

Schools boost efforts to sell old Novi El

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Barr explained the district believes it has a marketable piece of merchandise and will not have to pay 10 percent fee if it is able to sell the building itself. "We didn't see a real estate agent as a necessary ingredient."

The Novi school administration currently is engaged in talks with two parties who have expressed "much interest" in the purchase of the property, but there has been no formal offer, Barr said.

In fact the district has not received any written offers for the building since it went on the market three years ago, Barr said. The parties now discussing the purchase could decide not to make an offer for the building or "could make an offer next week," Barr said.

The administration has talked to between six and ten different parties concerning purchase of the property, but none materialized in a sale.

The district has never conducted a formal appraisal of the building which sits on 10.3 acres of land. Barr said he had received informal appraisals and the district would likely have an appraisal completed if it received a formal offer for the building.

The school district intends to sell the building at a price which will enable the construction of a new elementary building. Barr noted that while he did not want to put a price tag on the site since it could encourage bidders to view it as a maximum and the district wants "as much as it can get" for the building.

"With the price of construction these days I imagine a person would look a long time before deciding to knock that building down," Barr said.

He also indicated that at one time the district had been approached by a potential purchaser who had offered to construct a new elementary building which could be traded for the old building.

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However, he said the district paid \$1.6 million for the construction of Novi Woods Elementary, and it is our intent to replace Novi Elementary with the money from the sale.

When asked if the district's asking price was too high, causing the building to remain on the market for three years, Barr indicated that decision was relative to who was figuring the worth of the site.

He indicated the property was rapidly becoming the only available piece with access to Novi Road and within the immediate vicinity of Twelve Oaks Mall, which also was a factor in determining the worth of the property.

One local real estate broker indicated he could not give an opinion on whether the district's asking price was fair, since he had not seen the inside of the building. In fact, he commented that when he had called to inquire about the sale of the building he was given only general information.

He agreed the property was salable, but questioned whether the school district was using the right approach in selling the building and its property.

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Census takers to start count

Official census enumerators will be walking through Novi beginning Monday, December 18, in an attempt to update the special census in order for the city to gain the additional liquor licenses. Those licenses could raise enough additional tax revenue to offset the approximate \$10,000 cost of conducting the census, he claimed.

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the benefits the city would receive in return.

Novi City Manager Ed Kriewall argued for the special census in order for the city to gain the additional liquor licenses. Those licenses could raise enough additional tax revenue to offset the approximate \$10,000 cost of conducting the census, he claimed.

Officials had pushed for the census since 1975 figures show the city population at 14,385 residents and estimates of the city's population today run from 16,000 to 19,000.

The city estimates run even higher when the population of seven parcels of Novi Township, which have been slated for annexation, are included. But the annexation planned for October 1 has been delayed by an appeal by township resident W.B. Chase.

The state recommended that because of the appeal the city could be in line for further lawsuits if it goes ahead with a census of the township parcels and suggested not conducting counts for the census since 1975 figures show the city population at 14,385 residents and estimates of the city's population today run from 16,000 to 19,000.

The secretary of state office grants the city permission to conduct the census and the city was given the go ahead Monday, December 11. The authorization to request permission from the Secretary of State's office to proceed with the census was granted by the Novi City Council at its September 25 meeting.

The vote reversed two previous decisions by the council to reject the proposal. Opponents had argued the cost of conducting the census would not merit

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Lilli Jolgren is almost lost among the sea of faces which comprise the wall graphic in Fuest Auditorium

Wall graphic graces auditorium

You're going to notice something new the next time you attend a play or concert in the Fuest Auditorium at Novi High School.

What's new will be a series of 12 panels of faces adorning the walls of the auditorium — six panels on each wall.

Described by their creator as a "wall graphic," the series of panels is a gift to the new Novi High School from the graduating class of 1977.

Lilli Jolgren, the creator of the wall graphic, explained that the 1977 graduating class decided to use the excess funds in its budget to make a contribution back to the school.

Lilli, 19, was a member of the class and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Jolgren of the Meadowbrook Oaks Subdivision. She is presently a student at the Orchard Ridge Campus of Oakland Community College where she is pursuing an art-photography curriculum.

"The class president, Patty Coleman, approached me with the idea of creating some sort of art work as the class donation back to our high school," explained Lilli.

"The wall graphic of 12 faces is what I finally came up with," she added.

The wall graphic involves both photography and more conventional art work.

The process begins with black-and-white negatives. The grey tones are removed from the negatives which are then projected on a board and retraced, further removing grey tones and accentuating the stark black and white qualities of the pictures.

The process is then repeated in order to accentuate the black and white contrast even further. Each of the faces will appear on a two by three foot board which will be hung on the wall to form the overall effect.

Lilli estimates that each of the 12 faces takes approximately 15 hours to complete. She says she has put somewhere between 150 and 200 hours in the project.

Who are the people in the panels?

Lilli lists only that they are people she knows. Some are members of the Class of 1977, others are members of the high school faculty, and others are merely people from Novi.

"It's basically a panorama of people of different ages," explained the young artist. "The wall graphic represents a cross-section of people from Novi."

Lilli said she plans to hang the 12 panels in the auditorium over this weekend so that residents who attend holiday concerts will be able to see and enjoy them next week.

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Headlee reduces schools' income

Implementation of the Headlee Amendment will not hurt the Novi Schools in terms of its ability to generate the amount of money it needs for the upcoming school year. But it will reduce the amount of money the district receives, according to one official.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. William Barr told the school board Thursday, November 21, a citizen committee had estimated the district would receive \$773,639 if Headlee had not been implemented.

The amendment requires that when assessment rates rise faster than the consumer price index the millage must be reduced annually by the difference between the two.

The true cash value of property in Novi has been determined to be 14 percent over the 1977 assessment. Barr calculated the millage rollback, on indicators that the consumer price index is expected to be about 9.6 percent.

In arriving at his total levy figures Barr also used an estimated new city construction of \$9 million which he indicated could be considered conservative.

He also projected the total state equalized valuation of local property to be \$200,652,547.

Despite explaining the figures to the school board, Barr cautioned that much interpretation of the amendment still must be resolved by the legislature and any projections were "educated guesses."

He indicated the legislature is trying to iron out differences of opinions in areas where the Headlee amendment

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Fact finding suit stalls

A suit by residents against Country Cousin Mobile Home Park owner Russ Button has been adjourned by 52nd District Court Judge Gene Schmelz until December 18, postponing any decision on the case until attorneys have completed fact-finding investigations.

Attorney for the residents, Andrew Muth, said he expects a decision to be reached once the judge has heard testimony from both sides. The case was scheduled to come before Schmelz on Wednesday, December 6, but he only accepted jurisdiction in the case and did not hear testimony.

The residents have taken Button to court once again, this time seeking a

contempt of court order against him for alleged discrimination in a rent hike imposed in November.

They claim the rent increase is a retaliatory move against them because they participated in an earlier strike and withheld rent payments. Button is prohibited from taking retaliation against the rent strikers through a settlement reached in May which ended the dispute begun by residents who protested park conditions in October, 1977.

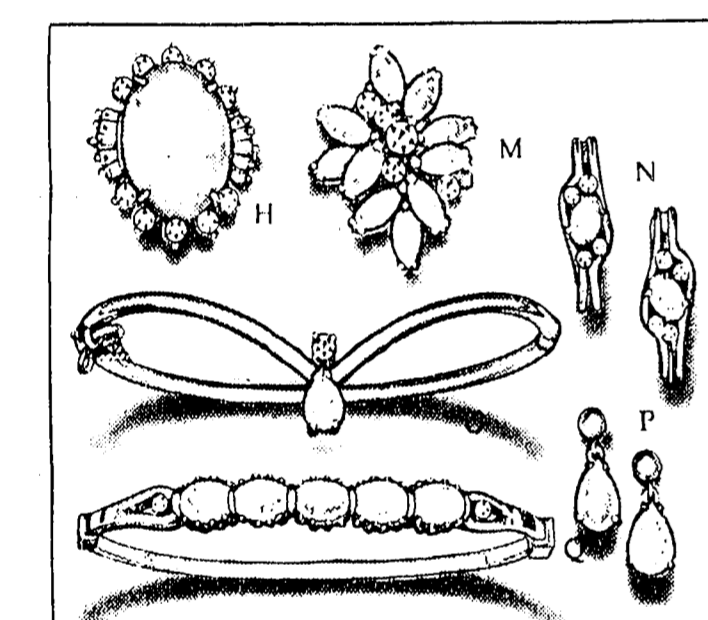
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Novi tradition

Novi residents saw the familiar figure of Leon Dochot standing at the corner of Novi Road and Grand River during the annual Novi Goodfellow sale last weekend. Dochot's participation in the drive has become almost a tradition. He helped organize the Novi Goodfellows back in 1954 and has been actively involved in the sale of the papers every year since — a period of 24

years. Dochot is a long way from retiring, however, and maintains that he will return to his favorite selling spot next year. The Novi Goodfellows raise money through the sale to purchase items for Christmas baskets which are distributed to needy families during the holidays.

Roadwork season ends with seven miles paved

After completion of the third year of Novi's road program, a total of 7.25 miles of roadway have been paved and engineering plans for additional paving next year are underway.

Some 5.75 miles of road were paved this year before winter weather stopped all work on the program. City Manager Edward Kriewall stated the city had accomplished its goal in the paving program this year.

Engineering is now underway for the portion of the road paving program slated for 1979. That program includes:

- West Road from Pontiac Trail to Wixom Road;
- South Lake Drive along the west side of Walled Lake;
- Beck Road from 8 1/2 to 10 Mile;
- Taft Road from 8 1/2 to Nine Mile; and
- 11 Mile from Taft Road to Grand River.

When plans have been completed, special assessment hearings to apportion the costs of the paving will be conducted. The city has already awarded bids for two of next year's projects, including the paving of Meadowbrook from Eight to Nine Mile and Nine Mile from Emsmore to Haggerty Road.

Preliminary work on these two projects has begun and paving is expected to have been completed by mid-summer, according to Kriewall. The city has also established a special assessment district for the paving of Nine Mile from Taft to Novi Road.

In this year's program the paving of 13 Mile between Novi and Meadowbrook Roads was completed in November, although city officials had speculated earlier that the project had little chance for completion this year. A decision by the Novi City Council to

hold up plans for the paving of 13 Mile came under fire from residents of the Chateau Estates Mobile Home Park. City officials took the position that 13 Mile would not be paved until the annexation of the township had been completed. They subsequently reversed that decision in the wake of the citizen opposition.

The residents of the park agreed to vote against further appeals to annexation and the city then proceeded to pave the road.

Also completed in the 1978 paving program were 1.75 miles of Beck Road, one mile of Taft Road, and two miles of Meadowbrook Road.

The Meadowbrook project will not be totally completed, however, until the application of asphalt at the intersection of Grand River and 12 Mile.

Nearly \$1.8 million of the \$6.6 million road program budget comes from special assessment levied against homeowners determined to be receiving benefits from the paving.

The city currently has three suits pending which challenge the special assessment charges levied on homeowners along the roads paved or slated for paving.

A group of residents living in the special assessment district which includes a portion of Meadowbrook Road and Nine Mile have filed suit against the city in Oakland County Circuit Court.

Residents living in the special assessment district on Nine Mile between Novi and Taft Road have taken their case to the State Tax Tribunal. And residents in the assessment district on Taft Road between Ten Mile and Grand River are awaiting a decision from the State Court of Appeals.

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EDC opponents say petition drive is going well

Leaders of the petition drive to repeal Walled Lake's economic development corporation (EDC) ordinance say they are "two-thirds of the way" toward gathering enough signatures to force an election on the issue.

Former Councilwoman Ruth Tuttle, one of the leaders of the campaign, refused to disclose exactly how many signatures had been collected during the first week of the petition drive, although she said more than two-thirds of the required number had been obtained.

Under the city charter, the residents have 21 days in which to collect the signatures of 25 percent of the city's registered voters as of the last city election. Clerk Ruby Lewandowski said that, based on the 1,888 voters who were registered for the 1977 municipal election, 475 signatures would be needed on the referendum petitions.

Once the forms are verified by the clerk, the city council will have 30 days in which to repeal the ordinance, which was adopted effective July 10, or schedule an election on the issue.

The charter provides that the vote must be scheduled at the next city election (November 1979) or a special election may be called. Although the council must set a special election for in-

itiative proposals if an election isn't scheduled in the next 150 days, there are no provisions for a special election on referendum questions.

Mrs. Tuttle said the response to the petition drive so far has been very good, and she predicted that the residents will gather enough signatures within the 21-day period to bring the repeal issue before the council.

Opponents of the ordinance say that new developments cause higher property assessments and demand for municipal services that outweigh the additional tax base and new jobs. They also say voters ought to have a chance to express their views on the EDC, which is designed to encourage commercial and industrial expansion by selling revenue bonds that result in lower mortgage costs for the developer.

Some critics of the Walled Lake EDC also have complained that the proposed Walled Lake Commons Kmart store, the only applicant so far for the income tax exempt bonds, may lead to more traffic problems on the city's already overburdened streets.

"We feel taxes are high enough already," Mrs. Tuttle has said, "and we don't want to see them put higher, we

don't need that."

Stuart Frankel, a partner in Walled Lake Commons, has said that the Kmart would generate some \$80,000 a year in city, county and school taxes and would not place a burden on the city for municipal services. Frankel brought the EDC concept to the council's attention in May.

Mrs. Tuttle has said the petition drive is not intended to block the \$3-million Kmart project, stated for construction at West Maple and Pontiac Trail, especially since Frankel has indicated that the store may be built even without the low-interest financing.

At last Tuesday's council meeting, James Latimer, another leader of the campaign and an unsuccessful applicant for a recent council vacancy, announced the start of the petition drive, saying Walled Lake residents had a right to be heard on the issue.

Latimer and Mrs. Tuttle also asked Councilman Cameron Rose, president of the EDC Board of Directors, to have the board delay action on a bond resolution and other documents needed to complete the financing procedure.

Mayor Gaspare LaMarca said the EDC opponents' comments were out of order and suggested that their request should be made to the board at its next meeting.

The EDC has not slated its next meeting, the mayor said, because the board is waiting for Frankel to complete his financing arrangements for the project. A meeting will be scheduled at the developer's request, he added.

State aid formula eases Ford burden

Administrators in the Walled Lake School District have had unkind things to say about the State Aid Formula at times in the past.

But their respect for the complicated formula on which state aid revenues are based increased considerably Monday after Assistant Superintendent for Business Harry Carlson reported that the formula had minimized the losses of the school district in the settlement of the assessment dispute between the Ford Motor Company and the City of Wixom.

Walled Lake Schools would have been required to reimburse Ford more than \$23,000 without the State Aid Formula. Thanks to the existence of the formula, however, the school district will only have to pay back some \$7,700.

"It's not good news," commented Carlson in his report at Monday's school board meeting. "But it could have been a lot worse."

"This is one situation where the State Aid Formula really helped us," added Carlson.

Ford Motor Company several years ago challenged the assessment of its Wixom Assembly Plant, much as the owner of a single family residence has a right to challenge the assessment of his home.

A settlement of the assessment dispute was finally hammered out by representatives of Ford Motor Company and the City of Wixom earlier this year. That settlement, in essence, called for the city's assessment of the assembly plant to be reduced for the

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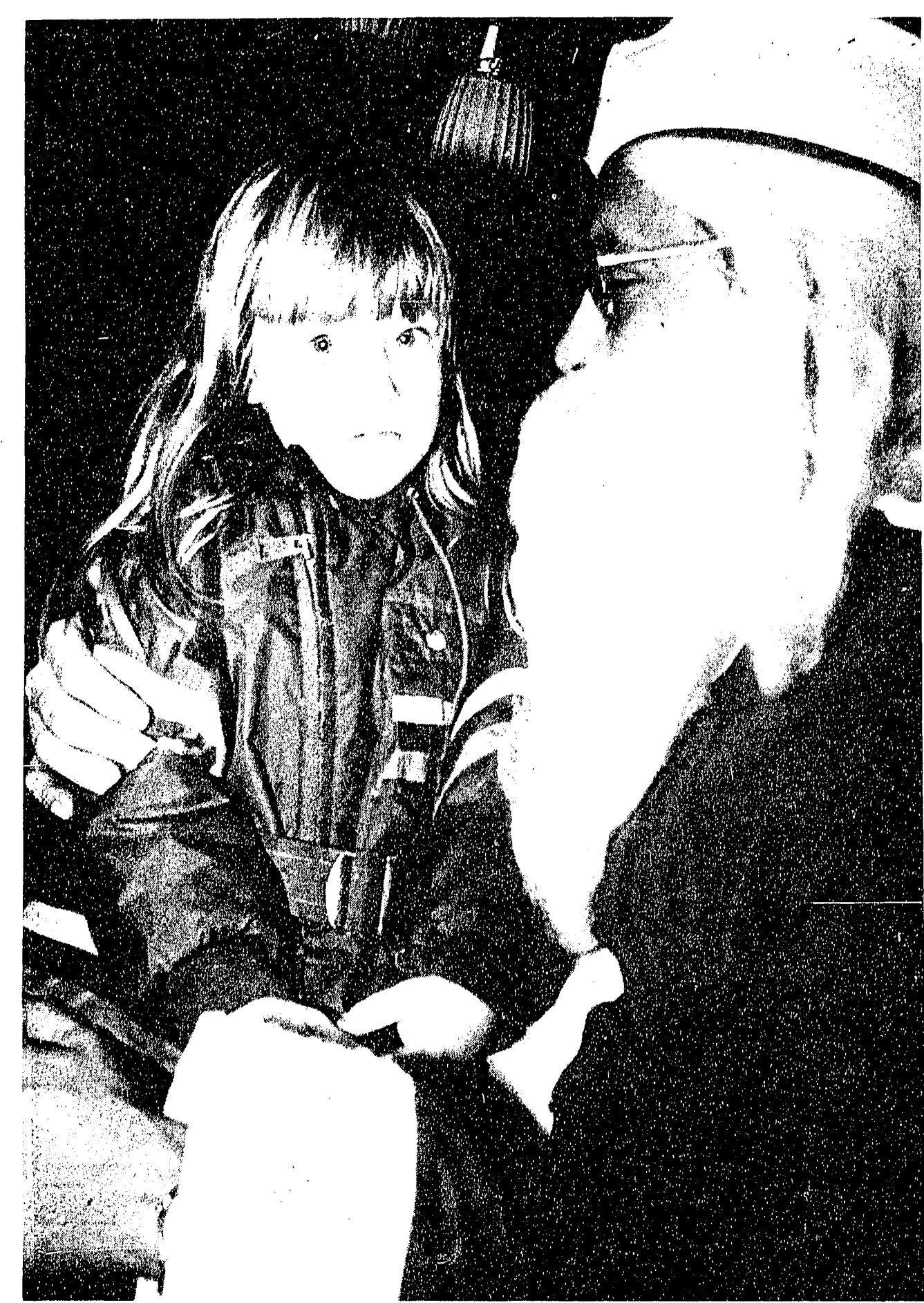
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Better not cry

Three-year-old Vicky Childers of Walled Lake apparently hasn't heard the famous line "you'd better not cry, you'd better not pout" as she greets Santa Claus at the annual Christmas tree lighting ceremony sponsored by the Walled Lake Parks and Recreation Commission. A large crowd of youngsters — of all ages — were on hand last Tuesday to welcome welcome St. Nick, who arrived for the festivities aboard a city fire truck. (Staff photo by Jane Hale)

Sheldon's contract extended by board

Superintendent Dr. Don Sheldon received a vote of confidence Monday when the Walled Lake Board of Education voted to grant him a six percent pay hike and extend his contract another year.

