livonia condo w/all the features you want! New carpet & hwd floors, & appliances inc. Priced to sell, nearly 20k under SEV. Motivated sellers say bring offers.
\$128,899 (C-860FI)



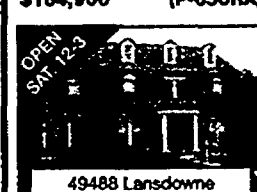
50150 Hanford

**N OF FORD
W OF RIDGE**
COUNTRY RANCH Move right into this 5 bd ranch situated on 5 acres w/creek winding thru it. Great Canton location, 2 natural fireplaces, game room, & too much more to list.
\$459,900 (C-150HA)



900 S. Carlson

**S OF CHERRY HILL
W OF WAYNE RD**
LARGE WESTLAND RANCH Move your family into this 3 bd home w/a large newer Garage, Family Room, completely remodeled in 2006, & more. Also for lease.
\$134,900 (C-900CA)



49488 Lansdowne

**S OF CHERRY HILL
W OF DENTON RD**
NEW COLONIAL Transfer forces sale of this recently built home w/over 65k in upgrades. Cherry Kitchen w/granite, plasma tv, new sod & sprinklers. You can't build a new home here for less than this price, lets make a deal!
\$399,999 (C-488LA)



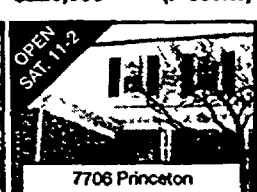
46889 Crestview Drive

**N OF 10 MILE
E OF BECK RD**
THE JEWEL OF ROMA RIDGE This beautiful colonial backs up to wetlands on a corner lot. 4 bd, 2.5 baths, oversized Master Suite, updated & freshly painted t/o. Priced to sell!
\$349,900 (P-889CR)



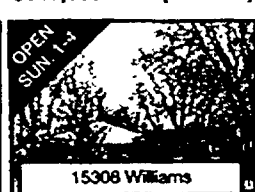
14997 Cavour

**S OF 5 MILE
E OF MIDDLEBELT**
UNIQUE & STYLISH Set on a large double lot, this home has hwd floors, huge Fam Rm, vaulted ceilings, beautiful backyard, updated windows, roof, C/A, furnace, & tons of storage. Home warranty.
\$149,900 (C-997CA)



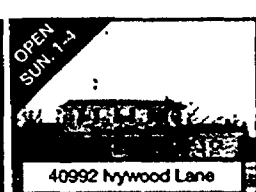
7706 Princeton

**N OF WARREN
W OF NEWBURGH**
JUST REDUCED!!! Recent price drop on this Westland condo w/Livonia schools. 2 bd, 2 baths, frpl, basement, Deck & master w/bath. All appliances included, plus low assoc dues.
\$129,900 (C-706PR)



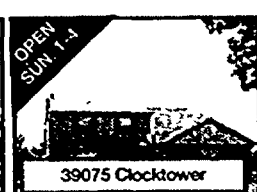
15308 Williams

**N OF 5 MILE
E OF NEWBURGH**
DESIRABLE AREA 3 bd, 1.5 bath brick home in a great area. Family Room w/frpl, part finished bsmt, 2 car attached Garage, all appliances included, & immediate occupancy.
\$169,900 (C-308WT)



40992 Nywood Lane

**S OF 5 MILE
W OF HAGGERTY**
PLYMOUTH BEAUTY 4 bd colonial w/huge Great Rm, beautiful top of the line Kitchen, in-ground pool w/fountain, Florida Rm w/hot tub, & more.
\$249,900 (C-992IV)



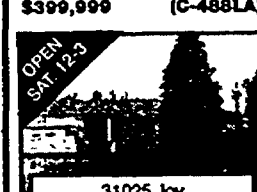
39075 Clocktower

**S OF ECORSE
E OF HANNAN**
NEWER COLONIAL This 4 bd, 2.5 bath home has a lot to offer. Spacious Fam Rm w/cathedral ceiling & gas frpl, island Kitchen w/pantry, 1st fl laundry, 3 car side entry Garage, & much more.
\$249,900 (C-075CL)



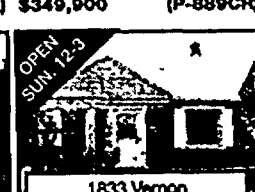
19213 Phlorens

**N OF ECORSE
E OF PALMER**
COZY & AFFORDABLE Move in & relax in this ranch offering an updated Kitchen w/stain steel appl, Liv Rm w/hwd flooring, new roof in 06, Garage, part finished bsmt, & party Deck in fenced yard.
\$124,900 (C-213PH)



31025 Joy

**S OF JOY RD
E OF MERRIMAN**
MECHANIC'S DREAM Let your dreams come true in this Fully Loaded Bungalow! 3 bd brick ranch w/huge 3 car Garage w/pit & a drive rear door. Large fenced lot can be split, nice eat in Kitchen, full bsmt, & covered Pabo.
\$204,000 (C-025JO)



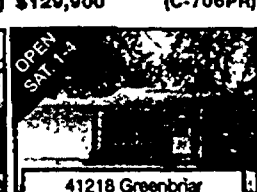
1833 Vernon

**S OF FORD
W OF TELEGRAPH**
FULLY LOADED HANGLOW Filled w/updates, Hunsdon tempered windows, vinyl siding, roof, appliances, C/A, beautiful wood door. Large fenced lot can be split, nice eat in Kitchen, full bsmt, & covered Pabo.
\$144,900 (C-833VB)



40350 Greenbriar Lane

**S OF 5 MILE RD
E OF HAGGERTY**
A PLYMOUTH JEWEL This 3bd, 2 bath ranch offers a Fam Rm w/frpl, oak Kitchen w/breakfast bar, door wall leading to Deck, privacy fenced yard, 1st fl laundry, 2 car Garage, & prof finished bsmt w/extra storage.
\$254,900 (P-350GR)



41218 Greenbriar

**S OF 5 MILE RD
E OF HAGGERTY**
OPPORTUNITY AWAITS This 4 bd home is located in highly sought after Lakepointe Village. Updated Kitchen, large Fam Rm w/frpl, 1.5 baths, newer furnace & C/A, appliances stay, & Home Warranty included.
\$209,000 (P-218GR)



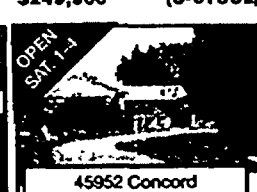
31543 Birchlawn

**N OF FORD
W OF MERRIMAN**
MOVE IN AND ENJOY Curb appeal abounds in this picture perfect Garden City gem. Great location, spacious double lot, many updates including siding, oak Kitchen, carpet, glass block, neutral decor, 2.5 car Garage w/opener, & room for an RV. Must see!
\$144,900 (P-543BI)



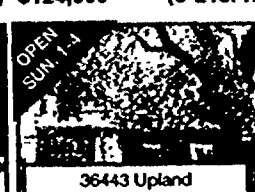
855 Drakeshire

**N OF MAPLE
W OF BENSTEIN**
ENJOY THE VIEW! This home is terrific for entertaining! Beautiful landscaped lot w/view of fountain & pond. Great Sunroom extends to Deck & Pabo, vaulted ceilings, updated oak Kitchen, finished bsmt w/garden windows, & more.
\$309,900 (P-855DR)



45952 Concord

**N OF ANN ARBOR TRAIL
W OF SHELTON**
DESIRABLE LOCATION Impressive Beacon Estates ranch w/4-5 bd, finished bsmt w/egress, 3.5 baths, updated roof, cedar closet, office, central vacuum, beautifully landscaped ... acre lot, & so much more.
\$399,900 (P-952CO)



36443 Upland

**S OF GLENWOOD
E OF NEWBURGH**
COURT LOCATION 3 bd, 2 bath home in popular area near parks & schools. Tranquil setting, Family Room w/raised hearth frpl, updated t/o, finished bsmt w/slate pool table included!
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What's your home worth – really?

(NAPSI) — Many homeowners are curious about the value of their property and would like to find a reliable way to get an estimate. Here are some tips on how to get the facts and not settle for a guess:

■ Don't always believe what you see at online home valuation sites. On some sites, you can enter your address and a property value pops up. While these sites can sometimes be fairly accurate, research has shown that they are often off the mark. The reason is that online valuation sites primarily consider public records data such as tax assessments or listings for sale — not current, independent appraisal data. Plus, Web valuation sites can't look inside a house to note major upgrades such as a new kitchen or other amenities. A good rule of thumb: Don't take a free Internet estimate to the bank.

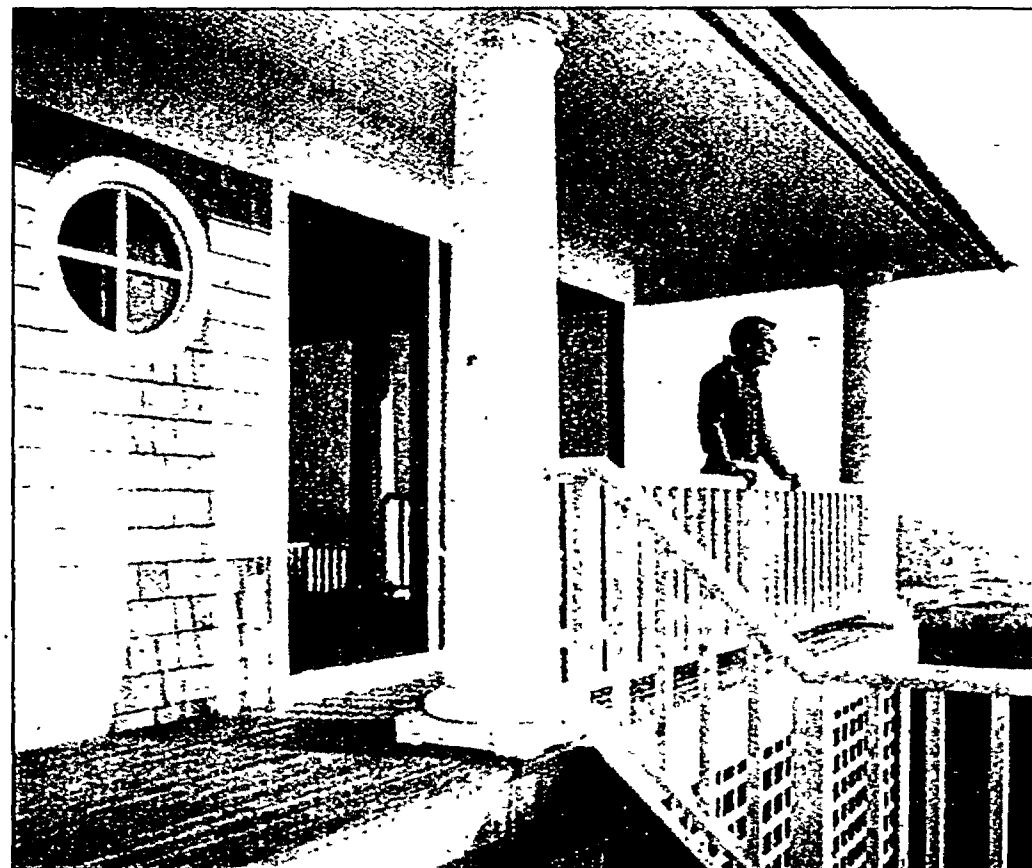
■ Not all appraisers are equal. The most reliable way to get a value estimate of your home is to use a professional real estate appraiser. Using current market data, knowledge of the area, a home visit and analysis of comparable properties, the appraiser arrives at an opinion of market value.

Appraisers are hired by banks or mortgage brokers during a pending sale transaction. Homeowners can also hire their

own appraiser as a check on the bank's appraiser, or for assurance that they aren't paying too much. Homeowners also use appraisers for home valuations when appealing property tax assessments, drafting wills, undertaking a major home renovation or dividing property pursuant to legal actions.

Although all real estate appraisers must be state licensed or certified, some appraisers increase their credentials by earning an SRA designation conferred by the Appraisal Institute to distinguish members experienced in the analysis and valuation of residential real property. They meet stringent education, experience and ethical requirements that surpass many of those required for state licensure. Appraisal Institute-designated appraisers can be found at www.appraisalinstitute.org.

Not all renovations add value. A common misperception among homeowners is that remodeling and renovating cost equals value. Remodeling a kitchen or bathroom may bring the greatest return on your investment, but some custom installations can actually detract from value. A good rule is to stick to what's standard in your neighborhood and consider projects that add square footage to bring a house up to — but not beyond — community norms.



Online sites that offer free home valuation may be significantly off the mark because they can't factor in upgrades.

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Home is where the money is

(NAPSI) — The American dream of homeownership is one of the best paths to accumulating personal wealth. According to a Federal Reserve 2004 Survey of Consumer Finances, the median net wealth of homeowners is \$184,400, while the median net wealth of renters is only \$4,000.

Owning a home gives families a sense of pride, stability and security, and for many, the roof over their heads also helps build a sizable nest egg. For example, a \$210,000 home purchased today with a \$10,000 down payment and a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage at 6.5 percent would cost a steady \$1,100 per month. After 10 years, assuming an historic 4.5-percent annual appreciation rate, the homeowner would have accumulated a net worth of \$138,521.

In comparison, over the past 10 years, the cost of rental housing in the United States has increased an average of 3 percent per year. A rental payment of \$1,000 per month, with a 3-percent annual increase, would amount to \$137,567 after 10 years, with no wealth accumulation.

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builder for many Americans. However, all real estate is local and this can lead to swings in a property's value in certain markets. While it may make sense to rent in some communities in the short term, buying is a safe, steady investment for buyers looking to own long term," said David Lereah, chief economist of the National Association of Realtors.

Owning is a form of automatic savings. Homeowners who make mortgage payments on an amortized loan (a loan where portions of the payment are applied to both the principal amount and the interest due) increase their home "equity," or wealth, every month. Equity also grows as the home appreciates in

value.

Homeowners also enjoy many tax benefits, including mortgage interest and real estate tax deductions on personal income tax returns.

While there are additional expenses that can be incurred from owning — like maintenance, insurance and taxes — the increase in homeowner's equity as the house appreciates usually outweighs these costs.

Owning a home involves commitment and responsibility, but it's also one of the best long-term investments consumers can make, for their finances and their future.

For additional information on the benefits of owning a home, visit www.realtor.org.

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LIVONIA \$179,900
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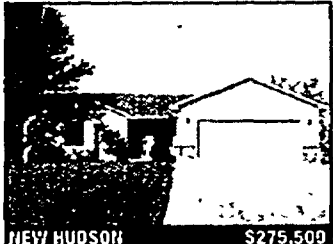
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MILFORD \$259,900
Updated Historic Victorian Colonial. Cherry hwd LR & dbl doors to Parlor/FR. Beautifully trimmed w/crown & chair rail mouldings. Lrg custom kit w/island & sitting area. Mstr ste w/WIC, balcony & updated bath, 3 car gar. Call Steve & Mandy Oaks 248-755-0897 www.oaksteam.com



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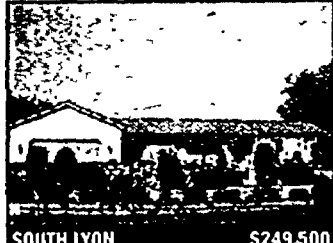


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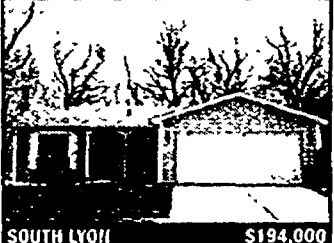


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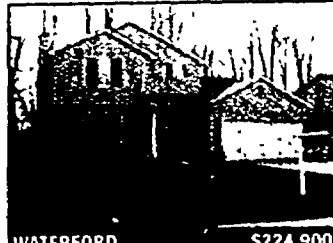
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Canton

50547 Amberley Blvd	\$161,000
43144 Applewood Rd	\$204,000
2411 Arcadia Dr	\$134,000
1835 Ashbourne Dr	\$263,000
42099 Briarcliff Ct	\$215,000
7548 Charrington Dr	\$247,000
8241 Chatham Dr	\$800,000
43497 Cherrywood Ln	\$214,000
46524 Crosswick	\$375,000
1480 Delancy Cir	\$450,000
49167 Dominion Ct	\$475,000
6820 Foxcreek Dr	\$300,000
47097 Glastonbury Dr	\$386,000
48516 Greenwich Cir	\$322,000
45173 Horseshoe Cir	\$155,000
232 Morgan Dr	\$196,000
45631 Morningside Dr	\$298,000
7061 Newgate Ct	\$265,000
4038 Norwich Dr	\$143,000
49816 Potomac Rd	\$229,000
2851 River Meadow Cir	\$244,000
48380 River Way Dr	\$420,000
43915 S Umlerland Cir	\$225,000
51209 Sleepy Hollow Ln	\$257,000
4441 Southbridge Dr	\$46,000

Farmington

32718 Grand River Ave	\$70,000
Farmington Hills	
29077 Glenbrook Dr	\$368,000
36846 Kenmore Dr	\$405,000
38365 Lowell Dr	\$340,000
29685 N Meadowridge	\$250,000
21117 Willow Ln	\$135,000

Garden City

7005 Inkster Rd	\$150,000
6065 Shotka St	\$196,000

Livonia

15650 Doris St	\$155,000
36188 Fairway Dr	\$105,000
14663 Fairway St	\$235,000
36644 Grandon St	\$125,000
10042 Hartel Ct	\$150,000
8948 Hartel St	\$175,000
29518 Joy Rd	\$65,000
29449 Linda St	\$158,000
39349 Lyndon St	\$198,000
11308 Mayfield St	\$185,000
11112 Middlebelt Rd	\$80,000
31104 Orangelawn St	\$182,000
39240 Orangelawn St	\$185,000
19434 Osmus St	\$183,000
38110 Ross St	\$178,000
9151 Stonehouse Ave	\$256,000
31719 Summers St	\$162,000
18246 University Park Dr	\$140,000
30006 Vassar St	\$230,000
32918 Vermont St	\$151,000

Milford

761 Milford Glen Ct	\$235,000
599 Tower Ridge Ct	\$300,000

Northville

17018 Boulder Dr	\$465,000
17018 Brooklane Blvd	\$468,000
16943 Courville Dr	\$382,000
17450 Deer Path Dr	\$475,000
49053 Freestone Dr	\$425,000
46710 Merion Cir	\$760,000
41777 Onaway Dr	\$106,000
49117 Rainbow Ln N	\$401,000
48806 Running Trout Ln	\$134,000

Novi

45441 Addington Ln	\$373,000
45167 Bartlett Dr	\$168,000
27668 Belgrave Place	\$351,000
51128 East Bourne Terrace	\$269,000
27909 Hopkins Dr	\$167,000
23157 Meadowbrook Rd	\$355,000
25583 Portico Ln	\$219,000
44751 Roundview Dr	\$320,000
41328 Todd Ln	\$238,000
24362 Venice Dr	\$290,000
23270 W Le Bost	\$224,000

Plymouth

1117 Beech St	\$260,000
10976 Chestnut Dr	\$205,000
14857 Greenbriar Ct	\$245,000
1530 Nantucket Rd	\$160,000
40847 Newport Dr	\$122,000
1754 Old Safem	\$243,000

11373 Pinehurst Rd	\$290,000
42483 Plymouth Hollow Dr	\$100,000
49479 Pointe Xing	\$155,000
11054 Sandalwood Dr	\$558,000
50929 Weston Dr	\$385,000

Redford

24774 Ashley Ct	\$190,000
9090 Beech Daly Rd	\$120,000
9171 Centralia	\$160,000
18494 Delaware Ave	\$138,000
12920 Norborne	\$57,000
8843 Riverdale	\$137,000
13561 Royal Grand	\$128,000
15182 Salem Ct	\$145,000
26649 Southwestern Hwy	\$75,000
26341 W Seven Mile Rd	\$65,000

South Lyon

1036 Cantor Ln	\$285,000
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Westland

31124 Geraldine St	\$125,000
8226 Huntington St	\$58,000
1117 Judith St	\$143,000
32541 Mackenzie Dr	\$162,000
36490 Newberry Estates Dr	\$370,000
2561 Nichols Ct	\$188,000
32459 Palmer Rd	\$106,000
549 Ravencrest Ln	\$158,000
819 S Merriman Rd	\$104,000
5165 S Middlebelt Rd	\$120,000
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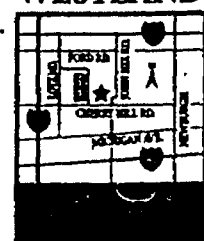
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NOVI \$1,100,000
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FARMINGTON HILLS \$949,900
Backs to Priv Lot. Cherry Flrs, 3 Fp's, 2 Stry Gr, Plantation Shutters T/O, 1st Flr Mstr W/Jacuzzi, Kit W/granite, Ss Appl's, Wet Bar, Jack & Jill Bth.
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FARMINGTON HILLS \$839,900
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NORTHVILLE \$590,000
Kit/bst area w/granite island & cntertops, SS apps, hw flrs & tp to grt rm. 1st flr mstr ste w/ granite, upgraded tile, sep. shower & WIC. bsmt & deck
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NOVI \$565,000
Private Cul-de-sac! 2 Stry Foyer, Hw Flrs V/O, Freshly Pnt'd Int, 2 Stry FR, 42" Cabs W/corrian Island, Jack & Jill Bth, 3.5 Car Gar, Unfin Deep W/O.
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NORTHVILLE \$549,900
Fin LJ W/den & Bth. Located Deep Insub. 2stry Grand Ent Open Fr Plan W/custom Flr, FP & Mantel. Built-in's in Libry/office, Granite Counters & Ss Appl
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NOVI \$524,900
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NOVI \$495,000
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NORTHVILLE \$450,000
Gorgeous Yard Shaded By Trees, Brs w/Oak Flrs, Newer Roof, Furnace, Some Windows - Peša. Huge Lr/tr- Both W/tp- One Fieldstone/one Brick & Mbr w/WIC
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NOVI \$440,000
Great value! 2 stry foyer, hw flrs V/o newer opt, updated mstr bth w/maple cabs, mstr ste w/ cath ceiling, sep sitting area, paver patio, 2.5 car gar.
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NOVI \$409,500
Exceptional Colonial in Desirable Addington Park. Great Location in Sub. Pro fin LL w/Media Rm, wet bar & bth. 3 car side entry gar. move in condition
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LYONS \$400,000
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MILFORD \$380,000
Custom Beauty w/Gourmet kitchen, hdwd flr, Skylights, Spacious Great room w/fieldstone fireplace, New master ste, Finished Walkout w/tpic, Wet bar & Sauna
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NOVI \$375,000
Former Model w/tree lined Bkyd Ext Pnt'd, HW flrs V/O, FP InGR, Patio, 2.5 Car Gar, Sidewalks in Sub, Jacuzzi & Shower in Mstr Ste, 1st Flr Lndry
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CANTON \$374,900
4 br, 2-1/2 BA col backing to trees & creek, 2 story foyer, Brazilian cherry hdwd in kit & DR, Kit opens to FR w/gas FP, LR & DR stepped 10R cigs.
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NOVI \$369,900
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PLYMOUTH \$349,749
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HAMBURG \$325,000
Right on the lake! Great rm w/dnwl to patio overlooking lake, huge mstr suite w/ french drs, cell fan & 2 wic. Updates include roof, siding & more!
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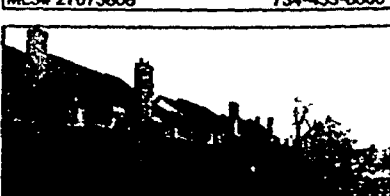
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LIVONIA \$299,900
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WHITE LAKE \$299,900
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CANTON \$275,000
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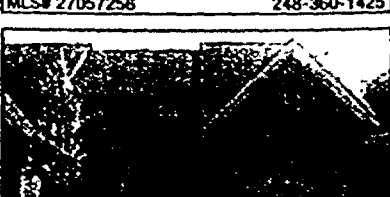
NOVI \$260,000
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SALEM \$215,000
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COMMERCE TWP. \$525,000
Custom Beauty, Secluded Lot, Gorgeous landscaping, Gourmet Kitchen w/42" cabinets, granite, hwd flrs, 1st fl in-law ste, sunroom, finished LL 3+Gar
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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$199,900
End unit condo w/nw flr t/o. 1st flr mstr, 1st flr laundry, grt rm w/vitd ceiling, gas fp & oak cabs & granite in kit, attchd gar, deck & p fin bsmt.
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HOWELL \$199,900
Great 3BR 2.5 BA brick ranch on lrg lcl fin walkout basement. Updated kit w/ all appls. opens to LR & DR. FR w/ FP, 2 doorways overlooking pond!
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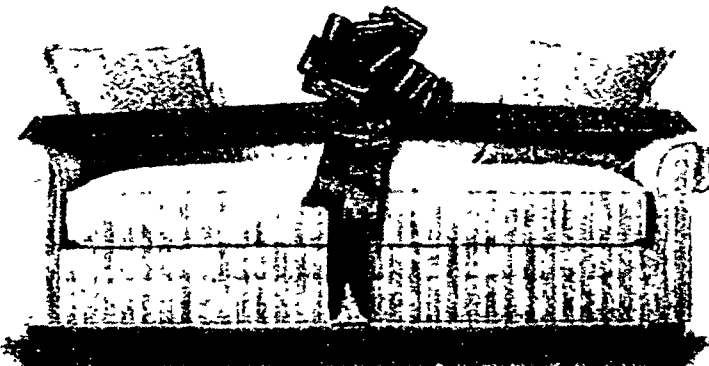


LIVONIA \$195,900
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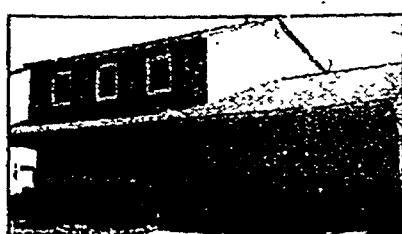
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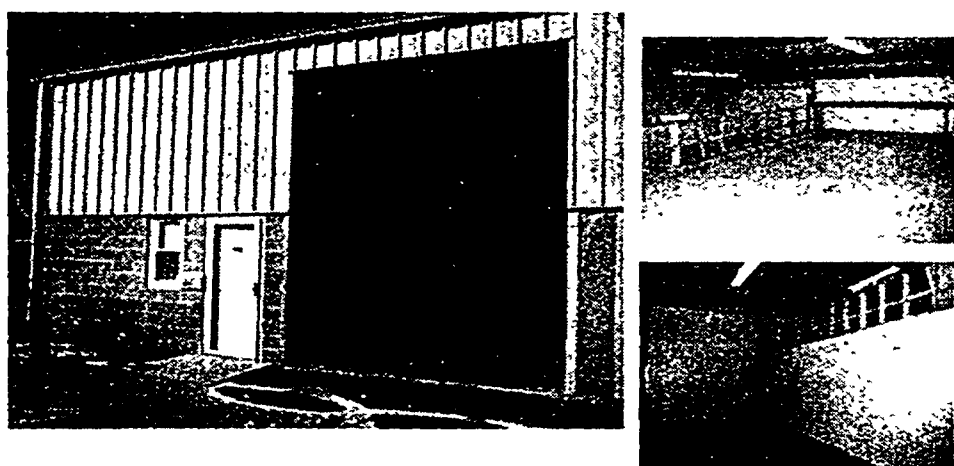


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For more information or forms, contact The Louisiana Case TeleCable Settlement Center by calling (800) 436-6136, writing P.O. Box 131110, Dallas, TX 75313-1110, or e-mailing TeleCableCenter@lecg.com. The settlement home page is <http://att.fsiwebs.net/rccorridors>.

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BRIEFS

BIA offers programs

Building Industry Association of Southeastern Michigan (BIA) and the Construction Association of Michigan will present the following programs:

■ On-site 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 - 8-11 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.

Registration fees, including continental breakfast, are \$60 for BIA members and \$85 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

■ 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.

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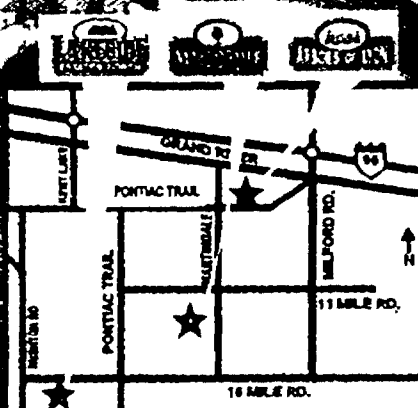
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Toilet display could violate condo restrictions

Q. One of the co-owners in our condominium has displayed a toilet painted in a particular school's colors underneath their deck in their back yard and the board is serious about fining them. Do you have any suggestions?

