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Heap o' trouble

That's what Novi's Mike Paquette (top) has his opponent in as he shoots for a pin in his 98-pound weight bracket. Unfortunately, Paquette and his Wildcat teammates had a sub-par showing in the Kensington Valley Conference meet last Saturday, as only

198-pounder Ed Maresh was able to claim a conference championship. For more news about the Wildcats' performance see today's Sports Section.

Lake ordina pursued jointly

NOVI — The Novi and Walled Lake planning boards have agreed to work together to develop regulations to control over-development of Walled Lake.

In a joint meeting February 8 the two boards agreed to send representatives to meetings where proposed legislation will be discussed over the next month.

The meeting was scheduled after Novi residents from the Lakeshore Homeowners Association asked planners to consider an ordinance that would prohibit a developer from using a small piece of lakefront property to provide access for a large acreage parcel.

Residents fear such subdivisions will be developed as subdivisions with large numbers of residents, who would have lake access.

Novi Community Development Director John Hazelroth welcomed the Walled Lake planners to the January 6 meeting, saying Novi has recognized "a real need to conserve and preserve the lake." Novi already has implemented a citywide drainage program, which includes measures to protect Walled Lake. The city also has purchased 12.5 acres of property on Walled Lake, Hazelroth noted.

Tod Kilroy, Walled Lake planning consultant, responded that Walled Lake "shares your concern with water quality, preserving the lake and development around the lake. We've adopted a new master plan and it includes an intense development plan for the downtown." Kilroy added that Walled Lake intends to construct a board walk on the lake and expand its beach area.

"We're here to exchange ideas and determine if we can come up with

uniform legislation to deal with development or handling storm water runoff," Kilroy said.

Gary Phillips of the Lakeshore Homeowners Association said the two planning groups were brought together primarily to discuss a "keyholing" ordinance — legislation that would prohibit a developer from buying a small piece of lakefront property and using it to provide access to a large acreage parcel.

"We'd like to see this problem addressed before it becomes a problem," Phillips said. "With the shallowness of the lake, approximately one-third of it is unusable for boating. That leaves 400 acres of usable lake. With the number of homes on the lake, you see the potential problem."

Phillips said too many boaters on a lake can lead to degradation of the lake and also creates safety problems. "It's unfair to the homeowners," Phillips maintained.

Phillips asked if it would be possible for the two communities to consider an ordinance prohibiting keyholing.

Hazelroth responded that consideration of the Town Center ordinance had taken up much planning time recently, leaving little time for matters such as the keyhole ordinance.

Kilroy said he is familiar with the type of legislation proposed by residents and noted that communities began enacting similar types of controls seven years ago. Those communities have since experienced problems in determining who has riparian rights and who does not. Riparian rights are the rights to use the lake bed by a person who

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Builder survey raises questions

By KATHY JENNINGS
 novi editor

NOVI — At this time last year, Novi was embroiled in a debate over regulations to control the size of houses being built in partially-developed subdivisions.

Throughout the controversy, council members and city officials heard over and over again that Novi is getting smaller houses than those in neighboring communities.

Council Member Patricia Karevich set out to discover if Novi really is getting smaller houses, and if so what are the reasons. But her survey may raise more questions than it answers.

After months of collecting information and interviewing 18 builders, Karevich recently presented her findings to the city council.

"The point was to ask whether we're attracting the type of builders we want to," Karevich said. "I don't think what we've done is getting us what we want."

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tion were going in the direction we want to go," Karevich continued. "What cities do we want to look like? Are the restraints we're putting on builders doing what we want them to accomplish? Do we have to protect ourselves because of our location? Does West Bloomfield require the things we're requiring? What can we do to get the same type of development?"

Karevich concluded: "These are far-reaching questions that we need to go through."

Karevich is concerned that the find-

ings of her survey show that builders view Novi as a community "for people on their way up who stop here on the way to a more prestigious community."

While other communities have as many as 34 different builders, Novi has just six active residential builders, she said. Three of them build custom homes; three build tract homes.

"This raises the question: Why are builders choosing to build in surrounding communities and not the City of Novi?" Karevich asked.

She believes the results of her survey show Novi has a poor reputation among the type of builders the city would like to attract. Typical comments from builders were that building in Novi is "not worth the hassle." Other builders said it is "almost impossible to build in Novi," according to Karevich's report.

One of the problems is that it costs more to build in Novi than it does in neighboring communities, she found. The cost of building permits and fees, including water and sewer costs, are among the highest in the area.