"An executive with comparable responsibilities in the private sector would command a salary of \$100,000," commented Trustee Dr. Leo Wessinger, Jr. who presented the recommendation which was subsequently approved by the school board.

"It's my opinion that Dr. Sheldon has shown himself to be an ethical, dependable, and professional administrator," he added.

The board approved the motion to grant the six percent pay hike and extend the contract another year on a 5-2 vote. Dissenting ballots were cast by Kenneth Tucker and Steven Lasher.

Both Tucker and Lasher indicated, however, that their dissenting ballots were based solely on the five-year duration of the contract.

"I have a philosophical problem with a five-year contract," explained Lasher. "My vote should not be interpreted as dissatisfaction with the performance of the superintendent."

The six percent pay hike will boost Dr. Sheldon's annual salary from \$92,000 to \$98,000. There will be no increase in fringe benefits which were reported by Wessinger to be approximately \$16,600 per year.

Dr. Sheldon has a five-year contract with the school board. The one-year extension approved by the board Monday will maintain the five-year duration of the contract.

The subject of the superintendent's contract has stirred some controversy in recent weeks, leading the three school board members (Wessinger, Robert Cooper, and Warren Williams) who reviewed the contract to provide additional justification of their recommendation.

That controversy involved the five-year duration of the pact. Dr. Sheldon is currently working on a five-year contract which has been extended one year on an annual basis by the school board in the past.

As a result of that extension, the five-year contract has remained in tact. Opponents of the extension argued that the length of the contract should be reduced in order to limit the district's financial exposure in the event the

Foster plans need revision

Walled Lake's Plan Commission was expected to table consideration of a request for site plan approval of the proposed multiple family housing development on the Foster Farm parcel at its meeting last night (after our deadline).

City Planning Consultant Tod Kilroy informed members of the plan commission prior to the meeting that he had presented the developer, Clare Bornestein, with a list of revisions that would be necessary for site plan approval.

"He indicated to me their design team would review the comments and determine whether the project would be feasible and whether they would submit the revised plan," reported Kilroy.

The planning consultant stated further that no revised site plan had been submitted to the best of his knowledge as of Tuesday noon.

"The revised site plan is submitted, the commission should take no action regarding the request for approval," advised Kilroy.

Plans call for the development of a multiple family housing complex on the 12-year old Foster Farm property near the intersection of Pontiac Trail and South Commerce Road.

Proposed on the 54.09 acre parcel are a total of 58 buildings of townhouses with attached garages. Each of the 58 buildings would contain eight dwelling units, bringing the total number of dwelling units proposed on the parcel to 464.

The proposed development has already sparked concerns among area residents. One of those concerns relates to the future of the old Foster Farm homestead and barn.

Bornestein has stated that he intends to repair the integrity of the original farm, but that he is uncertain as to what will be done with the structures.

Although Bornestein owns the property on which the homestead and barn are located, they would not be included in the area proposed for the development of the multiple family housing complex.

The homestead and barn are located on a parcel which is zoned for commercial development.

Additional concerns have been expressed by Wolverine Lake Village residents over a proposed ingress-egress point from the development into the Village.

The planning consultant explained that the initial concept plan proposed development of multiple family units on property which is currently zoned commercial. "Those units had to be removed from the plan," he explained.

Kilroy stated further that the developer is facing certain physical constraints on the site related to poor soil conditions. "It's just possible that he may not be able to build on those areas without sophisticated and costly land filling operations," commented Kilroy.

Alex Boegaerts, the architect of the project, told the News that a revised site plan has been prepared and will be submitted at the meeting. He acknowledged, however, that the planners would not make a decision on the revised plan.

Kilroy indicated that other areas of concern with the proposed site plan relate to the limited access, the availability of public utilities, the methods of screening the proposed use from adjacent single family areas, as well as some minor technical deficiencies that were noted in the plan review process.

Novi, Fleet feud

Ambulance firms swap charges

Charges and counter-charges are being exchanged by two ambulance companies which service the local area in the wake of a dispute which broke out over an incident which occurred in Walled Lake on November 28.

Involved in the controversy are Fleet Ambulance and Novi Ambulance.

Skip Miles, president of the Fleet Ambulance Service, is seeking criminal warrants against the Novi Ambulance Service for an alleged violation of Public Act 290 of 1976 which governs emergency medical operations.

And John Early, president of the Novi Ambulance Service, has submitted a written request to Wayne McCenna, head of the state's Emergency Medical Service Department, for an investigation of Fleet Ambulance in conjunction with the incident.

Walled Lake Police Chief Wilford Hook indicated that he has taken statements from all parties involved in the incident and will make a decision shortly as to whether criminal warrants will be sought through the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office.

Hook did not indicate when that decision would be made, however.

Although there have been hard feelings between the two competing ambulance services for some time, those hard feelings accelerated into an open dispute over the incident which occurred in Walled Lake on November 28.

Reports indicate that police were notified that a pedestrian had been struck by an automobile on 14 Mile near East Lake Drive at approximately 8:17 a.m. on that date.

Walled Lake Police Officer Ed Miller and Walled Lake Fireman Jeff Callahan responded to the scene where they discovered that Kimberly Ann Panetta, a pedestrian three months pregnant, had been struck by a car and was lying on the pavement.

An ambulance was requested and a call for Novi Ambulance to respond to the location was sent out. Hook explained that it is the city's policy to alternate calls between the two ambulance services. That policy has been confirmed by the Walled Lake City Council.

Callahan, who is employed part-time by Fleet Ambulance, reportedly cancelled the call for Novi Ambulance and sent out a call for Fleet Ambulance to respond to the scene just as the Novi Ambulance crew arrived at the location.

Fleet offers Advanced Life Support (ALS) capabilities, while Novi Ambulance does not yet have the ALS systems which permit the ambulance crew to monitor the vital signs of the subject to the hospital while en route for treatment.

Early reported that Callahan refused to permit Novi Ambulance to transport the patient to the hospital. Following a 15-minute disagreement between attendants from Fleet, Novi, and Callahan, the patient was loaded into the Novi Ambulance and transported to Botsford Hospital.

Police records indicate that the woman remained lying on the pavement for approximately 15 minutes between the time Novi Ambulance arrived and the time that she was finally loaded into the ambulance for transport.

The woman was apparently not seriously injured, however, and was subsequently released after treatment at Botsford Hospital.

In the wake of the incident, Early has charged that there is an effort on the part of competing ambulance companies to force him out of business.

He charged that Fleet Ambulance is attempting to monopolize the emergency medical service business and notes that several complaints have been filed with state authorities over the manner in which he operates his business.

Early adds, however, that none of the charges have been proven and points to the fact that his license from the state has not been revoked.

Conceding that he has not heard of any other residents who might apply for the vacancy.

In addition to the new appointment, the council seals held by McLellan and Councilman John Cooper and Jim Hall expire next April. McLellan and Cooper have indicated that they will run for re-election next year, while Hall has

Appointment slated for council meeting

announced that he won't be a candidate because of his business interests.

The top three vote getters will win four-year terms and the fourth-place finisher will earn a two-year term.

Also on the agenda for tonight's council meeting are:

- a public hearing for comments and suggestions for use for 1979-81 federal community development act funds;
- appointment of a member of the zoning board of appeals;

Woodrow is an auxiliary officer with the village police department and is employed as sales manager of a hydraulics firm.

Under the village charter, the charter has 60 days from the date of Ratliff's death (November 2) in which to make an appointment or a special election will be called.

Council President John McLellan said Monday that he hadn't heard of any other residents who might apply for the vacancy.

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Sheldon's pact isn't 'public'

"The contract of the Walled Lake Superintendent of Schools will not be treated as a public document and will not be released upon request."

That was the position adopted by the Walled Lake Board of Education Monday in spite of concerns that it may be in violation of the state's Public Information Act.

Specifically, the board unanimously defeated a motion to treat the contract of Superintendent Dr. Don Sheldon "as a public document to be released upon request."

The board decided to take a position on the issue — at the insistence of Trustee Steven Lasher — after a minimum of three written requests for copies of the superintendent's contract were refused by Deputy Superintendent Roland Langerman.

The written requests for copies of the contract were submitted by Gerald Plasz and Arthur Stokes. Both men are teachers and residents in the Walled Lake School District. The third request was submitted by the Spinal Column, an area weekly newspaper.

Langerman refused to comply with the requests on the basis of Section 13 of the Freedom of Information Act of 1976 which stipulated which information is exempt from public disclosure.

Specifically, Langerman denied the requests on the basis that "disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of an individual's privacy."

"The decision was apparently reached after consultation with the district's legal counsel."

Attorney Dennis Pollard, who was present at Monday's school board meeting, explained that the advice was also based on the fact that Dr. Sheldon had entered into his contract with the Walled Lake Schools in 1971 — five years before the Freedom of Information Act became effective.

"The fact is that the contract pre-dates the Freedom of Information Act," stated Pollard. "The agreement reached at that time was that (Dr. Sheldon) had an expectation of confidentiality which you (the board) are maintaining by refusing to release the contract."

Benefits disclosed

Walled Lake Superintendent Dr. Don Sheldon receives approximately \$16,000 per year in fringe benefits in addition to his annual \$98,000 salary.

"Details of Dr. Sheldon's contract were revealed at the Walled Lake School Board meeting Monday evening though the board later adopted the position that the contract is not a public document and is not subject to disclosure under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act."

The fringe benefits were revealed by Trustee Dr. Leo Wessinger, Jr., who headed up a three-man sub-committee appointed to review Dr. Sheldon's contract. Other members of the sub-committee were Warren Williams and Robert Cooper.

Wessinger gave no reasons for the decision to reveal the terms of the contract. The disclosure might be interpreted, however, as an attempt by the board to "clear the air" over allegations about the extent of fringe benefits on the superintendent's contract.

Wessinger divided the fringe benefits received by the superintendent into two categories: direct and indirect.

According to Wessinger, the superintendent received "direct" fringe benefits of:

- five percent of his salary to the state retirement fund;
- a \$5,000 tax-sheltered annuity;
- \$125,000 in life insurance of which \$85,000 is whole pay life;
- 30 days of paid vacation;
- 130 days of sick leave;
- Blue Cross-Blue Shield coverage;
- a 60-60 dental program; and
- personal business days as needed.

The total value of the "direct" fringe benefits, reported Wessinger, is \$11,412.

The superintendent receives "indirect" fringe benefits of:

- a leased automobile plus gasoline and insurance;
- an annual medical examination;
- membership dues in the Rotary and Optimist Clubs; and
- the opportunity to attend approved seminars and conventions.

Wessinger stated that the value of the "indirect" fringe benefits equaled \$5,253. The total value of both "direct" and "indirect" fringe benefits, according to the figures released by Wessinger, is \$16,665.

Pay raise approved

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superintendent, he must be able to speak freely from the power base afforded by a five-year contract."

Trustee Barbara Scully stated that the board had a responsibility to provide for continuity of programs by giving the superintendent a five-year contract.

And Trustee Warren Williams said a five-year contract was a small price to pay to have "a man of his caliber as chief executive officer."

Objections to the length of the contract were expressed by Lasher who suggested that a three-year pact would provide the same continuity and security without committing the district to a long-term financial agreement.

Additional objections were raised by Arthur Stokes and Gerald Plasz. Both men are teachers in the Walled Lake Schools, residents of the district, and active in the Walled Lake Education Association.

Stokes stated that he felt the fringe benefit package was excessive, while Plasz said that the \$61,000 total in salary and fringe benefits were greater than the salary of the governor of the state.

The board subsequently voted 5-2 to approve the recommendation to give Dr. Sheldon a six percent raise, a one-year extension of his contract, and to maintain fringe benefits at current levels. Affirmative votes were cast by Wessinger, Cooper, Williams, Scully, and Betty Cannon. Dissenting ballots were cast by Tucker and Lasher.

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Firemen request emergency calls

The Commerce Township Firefighters Association has asked for letters of assurance from the township board and Fleet Ambulance Service that the fire department will be notified of all emergency calls received by the ambulance company.

Firefighter Stephen Lyons requested the letters in a grievance filed against the township that was scheduled to be heard last night (after our deadline) by the township board.

In the grievance, Lyons charged that Fleet responded to two emergency calls in the township on October 29 without notifying the fire department. He said it took the ambulance company 25 minutes to respond to one call.

The firemen conceded that Fleet informs the department of emergency calls "most of the time," but added that the procedure should be followed all of the time because the fire emergency unit can respond to calls in two-to-three minutes while it sometimes takes the ambulance company six to 11 minutes.

He also questioned whether Fleet wants to "do our job."

Before the township board voted in October to enter into a contract with Fleet for an advanced life support system, Lyons and other firemen complained that the department had not been notified of two emergency calls and asked for assurances that the department would be contacted by the company's dispatchers.

Fleet President Skip Miles told the board that his para-medics would need the assistance of the fire department, Lyons said, adding that Chief Clarence Kutkuhn and Fleet had an agreement on notifying the department of emergency calls.

Although he was not on duty on October 29, Lyons said he filed the

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For front yard utilities

Novi opposes Edison proposal

Detroit Edison claims the focus of homes in modern subdivisions is moving from the front to the back yard, where homeowners are spending more time landscaping, putting in pools and patios, and generally using the rear of the home as an additional living area.

In response to this shift the company is requiring plans for all subdivisions developed after September 1 of this year to construct electric utilities in the front yards of homes.

But at last week's Novi City Council meeting Mayor Romane Roethel said, "Edison will have Novi to deal with." She later added that the city could control placement of utilities by ordinance.

"I feel very strongly about this. If we allow this they will turn our city into a messy place," Roethel contended. She said she believed the real reason behind the Edison requirement was that utilities in the front yard made it easier for the company's trucks to simply drive down a street to service the equipment.

"I haven't heard a good reason for putting them in the front yard," Roethel said.

The council approved the drafting of an ordinance which would require telephone and electric utilities to be placed in the rear yard, except in cases of hardship, such as lots with stands of trees.

They also said they would be willing to have a representative from Detroit Edison present at a future meeting to discuss the proposed ordinance and explain the company's reasons for asking that utilities be placed in front yards.

It was suggested that Edison representatives be given the ordinance prior to the meeting and informed that the requirement would be adopted unless the company could convince the council to do otherwise.

In a meeting unopposed with the council's action, a Detroit Edison representative and city officials got together last week to discuss placement of utilities. John Lobbia, Detroit Edison division manager for Oakland County, told the city manager, city engineer, fire marshal and electrical inspector the reasons behind the switch.

He explained the requirement is based on long range plans for the company. Current problems the company faces in digging up back yards will be countered in the future. Now the company has a substantial number of digs which require significant work in the back yards and can "wreak havoc with backyards," he said.

The Edison representative indicated that when the back yards of new subdivisions are built up in 25 years, the company will have the same problems they are currently facing when lines have to be replaced.

Detroit Edison began moving away from placing utilities in the rear yards of lots and about 35 subdivisions across Oakland County now have utilities in the front yards, Lobbia said. The program was started in response to plans for subdivisions which backed onto heavily treed areas or rolling terrain.

"Since then we have found more distinct advantages, in terms of accessibility to locating facilities in the front yards, besides saving trees and

terrain," Lobbia said.

Lobbia said he was unaware of the city council's objections to utilities in the front yards and he indicated the company would persist in trying to convince the council it was in the community's best long-term interests to place the utilities in the front.

The company's policy toward saving trees and terrain will not be affected by the placement switch, he indicated. "In cases where there are trees or terrain in the front we will go in the rear, but if they can build as easily in the front or the rear we prefer the front," Lobbias said.

The Edison manager said that the company would be forced to comply if the city passed an ordinance banning utilities in front yards, but the company would continue in its attempt to place utilities in front by seeking individual variances to the ordinance.

He indicated the council should consider the benefits of ease of service versus aesthetics when the ordinance is decided upon. It is difficult to get major equipment into rear yards and service is slower, consequently extending the time residents are without service in emergencies, Lobbias contended.

"There's more than economics to consider with the rear yard system, there is also the inconvenience to the customer."

He explained the only equipment which will be visible above ground in the subdivision with front yard utilities are the green transformers which are two and one-half feet tall and three feet square. A transformer would be placed

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Circuit court chambers debated

The Oakland County Board of Commissioners may find itself squaring off against the Michigan State Supreme Court in an effort to cut costs in housing three new judges who will join the bench January 1.

The commissioners last week voted 21-2 to renovate one of their own conference rooms, space occupied by the county's Community Development offices, and a jury assembly room. The three rooms will be used as temporary courtrooms.

The commissioners, however, made no provisions for providing the new judges — Hilda Gage, Bernard Kaufman, and Gene Schmeitz — with permanent courtrooms and space for their chambers and staff.

Both Dennis Murphy of the 24th District and Robert McConnell of the

25th District were among the commissioners who voted to renovate the space.

Circuit Court officials were not pleased with the plan, however, and hinted that they would ask the State Supreme Court to intervene.

The Supreme Court could appoint a panel to try to come up with a solution. If the commissioners refused to go along with that panel's recommendations, they could be held in contempt of court.

"We still believe," said Circuit Court Administrator Fred Mester, "the room for temporary courtrooms should be adjacent to temporary spaces for adjacent offices for staff, a jury room, and chambers to permit the judges to function as they desire."

Aside from stating that judges traditionally have had their courtrooms close to their chambers, jury rooms, and staff, court officials said there were other practical reasons behind demanding conveniently located space for the new judges.