A. Besides it potentially being obnoxious, it may well, no doubt, be in violation of the condominium restrictions against maintaining a nuisance or otherwise placing personal property on common elements. If the board chooses to fine, the board should be sure that it complies with the notice and hearing requirements mandated by the Condominium Act and presumably the condominium documents.

Q. I have heard about a recent case in a co-op regarding mold related health problems which resulted in a dismissal of a claim. Do you any information?

A. I am advised that a couple claimed that mold-related health problems drove them out of their co-op building in New York. After reviewing 1,000 pages of testimony and more than 70



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scientific articles and books, the judge concluded that the couple had not shown conclusive scientific evidence that mold or a damp, indoor environment caused their illness. The court relied on the Federal Court of Appeals case of *Frye vs. United States* that

found that testimony regarding novel scientific evidence is not allowed if it has not "gained general acceptance in the particular field in which it belongs." The court in that case evaluated the mold sampling report, medical reports, and scientific writings and gave great weight to a 2004 report issued by the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine which found that existing research did not show sufficient evidence of a casual relationship between mold and symptoms complained of. The judge also considered a 2006 posi-

tion paper of the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma, and Immunology which did not find a causal relationship between airborne mold exposure and allergies, rashes, or fatigue. Of course, that is merely a New York decision and each case must be evaluated on its own facts. In other words, the court found that the couple's health problems could have arisen from other manifestations of building dampness such as dust mites, cockroaches, or chemical emis-

sions from building materials.

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

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FARMINGTON HILLS - A new report has just been released which identifies the 6 most common and costly mistakes that home buyers make when moving to a larger home.

Unlike the experience of buying a first home, when you're looking to move-up, and already own a home, there are certain factors that can complicate the situation. It's very important for you to understand these issues before you list your home for sale.

Not only is there the issue of financing to consider, but you also have to sell your present home at exactly the right time in order to avoid either the financial burden of owning two homes or, just as bad, the dilemma of having no place to

live during the gap between closings.

In answer to this issue, industry insiders have prepared a free special report entitled "6 Inside Strategies to Avoid Trade-Up Mistakes".

These six strategies will help you make informed choices before you put your home on the market in anticipation of moving to a larger home.

To hear a brief recorded message about how to order your free copy of this report, call 1-800-449-3218 and enter ID#2011. You can call anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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CREW seeks entries for real estate Impact Awards

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 com-

mercial 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.

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Registration fees are \$155 for BIA members and \$185 for guests. For registration information, call (248) 862-1033.

Golf outing is June 21

Commercial Real Estate Women Detroit's 11th annual golf outing will be Thursday, June 21, at Pine Knob Golf Course, 5580 Waldon Road, Clarkston. A portion of proceeds will benefit Alternatives For Girls in Detroit (www.alternativesforgirls.org).

Registration is 8:30 a.m. with continental breakfast; 10 a.m. shotgun start.

Cost is \$175 for golf, breakfast, lunch, happy hour and dinner or \$35 for happy hour and dinner. Register by June 14 online at www.crewdetroit.org or contact Megan Cottrell at (888) 866-CREW or meganc@crewnetwork.org. Prepayment and pre-registration are required.

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There will be golf prizes, door prizes and 50/50 raffle after golf at happy hour and dinner. Sponsorships are available for \$250 to \$2,000; contact Veronica Shepherd, (313) 929-5211 or veronica.shepherd@am.jll.com.

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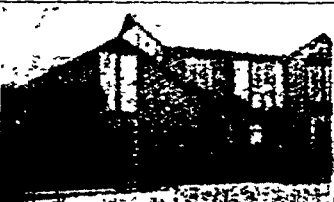








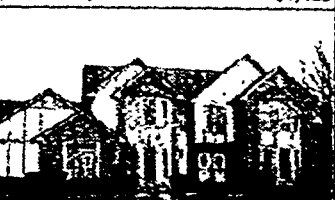






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PLUS Take \$100 OFF Instant Rebate

\$899
All Beautyrest NOW
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QUEEN SLEEP SET LESS \$100 OFF REBATE
\$749 **\$919** **\$1249**
TWIN SLEEP SET FULL SLEEP SET KING SLEEP SET
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All Beautyrest NOW
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TWIN SLEEP SET FULL SLEEP SET KING SLEEP SET
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\$179 Full Mattress \$299 2 Pc. Set
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\$159 Twin Mattress \$249 2 Pc. Set
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\$259 Queen Mattress \$399 2 Pc. Set
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\$209 Twin Mattress \$299 2 Pc. Set
\$279 Full Mattress \$399 2 Pc. Set
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sandals for her

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40-50% off

Fu Da*, N.Y.L., Gloria Vanderbilt Sport, daisy fuentes* sport and Tek Gear* active & fitnesswear for misses.

Orig. \$16-\$36, sale 8.00-21.60

selected items online P5163



50% off


Capris from Gloria Vanderbilt* & Lee* for misses, petites & women.

Orig. \$38-\$40, sale \$19-\$20

Selected styles.

selected items online P5164

Gloria Vanderbilt



entire stock

40-50% off

Dress shirts and neckwear for men from Arrow, Arist*, access, Croft & Barrow* and apt. 9*.

Orig. \$25-\$46, sale 15.00-27.60

selected items online P51614




entire stock

50% off

Silk and rayon camp shirts for men from Croft & Barrow*, Havana Jack's Café*, Natural Issue* and Marc Edwards.

Orig. \$30-\$42, sale 14.99-20.99

croft & barrow*



entire stock

50-60% off

Knit tops for men from Arrow, Sonoma and Croft & Barrow*.

Orig. \$14-\$38, sale 6.99-18.99

SONOMA life+style™.

selected items online P51615



entire stock

50% off

Croft & Barrow* shorts and swimwear for men.

Orig. \$24-\$30, sale 11.99-14.99

selected items online P51616

croft & barrow*



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30-50% off

Team apparel for men.

Orig. \$18-\$90, sale \$9-\$63

Excludes Nike* and adidas*. Schools & styles may vary by store.

selected items online: KOHL'S.COM



entire stock

50% off

Sets for boys 4-7, girls 4-6x & toddlers. Excludes athletic.



40-50% off


daisy fuentes*, Nino & Co.*, access, Stamp 10 and AB Studio collections for misses, petites & women.

Orig. \$16-\$74, sale 9.80-44.40

Selected styles.

selected items online P51612

daisy fuentes



entire stock

40-50% off


Sleepwear & loungewear for her.

Orig. \$12-\$45, sale 7.20-27.00

Excludes Chaps.

selected items online P5167

croft & barrow*



40% off


Bras from Warner's*, Playtex*, Lilyette* and Olga*.

Reg. \$20-\$32, sale 12.00-19.20

Selected styles.

selected items online P51618

warners



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selected items online F999

39.99 ea. Super Buy

Entire stock Diamond accent pendants. 10k gold. Reg. \$125 ea.

599.99 ea. Super Buy

Entire stock 1 ct. T.W. diamond rings. 10k gold. Reg. \$2,000 ea.



entire stock

50% off

Knit tops for juniors.

Orig. \$12-\$24, sale \$6-\$12

Selected styles.

selected items online P5168

sonoma



entire stock


50% off

Shorts for young men from Urban Pipeline* & Plugg*.

Orig. \$30-\$36, sale 14.99-17.99

selected items online P51618

urban pipeline



entire stock


19% off

Casual twill pants for men from Lee*, Croft & Barrow* and Sonoma.

Reg. 24.99-40.00

selected items online P51619

lee



entire stock

40-50% off

Sleepwear for girls 4-16, boys 4-20, toddlers & infants.

selected items online: KOHL'S.COM



entire stock

40-50% off

Dresses & sundresses for girls 4-16, toddlers, infants & newborns. Excludes collections.

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entire stock

40% off

Sunglasses and hats

Orig. \$10-\$32, sale 6.00-19.20

Accessories dept.

selected items online P5165



entire stock

40-50% off

Bath & body

Reg. 1.50-25.00, sale .90-15.00


Excludes grassroots™.

selected items online P5166

14.99

Scentsations™ coconut lime bath gift set. Orig. \$25

body source



entire stock

30-50% off

Watches

Reg. 19.95-695.00, sale 13.98-486.50

selected items online F999

16.99

7-in-1 interchangeable watch strap set. Orig. 34.99



entire stock

35% off

Candle's* apparel for juniors.

Orig. \$24-\$68, sale 15.60-44.20

selected items online P5169

Candle's



entire stock

50% off

Active bottoms for juniors.

Orig. \$18-\$26, sale \$9-\$13

Excludes Softe* & collections.

selected items online P51610



entire stock


50% off

50 fashion capris, casual pants & 5-pkt. jeans for juniors.

Orig. \$28-\$38, sale 13.99-18.99

selected items online P51611

sonoma



entire stock

40% off


Fisher-Price* & Playskool* toys

Excludes TMX Elmo & Baby Gear.

selected items online P51620

Fisher-Price

PLAYSKOOL



entire stock

40% off

Playwear for toddlers, boys 4-7 & girls 4-6x. Playwear not intended as sleepwear.

selected items online: KOHL'S.COM



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Summer STYLE

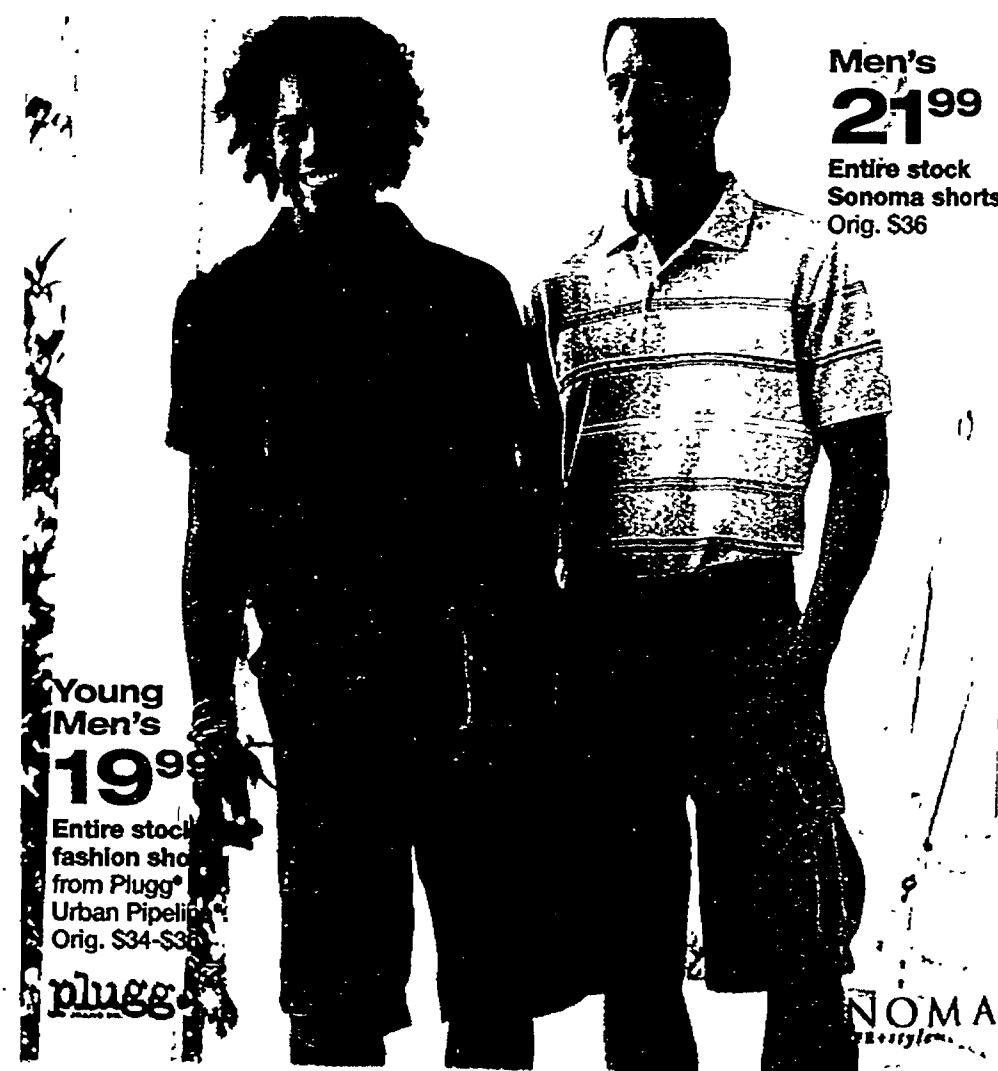
30-40% off

all shorts, skirts, and bermudas



Misses' & Petites' 21⁹⁹
Entire stock capris from Gloria Vanderbilt®, Lee®, Levi's® and Dockers®. Orig. \$38.
women's Orig. \$40, sale 23.99

Misses' & Petites' 17⁹⁹
Entire stock Sonoma capris Orig. \$30-\$34
women's Orig. \$38, sale 21.99



Men's 21⁹⁹
Entire stock Sonoma shorts Orig. \$36

Young Men's 19⁹⁹
Entire stock fashion shorts from Plugg® Urban Pipeline® Orig. \$34-\$38



Boys' 4-7 6⁹⁹
Entire stock Sonoma French terry and mesh shorts Orig. \$12

Girls' 4-6x 12⁹⁹
Entire stock Sonoma bermudas Orig. \$20-\$22

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Juniors' 17⁹⁹
Entire stock fashion shorts from GLO®, Angels® and I.e.i.®. Orig. \$26

Juniors' 19⁹⁹
Entire stock fashion bermudas from Angels®, Unionbay® and Mudd®. Orig. \$30



Misses' 19⁹⁹
Entire stock shorts from Lee®, Gloria Vanderbilt®, Levi's® & Dockers®. Orig. \$32
women's Orig. \$34, sale 21.99

Misses' & Petites' 16⁹⁹
Entire stock Sonoma skirts Orig. \$28
women's Orig. \$32, sale 19.99



Misses' & Petites' 19⁹⁹
Entire stock Croft & Barrow® capris Orig. \$30
women's Orig. \$34, sale 21.99

Men's 21⁹⁹
Entire stock Dockers® Classic twill shorts Orig. \$40

Young Men's 21⁹⁹
Entire stock shorts from Lee® Dungarees, Unionbay®, Tony Hawk® & U.S. Polo Assn. Orig. \$34-\$44



Boys' 8-20 16⁹⁹
Entire stock Urban Pipeline® cargo shorts Orig. \$28

Girls' 7-16 18⁹⁹
Entire stock fashion bermudas from GLO®, Bongo®, Mudd® and Unionbay®



Juniors' 19⁹⁹
Entire stock fashion capris and skirts from I.e.i.®, Unionbay® and Angels®. Orig. \$34

Juniors' 15⁹⁹
Entire stock SO fashion bermudas Orig. \$26

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THE NEXT WAVE **30-40% off all swimwear for the family**

Orig. \$16-\$86, sale 9.60-60.20  selected items online: KOHL'S.COM

16⁹⁹
ea. pc.
Baltex® swim
separates
for misses.
Orig. \$28 ea. pc.

Entire Stock
18⁹⁹
Basic swim
trunks for men
from Speedo® and
Nike®. Orig. \$32

Entire Stock
18⁹⁹
ZeroXposur™
swimwear sets
for girls 4-6x.
Orig. \$32

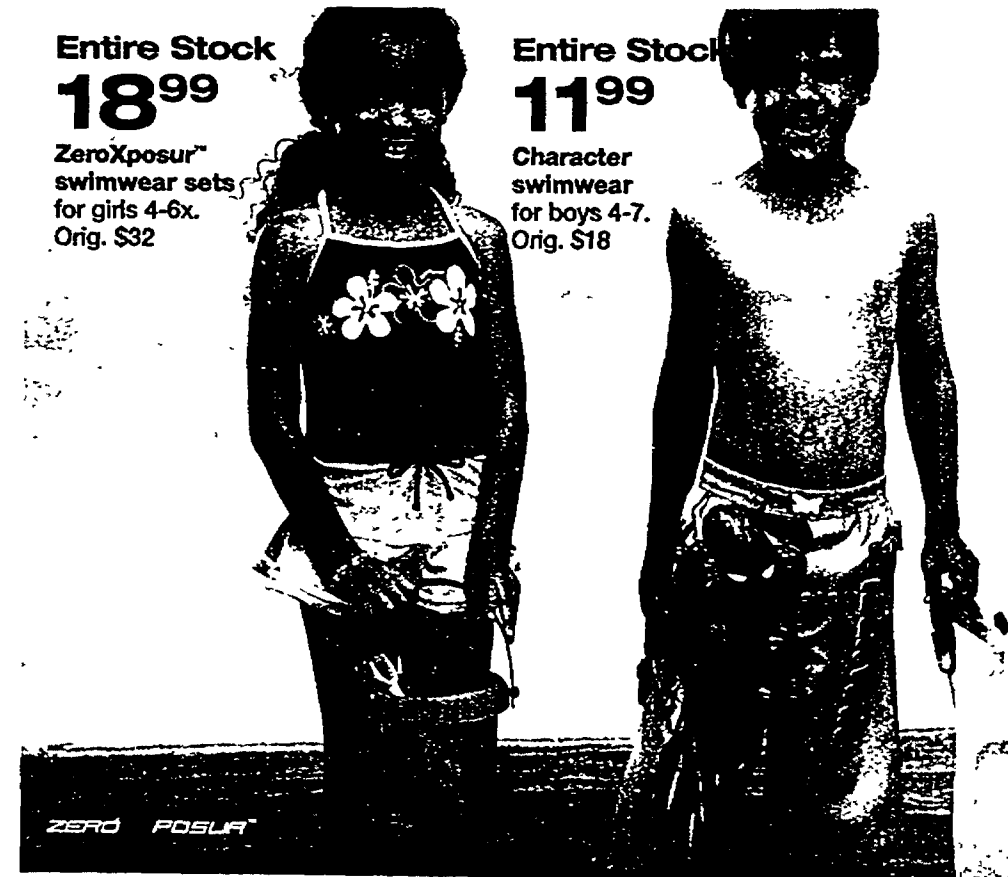
Entire Stock
11⁹⁹
Character
swimwear
for boys 4-7.
Orig. \$18

Entire Stock
17⁹⁹
Sonoma
swim trunks
for men.
Orig. \$30

19⁹⁹
ea. pc.
Sonoma swim
separates
for misses.
Orig. \$34 ea. pc.

Entire Stock
17⁹⁹
Tony Hawk
swimwear
for young
men. Orig. \$30

16⁹⁹
ea. pc.
Malibu Dream
Girl® swim
separates
for juniors.
Orig. \$28 ea. pc.



Entire Stock
27⁹⁹
Fashion swim
trunks for men
from Nike®
and Speedo®.
Orig. \$42

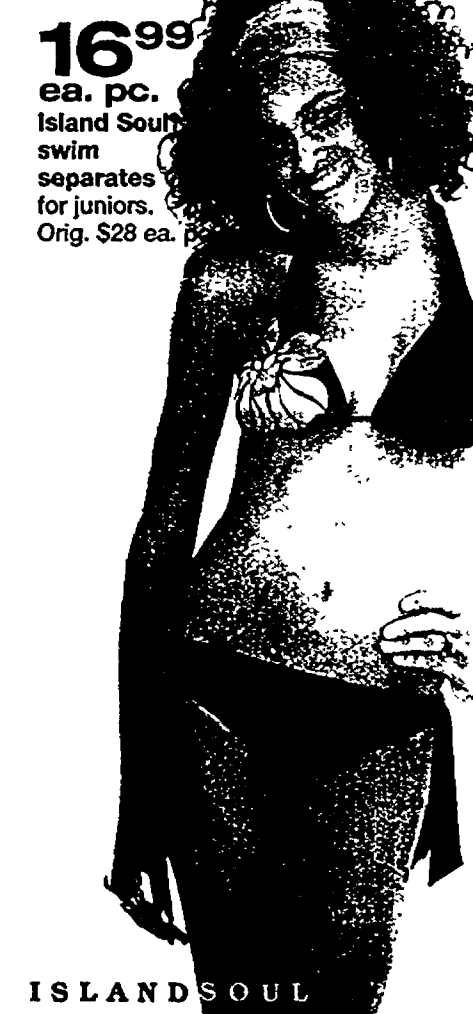
Entire Stock
15⁹⁹
ZeroXposur™
swimwear
for boys 8-20.
Orig. \$24

Entire Stock
19⁹⁹
Malibu
Dream Girl®
swimwear sets
for girls 7-16.
Orig. \$32

Entire Stock
11⁹⁹
Sonoma
swimwear
for boys 8-20.
Orig. \$20

46⁹⁹
Island Soul®
swimsuit
for misses.
Orig. \$88

16⁹⁹
ea. pc.
Island Soul®
swim
separates
for juniors.
Orig. \$28 ea. pc.



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on everything in store and online
every time you use your Kohl's Charge. Subject to credit approval. See page 27 for details.

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30-40% off all

apt. 9®, excess®,
Stamp 10, AB Studio,
Daisy Fuentes® and
Vine & Co.® sportswear

for misses, petites and women.
Orig. \$16-\$74, sale 11.20-\$51.20.
selected items online W2300

17.99

apt. 9® floral
stamp tank
top for misses.
Orig. \$26

27.99

Your choice of 9
patterned pocket
capris or excess
flap pocket capris
for misses.
Orig. \$40-\$44 ea.

22.99

excess printed
empire waist
nit tank top
for misses.
Orig. \$34

39.99
Chaps layered
top for misses.
Orig. \$59.50



CHAPS
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Entire Stock
30-40% off

Chaps, Villager, Sag Harbor®, Requirements®, West End
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Orig. 19.50-99.50, sale 13.65-69.65
selected items online W2300

Entire Stock
30-40% off

Sonoma tees,
tank tops,
polos and
woven tops
for misses
and women.
Orig. \$10-\$42,
sale 6.99-
29.40
selected
items online
P51631

SONOMA
ULTIMATE

30-40% off

Women's
sportswear from
Croft & Barrow®,
daisy fuentes®,
apt. 9®, Sonoma,
Sag Harbor®,
Villager & more.
Sizes 1X-3X
and 16W-24W.
Orig. \$14-\$48,
sale 9.80-33.60
Selected styles.
selected
items online:
KOHL'S.COM

croft & barrow

30-50% off

Petites' sportswear
from Sonoma, apt. 9®,
Croft & Barrow®,
daisy fuentes®
and more.
Orig. \$12-\$54,
sale 8.40-37.80
Selected styles.
selected
items online:
KOHL'S.COM

SONOMA
ULTIMATE

Entire Stock
30-40% off

Croft & Barrow®
sportswear for
misses, petites
and women.
Orig. \$14-\$40,
sale 8.99-27.99
selected items
online W2330

croft & barrow

11.99

Tennis
polo top
for misses.
Orig. \$20

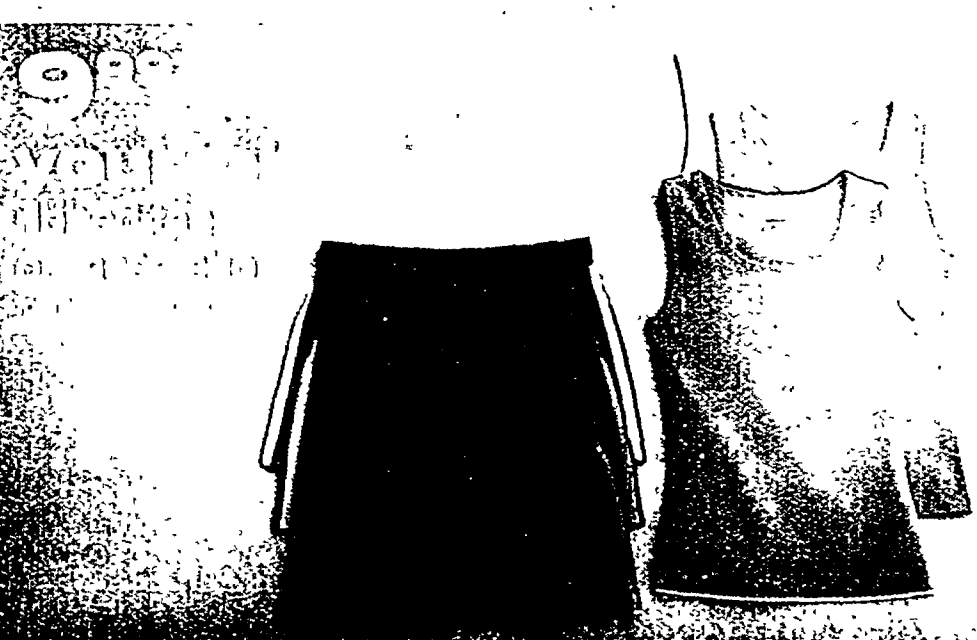


13.99

Tennis skirt
for misses.
Orig. \$24

15.99

French terry
skimmers
for misses.
Orig. \$28



9.99

Striped
ribbed tank
top for
misses.
Orig. \$18



11.99

Double layered
racerback tank
top for misses.
Orig. \$20

9.99

Woven
running
shorts for
misses.
Orig. \$18



8.99

Mesh tank top
for misses.
Orig. \$16

15.99

Mesh capris
for misses.
Orig. \$28

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selected items online: clearance

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Entire stock
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10k gold.
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Journey diamond
jewelry. 10k gold.
Reg. \$600 ea.

99.99 ea.

Super Buy

Entire stock 1/4 ct. T.W. diamond
jewelry. 10k gold. Reg. \$300 ea.

1,299.99 ea.

Super Buy

1 ct. T.W. IGI certified diamond
solitaire earrings or 3-stone rings.
Reg. \$3,750 ea.

59.99 ea.

Entire stock
gemstone jewelry.
10k gold. Reg. \$150 ea.

60% off

Entire stock
Cultured freshwater
and Akoya pearl jewelry

29.99 pr.

Super Buy

1/8 ct. T.W.
diamond solitaire
earrings. 14k gold.
Reg. \$100 pr.
Round cut only.

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solitaire earrings.
14k gold.
Reg. \$250 pr.

269.99 pr.

1/2 ct. T.W. diamond
solitaire earrings.
14k gold.
Reg. \$750 pr.

749.99 pr.

1 ct. T.W. diamond
solitaire earrings.
14k gold.
Reg. \$2,000 pr.

Entire Stock

55% off

Sterling silver jewelry
Reg. \$20-\$230,
sale 9.00-103.50

selected items
online F2200

13.49 ea.

Your choice
sterling silver rings,
earrings or pendants.
Reg. \$30 ea.

30% off

Fashion jewelry
Orig. \$8-\$44,
sale 5.60-30.80
Selected styles.

selected items
online F999

25-40% off

Watches from Timex*, Armitron*, Relic*,
Seiko*, Citizen, Studio Time & Vivani*.
selected items online F999

66.99

Men's Timex* genuine
leather strap watch.
Reg. 89.95

44.99

Men's Armitron*
stainless steel
watch. Reg. 59.99

Some jewelry photos enlarged to show detail. Diamond Total Weights are approximate. T.W. may vary up to .05 ct. Actual savings may exceed the percent savings shown.

