

Housing compatibility standard proposed

By KATHY JENNINGS

A new alternative for dealing with resident concerns with the compatibility of new homes constructed in existing subdivisions has been proposed.

The Novi City Council and Planning Board already are considering two ordinances, and now a third has been proposed.

The city council was slated to take up the housing compatibility question Tuesday, after The News deadline. Residents publicized the forthcoming council action on the issue with roadside signs posted throughout the city.

The ordinance added to Tuesday's agenda was drafted by the city attorney after meeting with the city planning consultant. In essence, the new pro-

posal would establish a review of proposed single family homes.

The most recent proposal calls for a review of new homes by the city building official. The building official will analyze the building permit application and the site of the proposed home to determine if the home's "exterior architectural appeal and functionalism" compares "favorably" with existing homes or homes under construction within 1,000 feet.

The building official will review cubical contents, gross floor area, building height, building elevation, other "significant design features" such as "construction, material or quality or architectural design," and the general character and appearance of existing structures under construc-

tion near or adjacent to the proposed home.

If plans are rejected, the builder can appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The ordinance also states the review is designed to "insure that single family homes shall compare favorably with the exterior architectural appeal and functionalism of single family homes already constructed ... in the immediate neighborhood."

According to the ordinance, it is being enacted on the grounds that excessive dissimilarity or inappropriateness in

exterior design of single family homes in relation to the prevailing appearance of homes in the vicinity:

- affects the desirability of immediate and neighboring areas and impairs the benefits of occupancy of existing homes;
- impairs the stability of the environment in such areas;
- prevents the most appropriate use of real estate and the most appropriate development of such areas;
- produces degeneration of property in such areas with attendant deteriora-

tion of conditions affecting public health, safety, comfort, morals and welfare of the citizens.

The two ordinances already under consideration deal with specific floor areas requirements and establishment of an architectural review committee to review site plans for proposed homes. The review board would examine the proposed architecture of a building to determine if it conforms to existing buildings within 1,000 feet.

Novi's planning board voted January 16 to recommend the city council reject

the two previous ordinances.

The ordinances were drafted in response to requests from residents who have encouraged the city to enact ordinances requiring houses built in subdivisions to be compatible with existing homes.

Residents have contended the current situation is an emergency calling for expeditious action by the city.

They also have urged the city to enact a building moratorium.

Special ed post, millage related

The millage renewal study committee is expected to recommend the Novi Board of Education seek a full millage renewal of 13 mills — or 51 percent of the district's budget — when voters go to the polls March 28, according to Superintendent Robert Piwko.

Piwko said the committee — which will make its recommendation at Thursday's (March 3) 7:30 p.m. board meeting at the Novi Schools Administration Building — also will suggest the school board consider ways to cut costs to offset a projected decline in residential property assessments.

Among the cuts considered could be the position of full-time special education director, Piwko indicated Tuesday.

The superintendent has recommended the position vacated by Dr. Kathleen Pistono in December be filled by existing school personnel for the remainder of this year. He has suggested Dr. Helen Ditzhazy, administrative assistant for curriculum, assume the special education director's duties for the remainder of this year to allow time to conduct a study of the district's administrative structure. In fact, she has already begun assuming some responsibilities, Piwko said.

Although parents of some Novi special education students have protested the recommendation, Piwko said he is not planning to change his recommendation to the board Thursday night.

Responding to parents' concern that the special education post has not been included in next year's proposed

budget, Piwko said that was correct. He said administrators are in the process of pulling together several projected budgets but that the position has not been budgeted. He said filling the position with a full-time administrator could hinge on the millage renewal.

But Piwko added, the school board has three options to consider in filling the post. It could opt for a full-time director to be hired, hire someone to serve as part-time director, or transfer the responsibilities to a current Novi administrator, who could take the position part-time. No determination has been made as to how the administration should proceed, Piwko said.

Meanwhile, parents of special education students are planning to attend Thursday's meeting to oppose the administrative recommendation to name Ditzhazy interim special education director.

Parents charge Ditzhazy is not qualified to serve as special education director, contending the special education program will be set back without a qualified full-time director for the remainder of this year. They stress, however, that their concerns should not be taken as criticism of Ditzhazy.

At the February 17 board meeting, trustees expressed some support for Piwko's suggestion that the district's administrative structure needs to be closely examined and possibly altered. But they said that did not mean support of Novi's special education program would be decreased.



Sixth graders Mike Everett, Bryan Anderson, Darren Britton, Pam Hsu, and Karen Hansen put finishing touches on mosaic

Students work to beautify their school

When the sixth grade students at Novi Middle School North move on to bigger and better things, they'll be gone but not forgotten.

That's because art teacher Terry Garcia has started a tradition at the school that allows youngsters to leave a

little bit of their artwork behind for younger students.

In fact, a group of sixth graders has recently completed the second mosaic in a series of four panels that are installed in the school lunchroom. Following the theme of the seasons of the year, Garcia's sixth grade students carried on the work of two classes before them and recently put the finishing touches on a mosaic pictorial of summer. An earlier mosaic on fall has been in place in the cafeteria since 1981.

"I think it's nice that the kids have something permanent they can leave in the building," Garcia said. "I really like that."

The mosaics are part of a school beautification program Garcia conceived several years ago. Explaining that she spent time each day in the lunchroom one year, Garcia said she noticed during that assignment the tile planters at the edge of the lunchroom and the number of kids who tracked through them. She decided they would be a good place to start a beautification

project and convinced school principal Paul LePae to let her try it.

"At first I had rather optimistic expectations," she said. Garcia thought her classes would be able to complete two mosaics a year and have the project done in two years. But they are averaging nine months to complete, as students work on the panels in groups. And because sixth grade students only have art for 12 weeks of the school year, her group of mosaic workers is continually changing.

This fall, however, Garcia's students picked up right away on the mosaic — having seen the tile work going together last year but not being able to work on it as fifth graders, they were eager to complete the panel begun by the previous sixth grade class.

Five students were especially involved and Garcia chose them to help her grout the work, the final step of the project. They are Pam Hsu, Karen Hansen, Mike Everett, Bryan Anderson and Darren Britton.

They admit they did a lot of work on

the project. "It seemed like it took about a year but it only took 12 weeks," said Mike.

The students say they are proud of the work they did. Karen said she likes seeing other students admiring the mosaic during lunch hour.

The hardest work of all, they agree, was tearing the paper off the backs of the tiles before gluing them in place.

And, although they won't be around to help next year, the five students admit they would like to work on another mosaic.

Come next year, they'll join another class of mosaic artists — those students who are currently eighth graders and who put together the first of Terry Garcia's art mosaics.

"The first kids, they're eighth graders now, often come back with friends to look at their mosaic," she said. "They like to point out the parts of the mosaic they remember working on. It's something they're proud of, something they leave behind for others."

Police work family tradition

By PHILIP JEROME

It was only natural that Al Rasmussen should become a police officer.

After all, his father was a policeman in Detroit for 24 years and his grandfather served 20 years on the Highland Park force.

But the truth of the matter is that Rasmussen, who has been named Novi's Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer for 1982, started out to be a teacher.

"My father, grandfather and several uncles were policemen, but my mother was a teacher," said the tall, soft-spoken patrolman.

"I was a secondary education major when I started college, but eventually ended up in law enforcement. Both my parents had a great deal of influence on my career."

Rasmussen holds a two-year associates degree in Law Enforcement from Mercy College in Detroit and a four-year BA degree from Madonna College where he majored in Criminal Justice and minored in Business Administration.

He began his law enforcement career with the Detroit Police Department in 1970 and has been a member of the Novi Police Department since August 1975.

"I entered law enforcement because I had a great deal of respect for my father and what he did for a living," he said. "I came into this line of work with the idealism shared by a lot of young officers," he added.

"When you enter law enforcement, you have a lot of ideals about being able to change things for the better. But you learn quickly, particularly in a large department like Detroit, that you're only a small cog in a big machine. You realize you can't change the world, so you just concentrate on doing the best you can to help people and enforce the law fairly."

Rasmussen said he left the Detroit Police Department because he wanted



Officer of the year Al Rasmussen with Chief Lee BeGole

to raise his family in a suburban community. When the opportunity arose to join the Novi force, he jumped at it and has been pleased with the decision ever since.

"I was fortunate to have found Novi and fortunate that Novi hired me," he said.

In addition to being a municipal employee, the 34-year old Rasmussen is also a Novi resident and an unabashed "booster" of the city.

His wife coaches a youth soccer team for the Novi Parks and Recreation Department, and his 11-year old son, Bob, plays soccer, basketball and softball in parks and recreation leagues.

"I can't say enough about Novi, particularly the parks and recreation department," he said. "We moved from a crowded urban area to a plea-

sant suburban area and think it's terrific. Living in Novi is a good feeling. We're happy to live in a community where we know so many people and where there are so many activities."

Rasmussen said the rewards of police work involve knowing that you're helping other people. Even when you arrest a felon or catch someone who's been driving across people's yards, you know that people are glad you're around, he said.

On the negative side of the ledger, Rasmussen said he dislikes the prejudice some people have against police officers. "There are some people, not very many, but some who dislike you because of what you represent without knowing you as a person," he reported. "That's the part of the job — the prejudice against the uniform — that I like least."

Food donations still needed

"We're down to noodles and baked beans."

That was the report from Novi Food Emergency Program coordinator Richard Henderson Monday after he surveyed the remaining supply.

"It looks kind of bleak," Henderson said.

He noted that additional food was expected from collections made by the youth group at Faith Community United Presbyterian, but did not know how much food it would generate.

Henderson went on to say the Emergency Food Program is awaiting word on the possibility of obtaining food from Gleaner's Food Bank, a Detroit-based organization that offers free food in bulk and charges 13 cents per pound to cover administrative costs.

But even if the Novi program is declared eligible for food from Gleaner's, Henderson said, "we'll still need continued support with canned goods."

Food committee members have indicated a specific need for foods with protein. Canned vegetables have been abundantly donated. Members also suggested donations of food which could make entire meals, such as sauce to go with spaghetti noodles, would be appreciated.

The Novi Food Emergency Program

is an ongoing project to provide food to Novi's needy.

It was formed in response to former governor William G. Milliken's declaration of southeastern Michigan as a financial disaster area which created a food emergency.

Collection and distribution of food will continue until the food emergency is over.

Food is being collected at all local schools and area churches. Food also can be taken to the Novi Public Library from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. or Faith Community United Presbyterian Church from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays.

For more information about the Novi Emergency Food Program, contact Linda Crawford or Henderson at 349-5666.

Tenure hearing set

The Novi Board of Education was expected to hear tenure charges against Novi teacher Russell G. Gardner last night (Tuesday).

The private session, closed at Gardner's request, was slated in response to the school board's decision to hear tenure charges brought against Gardner by Superintendent Robert Piwko.

The charges, which have not been disclosed, were brought following Gardner's December 23 arrest in connection with an alleged arson and breaking and entering of the Novi Schools Administration Building.

Following a preliminary exam, Gardner's case was bound over to Oakland County Circuit Court for trial.

After his arrest, Gardner was suspended with pay — as required by state provisions. A second teacher charged in the crime, Richard O. Trudeau, also has been suspended with pay. The superintendent has not yet brought tenure charges against Trudeau.

The board's decision January 20 to hear the tenure charges required a hearing be set not less than 30 days and not more than 45 days afterwards.

After the hearing, the board will have 10 days to make its decision on whether to retain Gardner or dismiss him.

Rate negotiations showing progress

Novi is holding off on a decision on what action to take against the Detroit Water Board (DWB) if it imposes proposed water rate hikes on the city.

Reason for the delay — Detroit now has offered to make some concessions during rate hike negotiations.

Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall reported Monday that last Thursday's meeting with DWB administrators was "successful."

"We're making progress," said Kriewall.

Kriewall said the DWB has agreed to accept two of three engineering projects made by Novi's engineering consultants.

Those concessions would drop the proposed rate from \$9.22 per 1,000 cubic feet to \$8.88 per 1,000 cubic feet.

There's still considerable difference between Novi and the DWB as to what the rates should be, however. Novi officials repeatedly have maintained that Novi's rates should be lowered from \$8.25 to \$11 per 1,000 cubic feet rather than raised as Detroit has proposed.