Mester stated that the plan does not account for the security of the judges and the jurors. He noted that the plan adopted by the commissioners would force the judges, jurors, and prisoners to walk through public hallways.

Judges could be attacked and jurors and witnesses could be intimidated, he hinted. "Jurors will be intermingling in the hallways with witnesses and their families."

"That's totally unacceptable," he added.

Judges, jurors and prisoners, now using private hallways, are shielded from the public.

Chief Circuit Court Judge Steven Andrews offered his own suggestions which were summarily rejected by the

board's planning and building committee.

Andrews suggested that the county's reimbursement division be immediately relocated and construction begin on a permanent courtroom.

To accommodate other temporary courtrooms and permanent courtrooms, he suggested that County Prosecutor L. Brooks Patterson and his operation be moved from their fourth floor offices.

"While the relocation of the Prosecutor's Office is not necessarily within the court's discretion or responsibility, we would suggest the area in the North Office Building where the Probation Department is presently located," wrote Andrews in a letter.

"Probation does come under the wing of the court. We have discussed this relocation with officials and they agree that a large portion of their offices could be moved to downtown Pontiac without hindering that department's operation."

Don't plow snow in street

Dumping snow from driveways into or across roads creates one of the most dangerous situations motorists face in winter.

John L. Grubba, Managing Director of the Oakland County Road Commission, said, "Some plow operators and even shovelers don't seem to realize the danger they are creating. A small mound of snow changes the surface condition and is slick, which can cause drivers to lose control."

For unlucky motorists, who will undoubtedly be confronted with such obstacles often this winter, the best advice I know is to be wary, avoid jamming on the brakes or making quick turning movements. Release the accelerator and steer straight through or into the snow. As always on snow or ice, repeated gentle pumping of the brakes — if necessary — will be less likely to cause loss of control than jamming on the brakes. Straight wheels are less likely to cause a severe swerve."

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To meet Snell

Supervisor raises questions on Greenway request

Commerce Supervisor Robert Long is expected to meet with the environmental engineer who recommended the Wolverine Lake restoration program in order to raise questions on the possible effects of the project on the township and the village's request for funds from Commerce to cleanup the Greenway Drain.

restoration program and the proposed drain improvement, but added that nothing was resolved at the session. The Commerce supervisor raised a number of questions at the meeting, McLellan said, that can best be answered by Dr. John Snell, of the Snell Environmental Group, which studied Wolverine Lake and recommended the \$600,000 rehabilitation project.

City may help in rehab program

The city of Walled Lake may assist the Oakland County Community Development Division in preparing applications for a housing rehabilitation program that provides low-interest loans and grants to eligible homeowners.

Parker said the county also requested the city's assistance because of a backlog of applications. However, since there may not be enough interest in the program in Walled Lake alone, the manager said he would attempt to arrange a meeting with county and Novi officials to see if the two communities could work together on the project.

Since the program was started several years ago, only one Walled Lake resident has taken advantage of it, according to City Manager Peter Parker. Two other applications are now being processed, he added.

The discretionary program, Parker told the council that there was a possibility that the city would not receive any federal funds since the grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Further, he noted that it could cost the city up to \$10,000 to prepare the more detailed application required for the discretionary program and added that the small cities allocation could come with "some strings attached."

Under a resolution unanimously adopted last week by the city council, the city administration will assist the county department in preparing applications in order to increase participation in the program in Walled Lake.

The two hearings are intended to give city residents a chance to voice their opinions on how the funds should be allocated. City officials then must approve an application for the funds and submit it to the county by January 31.

City, schools will discuss traffic safety needs

Walled Lake city and school officials are expected to meet soon to discuss safety precautions for students who cross Pontiac Trail near Walled Lake Junior High School.

When city officials questioned whether the Oakland County Road Commission would approve a signal at that location, because of the light at West Maple and Pontiac Trail, the resident noted that the county agency okayed a signal at Gamma Street requested by Stuart Frankel, developer of the Kmart.

City council members last week received a letter from the school board that expressed the board's concern over the high volume of traffic on Walled Lake's major north-south road. The board's letter also noted that the problem could grow worse when the proposed Walled Lake Commons Kmart store is built at West Maple and Pontiac Trail.

While Walled Lake could have been eligible for as much as \$412,700 under the discretionary program, Parker told the council that there was a possibility that the city would not receive any federal funds since the grants are awarded on a competitive basis. Further, he noted that it could cost the city up to \$10,000 to prepare the more detailed application required for the discretionary program and added that the small cities allocation could come with "some strings attached."

School board association asks state reimbursement

The Michigan Association of School Boards (MASB) has called for immediate legislation to provide full reimbursement to local school districts for any new programs mandated by the state legislature.

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Traffic signal slated at Wixom intersection

The traffic problem at the corner of Wixom Road and Pontiac Trail in the City of Wixom may be remedied a bit when the city installs new traffic signals there sometime next month.

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Three meetings

Super sewer strategy discussed

Local officials will meet at least three times in the next week to discuss the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) report on alternatives to the so-called super sewer project and decide what action, if any, to take in opposition to the recommended decentralized sewage disposal plan.

According to Commerce Supervisor Robert Long, leaders from the five Oakland County communities included in the original super sewer project area have been invited to a meeting this morning at the county department of public works (DPW).

Novi officials have asked representatives from communities north of Canton to gather Friday for a discussion on whether to file suit against the EPA, possibly charging the agency with denying them the right to grow.

And, on Monday, the Wayne County Board of Public Works will sponsor a strategy session of the super sewer draft environmental impact statement (EIS) in Romulus. All of the Wayne and Oakland communities included in the project have been invited to that session.

Long said he also expects the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG) to call a meeting, probably before the EPA's January 4 public hearings on the impact statement, for the regional agency review of the application for 75-percent federal funding of the project.

In the draft EIS released two weeks ago, the EPA recommended the so-called decentralized alternative that calls for a new interceptor sewer and treatment plant, located at the mouth of the Huron River, to serve the communities in western and southern Wayne County, south of Canton Township.

EPA officials have said they decided to propose this alternative because the plan is less expensive than the regional plan because of environmentally sensitive areas, the potential for "over sewerage" and the projected costs of the system.

Several environmental groups also have supported the decentralized plan.

The southern portion of Novi, Northville, Northville Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township would continue to be served by the Middle Rouge interceptor system and Detroit treatment plant, while northern Novi, Walled Lake and Commerce — Wolverine Lake Village and White Lake Township have withdrawn from the project — would be served by an expanded Novi-Walled Lake treatment plant.

Originally, all of the communities from White Lake to Brownstown were included in the super sewer plan.

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— Obituaries —

SILAS E. COTTRELL
Funeral services for Silas E. Cottrell, 84, of 1479 Sheldon in Plymouth were held at 11 a.m. December 11 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville with Father Robert Wurm officiating.

Mr. Cottrell, who was a retired precision grinder, died December 8 at St. Mary Hospital.

He was born September 24, 1894, in Michigan to Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Trombley) Cottrell.

He was the grandfather of Mrs. Jerry (Darlene) Sullivan of Northville; brother of Mrs. Joyce Saminsky, Mrs. Jean Wurm, Mrs. Irene Brinard and Robert Cottrell of California. He had four great-grandchildren.

MARGARET T. KIDD
Funeral services conducted December 12 from Ross B. Northrop & Son Funeral Home for Margaret T. Kidd, an 85-year-old resident of Detroit.

Mrs. Kidd died December 9 at Northwest Grace Hospital.

Born March 28, 1893 in Ontario, she was the daughter of Franklin and Alice (Thompson) Willson.

Besides her husband, Walter D. of Detroit, she is survived by children, Franklin of Farmington Hills and Shirley of Flat Rock; a sister, Mrs. Arthur (Florence) Decker of Gault, Ontario; and nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A homemaker, Mrs. Kidd was a member of the Redford United Methodist Church.

Following the 2 p.m. funeral service, officiated by the Reverend P. G. Trembath, burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery in Berkley.

MARIE DELFOSSE
Funeral services for Marie A. Delfosse of Berkley were held Saturday, December 9 at Our Lady of LaSalette Catholic Church from the Vasu Funeral Home in Royal Oak.

Miss Delfosse, who retired in 1974 after 24 years with the Burroughs Corporation, died December 6 at William Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

Born February 11, 1912, in Michigan to Gustave and Violet (Fraser) Delfosse, she was 66. She was a charter member of the Berkley Eagles Club and a member of Our Lady of LaSalette Parish.

Survivors include two sisters, Mrs. William (Betty) Snook of Walled Lake and Mrs. Marguerite Melke of Florida. Interment was in Roseland Park Cemetery.

FRED W. ROUND
Fred William Round, 64, of 26869 Lowery in Novi, an area resident for 17 years, died unexpectedly December 7 at Harper Hospital in Detroit.

Funeral services were held Monday in Logan, West Virginia. Arrangements were made by Casterline Funeral Home, Incorporated, in Northville.

Mr. Round was an employee of the Berkley Eagles Club.

He was born January 21, 1914, in West Virginia to Frederick and Minnie (Portner) Round and married the former Mabel Burgess, who survives.

He also leaves a daughter, Ellen Round of Arlington, Virginia; and a sister, Mrs. John C. Gillam of Logan.

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Orchard subdivision okayed

Plans draw fire for omitting trees

After considerable discussion on whether plans met the tree preservation ordinance, the Novi City Council has approved the final preliminary plan of the Simmons Orchard Subdivision.

The preliminary plan was approved by a 5-2 margin, contingent upon an overlay showing the rows of trees in the orchard being submitted with the grading plan and the administration insuring the tree preservation ordinance is enforced.

The council also waived the maximum block length on several blocks due to topographical problems noted by the city consulting planners.

Approval of the preliminary plan was not endangered, but the council wrestled with the problem of the developer meeting the intent of the tree preservation ordinance, which requires all trees greater than 12 inches to be shown on the preliminary plan.

If the developer of the Simmons Orchard Subdivision had included all the trees it is likely nothing else could have been pictured on the plat map, according to City Engineer Harry Mosher.

He told the council the matter was thoroughly discussed at the planning board and it was generally agreed the orchard was old, had not been well tended and there is a possibility no many trees are worth saving. "I doubt there are many valuable trees," Mosher said.

However, James Shaw contended since this is the first plat with an orchard and several orchards are remaining in the city, which eventually will come before the council for development, it is important the council establish a procedure to hold the developer accountable for those trees.

"My concern is that after the bulldozer has run them over they become disease ridden and pestilant. How do we go about saving as many trees as possible?" Shaw asked.

He added he did not want to impose an undue hardship on the developer in order to save the trees, "but I don't want them taken down either." Shaw said the orchard was in production five years ago and though it would be a hardship for the developer to plant each tree it is important since homeowners can nurse along the trees to make them productive.

Councilman Ronald Watson said a unique situation applies to an orchard area because the lots could be laid out according to the rows of trees, allowing as many to be saved as possible.

The developer had merely noted at the side of the preliminary plat map that the development would be constructed in an orchard and as many trees as possible would be saved.

"How can the city council approve this without giving the developer a green light to proceed as if no trees existed," Shaw asked. In an attempt to get some accounting of the trees the council approved requiring an overlay to be submitted with the grading plans.

Two council members opposed the preliminary plat for different reasons, however. Watson voted against the plan, saying it was an abuse of the lot averaging ordinance. Robert Schmid agreed, saying he had opposed the preliminary plat for that reason and would oppose it again.

The subdivision is proposed to be developed under the city's lot averaging ordinance, which permits a 10 percent reduction in lot size provided that

there is no attendant increase in the total number of lots.

The plat has been reworked at least twice with changes once to show 209 lots with 133 reduced in size, 55 increased.

Since the time the original plat was submitted, the city council has twice rejected subdivision plans on the basis that many more lots were reduced than increased. The plat was revised in an attempt to bring it in line with the apparent desires of the city council.

According to the revised plat the total number of lots had been reduced from 209 to 205 and finally to 203. The plat also had to be reworked to provide an 86 foot right of way for a collector street which had originally been designed at 72 feet.

The proposed subdivision is slated for development under its existing R-4 zoning which calls for lots of 10,000 square feet and a minimum lot width of 80 feet. The R-4 zoning provides for a density factor of 3.4 dwelling units to the acre.

The proposed subdivision is expected to contain some 203 lots on approximately 49 acres of land located on the north side of Ten Mile between Taft and Beck Roads.

Novi beats bonding deadline

Apparently Novi has beaten the deadline imposed by the new requirements of the Headlee Amendment and none of the city's immediately upcoming bond levies will have to be approved by a vote of the people.

The Headlee Amendment passed in November, requires bonding proposals initiated after the adoption of the amendment on December 22 to be voted upon by city residents. For bonds sold after that date there is a question as to whether the city must take the bonding issue to the people for approval.

As an economic analyst for the state department of management and budget reported, "the amendment has a lack of clarity on which bonding proposals are pre-proposal (Headlee) and which are post."

However, the city believes by selling its bonds before the December 22 deadline it will not be forced to take upcoming bonding to a vote of the people.

City Manager Ed Kriewal explained that the special assessment bonds earmarked for a portion of the city's road program and sewer projects would be cleared by the Municipal Finance Commission by December 4.

This will allow the city to sell the bonds locally on December 18 to a bank or a lending institution. The city will then deliver temporary bonds to the purchaser by December 21.

Since the bonding will be processed before the deadline, the city does not have to conduct an election before issuing the bonds, according to Kriewal.

A pending issuance of general obligation bonds for the city's road program also will not need to come before the voters since the bonds originally received voter approval when the program began three years ago.

Novi residents already had the right to vote on many bonding issues before the passage of the Headlee Amendment, because of provisions of the city charter.

Formerly, city residents approved all bonding except special assessment bonds, bonding to raise local matching funds for local improvements, bond issued to cover emergencies and revenue bonds.

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Council says

Darby's doesn't comply with liquor license policy

Darby's Deli and Restaurant doesn't comply with the Walled Lake City Council's liquor license policy, according to Mayor Gaspare LaMarca and City Attorney Paul Bibau, and will have to wait for an additional license to become available.

Lyle Label, owner of the new restaurant located at 82 North Pontiac Trail, last week asked the council to advise him as to the reasons for the delay in processing his application, which was submitted to the city in June by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

Clerk Ruby Lewandowski said the council didn't act on Darby's request at that time because the LCC did not provide the standard resolution form. Walled Lake has three applications for the one license that is available until a new quota is set following the 1980 federal census, she added.

LaMarca noted that the council in 1976 adopted a policy aimed at preserving the one remaining license "until something worthwhile comes in." City officials at one time thought a major hotel or a banquet facility might be built near West Maple and Decker roads.

Bibau said Darby's doesn't comply with the policy and suggested that the city should inform Label of its earlier resolution.

The policy, which was adopted in March 1976, states that the council believes the one license should be held for "a proposed use which will bring a desirable business to the city as well as a substantial tax assessment," and added that "there are many types of attractive and beneficial developments which require a liquor license in their operations."

Four criteria were established by the council to review license applications, including:

- the applicant will construct new facilities or will make substantial improvements and additions to existing facilities so as to provide increases in assessed valuation for real and personal property of major proportions;
- the license will be clearly incidental to the principal business to be carried on and will represent a minor percentage of total expected business receipts;
- the applicant must begin construction of the facilities as soon as possible, and complete and open the business within the shortest reasonable time under the circumstances; and
- applicants which do not meet these standards will be placed on file and will be reviewed by the council when additional licenses become available.

Darby's opening last summer in a building that housed another restaurant that went out of business.

Based on state law guidelines, Walled Lake is entitled to three Class C liquor licenses. Although Darby's applied for a tavern license — to sell beer and wine only — Bibau said the permit would count against the city's quota.

Last year, the council refused to issue a liquor license to the new Pizza Hut restaurant on Pontiac Trail, but the firm later acquired a resort license and the council approved the transfer since it had no effect on the city's quota of licenses.

The State Police and State Department of Highways and Transportation have developed an emergency plan to close freeways in the event of heavy snowfall.

The purpose of the plan is to reduce the number of vehicles and persons stranded during a blizzard.

"Once or twice a winter in recent years, hundreds of motorists have been stranded for up to two or three days when heavy, drifting snow has stopped vehicles on freeways," noted John Woodford of the State Highways and Transportation Department.

Michigan State Police and the State Highways and Transportation Department will work closely together to determine when and where to set up roadblocks to close freeways whenever a storm makes driving extremely hazardous or impossible.

Colonel Gerald L. Hough, director of the State Police, said the assistance and cooperation of local police agencies in critical storm areas will be vital to the success of the emergency plan. Hough said the first roadblocks will be state police cars or vehicles from the closest local police agency when the decision has been reached to close a freeway.

As soon as possible, the state police or local police vehicles will be replaced or supplemented by actual barricades brought to the point of the closure by personnel of the State Highways and Transportation Department.

The emergency plan calls for roadblocks to be established at points determined to be outside the perimeters of the storm. Although vehicles in the storm area already will have been halted by snow, roadblocks will prevent additional vehicles from entering the critical area.

"In addition to the freeway closures, the plan calls for state and continual communication among state and local agencies in aid of rescuing stranded motorists, to aid in snow-clearing operations, and to advise motorists well in advance that the freeway is closed," reported Hough.

City DPW needs manpower

Walled Lake's Department of Public Works (DPW) needs more manpower "in order to do what is expected... and maintain county roads," according to Public Works Superintendent John Nail.

In his monthly report to the council, Nail said the DPW was unable to complete all of its projects before the first snowfall of the season and added that a main reason was the time it takes to cut weeds along county roads.

"I have complained to the county about weeds on their roads and they informed me they would not cut the weeds," Nail said. "It takes two men (DPW) full time to keep up with the weed cutting from May until September."

The main roads into the city are county roads, and as I mentioned earlier, (the county refuses) to do any maintenance or clean-up work on these roads except some cold-patching and cleaning of curbs on Pontiac Trail once a year."

In addition to enforcing the city's weed ordinance, the DPW's four-man road crew also maintains parks, the cemetery, the city beach, the city monument, city hall grounds, roads, ditches, underground storm drains and road shoulders, Nail said.

Two years ago, the department was able to keep up with the work and because of employees hired under the federal comprehensive employment and training act (CETA) special project entitlement, he added, but funding for that program ended earlier this year.

And, under proposed guidelines for the extension of CETA, City Manager Peter Parker said Walled Lake may lose one member of the DPW road crew who was hired under the federal program.

The proposed regulations provide for an 18-month limit on CETA employment, except for workers who were hired before September of this year. In that case the CETA funding would end next September 30, he added.

Parker said the DPW crews have been about the same size for five or six years, but were supplemented by the CETA special projects program for a couple of years.