Entire Stock

33% off

Bras from Maidenform*,
Bali*, barely there*,
Lily of France*
and Vanity Fair*.
Reg. \$17-\$32,
sale 11.39-21.44

selected items
online W1800

33% off entire stock
panties from Bali*,
barely there*, Maidenform*,
Mudd*, Candle's*,
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Reg. 3/\$15 to \$21 ea.
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Point 'D' ESPRIT lace
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Comfortable
Curves*
underwire
bra & Invisible
Look* hi-cut
panties

barely there

Passion for
Comfort*
full-figure
bra &
Invisible
Elegance*
lace hipster

BALI

Entire Stock

30-40% off

Sleepwear, loungewear and robes
for her. Orig. \$12-\$58, sale 8.40-40.60
selected items online W2400

Entire Stock

30-40% off

Socks for her.
Orig. \$6-\$15, sale 4.20-10.50
selected items online P51634

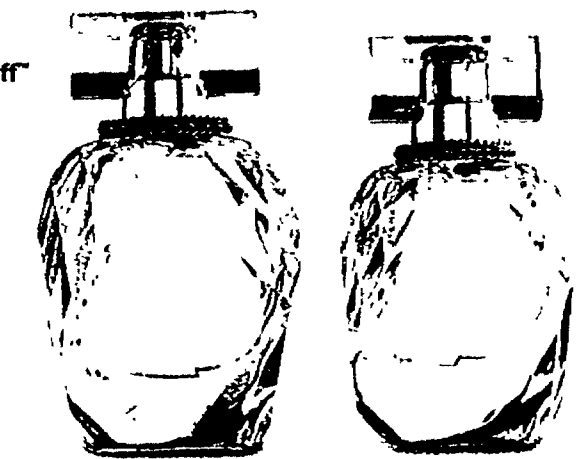
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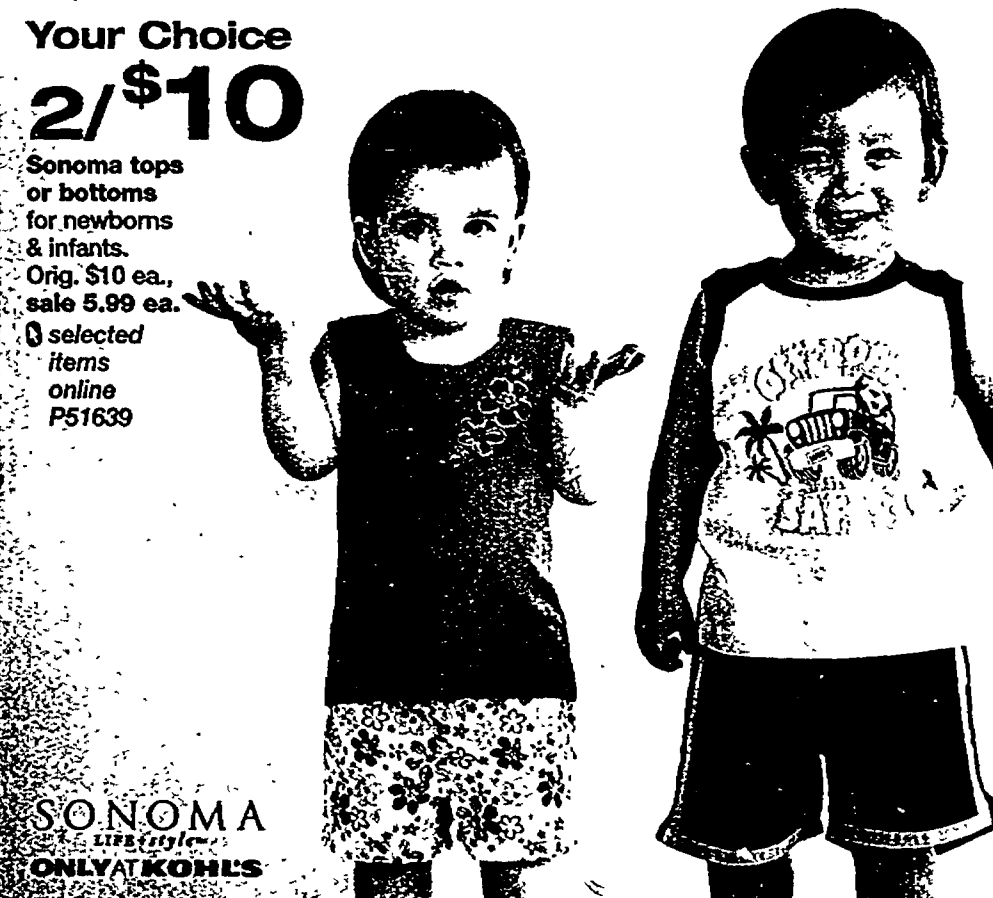
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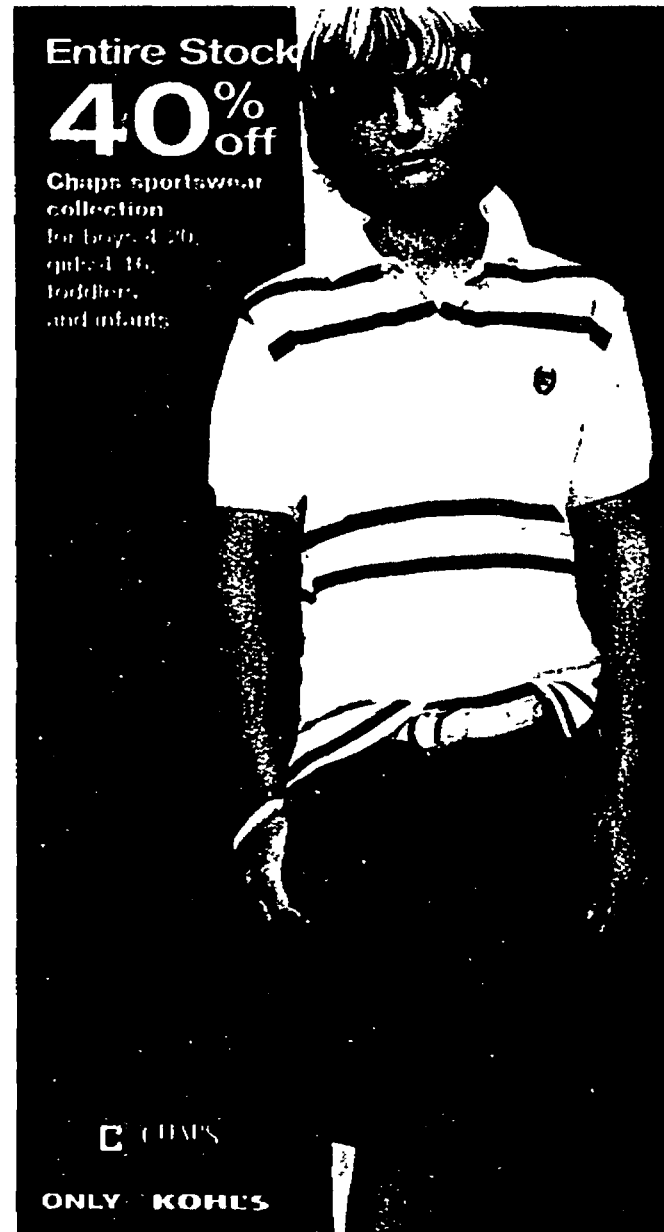
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collection
for boys 4-20,
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and infants



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girls 4-6x
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for girls 7-16.
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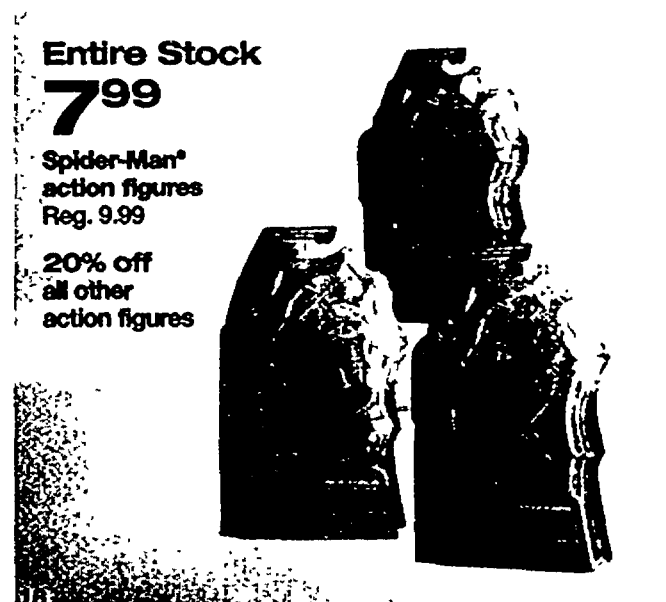
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Fashion tops
for girls 4-16.
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Spider-Man®
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action figures

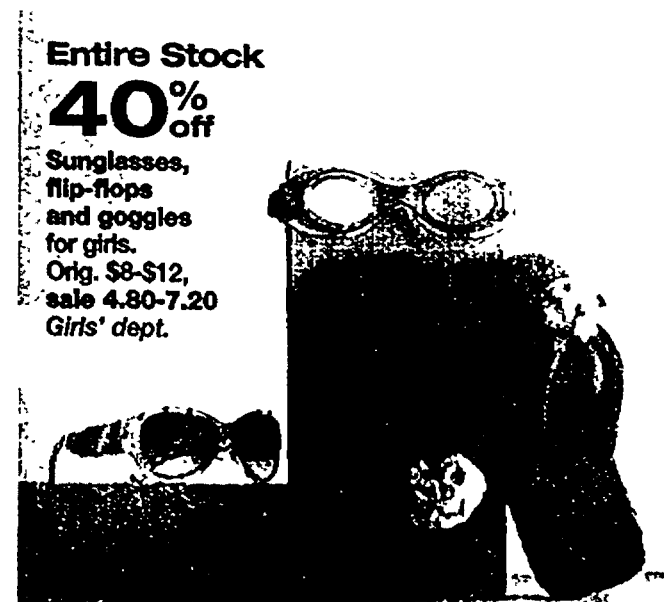


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infants, boys 4-7
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flip-flops
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Girls' dept.



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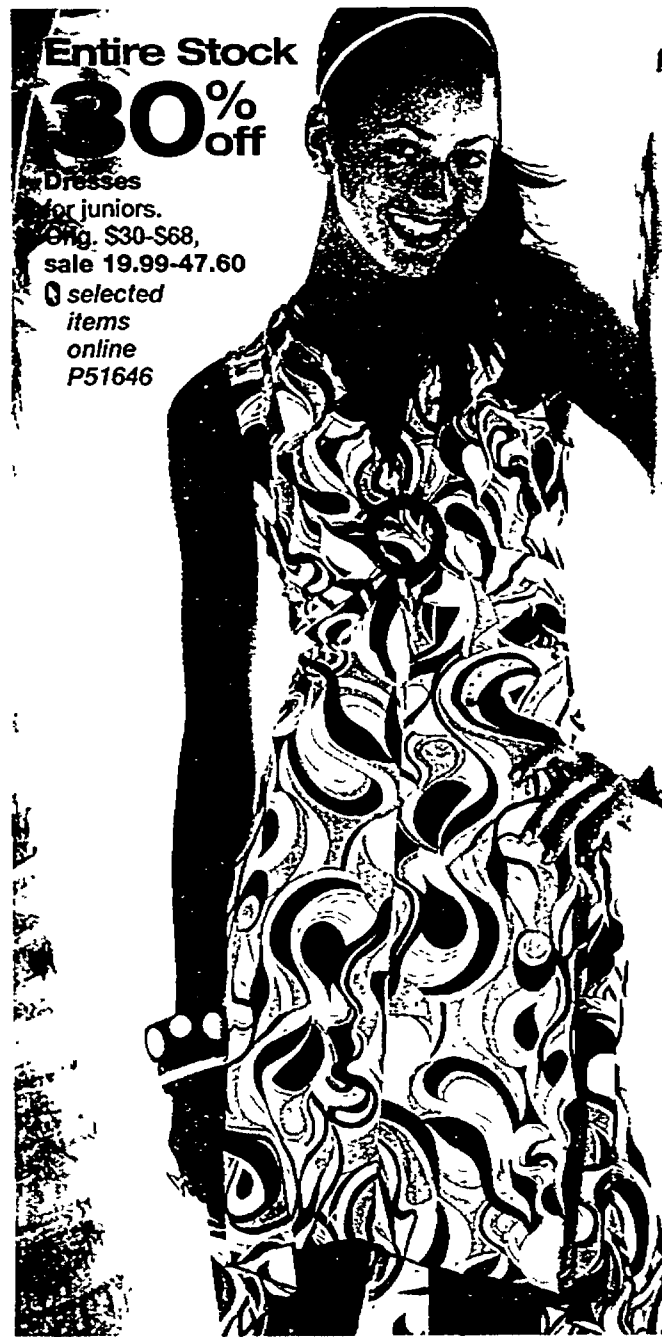
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skirts and city shorts
for juniors.
Orig. \$20-\$68
sale 14.99-47.60



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for juniors.
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items
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for women.
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for men.
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selected items
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Silent

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Candie's

19⁹⁹

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for juniors.
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for girls

Skechers

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for men & women.
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Air VXT II
shoes for men

View
Shoe

Attempt III
Trail running
shoes for men



49⁹⁹

New Balance®
athletic shoes
for men & women.
Reg. 59.99-69.99
Selected styles.

607 running
shoes for
men

575 walking shoes
for women

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balance

492 walking
shoes for
women



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for men.
Orig. 64.99

39.99
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for women.
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VANS

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HAWK

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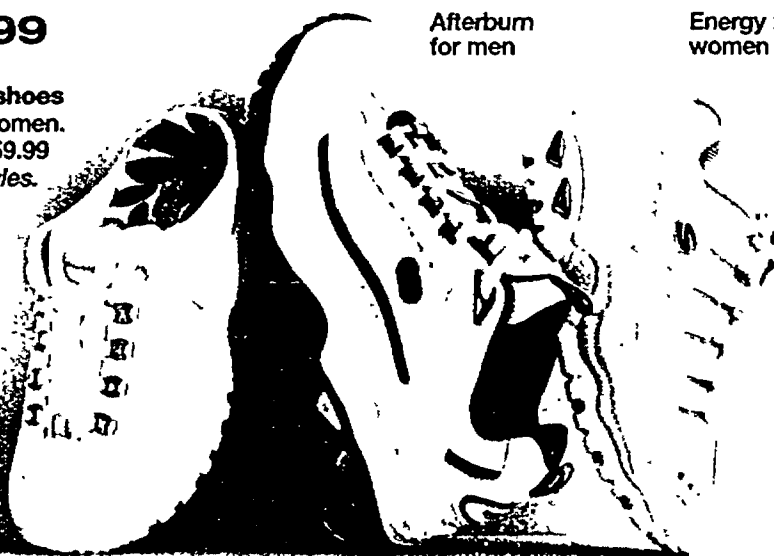
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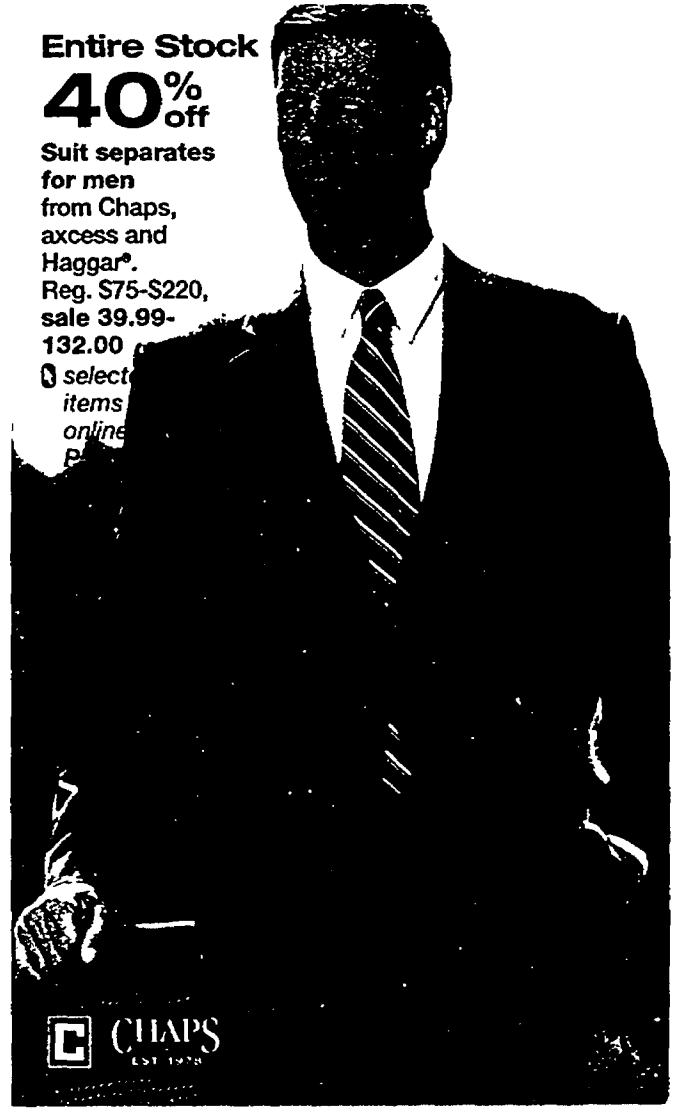
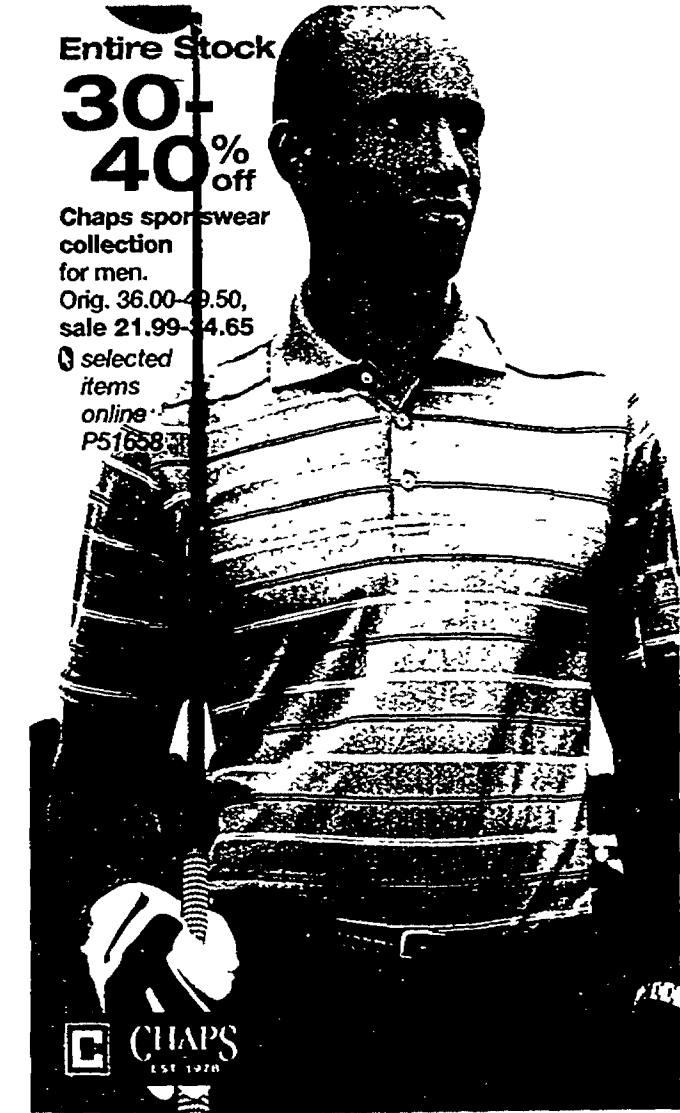
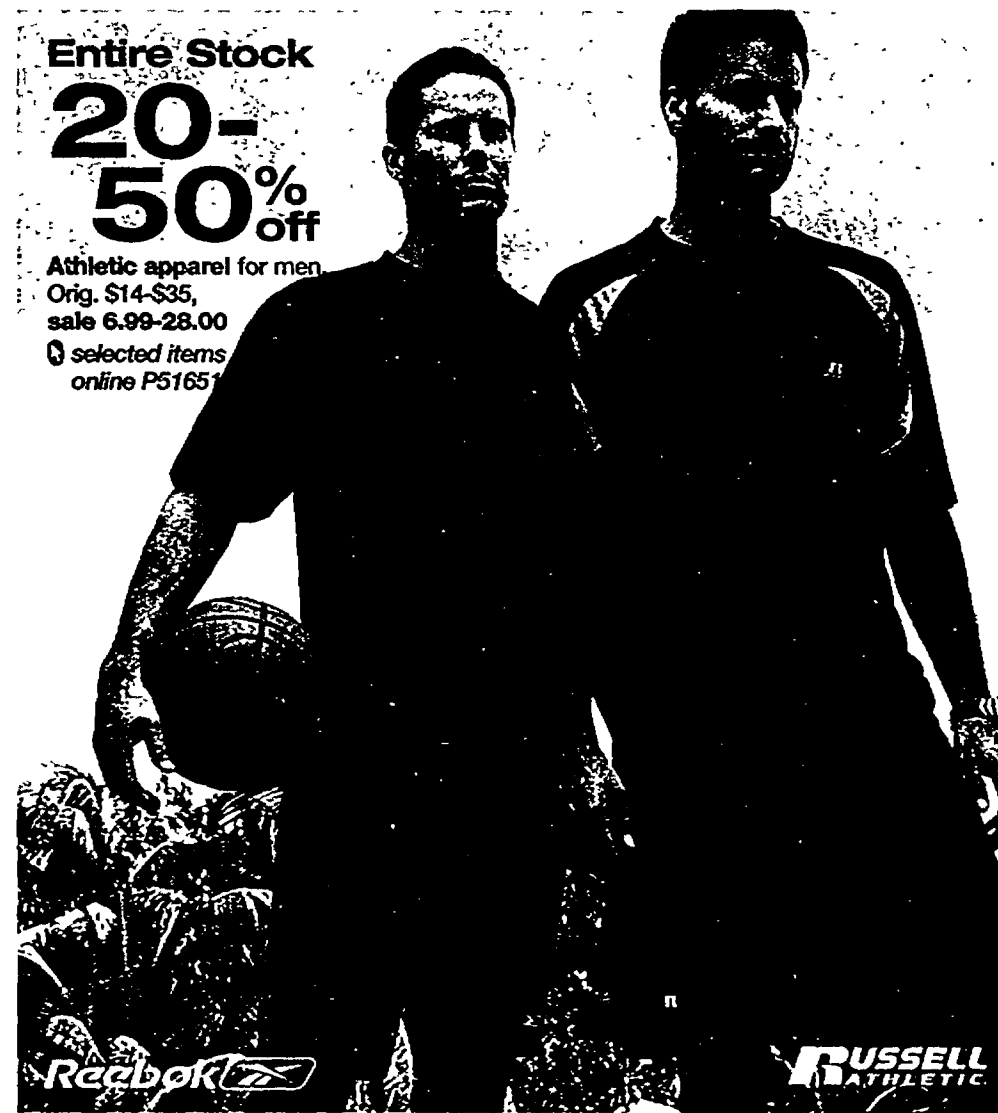
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20-50% off
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selected items
online P51651

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collection
for men.
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online
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neckwear for men
from Chaps and
Arrow. Orig. \$25-\$42,
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selected
item
online
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Suit separates
for men
from Chaps,
access and
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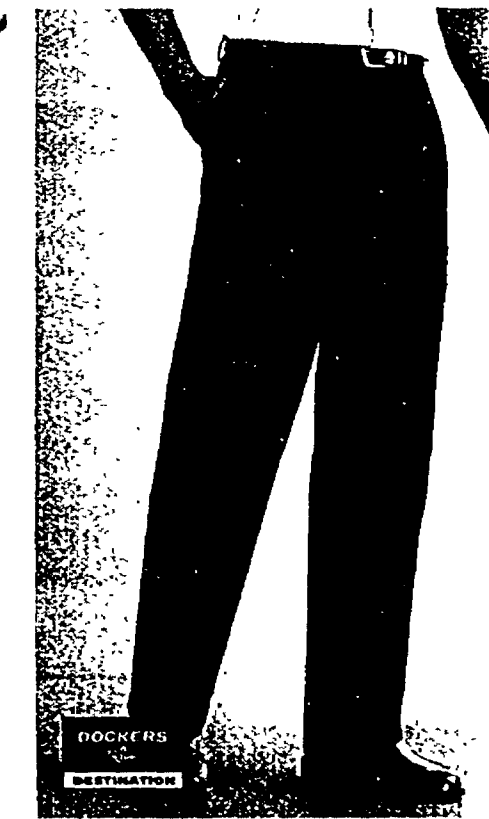
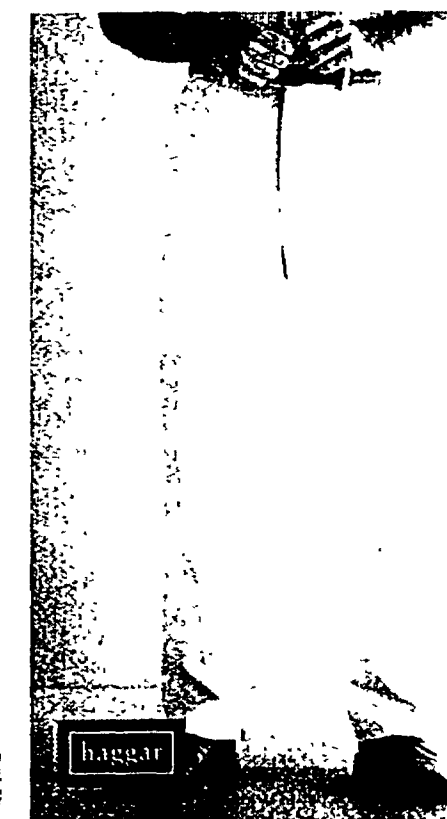


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from Croft & Barrow*, Haggar*,
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SONOMA life+style*.
selected items online P51653