At issue, said Kriewall, is Novi's contention that factors in the formula used to determine water rates dealing with the city's elevation and distance from Detroit should be changed. Novi contends the city's elevation and the distance from Detroit should be measured from the center of the water served by Detroit water, not from the center of the city. Primarily the eastern

"We're making progress,"
— Edward Kriewall,
Novi City Manager

half of Novi is connected to the Detroit Water System.

"Administratively they won't budge on that point," Kriewall said. "But they will take the issue and present it to the entire water board. They'll let the water board members wrestle with it." Kriewall added, however, that "if nothing happens after that, we could go ahead with litigation."

Originally the DWB proposed an 18.8 percent increase in Novi's rates — from \$8.25 per 1,000 cubic feet to \$9.80 per 1,000 cubic feet. That proposed increase comes on top of last year's 50 percent rate hike. Through continuing negotiations between Novi and Detroit officials, the rate has been lowered.

Novi City Council members were expected to hear a report on the progress of water rate negotiations at their meeting Tuesday, after The News deadline.



At the hop

Shake, rattle and roll was the order of the evening when families and friends turned out for Faith Community United Presbytery's sock hop. Everyone came best in their best 50s attire and danced the night away. (News photo by Steve Fecht)

Cable chair goes to Ronald Watson

Ronald A. Watson, mayor pro-tem of Novi, has been elected the first chairman of the Southwest Oakland Cable Commission.

At the first meeting of the cable commission February 1, officers were elected and the group screened applicants for the position of community cable director.

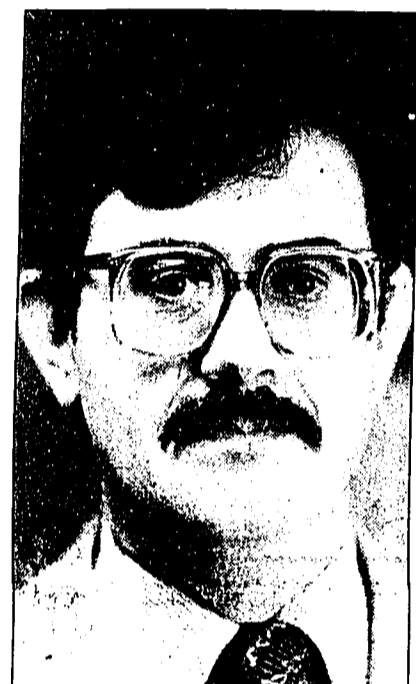
Other officers elected include Vice-Chairperson Jack G. Burwell, Farmington Hills council member, and Financial Officer Charles D. Rosch, finance director of Farmington Hills.

The Southwest Oakland Cable Commission is responsible for overseeing the operation of the cable system which serves Novi, Farmington and Farmington Hills.

The commission is considered the governing body for the cable consortium, regulating public access and the use of the institutional cable network for schools, library, local government and the public.

A citizens committee and the soon-to-be-appointed cable director will both report to the cable authority.

The cable authority, which Watson chairs, also will promote the regulation of local access. It also will deal with such questions as rates, rate increases and general direction of the city cable system.



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Students planning benefit marathon

Novi High School students are gearing up for their annual dance marathon to raise funds for research into Muscular Dystrophy.

Work is underway to plan the big event and students will soon be soliciting donations. Students are hoping to meet or exceed the amount collected last year — \$15,000.

Publicity committee member Amy Traynor said anyone who is interested in donating to the cause should call 349-7179 or 349-7823.

Again this year the dance, a combined effort of both Novi and Northville students, will be held at Novi High School. The 24-hour marathon will include a variety of contests, prizes and entertainment.

Festivities get underway at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 18, and will continue through 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 19. Visitors are invited to watch the marathon.

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Dr. James Luther

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Oliver Wendell Holmes once said: "The human race is divided into two classes — those who go ahead and do something, and those who sit and inquire why it wasn't done the other way."

Don't let criticism defeat you. If it is untrue, ignore it. If it is unfair, forget it. If it is ignorant, smile. And if it is justified, learn from it.

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Walled Lake moves ahead with remodeling plan

By KAREN RICE

Renovation of Walled Lake City Hall may be just around the corner.

Last week the Walled Lake City Council okayed plans for renovations to the portion of the building that formerly housed the 52nd District Court and authorized the city manager to begin preparing bids for construction.

Mayor Gaspare LaMarca noted the city needs to get going immediately on the civic center expansion for several reasons: to improve working conditions for cramped employees and to allow the police department improvements to get underway once the administrative staff has moved into the vacant court.

City officials also would like to have that phase of city hall renovations completed by June 30 so that work on the police department can be earmarked in the next fiscal budget, along with any unused money allocated to this project.

At Ferguson of Parkwood Construction, who was the contractor for the library expansion, told council members he thought the work could be done for less than \$50,000. Ferguson made several recommendations for alterations to the blueprints drawn up by architect Lanny Galyon, according to the statement.

Basically the plan calls for utilizing the existing facilities as much as possible with a few major changes. For example, two bathrooms currently

"I think we have arrived at a good solution to the problem — saving as much of the existing building as possible, yet incorporating all the needs suggested by the city manager and the department heads."

— Lanny Galyon, Architect

located at the northwest corner of the building would be relocated across a proposed hall near the existing entry. The bathrooms need to be enlarged and equipped for handicapped persons.

Dorman said, so the current bathrooms are not salvageable.

Space where the bathrooms are would become a conference room and study library for council members and could house small meetings.

The main hallway would zig-zag southeast and would eventually enter the council chambers from the west end, instead of the east as it currently does.

Reconstruction of the hallway would allow the maximum amount of building space to be closed to the public when employees are not in the building but residents or board members need access to council chambers for meetings.

"Changing the traffic flow gets you to the council chambers and back without getting into the offices, so we wouldn't have the problem we have now with the general public having access to the typewriters and desks and other things," Dorman told council members.

Council members who conducted city business currently at the municipal complex would be able to use the conference room, where there would be maps, ordinances, typewriters and a

Council backs mayor, Bonczek in suit

Support for Mayor Lillian Spencer and Mayor Assistant Steven Bonczek was reaffirmed by the Wixom City Council last week in response to criticism from a former city worker.

Mayor Pro-tem William Wyllie read the statement which said the honor and reputation of Spencer and Bonczek had been placed in question as a result of press coverage of a labor dispute.

The dispute involves a lawsuit filed by former city employee Dorothy Partington of Walled Lake. Partington charges she was fired from her job after walking into an office where Bonczek was "kissing and/or embracing" another employee.

Bonczek responded that he was actually "consoling" an employee and that Partington was not actually fired. City officials indicated that Partington had misinterpreted some criticism of her work and had not returned from lunch.

At Partington's request city officials did assist her in finding a new position.

The lawsuit, seeking \$289,000 in damages, was filed when the city did not pay back wages to Partington.

According to the city council statement, the matter had been studied by the council's public trust. The allegations are believed by the council to be "the fabrications of persons disgruntled with the administration," the statement said.

"The statement contained an expression of wholehearted support for Spencer and Bonczek, citing their professionalism and character."

Bonczek later said he had not been aware of the content of the statement before it was read. "I was very supportive," he said. "It is good to have unity in the city government when issues like this occur."

Bonczek added that the support of the city council in this matter meant a lot to both him and Spencer. The lawsuit, which names Spencer, Bonczek and the city, is awaiting mediation in Oakland County circuit court.



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Novi proposes regional police dispatch system

By KATHY JENNINGS

Surrounding communities have been asked to join a regional police and fire dispatch system centered in Novi as part of what City Manager Edward Kriewald describes as a system designed to reduce the "potential for duplication from city to city."

Communities including Northville, Northville Township, South Lyon, Walled Lake, Wolverine Lake and Wixom have been asked to participate in the regional dispatch system.

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'There is no reason for this to be a threat to the various departments.'

— Craig Klaver, Novi administrator

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Will Wixom remain with super sewer?

By LEANNE ROGERS

A fight for dwindling grant monies for sewer construction has placed Wixom's plans to participate in the Huron Valley Wastewater Treatment System in question, according to city engineer James Hubbel.

In a presentation to the city council last week, Hubbel said some powerful out-state concerns were opposed to the project, commonly known as "super sewer."

Communities including Wixom, Novi and Commerce have participated in the planning stage of the super sewer and have expected to utilize a treatment facility constructed in Brownstown Township.

The unresolved aspect of super sewer is whether the northern tier of communities (Commerce, Wixom and Novi) will send sewer to the Brownstown facility or the existing Detroit treatment facility, which has been under federal district court supervision.

Questions about the Brownstown plan arose when the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR)

recently agreed with Detroit city officials that additional capacity was available at Detroit's sewer treatment facility.

"Basically Detroit is worried about losing customers and is opposed to construction of new sewer systems in the suburbs," said Hubbel.

"The opposition of the DNR to super sewer is not as understandable. This basically leaves the whole thing up in the air."

The state's position and Detroit's is that there is capacity for the northern communities. The DNR is funding some heat, and deservedly so, for raising questions during the past two years," Hubbel said.

"But the Detroit outlet is not a firm option right now and the city needs an outlet."

The city could not expect to receive grant funding for improvement and expansion of its existing sewer system either, Hubbel told the council.

Council Member Wayne Glessner asked what Wixom could do as a small city if it is not included in super sewer and couldn't afford the Detroit sewer

not generate additional dollars for the city. "This is not a money-making deal for Novi. It's really to further our own aim of improved communication."

Ultimately, Novi will benefit from the regional system in the same way other participants will, Klaver said.

According to Novi officials another advantage of the system is that as a group communities would have more political voice in obtaining frequencies than an individual community has.

Additionally, the regional system has advantages for the future, Klaver continued. As communications systems develop it may be more practical to add state of the art advancements into a regional system.

"There is no reason for this to be a threat to the various departments," Klaver continued. "In many respects we feel this is a service similar to the

telephone company in that our main purpose is to communicate from one point to the next and the efficiency of operation is more important than the actual method."

Two dispatchers covering a number of communities is more efficient than four dispatchers serving four different communities, Klaver explained.

A second concern has been the availability of breathalyzers and housing for prisoners. As part of the package Novi would provide housing for prisoners and similar services, Klaver indicated.

Additionally, the use of existing equipment means departments will have the capability to resume their own dispatching in the future if they choose to do so, Klaver said.

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"Whenever we've approached this in the past we've treated each community separately and divided the cost based on providing service to one area. We've viewed this as a regional approach. Since we're discussing this on a group basis the rates reflect the economies of scale."

"We've tried to address that with a proposal to form a committee made up of representatives from each of the participating communities. They would determine operational guidelines and review questions that come up regarding procedures," Klaver said.

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Planners give conditional okay to hospital

By KATHY JENNINGS

Huron Valley Hospital moved closer to getting the approvals it needs for construction when Commerce Township planners granted conditional approval for a permit to build the hospital in a residential area Monday.

Planners stopped short of granting site plan approval, however, recognizing that engineering questions about the hospital's sewage treatment plant, water system and drainage plans remain unresolved. By their action planners retained the option of approving or rejecting the site plan at a later date.

Flattley, Jim Gotts, Edward Holmes and Gerard Sweeney unanimously supported the plan.

Proposed is a 153-bed hospital with the potential of 300 beds on a 40-acre site between Commerce and Sleeth roads. The hospital, parking area and related improvements cover approximately 20 percent of the proposed site, according to hospital representative Jay Eldridge.

During a stormy public hearing last week, approximately 80 residents told planners they opposed the hospital because they believe it will raise health, safety and welfare concerns.

"I want to convince you there are a whole lot of reasons to reject this and I'm scared to death we can't convince you. I'm scared enough to keep me awake at night."

— Tim Carpenter, Commerce resident



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Hospital's height variances granted

By KATHY JENNINGS

Despite objections from a handful of residents, Commerce Township's Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) approved a variance which allows Huron Valley Hospital to be built higher than normally permitted in residential areas.

Approximately 15 residents, a fraction of those who have previously appeared to object to construction of the hospital, turned out Thursday to ask the ZBA to deny the hospital's request for variances.

They left voicing anger to ZBA members after George Allard, Richard Hlginbotham, James Merritt and Warren Williams voted 4-0 to grant the variance.