Noting that work will begin soon on the city's 1979-80 budget, the manager said he took Nail's report as a request for more manpower in the next fiscal year.

Center work begins Monday

Construction work on Commerce Township's community center is scheduled to begin again Monday, according to Dan Shapiro, township environmentalist.

Shapiro met December 11 with sub-contractors who worked on the facility before the project was stopped in July and have agreed to finish the job. He added that a new carpenter has been hired to replace the Lakewood Construction Company, the original general contractor that apparently has gone out of business.

The township official said he couldn't estimate how long it will take to complete the 3,600-square-foot structure. Lakewood used pine instead of oak trimming around the windows, Shapiro said. The trim is leaking, he added, and will have to be replaced.

Commerce officials last week entered into an agreement with a New Jersey bonding company on a claim to finance the rest of the construction costs.

The bonding company, International Fidelity Insurance, agreed to pay \$16,392 to complete the center and to cover unpaid labor materials bills incurred by Lakewood. A check for the settlement is expected to be mailed to the township by the first week in January.

The \$182,000 building is located in the 80-acre Richardson Park at Oakley Park and Newton roads. Construction on the project began in September 1977 and was supposed to have been completed in April.

After township officials were unable to reach the contractor to discuss the delays and other problems, the board hired Lakewood and directed Attorney Doug Chartrand to seek a settlement from the bonding company.

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According to Wixom Mayor Assistant Steve Bonczek, the firm would not be responsible in those areas as Bonczek himself would continue to perform the work. Bonczek did state that the firm would be responsible for the Comprehensive Community Development plan; research and analysis in accordance with the city's various development issues; and

Planner's duties explained

It was incorrectly stated in last week's News that the consulting firm of Community Planning and Management of Uica would assume certain duties for the City of Wixom.

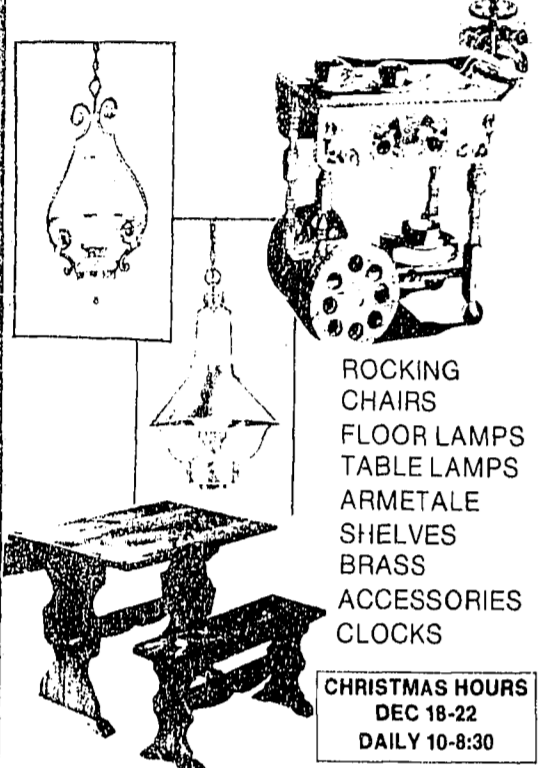
The responsibilities included: preparation of the CDBG application and annual performance report; preparation of a comprehensive recreation plan; research and analysis on the various development issues; and

related planning and grantsmanship activities.

According to Wixom Mayor Assistant Steve Bonczek, the firm would not be responsible in those areas as Bonczek himself would continue to perform the work. Bonczek did state that the firm would be responsible for the Comprehensive Community Development plan; research and analysis in accordance with the city's various development issues; and

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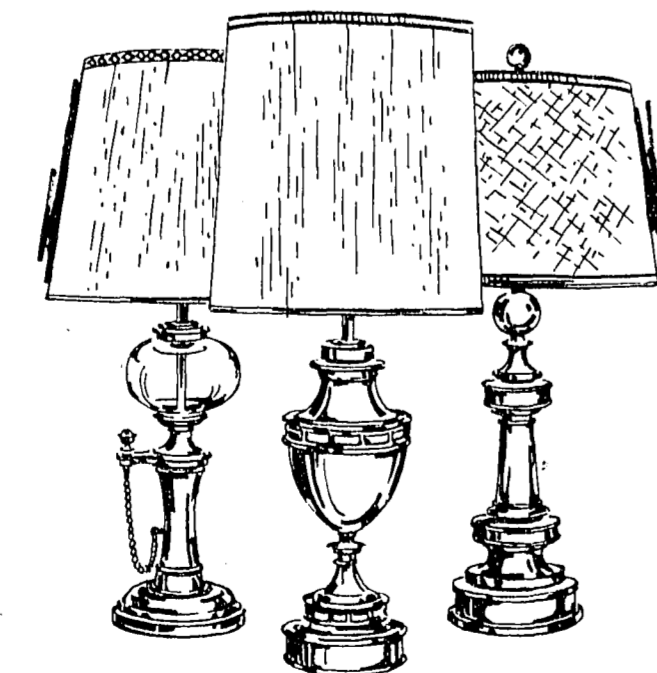
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Novi to meet on Lapham sewer

Citizens who expressed concern over the cost and need for a sanitary sewer extension on Ten Mile Road to Grand River will be asked to appear again before the Novi City Council to discuss a revised plan for funding the project.

On Monday, December 18 residents will get a chance to express their views on a suggestion from Charles Lapham that he and the city engineer believe it could be cheaper for him to finance the sewer project for his property.

The sewer project was initiated about six months ago on a request from Lapham that he be allowed to construct a sewer to serve his property at the northwest corner of Ten Mile and Haggerty roads which could accommodate future development of the property.

He had proposed construction of an eight inch line to serve his needs. The property now is planned to be the site of the Providence Hospital ambulatory clinic.

While sewers are not especially needed for the clinic, since it could connect to a sewer across the street, the remainder of Lapham's property could require sewer service.

There is both zoning for multiple dwellings and industrial use of the property. Lapham had initially believed it could be cheaper for him to finance the sewer project for his property.

The cost to the city would be recouped in tap and interceptor tap charges paid by future users connecting to that portion of the sewer, including those users from Lapham's property.

This method of financing was hit upon after studies of the proposed construction showed there would be little difference in the cost of construction by Lapham and the city's expenditure for the project.

Subdivision plats approved in Novi

The Novi City Council granted final plat approval to one subdivision and final preliminary plat approval to another last week.

Approved for final plat was the Charrington Green Subdivision slated to have 33 lots and be located on the east side of Meadowbrook Road between Nine Mile Road and Liewellyn Drive. It is being developed by Britany Building Corporation.

The subdivision originally came to the council under the lot averaging option, but was rejected. Britany Building representative Norman Gallant had threatened to take the matter to court after the rejection.

Instead the lot averaging plans were abandoned and the subdivision was designed on a straight grid pattern. Under the new design the number of proposed homes was reduced from 56 to 53. All the new homes meet the R-3 zoning requirements of 60 foot frontage and 12,000 square foot area. Council approval of the final plat was contingent upon minor changes in the language of the subdivision covenants, payment of outstanding assessments, and the posting of funds for completion of planting street trees, monuments, lot irons and changing the designation of the retention basin from a park.

Approval also was granted for the final preliminary plat of the Lexington Green Subdivision. The development will contain 131 lots on 97.5 acres of land located near the southwest corner of Nine Mile and Taft Road. The proposed subdivision is on the east side of Taft Road immediately west of the Comemara Hills Subdivision.

The property is to be developed under the R-2 zoning classification which calls for half-acre lots.

The developer was warned by the council he should have "good solid facts" supporting his plans to build in a 100-year flood plain before he returns to the group for final plat approval.

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Automobile thefts reported from mall parking lot

In Novi

The theft of two Cameros and the attempted theft of a third from the Twelve Oaks parking lot were reported December 5.

Novi police reported they received notification from owner Linda B. Mayville of Hamburg that she parked her 1977 brown Chevrolet Camero near the Penny's entrance, and when she returned to the parking lot the car was gone.

Mayville and the mall security checked the entire parking complex without results. She estimated the auto is worth about \$4,500.

The second stolen car was parked at about 9 a.m. in the red lot by a Twelve Oaks Hudson's employee. Mary McAuley of Livonia reported her red and black 1977 Camero was missing when she returned to the lot at about 6 p.m.

In an attempted car theft from the green lot, Mark Fouls of Wixom reported he parked his car at 5 p.m. and when he returned half an hour later he noticed a kitchen knife on the passenger seat.

Police report the fourth incident since June at Beechwalk Apartments occurred Friday, December 1. A woman reported a man entered her apartment at about 5:30 a.m.

The woman reported she fell asleep on the couch in the living room of her mother's apartment when she was awakened by someone rubbing her face.

arraigned before 52nd District Court Judge Gene Schnell on Wednesday, December 6.

He first came to the police department asking how to remove his daughter from school on September 26. At that time he was informed of the proper legal steps for obtaining custody of the child and warned not to go to the school.

Instead he went to Orchard Hills School and demanded the daughter be turned over to him, police reported. He was arrested on charges of being a disorderly person. He failed to appear in court on the designated October 12 trial date, according to reports.

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Wixom Police investigated four larcenies with a different twist last week. Instead of thieves breaking into the usual parked car, target of the at-

lack was four hanged aircraft at Spencer Field.

Two storage sheds, located behind two residences on Pontiac Trail were broken into with a variety of equipment stolen. A chain saw and hand hatchet

was taken in one incident. A list of miscellaneous tools totalling \$350 in value were reported removed from the second shed.

Another report of missing tools was taken at the Indian Lodge complex. The tools, all used for small repair work, were taken from the floor of a vacant apartment being renovated.

remove the trailer and load it in the Richard vehicle.

Investigation of the case is continuing.

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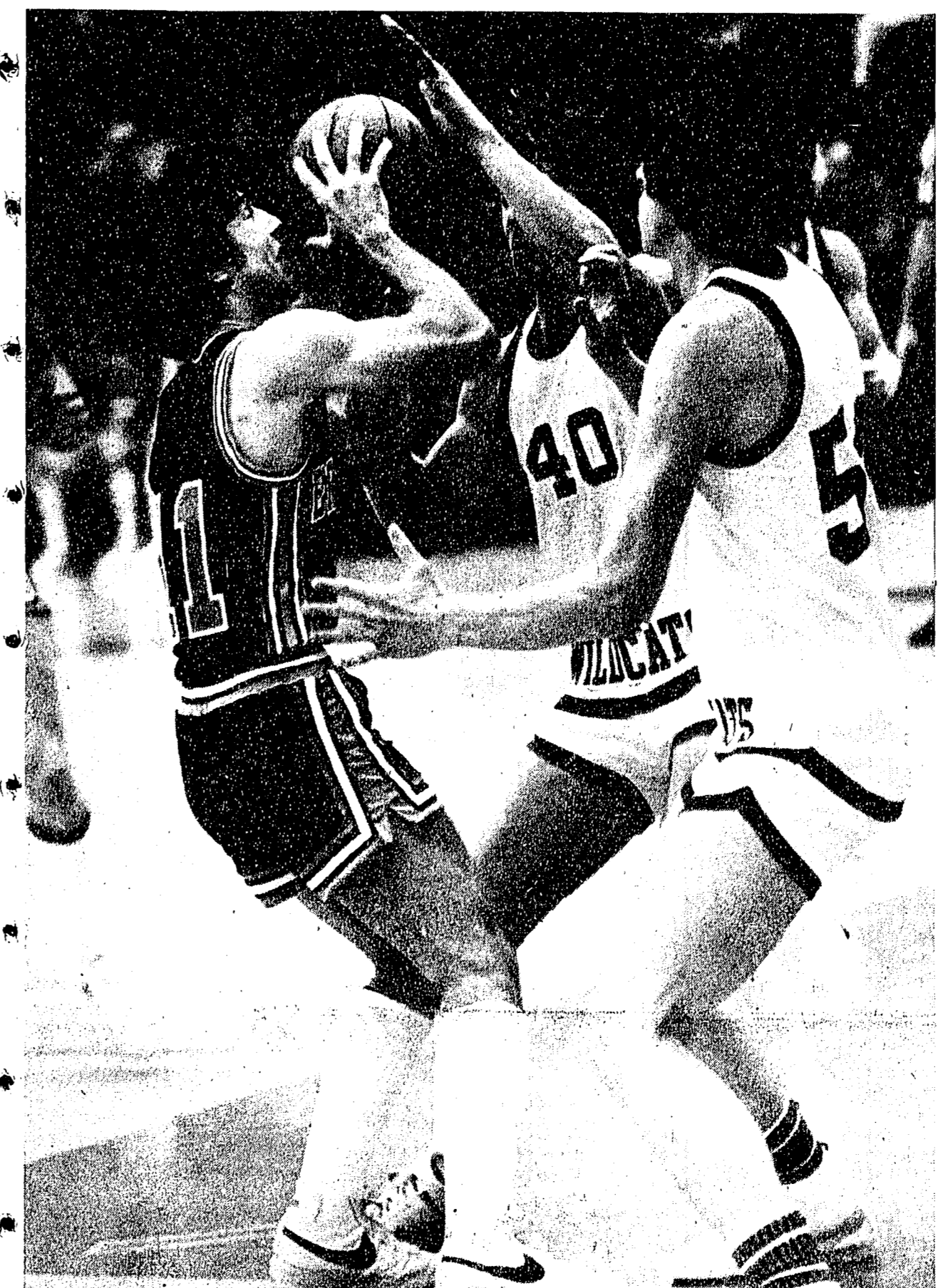
Sports . . . in The News

Table listing sports results: Warrior cagers lead league 2-B, Central girls finally lose 3-B, Novi wrestlers nip Saline 5-B, Volleyballers go unbeaten 6-B.

Novi Wildcats split with conference foes

Novi's cagers showed definite signs of waking up last week, following their opening game disaster at Chelsea two weeks ago.

Wildcats battled back from a late 15-point deficit but fell just short in a game at Saline last Friday night, 64-63.



Novi's Louie Balogh (40) and Bill Ridenour tie up a Brighton opponent.

needed boost of confidence after their season opening 54-40 disaster at Chelsea.

Novi started off on the wrong foot, falling to deficits of 11-4 and 15-8 in the first quarter.

But by the early part of the fourth quarter the Wildcats were back in the hole again.

As big a thrill as the double wins were to Warrior Coach Carl McBride, they didn't match the disappointment of a canceled wrestling trip to Versailles, Kentucky.

"You can't imagine what a big disappointment not making that trip was to the boys and me," said McBride.

Last season McBride's Warriors slipped through a Michigan snowstorm to put up a good showing in Kentucky.

Hotshot juniors lead Christian wins. A couple of juniors from Walled Lake led the Novi Christian School to its first two wins of the season last week.

Perfect first quarter too little for Vikings

After playing what coach Ken Smith called a "perfect" first quarter, the Walled Lake Central boys basketball squad met with a less than perfect result last Friday, falling to Waterford 55-33.

"We played our best quarter of basketball all season," said Smith of the Viking's 13-11 early lead.

But there was more to the Inter-Lakes Conference matchup than just the first quarter.

Waterford forced a number of turnovers off its press in the second quarter and outscored Central 17-8 in that span for a 29-21 halftime lead.

"We're still in the process of finding out who can play for us," groaned Smith.

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Warrior cagers share league lead with 57-43 Northville pasting

Walled Lake Western began its challenge for the Western Six Conference basketball title last Friday night by cruising past Northville in the league opener, 57-43.

Although the win gives the Warriors only an early share of the league lead with two other clubs at 1-0, Western Coach Ted Feleky liked what he saw on the court.

"We displayed poise, patience, and a balanced team effort," said the coach. "We worked the ball around and took good shots. We had our share of problems but we settled down."

Western did have its problems with the determined Northville squad as things were never as easy as the final score indicates.

The Warriors found themselves down by six points early in the first quarter before senior guard Mike Bryant connected from outside against the Mustang zone. Bryant led a spurt of a dozen Warrior points, including ten by himself, as Western took charge with a 17-10 first quarter lead.

"When you need someone to get things going you have to count on people like Mike," asserted Feleky.

After taking the lead in that first quarter the Warriors never trailed, widening the gap to 23-21 at halftime. But Northville chipped away at the margin throughout the third quarter, and after the first Mustang bucket of the fourth quarter the Western lead was a dangerous 42-39.

"We were having problems with their trap press," admitted Feleky. "We got a couple of time outs to settle ourselves



Western's Greg Skonieczny had a big game against Northville



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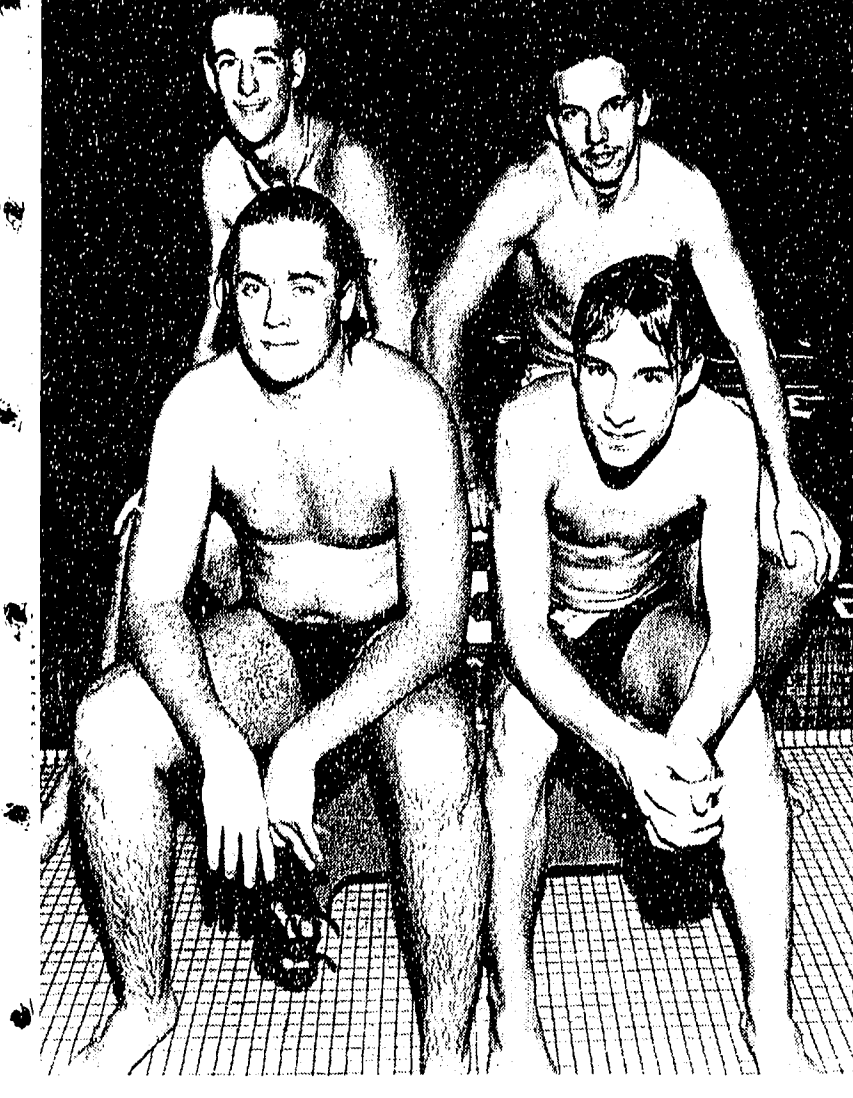
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Western swimmers will be vastly improved in '79

Walled Lake Western returns one of its strongest boys' swimming teams in years this season and, according to Coach Bill Klettke, has its best chance ever to finish third in the Western Six Conference.