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Wedge* and Dockers*.
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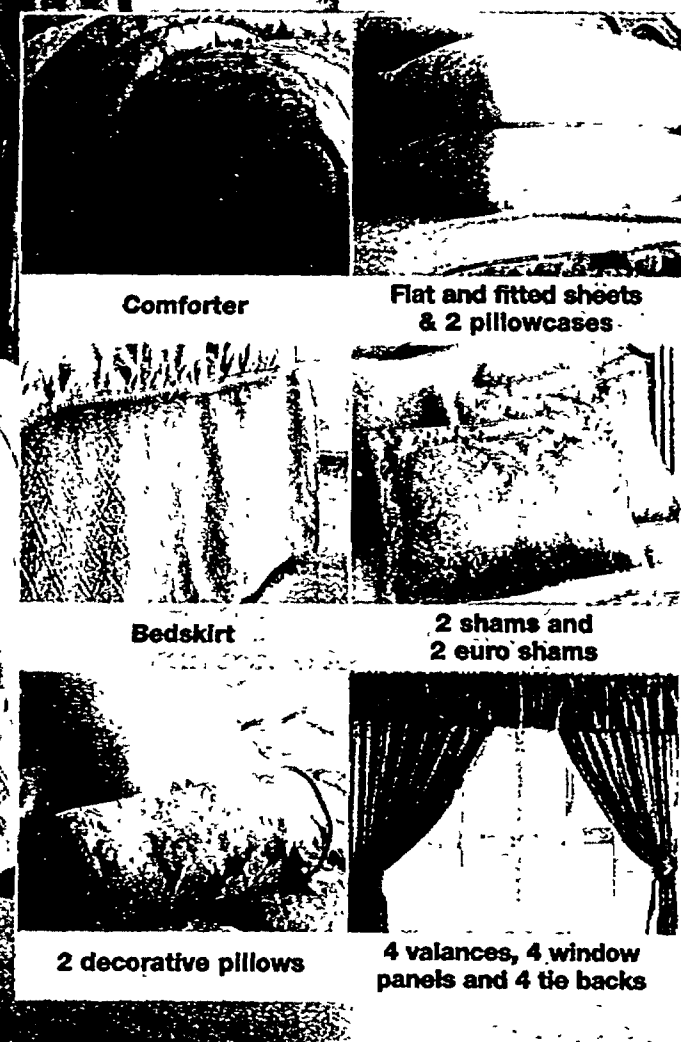
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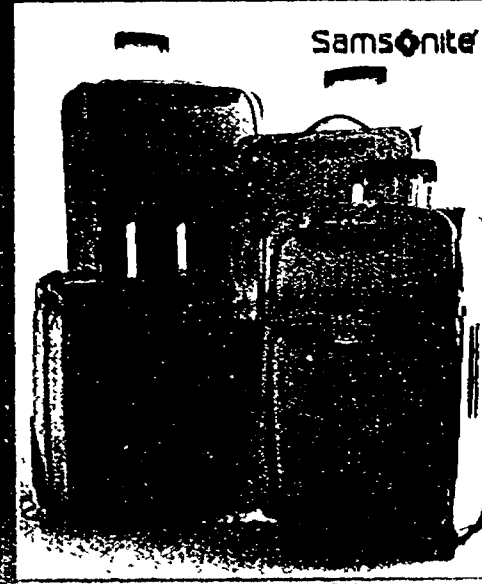
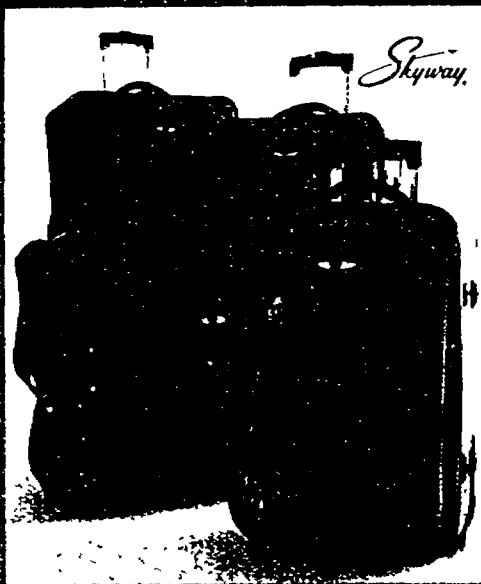
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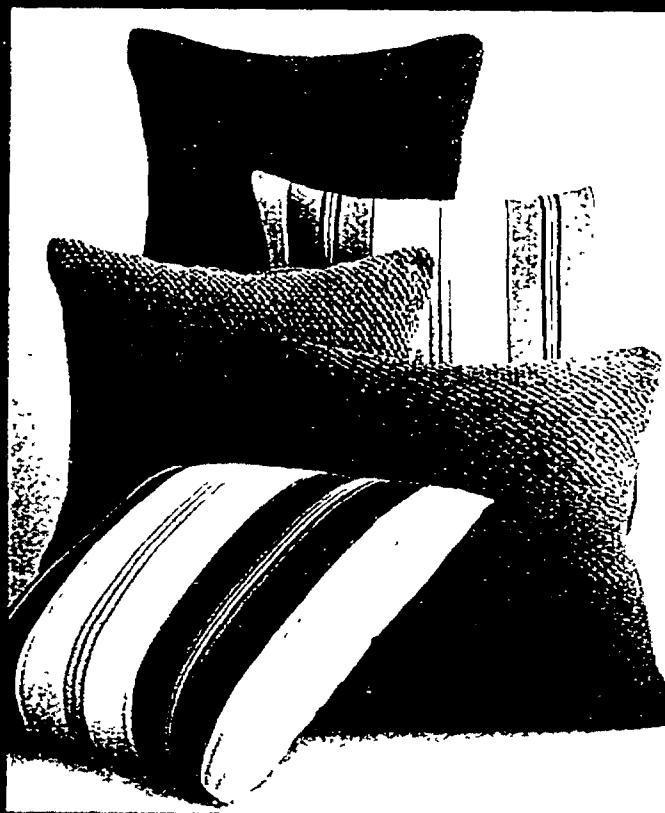
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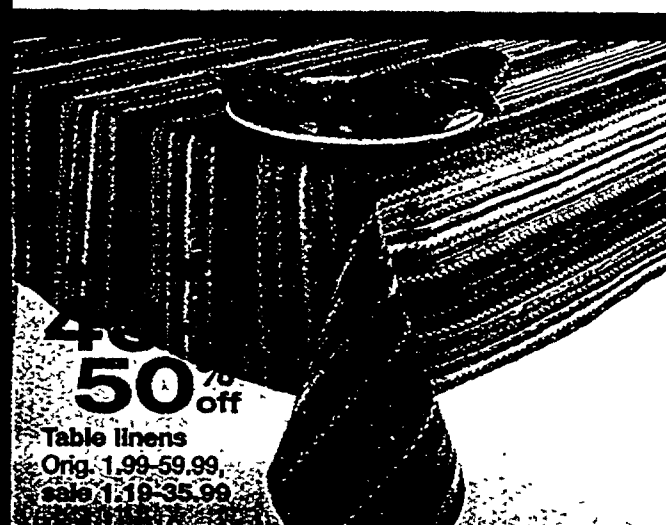
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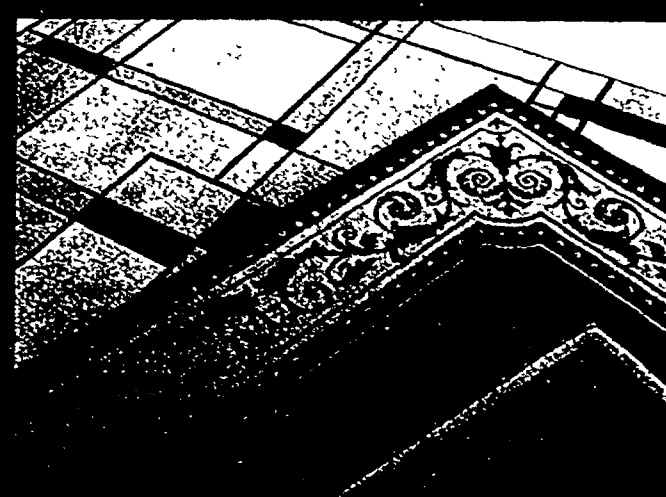
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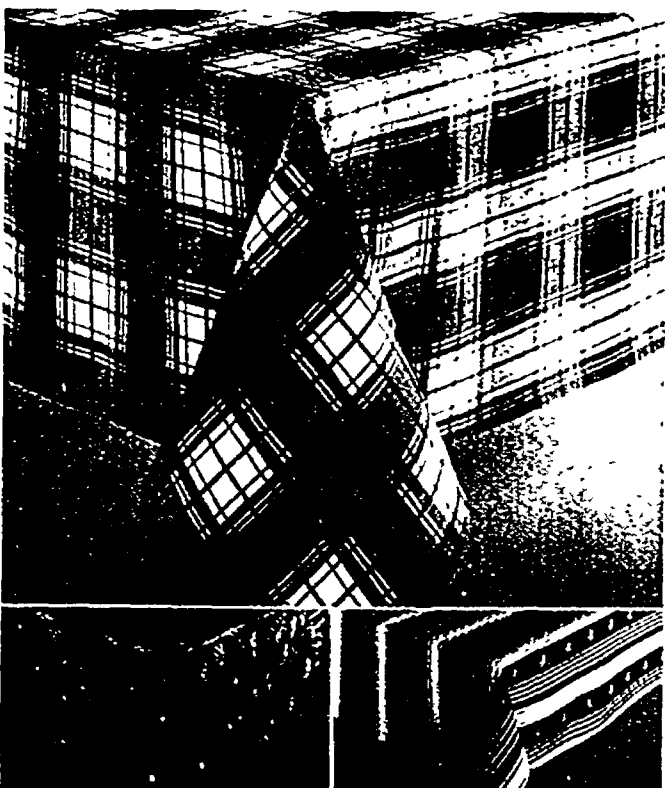
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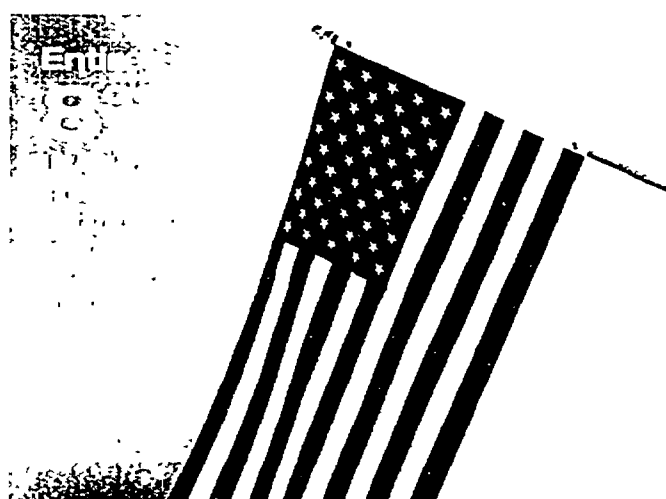


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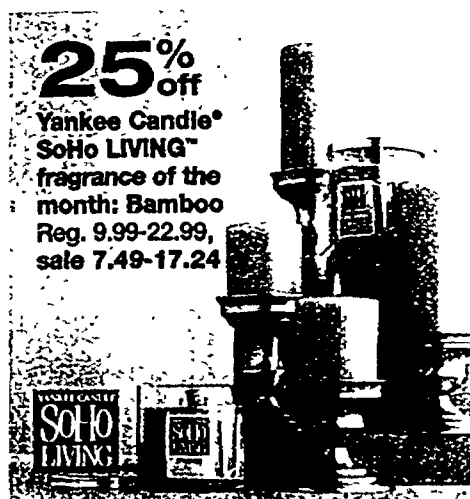


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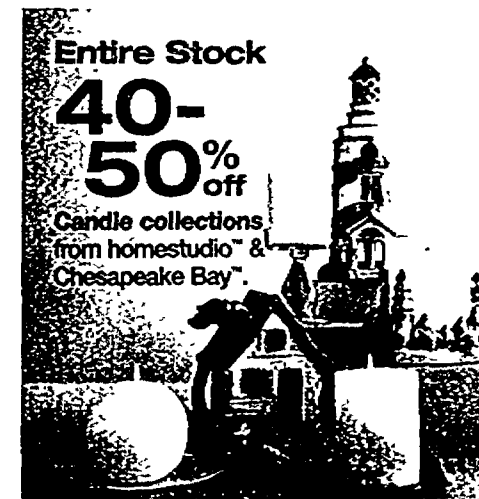
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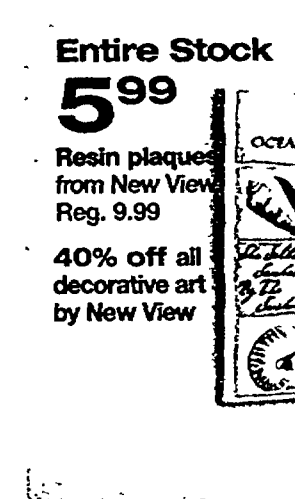
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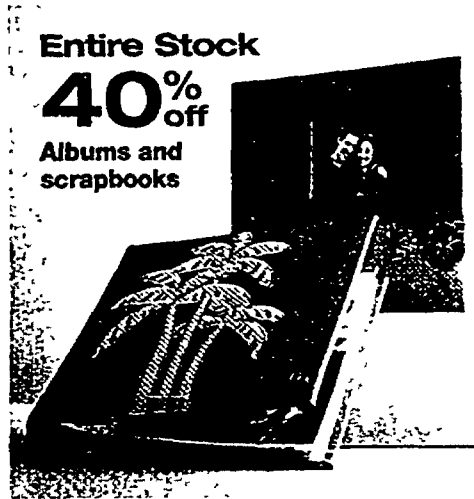
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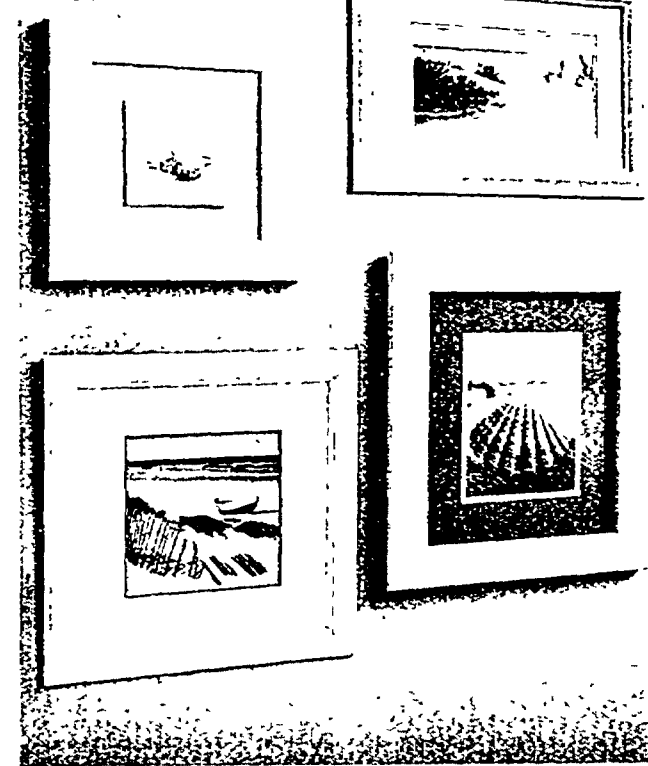
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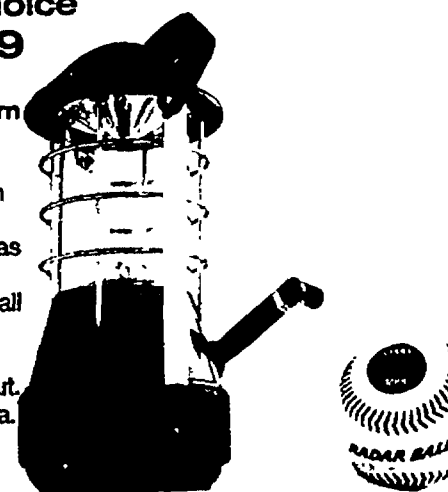
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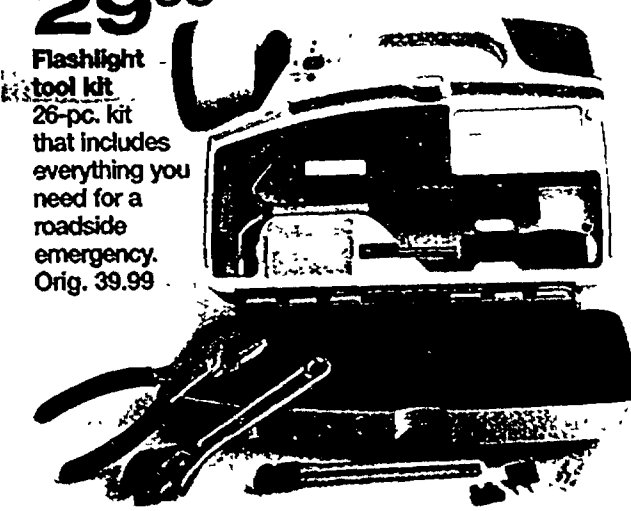
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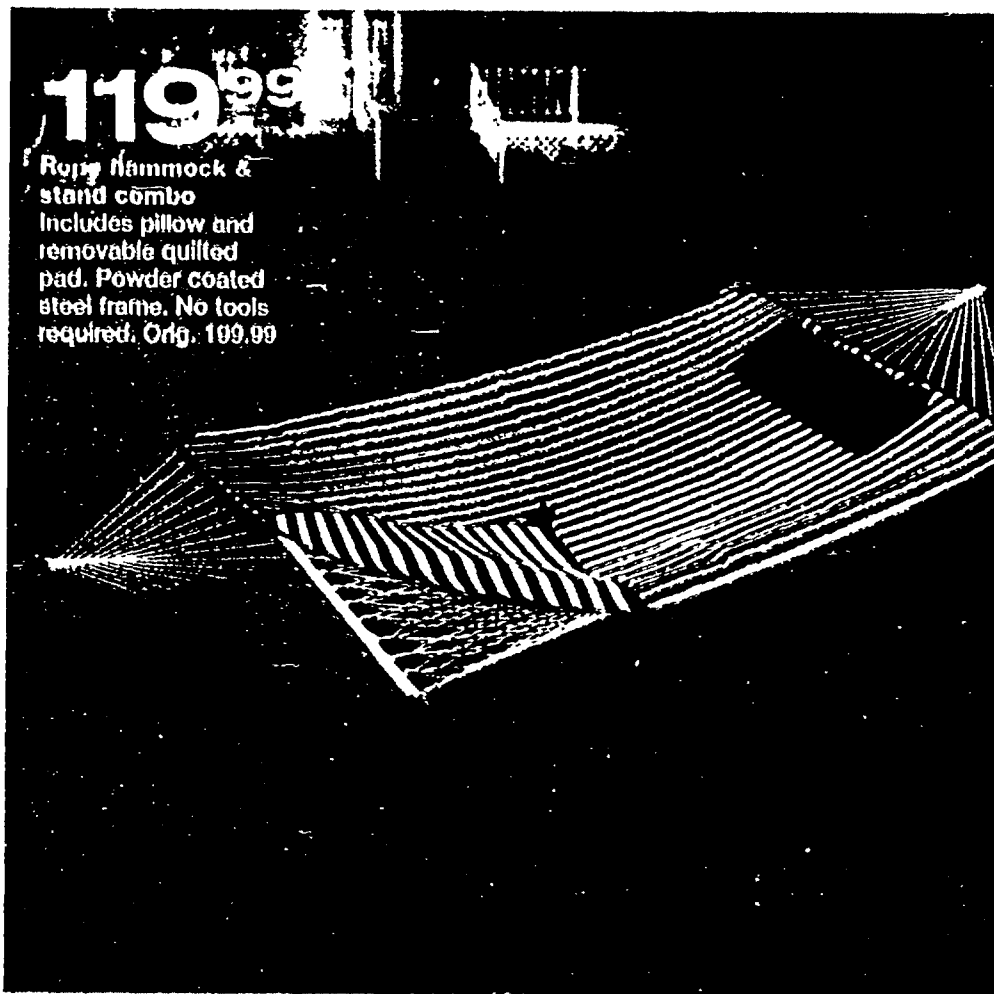


149.99
Weather-resistant 45"
round wicker table.
Orig. 249.99

89.99
Weather-resistant
wicker chairs.
Orig. 149.99

119.99

Rope hammock &
stand combo
Includes pillow and
removable quilted
pad. Powder coated
steel frame. No tools
required. Orig. 199.99



16.99

Pool floats
Orig. 34.99



49.99
Chiminea
Orig. 99.99

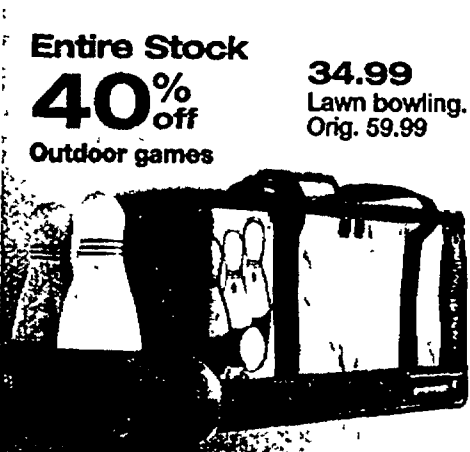
Entire Stock
50% off
Outdoor
garden decor
Choose from
outdoor statuary,
planters, birdhouses
and more.



Entire Stock
50% off
Summer Living®
tabletop and
serveware

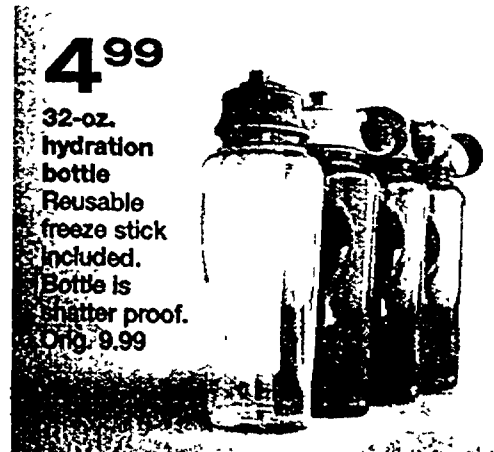


Entire Stock
40% off
Outdoor games
34.99
Lawn bowling.
Orig. 59.99



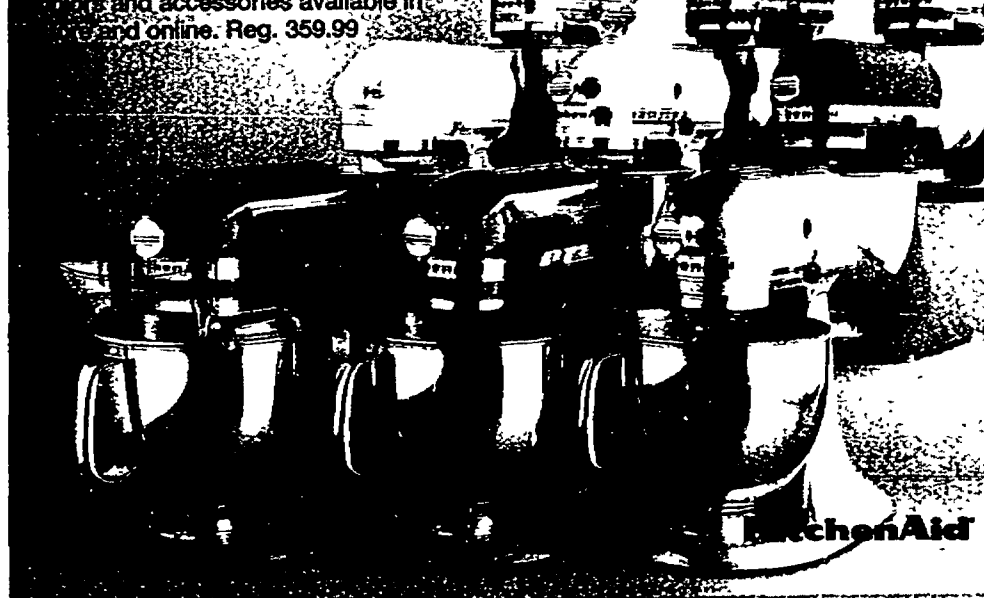
4.99

32-oz.
hydration
bottle
Reusable
freeze stick
included.
Bottle is
shatter proof.
Orig. 9.99

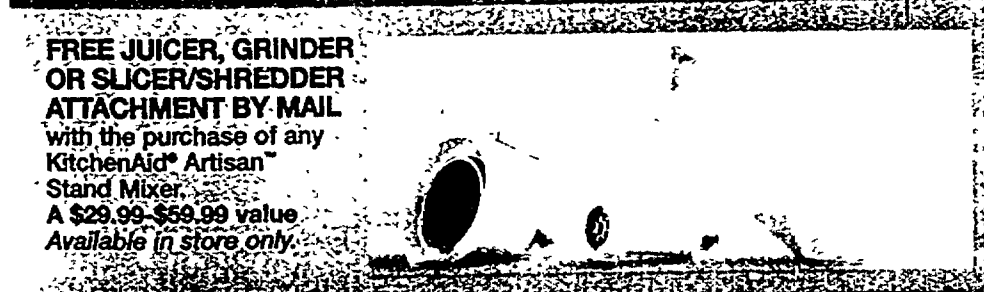


299.99

KitchenAid® Artisan™ Stand Mixer.
10 speeds; 5-qt. bowl.
Includes pouring shield. Additional
mixers and accessories available in
store and online. Reg. 359.99



FREE JUICER, GRINDER
OR SLICER/SHREDDER
ATTACHMENT BY MAIL
with the purchase of any
KitchenAid® Artisan™
Stand Mixer.
A \$29.99-\$59.99 value.
Available in store only.



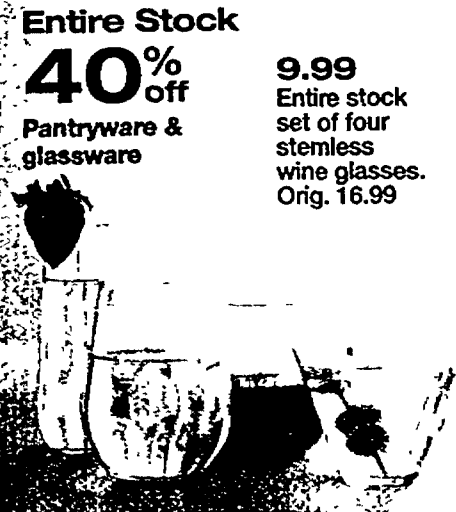
Entire Stock
40% off

Dinnerware
& flatware
selected items
online D1100



Entire Stock
40% off
Pantryware &
glassware

9.99
Entire stock
set of four
stemless
wine glasses.
Orig. 16.99

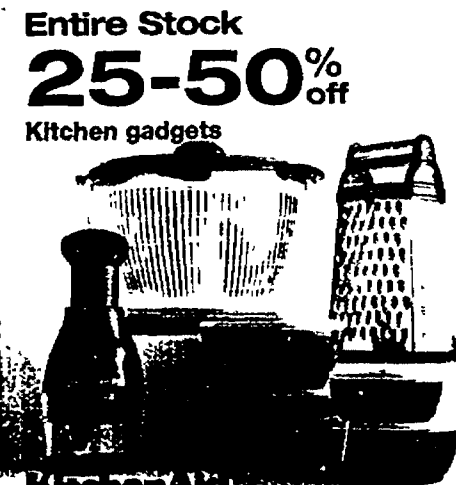


Entire Stock
50% off
BBQ tools
& gadgets



19.99
12-pc. set
with bonus
digital fork.
Orig. 39.99

Entire Stock
25-50% off
Kitchen gadgets



Entire Stock
10-25% off

Dental care
selected items
online H2420

49.99
Sonicare®
Advance 4100
toothbrush.
Reg. 79.99

24.99
Sonicare®
replacement brush
heads. Reg. 34.99



10-40% off

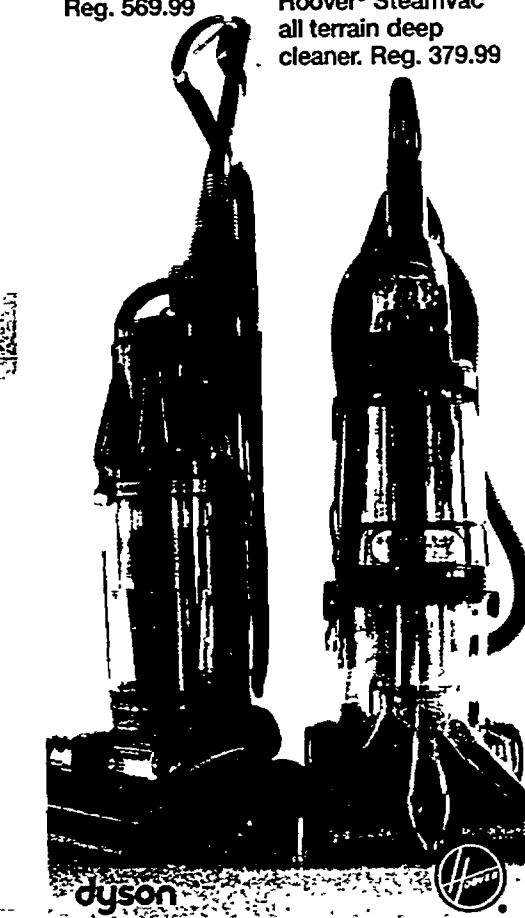
Razors & groomers
Selected styles.
selected items
online H2470

29.99
After \$10 mail-in
rebate your choice
Double Microscreen®
razor or Microflex®
cord/cordless razor.
Orig. 59.99 ea.,
sale 39.99 ea.



499.99
Dyson™ DC07
Animal bagless
vacuum.
Reg. 569.99

299.99
Hoover® SteamVac™
all terrain deep
cleaner. Reg. 379.99



Entire Stock
10-50% off

Cookware & cutlery
selected items
online: KOHL'S.COM

179.99
Rachael Ray 10-pc.
anodized cookware
set. Reg. 199.99



39.99
5" santoku knife.
Reg. 66.99



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an extra

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50% off
entire stock
beach towels

10.99
34x64" Beach
Brights beach
towels.
Orig. 21.99

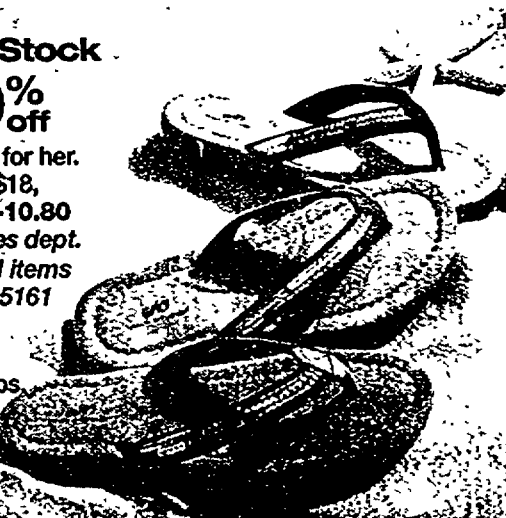
8.99
30x60" juvenile
prints beach
towels.
Orig. 18.99



Entire Stock
40% off

Flip-flops for her.
Orig. \$14-\$18,
sale 7.99-10.80
Accessories dept.
selected items
online P5161

7.99
50 flip-flops
Orig. \$14
50 wear
declare it



Entire Stock
30-50% off

Handbags and
handbag accessories
Orig. 15.00-98.50,
sale 10.50-88.95
selected items
online W1600



Entire Stock
30% off

Sunglasses
and fashion
accessories
Orig. \$8-\$40,
sale 5.60-28.00
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selected items
online P5162



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Handbags and
handbag accessories
Orig. 15.00-98.50,
sale 10.50-68.95
selected items
online W1600



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30% off

Sunglasses
and fashion
accessories
Orig. \$8-\$40,
sale 5.60-28.00
Accessories
dept.
selected items
online P5162



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You can do it. We can help.

