

Central Area Residents Can Keep Repair Costs Down Through Rebound

Purchasing lumber, doors, paint and other materials for home improvement can quickly add up to a sizable cost, even for the small jobs. Residents in Seattle's Central Area can keep repair costs to the minimum through a salvage operation known as Rebound.

Rebound, which started last January, is an outgrowth of the Inner City Self Help Program, which is developing repair skills among local residents. Sponsored by the Central Area Motivation Program, Self Help set up a free tool lending library and sponsored home-improvement training classes. It also created a labor exchange bank so that residents could lend their talents to a project in return for other skills they might need.

Although residents were acquiring valuable training and access to needed tools and labor, many still could not afford to buy materials to fix up their homes. As a result, Self Help began investigating construction sights as an alternative means of obtaining building materials.

To make use of these materials, the group applied for and received a

grant from the U.S. Department of Energy's now defunct Appropriate Technology Program. With these funds, it rents warehouse space to store the materials, pays some

staff costs and promotes the project.

After publicizing Rebound through local newspapers, radio and television shows, area businesses and contrac-

tors began supplying the project with a steady stream of leftover trim, shelving products, insulation, doors and other usable materials. In return for their contribu-

tion, the donors receive a tax deduction.

Rebound sells damaged goods at one-half to one-third of retail costs and used materials for even less. Residents, for example,

can purchase a used window for \$3 to \$5 that would otherwise retail new for \$60.

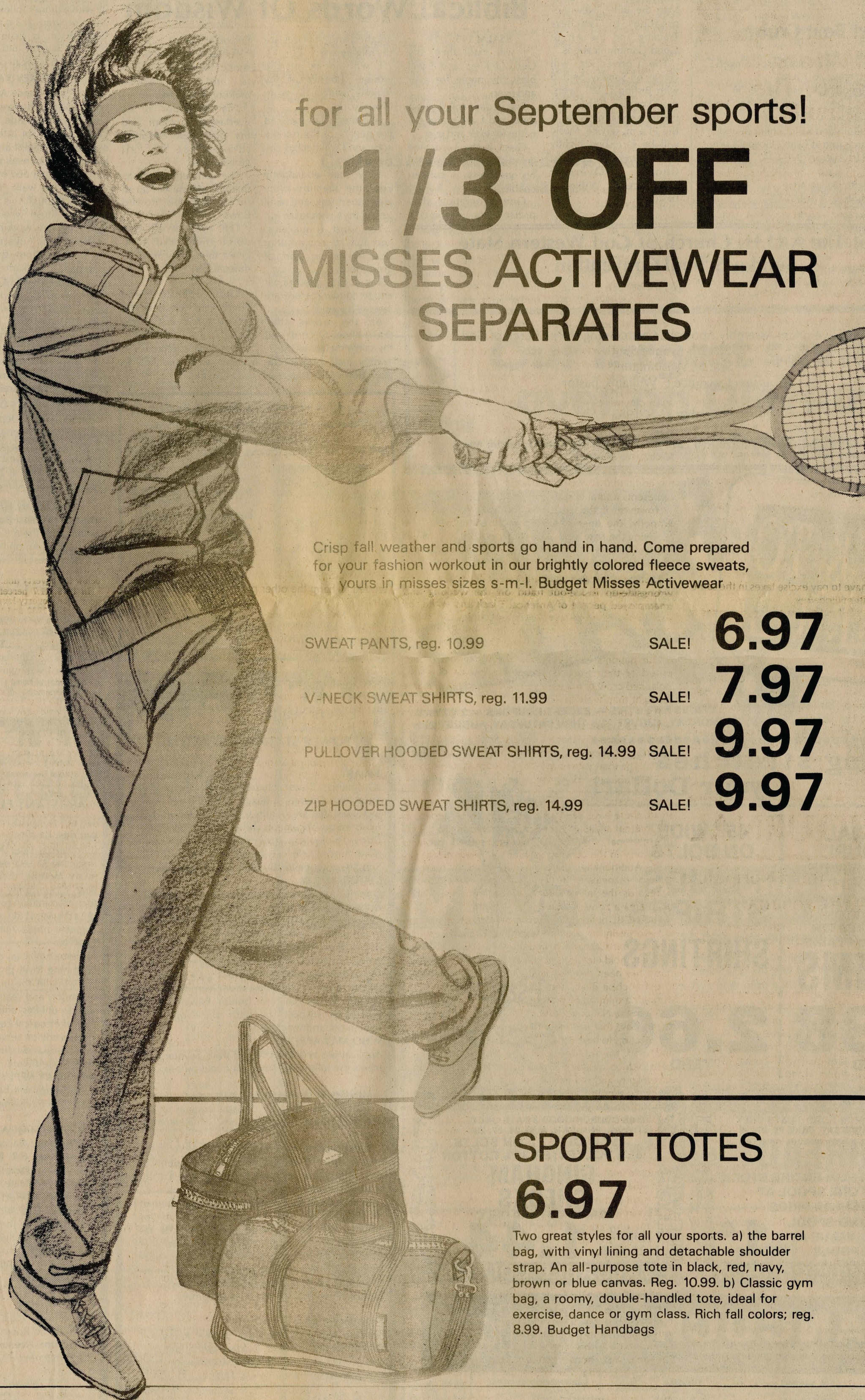
Through continued outreach to local contractors, businesses and

residents, Rebound hopes to generate \$4,000 or \$5,000 in sales per month, which will cover the costs of running the program and net some funds for the tool bank and other

activities of the Inner City Self Help Program.

Rebound is located at 1517 12th Ave. Call 324-0802. The office is open Thursday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Anti-Klan Chairman To Speak Here

Rev. C.T. Vivian, chairman of the National Anti-Klan Network and 20-year veteran of civil rights struggles, will be in Seattle August 30 and 31.

Rev. Vivian will present an anti-KKK curriculum, developed by the National Education Association, to a meeting of educators and Seattle School Board members on Monday, August 30, 3 p.m. at the Seattle Teachers Association, 720 Nob Hill Ave. North.

KKK - Can It Happen Here? Rev. Vivian will discuss the resurgence of the KKK nationally and locally and the state of the anti-Klan efforts at a meeting for the general public, at 7:30 p.m. at the Empire Plaza. Spruiell White of the Seattle Urban League and Ralanda Webb of the Seattle Anti-Klan Network will also speak.

Tuesday, August 31, 10 a.m. Rev. Vivian will meet with leaders in the Seattle religious community at Immaculate Conception Church.

Solar Energy Group To Offer Workshop

Uninsulated windows lose a lot of valuable energy during the winter. In fact, for every square foot of window area in a heated space, you lose up to \$1.50 a year. Conventional drapes and shades do virtually nothing to slow window heat loss, but there are alternatives. Insulated shades and shutters are available that will cut window heat loss by 60% to 90%, thus lowering your energy bill.

The Western Washington Solar Energy Association is holding a free, lecture-workshop on insulated window covers at the University Public Library, 5009 Roosevelt Way NE, in Seattle from 7 to 9 p.m., on Tuesday, September 7.

Participants will see a variety of window covers and learn how they work. In addition, techniques for constructing your own insulated covers will be discussed.

For more information call 622-9334.



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