"We're looking good," said Klettke. "We've got a lot of top people coming back and I'm looking forward to getting started."

Heading the list of returning lettermen is senior Tom Mihlfeld.



Tom Mihlfeld, Scott Taylor, Brian Bell, and Mark Hughes

Mihlfeld was the team's top finisher in last season's conference meet, taking a third in the 500 freestyle. He is expected to return to the distance swim as well as the 200 freestyle this season.

Senior Brian Bell returns to swim the breaststroke, and he'll get plenty of support from freshman Mark Hughes. The pair should provide a solid one-two punch in that event.

Western's diving duties will be performed by returnees Greg Dixon and Buzz Nau. Both divers attended Michigan State's diving camp last summer and appear ready to go on the springboards.

Freestylers Scott Taylor, Bill Mitchell, and Carl Skonieczny will head up the Warrior sprint freestyle unit and may help out in other needed areas.

In the backstroke it'll be junior Chris Martin returning to give a strong showing with supportive help from a couple of the freestylers.

Sophomore Arthur Kranties will con-

Season ends sadly—Lathrup 33, Central 24

Southfield Lathrup used a very deliberate offense in the regional opener last week to squeak the Walled Lake Central girls' basketball title hopes, 33-24.

"I don't know if I'd call their offense a stall," said Viking Coach Ken Butler, "but it was very deliberate. We tried a two-man press against it, and a three-man press, but we just couldn't break it."

As a result, Lathrup's slow-down tactic took the game away from the scrambling quickness of the Vikings and kept the score low.

"I figured they wouldn't try to run with us," noted Butler, "but I didn't expect Lathrup to be that disciplined. That's the first time we've been beaten by zone."

Although the slow-paced game may have surprised the Viking girls, they still managed to play Lathrup on even terms in the first half. But it was after the 14-14 tie at halftime that things didn't work so well for the Central cagers.

"We didn't get the ball inside," said the coach. "We tried to force it and it just didn't work. We couldn't get the ball around to the wings, so we tried to force it in the middle."

Butler also conceded that his Vikings may have taken Lathrup too lightly. "We didn't play with the intensity we should have. Lathrup was real disciplined and we couldn't rattle them."

The host school's deliberate offensive game kept the ball away from the good shooting Vikings and allowed them only 12 field goals, mostly from outside. The slow game resulted in only seven Lathrup fouls which netted Central just three attempts from the charity stripe.

Viking forward Patti Limb, who carried a 24 point average into the game, led the team with 10 points, while hitting on five of 11 shots.

"We didn't have the ball that much," said Butler. "They didn't throw any special defense against her (Limb), so we just didn't get a lot of shots as a team."

time his improvement in the butterfly race and possibly find a place among the conference leaders this winter.

As a team the Warriors are headed for their finest season ever, according to Klettke, and things should look solid for a few years to come.

"We've got an excellent crop of freshmen," said Klettke. "We also have about 30 swimmers for good depth too."

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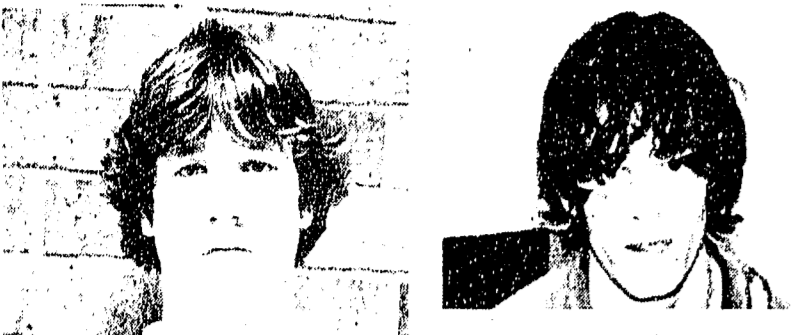
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Wildcat of the Week



JIM LONGHURST

DAVE FORD
Dave Ford, off to his best start ever for Nov's wrestling squad, gave the Wildcats a pair of much-needed boosts last week. The senior 155-pounder pinned an opponent one size bigger than he in a 165-pound match last Thursday, helping his team to a 35-33 victory over Chelsea in its Southeast Conference opener. Two days later, competing back in his accustomed 155-pound class, Ford knocked off three straight opponents to win his first tournament championship ever at the Monroe Invitational, helping the Wildcats to a third-place team finish. As of Monday Ford was 8-1 overall this season.

Nov's wrestling mentor Russ Gardner calls Jim Longhurst "one of the most dedicated kids I've ever had in my 12 years of coaching," and that dedication has been paying off. Longhurst, a state qualifier as a junior last year and one of the top 98-pound wrestlers in the Southeast Conference, has begun his senior year at Nov better than ever. Two weeks ago he handily won three straight matches — two of them on quick pins — to capture the 98-pound crown at the annual Country Day Tournament. Last week he added his second straight tournament championship at the Monroe Invitational as well as a dual meet triumph against Chelsea and his team-leading point total to 43 and keeping his match record perfect at 5-0 this season.

SUE BEALL
One of the primary reasons for the Ladycat basketball team's always stingy defense over the past three seasons has been Sue Beall. According to Coach Chris Hamilton the versatile 5-7 guard-forward always gave "100 percent". She did so again two weeks ago, playing one of her best defensive games

of the season in Nov's 43-34 loss to eventual champ Livonia. Beall, who led the team in steals this year with 48, had three steals and eight rebounds against Ladywood, topping the Ladycats in both categories.

Two Vikings honored

A pair of Walled Lake Central girls basketball players were named to the All-Inter Lakes first team last week, according to Viking game coach Ken Butler.

Listed on the second team all-Inter Lakes squad was senior forward Julie Kunze. Kunze was the Vikings' leading rebounder this past year while averaging nine points a game. The three girls were part of an all-senior starting lineup that led the Vikings to a 9-1 league record and the conference championship. Other senior members of that squad were guard Tammy Grames, center Kelly Kuzera, and reserves Kyle Galbraith, Dawn McLaughlin, and Mard Butler.

Also listed on the first team All-Inter Lakes squad was senior guard Krista Graham. Graham was the Vikings' second leading scorer this season with a

12 point average and runner-up to Limb in the steals department. Although not a torrid shooter, Graham possessed the second best shooting average on the club.

Beall named all-SEC

Sue Beall, Nov's hardworking senior guard and forward was one of five players named to the All-League girls' basketball squad in a balloting of Southeast Conference coaches last week.

Beall, a four-year varsity letter winner, was one of the Ladycat's most consistent players this season, averaging close to 10 points and six rebounds per game and sparking the team's tight-nosed defense. She topped Nov with 48

steals this fall and was the Ladycats' second leading scorer and rebounder. Two other Nov girls were among some 20 players given honorable mention: Annie Robinson, the team's senior center, and Heather Barr, a senior forward.

Joining Beall on the first team all-SEC squad were Lori Skinner and Peg Harte of Brighton, this year's league champs, Nada Obrenovich of South Lyon, and Nanette Push of Chelsea.

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Novi's Joe Curry lost this decision, 15-0

Wildcats nip Chelsea for first dual mat win

If weight were the most important factor, the odds were clearly against Nov in its Southeast Conference wrestling opener last Thursday night. A trio of Wildcats, though proved being outweighed doesn't necessarily mean being outclassed as the host team edged past Chelsea, 35-33.

Going into the final four matches Nov trailed by a point, 25-24. To make matters worse, the Wildcats were faced with having to win the meet with three outsize wrestlers and a forfeit in those final matches.

Despite wrestling at higher-than-normal weight levels, though, Dave Ford, Marc Brinker and R. J. Bayne combined to outscore their opponents 11-2 and clinch Nov's third straight dual meet victory of the season. Ford, normally a 155-pounder, pinned Chelsea's Rick Poljan to take the 165-pound bout; Brinker, a 165-pounder, tied Eric Gaken 4-4 in the 178 match; and 178-pound Bayne edged Al Augustine, 5-4, to win at 191. Novi had a void at the heavyweight level.

All told the Wildcats won only six matches in the meet, but five of them came on pins.

In addition to the above-mentioned victories Jim Longhurst pinned his 98-pound opponent at 1:39 of the first period; Eugene Yzquierdo won an award-second-period pin to win the 119 match; Dan Williams pinned his 126-pound opponent in 49 seconds; and Donny Lewis pinned his 168-pound foe in just 41 seconds.

"The difference (in the Chelsea meet) was that we got the pins and they didn't," Coach Russ Gardner observed, noting that the visitors won only two of their matches on pins. "We also won a couple of key matches in places where we were giving away weight."

Murphy unanimous choice

Walled Lake Western's Connie Murphy was selected by coaches to the first All-Western Six girls basketball squad last week.

Murphy, a senior guard-forward, was previously named to this newspaper's All-Area second team for her performance on the court this past season. As one of the Warrior co-captains, Mur-

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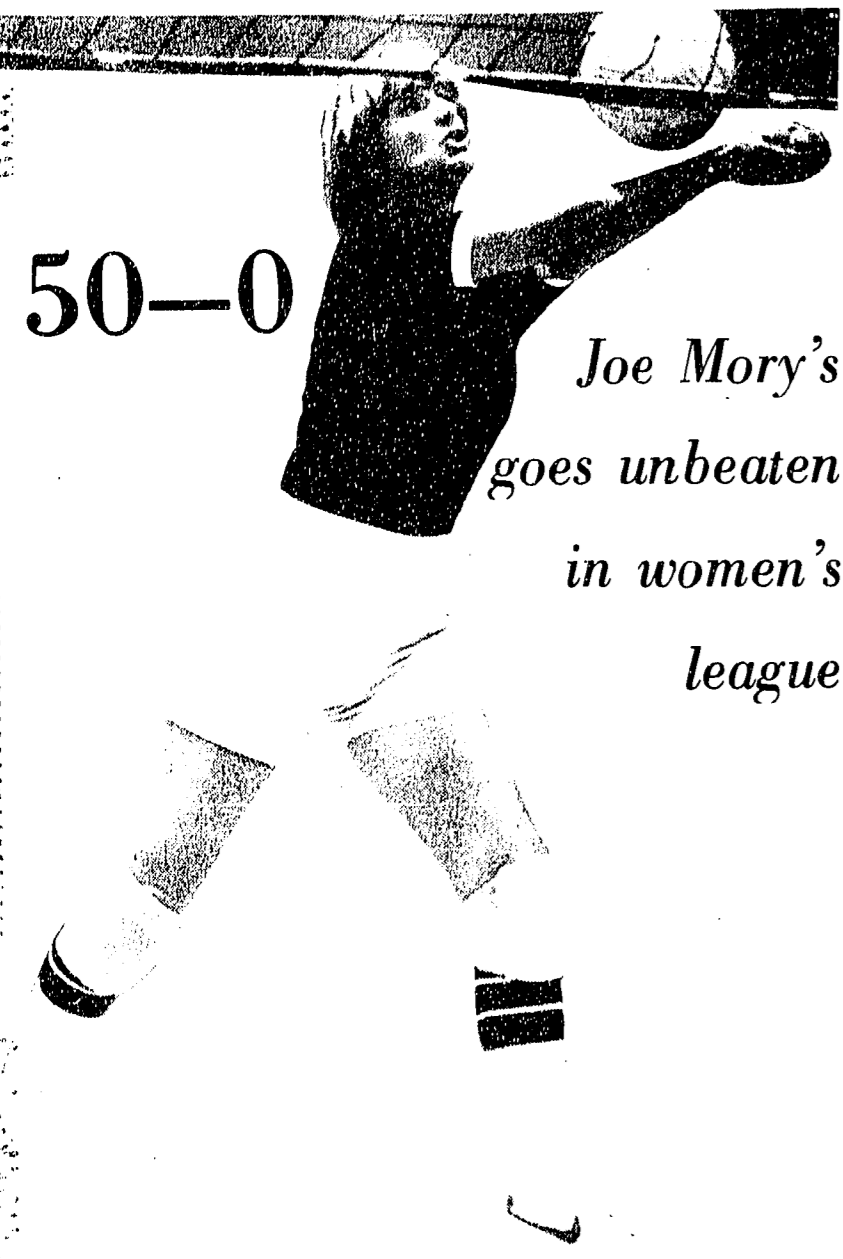
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Joe Mory's goes unbeaten in women's league

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Members of the Joe Mory's women's team that went undefeated

By AL SCHULTZ

It isn't that the members of Joe Mory's volleyball team dislike losing, it's just that they haven't had the experience lately.

Joe Mory's, champions of the Walled Lake Community Education Wednesday night women's league, have taken the court 50 times this season, and have come away with a win each time.

"I think we're too good for this league," said team captain Tibby Marzalec Engle. "We should probably be playing in the Monday night league."

Although the Monday night women's league is generally considered the toughest of the Walled Lake Community Education leagues, Engle would like to see the toughest of the tough compete in a league all their own.

day night league played with the top two teams from this league and the first place team from the Thursday league, it would be very competitive," she said.

According to Community Education representatives, lack of available gym time and conflicting players' schedules make such a league impossible.

As a matter of fact, Joe Mory's hasn't had much trouble winning wherever it plays. The club captured a championship trophy in its first season of play in the Thursday night league, moved to the Wednesday night league, and has been virtually unbeatable ever since.

Even stranger is the fact that the team has won most of its games with only five available players and all seven of the players on the squad are over 30.

"There are a number of women over 30 in the league," said Engle, "but most of the teams have a few younger girls as well. I think we're the only team with all older players."

Engle, Karen Kolke and Nanel Marsh are the original members of Joe Mory's, while Pat Rigg, Claudia Lawless, and Cathy Odien joined the group from a Haggerty Lumber team.

Jane Dyskowitz was recruited from a Farmington league. Engle and other members of the team remember the women's volleyball league from its start back at the Walled Lake Junior High seven or eight years ago.

"There used to be six or eight teams playing one night a week," said Engle. "Now there are ten women's teams playing three nights a week. That's a good indication of how the sport has grown."

And for anybody who thinks these women go out there and flail away at the ball with reckless abandon, the actuality of the game is quite different. Precision setters work the ball around to skillful spikers as the knee-padded women are serious about their power game. Most of them anyway.

"It's really too bad that some of the teams are out here just for the fun of it while other teams are so good that it becomes a one-sided game," said Engle.

But for the competitors volleyball is more than just a one night activity. Members of the Joe Mory's team often rent a gym for about 30 people and have volleyball parties. Husbands and kids included.

"We'd really like to play in a tougher league," said Engle. And with a 50-0 record, who can argue?

All hands in

Walled Lake Central basketball coach Ken Smith gets full attention from his team as the Vikings tried to grab a share of the Inter-Lakes league against Waterford last weekend. The club's effort fell short however, as the Skippers outlasted the Vikings 55-39. Photo by Jane Hale.



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For further information call the rec department at 349-1976. Players are still needed for a men's basketball league being sponsored by Novi Parks and Recreation this winter. The league is open to anyone aged 18 and over, but team rosters are limited to 25 percent non-residents. At least 75 percent of each team's players must either live or work in the City of Novi.

The fees are \$10 for residents and \$15 for non-residents. The Walled Lake Western jayvee basketball squad boosted its record to 3-0 last week with an impressive 70-69 comeback victory over Northville.

The Warrior juniors at one point trailed by as many as 24 points, but managed to battle back to nip the Mustangs in the thriller. Sophomore guard Tom Farrington of Novi accomplished one of the rarest feats in bowling last week when he successfully knocked over both pins of a 7-10 split for a spare.

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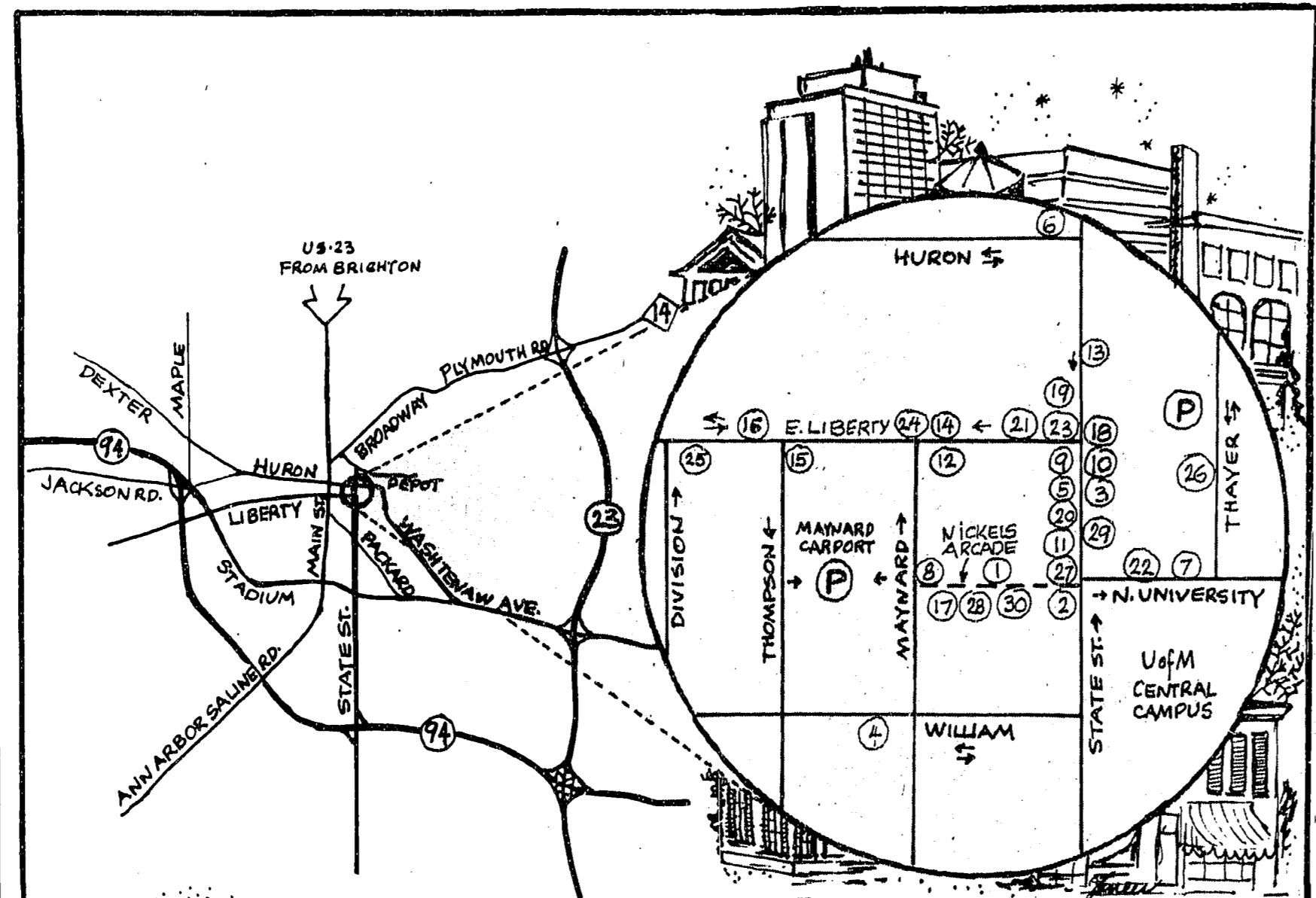
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Canton is team to beat in Western Six cage race

There doesn't seem to be much doubt about who the team to beat is in this year's upcoming Western Six Conference basketball race.