GET READY FOR THE BIG WEEKEND

SPECIAL SAVINGS, EASY UPDATES FOR INSIDE AND OUT

LIMITED TIME OFFER

\$949 WAS \$999
YARD MACHINES® 17.5 HP 42"
7-SPEED LAWN TRACTOR
YOU WON'T FIND A BETTER
TRACTOR AT THIS PRICE
Briggs & Stratton® engine.
2-Year limited warranty. (475728)

YARD MACHINES®

12 MONTHS*
NO PAYMENTS,
NO INTEREST

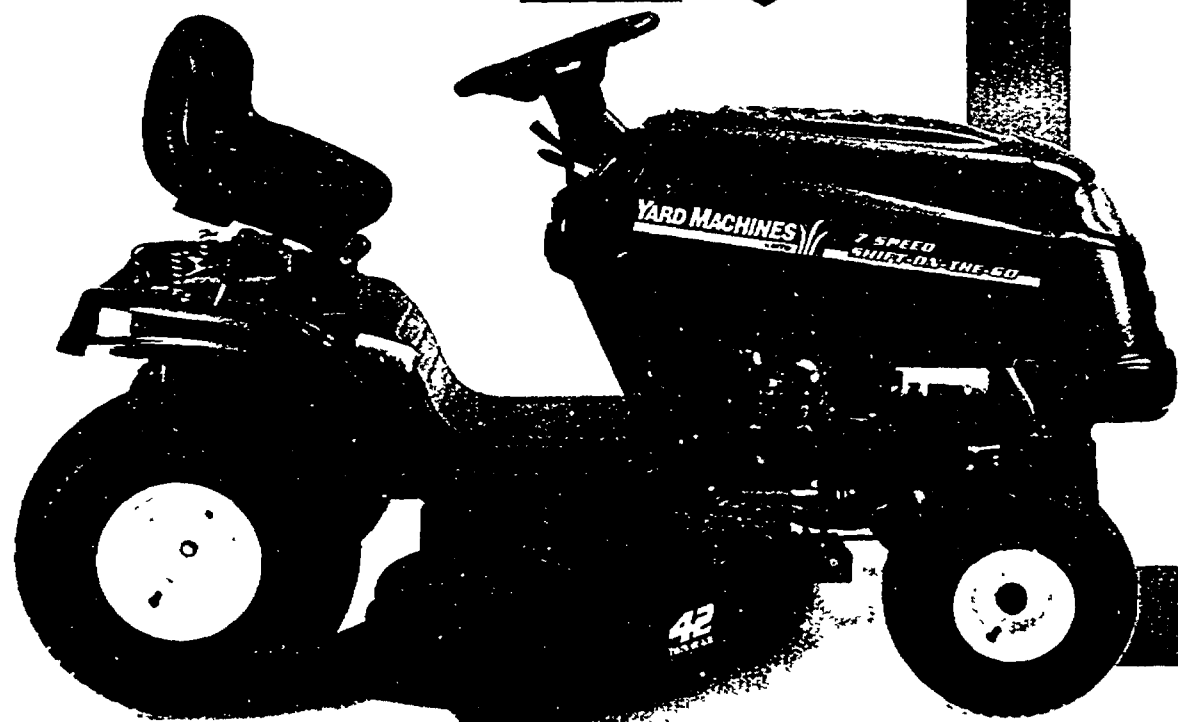
ON ANY PURCHASE
OF \$299 OR MORE MADE ON
THE HOME DEPOT CONSUMER
CREDIT CARD
FROM 5/17 - 5/28/07.

\$199

YARD MACHINES® 190 CC
21" 3-IN-1 HIGH WHEEL
PUSH MOWER

Side discharge, mulching &
bagging capabilities.
Easy-pull, no prime, no
choke Ready Start™
system. Briggs &
Stratton® Quantum
engine. FreshStart™
gas cap automatically
drips fuel preserver
into tank.
(959633)

YARD MACHINES®



\$12.44
SCOTT'S® TURF
BUILDER® WITH
PLUS 2° WEED
CONTROL
5,000 sq. ft.
(196355)



\$7.99 3-PACK
SUEDE LEATHER
GLOVES
(950580)



\$9.99 GAL.
ROUND-UP®
READY TO USE
Kills weeds to the
root so they don't
come back.
(131997)



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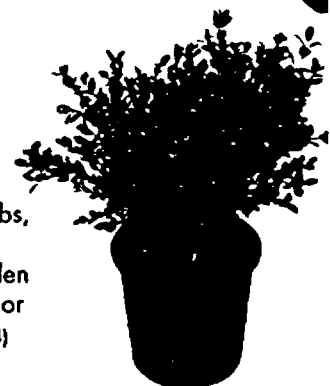
\$59 WAS \$79
SKIL® 18-VOLT
SITELIGHT™ DRILL KIT
2 batteries, 1-hour quick
charger and carrying
case. (410680)



\$9.99
SUPER 24 FLAT ANNUAL
Choose from Impatiens,
Petunias, Begonias
and Marigolds.
(906377)



\$15
3-GALLON
SHRUB
CONTRACTOR
SPECIAL
Choose from Arbs,
Boxwood,
Euonymus, Golden
Privet, Barberry or
Ciestina. (882704)



Prices effective 5/17 - 5/23/07 (excepted as noted). *When purchased with The Home Depot Consumer Credit Card. Additional terms apply. See pg. 27 for key credit terms.

SAVE \$50-\$100 ON SELECT PATIO SETS



LIMITED TIME OFFER

\$799 WAS \$899

ONLY \$25 PER MONTH*

INTRICATE, HAND-WOVEN
RATTAN WEAVE

HAMPTON BAY® SIMONE 7-PIECE PATIO SET

The contoured sling back chairs and swivel rockers invite you to sit, relax and stay a while. Large table facilitates entertaining and features a uniquely beautiful marble top. Rustproof aluminum frame with alabaster finish.

(576849)



LIMITED TIME OFFER

\$449 WAS \$499

ONLY \$14 PER MONTH*

TILE INSERTS LET YOU CREATE
YOUR OWN LOOK

HAMPTON BAY® CALABRIA 7-PIECE DINING SET

Classically handsome collection with rust-free aluminum frames and a brownstone-colored, powder-coated finish. Includes 66" x 42" ceramic-tile-top table, 4 stackable armchairs and 2 swivel chairs

(425041)



LIMITED TIME OFFER

\$499 WAS \$599

ONLY \$14 PER MONTH*

BRING FINELY CRAFTED
FURNISHINGS OUTDOORS

HAMPTON BAY® SYDNEY 7-PIECE PATIO SET

72" rectangular table with an inlaid glass top. Four stationary chairs and two swivel rockers with plush camel seat cushions

(732721)

\$59.99

5'X7'6" PANACHE
INDOOR/OUTDOOR
RUG (446394)



LIMITED TIME OFFER

\$249 WAS \$299

ONLY \$10 PER MONTH*

SKILLFULLY CRAFTED
OF SOLID STEEL

HAMPTON BAY® NAPA 5-PIECE PATIO SET

As inviting as the lush California Region for which it's named. Intricate mesh provides a smooth seating and eating surface, plus it dries quickly.

\$45 WAS \$55

NAPA ACTION CHAIR (116549)

\$69 WAS \$79

NAPA 44" CHARCOAL TABLE
(582805)



YOUR BACKYARD RETREAT AWAITS

Find out how The Home Depot and MasterCard® can help you create your very own Backyard Retreat. For more details, visit The Home Depot or homedepot.com/MasterCard between April 23 and June 23, 2007.

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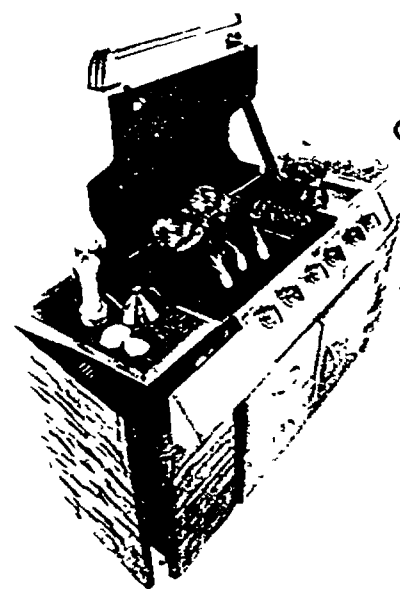
PAINT EVENT: SAVE 25%



*When purchased with the Home Depot Consumer Credit Card. Additional terms apply. See pg. 27 for key credit terms. **Customer must provide or purchase new tank in order to receive (1) free propane fill.

RECEIVE FREE PROPANE** WITH ANY GAS GRILL OVER \$149

from 5/17 to 5/28/07. Empty tank not included.



\$999

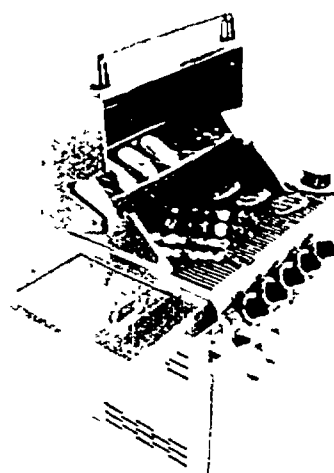
ONLY \$28 PER MONTH*
**CHARMGLOW® 45,000
BTU GOURMET
CHEF'S ISLAND**

Rotisserie burner & kit.
Stone-look fiberglass
walls & granite inlay side
tables. 10,000 BTU
infrared sear burner.

(284463)

\$19 GAS GRILL
COVER** (618760)

Charmglow



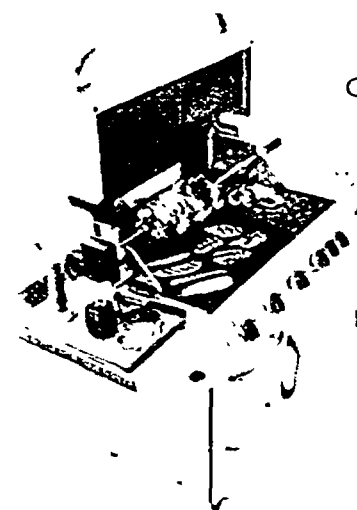
\$699

ONLY \$20 PER MONTH*
**DUCANE® BY WEBER®
36,000 BTU STAINLESS™
SERIES GAS GRILL WITH
SIDE BURNER**

V-shaped heat distribution
plates to evenly radiate heat
from the burners. Heavy-duty
welded-rod cooking grates for
perfect sear mark. (597854)

\$24 DUCANE® 3-BURNER
COVER** (606650)

Ducane



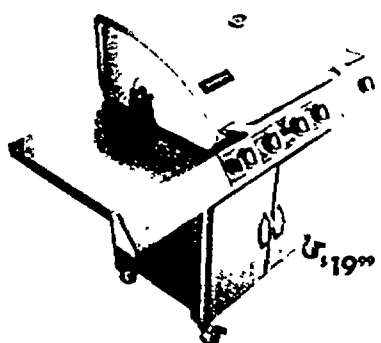
\$569

ONLY \$20 PER MONTH*
**CHARMGLOW®
50,000 BTU GAS
GRILL WITH
ROTISSERIE**

Customer's choice dual
fuel valves- set up as
propane or natural gas.
10,000 BTU rotisserie
burner. (318147)

\$19 GAS GRILL
COVER** (618760)

Charmglow



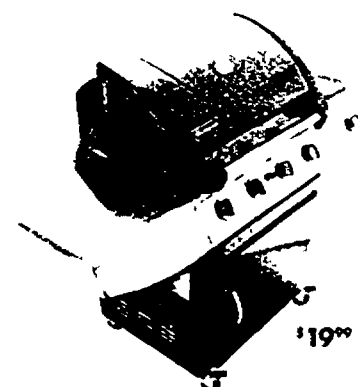
\$369

ONLY \$11 PER MONTH*
**CHARMGLOW® 48,000
BTU STAINLESS STEEL
GAS GRILL WITH
ROTISSERIE**

10,000 BTU rotisserie
burner. 4 stainless-steel
burners. (292571)

\$19 GAS GRILL COVER** (618760)

Charmglow



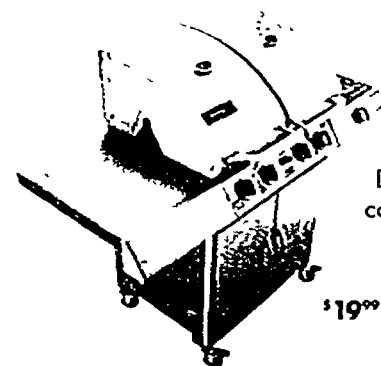
\$299

ONLY \$10 PER MONTH*
**CHARMGLOW®
PORCELAIN SERIES
40,000 BTU GAS GRILL**

12,000 BTU side burner.
4 stainless-steel burners.
Porcelain coated cast iron
cooking grates. (296248)

\$19 GAS GRILL COVER** (618760)

Charmglow



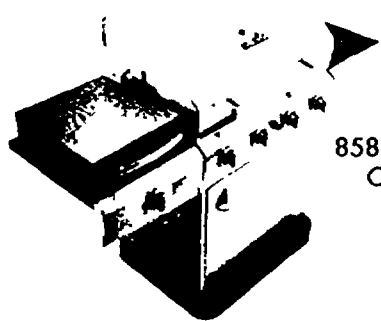
\$299

ONLY \$10 PER MONTH*
**CHARMGLOW® 48,000
BTU STAINLESS STEEL
DUAL-HOOD GAS GRILL**

Double-hood design divides
cooking space into 2 distinct
areas. 4 stainless-steel
burners. (287595)

\$19 GAS GRILL COVER** (618760)

Charmglow



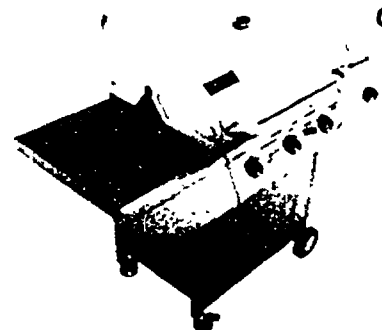
\$259

ONLY \$10 PER MONTH*
**CHAR-BROIL® 45,000
BTU STAINLESS STEEL
GRILL WITH GRIDDLE**

858 sq. in. total cooking area.
Outdoor stove and non-stick
griddle. (453022)

\$19 NYLON LINED 53"
COVER** (654357)

Char-Broil



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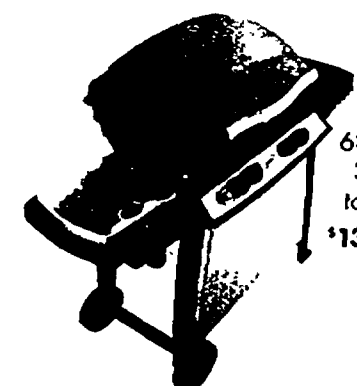
\$179 WAS \$199

**CHARMGLOW® 45,000
BTU GAS GRILL WITH
SIDE BURNER**

12,000 BTU side burner.
662 sq. in. total cooking
area. (640273)

\$19 NYLON LINED 53"
COVER** (654357)

Charmglow



\$149

**CHAR-BROIL® 40,000
BTU GAS GRILL**

680 sq. in. total cooking area.
3 stainless-steel burners. One-
touch electronic igniter. (641152)

\$13 65" GRILL COVER** (598127)

Char-Broil

SAVE

These icons are your
guides to special savings

NEW LOWER PRICE

We've permanently reduced prices
to make your hard-earned dollars
work even harder.

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Hurry in to take advantage of
these temporarily reduced prices.

SPECIAL BUY

Great products and values that aren't
part of our everyday inventory.
Available while supplies last.

[\$19³⁷]

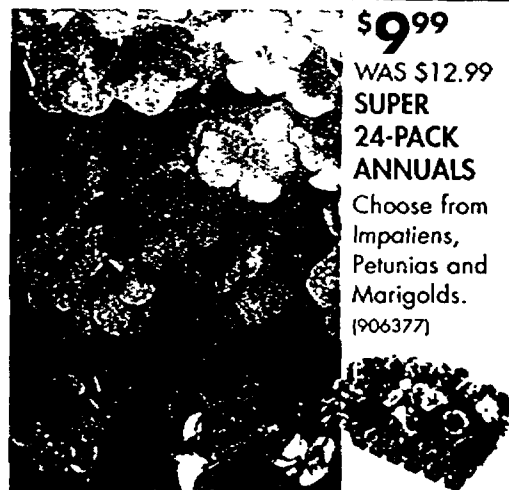
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OUTDOOR LIVING

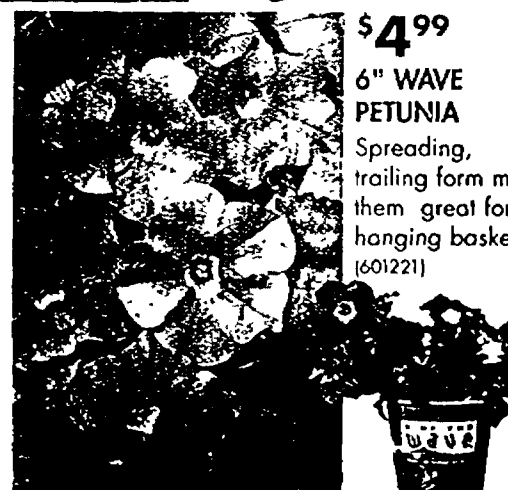
HURRY IN FOR FRESH PLANTS,



\$2.99
SUPER 8-PACK ANNUAL
 Choose from Impatiens, Agerantum, and Marigolds. (339415)



\$9.99
 WAS \$12.99
SUPER 24-PACK ANNUALS
 Choose from Impatiens, Petunias and Marigolds. (906377)



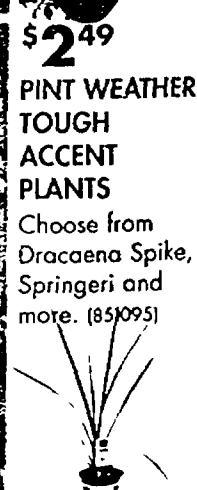
\$4.99
6" WAVE PETUNIA
 Spreading, trailing form make them great for hanging baskets. (601221)



\$13.99
12" COLOR BOWL
 Beautiful combos for sun and shade. Great for decks and Patios. (501419)



\$12.99
11" PREMIUM HANGING BASKET
 Includes New Guinea and Double Impatiens, Ivy Geraniums, and more. (906443)



\$2.49
PINT WEATHER TOUGH ACCENT PLANTS
 Choose from Dracaena Spike, Springeri and more. (851095)



\$3.99
4.5" PROVEN WINNERS
 Choose from Angelonia, Diamond Frost Euphorbia, and more. (906542)



PLANT FOOD



\$8.99
32-QUART MIRACLE-GRO® MOISTURE CONTROL POTTING MIX
 Innovative formula protects against over and under watering. (624766)



\$7.97
1.25 CU. FT. MIRACLE-GRO® POTTING MIX
 Contains Miracle-Gro continuous release plant food to feed for three months. (624223)



\$6.77
2 CU. FT. MIRACLE-GRO® FLOWER & VEGETABLE GARDEN SOIL
 Feeds up to 3 Months. Specially formulated for annuals, perennials and vegetables. (486748)



\$4.47
1 CU. FT. MIRACLE-GRO® ORGANIC CHOICE GARDEN SOIL
 All natural fertilizer provides quick and slow release feeding. (433986)

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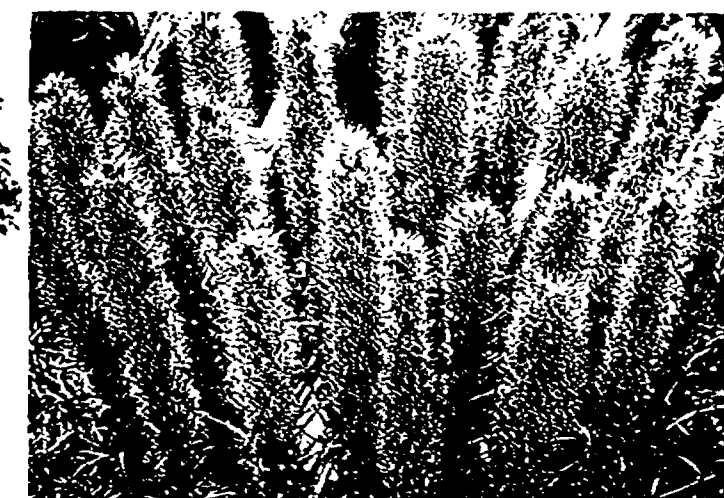


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VIVID COLOR & INCREDIBLE VALUES



\$17.99
 WAS \$19.99
YOUR CHOICE 3-GALLON SHRUBS
 Choose from Weigela, Spirea, and Lilac. (916978) (916897) (100528)



\$4.97
GALLON ASSORTED PERENNIALS
 Choose from Meadow Sage, Liatris, Bell Flower, and Astilbe. (178170)



\$14.99
8" FOREVER AND EVER HYDRANGEA
 Ideal for mass plantings or container gardens. (151645)



\$9.99
2-GALLON ROSES
 Choose from Mr. Lincoln, Peace, Tropicana, and Queen Elizabeth. (289426)

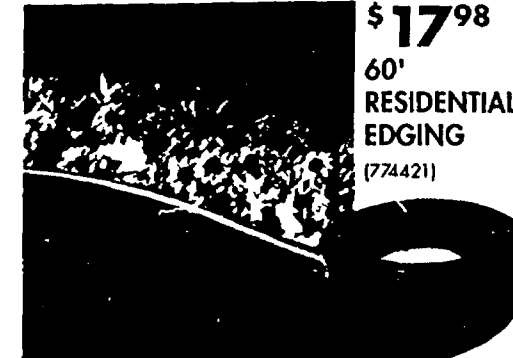


\$8.99
NEW GALLON VIGORO® HOSTA
 Choose from Night Before Christmas, Guacamole, and Minute Man. (948350)



\$7.99
GALLON ORNAMENTAL GRASS
 Choose from Blue Fescue, Variegated Fountain Grass and Maiden. (370230)

LANDSCAPE ACCESSORIES



\$17.98
60' RESIDENTIAL EDGING
 (774421)



\$13.97
3 X 50 VIGORO® WEED CONTROL FABRIC
 Stops weeds and lets water through. (135593)



\$24.97
72" BIRMINGHAM TRELLIS
 (979638)
19" 86" BIRMINGHAM SHEPHERD'S HOOK
 (973434)



\$11.97
BIRMINGHAM 36" POT HOLDER (970563)
9" 42" POT TRELLIS (981552)
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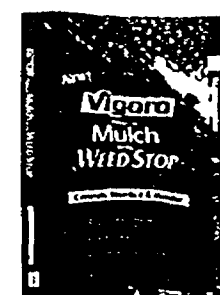
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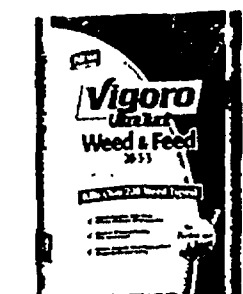
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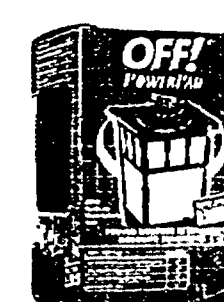


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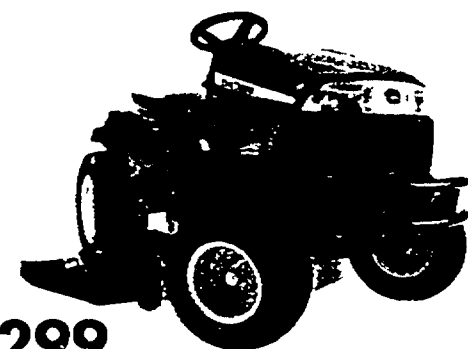
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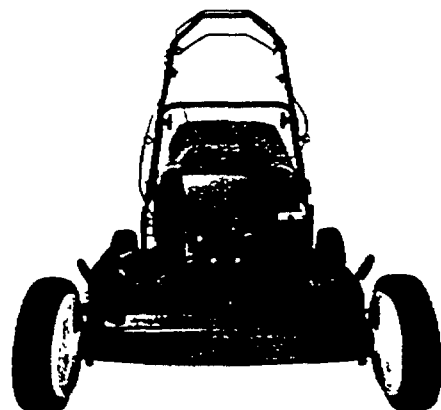
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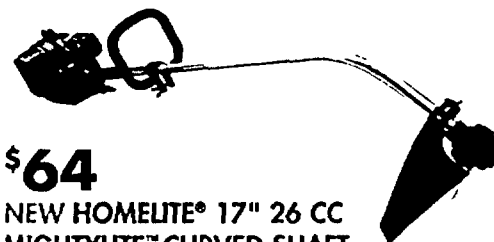


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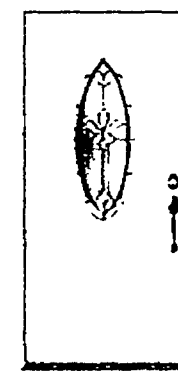


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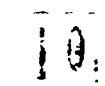
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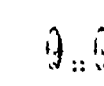
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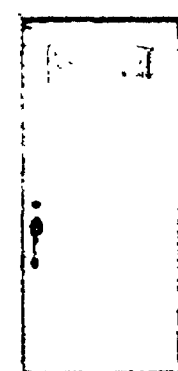
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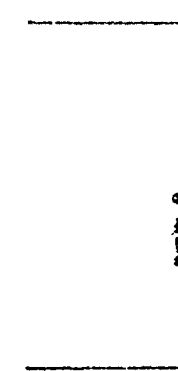
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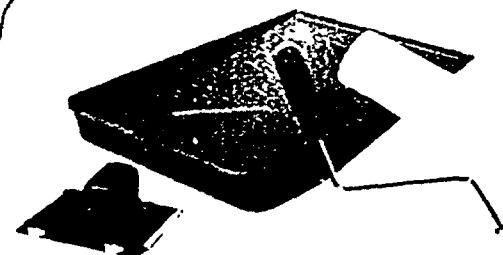