Huron Valley Hospital representatives asked the ZBA specifically to be allowed to build a 36-foot high, three-story building. The zoning ordinance

"We've looked at this and analyzed it. The least we can do is in its 36 feet. This is not a dramatic change in your requirement."

— Jay Eldridge, Huron Valley Hospital

prohibits construction of buildings taller than 36 feet, two and one-half stories without approval from the ZBA.

The variance also was needed before the hospital could obtain site plan approval from the planning board.

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The planner's conditional approval came six days after they decided to demonstrate the capabilities of utilities serving the site during site plan review.

The action allows the hospital to proceed to draft site plans and obtain zoning board approval.

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in the NEWS



BASKETBALL BLUES: The patron saint of basketball hasn't been especially kind to Walled Lake Western cagers this year. The Warriors have been in the cellar for the duration of the season — and following last week's loss to Livonia Bentley they've got a disappointing record of 0-18. Their counterparts at Walled Lake Central didn't fare well last week either, as the Vikings dropped a match with Livonia Churchill. For the final score, see today's sports section.

Sheldon seeks clarification of authority

By SUSAN KAUPPLA

Walled Lake's school board provided some clarification but the grounds remained controversial regarding administrative functions at a special meeting Monday.

The meeting was held at the request of Superintendent Don Sheldon who told the board he needed some clarification of the resolution in order to carry out its intent.

The resolution has been criticized on the grounds that it strips the superintendent of administrative powers.

Specifically, the resolution requires administrators to obtain formal board approval of the following actions: execution of contracts regarding changes in the utilization of facilities; adoption, deletion or reinstatement of educational, recreational or administrative programs and services; execution of employment contracts for all administrative employees, including

transfers and promotions; changes in collected by residing agreements; and amendments to all annual budgets.

Sheldon presented the board with a list of 10 questions which he said needed clarification in order for him to follow the guidelines established in the resolution.

Sheldon also renewed efforts to get the board to rescind the resolution and provide direction through the policy manual instead.

"If there's a problem with policy, we should lighten up the policies rather than this approach," he said. "It would be far easier to reaffirm board expectations through the policy manual than this approach."

"I don't see the need for the resolution," he continued. "I still insist that we have workable policies."

Sheldon stated further that the chance of violating board policy is increased greatly "through a broadsweeping statement such as this."

Trustee Janet Callahan expressed opposition to Sheldon's request for clarification, saying she believed the resolution was self-explanatory. She also objected to the special meeting.

Callahan objected further to a small group of approximately 12 residents who attended Monday's session to protest the resolution. "This whole thing has been orchestrated by the superintendent to create confusion," she said. "To me it's just not right that

he should be allowed to pick it apart just because he can't understand it."

Sheldon objected strongly to the resolution.

Going head to head

Walled Lake Western wrestler Regan Goins gave it his all in the district-level wrestling competition held recently, but fell in the 112-pound weight class. Goins was one of a host of Western and Central matmen competing for the honors of heading on to state-level com-

petitions, to be held Saturday. Just two wrestlers from each school made it through the preliminary competition, however. See today's SPORTS section for details. (News photo by Steve Fechi)



JANET CALLAHAN

Candidate deadline is Saturday

Candidates for Wolverine Lake Village Council have until 6 p.m. Saturday (March 5) to file petitions with the village clerk.

Four more days are open in the April 5 election. Any village council member who is serving a term expires at the end of that term.

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Age 30 to 60? You may save big money on your auto insurance advertisement for Jim Storm.

RESTYLE advertisement for a suit shop, offering wide lapel suits.

A TOUCH OF SPRING advertisement for sailing vessels and boats, featuring a photo of a boat on the water.

Investigators bust chainsaw ring, nine arrested

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Hills Mobile Home Park, Highland, is in jail in Dublin, Georgia on breaking and entering charges. He is also wanted in Michigan on a felony warrant from the Department of Corrections for his escape from the prison's work-release program. Golt is being sought for questioning on numerous peaking and enterings, the chief explained.

Lance Christopher Evans, 19, of 2584 North Street, Highland, was arrested in 2nd District Court on OCSJ warrant for breaking and entering of the John Deere dealership in Lyon Township November 9, 1982. After release on personal bond, however, he failed to appear for examination and is being sought on a warrant, Velat related.

Jeffrey Lynn Valentine, 24, of 140 Meribah, Highland, was arrested by MSP of Washenaw County and arrested on breaking and entering charges, according to a MSP undercover agent.

Dennis Lloyd Bell, 22, of 2486 Honeywell Lake Road, Milford, was charged with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder of a MSP informant February 7. He was bound over to circuit court on charges of felonious assault, the agent continued.

Ronald Eugene Hughes, 24, of 1216 East Commerce, Milford, has been bound over to circuit court on the same felonious charge, he added.

Police said a former juvenile from Milford now residing in Union Lake has also been apprehended in connection with the armed robbery of the Ace Party Store in Highland.

According to Sergeant Velat, several of the suspects were implicated in the breaking and enterings in Highland Township at Jessen's Power Equipment last fall and Baker's Artie Cat December 31, 1982.

Chief Averill said warrants are being sought on approximately 19 other area persons for their participation in the breaking and enterings and fencing of the stolen property.

removing all the glass so police or owners would not be able to see at a distance if the window were broken, the agent explained.

One of the pair would grab the nearest chain saw, while the other would load them into car's trunk. Usually, the men were not inside any business longer than one or two minutes, the agent continued.

After hitting two or three businesses, the pair would return to Milford where Sutton would then contact other suspects who would fence the stolen goods.

One suspect told police he made \$1,000 per week fencing chain saws in the South Lyon area. Averill and the agent said the chain saws were sold on the streets of every community from Brighton to Green Oak to Milford, Walled Lake and Novi at a cost of \$75 to \$200 each.

"Nearly everybody in town has one; many upstanding citizens were buying them," the agent added.

"Many of the persons were told the stuff was stolen, and that the serial numbers couldn't be traced. That isn't the case. One lady was arrested in a northern Michigan town after buying one of the 'hot' chain saws at a garage sale in Wixom," Averill explained.

MSP, OCSJ and Milford police have been working in cooperation on the breakup of the ring since September 1982. Using informants who set up purchases of the stolen goods, surveillance teams were able to observe deals made. Last month undercover agents also made actual buys of chain saws stolen from Owosso and Ovid, Michigan.

In Brighton, MSP has recovered 10 chain saws stolen from an area near Sandusky, Ohio.

Thief makes off with \$300 worth of soccer balls

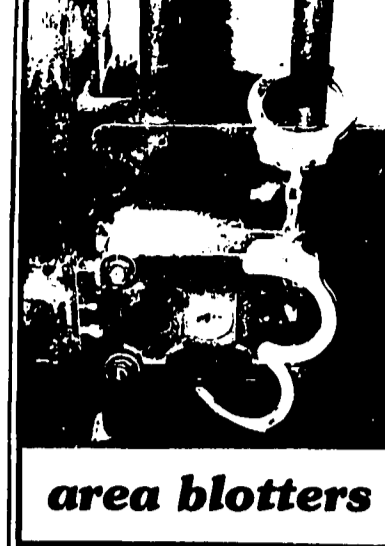
In Wixom

Ten soccer balls worth \$300 were apparently stolen from a hallway at Loon Lake Elementary, according to Wixom police.

The school coach reported he had left the sports equipment in a hallway for about half an hour February 24 and when he returned to the area the balls were gone. Three balls were property of the Walled Lake Consolidated School District, while seven were owned by individuals, police said.

Seventeen wheel covers were found by a boy walking near the C&O Railroad tracks at Beck Road and West Road, according to Wixom police.

The wheel covers were lying under bushes growing along the railroad tracks, police said. In all, 17 new wheel covers were recovered, police said.



area blotters

A man arrested in connection with a breaking and entering later turned out to be an escapee from an Oregon prison who was wanted on several counts under numerous aliases.

Wixom police are investigating the case in which the man was arraigned in 2nd District Court for breaking and entering with intent to commit larceny.

Wixom officers processed the man and forwarded his fingerprints as part of the process, but tests showed the fingerprints actually belonged to another man, police said. The name the man was arrested under was one of a string of aliases, police said.



'Service to humanity...'

The Novi Emergency Food Program has received a big boost from the Novi Rotary Club which is donating a total of \$1,000 in four installments to help provide food for needy families in the area.

In the picture above, Rotary President Wayne Bullen (foreground) packs a bag of food, while Linda Crawford of the Novi Food Committee gets a helping hand from Rotarian Charles Wood, who also serves on the food committee. (News photo by John Galloway)

Walled Lake seeks friends for library

All libraries need friends. And while the Novi and Wixom libraries both have active Friends of the Library chapters, the Walled Lake Library does not. Yet.

That could change as of March 16, when an organizational meeting for the Walled Lake Friends of the Library is planned, according to Librarian Donna Rickabaugh.

"Anybody who cares for libraries" is invited to attend the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, in the library, she said.

The Friends chapter would not be Walled Lake's first.

"We had one in the past, but it was kind of an informal group and when the leaders left it fell apart," Rickabaugh said.

What the library needs now is a strong Friends organization to help with programs for children and adults, to support the library in its efforts to improve, to purchase extra equipment and to reach out to residents the library may not be able to.

For example, Rickabaugh said the Walled Lake Library currently has a small outreach program where individuals take books to people who are homebound, perhaps the elderly or handicapped, and cannot get to the library to get their own books. That program could be expanded if a Friends chapter decided to take on the project.

But, Rickabaugh noted, "Each group really defines its own goals. They're basically a support group for the library."

As the city librarian, she added, she can work with the Friends but can not personally get the chapter off the ground. She said many people have indicated interest in a Friends group and she is hoping someone will step forward to take the lead in organizing a group.

"It's something we really need," she added.

In Novi

A 1977 Ford pickup was allegedly stolen from the parking lot outside Richard's Four Corners, according to Wixom police. The owner of the truck told police he left the vehicle in the parking lot about 40 minutes February 22, reports said.

Two Homelite chain saws inside the truck also were listed as stolen, police said.

A Wixom resident reported she has been having problems with stolen mail during January, police said. The woman said she apparently is not receiving all her mail. Additionally, she believes about \$120 in checks were stolen from her mail, police said.

An ice-fishing shanty and three fishing reels were apparently stolen from the shore of Loon Lake, according to Wixom police. The shanty had been stored on the side of the lake because of thawing ice, officers said. Value of the shanty and reels was placed at \$75.

A Motocross BMX Mongoose bike was apparently stolen and recovered February 26, Wixom police said.

The owner of the bike reported the vehicle was missing from his Hopkins Street garage around noon February 25. Shortly after reporting the theft, the owner then saw his bike behind Sasaki Market, police said.

The bike was valued at \$275.

Wixom asks cause of faulty sewer line

Soil studies to determine the cause for a sewer pipe collapse along Flamingo Street in Wixom were requested by the city council last week.

The Oakland County Division of Sewer, Water and Solid Waste is to handle the repair project at a cost of \$37,000. Division Manager Donald Ringler said costs for testing were not included in that estimate.

Mayor's Assistant Steven Bonczek said problems with the sewer pipe had begun eight to 10 years ago and had gradually worsened. "It seems to have been a problem of chemical attack that caused a weakness in the pipe," he said.

The pipe collapse had not yet resulted in sewage backing up into homes or surfacing but Bonczek said that would be possible without replacement of the line.

The city's sewer system was constructed during the late 1960s, according to Bonczek. "That really doesn't make the system that old," he said.

In Novi

More than \$675 worth of items were stolen from the garage of a home in the 2000 block of Heartwood. The thief apparently entered the back door of the garage.

Stolen were a \$200 tackle box with assorted tackle, \$60 sleeping bag, \$60 hand grinder and polisher, \$55 marine battery, \$50 scuba bag, \$30 barbell and weights and a \$22 chain saw.

Also stolen were a wet suit, two car radios and a metal detector of undetermined value.

Construction equipment worth \$1,500 was stolen from the site of Orchard Hill Place at Eight Mile and Haggerty Road. Rainbow Construction Company reported a stationary generator was stolen from the site.

Police reported a knife was found near the former location of the generator.

The construction company also reported two thefts from the site which were not previously reported.