The real question will be: who, if anyone, is going to challenge them?

According to the league's coaches Plymouth Canton, with five returning lettermen back from a squad that went 7-3 and finished second to Waterford Mott last winter, appears to be the odds-on favorite for the 1979 crown. And, on the basis of the Chiefs' season-opening 104-66 victory over Livonia Franklin last Friday night, that doesn't seem a bad choice at all.

But is there a challenger?

"Only time will tell. Considering the new look in coaching staffs this fall, though, anything could happen."

No less than four of the six conference members are in their first or second years at the helm of their respective schools.

One of them is Canton's Craig Bell, who's taking over the reins of Casey Cavall after seven years as an assistant coach at rival Plymouth Salem.

While Bell acknowledges he isn't thoroughly familiar with the rest of the Western Six, he agrees his club probably rates as the pre-season favorite.

"I think we have nine very solid players," the first-year coach says.

Two of them are returning guards Butch King, a 6-1 senior, and Rusty Mandie, a 6-2 senior. Both were starters last year — King was a first-team All-Western Six choice while Mandie was a

second team — giving the Chiefs the top backcourt punch in the league.

But their front line isn't anything to sneeze at, either. Returning forward Mike Leary, a 6-4 senior, will join junior forward Dave Visser and 6-5 senior center Mike Colnick as probable starters this season.

Backing them up are seniors Frank LaSorda (6-5) and Jay McKinley (6-3), both returning lettermen, and juniors Brad Weston (6-3) and Scott Adler (5-11).

The rest of the league seems somewhat plagued by a lack of experience — and, in most cases, by a lack of height.

Farmington Harrison is a notable exception in the former case. The Hawks, considered darkhorse contenders for the title, have four returning starters from a club that went 3-7 in the league and 8-13 overall last year.

They include senior forwards Dave Turnquist (6-3), Scott Hendries (6-2) and John Freeman (6-0) and junior guard Brian Burgess (6-2). Also back are lettermen Don Behringer (5-10), who'll probably start at the other guard slot, and Mark Diekman and Tom Cundy.

Another second-year coach, Fred Price of Livonia Churchill, figures his club should be improved over last season's fourth-place finishers (4-6 in the league, 13-9 overall) but, like Harrison, lacks size.

Rafael Jamol, a 6-4 senior who sat out the last six weeks of last year with an in-

jury, will get the starting nod at center. The team's other returning starter is 5-10 senior guard Dave Krick.

Mike Talovich, a 6-1 senior who saw plenty of action last season, will be at the other guard slot while 6-1 senior Carl Eberly and 6-2 sophomore Chris Harvath have the inside tracks at forward. Matt Maleske is another strong candidate at forward.

The team with the biggest gaps to fill will be Waterford Mott. While the Corsairs had their finest Western Six showing ever last year, winning the crown with an 8-2 mark and going 15-6 overall, their hopes this season rest with several untested players.

Eleventh-year mentor Ray Robinson, the senior member of the league's coaches, lost each of his top seven regulars to graduation and will be starting from scratch.

Among his returning lettermen are seniors Mike Miller (6-1 forward) and Joe Gwinn (5-7 guard) and juniors Dave Miller (6-4 center) and Brian Harris (5-10 guard). Two other strong hopefuls —

6-1 forwards John Zittel and Tom Schaefer, a transfer from Arizona — are currently out with injuries.

Northville is in much the same bind as Mott. While the Mustangs also like a running game, they'll be developing it with a relatively inexperienced team under rookie mentor Tim Lutes, a former head coach at Alpena who took over at Northville for Walt Koepke.

Only 6-3 forward Joe Schimpf and 6-1 forward Jeff Norton return from last season's third-place club (5-5 in the league, 10-11 overall). Filling in at the other spots are sophomore center Dave Ward (6-5), senior guards Myles Couyoumjian (5-9) and Greg Suckow (5-11), and guard-forwards Bob Crisan (6-0) and Chris Campbell (6-0).

Walled Lake Western, meanwhile, will be resting its hopes on a group of players who didn't see much playing time last season. The Warriors, 3-7 in the league and 10-10 overall last year, return five lettermen.

Coach Ted Felegy feels his club is

capable of a winning season, but much will depend on the rebounding strength of 6-4 center Greg Skonieczny, a senior who saw occasional starting duty last year.

Also back are senior guards Mike

Bryant (5-11), Johnny Meyer (5-7) and Matt Spencer (5-10), and junior forwards Scott Parrish (6-2) and John Ropok. While Clarkson transfer Andy Koch will also be vying for a starting forward berth.

Four Viking wrestlers lead depleted mat unit

Four Walled Lake Central wrestlers placed among the top four matmen in the eight-team Invitational last weekend to highlight what was otherwise a down week for the Viking team.

Senior tri-captain Guy Maynard placed second at 155; Juniors Hank Richardson and Dana Swaney finished third at 112 and 119; and 105-pound Jim Russell added a fourth.

But despite the four individual showings the Vikings as a team finished eighth among the eight entered. And earlier in the week only two Vikings wrestled to a victory in losing 60-12 to a tough Farmington Harrison squad. And to make matters worse, during the course of the two meets three Central wrestlers had succumbed to injuries.

The whole situation isn't making things any easier for Viking Coach Randy Hyde.

"We've got some talent," said Hyde, "but not enough bodies. We only had ten wrestlers on both the varsity and jayvee teams, so losing three more is really going to hurt us."

Hyde is in his second year of trying to revive the ailing Central wrestling program and for the second year he is having trouble finding enough bodies to fill out the 13-position wrestling roster. As in 1978, Hyde is forced to have his squad forfeit the top three weight classes. In the dual meet against Harrison, the Vikings forfeited five.

"I haven't given up," insists Hyde, "but trying to win meets with a depleted team isn't realistic. We're giving our best efforts out on the mat and that's all we can really ask of ourselves."

Richardson and Swaney, both of whom placed third in the Dearborn Invitational, were the only Vikings to record wins over defending Western Six champ Harrison. Richardson took a 6-4 decision over his Hawk counterpart, while Swaney beat one of Harrison's best, 9-2. Both wrestlers won three matches in the Dearborn meet as well.

Central, with its diminished team, will compete in the Oakland County meet this weekend.

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Here's some ways to combat those rising fuel bills

By LENORE BECHTEL

The energy crunch is on. People who took a no-care attitude about conserving energy when the oil embargo started in 1973 have felt the crunch where it hurts most: in the pocketbook.

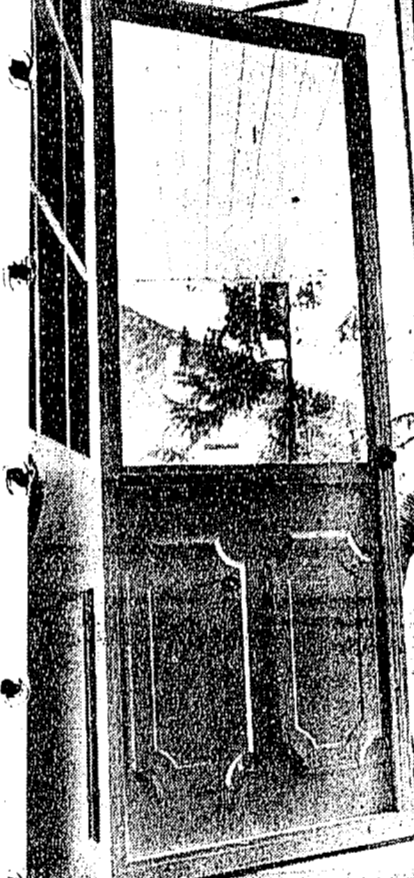
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Storm doors are deductible

Deductibles

Now is the time to inspect your house for needed insulation. A minimum of six-inch thick fiber glass insulation in your attic can reduce fuel consumption up to 30 percent. Insulating a water heater if it's not warm or hot to touch should save about \$15 a year in energy costs. Insulating hot water pipes and heat ducts in unheated areas such as crawl spaces will pay off in fuel savings and a more comfortable house.

If you're chilled by cold drafts leaking around doors and windows, now is the time to let Uncle Sam help you pay for storm doors and windows. Although storm doors should generally be installed by professionals, any do-it-yourselfer who can cut a straight line can make inside storm windows from semi-rigid plastic.

A less expensive protection against heat loss can be cut with scissors from clear vinyl films found in yard goods departments or hardware stores. Simply trim the vinyl to window size, and tape it in place. Add staples or weather stripping for extra security. The space between the plastic film and the window pane acts as the insulator, reducing loss of heat or cool air.

If you decide on professionally in-

Cutting your own tree's fun

You might think the pick-your-own season is over for the year. But one crop remains: Christmas trees.

Cutting your own Christmas tree can be a rewarding, nostalgic family experience, suggests Mel Koelling, Michigan State University Extension forestry specialist. It can also give you some insights into how this valuable Michigan crop is produced.

"Christmas trees are planted and tended like any other crop," she says. "The big difference, of course, is that Christmas trees take six or seven years to grow to harvest size."

Buying a tree direct from the grower may save you a little money, but Koelling believes the major advantages in cutting your own tree include a better selection of trees to choose from and the assurance that you are obtaining a fresh tree. You tend to get top value for your money when you cut your own, he says. And you can take the opportunity to make a family outing of obtaining the tree.

"Many Christmas tree growers offer a lot more than just trees," Koelling notes. "It's not unusual for them to provide a wagon or sleigh rides, donuts and cider, ornament sales and other family-oriented activities."

Growers usually offer several varieties of trees.

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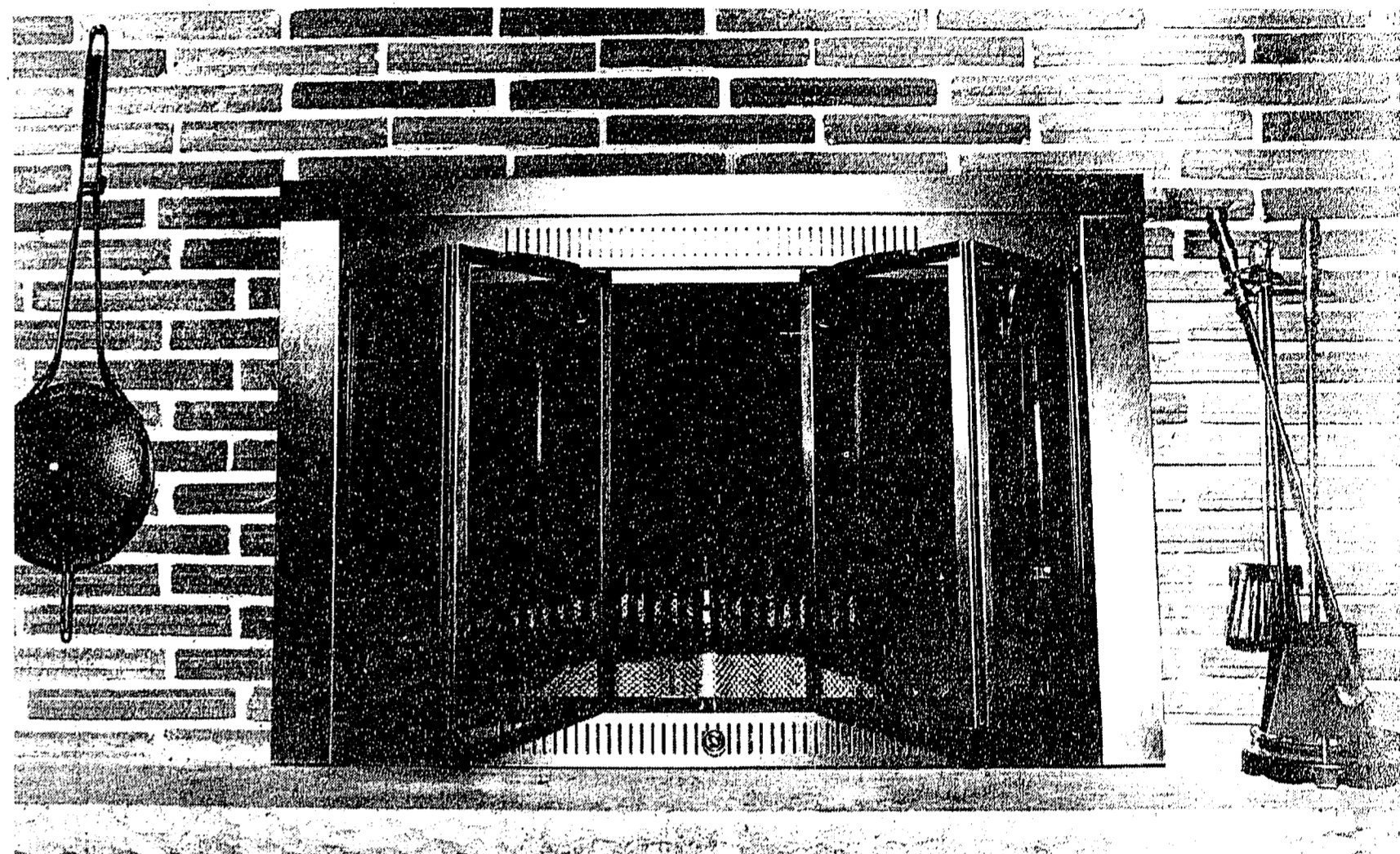
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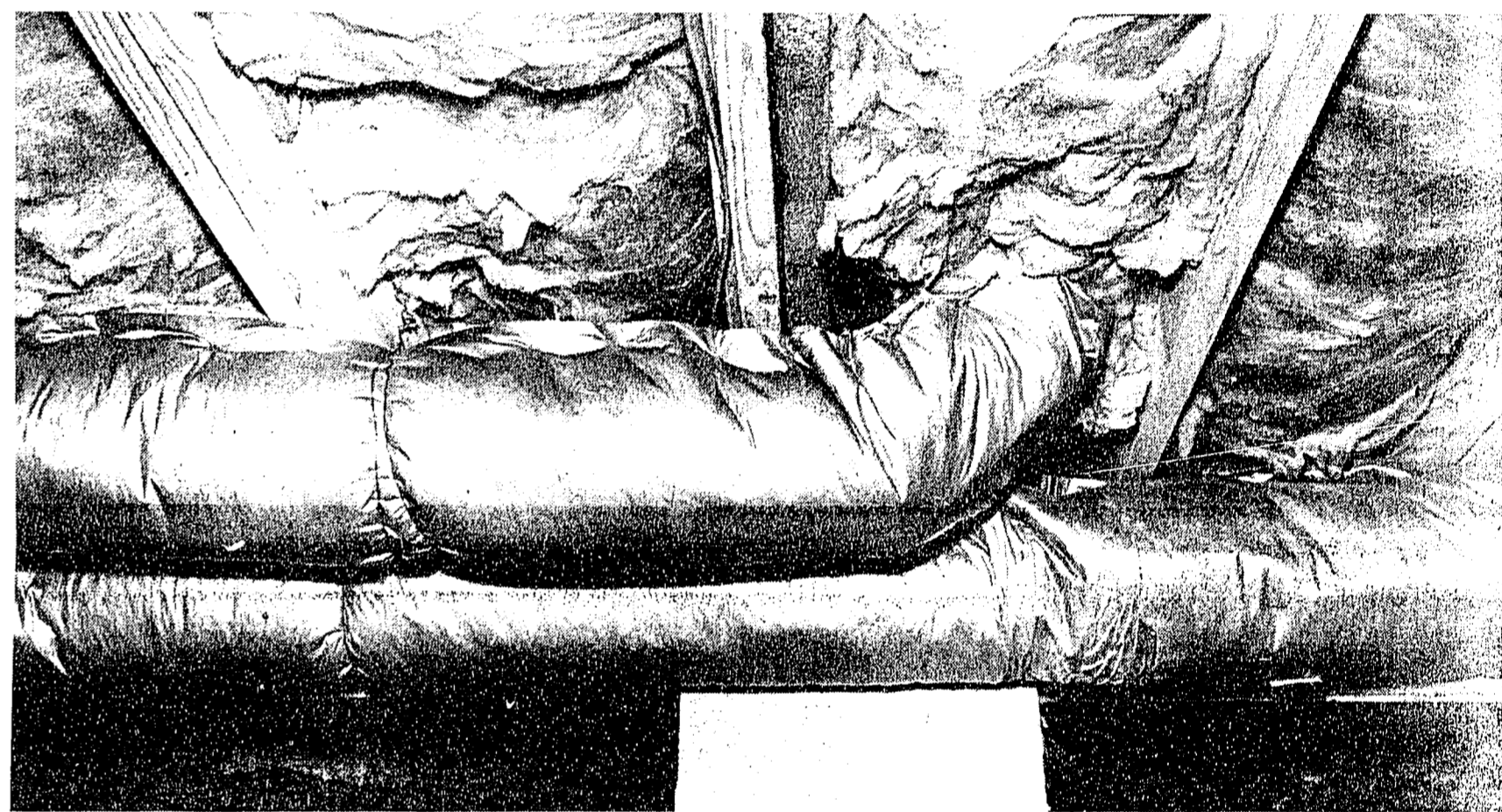
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Good way to cut bills

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 stalled storm doors or windows, the money you pay for the installation is also deductible on your tax form.
 The energy tax law also gives tax credits on the following items:
 —caulking and weather stripping around windows and door.
 —a furnace replacement burner which reduces the amount of fuel used.
 —a device to make fine openings for heating systems more efficient.
 —an electric or mechanical furnace

ignition system which replaces a gas pilot light.
 —an automatic setback thermostat which can be set to turn back the heat after you go to bed and turn it up again before you get up for the morning.
 —a meter which displays the cost of energy usage, a device designed to keep the cost of energy waste constantly on your mind, perhaps enticing you to invest in even more energy-saving items.
 Think twice before you pick up an energy-saving item at a garage sale. For the item to qualify for a tax credit,

Not deductible

Some energy saving items will not qualify for a tax credit, such as carpeting, drapes, wood paneling or exterior siding. Also ineligible for credits are fireplaces for any wood or peat-fueled residential equipment, such as a wood stove.
 Most traditional fireplaces, built of brick, stone or masonry, are much more attractive than they are efficient. Their efficiency in converting the energy in the fuel to useful radiant heat is rated at 10 percent. That means that about 90 percent of the heat energy from the fuel is going up the chimney flue.