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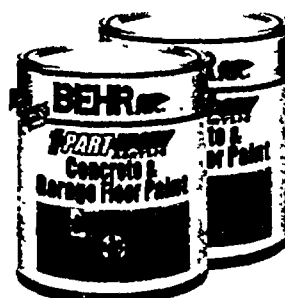
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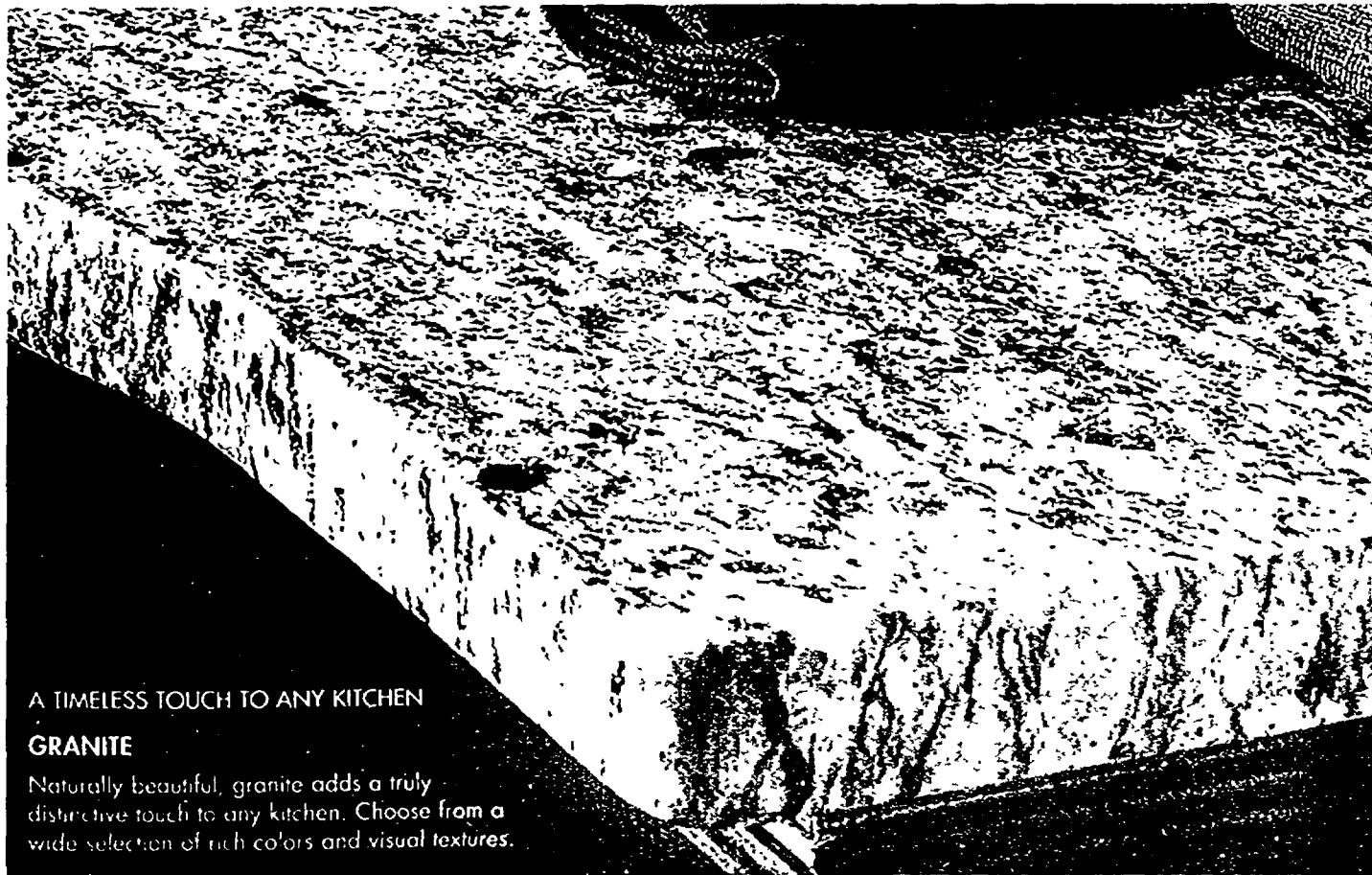
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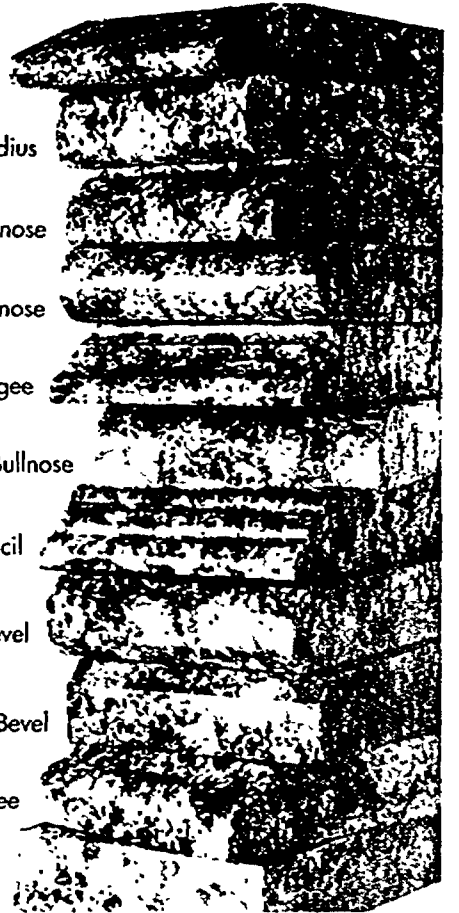
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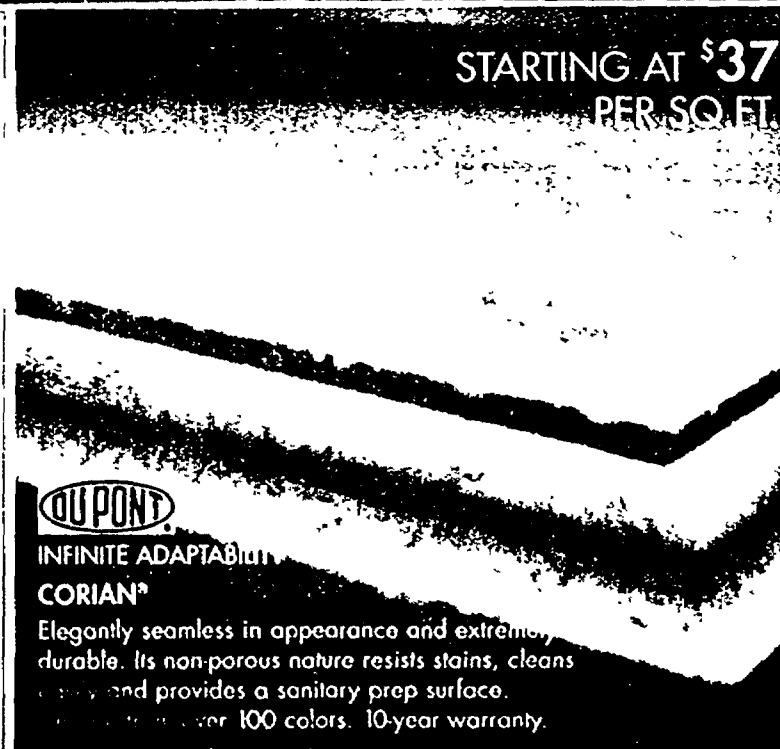
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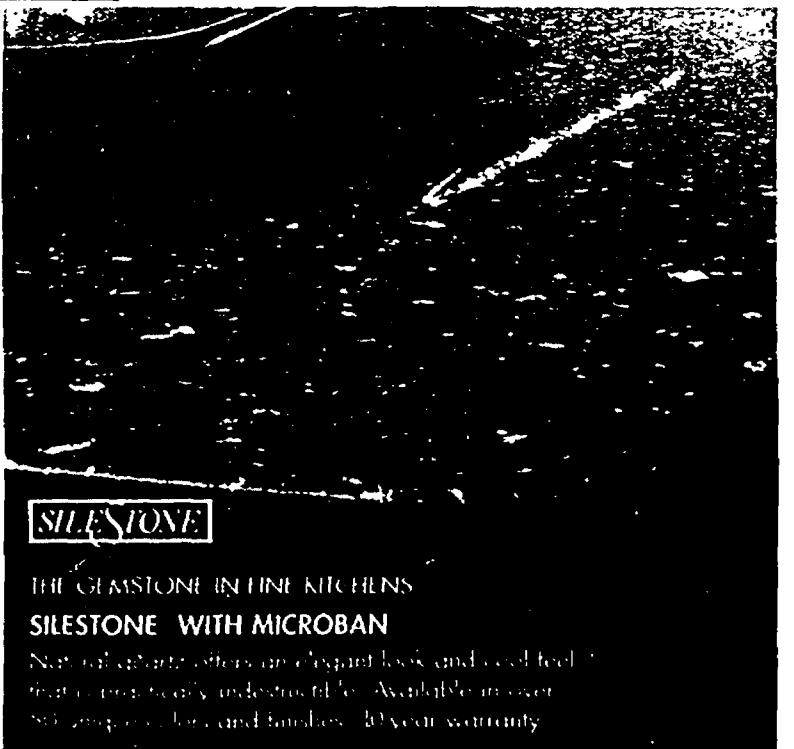
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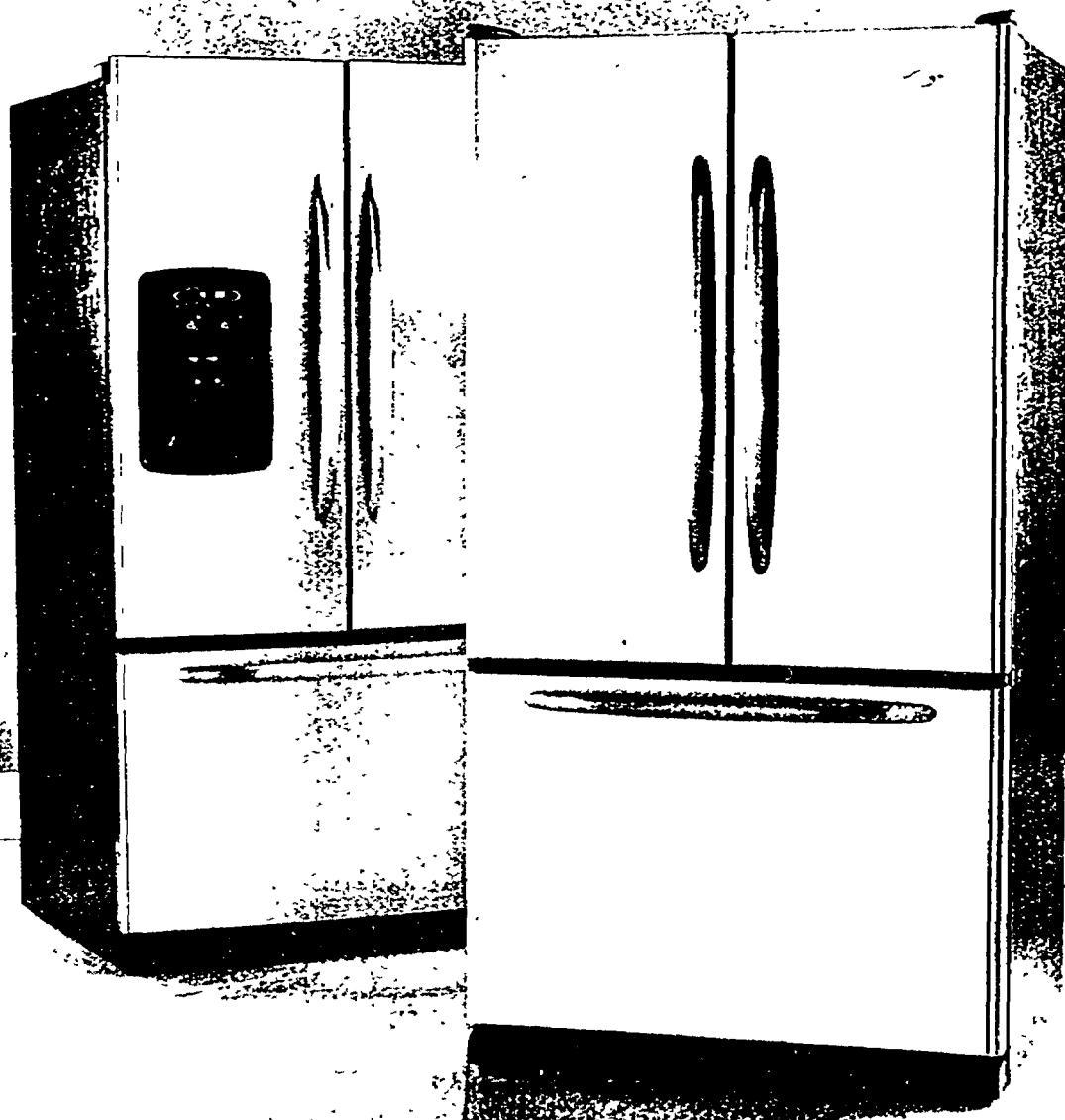
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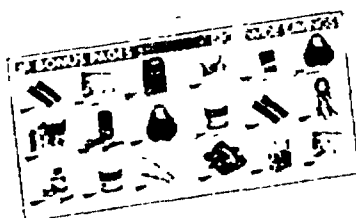
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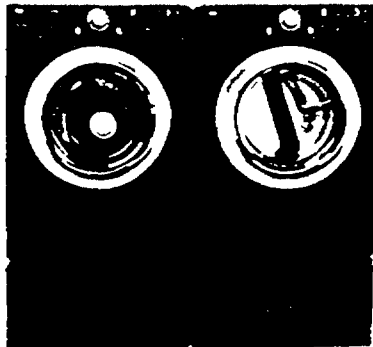
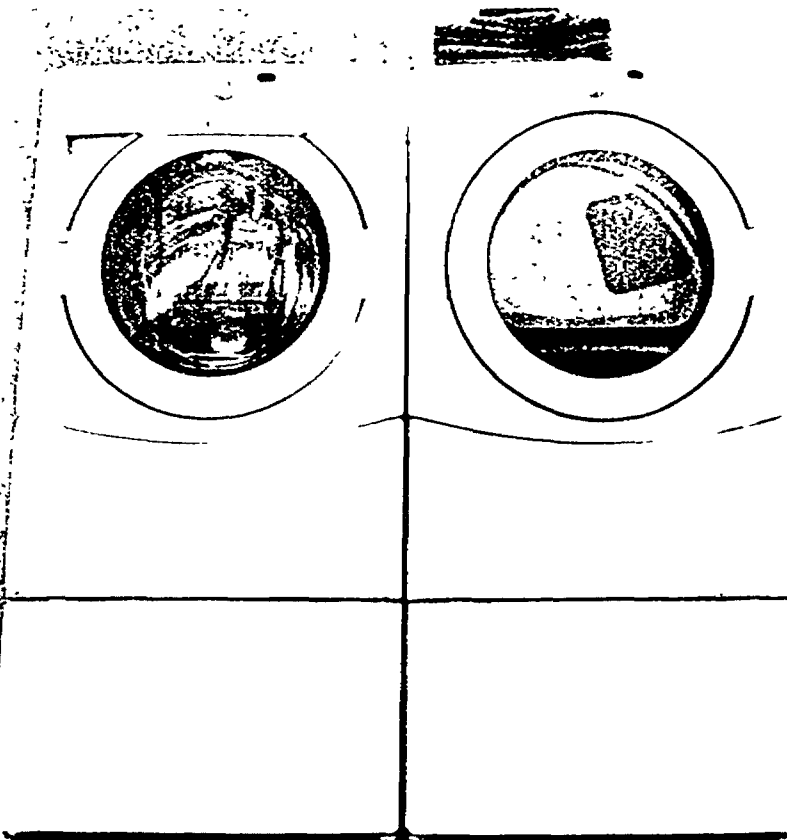
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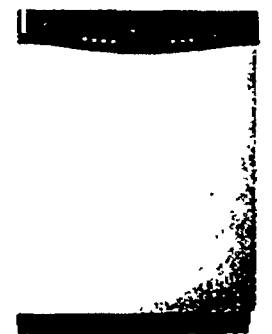
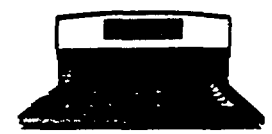
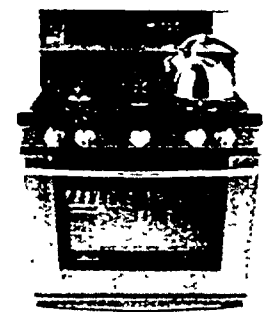
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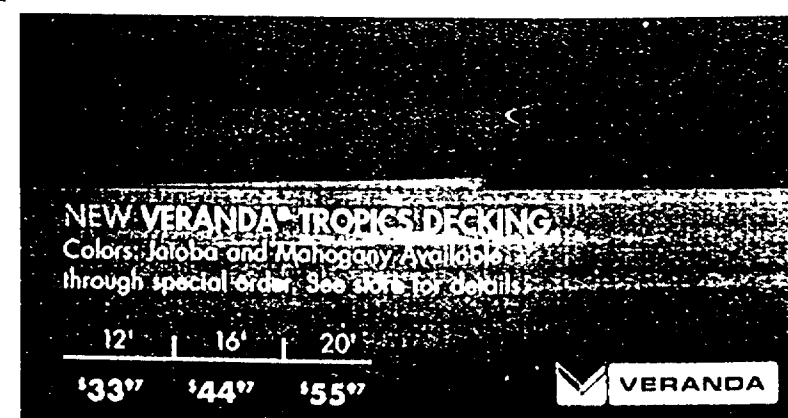


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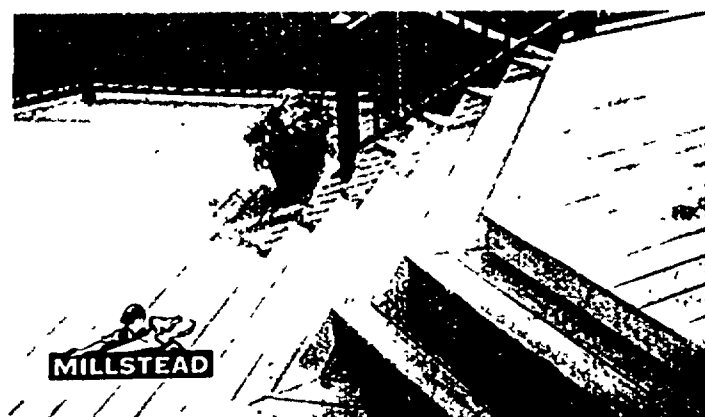
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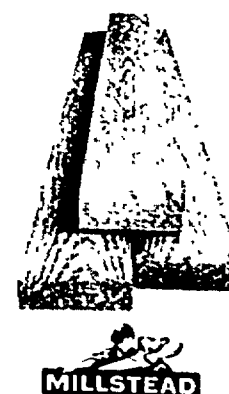
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2"x6"	\$4 ⁹⁷	\$6 ⁹⁷	\$7 ⁹⁷	\$10 ⁹⁷
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2"x8"	\$6 ⁹⁷	\$8 ⁹⁷	\$9 ⁹⁷	\$13 ⁹⁷
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#2 PRESSURE TREATED LUMBER

SIZE	8'	10'	12'	16'
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2"x10"	\$7 ⁹⁷	\$11 ⁹⁷	\$14 ⁹⁷	\$18 ⁹⁷
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TREX® ACCENTS COMPOSITE DECKING

Natural wood grain patterns on one side. A smooth, contemporary look on the other. Colors: Winchester Gray, Saddle, Madeira and Woodland Brown available through special order. See store for details.

12'	16'	20'
\$27 ⁹⁷	\$36 ⁹⁷	\$46 ⁷⁷

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A more dramatic look. A more dramatic value. The rustic charm of wood without all the splinters. Colors: Winchester Gray and Madeira available through special order. See store for details.

12'	16'	20'
\$22 ⁴⁷	\$29 ⁹⁵	\$37 ⁴⁴



\$99⁹⁷

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Crafted from a durable low maintenance PVC composite with a lightly textured surface. Trex Artisan Series Railing, with its seamless design and attention to detail, enhances the look of any deck. [SPECIAL ORDER]



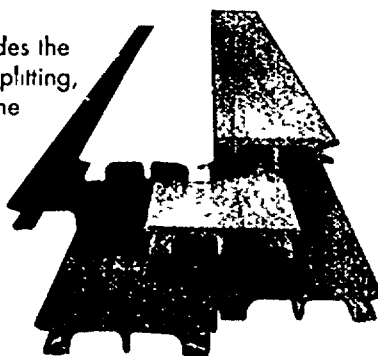
NATURAL BEAUTY THAT LASTS

Eon is a remarkable alternative decking and fencing system that provides the beauty and feel of natural wood. By virtually removing the inevitable splitting, fading, cracking and warping, Eon has clearly distinguished itself as the finest and most beautiful alternatives to wood ever developed.

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NEW VINYL SIDING COLORS & STYLES

INCREASE YOUR HOME'S VALUE WITH NEW COLORS, NEW PROFILES.



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\$54⁴⁵ PER 100 SQ. FT.

.042" THICK VINYL SIDING
CREATE A LOW-MAINTENANCE EXTERIOR
THAT STANDS UP TO THE WEATHER

Combine the rich look of real wood siding with the durability of premium-vinyl. Choose from: D4, D4DL, D5, D5DL Dutch Lap siding. 9 colors available in a variety of profiles. Most delivered within 7 days. (493048)

EXCITING NEW COLORS



IN-STOCK SIDINGS



\$5²⁵ EACH
D4 ESSENTIALS PLUS®
VINYL SIDING

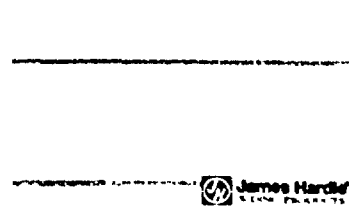
With its attractive weathered wood grain finish, Essentials Plus® siding offers both good looks and a solid value. It is covered by a 50-year limited, prorated, non-transferable warranty from Owens Corning. 8"x12". (407254)

\$114 D4 .042 VINYL SIDING
Covers 200 sq. ft. (406651)



\$8⁸⁶ EACH
D5 SOLID 12' WHITE SOFFIT
D5 Soffit. No painting needed
Will not rot or peel. (405833)

\$8* D5 .048 PR LANCED WHITE
SOFFIT (892019)



\$5⁸⁸
5/16"x8 1/4"-12'
HARDIE PRIMED
CEDAR MILL LAP SIDING
Will not crack, rot or
delaminate (462260)



\$23⁸⁸
5/16"-4'x8' PRIMED
SIERRA HARDIPANEL®
SIDING
8" on center. Low maintenance.
Withstands termite attacks.
(553777)



\$20⁸⁸
3/8"-4'x8' 8" OC
SMARTPANEL II™
ENGINEERED WOOD SIDING
8" on center. 30-year limited
warranty. (509095)

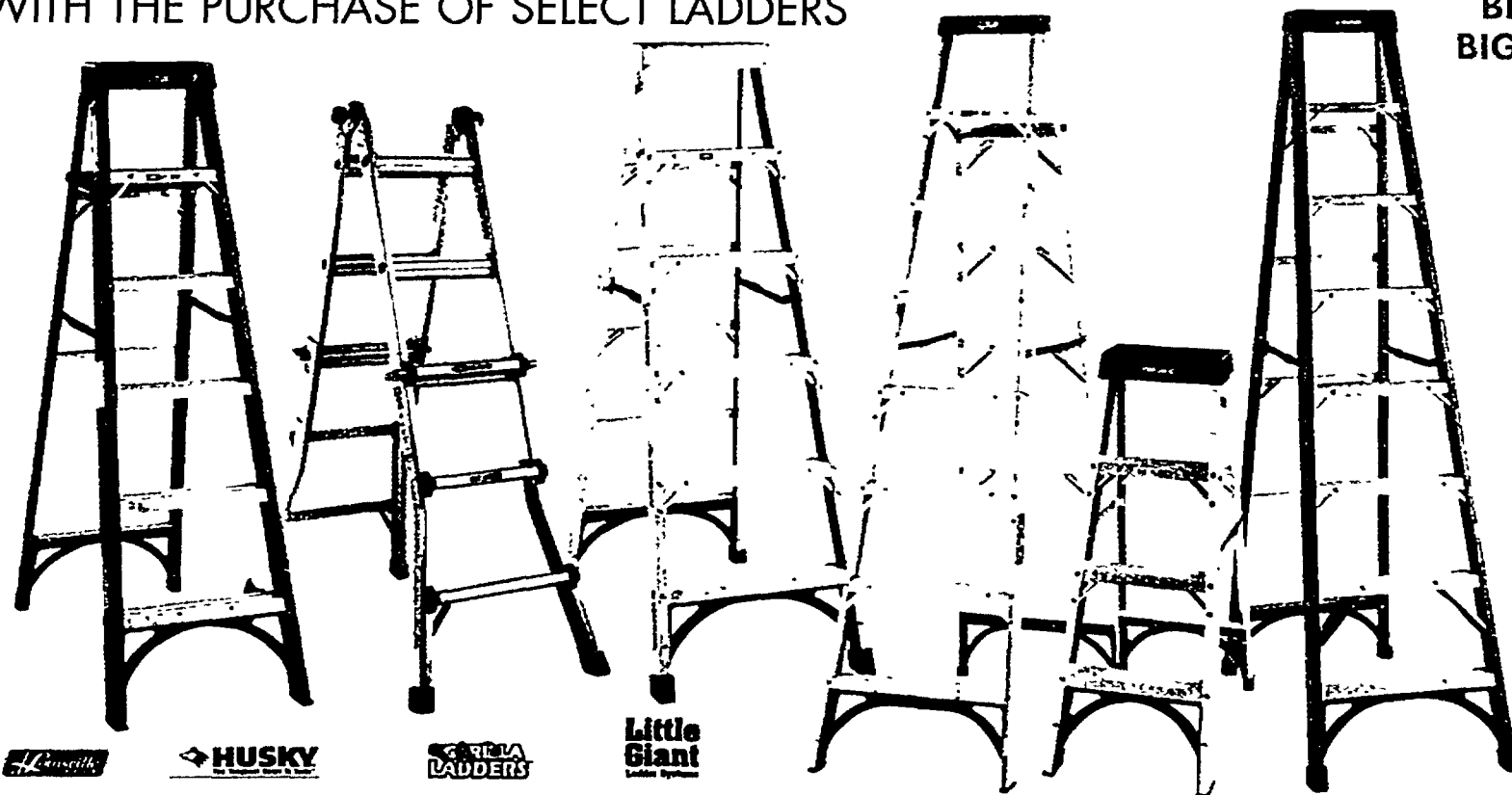


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32 FT. = \$64.00

28 FT. = \$56.00

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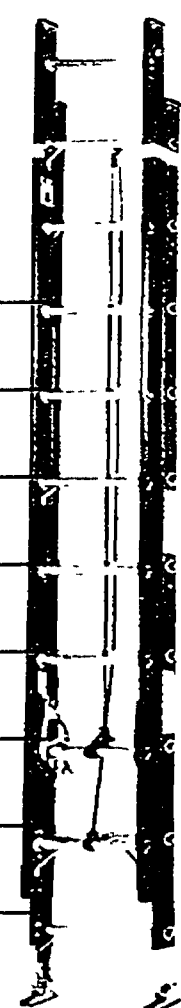
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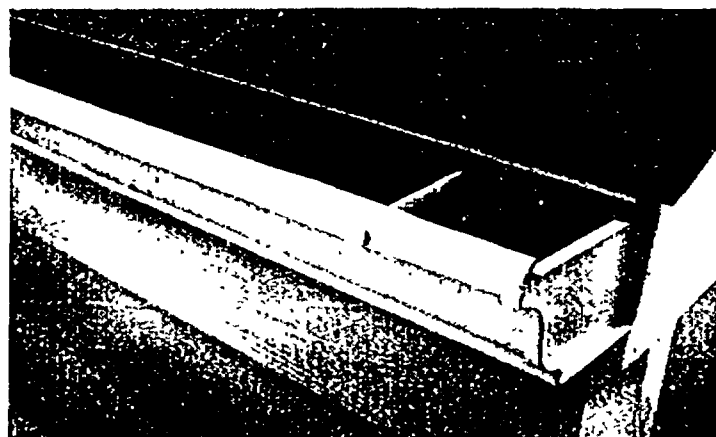
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2 FT. = \$4.00



LADDERS

IN-STOCK GUTTERS & ACCESSORIES



\$6⁴⁶

10' ALUMINUM GUTTER

Rust free and unaffected by extreme temperatures. Controls roof runoff. Helps prevent wet basements and walls. Helps prevent wall stains from roof splash over. (267805)

\$7¹² 10' ALUMINUM
DOWNSPOUT (268291)



\$5⁹⁹

24" SPLASHBLOCK

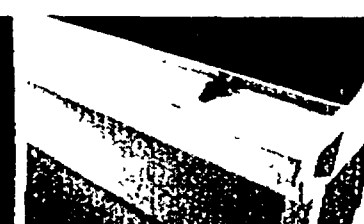
Used to divert water and prevent ground erosion. (492456)
\$5⁹⁹ GREEN (557100)
\$6⁴³ BROWN (751693)



\$9⁵⁸

FLEX-A-SPOUT DIVERTER

Diverts water away from foundation. Green. (148392)
\$9⁵⁸ WHITE (193181)
\$9⁵⁸ BROWN (193182)



\$4⁴⁹

10' WHITE VINYL GUTTER

Lifetime warranty vinyl with patented leak-proof design. (281864)

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\$129 WAS \$189
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Slide stop pads to keep drill from sliding on smooth surfaces.