A \$1,500 Corporation Mach was stolen in one theft. In another incident thieves tried to take a fuel tank from the site. The theft was thwarted when the tank became stuck on the property.

A Northville man reported the theft of a T-top from his automobile which it was parked outside the Copper Kettle

Restaurant on Novi Road.

The smoked-glass roof sections are valued at \$900.

A \$600 pump was stolen from a vehicle parked in the 2000 block of Carousal. The owner reported the windshield of the 1983 Jeep also was broken.

An undetermined amount of goods were taken from a home in the 2000 block of Stonehenge. Closets in the living room and hallway were ransacked and the bedroom had been disturbed.

A neighbor, who was watching the house for the owner, reported it is not known what was stolen. The owner is a gemologist and some gems may have been stolen.

An AM-FM cassette stereo and one speaker were stolen from a 1979 Volkswagen Rabbit parked in the drive of a home in the 4000 block of Byrne. The owner also reported one of the two stereo speakers was stolen from the automobile. Together the speaker and

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Clarification asked

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Callahan's remarks about orchestrating the meeting, calling it "unreasonable."

"One of the things that was happening with annoying frequency is for the school board in public meetings to tear the bejabbers out of any administrator who happens to make an error," said the superintendent.

"I'm trying to minimize the potential for that situation. All I'm asking is for clarification of the resolution."

By and large, the board stuck by the resolution, although clarification to utilization of school facilities was provided by attaching existing policy and "recreational programs" were removed from the section regarding adoption, deletion, or reinstatement of educational or administrative programs and services.

"When there are questions regarding interpretation," said Trustee Merlin Reeds, "it would be prudent of the administration to bring all grey areas to the board for its approval."

The meeting was adjourned in controversy as several residents opposed to the resolution maintained they had not been allowed to speak.

When asked after the session if he felt the issue had been clarified, Sheldon said there was only "modest clarification from the administrator's standpoint despite the good efforts of the board."

"There's still significant room for clarification in some areas and we will be attempting to accomplish that over the course of the next few weeks," said Sheldon.

"We will have to clarify those areas which create problems for administration."

School seeks students

Registrations for fall classes at St. William's School in Walled Lake are being accepted Sunday, March 13, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Zepf Hall.

According to school principal Sister Alice Kotwick, St. William's will expand its classes next year to accommodate eighth grade students.

Kotwick asks parents who are interested in sending their children to St. William's to be prepared to submit a copy of their child's previous year's report card and forward grades from the current school year.

She stressed students will be screened carefully so school personnel will know in what areas new students need work and if they have any special needs, such as in learning disabilities.

"It's an attempt to know better the child we're looking at as one of our students," she said.

For more information on St. William's registration process, tuition and other application requirements, contact Kotwick at 669-4440.

Phone service offered

Novi residents who want details about upcoming meetings, parks and recreation activities and similar information can now call Novi City Hall for answers.

The information service is one of two telephone lines recently installed at city hall. Residents can receive information by dialing 349-4310. A recorded message is updated twice each week.

Those who need to contact city hall after hours for messages or complaints should leave their name and number when calling a second line — 349-4300.

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As We See It

Regional control of regional board

Suburban communities have come to know all too well what it means to have virtually no say in their water and sewer rates.

Though officials raise their complaints annually, the increases continue to come. Local officials have been able to do little more than pass on the rate increases while telling their constituency they have no choice in the matter. The decisions are made in Detroit.

Recent events, namely the federal indictments against Detroit Water and Sewerage Department personnel, raise questions regarding control of the system which serves the region.

Communities receiving Detroit water and sewer service number 103, but the system is controlled solely by Detroit.

Although the seven-member governing body has three suburban members, they are appointed and may be removed by the mayor of Detroit.

This continues despite the fact Detroit does not own the wastewater treatment plant that serves the region. It was paid for with federal and state funds. Additionally, some 65 percent of the revenues come from the 103 customer communities.

The issue is not one of wresting the system away from Detroit, but of providing equal representation for those who are served by the system. Customer communities should be able to select their proportionate members of the water board. They should have a voice in water rates.

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Ready for spring

Winter tried to sneak its way into our backyards one final time last week — but it was a futile attempt.

Every person with an ounce of optimism and a longing for sunshine knows spring is at hand. After being battered by the icy winds and frigid snows of the coldest, nastiest winters in recent memory, Mother Nature was kind to Michigan this year and dredged up only enough white stuff for a few dustings.

That admittedly made for a hard winter on those folks who make a living at snowplowing and ski resorts and dulled the spirits of the hardest skiers and toboggan aficionados among us. But for those who were able to put off the purchase of new boots and new winter coats for one more year, for those who struggled to pay their heat bills and for those who wore six layers of clothes to keep warm, the surprisingly kind winter was a blessing.

And now spring is beginning to start in earnest. The red maple trees at St. William's are bursting into bud. Flocks of Canadian geese have reportedly begun winging their way back north again. Youngsters in Novi, and probably all over, are already flying kites in neighborhood streets and parks. The ice is receding on Walled Lake and the ice shanties are sinking in to the water, soon to come crashing to shore as driftwood.

And, of course, the first real sign of spring — the return of the robin — was reported just the other day.



News photo by STEVE FECHT Same time, last year

We're all ready for spring. And after two long years of a depressingly cold economy and blustery weather, perhaps Michigan is just as ready for some warming trends. It's coming none too soon.

Thinking out loud

By KATHY JENNINGS



Jails, dumps and junk yards — some planners call them perennial hate items. No one wants one next to them.

So what is a community to do when one of these "hate items" is proposed?

In Commerce they tried to hide it behind a long, tall fence.

It's the auto salvage yard run by Frank Marotta and his brother Domenic on Haggerty Road in Commerce Township that is hidden behind a high, green fence. The fence is designed to keep motorists from seeing even the smallest glint of the metal hulks that one supposes must lurk in a salvage yard.

As a result of legal maneuvers designed to control the yard as much as possible, Marotta must come before the township board every time he wants to make major changes at the salvage yard.

At one meeting, the township attorney, speaking sardonically, told Marotta he was surprised to see the auto salvage yard had put up a sign proclaiming it to be a junk yard.

Marotta apologized. But he said the sign was necessary: the township wanted a low profile salvage yard if it had to have a salvage yard. And as Marotta said, "You did a heckuva job hiding it. Sometimes I lose my way to work."

"If the sign hurts you counselor, I'll take it down."

Marotta went on to tell the board the only time he's ever been arrested in his life was because of a sign.

It seems he put up a sign on property he owned in West Bloomfield Township. The township objected to the sign and asked Marotta to take it down. When he didn't remove it, a sheriff's deputy came to find him.

The matter went to court and the judge asked Marotta why he didn't remove the sign.

"I told the judge: 'I'm an American. I've got a right to have a sign.' The judge asked me: 'Do you think you can avoid all the laws?' I said 'If there is such an ordinance I think I'm living in a police state. He threw me in jail. I took the sign down and I had to go apologize. That's the only time I've ever been arrested in my life.'"

But the incident didn't stop Marotta from using signs. Another night he told the township trustees of a more positive experience with signs.

Once he had a real estate sales campaign that used 400 signs. He had green and white signs that said "Sold by Frank Marotta" and red and white signs that said "For Sale by Frank Marotta."

He went to all the people he had ever sold property to over the years and asked if he could put up one of the green and white 'sold' signs.

"I put up signs up all over the place — bango, bango, bango. One day I met this guy. He said: 'So you're Frank Marotta. I've been reading you're g--- d--- name all over. And what an irritating name that is.'"

"I sold that guy a house."

And when cajolery doesn't work on the township board Marotta turns to philosophy.

"Sometimes you get up and everything seems to be going negatively. But every morning you wake up alive, you thank God. It's another day that you get another chance."

Which all goes to show its not the establishment of special assessment districts, granting bids for street construction or approval of the minutes that make meetings tolerable.

It's the people.

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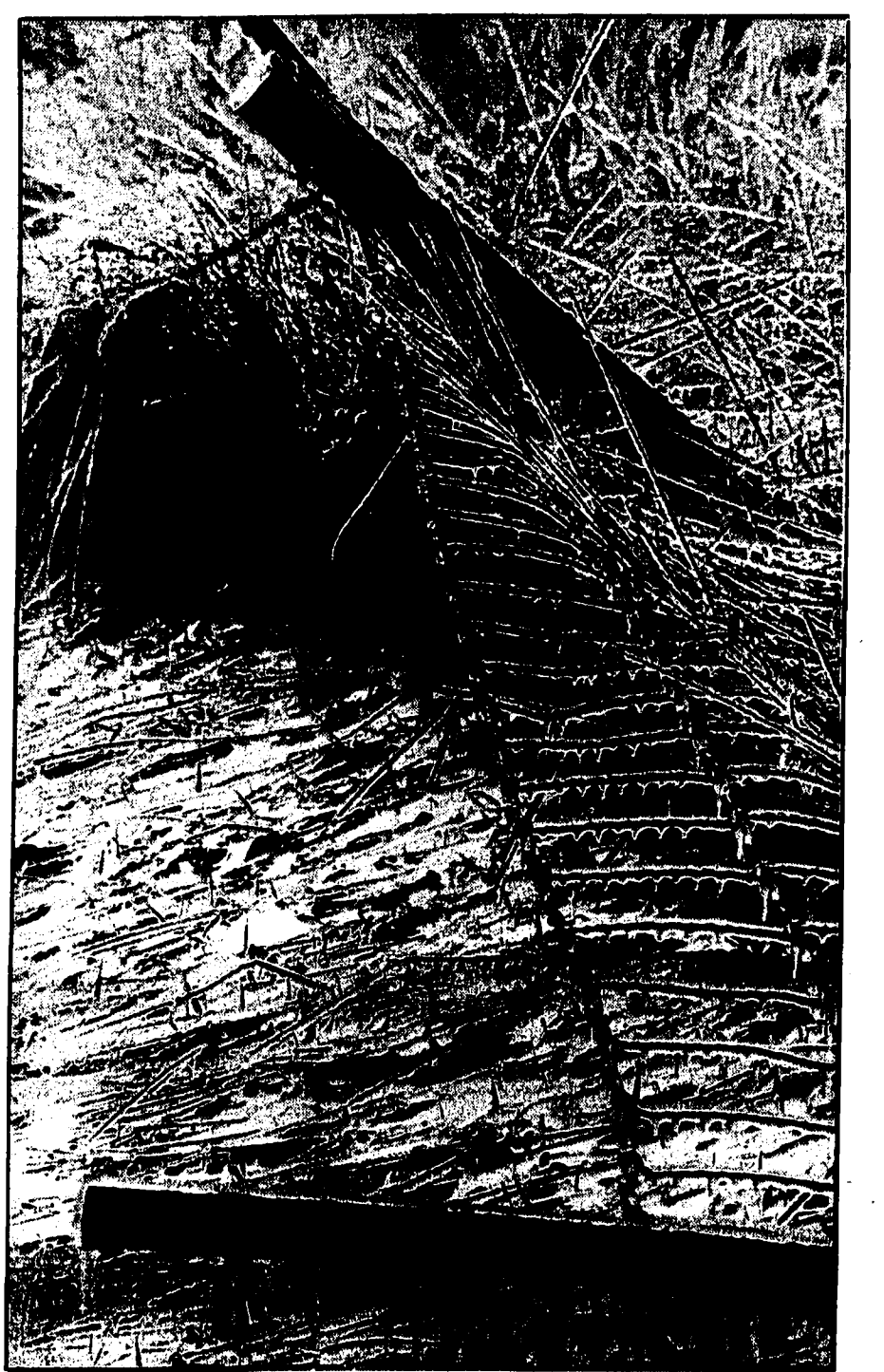
People like Frank Marotta.

Framework

By John Galloway



After the fact
By PHILIP JEROME



"Missed" you

Board members not qualified as administrators

To the Editor:
Until this Wednesday, I thought the Winded War stood for a TV movie, but after reading the latest news I now realize it really stands for the Walled Lake school board meetings.

And now I see that there must be a lot of people out there who spend years and dollars getting masters and doctorate degrees in school administration when they now realize that was such a waste.

Instead of all those classes they could have merely gotten elected to Walled Lake's board and become magically transformed into an expert on administration, budgets and contracts. Little did I ever realize it was that easy.

