A little cropping can enhance photos

Vears ago, I remember seeing a mattress tag that spelled out in no uncertain terms do not open under penalty of law. How ridiculous, I thought, yet I bet there are people who wouldn't think of snipping off that sacred tag.

In numerous photography judgings and critiques over the years, I've noticed a similar reverence. That is, people hesitate altering the size of their finished prints and sildes. They feel either they can't cut down that 8 by 10 enlargement or they're not aware of the improvements that can be made by slight cropping.

Yes, cropping your photograph when needed can dramatically improve the impact



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Two seen many a gorgeous, well-composed and well executed print that suffers, for example, only from that distracting bright patch of sky in the upper comer. Cropping just a half inch or so off the top of the shot eliminating the "hot spot" will impressively improve your shot.

How about that special sunset picture of yours that has just too much sky and

too much foreground. Cropping some off top and bottom will produce a much more striking "panorama"

Or your favorite 200 shot of the giraffe stretching his need the giraffe stretching his neck upward to reach the berries on the branch. Wouldn't a vertical crop enhance this picture? You bet!

Acroped print may pre-clude you from using pre-cut mats available in many stores. But for just a couple dollars more, any frame shop can cus-tom tailor mast to your cropped print. Sides can be cropped, too. In fact, a slide presentation can be made much more interest-ing by cropping some of the images providing a variety of size slides. Your local photo

dealer stocks Gepe brand slide mounts, easy to assemble and available in many pre-cropped

available in many pre-cropped shapes.
In discussing cropping, I am not suggesting photographing the whole seen and then deciding later what parts to crop out. I believe in cropping through the camera to obtain the best possible negative or slide. Then use cropping if necessary to enhance your photograph.
Cropping can dramatically improve your pictures. Just think, if you begin to erop your photographs, you might just trim off that mattress tag!

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This is sunrise at the famous temple Angkorwat in Cambodia. You can see how cropping to a 'panorama' makes for a strong photograph.



WHERE CAN I FIND?

Through reader feedback, this interac-tive feature is dedicated to helping readers locate retail merchandise that's difficult to find. If where a product is sold or service is available, call (248) 901-2555 and leave a message with your name and phone number. Please be patient about your requests and feedback; we receive an over-whelming number of phone calls. Also, please spell any uncommon items. If

you don't see information about your request, we couldn't find it. Requests are pub-lished twice.

WHAT WE FOUND HUDSON'S MAURICE SALAD DRESSING RECIPE 3 bard cooked eggs finely

chopped 1 Tablespoon minced parsley 1 onion grated 1 pint Kiracle Whip salad dress-

ing I pint Hellman's Mayonnaise Mix ingredients together preferably in a blender for a smoother dressing

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Makes 1-quart, keep refrigerated for 4 or 5 days.

- Bonnie Bell bronzing gel
can be purchased at the Dollar
Tree store on Grand River in

For large size and tall women's clothing, children's clothing the decorate in the decorat

the Consigning Women on 33463 W. Eight Mile Road in Livonia.

For a 14-inch Madame Alexander baby doll try Guys & Gals on Maple & Orchard Lake roads in the Orchard Mall (248) 851-1260 and

roads in the Orband Mali (248) 851-1260 and Adventures in Toys on Maple Road in Birmingham (248) 646-5550.

For panoramic sugar Easter Eggs try Kemintz Fine Candies on 896 W. Ann Arbor Trail in downtown Plymouth (634) 453-0480.

Marshall Field's in Westland sells the Maurice salad dressing. It's also available at the Family Buggy restaurant on Middlebelt and Plymouth in Livonia. It's sold by the pint.

Men's washable slippers with a back size 10 can be purchased at Mitzelfeld's in downtown Rochester.

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- To sell your used record
albums try Desirable Discs on

albums try Desirable Discs on Michigan Asenue or Telegraph near Cherry Hill and Ford roads in Dearbort (313) 581-1767, (313) 359-2650. – Jones soda pop can be purchased at the following stores: Desirable Discs on Telegraph and Cherry Hill in Dearbort (313) 359-2650, and H&D Party Hut on 26968 Plymouth in Redford

Township.

- Sugarless bubble gum can be purchased at the Bulk Food Warehouse on the northeast corner of Wayne and Warren roads in Westland (734) 525-

2922.

- For a bedspread with shells and lighthouses try area Kohl's stores.