Although fireplace owners won't receive tax credits for improving the efficiency of their fireplaces, they'll receive dollar-and-cents savings by updating their equipment. Both a device that circulates warm air through individually controllable vents and a glass fireplace door are good energy-saving items.

The energy tax law authorizes even larger credits to people who use solar, wind or geothermal energy to heat, cool or provide hot water for their homes. An investment of \$14,667 in such a home improvement will result in the maximum tax credit of \$2,200.

Any qualifying energy saving expense incurred after April 20, 1977, may be claimed on the 1978 tax returns. As with any tax deduction, persons are expected to be able to substantiate the item claimed.

Form 5695, which will be used to compute the credits, will be in the 1978 Form 1040 tax return packages sent to taxpayers at the end of December. It will also be available from banks, post offices and Internal Revenue Service offices.

The form will not be included in the 1040-A short form packages because taxpayers claiming the energy credit will be required to file long forms.



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Don't short circuit holiday

A predicted shortage and higher prices for natural Christmas trees this season may bring many homeowners to use artificial trees for the first time.

Their installation and decoration call for special safety steps, according to the Western Wayne Oakland County Board of Realtors (WWOCBR).

With the boughs of most artificial trees woven into wire, extra care should be taken to guard against shorts in light sets being used. These could cause home fires, electrical shocks or blown electrical fuses.

Before being hung and plugged in, all light sets should be examined closely for worn, frayed or cracked wiring. If the damage is minor, the danger might be removed by covering such spots with electrical tape, but replacement might be the safest course for faulty sets.

Aluminum trees, which enjoy popularity, are not designed to hold strings of lights because of their electrical conducting qualities. Added adornment for such trees is usually afforded by a lamp focused on the tree through a revolving plate which offers a constant change of reflected colors.

The desire for outdoor Christmas decorations also poses safety problems, say the realtors.

Light sets used in such cases should be the heavy duty type clearly marked for exterior use. These have more insulation than indoor sets and can better resist the rigors of winter. Proper grounding is essential.

The WWOCBR advises stringing such lights in protected areas where they will not be subject to water from melting snow which could cause dangerous electrical failure.

While individually drawing only little power, both indoor and outdoor lights can blow a fuse or short out a circuit if too many sets are plugged into a single outlet.

Other Christmas decorating tips offered by WWOCBR include:
 • The feet of ladders used outdoors to hang decorations should be firmly engaged in the ground or held by a second person. Snow and ice on the home can cause slippage problems so don't upset the balance by leaning away from the center of the ladder.
 • Wear rubber foot gear when using metal ladders and have patterned soles that will aid the grip of feet on wet rungs.
 • Evergreen trees and boughs should be well removed from fireplaces and heat ducts which could set them afire or

cause undue drying out. When lit, fireplaces should be carefully screened to hold errant sparks away from Christmas decor and gift wrappings.
 • Lighted candles used in centerpieces should be extinguished before burning close to surrounding materials or if the room will remain unattended for any time.
 • As a safety precaution, it is wise to

turn out Christmas lights while the house is unattended. But, to help discourage thieves, the normal practice of leaving some house lights on is recommended.
 A home is usually a family's largest investment and following these and similar safety measures can help protect it while bringing a more joyful holiday season, adds the WWOCBR.

Cutting your own tree is nostalgic experience

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The most common are the popular Scotch pine, blue spruce, white spruce and Douglas fir — though you may occasionally find white pine and Austrian pine, too. Whatever you want in a tree is likely to be available whether it's long needles or short, or a thick, bushy tree or a tall, slender one.

Because the tree is freshly cut, you don't have to worry much

about storage life. With a minimum of care, a tree you cut yourself should easily last the normal three to four weeks of the holiday season.

The key to keeping a tree safe and enjoyable is keeping it well watered. This is true of any cut tree, whether you cut it yourself or buy it from a retail lot. Make a fresh cut across the base of the tree when you get it home. Koelling advises. Then put the tree in a

stand that will hold at least a gallon of water. "Check the tree regularly to make sure it's standing in water at all times," Koelling says. "Keep it away from sources of heat that will speed its drying out. If the tree gets dry, it can pose a very real fire hazard."

To find a cut-your-own tree operation, watch your newspaper for ads or ask the Michigan Automobile Club for a list of growers.

Park farm sets winter hours

Kensington Children's Farm in Kensington Metropark near New Hudson will observe the following winter schedule of hours, according to Peter J. Cristiano, Jr., general manager.

GENERAL PUBLIC
 The hours open to the general public will be on Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sleigh rides (weather permitting) will be available and cost for children (ages 3 to 12) 50 cents and per adult (13

years of age and older) 75 cents, with those under three permitted free.

RESTAURANT HOURS
 Restaurant hours will be on Saturday and Sunday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Coffee and sweet rolls only from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., with luncheon and dinner menus from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

GROUP RESERVATIONS
 Special group reservations for dinner, sleigh ride (weather permitting) will still be in effect Tuesday through Sunday.

For additional information, contact Kensington Children's Farm, 215 West Buno Road, Milford, MI 48042 (PHONE: (313) 685-9105).

Kensington Park braces for skiers

One of the most popular activities at the Huron-Kent Metroparks is cross-country skiing, with citizens — making their own trails" across the terrain.
 Cross-country skiing is available at seven Metroparks (weather permitting), which serve the citizens of Wayne, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland and Washtenaw counties.
 This winter sport is growing in increased popularity at Kensington Metropark near New Hudson (Phone 685-1561). The cross-country ski

trails are free. Vehicle entry charges (Annual: regular \$5 or senior citizen \$1 or Daily \$1) are in effect year-around.
 Cross-country ski rental service and a ski touring center are available at Kensington (starting March 1979). Equipment rentals include skis, poles, boots and bindings for use on special novice trails at the golf course site or advanced cross-country trails throughout the park. Rental rates are as follows: Complete set - 1/2 day - \$5.00; Skis only - 1/2 day - \$2.00; Boots only - 1/2 day - \$2.00.
 The Ski Touring Center (located at the Golf Starter Building) is open Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., but closed on Christmas Day (December 25), and con-

tinues service (weather permitting) through March of 1979.
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 The Ski Touring Center has heated restrooms and food service.
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That is the only way to describe a pizza lover's dream come true, according to the News' own resident pizza lover Al Schultz after going on a pizza binge the last two weeks. We sent Al to eight pizza restaurants in the Novi-Walled Lake area, and when he finished wiping the smile and tomato sauce off his face, Al came back with his findings.

So where can you get the best pizza in the Novi-Walled Lake area? We asked Al that one, but he was too busy eating to answer. He just handed us this report and aimed another piece of pizza at his mouth.

By ALSCHULTZ

I didn't argue much about accepting this assignment. A pizza survey? Sure, why not? I eat the stuff day and night and I figure I know my pizza as well as the next guy.

The only catch is, I've never had a bad one. From the 79 cent frozen cardboard type to the \$3 super deluxe extravaganza; they've all been good.

So finding the best of the bunch was indeed a task, and I'll be the first to admit I don't like to make enemies of pizzeria managers. You never know when you'll get an attack of screaming pepperonis.

Still, it was my job to comment on what's available in pizza in the Novi-Walled Lake area, so if you'll shove that last piece of cold turkey back into the refrigerator I'll get on with it.

To avoid any accusations of preference, I'll report my tasty findings in alphabetical order. For two weeks I followed my acute sniffer to the following restaurants: Cardona's, Dino's, Hot 'N Tasty, Little Caesar's, Luigi's, Pizza Hut, Pizza Palace, and the Town Pump. So tune up your palate and follow the bouncing anchovies.

CARDONA'S

Located on the corner of Novi Road and Grand River in Novi, a bad location to start with (considering the parking and traffic problems), but the pizza makes up for it. I sampled a pepperoni-sausage-mushroom-green pepper delicacy here and found the taste very good. The crust was cooked just right and there was an ample amount of cheese, but the tomato sauce could have been thicker.

There were plenty of tasty fresh mushrooms and diced fresh green peppers, and although the sausage was ground into little pieces, the pepperoni was hard to find.

You can't eat inside here, but Cardona's will supply you with the sturdiest box in the area for the take-out. Lots of range in size and price here, from the eight-inch extra small cheese at \$1.60 to the 17-inch special at \$9.10.

Available toppings include pepperoni, ham, mushrooms, green pepper, hamburger, onions, bacon, anchovies, Italian sausage, shrimp, salami and olives. Quite a variety, and the only place around to put shrimp on a pizza.

DINO'S

Actually located on Novi Road in Northville, but just an onion outside the Novi city line. I had a green pepper-sausage-pepperoni pizza here, and came away quite satisfied. A good thick crust around the edges, but a little thin on the center support. Plenty of the respective toppings and the cheese was ample, too, but once again, not enough tomato sauce. Still, a great tasting pizza. Another one of the area take-outs, this one lists its toppings as pepperoni, ham, mushrooms, green pepper, bacon, anchovies, onions, Italian sausage, hamburger, and olives.

LITTLE CAESAR'S

Two locations here. One on Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake and another on Ten Mile Road in Novi, both are take-outs only. This pizza featured pepperoni and ham with a double helping of cheese. The extra cheese added to the

HOT 'N TASTY

Located just across the tracks in downtown Wixom. Not much parking here either, but it's just a hobo's jump away if you go by train. I sampled the sausage-green pepper-pepperoni pizza here and the taste hinged on excellent. The crust was soft and cooked just right and there was cheese all over the place. The pepperoni was smaller in size than most places, but the Italian sausage added just a touch of spice to the taste. Like everybody else though, the people at Hot 'N Tasty don't put enough tomato sauce on their product. There are two tables just inside the door, but this place is definitely a take-out and is open only evenings.

The Wixom hideaway sports the biggest (19") and the smallest (7") of pizzas with prices ranging from the small cheese at \$2.25 to the extra large special at \$7.55. Another place that delivers, this one offers pepperoni, mushrooms, ham, bacon, green olives, black olives, green pepper, onion, hamburger, anchovies and Italian sausage.

Two locations here. One on Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake and another on Ten Mile Road in Novi, both are take-outs only. This pizza featured pepperoni and ham with a double helping of cheese. The extra cheese added to the

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Gifted program eyed	2-D
Add spices to trims	4-D
Central students score	5-D
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Language clinic slated for Walled Lake kids

If you have trouble understanding your child, the difficulty may be correctable. The Walled Lake Consolidated School District will hold, free of charge, a preschool speech and language clinic next Monday (December 18) to identify children with speech problems. Parents who believe their children may have speech defects may make an appointment with a specialist by calling 624-4940 on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. The clinic is open only to children who live in the Walled Lake School District.



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Walled Lake Schools study 'gifted' program

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Who are these gifted and talented students? They are the top three to five percent of the student population based on test scores, parent and teacher observation, and academic performance. They are children who show promise of exceptional achievement in areas such as dance, art, music or math. They are also children who demonstrate imagination, creativity, productive thinking and leadership.

The regular classroom situation may not be enough to meet the special needs of these students. Recognizing these youngsters, and providing programs and classes to insure their success is a high priority in the Walled Lake School District. In an effort to meet the special needs of these students, a committee of parents, teachers, administrators and students has been formed to study existing gifted programs, and make recommendations for a formal program for gifted children in the Walled Lake district by May, 1979.

The main concern of the committee is to develop a system for identifying and selecting gifted students, and to develop a follow-up procedure to evaluate the child's progress or lack of it. Although the committee has been officially formed, interested people are still invited to attend meetings that are held every other Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. in Maple Elementary School. The next meeting will be tonight (Wednesday, December 13).

Holiday concerts planned

Two holiday concerts have been planned by the vocal and instrumental music departments at Novi High School bringing the sounds of the season to the area in the week preceding Christmas. Leading off the concert schedule on Monday, December 18, at 8 p.m. in Fuerst Auditorium is the vocal music department performing under the direction of Paula Joiner.

By the Way

With Nancy Dingeldey

A dream vacation, a gift from their daughter Deborah, found Florence and Ed Bundooff off to the Hawaiian Islands for a whirlwind tour filled with leis and Hawaiian music and lots of sunshine. The vacation was a mother's and father's day gift from one Bundooff daughter who was surprised in return by her parents with an identical trip in celebration of her 22nd birthday.

That birthday was marked with a party at the revolving Top of the Waikiki Restaurant complete with more leis and a special Hawaiian birthday song serenade. The threesome chugged up over 250 miles of driving on the Island of Oahu itself in addition to many sightseeing tours. From their literary it would seem every day was jam-packed with outings from Sea Life park with its porpoises and penguins to the sugar cane mills and pineapple farms.

A celebrity-studded evening came from attending the Nani Academy Awards of Hawaiian Music at the Hawaiian Village Coral Ballroom in Honolulu. The Bundooffs were filmed at the event for island TV viewers. The musical evening was also filmed for mainland viewers and will be programmed early next year as a part of the Wide World of Entertainment. And while passing through a marina near the Outrigger Hotel, the Bundooffs caught a scene being filmed for the Hawaii Five-O television series.

35 make first quarter list

A total of 35 students enrolled at the Novi Christian School have been named to the first quarter honor roll. The number includes both the elementary department and students enrolled in the high school learning center. The attainment of a 90 percent overall average; completion of three sections of individualized studies in mathematics, English, social studies and science; and

memorization of 27 scripture verses are required for naming to the list. Second grade students on the list are Candy Black, Julie Byington, Rainy Gross, Jon Herrell, Eric Key, Kristen Sorby and Angela Zimmerman. Third grade students are Cindy Pelky, Philip Rugeil and Craig Wainin. Named from the fourth grade was Angela Senkbel.

Fifth grade students on the honor roll include Dawn Hamilton, Noella Heller, Tony Leeh, Dan Plautz and Rene Stump. Concluding the elementary list are sixth grade students Doug Hewett and Kelly Karvonen. Seventh grade students on the honor roll include Karin King, Dawna Warren and Sandy Hoover. Kim Hellwege, Steve Rugel, Mark Scott, Don Warren and Debbie Treganowan represent the ninth grade, while Cindy Hoskins, Rachael Shepherd, and Cindy Speight were named from the tenth grade.

Debbie Pivakis, Peggy Labadie, Cindy Stowe and Nelson Tremblay were named from the eleventh grade. Joanne Hoskins and Scharme Stockton were named from the twelfth grade students gaining honors.

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Novi resident named to post

A Novi resident has been named to a special citizen-professional advisory committee for Washtenaw Community College. R. W. Vykidal who lives on West LeBost in Novi has been appointed to the advisory board for the industrial drafting program at the college. Vykidal is associated with the General Motors Hydramatic Division in Ypsilanti.

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Pomander Balls

The whole family can enjoy making aromatic pomander balls using thin-skinned firm oranges, lemons or limes. A firm apple is also a good fruit to use, especially for younger children. Studd-

ed with cloves, pomander balls are used in rooms, closets or tucked in drawers to add their welcome fragrance. A pomander, tied with ribbons, is a perfect gift for a friend who is ill or hospitalized.

First select only firm, sound fruits. Fruits of different sizes and shapes and varying aromas are desirable if the pomanders are to be hung in clusters. Use a thin skewer or needle to start holes for the cloves. Take care not to make the hole too large which can cause the cloves to fall out later. Also, do not place too many in one spot which may cause the skin to break. Add row after row of the spice until the fruit is completely covered.

Roll the pomander in equal portions of ground cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, allspice and ginger to which powdered orrisroot has been added. A sufficient amount to cover six to eight fruits can be made by combining one-quarter cup each of the above ingredients.

Orrisroot is a fixative and aroma enhancer. Although it has a distinctive sweet aroma, it accents rather than imposing its scent on the spices much like monosodium glutamate does to food. A speciality item, it can be asked for by name at The Coffee Beanery in the Twelve Oaks Mall or at the Quaker Shop in Brighton.

Let the pomanders remain in the spice mixture in an open bowl in a warm, dry place for about one week. While the ball "cures" or dries, the spicy aroma will penetrate the entire house. Pomanders should be sufficiently hardened at the end of one week to tie up for gifts. Do not store in airtight containers, however.

Tie tiny, colorful ribbon or cord around the ball to create a "sling" top with a bow and an additional length of ribbon if the ball is to be hung.

Pomanders will hold their fragrance for several years. A fresh spice bath when the aroma fades will renew their

Simply wash the pomander in warm water, roll them in the spice mixture, add a drop or two of clove or cinnamon oil and let stand in the spices a few days. Retie with fresh ribbons.

Scented Pinecones

An easy project that makes a great gift is a heaping basket of scented pinecones. Choose pinecones that are dry in a variety of sizes and shapes. Paint the edges with white glue and sprinkle with cinnamon, nutmeg, allspice, cloves, ginger or a combination of all five. Again add orrisroot as a fixative to keep the scent longer. Tap off excess spice and place the pinecones in a basket trimmed with greens and ribbon. A spicy pinecone can add a fragrant note to gift packages.

Herb Bouquet

An herb bouquet is a welcomed gift idea for any gourmet cook. Simple to make, the combination of herbs may be presented in an airtight container or packaged in individual bags fashioned from cheesecloth, muslin or organdy.