You see, until now I've evaluated Walled Lake Schools based on our son's experiences. Now in the seventh grade, he's had excellent teachers and secretaries and bus drivers and cooks and custodians and counselors and coaches and administrators.

Now I realize we were brain-washed and the education we thought was very good really was not.

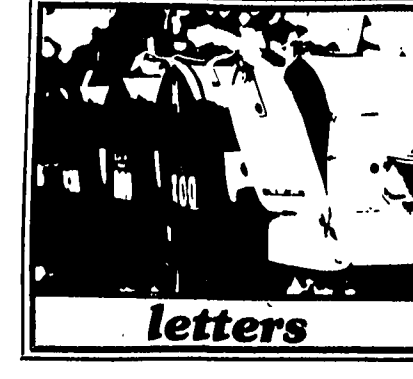
But coming to our rescue is a group of four people who have trained all their lives (or at least the last few years) to run million dollar budgets and make educationally-sound decisions.

I could go on and elaborate on how "impressed" (?) I am by our excellent school board; but I won't bore anyone with their track record since it's already been chronicled in our paper week after week — after week.

But I would like to warn those infamous members who now want to run the daily operations of the district. You can make fools of yourselves as long as you want, but the minute one of your misguided antics disrupts my son's currently solid education, I'll personally help lead a recall petition drive for your removal.

Remember, if a mere election can make a group that fight, then surely a recall will revert you back to your former level of expertise; no matter how low it may have been.

Terry Kot



Report the news, and not bend and twist it to suit your prejudices. When a reporter gets too emotionally involved to be objective, he should move to a new assignment.

Janet Callahan

Ruining schools

To the Editor:
I have been following the actions of the Walled Lake school board for some time and am sorry to say have voted for some of these "radicals" that seem to be turning the school district, that has always been considered among the best in Michigan in the past, into a boxing arena, that even reeks of a "vendetta" somehow.

As you mentioned in this past editorial page, "The board's action strips the administrators of the power to operate the school district on a day-to-day basis."

I would like to know, and have you publish same in your paper, just what degrees and other qualifications of administration, any of these board members have, in order to make them feel that they can function in this capacity. Policy-making, I feel, is one thing; administration is another.

It is my hope that the taxpayers and all parents open their eyes to the destruction that is taking place in our school district and stop it once and for all, and that they will take the appropriate action to see that this happens.

I am concerned as to what is happening and also the effects this will have on our children, when the school district is so messed up, there will be no point of return.

Mrs. I.W. Hill

Replace reporter

To the Editor:
Recently you ran the headline "Board Acts to Strip Sheldon's Power." If the issue had been properly headlined, it would have read "Board Acts to Regain His Powers."

It is the legal function of the school board to make the decisions for the school district, and the job of the superintendent to carry out those decisions as the chief administrative employee.

Our superintendent, for over a decade, has been allowed to make the decisions and carry them out as if the school district belongs to him. This is not a normal state of affairs in a school district. The resolution that we passed merely clarified the issue, and put him in line with what he should be doing. The resolution was a very proper and responsible action.

A board does not have a legal right to turn its decision-making role over to employees, and this fact has been upheld by the statutes, attorney general opinions and the Michigan Supreme Court.

Furthermore, it is not merely an academic exercise but concerns matters which affect the lives of people in the district. There is a state of confusion from mismanagement and non-management and improvement will occur when things are done in a logical, orderly, legal manner.

You have an obligation to citizens to

Director needed

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'Teachers support safe playgrounds'

To the Editor:
Thank you for the article regarding our concern and effort to gain a safe play area for the students at Middle School North.

I understand that it is not possible to address all the points made by myself and others regarding the issue, however, I do believe one further point must be made. The teachers at Middle School North presented a letter signed by the majority of the staff to the Novi Board of Education at the February 17 school board meeting. A copy is enclosed.

It should also be noted that several teachers attended the meeting of the committee assigned the task of studying the need for a playground and making proposals to the board at the March 3 meeting.

I believe the people of Novi should be aware that our teachers have been very concerned and supportive of our endeavors. They have not only given their support, they have given of their own time in an effort to establish a safe recreation area for our children. I thank them for their willingness to step forward.

Sharon Burke

Teachers support safe playgrounds'

The letter bears the signatures of 23 teachers.

"The teachers of Novi Middle School North realize that you share our concern for the safety and well-being of Novi students. As a rule, the district has provided more than adequate facilities for student activities. In the case of Middle School North, however, there is a lack of proper outdoor recess area."

Since the time North was reopened as a middle school, we have regularly informed the administration of the need for a safe recess area. Students of this age need an area where they can run and engage in large muscle activity. They need a playground without

obstructions. They need an area with a safe surface that can be used throughout the year.

Robbie Burke, a fifth grader, was recently injured at recess. This injury was extremely serious and potentially disfiguring. He ran into a traffic sign, one of many obstacles in the play area.

During the past year, the area in back of the school is too muddy to be used. During the winter, a snow fence is set up in this "playground" area. Other areas in the back which are used for recess include a basketball hoop in a parking zone, decaying portable classrooms, electrical wires, glass and debris.

Therefore, during recess and lunch, students were assigned to the area in front of the school. This area includes such hazards and obstructions as curbs, a flag pole, parked cars, a bike rack, portico support columns, a rectangular driveway, a fire hydrant and several traffic signs.

Cones are put out to prevent cars from coming to the front of the building while children are playing in the driveway. Nonetheless, people frequently drive around them.

While other arrangements have been made since the accident, we believe that a suitable play area should be developed for the safety and welfare of our students.

Tax aid available for seniors

Several tax clinics have been slated to help individuals 60 years old and older prepare their tax returns. The clinics are sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Clinics will be held at the Novi Public Library on March 4 and the OLHSA Center in the Novi Community Building on March 11.

The clinic hours are 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. AARP asks that individuals call ahead to set up an appointment. This enables the organization to estimate demand for services and staff the clinics accordingly. For appointments call the library at 349-0720 or the OLHSA Center at 349-3780.

Tax aid available for seniors

AARP tax experts have undergone Internal Revenue Service training sessions which emphasize tax needs of senior citizens. Individuals who attend the clinics are asked to bring copies of last year's tax forms, including 1099 and W-2 forms as well as dividend records.

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Stage One presents...

On stage during a melodramatic moment in the humorous production of Gore Vidal's "Visit to a Small Planet" are (standing, left to right) Garth Williams, Robert Regan, Alan Madeline, Robert Taub, John Hall and Susie Suomi. Seated are Lara Fisher and Gary West. The play is billed as a comedy akin to vaudeville and will be performed by Stage One Presents this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Novi Community Building. Stage One Presents is an amateur theater group based in Novi and Walled Lake. Tickets are priced at \$4 apiece. The curtain rises at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 7 p.m. on Sunday. (News photo by John Galloway)

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U-M Glee Club set to perform in Novi

The University of Michigan Men's Glee Club will perform two hours of hymns, humor, classics, nostalgia and college songs at Novi High School's Fuest Auditorium tomorrow (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. The performance is sponsored by the Novi High School Choir Department and tickets are priced at \$3 apiece. Tickets for the concert and additional information may be obtained by calling Paula Joyner, choral music director at Novi High School, at 349-5155. Founded in 1888, the University of Michigan Men's Glee Club is the second oldest college chorus in the United States. Particularly in recent years, the Glee Club has traveled extensively across the country and abroad. In international competition, the group has taken first place on four different occasions in the Liangfeng (Wales) International Music Festival — a feat matched by only one other choral group in the world. The Glee Club will feature a variety of music — major classical and sacred pieces, lighter Broadway tunes, spirituals, international folk songs and the ever-popular Michigan songs. The Priors, an octet within the Glee Club, will perform several nostalgic tunes with original choreography and their own distinctive brand of humor.

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CWU planning service Friday

Local members of Church Women United (CWU) will be among thousands of women who will gather this Friday to observe Worldwide Day of Prayer, an annual observance uniting women in 170 countries on six continents. The special service will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Northville at 10 a.m. Babysitting service will be provided. Participating Novi churches include Faith Community Presbyterian, Church of the Holy Family, Novi United Methodist and Church of the Holy Cross. The special speaker will be Reverend Martha Cargio of St. Andrews Methodist Church in Detroit. Her late husband was the former minister at Northville Methodist Church. Christian women from the Caribbean Islands wrote the 1983 World Day of Prayer service. Annabell Gotts said the service "reflects joy in the new-found independence of their nations and the new opportunities opening up to women socially, politically and within their own churches." World Day of Prayer offerings go toward the mission of Church Women United, including intercontinental grants for missions for international projects supporting women, human rights, justice and peace. For more information on this Friday's service call Mary Jo Mathias at 349-3929 or Annabell Gotts at 349-1028.

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It's Tax Time
by Charles H. Williams, C.P.A.
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LAA still accepting late baseball registrations

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Community Notes

ART AUCTION: Commerce Cooperative Pre-school, a non-profit, non-discriminatory organization, will sponsor an art auction at the Richardson Community Center on Friday, March 11, at 7 p.m. Donations are \$2 per person. A wine-and-cheese preview will be held from 7-8 p.m. and the auction begins at 8 p.m. Artists include Alvar, Agan, Boulanger, Chagall, Dali, Eric, Friedlaender, Hibel, Luongo, Miro, Max, Neiman, Nierman, Rockwell, Secunda, Simbari, Tobiasse, Vasarely and others.

WALLED LAKE LIBRARY: The Walled Lake City Library has started taking names for a volunteer two-year-old story hour. The story hour will be run by the children's mothers. For more information call the library at 624-3772.

STAGE ONE PRODUCTIONS: Stage One Productions will present Gore Vidal's "Visit to a Small Planet" this Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Novi Community Building on Novi Road between Grand River and I-96. Curtain time is 7 p.m. for Sunday performances and 8 p.m. for Friday and Saturday performances. Free help with income tax preparation is available March 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Call 624-1266 for an appointment.

WESTACRES LIBRARY: The Westacres Branch of the West Bloomfield Library will offer pre-school storytime for 3-5 year olds beginning March 7. The six-week session runs through April 14. Sessions are offered Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. Call 353-0022 to register.

Tot-Plus-One - Storytime for Toddlers will be presented at the Westacres library on Friday, March 11, at 10:30 a.m. The program is for 2-3 year olds accompanied by an adult and includes stories, activities and time for choosing books. Registration begins March 5 at 353-0022.

BIRTHRIGHT SHOWER: The local chapter of Right to Life is sponsoring a shower for Birthright, an organization that helps pregnant women decisions on childbirth. Katie Caudwell, a spokesman for the Walled Lake area chapter of Right to Life, said the shower will be held Sunday, March 20, from 2-5 p.m. at Richardson Community Center on Oakley Park Road.

WIXOM LIBRARY: The library now has cassette tapes on how to prepare federal income tax returns. The tapes are provided by the Internal Revenue Service and can be checked out for home use. They contain step-by-step guidelines for preparing IRS forms 1040EZ, 1040A and 1040, as well as instructions for completing schedules A and B. For information on this and other services available at the Wixom Library, call 624-2512.

GOOD SHEPHERD: Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church in Novi is observing the Lenten season with special Wednesday evening services. All services are held at the Novi Community Center on Novi Road and begin at 7:30 p.m. Good Shepherd Pastor Gene Jahnske said the entire community is invited to meditate with them on the "central events of history — Jesus overcoming sin, death and Satan by His cross and resurrection."

RICHARDSON CENTER: Hot meals are served at the Richardson Center Monday through Friday at noon. The center is located at 1485 Oakley Park Road. Call 624-1266 for more information.

Especially needed are cribs, infants' clothes, diapers and maternally clothing. Novi and used items are accepted. For more information, call Birthright, 547-4600.

CLASS OF '63: Plans are underway for the 20-year reunion for the 1963 graduating class from Walled Lake High School. Linda (Lucas) Josephson said the reunion won't be held until next summer but organizers are attempting to get in touch with as many members of the class as possible at this time. All members of Walled Lake High School's Class of '63 are asked to call Josephson at 383-5689.