FIND AND SEARCH

A reader has a Gateway computer to donate to an organization.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

A store that sells lemonheads candy for Robert.

heads candy for Robert.

A person who makes teddy bears from old chenille bed-spreads for Pat of Troy.

A store that sells a light with an attached large magnifier (6-inches) for Joanne of

er (G-inches) for Joanne of Farmington.

— A store that sells Enchanted Apple hand & body cream (formerly sold by Victoria's Secret) for Donna.

— A store that sells no fat Henris Tastes salad dressing for Jeanne of Bloomfield (Meijer's used to sell it).

— A store that sells a plastic and canvas shoe holder (holds 2000) for the

and canvas shoe holder (hold 30 pair of shoes); the top fits over a door and it has Velero

on the bottom to hold to a door for Cindy of Canton.

A store that sells Secret unscented antiperspirant roll-on for Kathy.

A business that huys used opera 12-inch vinyl records for John.

A store that a used flat duck boat for fishing in shallow waters for Leo of Livonia.

A store that sells the equipment used to transfer 8mm film to videocassette of DVD's (Kmart ased to sell the machine) for Joan of Wayne.

A store that sells the Coca. - A store that sells the Coca-

Cola hats and scarf for the Coca-Cola teddy bear for Fran of Farmington.

The recipe for Blazo's ban-berry pie or where the pie can be purchased for Sue of Canton.

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A consignment store that accepts women's tall full figure full-length fur lined leather coat for Bernice of Southfield.

A store that sells leggings by Energie (formerly sold at Meljers) for Terri of Carden City.

Some one who can repair an antique bathroom weight seale (needs the springs) for M.R. of Redford.

Some one who can repair wooden chairs for Rence of Westland.

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fri 4/18 t pm Hichigan Theater - Ann Arbor

"Broadway's most adventurous singer!"
(fime) The first performer in theater history to receive three Tany Awards before age 30

(for Carousel, Master Class and Rast Audro McDonnid was also nominated for an Emmy in 2002, promising equal success as she begins a film and television career.

An Evening with
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Umbrellas are up, outdoor dining season has begun

Monday's snowstorm caught everyone by surprise, but warm weather is on the way. Some restaurants have begun serving outdoors, others are waiting until May. We're gathering information about outdoor dining destinations for a story to be published in our Eating Out section in May. If you own or have a favorite restaurant that features outdoor eating in

warm, sunny weather, please contact Eating Out corre-spondent Eleanor Heald on her voice mail: dial (734) her voice mair coat (1997) 953-2047 on a touch-tone phone, mailbox 18644. Leave your name, the name of the restaurant and a call back

phone number.

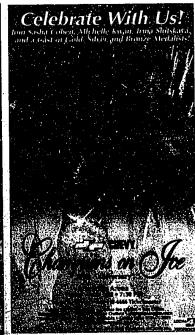
Big Rock Chop & Brew
House, 245 S. Eton in
Birmingham opened its outdoor terrace on April 1. The

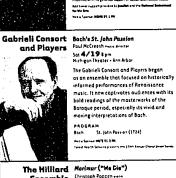
terrace seats 150 people. It's open II a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday-Friday, non to 2 a.m., closed Sunday. For more information, call (248) 647-7774.
You can also dine outside at Comparis, 350 S. Main S. In downtown Plymouth, weather permitting, of course. The patio, which overlooks Kellogg Park, seats 30 people. It's open II a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday, II a.m. to 10 p.m. Tuesday-

Thursday, 11 a.m. to midnight Friday, noon to midnight Saturday, and 3-9 p.m. Sunday. Call (734) 416-0100 for information.

Ernesto's plans to open its patio after Memorial Day weekend. It seats 80 people and is open 4-10 p.m. week-days and 4-9 p.m. Sunday. Call (734) 453-2020 for reservations and other restaurant information.









Thu B/1 t pm St. Francis of Assiss Catholic Church - Ann Prbor

The New York Times said of Morimur. "Perhaps it speaks to a time newly

Perhaps it specks to a time newly immersed in gird, introspection and foreboding. How eiter to explain the atounding popularity of Morimur? Monimur is performed at the highest level...the performances are everywhere engoging and at times truly sublime." Taken from the CD of the same name which reached cult status a year ago, the program includes Bach choral works, as well as pieces for solo violin.