\$8999
BLACK & DECKER® 14.4-VOLT LITHIUM ION DRILL
Includes drill/driver, charging station, (8) screwdriving bits, (8) drill bits.
(877865)



\$49
RYOBI® 12-VOLT CORDLESS DRILL KIT
Keyless chuck enables quick and easy bit changes. 24 clutch positions virtually eliminates screw stripping
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MITER SAWS

EXACTLINE LASER ALIGNMENT SYSTEM FOR CUTTING ACCURACY

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3,600 RPM blade speed. 7.88 in. cutting capacity. AVAILABLE ONLINE (187336)



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YOUR CHOICE \$299
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Heavy-duty 15 AMP, 5,000 RPM motor for ample cutting power. Exactline™ laser alignment. ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE (203608)

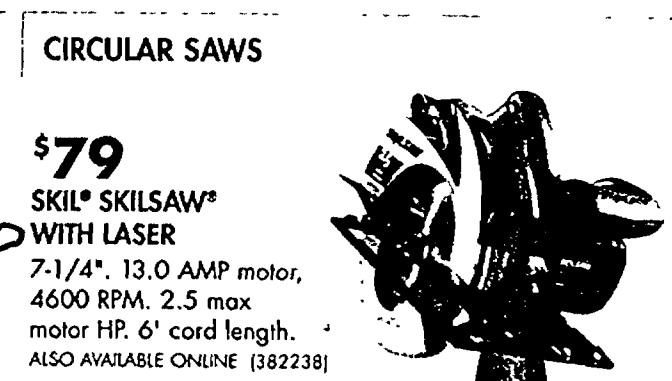


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SKIL® 10" TABLE SAW WITH DIGITAL RIP FENCE AND STAND
Digital rip fence display provides fast and accurate readings up to 1/32". Powerful 15 AMP motor. (866543)

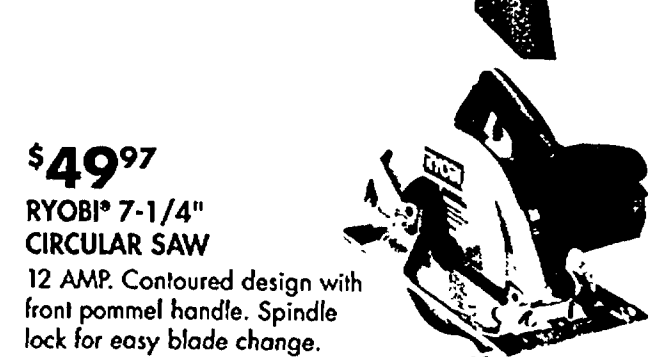


CIRCULAR SAWS

\$79
SKIL® SKILSAW® WITH LASER
7-1/4". 13.0 AMP motor, 4600 RPM. 2.5 max motor HP. 6' cord length. ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE (382238)



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RYOBI® 7-1/4" CIRCULAR SAW
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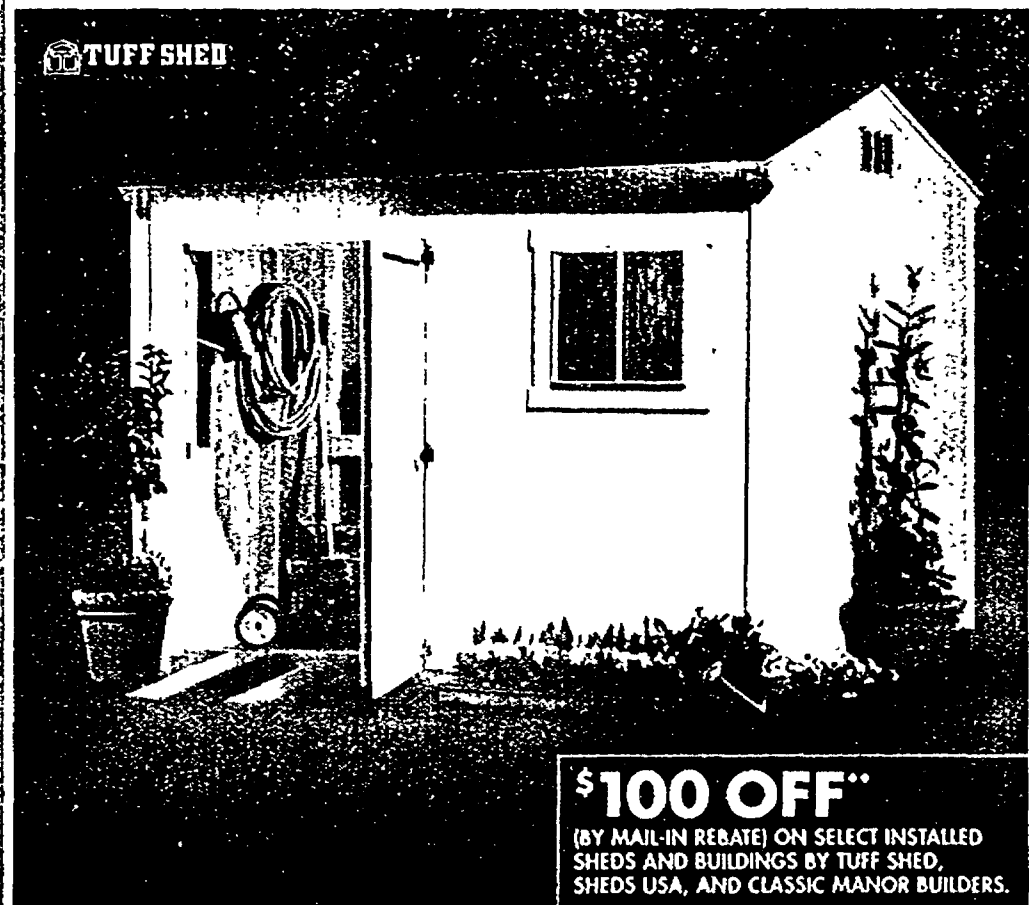
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- ## SHEDS & STORAGE BUILDINGS
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 - We offer removal of existing fixture, assembly, installation and wiring
 - One-year labor warranty***
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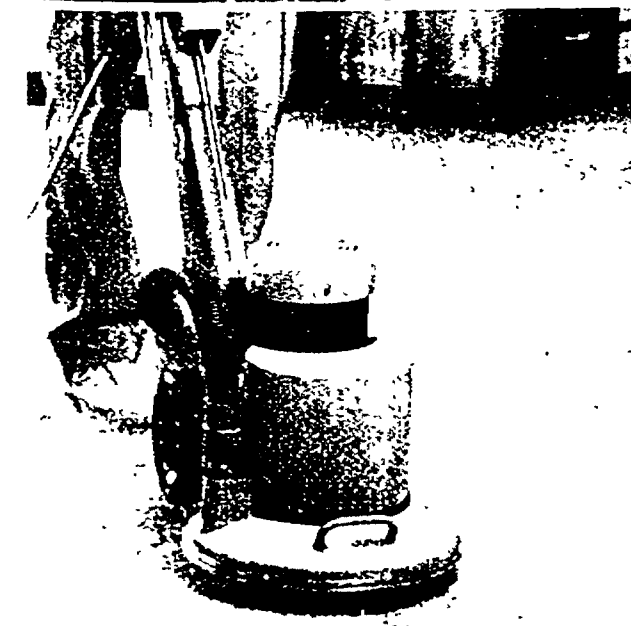
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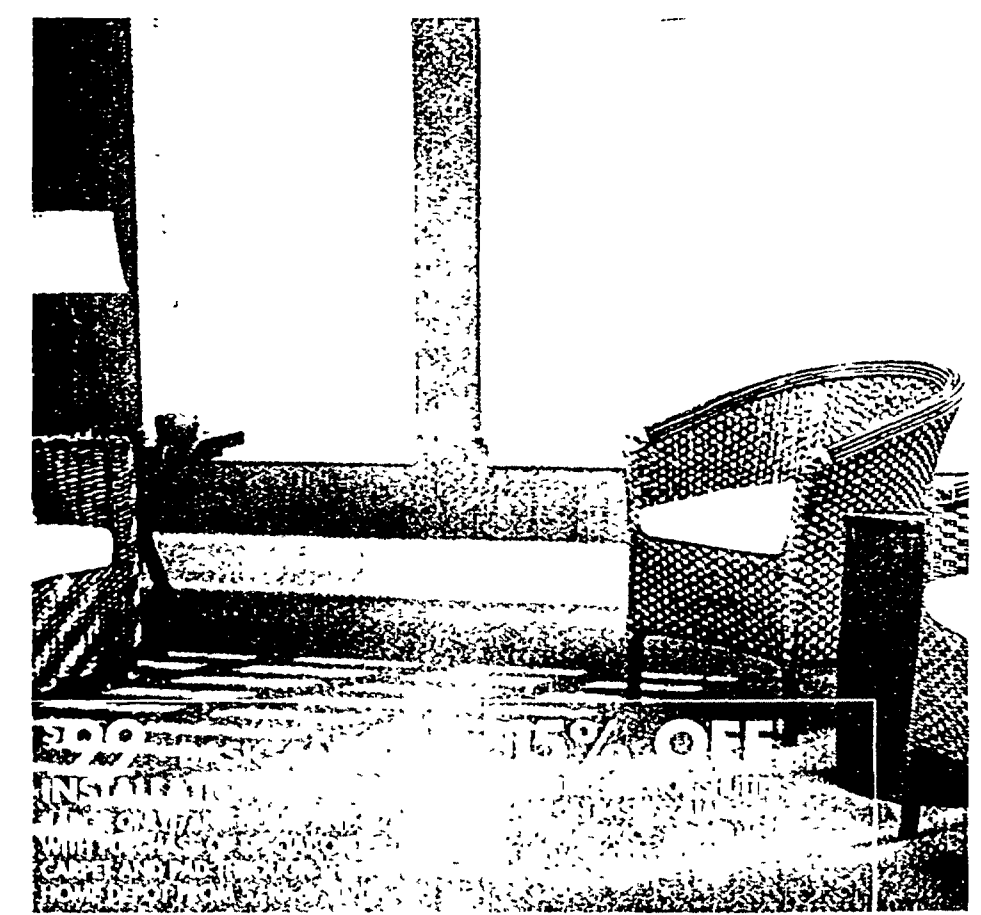
- ## CUSTOM ORGANIZATION
- Our network of professionals will design and install custom solutions for your garage, office and more
 - FREE in-home consultation includes a complete evaluation, identifying solutions, presenting options, taking measurements and providing a custom design with estimate
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12 MONTHS*
 NO PAYMENTS, NO INTEREST
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- Carbonating process allows carpet to dry fast
 - No detergents or harsh chemicals
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- ## FLOORING
- We'll help you choose from thousands of options and arrange for in-home measurement
 - Licensed** professionals will install new floors, remove old flooring and clean up any related debris
 - One competitive price covers everything from start to finish
 - Choose from carpet, tile, hardwood, laminate and vinyl
- VISIT YOUR LOCAL STORE TODAY
- ## INTERIOR SHUTTERS
- Our Associates will help you with selection and arrange for in-home measurement
 - Basic installation includes: in-home measurement and evaluation, delivery of all job-related materials within 30 miles of store, removal of job-related debris, jobsite cleanup and walk-through inspection
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RECEIVE UP TO \$500 GIFT CARD WITH SELECT APPLIANCES

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IF YOU WANT IT INSTALLED THE RIGHT WAY,



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\$59 BASIC INSTALLATION**

(BY MAIL-IN REBATE) ON ANDERSEN BRANDED STORM DOORS (UP TO A \$50 SAVINGS) FROM 5/10/07 THROUGH 7/11/07.

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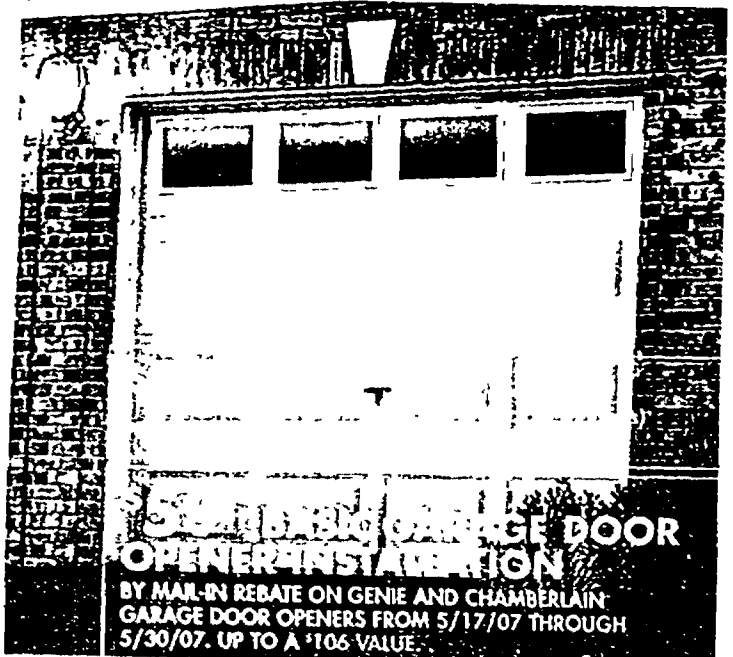
- Custom designed to fit your needs and budget
- Limited lifetime warranties***
- Integrates seamlessly with existing home architecture

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*Installed Patio Cover: minimum purchase of \$2500. Installed Sunroom: minimum purchase of \$5000. Customer will receive the The Home Depot gift card from the installer once the job is complete and paid for in full. Valid 5/03/07-5/30/07 in participating U.S. The Home Depot stores. Offer does not apply to city permits, fees and cement. ***See actual warranties for details. **Basic installation price varies by market. Offer not valid on EMCO or Forever branded doors. *Basic installation price varies by market. Service not available in all markets.



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- On-site inspection
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(BY MANUFACTURER MAIL-IN REBATE) ON COMBINED PURCHASE OF SELECT INSTALLED TRANE HIGH EFFICIENCY COMFORT SYSTEMS, TRANE CLEANEFFECTS AIR CLEANERS AND TRANE THERMOSTATS/CONTROLS THROUGH THE HOME DEPOT.

*Valid only on in-home sales contracts signed between 3/8/07 and 5/31/07 and installed between 3/8/07 and 6/14/07. 1) When the select Trane air conditioner or heat pump model is matched with a Trane variable-speed indoor unit plus a Trane CleanEffects air cleaner and a Trane thermostat/control: \$1200 rebate with model XL19; \$800 rebate with model XL16; \$600 rebate with model XL15; \$300 rebate with model XL14. 2) When the select Trane air conditioner or heat pump model is matched with a Trane variable-speed indoor unit plus a Trane thermostat/control: \$1000 rebate with model XL19; \$600 rebate with model XL16; \$400 rebate with model XL15; \$200 rebate with model XL14. 3) When the select packaged combination air conditioner and heating unit is installed only with a Trane thermostat/control: \$600 rebate with model XL16; \$400 rebate with model XL15; \$200 rebate with model XL14. 4) The following rebates apply when the select variable speed gas or oil furnace is installed only with a Trane thermostat/control: \$75 rebate with Trane 90 Variable-speed Gas Furnace; \$50 rebate with Trane 80 Variable-speed Gas or Oil Furnace. Rebate form provided by Trane representative at time of installation. See contract for guarantee details. ***Certain restrictions may apply. Total offer is 15% OFF initial system hardware and labor up to a total system price of \$3,000. Not valid for security systems purchased through ADT Authorized Dealers. Not valid on upgrades to existing ADT customers. New ADT customers must initiate appointment and/or sale by calling 1-800-HOMEDEPOT. Valid on the purchase of any new ADT Home Security System. Free installation and two months of free monitoring (worth \$3.98) available on the reactivation of any existing ADT system that results in a new ADT Service Contract. Limit one offer per new ADT customer. Not valid in combination with other offers or discounts. Valid only on systems purchased between 4/15/07 and 7/31/07 from ADT Security Services, Inc. Offer expires 7/31/07. Quality Service Plan (QSP) is ADT's Extended Limited Warranty. 36-month monitoring agreement required from \$33.99 per month, including QSP (from \$15.76). Prices subject to change. Prices may vary by market. Pricing does not include one-time \$25 in California. 24-month monitoring agreement required from \$33.99 per month, including QSP. In Las Vegas, NV, from \$38.99 per month, including QSP. ADT license information available at www.adt.com or Communication Connection fee. Local permit fees may be required. Satisfactory credit history required. Additional monitoring fees required for some services. ADT license information available at www.adt.com or 1-800-ADT-ASAP. ©2007 ADT Security Services, Inc. ADT, the ADT logo, ADT Always There and 1-800-ADT-ASAP are registered trademarks of ADT Services AG and are used under license. ADT Security Services, Inc. is not affiliated with The Home Depot. ***See actual warranties for details. **When purchased with The Home Depot Consumer Credit Card. Additional terms apply. See at right for Key Credit Terms. ****Styles and options vary by market area.

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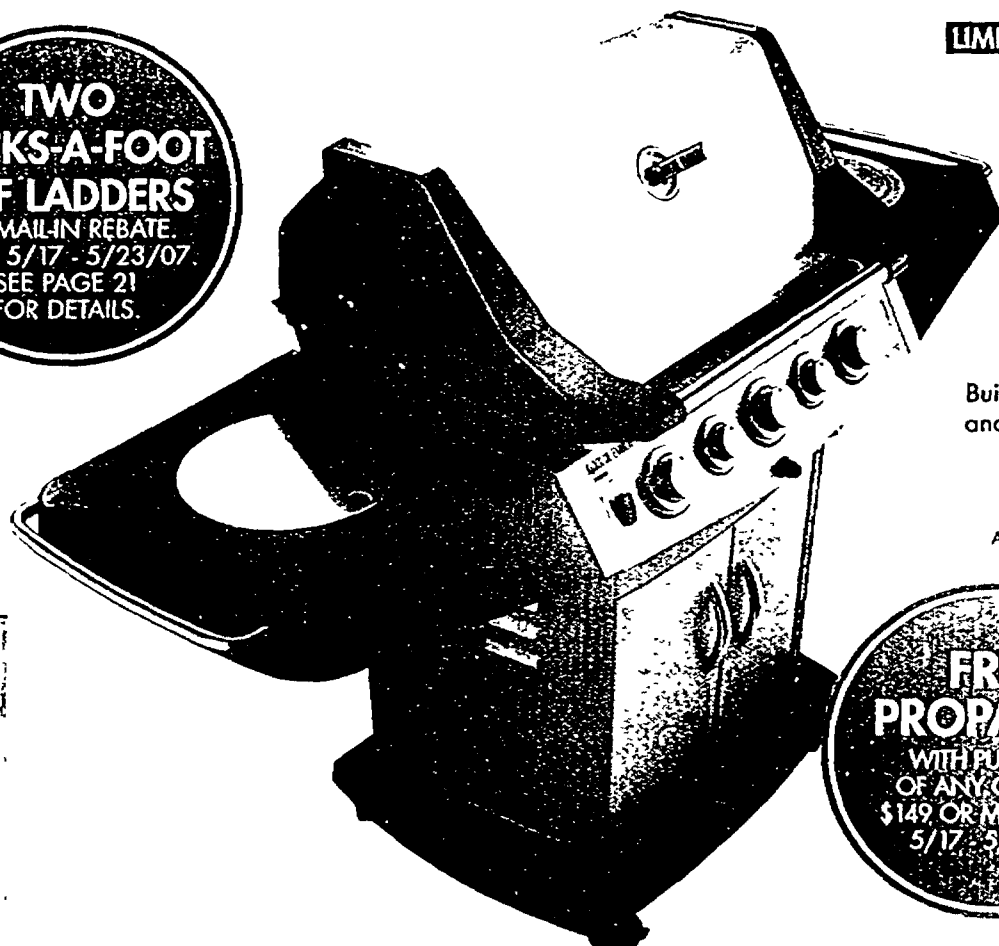
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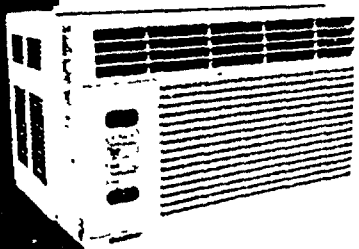


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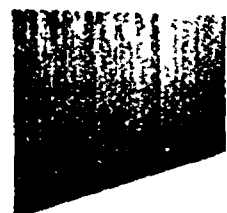
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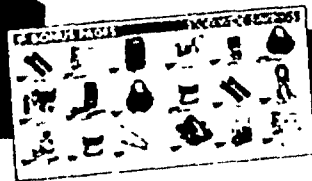
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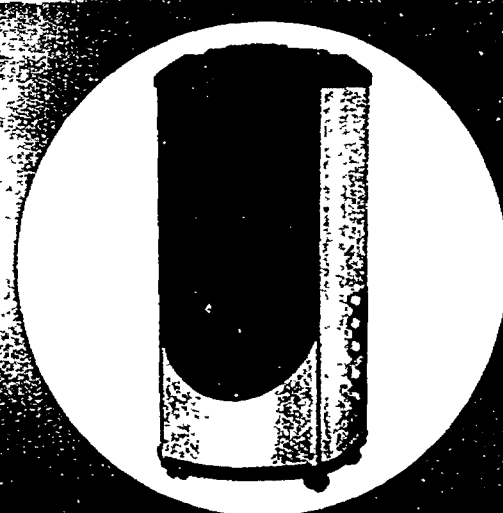
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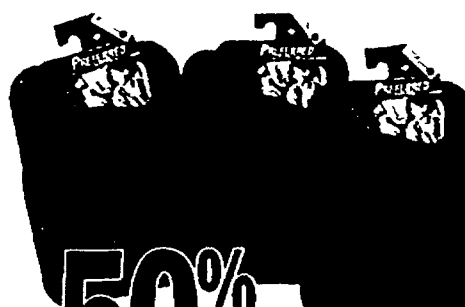


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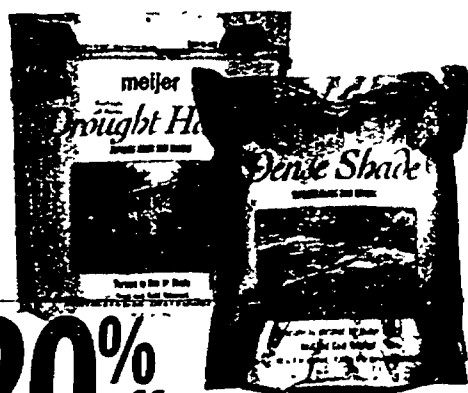


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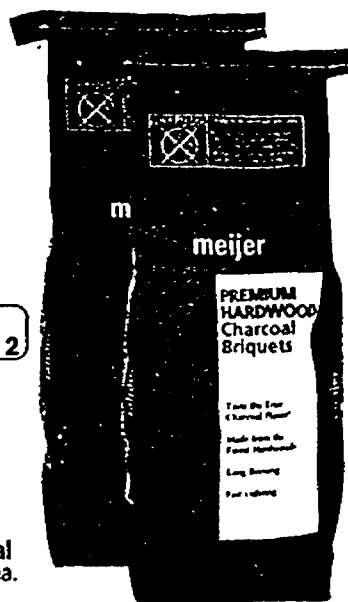
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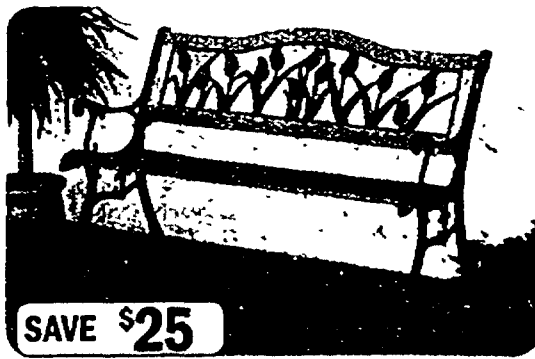
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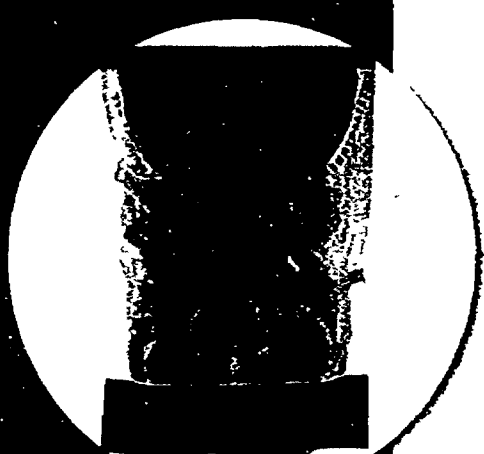
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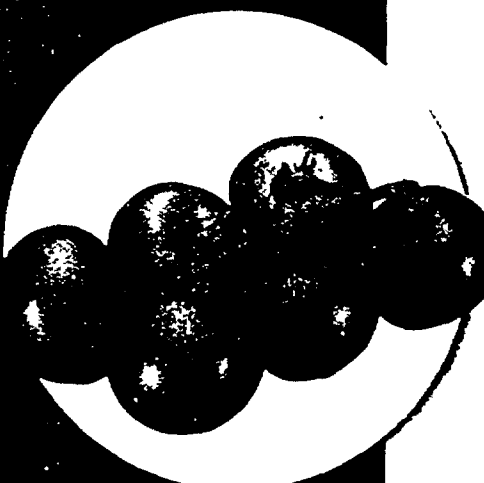
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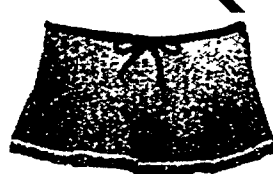


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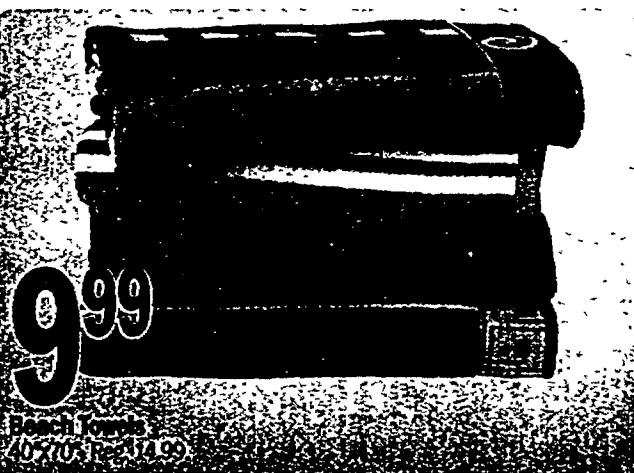
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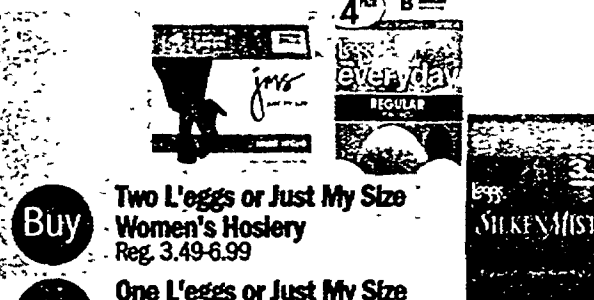


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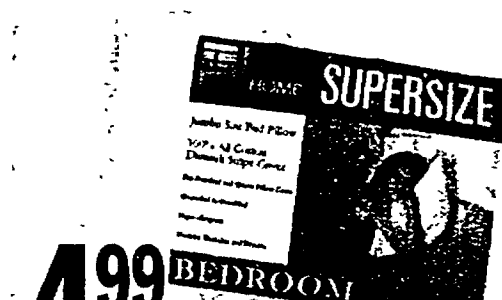
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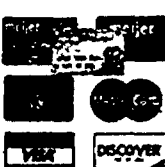
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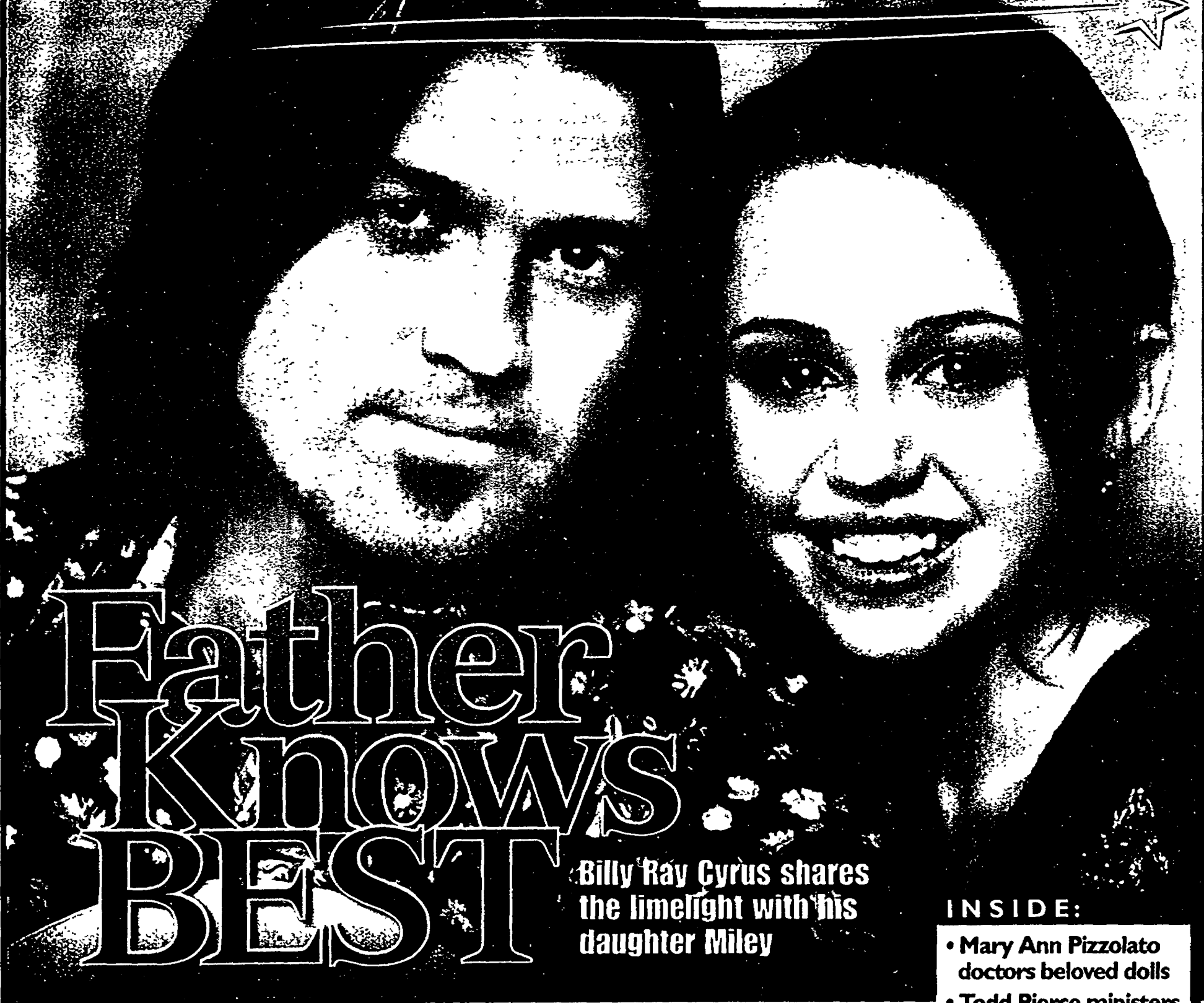
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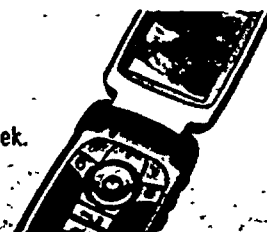
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Ask American Profile

Q I'm a fan of Westerns and was wondering if you could tell me more about actor Lee Van Cleef.