HISTORICAL CALENDARS: Calendars for 1983 featuring drawings of historical household furnishings and local homes are available from members of the Commerce Township Area Historical Society. Illustrated by Bob Donohue Sr., Bob Donohue Jr. and Pat Donohue, the calendars are \$3 if purchased in person or \$4 if purchased by mail. The calendars can be ordered by mail by sending checks to the society, P.O. Box 264, Walled Lake 48088.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Put a smile on a patient's face at Whitehall Convalescent Home. Volunteers are needed to help patients with activities and visit those who are room-bound or childless. Also, volunteers are needed as adopted grandchildren for residents at Beverly Manor Convalescent Center in Novi. Volunteers are needed once a week for about two hours and could help by taking residents for walks or remembering their birthdays with cards. Volunteers younger than 13 need adult supervision. To volunteer for these or any other available positions, call the Oakland County Volunteer Bureau, 642-7272. To volunteer, call 349-4242.

WEIGHT WATCHERS: The Novi Weight Watchers chapter meets every Tuesday at 7 p.m. in rooms 109 and 111 of Novi High School. Area residents who would like to lose weight and keep off pounds are invited to join the Tuesday meetings.

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Novi residents will have an opportunity to hear the award-winning Novi High School band in concert tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. in Fuest Auditorium. Admission is free. The symphony and concert bands will give Novi residents a preview of the selections prepared for the upcoming District Band Festival which will be held March 12 at Novi High School. Also performing at the free concert will be the Novi High School Choir and Blue Shadows. "Band members have been working extremely hard to perfect their performance for the upcoming competition," said Evelyn Young, spokesperson for the Novi Band Boosters. Selections by the high school choir will include "The Alleluia Chorus" by Bach. Included among the selections of the Blue Shadows will be "Johnny is a Soldier." Young noted that tonight's performance is another in a series of free concerts given by the high school musicians for the community. "Audiences at all concerts are continuing to grow," she said. "The concerts are our way of demonstrating our appreciation for the support we have received from the community."

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Churchill outlasts Viking cagers

Steve Emert is finally getting a look at the Walled Lake Central basketball team.

No, it's not that the Viking coach hasn't been around this season; it's just that Central has been beset by a raft of injuries which have made it impossible to get a clear picture of what the team can really do.

Two of those injured players—guard Tom Menard and forward Jim Kreutzer—returned to the line-up for the first time in a long time last Friday.

But it still wasn't enough to lift the Vikings past Livonia Churchill, which posted a 63-53 victory in the opening round of the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLA) playoffs.

"The injuries have made it a little tough this season," admitted Emert, whose patched-up squad has still managed to post a respectable 7-11 record in the WLA's tough Lakes Division.

"I've started 12 different line-ups in 18 games, so it's been pretty tough to get the consistency we need to compete in our division. Even with Menard and Kreutzer back in the line-up, it's going to take a game or two for us to round into shape as a team and live up to our full potential."

The Vikings found themselves pitted against Livonia Churchill, the WLA's Western Division champion, in the opening game of the playoffs last Friday and put up a respectable battle

before dropping the 63-53 decision.

Churchill took a 17-10 first quarter lead which they extended to 10 (33-23) at the half. The Chargers led by 12 (45-33) at the end of the third stanza before the Vikings battled back to make a game of it.

Central trailed by just three points with 1:17 left but then missed a lay-up that would have trimmed the margin to one. "We had to foul to get the ball back, and Churchill hit their shots from the charity stripe," said Emert, explaining the final 10-point margin.

In fact, the Chargers had just one field goal during the final stanza but hit 16 free throws to secure the victory.

Central was led by Clark Bock with 14 points, while Menard and Kreutzer added 12 and 10 respectively to show they're coming back quickly from their injuries. Dean Terpstra added nine points and Doug Sage contributed eight more for Central.

The Vikings will round out the regular season and the WLA playoffs this week. They played Walled Lake Western Tuesday and will take on Farmington Harrison either Thursday or Friday.

But Emert is really gunning for the MHSAA Class A district tourney at Milford next week. In addition to Milford and Central, the tournament field also includes Western, Lakeland and South Lyon.

Warrior spikers show continued progress

Things are looking up for the Walled Lake Western volleyball team.

After winning just one of their first 14 games, the Warrior spikers are starting to turn things around. The improvement continued last week as Western split a pair of contests, losing to Farmington and beating Lakeland, to advance their record to 4-12.

"We're definitely getting better," observed Ron Fuson, coach of the Western squad. "I know it's late in the season, but we don't have a senior on the team, and what we're doing is building for next year."

The Warriors had problems with their services in a 15-9, 15-9 loss to Farmington on Monday, but turned things around Tuesday when they disposed of Lakeland 15-11, 15-9.

"Joan DeBoer was serving well and our offense was really moving well," reported the Warrior master of the victory over Lakeland. "Lori McGovern played an outstanding game with eight 10 spikes and two kills, and Kristine VanPatten, Pam Roselle and Betty Gross also turned in strong games."

For the record, VanPatten was three-for-three in the spiking department with one kill, while Roselle was two-for-two with two kills and Gross was one-for-one with a kill.

Fuson inserted a different lineup in the second game against Lakeland, but the Warriors again came through behind the serving of Karl Beach, Shella Wilson and Linda Roselle. Beach was seven-for-seven in the serving department, while Wilson was four-for-five.

The Warriors wrapped up their regular season against Plymouth Canton on Monday and are scheduled to host Pontiac Central in a pre-district qualifying round tomorrow (Thursday). A victory over the Pontiac school will propel them into the MHSAA Class A volleyball tourney at Howell on Saturday.

The winner of tomorrow's clash will meet the winner of the Waterford Moti-Holly pre-district game at 10 a.m. Saturday.

"I'd definitely like to see us win a few more games this season," commented Fuson. "I think we're capable of it."

Novi spikers end up 3rd in KVC

As far as Novi was concerned, the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) volleyball championships at Howell last week didn't prove a thing.

Novi finished third in the regular season at 5-2, trailing Brighton (7-0) and Howell (6-1) and that is exactly where the Wildcats ended up last Saturday's hectic championships.

Howell claimed the KVC title, coming back from an early-morning loss to Detroit to defeat the Bulldogs in two straight games in the championship finals.

As luck would have it, Novi drew Howell for its first round opponent was soundly defeated, 15-5, 15-6.

After losing their opening match to Howell, the Wildcats played with a vengeance, polishing off Hartland (15-11, 15-10) and Pinckney (15-11, 12-15, 15-2) to reach the final four where they again encountered Howell.

Certainly no one expected Novi to outplay Howell on its own court, but

that's exactly what they did, winning the first game 15-3.

Howell came back in the next two games, however, to beat the Wildcats, 15-3, 15-6, and earn the right to revenge their earlier loss to Brighton in the finals.

"We played much better the second time against Howell," said coach Dave Haywood. "We got our sets up and the hitters were doing their jobs, but in the end Howell beat us with their big, strong hitters."

Redemption may be at hand for Novi, as the Wildcats host a Class B district tournament Saturday in the friendly confines of Novi High School.

Novi has drawn Royal Oak Shrine, last year's district champion, as its first round opponent, with six other sub-500 teams in the tournament, the winner of this 11 a.m. matchup could win the hardware.

Clarencville, Detroit Renaissance, Detroit Benedictine, Avondale and the outplay Howell on its own court, but

Novi's Kim fails in bid for state mat tourney

Despite a valiant effort against a pair of top opponents, Novi's Steve Kim could not reach the victory circle at the Class B wrestling regionals at Linden Saturday.

Kim (16-14), a native of Korea and Novi's lone regional qualifier, was eliminated from further state tournament action when Ogemaw Heights' Jim Hillinger (22-5) won a tight 6-4 decision.

Earlier in the day, the 126-pound junior was pinned by Birch Run's Mark Grant in 2:26.

Novi's interim head coach Eric Center had nothing but praise for the efforts of Kim, whose fine season was

often overshadowed by several teammates with glittering records.

"Steve wrestled very well against two tough kids," Center said proudly. "Their records show how tough they were, but this experience should give Steve some confidence about next season and what's necessary to go further in the state meet."

"He was very, very hurt," said Center when asked about Kim's mental state after the regionals. "He wanted to win so badly. He was very hurt. Steve's father is of Korean descent and he doesn't talk much at all, but the disappointment was obvious on his face when he lost his final match. I sure would've liked to take him to the state meet."

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Business Briefs

Store Manager Don Valentine (left in photo at left) is shown here presenting the food to Richard Henderson, minister of Faith Community Presbyterian Church, while keyboard consultants Charlene Miller and Kathy Schwartz look on.

Evola Music collected the food by "charging" an admission price of one can of food for a Lowery Organ concert at Sheraton Oaks on St. Valentine's Day.

MCDONALD FORD SALES at 550 West Seven Mile in Northville gave customers a preview of the new Thunderbird at a February open house. In addition, visitors saw early models of the Thunderbird as well as the car dealer's line of rental cars and new Mustangs and Escorts. During the evening there was musical entertainment and refreshments while those attending had an opportunity to win Thunderbird watches in a drawing.

LEONARD V. BELL as sales manager. A resident of Plymouth, Bell has been active in the construction industry for 24 years. Prior to joining Milford Sand and Gravel, he was director of marketing for Neyer, Tiseo & Hindo, a Detroit-area consulting engineering firm.

Bell has a BS degree in civil engineering from Michigan State University. He is a member of the Michigan and National Society of Engineers, the American Society for Testing Materials, the Engineering Society of Detroit and is immediate past president of the Michigan Chapter of the American Concrete Institute.

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About half the proposed projects are in southeastern Michigan.

John A. Boli, exchange executive vice president, said most of the projects have been designed and are needed right now to service Michigan residents.

"We estimate the value of the projects to be in excess of \$30 million," said Boli. "There is no guarantee that all these projects actually will begin this spring, but the design work has been accomplished and we are hopeful they will be built."

Identification of projects which could get under way this spring was accomplished by the exchange's construction newsroom staff. The exchange publishes a daily construction news report on building projects to be bid and on those projects planned for the near future in Michigan.

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We Will...
★ Replace Wiper Inserts
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All for only **\$6.20** Plus Tax

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We have 150 new Cars and Trucks IN Stock and More Coming. These units were ordered before Feb. 28th so they all qualify for 11.9% Interest.
If you Buy One Before March 31st.
HURRY!!! PICK OUT YOURS WHILE WE HAVE A GOOD SELECTION
We have the largest selection of new & used converted Vans in Livingston County

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Buying in Livingston County Saves Dollars & Makes Sense
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\$5841

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1982 Dodge 1/2 Ton Pickup 7,000 miles \$6695	1978 Buick Skylark Sport Coupe \$3295
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1981 Monte Carlo V6, auto, air \$6595	1980 Phoneix 4 dr., V6, air, auto. \$4495
1980 Corvette Beat the Spring Prices See This One	1978 Camaro 6 cyl., auto. \$3595

Specials of the Week
1977 Matador Wagon **\$1295**
1977 Plymouth Fury 2 dr. **\$795**
2 year, 24,000 mile available on most units
12 mo., 12,000 warranty on selected units

CAR UNDERWOOD
603 W. Grand River—Downtown Brighton 229-8800
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Brighton, Mich.

SPECIAL OF THE WEEK: NEW 1983 DODGE M150 PICK-UP
Mfg. suggested retail \$5995
Plus destination, taxes & title
ORDER YOURS TODAY!

1981 CITATION 2 ton name, stereo, only 19,900 miles \$4395	1980 FIREBIRD "Yellow Bird" edition loaded with all options, 43,000 miles \$795	1979 FORD F-150 Auto, 5.0 liter, excellent condition \$4295
1981 ARIES 4 dr., 32,000 miles, air, stereo, and much more \$5695	1976 DUSTER Economy Special, 6 cyl. auto, 59,000 miles \$995	1979 DODGE ST. REGIS Loaded, 45,000 miles, 6 passenger comfort only \$3995

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9827 E. Grand River Phone: 229-4100
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NO MONEY DOWN WITH APPROVED CREDIT

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Let Uncle Sam Make Your Downpayment On Your New Underwood Chevrolet

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Rugged 5-10 Pickup \$157.33 Per Mo.
4 cyl., 4 spd., Long Bed, 4 speed, IN STOCK

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4 Dr., 4 spd., AM Radio Cloth Interior #3019 IN STOCK

Practical Citation \$173.52 Per Mo.
4 Dr., 4 cyl., 4 speed Power Steering Cloth Interior #3001 IN STOCK

Luxurious Caprice \$255.85 Per Mo.
To Many Options To List - Must See! #3-102 IN STOCK

Ask About Our 5 Year Unlimited Mileage & Service Contract

All prices include 4% Mich. Sales Tax. Based on approved credit 10% down 48 months 11.9% APR Title and Plates Extra.