First combine:

- 1 tablespoon parsley flakes
- 1 tablespoon tarragon leaves
- 1 tablespoon thyme leaves
- 1 tablespoon marjoram leaves
- 1 teaspoon oregano leaves
- 1 teaspoon dried minced onion

Combine herbs and place one tablespoon herb mixture in the center of a five-inch square of cheesecloth, using a double thickness. Bring cloth together over the herbs and tie tightly. Or sew up fancy shaped bags of hearts, stars, or bell-shaped from muslin or organdy.

Perfect for soup stock, stews, pot roast and other braised meats, the entire bags of herbs may be dropped into the cooking water and removed just before serving.

There are dozens of ways to use herbs and spices in crafts or cooking. A spice craft handbook "Spice Up Your Crafts," is available by writing The McCormick/Schilling Company, Baltimore, Maryland 21286. A compilation of culture, lore, legend and herbal recipes can be found in the book, "A Merry Christmas Herbal," by Adeline Grenier Simmons.



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Central's Amy Hartstuff and Dan Odette claimed poster contest honors

In poster contest

Central students claim honors

Two students enrolled in a new commercial art class at Walled Lake Central High School have topped top honors in a metropolitan Detroit poster contest.

Dan Odette, a junior, and Amy Hartstuff, a senior, were honored at a reception at the Detroit Press Club on Monday for their award-winning entries in the public radio station WDET poster contest.

For their black and white camera-ready entries, Odette received \$50 as his second place prize, while Ms. Hartstuff received the third place award totaling \$25. Their posters, as well as the winning entry, will be printed for distribution. According to contest sponsors, entries from more than 60 school districts around the state were submitted.

Students were encouraged to reflect the variety of programming offered by the radio station in addition to the station logo and call letters.

Added to the Central curriculum last fall, the commercial art class is a one semester course offered. Instructor Deborah Warsch said the two students possess "tremendous talent," although neither has actively pursued an art curriculum, previously. "That talent," she said, "is evidenced by the fact that we started classes in September and the posters were due the first week in November."

Mrs. Warsch voiced the hope that both students would continue in the field through independent study next semester.

With the introduction received at Central, Amy is now looking to the commercial art field as a possible career choice on graduation in June.

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To reduce the risk of decay, rinse your mouth or brush your teeth soon after consuming anything sweet. Avoid sweets between meals.

A sugar rich diet can lead to obesity and associated problems. And it certainly helps promote tooth decay.

Walid Leon joins chapter of engineers

Walid I. Leon of Wixom has become a charter member of the Lawrence Institute of Technology (LIT) student chapter of the American Society of Civil Engineers.

Leon is a construction engineering student at LIT.

The new chapter was chartered during special ceremonies held at the college in Southfield on November 30.

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Celery Hearts 1-lb. Pkg. **59¢**

Best For Baking Russet **POTATOES** 15-lb. Bag **\$1.49**

For Your Holiday Season **POINSETTIAS** 6" Pot **\$3.99**

Regular & 1-Cal **VERNORS** 2-Liter Btl. **77¢** Plus Deposit

G.E. 60, 75 Or 100 Watt **LIGHT BULBS** 4-Bulb Pack **\$1.89**

SORRENTO COOKWARE This Week's Features Whistling **TEA KETTLE** 3-Qt. Size **\$1.99** Each

635 **Danielle Collection STONEWARE** **\$2.00 OFF!** Dollar-Saver Coupon! Casserole w/Cover Reg. \$16.99 This Week \$14.99 With Coupon. This "Dollar Saver" Coupon good through Sat., Dec. 16, 1978 at A&P.

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SUPER BUY! **QUARTERED PARKAY MARGARINE** 1-lb. Ctns. **2 \$1**

SUPER BUY! **DESIGNER BRAUNY TOWELS** Jumbo Roll **58¢**

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SUPER BUY! **LIBBY'S PEACHES, PEARS OR CHUNKY MIXED FRUIT** 17-oz. Can **49¢**

SUPER BUY! **A&P Large Or Small Curd COTTAGE CHEESE** 24-oz. Ctn. **98¢**

Contains Brazilian Coffee **EIGHT O'CLOCK INSTANT COFFEE** 10-oz. Jar **\$2.99** With Coupon

You'll Do Better With A&P's FROZEN FAVORITES Banquet **FRIED CHICKEN** 3-lb. 12-oz. Ctn. **\$3.69**
Birds Eye **Cool Whip** 9-oz. Cnr. **59¢**
A&P **Handiwhip** 9-oz. Cnr. **49¢**
Deep Dish **A&P Pie Shells** 2-ct. Pkg. **69¢**
Lloyd J. Harig Lemon Crunch **Apple Pie** 26-oz. Ctn. **99¢**
A&P Peas 26-oz. Pkg. **55¢**

30° Off Label Dish Detergent **DAWN LIQUID** 48-oz. Btl. **\$1.79** With Coupon
50° Off Label **OXYDOL DETERGENT** 171-oz. Box **\$5.39**
Nabisco **Nilla Wafers** 12-oz. Pkg. **69¢**
H-C **Florida Punch** 46-oz. Can **49¢**
Original, Rippled Or Country Style **Pringles** 2-ct. Pkg. **89¢**

CRESCENT ROLLS 8-oz. Pkg. **3 \$1**
ICE MILK BARS 12/Pk. Size **69¢**

Libby Libby Libby Sale! Yellow **Cling Peaches** 28-oz. Can **59¢**
Fruit Cocktail 17-oz. Can **45¢**
Cream Style or Whole Kernel **Golden Corn** 3 16-oz. Cans **\$1**
French Style (15½-oz.) or Cut (16-oz.) **Green Beans** 3 Cans **\$1**
Soup **Brown Beans** 3 14-oz. Cans **79¢**
Ketchup 32-oz. Btl. **78¢**
Tomato Juice 46-oz. Can **59¢**

You'll Do Better With A&P's OVEN FRESH BAKERY Libby **Pumpkin Pie Mix** 33-oz. Can **59¢**
A&P or Kraft Mini **Marshmallows** 3 10-oz. Pkg. **\$1**
Kellogg's **Croutettes** 7-oz. Pkg. **64¢**
Slove Top Chicken Flavor, **Stuffing Mix** 12-oz. Pkg. **\$1.29**
5½-Ct. Size **Foam Cups** 7-oz. Pkg. **53¢**
Ann Page White-9-Inch **Paper Plates** 100-ct. Pkg. **\$1.19**

FRUIT CAKE 1½-lb. **\$3.49**
3-lb. **\$5.99**
5-lb. **\$8.99**
Jane Parker Cracked or Whole **Wheat Bread** 2 1-lb. Loaves **89¢**
Jane Parker Brown 'N' Soft **Rolls** 2 1/2-ct. Pkg. **89¢**

SLICED STRAWBERRIES 10-oz. Pkg. **49¢**

Delizia **DEEP DISH PIE SHELLS** 12-oz. Size **75¢**

A&P **Small Peas** 16½-oz. Can **39¢**
Economy **Northern Napkins** 250-ct. Pkg. **97¢**
Bruce's **Cut Yams** 29-oz. Can **69¢**

SAVE 20¢ On The Purchase Of One Pkg. Country Line Sharp Colby **HALF MOON CHEESE** 2 4½-oz. Bars **92¢**
With This Coupon. Limit One Coupon Per Customer. Valid Thru Sat., Dec. 16, 1978.

SAVE 20¢ On The Purchase Of One 48-oz. Btl. **DAWN LIQUID** 48-oz. Btl. **\$1.79**
With This Coupon. Limit One Coupon Per Customer. Valid Thru Sat., Dec. 16, 1978.

SAVE 20¢ On The Purchase Of One 2-ct. Pkg. **DURACELL BATTERIES** One 2-ct. Pkg. **\$1.29**
With This Coupon. Limit One Coupon Per Customer. Valid Thru Sat., Dec. 16, 1978.

SAVE 20¢ On The Purchase Of One 10-oz. Jar **COLD POWER DETERGENT** One 10-oz. Jar **\$1.64**
With This Coupon. Limit One Coupon Per Customer. Valid Thru Sat., Dec. 16, 1978.

SAVE 20¢ On The Purchase Of One 10-oz. Jar **EIGHT O'CLOCK COFFEE** One 10-oz. Jar **\$2.99**
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CLIP AND SAVE WITH A&P COUPONS

Community Notes

Novi Jaycettes schedule second 'Elves' Workshop

A second chance to visit the 'Elves' Workshop is being offered by the Novi Jaycee Auxiliary on Saturday, December 16...

continue the study will be taught to new members. CAT meets regularly on the first Monday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Wolverine Village offices...

Plant Fashions

Students at the Southwest Oakland Vocational Education Center (SVOVEC) will demonstrate how to fashion your home with plants at 'Plant Fashion Shows' every Tuesday and Thursday from now until Christmas...

Trackers Needed

The Wolverine Lake Village Community Action Team (CAT) is currently seeking volunteers interested in tracking the 'life' of Wolverine Lake, recording the data, and forwarding the information to the Department of Natural Resources...

Novi La Leche

Nutrition for the nursing mother and

her family will be the topic of the fourth and last meeting in a series on breastfeeding sponsored by the La Leche League. The information meeting will be held in the home of Ruth Hill at 2644 Hampton Hill in Novi tonight (Wednesday, December 13) at 8 p.m.

Christmas Caring

Students at Walled Lake Central High School will again conduct a canned goods and toy drive to aid needy children and adults in the Commerce-Walled Lake area. The three-day drive ending tomorrow (December 14) will find all collected canned goods turned over to the Commerce Township Goodfellow for inclusion in the gift baskets distributed by the organization at Christmas time...

during their four hour lunch period at school. The class collecting the largest number of items will be treated by the student council to an all-you-can-eat pizza party at the Pizza Hut.

Helping Hands

The Novi Jaycee Auxiliary is sponsoring a Helping Hands Program in the community-wide project designed to aid school-aged children. Marking participants in the program is the emblem of a bright blue-colored hand placed in homes where it can be easily seen. The hand is a signal to children that the home is a safe place to go in case of trouble or emergency...

Goodfellow Alert

The Wixom Goodfellows are seeking the aid of local residents for names of possible recipients of the annual Christmas Goodfellow baskets. Those in need, in poor health, or out of work can be remembered during the holiday season through the Wixom Goodfellows. Food, fruit, toys and some

articles of clothing are included in the baskets designed to bring cheer to those less fortunate. Suggestions for such recipients should be directed to Lillian Spencer at 624-4557 for follow-up by the Goodfellows.

Christmas Cantata

The choir of the First Baptist Church of Walled Lake will present a special Christmas cantata, 'On Love Alone,' on Sunday, December 17, at 11 a.m. Composed by Jerry Nelson, the cantata depicts the prophecies of the birth of Jesus, the fulfilling Nativity scenes, and culminates with the purpose of His coming. The Christmas musical celebration will be held in the sanctuary of the church located at 309 Market Street.

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Who's got the tastiest pizza?

Continued from 1-D chewiness and taste and the toppings were more than adequate. A nice soft crust earned the pizza a very good rating, but the old tomato sauce scraper got there again. You're best bet here is the two for one medium coupon special, which is probably the only way to go. Little Caesar's offers three sizes of pizza's from the 12-inch small to the 16-inch large.

merce Road and Pontiac Trail in Walled Lake. Your best bet here is the luncheon smorgasbord where for \$2.50 you get all the pizza you can eat. Still, it's nice to have your own pizza, and mine was topped with pepperoni and Italian sausage on the thick and chewy crust. In the taste department, it was very good. You get a decent amount of tomato sauce here, especially on the thick crust pizza.

feel here too. The square pizza isn't as good, as it is mostly crisp crust. Toppings available on the 13-inch round pizza are green peppers, mushrooms, pepperoni, onions, ham, bacon, hamburger and salami. I don't know if I'd battle the parking hassle, but if you're already at the mall try the Pizza Place.

to spicy for my tastes. A good thick crust with ample cheese and plenty of toppings, this pizza joined others in the 'missing tomato sauce syndrome.' The pork sausage strips may have had a lot to do with the spicy taste, but it also sets it apart from the run-of-the-mill variety. The Town Pump sports two sizes of square pizzas with prices ranging from the small cheese at \$3 to the large with seven items at \$7. Toppings include mushrooms, pepperoni, ham, sausage, green peppers, onions and anchovies.

LUGI'S Located in the Maple Plaza in Walled Lake and should be included with the rest of the take-outs. There are a few tables inside, but that's about it. Grab a six-pack from the cooler and split! I had the deep dish variety here with pepperoni and green pepper. The deep dish is good for crust lovers because there is more of it than anything else. There is plenty of cheese on this one and it slides all over the pizza for you go-lovers. The pepperonis were too few and the tomato sauce was well hidden, but the delicious crust, ample cheese, and sufficient fresh green peppers earned it a very good rating. Luigi's is open for a quick lunch of pizza squares, but a round or deep pizza ranges in price from a small cheese at \$2.65 to an extra large special at \$7.30. Available toppings include pepperoni, Italian sausage, green pepper, ham, mushrooms, bacon, onions, hamburger and anchovies.

PIZZA PLACE The newest of the pizza joints, located in the Twelve Oaks Mall on the lower level near Sears. It isn't the place you want to drive to just get a pizza because the mall traffic and parking is a drawback. But if you're at the mall you should check this place out. Although it specializes in pizza by the slice, you can get a 13-inch pizza of your choice there too. I selected one with pepperoni and green pepper, and found it very close to excellent. The crust was just the right shade of brown, right thickness, and chewy. They didn't hold back on the cheese or green peppers and the tomato sauce was the most plentiful of any place around. The only drawback might be the unavailability of certain items (including Italian sausage) and the estimation that my pizza was just a tad shy of pepperoni. You can rest your weary shopping

BONANZA 'Atmosphere On A Budget' Tuesday Night Specials. RIB EYE STEAK \$2.39, CHOPPED STEAK \$2.19. SALAD BAR 13 items to mix, 5 delicious dressings. LUNCHEON SPECIALS: CHOPPED STEAK DINNER \$1.79, N.Y. PETITE STRIP BANNER \$1.99, BREADED VEA CUTLET \$1.79.

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Thrilling preview

Although his official ride won't get underway until Christmas Eve on Sunday, Santa Claus gave area youngsters a thrilling preview of what they can expect by inviting them aboard his sleigh at Kensington Metropolitan Park where he and his helpers have been greeting children who visit the park farm. Sharing the thrill are (background) Jeff Williamson, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson of Walled Lake; Jennifer Henderson, daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Richard Henderson of Northville; (foreground) Stephen Kelly, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kelly of South Lyon; Stacy Schaefer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Schaefer of Novi; and Amy Lannom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Lannom of Brighton. Staff photo by D. James Galbraith.



Novi churches slate services to mark birth of Christ Child

With candlelight, carols and the vibrant colors of the season, Christian churches throughout the community will hold Christmas Eve services Sunday to hear the familiar scriptures and sing the glorious songs celebrating the birth of a babe in a manger in Bethlehem. To celebrate the birth of Christ, the following congregations will worship together: Holy Family Catholic, Living Lord Lutheran, Regular Sunday morning masses will be conducted at 8:30, 10 a.m. and noon. Midnight mass will begin at 11:30 p.m. with special Christmas music. Masses on Christmas Day will be celebrated at 8:30, 10 a.m. and noon.

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CETA guidelines will impact services

New federal guidelines for the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act (CETA) employees have been received by Novi and with those rules 'our worst fears are now a reality,' Assistant City Manager Alex Allie told the city council Monday. Allie explained that under the newly adopted guidelines CETA employees can no longer provide services to the community over a long period of time. The program makes the city responsible for training employees and then placing them in another job after 18 months. Besides the problems caused by the constant turnover of employees the city will encounter a complete bureaucracy of paperwork necessary for the placement of the new employees, Allie explained.

Farmington Hills director named to DPS post

Coordination and management of engineering, planning and sewer operations in Novi will be overseen by newly appointed Director of Public Services Robert Shaw. The Novi City Council created the position and appointed Shaw to serve Monday. The council had earlier raised questions on contract provisions, but those questions were answered and the hiring of the DPS administrator was approved by a 6-1 margin. Guy Smith opposed the appointment. Shaw will receive an annual salary of \$25,500 and be allowed to purchase prior retirement benefits. The council had expressed concern that allowing him to leave would be a violation of a trust of office, stated the councilman. When the position was proposed most council members favored the idea. Some stated they believed the position was necessary to manage development plans, while others viewed it as a chance to promote greater coordination between departments. In earlier discussions Guy Smith opposed the creation of the position saying he was not sure the city needed another bureaucrat.

Audit reports city in good shape

Novi has ended the 1977-78 fiscal year in the black, with a \$132,000 fund balance and a report from the auditors that the city books are in good order. One recommendation was forwarded by the Planie and Moran representatives, however. They suggested the city formalize a procedure for documenting all construction contracts due to the increased volume the city has been receiving. Accountant Kenneth Kunkle told the city council Monday that the firm had found that with an increasing number of contracts coming from multiple sources it would become more important to formalize the documentation procedure. A summary of the audit showed the city took in more than \$18 million in revenues and receipts which were spent on construction projects or gathered through special assessments for building projects. The city also took in about \$3 million in general fund revenues. General fund revenues are primarily generated from the property tax. This year the city received about 40 percent of its general fund revenues from general property tax, 10 percent from state shared revenues and 6 percent in federal revenues. General fund expenditures, which include monies spent directly on services for local taxpayers, totaled nearly \$2.3 million. The largest city expenditure was for the police and fire department with more than \$1.1 million spent for protection of residents. Second largest was the city's \$755,342 for general government operations. The difference between the general fund expenditures and the general fund revenues totaled about \$221,500. Of that the city will carry \$72,415 into the next fiscal year, while \$249,085 will be spent on debts incurred during the 1977-78 fiscal year. The auditors also praised the city's ability to increase its revenues through investments because of sound investment policies. It also was noted the city's settlement with the C&O Railroad increased the city income. Kunkle noted the city expenditures increased, in part, because of an increased wage settlement for Comprehensive Employment and Training Act personnel and a doubling of insurance rates. He said fiscal problems facing the city include the fact the city must pay the same inflation rate as others while some expenditures are rising at a considerably faster rate than inflation. No complete picture of expenditures was provided in the audit summary since the total audit report had not been completed at the date of the presentation. However, the summary was presented to council members who had an idea of the state of the city's books before going into the new year. Kunkle indicated the principle problem facing the city in the upcoming year will be the financial burden of CETA employees as federal funding for the program is reduced.

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