—J.P. Fritts, Wilmar, Ariz.

Van Cleef, who appeared in numerous Westerns and TV series during the 1960s and '70s, died of a heart attack in 1989 at the age of 64. Considered one of Hollywood's greatest movie villains, the Somerville, N.J., native worked as an accountant and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II before making his memorable movie debut as a dialogue-less henchman in the 1952 classic *High Noon*. Sharp-eyed viewers may have noticed, in later roles, that the tip of his right-hand middle finger is missing. He lost it building a playhouse for his daughter.



Lee Van Cleef

Q Is Dick Van Dyke still acting?

—Roberta D., Cassville, N.Y.

"I retired five years ago and it hasn't worked out," Van Dyke, 81, jokes. The *Diagnosis: Murder* star recently appeared in an original TV movie for the Hallmark Channel, *Murder 101: College Can Be Murder*, which also featured his 55-year-old son, Barry. Van Dyke also appeared in last year's movie comedy *Night at the Museum*.

Dick Van Dyke

Q What's going on with Norah Jones? It's been awhile since we've heard from her. And is it true that her father also is a famous musician?

—Adam A., State College, Pa.

The Grammy-winning, piano-playing singer-songwriter, 28, is touring to promote her third album, *Not Too Late*. You also can see her later this year making her Hollywood debut in the movie *My Blueberry Nights*, in which she'll star alongside Natalie Portman, Jude Law and Ed Harris—pretty good company for someone who'd never acted previously! Jones' father is Ravi Shankar, world-famous for his music on the sitar, a stringed South Asian instrument resembling a guitar.

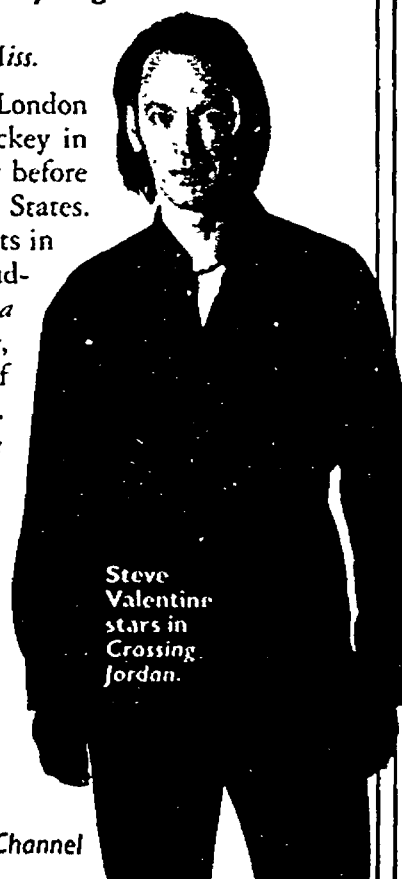


Singer Norah Jones

Q Does Steve Valentine of the television show *Crossing Jordan* have a small part in the new *Hannibal Rising* movie? Can you give us more information on him?

—Julie Mitchell, Clinton, Miss.

Valentine, 40, hails from London and worked as a disc jockey in Yugoslavia as a teenager before coming to the United States. The actor played small parts in a variety of TV shows, including *Will & Grace*, *Dharma & Greg* and *Just Shoot Me*, before landing the role of Nigel on *Crossing Jordan*. (If you're a *real* Valentine fan, you might recall that he's played characters also named Nigel on episodes of two other shows, *Silk Stalkings* and *Martial Law*.) He's divorced and lives in Los Angeles. And while he has appeared in numerous films, *Hannibal Rising* is not one of them.



Steve Valentine stars in *Crossing Jordan*.

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Hometown Spotlight

Friendliest Town on the Trail



David Patrick founded Mount Rogers Outfitters.

A weary hiker limps into Mount Rogers Outfitters in Damascus, Va. (pop. 981), and heads straight for the shoe department. The hiker's feet are aching after a six-week, 450-mile trek on the Appalachian Trail.

Manager Tom Davenport inspects the hiker's boots, measures his right foot and suggests a new set of insoles to keep his feet from slipping and blistering on the mountainous terrain.

"We do a big business with people trying to solve their foot problems," says David Patrick, 62, a Damascus native who opened the store in 1991, a year after hiking the entire 2,160-mile Appalachian Trail from Georgia to Maine.

By STUART ENGLERT
Senior Editor



Photos by Stuart Englert

Colorful tents dot Damascus, Va., during Appalachian Trail Days.

"After being out in the woods for six months I thought it was something I wanted to do as a service to the hikers," Patrick adds. "At the time, it was hard to even find a pair of socks in Damascus."

Plenty has changed in Trail Town USA since Patrick started selling outdoor gear 16 years ago. Today, Damascus, which lies at the junction of five hiking, biking and scenic trails, is home to two sporting goods stores, six bike shops, and more than a dozen bed & breakfast inns and hostels that cater to thousands of hikers and cyclists each year.

Many come to Damascus to ride bicycles on the 34-mile Virginia Creeper Trail, which follows the forested route of a former railroad line between Abingdon and Whitetop Station, Va.

"Most of the people ride from Whitetop to

Damascus," says Rick DeArmond, 40, the owner of Blue Blaze Bike & Shuttle. "It's all downhill, so families can bring kids along and ride 18 miles."

The dense forests around Damascus long have attracted adventurous outdoorsmen. Daniel Boone blazed a trail through the wilderness of southwestern Virginia in 1775, opening the region to European settlement.

"He came through here and went west into the Cumberland Gap in Kentucky," says Louise Fortune Hall, 94, the town's historian and a founding member of the Mount Rogers Appalachian Trail Club, which maintains 56 miles of the trail north of Damascus.

Today's trailblazers are the hundreds of long-distance hikers that pass through Damascus each year en route to Mount Katahdin in Maine. Most arrive in April or May and many time their visit to coincide with the town's annual Appalachian Trail Days.

The festival, which serves as both a community celebration and hikers' reunion, features a hikers' parade and talent show, Appalachian Trail photo contest, backpacking workshops, a trout tournament, and dozens of outdoor product vendors and trail-related organizations.

"Hiking the Appalachian Trail is a mission and they want to accomplish the whole trail," says Mayor Creed Jones, 80, of the visiting trekkers. "Then they love to come back here and brag about it."

Damascus is a virtual oasis for weary hikers, a place where they can eat a hearty meal, wash a load of laundry and restock their

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Dan Winter of Boone, N.C., treks into town with his hiking companion, Savannah.

Odd Jobs

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Doctoring Beloved Dolls

Mary Ann Pizzolato peers into the dull blue eyes of Baby Coos, a 60-year-old doll whose plastic peepers have been clouded by a fungus—and time. Next, she flexes the doll's vinyl legs, which are ripped and ready to fall off.

After examining the doll from head to toe, Pizzolato looks hopeful. After all, she's been repairing cracked Kewpies, balding Barbies and tattered teddy bears for 30 years.

"If we treat her mold and attach these legs the best we can, it's going to be about \$60," says Pizzolato, 53, the owner of The Doll Hospital in Spring, Texas (pop. 36,385).

Baby Coos is worth saving to Beverly Peach, 68, of Mount Carmel, Ill., who received the doll as a Christmas gift when she was 10.

"Then we'll get her admitted," says Pizzolato, who has repaired dolls as a sideline since the 1970s when she apprenticed with a doll doctor in her hometown of East Orange, N.J.

Clad in a white lab jacket, Pizzolato tags and bags Baby Coos' clothing and assigns her a bed-box in a ward with a hundred other dolls with flopping limbs, sunken eyes, broken necks, squawky voice boxes and sawdust seeping from their middles. Dolls that arrive without clothes



are robed in miniature hospital gowns. "They get embarrassed," Pizzolato says with a smile.

"Some things are minor, like reattaching a head or restyling hair," she says, whereas other dolls need major makeovers. "I restored a Shirley Temple doll that had both feet and arms eaten by a rottweiler."

In 1985, Pizzolato left a career as a chemical engineer for Gulf Oil Co. during a slump in the oil business and opened the doll repair and retail shop two years later. Her chemistry background comes in handy in duplicating the original material used by the doll makers.

"I go back to the basics," she says. "I'm at heart a conservationist."

Pizzolato restores dolls made of china and leather, wood and wax, papier-mâché and plastic. With the duplicated material, she sculpts a new toe, a chin or other body part, then sands and paints them.

To remove decades of dirt left by grubby little hands, Pizzolato concocted a solution that cleans without removing painted ruby lips and pink cheeks.

A rejuvenated 1931 Patsy doll decked in a pink corduroy coat and a 1923 Bubbles in bloomers and bonnet look like a lineup in a beauty pageant after Pizzolato's handiwork. They smell as fresh as they look, too, because she sprays them with a vanilla-scented fragrance that she formulated.

"New dolly smell and Christmas morning just go together," Pizzolato says. "I like being able to bring back some of that magic to people's lives."

Dolls are sent to The Doll Hospital for appraisals and repairs from around the United States and keep Pizzolato and four assistants bustling. Costs range from \$25 for a simple restringing of limbs to more than \$1,000 for a major reconstruction, such as the work needed on

A restored Patsy doll, circa 1931



Madison and Brooke Frohock of Sugar Land, Texas, took their "babies" to The Doll Hospital last year.



an 1850s china doll with a shattered face. In its restored condition, the rare doll by French doll maker A. Thuillier is valued at \$50,000.

Not every doll that Pizzolato rescues has antique value, though. Some are modern plastic dolls that have been squeezed and smooched to shreds, but are priceless to their young owners. Last year, Brooke Frohock, 7, and her sister, Madison, 9, checked their dolls into the hospital for needed eye implants and skin transplants, but were sad about leaving their beloved babies.

"These were their first dolls," says their mother, Gabrielle Frohock, of Sugar Land, Texas. "They put them to bed each night."

To ease the girls' worries, Pizzolato sent daily e-mails to them from their dolls. "Dr. Mary Ann gave me a bubble bath and I got to eat chocolate ice cream," one message read. "Don't be sad because I'm going to be so beautiful when you see me."



Pizzolato examines one of her plastic patients.

"Mary Ann made the whole thing a pleasant experience," Gabrielle says.

Pizzolato delights in seeing the faces of 7-year-olds and 70-year-olds when they come to take their rehabilitated dolls home from The Doll Hospital.

"It's a little piece of childhood that people hang onto," she says. "We get to relive a lot of happy times with people." ☆

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Once a rodeo competitor himself, Todd Pierce now is a minister with Pro Bull Riding Outreach.

Reverend of the Rodeo

by M.B. ROBERTS

Former bareback bronc champion Todd Pierce still gets nervous when he steps into a rodeo arena, but his fear has nothing to do with riding a bucking horse without a saddle or reins.

"I'm scared to death to speak in front of people," Pierce admits with a grin. "And it's a big part of my job."

Pierce, 35, of Shelley, Idaho (pop. 3,885), hung up his spurs several years ago to answer a call to the ministry as a rodeo pastor. As an ordained, non-denominational minister affiliated with Pro Bull Riding Outreach, a Christian ministry for rodeo contestants, he travels to competitions all over the nation, and also served in Australia last year.

"It's good I get butterflies (when I speak)," Pierce says. "If God asked us to do something that we were capable of doing without him, then we'd never ask for help."

At every event, Pierce leads Bible studies for riders and their families, and a Sunday worship service that is open to everyone, including fans. Since rodeos are primarily weekend events, Pierce brings a religious worship experience to people whose lifestyle frequently takes them on the road and away from regular worship services.

Bull rider Wiley Peterson, 26, attends Outreach services regularly and says Pierce is "gifted at touching people's hearts."

"He's a real guy, without a holier-than-thou attitude," says Peterson, of Fort Hall, Idaho (pop. 3,193). "That's what people like about him."

Riders especially relate because Pierce has lived their lifestyle. He successfully competed as a bareback rider in Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association events for seven years, finishing third in the world in rookie standings his first year and later winning the Wilderness Circuit title three times.

Pierce knew he wanted to be a minister after becoming a Christian while attending Idaho State University. He also had done some bareback horse riding previ-

ously so, after graduating in 1994, Pierce joined the professional rodeo circuit and brought along his wife, Leslie. The couple hoped their rodeo experiences would help them understand how they eventually could minister to others.

When he wasn't competing atop explosive broncs, Pierce studied for the ministry and conducted informal prayer groups and Bible studies for fellow riders. He was ordained in 2001 by the Trinity Fellowship in Oklahoma and, that same



Pierce says a prayer with rider Travis Briscoe.

year, became a pastor with Pro Bull Riding Outreach.

"We had another pastor," says Cody Custer, a founding member of both the ministry and the Professional Bull Riders Association. "But things were a little rough and unorganized for him. Sometimes we have bulls and tractors in the background during services."

A little noise and a few bulls don't rattle Pierce. He's just as passionate about worship whether it is for 20 people gathered backstage at a dusty arena or 1,500 people in a Las Vegas ballroom.



Amid the noise of a busy rodeo arena, Pierce pauses for a quiet moment.



Leading a Sunday morning worship service

"Todd is the most tenacious man I've ever met," says Custer, who met Pierce at a rodeo competition. "He's got so much grit and determination. But it's a blessing and curse. There are nights he doesn't sleep because he cares so much for people and what they're going through."

Once when a bull rider was thrown and in danger of being trampled, Pierce jumped the fence and got "right in the middle of it," according to Custer. "I've never said he was *smart*," he adds with a smile. "But that man has a heart of gold."

Pierce says the sport of bull riding creates an intense environment. "Sometimes it's life or death. When you're in a setting like that, there's a closeness you enter into," he says.

The physical demands and inherent dangers of the rodeo lifestyle combine for a unique community of faith living life on the edge. "I love these men like my own brothers," Pierce says. "My ultimate goal is to bring them into a deeper relationship with God." ☆

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Father KNOWS BEST

It's been a whirlwind day for Billy Ray Cyrus. It's 6 p.m. and he's spent several hours at a photo shoot in Los Angeles for the second season of the hit Disney Channel series *Hannah Montana*, on which he plays dad to his real-life daughter, 14-year-old Miley. In less than an hour, he's due at a recording studio where he'll work into the wee hours on his new CD, due for release in September. And he's been stepping lively as a contestant on *Dancing With the Stars*, the televised competition that pairs celebrities with professional dancers.

Billy Ray Cyrus shares the limelight with his daughter Miley

Miley wasn't quite 2 years old in 1994, when dad Billy Ray was riding high with the hit single "Achy Breaky Heart."



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Cyrus and Miley star on TV's *Hannah Montana*.

Riding high on the latest loop of an up-and-down, 25-year roller-coaster career, Cyrus is burning the candle at both ends, but he doesn't show it. As he brushes an errant lock of hair out of his eyes, he looks cool and collected, suggesting that he's a man who can't be frazzled.

"I lose it sometimes," he admits. "I just don't ever let anyone see it. I do it alone in my car with the music blasting."

The loud music in Cyrus' automobile could easily be Miley's *Hannah Montana* CD, which last year made history as the first TV soundtrack to enter the *Billboard* chart at No. 1. The CD's out-of-the-gate avalanche of sales was spurred by the runaway success of the TV series, which debuted last year and remains one of the most successful projects in the history of the Disney Channel. Expectations are that Miley's upcoming solo CD, set for release in June, will sell even better than the soundtrack.

"My dad holds the record for an album at No. 1 the longest," she says with a smile. "My goal is to beat my dad."

That could take some doing. Cyrus' debut CD, *Some Gave All*, remained at No. 1 for 17 weeks in 1992, creating a fan-frenzy phenomenon and making him a seemingly overnight sensation. But he'd been singing since the age of 4, when his grandmother nudged him in front of the congregation of the Pentecostal church pastored by his grandfather in Flatwoods, Ky. By the following year, he was singing with his father's gospel quartet, The Crownsmen.

A crucial decision

Baseball competed for Cyrus' attention throughout high school, but at age 20, he made a crucial decision: "I put my catcher's mitt up on a shelf and listened to my intuition," he says. "I drove to a music store and bought a guitar and decided I was starting a band."

After years of struggle, dashed hopes and false starts, he exploded onto the charts in 1992

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with the hit single "Achy Breaky Heart" and a video that ignited a dance craze and created an Elvis-like pandemonium.

"People didn't believe it was real. They thought it was staged," Cyrus says of the fan frenzy that his very appearance would incite. "But that was how life was for me. None of it was make-believe."

While "Achy Breaky Heart" catapulted him to fame, many critics considered it a novelty song and pegged Cyrus as a one-trick pony. By the mid-1990s, his rocket ride was mostly over, radio was turning a deaf ear to his music and people remembered him as "the 'Achy Breaky Heart' guy."

With his music career running out of steam, he reassessed his priorities and turned his attention toward home. "I wanted to embrace my family," he explains, "and take a little bit of time to get connected back with who I am and where I'm from, love my kids, my wife, and be a great father and a husband."

Change of scene

A couple of years later, Cyrus took his father's suggestion and began to explore other avenues of entertainment, finding a refreshing change of scene in acting. A role in the quirky movie *Mulholland Drive* paved the way for a couple of other small acting jobs, and in 2001 he landed the lead on a new PAX-TV series, *Dix*. Cyrus loved the fish-out-of-water role of a country physician in the big city, but the show filmed for weeks at a time in Toronto and the separation from his family in Tennessee was agonizing.

Dix was discontinued in 2004, but a year later Disney executives saw something they liked in both Cyrus and Miley and cast them in the comedy series *Hannah Montana*, about a young teenager with a secret life as a pop star. Cyrus relocated his entire family—wife Tish, daughter Brandi, 20, son Trace, 18, Miley, son Braison.

Cyrus and wife Tish gather their kids (clockwise from right) Trace, Brandi, Braison, Miley and Noah in 2002.



12, and daughter Noah, 7—from their 500-acre farm in Franklin, Tenn., to a house in Los Angeles, their home for the months when *Hannah Montana* is in production. No one knew at the time that the show would become a smash hit, that it would spawn a soundtrack that was one of last year's top-selling CDs or that Miley would become the second Cyrus to be caught in a dizzying updraft of sudden superstardom. Even though Dad knows exactly what the experience is like for her, he's careful not to bombard Miley with advice.

"I know that she's got a lot of pressure on her, people and things coming at her from all directions," Cyrus says. "But the one thing I do tell her is, 'When this is no longer fun, stop doing it.'"

Miley's response to that? "What're you talkin' about, old man?" she says with a laugh—the same giggle that's become a signature to *Hannah Montana*'s opening theme song.

"I love my daddy," she adds earnestly. "Although I do think it's funny when the girls all scream for him because they think he's a hunk."

The grounding force

"Billy Ray is the coolest cat in the room," says *Hannah Montana* co-star Jason Earles, who plays Hannah's older brother. "He's sort of our calm in the center of the storm, no matter how crazy it gets. He's the grounding force. And Miley is awesome—there's something very infectious about her. She brings a lot

"My dad holds the record for an album at No. 1 the longest. My goal is to beat my dad."



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of her own natural charm to the role."

Cyrus is very much the proud papa. "Miley's an incredible young lady," he says. "She's amazing. She came on to the show pretty green. She'd done a couple of episodes on *Dix*, but that's nothing like doing a series. I think she's evolved into the closest thing to a young Lucille Ball in years. She has an innate ability to be funny."


"What I love most about her, though, is that she's Miley through all the insanity. She's dealing with the weight of the world. I was a 30-year-old man when I had the No. 1 album. She's 14 years old with a No. 1 album and a No. 1 TV show, and I know that somehow, even though she hides it so well, all that pressure has to be inside her."

Cyrus reflects for a moment, considering the unlikely show-business intersection at which he and



Terry O'Neil

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What is ACTONEL?

ACTONEL is a prescription medicine used:

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See the end of this leaflet for information about osteoporosis.

Who should not take ACTONEL?

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How should I take ACTONEL?

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- Keep taking ACTONEL for as long as your health care provider tells you.
- For ACTONEL to treat your osteoporosis or keep you from getting osteoporosis, you have to take it exactly as prescribed.
- Your health care provider may tell you to take calcium and vitamin D supplements and to exercise.

What is my ACTONEL schedule?

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What should I avoid while taking ACTONEL?

- Do not eat or drink anything except water before you take ACTONEL and for at least 30 minutes after you take it.
- Do not lie down for at least 30 minutes after you take ACTONEL.
- Foods and some vitamin supplements and medicines can stop your body from absorbing (using) ACTONEL. Therefore, do not take anything other than plain water at or near the time you take ACTONEL. (See "How should I take ACTONEL?").

What are the possible side effects of ACTONEL?

Stop taking ACTONEL and tell your health care provider right away if:

- swallowing is difficult or painful
- you have chest pain
- you have very bad heartburn or it doesn't get better

ACTONEL may cause:

- pain or trouble swallowing (dysphagia)
- heartburn (esophagitis)
- ulcers in your stomach and esophagus (the tube that connects the mouth and the stomach)
- pain in bones, joints or muscles, sometimes severe. Pain may start as soon as one day or up to several months after starting ACTONEL.

The most common side effects with ACTONEL include back pain, joint pain, upset stomach, abdominal (stomach area) pain, constipation, diarrhea, gas, and headache. Tell your health care provider if you have pain or discomfort in your stomach or esophagus. Rarely, severe skin reactions may occur. Patients may get allergic reactions such as rash, hives, or in rare cases, swelling that can be of the face, lips, tongue, or throat, which may cause trouble breathing or swallowing.

In rare cases, patients taking ACTONEL may get eye inflammation, usually with pain, redness and sensitivity to light.

Rarely, patients had jaw problems associated with delayed healing and infection, often following tooth extraction.

These are not all the possible side effects of ACTONEL. You can ask your health care provider or pharmacist about other side effects. Any time you have a medical problem you think may be from ACTONEL, talk to your doctor.

What is osteoporosis?

Osteoporosis is a disease that causes bones to become thinner. Thin bones can break easily. Most people think of their bones as being solid like a rock. Actually, bone is living tissue, just like other parts of the body—your heart, brain, or skin, for example. Bone just happens to be a harder type of tissue. Bone is always changing. Your body keeps your bones strong and healthy by replacing old bone with new bone.

Osteoporosis causes the body to remove more bone than it replaces. This means that bones get weaker. Weak bones are more likely to break. Osteoporosis is a bone disease that is quite common, especially in older women. However, young people and men can develop osteoporosis, too. Osteoporosis can be prevented, and with proper therapy it can be treated.

How can osteoporosis affect me?

- You may not have any pain or other symptoms when osteoporosis begins.
- You are more likely to break (fracture) a bone especially if you fall because osteoporosis makes your bones weaker. You are most likely to break a bone in your back (spine), wrist, or hip.
- You may "shrink" (get shorter).
- You may get a "hump" (curve) in your back.
- You may have bad back pain that makes you stop some activities.

Who is at risk for osteoporosis?

Many things put people at risk for osteoporosis. The following people have a higher chance of getting osteoporosis:

Women who:

- are going through or who are past menopause ("the change")
- are white (Caucasian) or Asian

People who:

- are thin
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Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned in patient information leaflets. Do not use ACTONEL for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give ACTONEL to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

What if I have other questions about ACTONEL?

This leaflet summarizes the most important information about ACTONEL for osteoporosis. If you have more questions about ACTONEL, ask your health care provider or pharmacist. They can give you information written for health care professionals. For more information, call 1-877-ACTONEL (toll-free) or visit our website at www.actonel.com.

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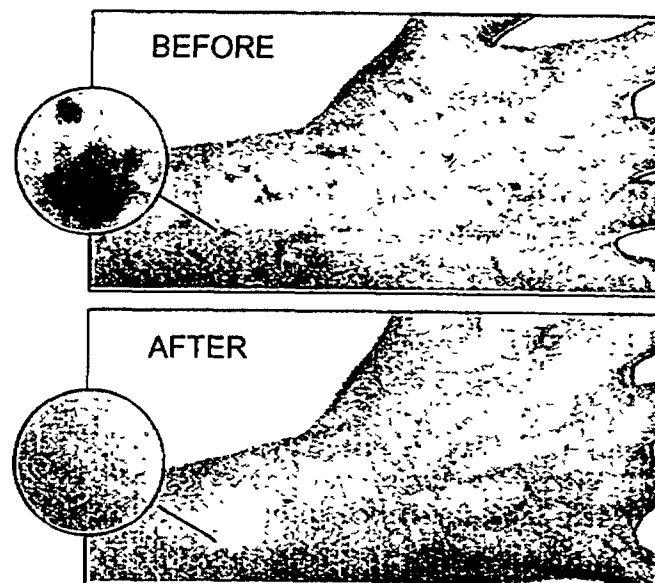

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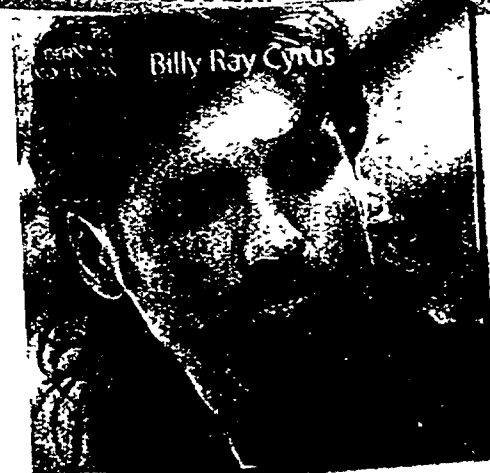
Cyrus with Dancing partner Karina Smirnoff

his daughter now find themselves. He hopes she's able to safely navigate her way through it—taking her bearings, perhaps, from her experienced "old man."

"I think as long as she looks for the light, she will find the light—she will be the light," he says. "This town has a keen way of surrounding you with darkness, but you can be a light. You only have to try. If you reach out and try, God will help you." ☆

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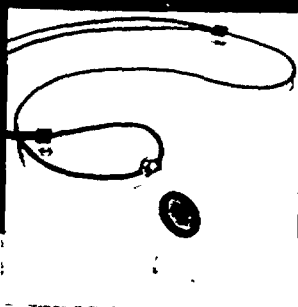
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Chicken Curry

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- 1½ teaspoons salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground ginger
- 1½ teaspoons sugar
- 2 cups chicken broth
- 2 cups milk
- 4 cups shredded or cubed cooked chicken
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 6 to 8 cups cooked white rice

1. Melt butter over low heat in a heavy saucepan. Add onion and cook until tender. Blend in flour, curry powder, salt, ginger and sugar.
2. Gradually stir in chicken broth and milk. Stirring constantly, bring mixture to a boil and cook 1 minute. Reduce heat to low; add cooked chicken and lemon juice. Simmer until heated through; serve over cooked rice. Serves 4 to 6.

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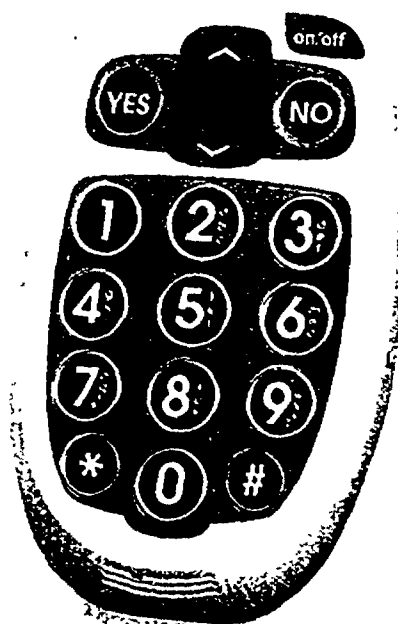
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