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SHARP USED CARS
WE DO WHAT IT TAKES TO SELL YOU A CAR!
STOP IN TODAY, GIVE US A TRY!
***** THIS WEEKS SPECIAL *****
1977 JEEP CJ-7 RENEGADE
Soft top, 4x4, wagon wheels. "Have a ball in the sun!"
\$2,295

'79 PLYMOUTH HORIZON 2 dr. Sport auto, power steering, air, Michelin tires, 37,000 miles \$3,195	'79 IMPALA 4 door, one owner, 25,000 miles. Absolutely great condition \$4,995	'79 GMC 4X4 PICK-UP With a cap, extra sharp \$5,295
'79 CUTLASS SUPREME 4 dr., V-8, auto, loaded with equipment \$4,995	'77 FORD CLUB CHATEAU VAN Smoked glass, auto, air, stereo, wagon wheels, new white letter tires \$4,995	'81 BONNEVILLE 4 dr., V-8, auto, full power, air, stereo, 2 tone paint, wire wheels, one owner \$7,595

Check There! **SPORT CARS**
• Fire Birds • Trans Am
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Several to choose from
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1978 MALIBU CLASSIC 4 dr., air, drk. blue. This car is like new. Only 21,000 miles \$1595	1976 FORD LTD 2 dr., air, P/S, P/B Only 58,000 miles \$1595	1977 PLYMOUTH 2 dr., 46,000 miles, cruise, P/S, P/B, stereo, V6, vinyl top
1980 VOLARE STATION WAGON With all the toys, dark metallic brown, 37,000 miles	Transportation or Parts Special 1970 NOVA \$295	1977 BUICK LaSabre brown, air, P/S, P/B, V6, stereo, tape, rear window defogger
1979 BUICK LaSabre Limited 2 dr., air, stereo, P/S, P/B, 38,510 miles, door locks, tilt, cruise	1978 PONTIAC Catalina 4 dr., blue, air, auto, P/S, P/B, P door locks, AM/FM, cruise \$2495	1977 CHEVY Pick-Up With Topper, auto, p.s., p.b., radio, brown.

COUPON 10% OFF!
of all labor and parts (except specials) every Fri. thru March 15, 1983

COUPON \$12.95
Includes lubrication, oil change, oil filter, change up to 3.0L of oil, brake inspection, check all fluids, tube all doors and hood hinges. Expires March 15, 1983. Sales tax & additional parts extra. Diesels & Light Trucks extra.

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JEEP CJ-7... AT UNBELIEVABLE SAVINGS!
Hard top with door, 3 speed with overdrive, 4 cylinder, 2 tone paint, numbing denim bucket seats, carpeted, striped package, Goodyear Steel Belted Arriba tires, Wagon Wheels, spare tire & wheel, free wheeling hubs, power steering. — ALL THIS FOR ONLY —
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1978 Ford Pick-Up
6 cyl., 3 spd. **\$1995** Only

1981 Trans Van
Chev. chassis, air, stereo, loaded. Low Miles. Like new. Only **\$14,990**

1982 Cougar L.S.
4 dr., 6 cyl., auto, air, ps, pb, p windows, p seat, p locks, tilt wheel, velour trim, 9,000 miles. Only **\$7995**

1979 Ranchero GT
V-8, auto, air, ps, pb, stereo, 28,000 miles. Only **\$4444**

1979 Datsun 280
2XGL Package 5 speed, air, stereo, road wheels. Like new **\$7999**

1981 Corvette
Black ext., leather interior, glass roof, air, auto, full power, stereo tape & factory C.B. Alum. fact. wheels. 19,000 miles. Only **\$14,300**

1980 Chrysler Cordoba
V-8, auto, air, lux velour int, full power, stereo, cruise, tilt, wire wheels. Only **\$5680**

1978 Pontiac Bonneville
4 dr., V-8, auto, air, ps, pb, stereo, cruise. Only **\$3888**

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4 dr., V-8, auto, ps, pb. Only **\$2485**

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Grade "A" ^{U.S.D.A. A GRADE} 49¢
Turkeys

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EIGHT
O'CLOCK
Whole Bean
Ground, Fresh

3 \$5⁹⁹

PLUS

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A GALAXY OF SAVINGS DURING OUR

A&P BRAND SALE!

Super Coupon CLIP & SAVE

Eight O'Clock Coffee

3 lb. bag **\$5⁹⁹**

Limit One With This Coupon & \$5 Additional Purchase. Limit One Coupon Per Customer. Valid Sunday, February 27 thru Saturday, March 5, 1983. 699

CLIP & SAVE

ANN PAGE Vegetables

WHOLE KERNEL or CREAM STYLE CORN, CUT or FRENCH STYLE GREEN BEANS, MIXED PEAS, MIXED VEGETABLES, SLICED or WHOLE POTATOES, SLICED or WHOLE BEETS, SLICED CARROTS

3 15.5-oz. to 16.5-oz. cans **\$1⁰⁰**

ANN PAGE Ice Cream

1/2 gal. ctn. **\$1⁴⁹**

All Flavors **A&P Yogurt** 8-oz. cup **39^c**

A&P Facial Tissues 200-ct. box **59^c**

A&P in Oil or Water Light Chunk Tuna 6.5-oz. can **79^c**

A&P Fruit Cocktail 16-oz. can **59^c**

Ann Page Stewed Tomatoes 16-oz. can **59^c**

Ann Page Tomato Sauce 8-oz. cans **4 \$1**

Ann Page Ketchup 32-oz. btl. **\$1⁰⁰**

Ann Page Creamy Fudge, White or Milk Chocolate, Ready-to-Spread Frosting 16.5-oz. can **\$1¹⁹**

Ann Page Vegetable Oil 48-oz. btl. **\$1⁶⁹**

ANN PAGE Vegetables

SAUERKRAUT, SPINACH or TOMATOES

2 15-16-oz. cans **\$1⁰⁰**

Super Coupon CLIP & SAVE

Ann Page Cake Mix

18.5-oz. box **49^c** ASSORTED FLAVORS

Limit One With This Coupon & \$5 Additional Purchase. Limit One Coupon Per Customer. Valid Sunday, February 27 thru Saturday, March 5, 1983. 698

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A&P Orange Juice

12-oz. can **59^c**

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CLIP & SAVE

REDEEM ALL THREE SUPER COUPONS WITH ONE \$10.00 ADDITIONAL PURCHASE

Ann Page Apple Sauce 50-oz. jar **99^c**

Ann Page Non-Dairy Creamer 22-oz. jar **\$1⁵⁹**

Ann Page Mayonnaise 32-oz. jar **\$1¹⁹**

Ann Page Pieces & Stems Mushrooms 4-oz. cans **2 \$1⁰⁰**

White or Blue Sail Detergent...

A&P Towels

2 jumbo rolls **\$1⁰⁰**

\$1⁷⁹

49-oz. box

VAL-U Homogenized Milk

plastic gallon **\$1⁸⁹**

Ann Page Vanilla Chocolate & Duplex Sandwich Cookies 2 lb. pkg. **\$1²⁹**

Heavy Duty Detergent Sail Liquid 64-oz. btl. **\$1⁹⁹**

A&P Pineapple Juice 46-oz. can **\$1⁰⁰**

Jane Parker Cracked or Whole Wheat Bread 16-oz. loaves **2 \$1¹⁹**

A&P Snack Crackers 11-oz. pkg. **89^c**

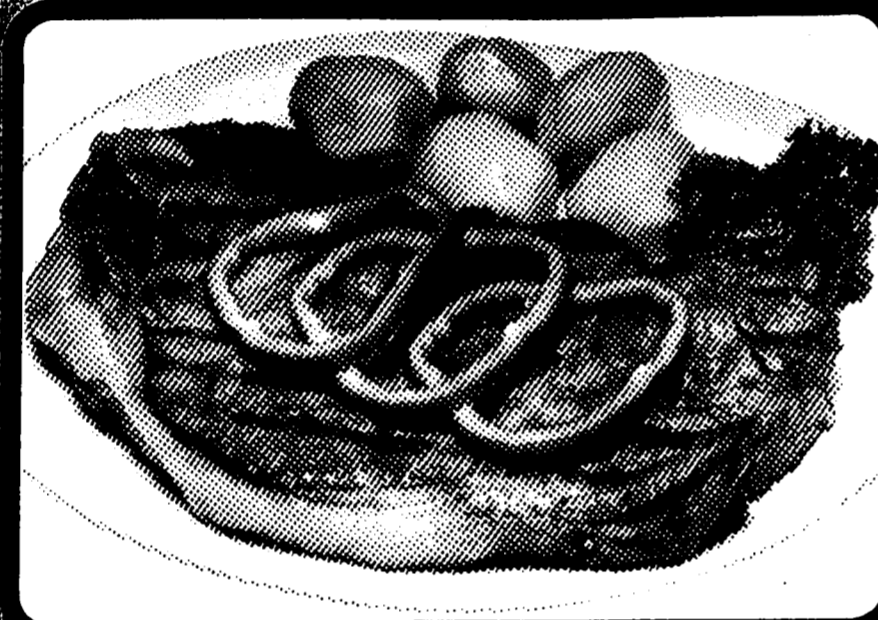
A&P Black Pepper 8-oz. can **\$1⁴⁹**

A&P has an extra savings break for you right now... plus our famous quality to match!

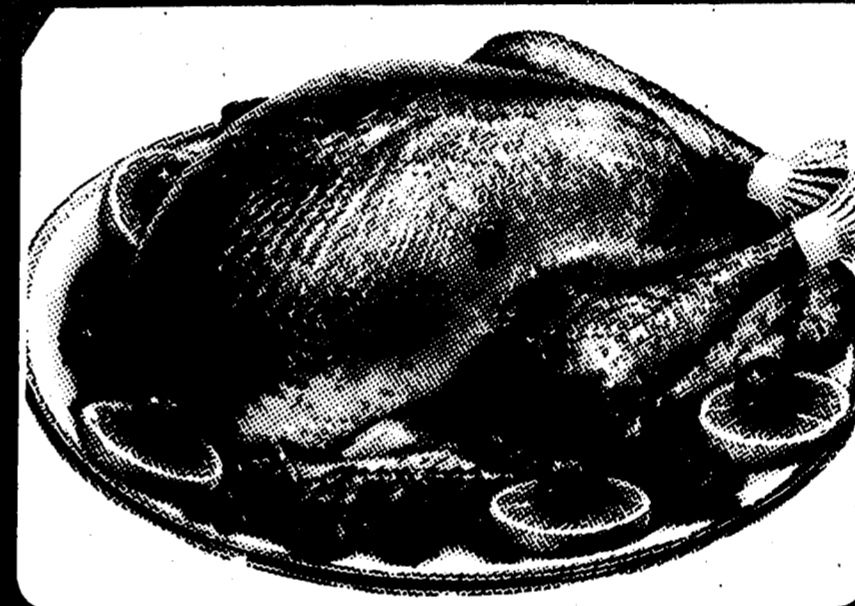
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Boneless Round Steak
U.S.D.A. CHOICE BEEF BOTTOM CUT

\$1.88
lb.



FAMOUS FOR QUALITY



10 to 22 LB. AVERAGE
Grade "A" Turkeys

49¢
lb.

LIMIT 1 WITH ADDITIONAL PURCHASE



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Ann Page
Sliced Bacon

\$1.69
1-lb. pkg.

Boneless Rump Roast
U.S.D.A. CHOICE BEEF

FLAT CUT **\$1.98**
lb.

Pork Ribs
Country Style
\$1.79
lb.

Fish Fillets
Mrs. Paul's Buttered
\$1.69
10-oz. pkg.

Pork Chops
Assorted
\$1.79
lb.

Fresh Fryer Legs
NO BACKS
79¢
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Guaranteed Value

Our Pledge
WE UNCONDITIONALLY GUARANTEE THE QUALITY OF EVERYTHING WE SELL OR YOUR MONEY BACK. AND WE'RE SO SURE OF THE QUALITY OF OUR MEATS, PRODUCE AND DELI PRODUCTS, WE'LL DOUBLE YOUR MONEY BACK WITH PROOF OF PURCHASE IF YOU ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH THESE ITEMS.

Quality Price
IF ANOTHER SUPERMARKET'S CURRENT NEWSPAPER ADVERTISED PRICE IS LOWER THAN OUR ADVERTISED PRICE, ON AN IDENTICAL ITEM, JUST BRING IN THE AD AND WE WILL MATCH THE PRICE.*
*EXCLUDING ITEMS REQUIRING COUPONS, STAMPS OR ADDITIONAL PURCHASE.



PRICE + QUALITY = VALUE

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GROCERY SPECIALS

TAB, DIET COKE,
Squirt or
Coca Cola

8 **\$1.99**
Plus Deposit
1/2 liter
btl.

FROZEN SPECIALS

A&P
Frozen Vegetables

- French Style or Cut Green Beans
- Mixed Vegetables
- Cut Corn

20-oz. bag

99¢

Ann Page
Handi-Whip Dessert Topping

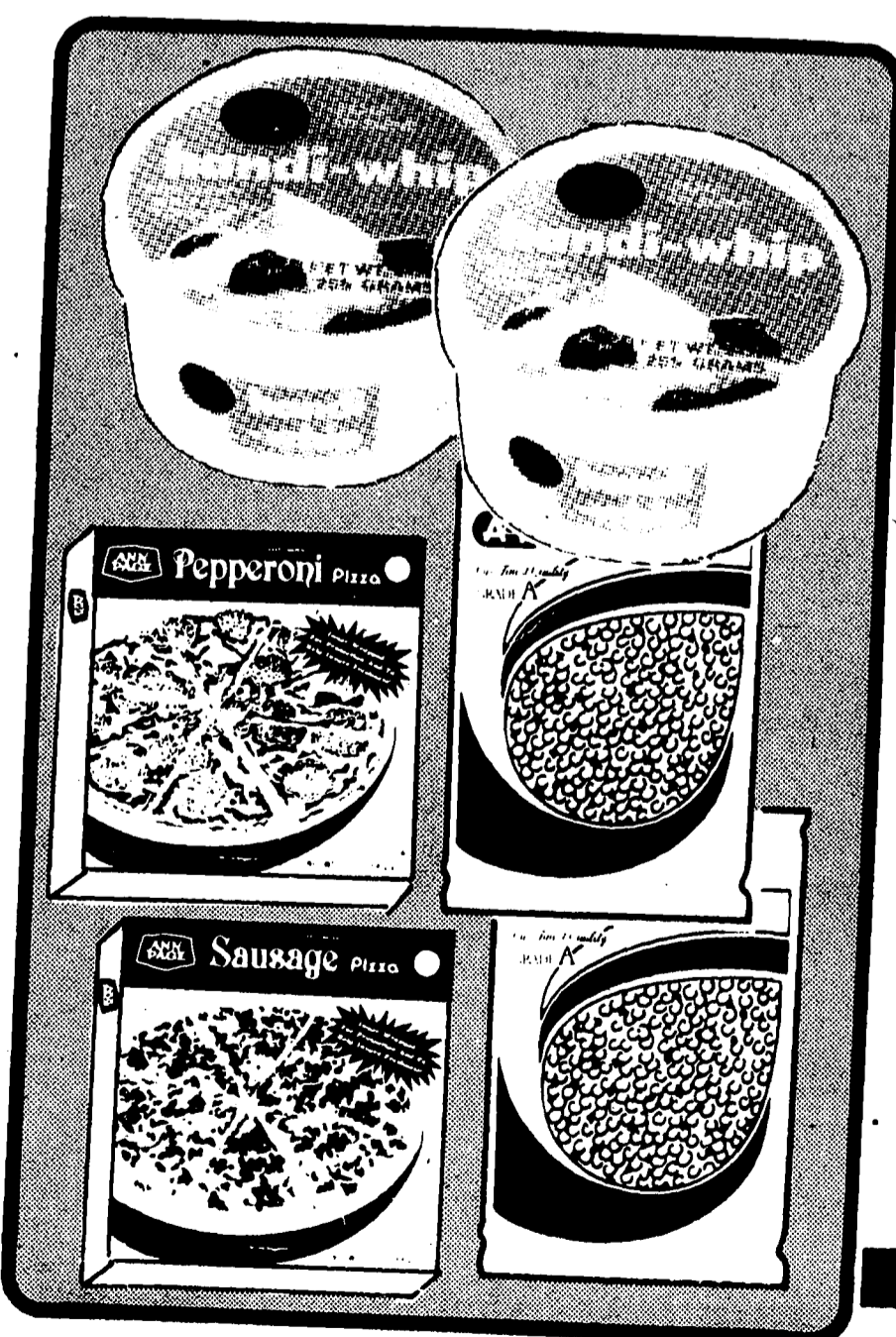
12-oz. bowl

99¢

A&P
Frozen Pepperoni or Sausage Pizza

10-oz. pkg.

99¢

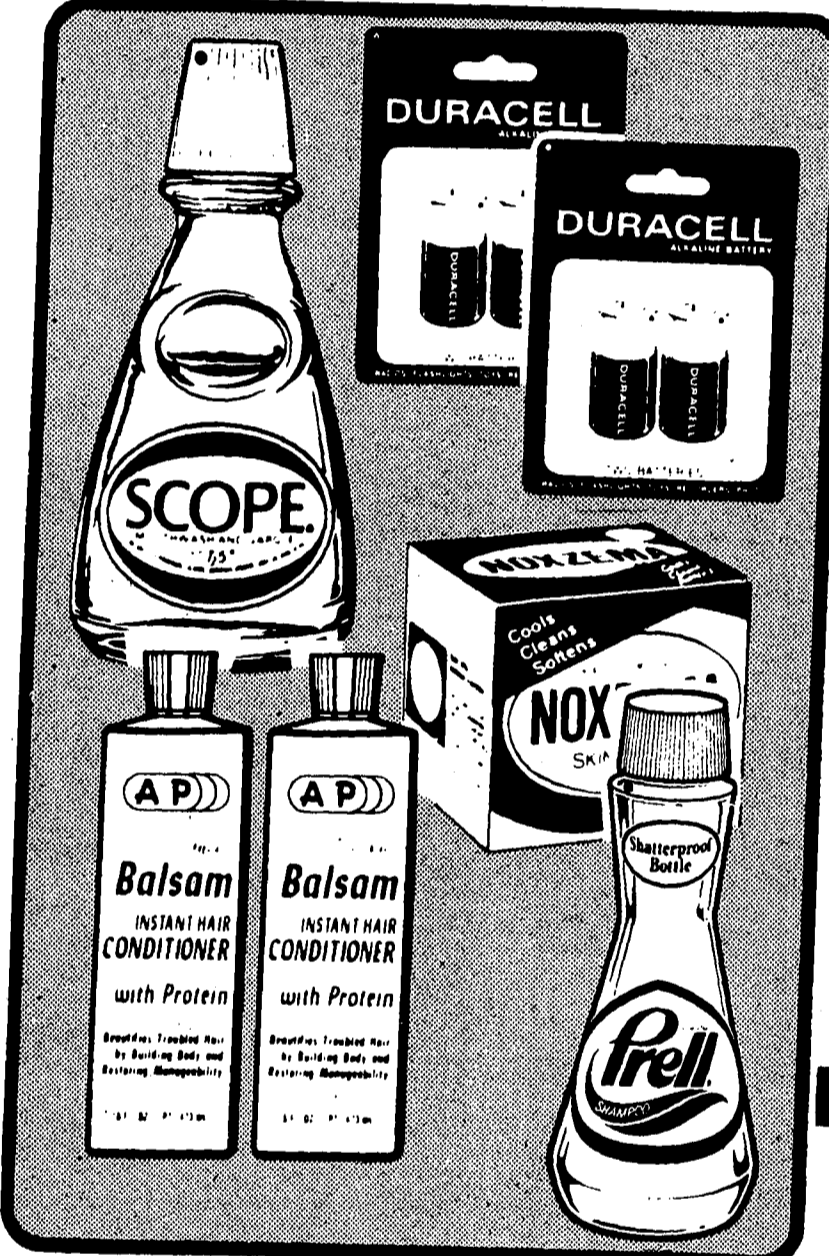


Value



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HBA SPECIALS

3-oz. Tube or 7-oz. Liquid	99¢	Mr. Coffee Filters 100-ct. pkg.	69¢
Conditioner or A&P Balsam Shampoo	\$1.99	Scope Mouthwash 24-oz. btl.	\$2.39
2 Pack "C" or "D" Duracell Batteries	\$1.59	Stoneware Coffee Mugs each	\$1.00
Noxzema Skin Cream	\$2.19	Noxzema Shave Cream 11-oz. can	\$1.59

DELI SPECIALS

Available Only in Stores with Deli Shops.

Bucket of Chicken

WITH FREE! 1-LB. COLE SLAW

8 pieces **\$3.49**

Parks Pumpkin Pies

each **\$1.49**

Pineapple Walnut Delight

lb. **\$1.29**

Butcher Boy Natural Casing Franks lb. **\$2.49**

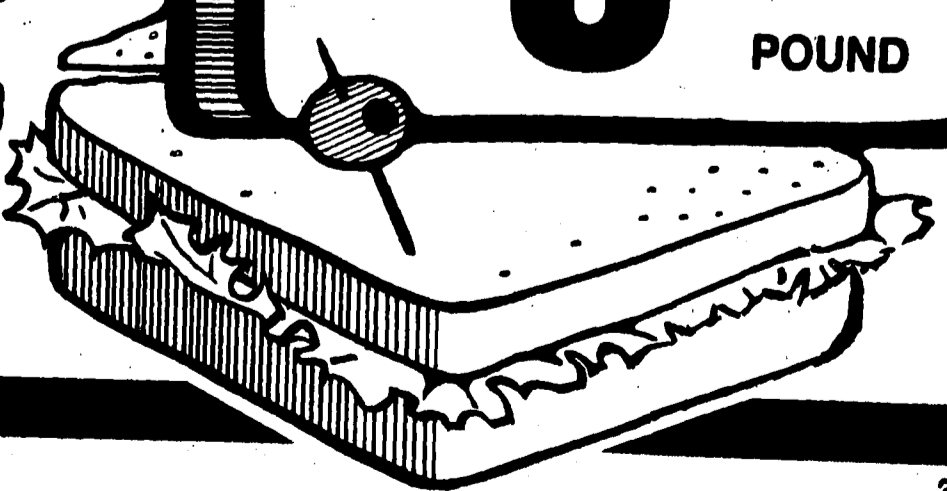
Butcher Boy Football Loaf 1/2-lb. **99¢**

Genoa or Hard Salami 1/2-lb. **\$1.79**

Wisconsin Swiss Cheese lb. **\$2.79**

Fresh Baked Wheat Bread loaf **69¢**

Fresh Cole Slaw lb. **79¢**

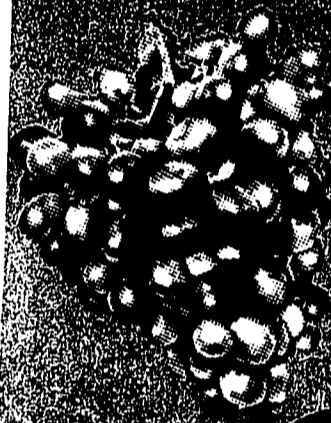


SHOOT



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Seedless Grapes

SAVE 30¢ LB.

88¢



Sweet, Juicy, Seedless California Sunkist
Navel Oranges
10¢ each
OR 10 FOR 99¢

McIntosh Apples
3 88¢

Yellow Onions
5 99¢



Fresh California
Pascal Celery
68¢ stalk
SAVE 31¢

Large Show Plants \$12⁸⁸

Shop A&P At

**42475 W. 7 MILE RD.
NORTHVILLE**

**1154 E. WEST MAPLE
WALLED LAKE**

**41800 W. 10 MILE RD.
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