When compared to five other growth communities, Novi's fees rank second highest. City administrators explain some communities subsidize the building department to keep fees down, while

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□ Building permit fees compared to those in other growth communities/10 A

Police department connects 'tip' line

NOVI — Police are urging residents to "Drop a Dime on Crime."

Through a new program, residents can call local police to leave information they think could assist police in solving crimes.

The new "Crime Line" number is 349-6887.

Corporal Ralph Fluhart said anonymous calls will be accepted.

The Crime Line is available 24-hours a day. When the tape is not manned, a recording device will accept messages. The police department checks the tapes daily for information.

"We have high hopes for it," Fluhart said, "but its effectiveness depends on getting out the word that it's available."

The police department has budgeted money for the program for one year to determine if the program will work in Novi.

Fluhart explained the tip line is strictly for Novi. Any information received regarding crimes in other communities will be referred to the correct agency, he said.

Fluhart said Novi decided to try the program after a similar program

proved effective in Ann Arbor, where police were assisted in a murder investigation through information received on a tip line.

Fluhart cautions residents that the 349-6887 number is not to be used for emergencies. The line is strictly for leaving information.

In case of emergency, police can be reached at 349-0911.

Lost spaniel looks for home at library

NOVI — When the staff at the Novi Public Library asked people to come in to get their new library cards, it didn't expect dogs to show up, too.

But that's what happened. A purebred cocker spaniel showed up Thursday, January 2. And, as it turned out, he was just looking for a home, rather than some weekend reading material.

The cocker spaniel appeared outside the library at 9 a.m. and, when he was still there five hours later, the librarians thought they should do something about finding a shelter for him.

Brenda Burrell is temporarily taking care of the pooch they've nicknamed "Buddy." But Burrell says her two cats "just barely tolerate" their new housemate and it's important he find a new home

soon. Buddy has been checked by a local veterinarian who said he is very lean, showing he's been on the road for some time. During his travels he apparently had "a run-in with a small animal," Burrell said. He had scratches on his nose and above his eye, which were taken care of by antibiotics prescribed by the veterinarian, Burrell said.

The dog is between three and five years old, according to the vet's calculations. Buddy also was trimmed to take care of his matted ears and other tangles in his all-black fur.

"He has a good disposition," Burrell added. "He's very playful and a good companion."

Anyone interested in providing a home for Buddy, the library dog, should contact Burrell at 349-0720.



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Librarians Mary Wilson, Brenda Burrell and Jean Beal are hoping to find a good home for Buddy

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Lots of helpers

The Novi Emergency Food Program has received a major boost from the Welcome Wagon Club which is donating time, food, cash and plenty of manpower to assist with the packaging and distributing of food supplies to needy families.

Levin, Linda Crawford, Lori Derrick, Decky Loussaert and Sue Hein (holding Gary Hein). The younger helpers are Danny Levin (with the Wheaties), Melissa Derrick, Mary Declan Loussaert, Erick and Michelle Levin, and Greg Hein.

Parks department slates family trips

NOVI - The Parks and Recreation Department is offering family trips to a Detroit Red Wings game, a Detroit Pistons game and the Ice Capades. Limited seats are still available for each trip.

Soccer deadline nears

NOVI - The registration deadline is Friday for youngsters who want to participate in the Novi Parks and Recreation Department's spring youth soccer teams.

Parents claim bus stop unsafe

NOVI - A seldom-used Bus Safety Committee will be convened to study an alleged safety problem with a bus stop in the Cedar Springs subdivision.

The bus stop at the corner of Ten Mile and Christina Lane was found to be unsafe by the committee. The bus stop is less than a 15 minute walk from the school.

The students have been directed to wait in the driveway of the Faith Community Presbyterian Church until the bus arrives and then proceed down to the bus.

Band, choir concert scheduled tonight

NOVI - Novi residents will have an opportunity to hear the award-winning high school band and choir at a free concert tonight (Wednesday) in Puert Auditorium at 7:30 p.m.

The district band festival is scheduled for March 10 at a site not yet determined. The district choir festival will be held March 14 at Novi High School.

The concert is another in a series of free concerts given by high school musicians to demonstrate their appreciation for the support received from the community.

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Pottery lesson

Kathy Gurley of Union Lake removes her pot from the wheel under the watchful eye of well-known Walled Lake potter Merry Derrick.

grams being sponsored by the Walled Lake Library during the month of February in honor of Commerce Township's sesquicentennial celebration.

Township receives funds for adult foster home

COMMERCIAL - Plans for township-sponsored adult foster care homes seem to be moving forward as a tentative funding allocation has been received from the state Department of Mental Health (DMH).

The proposal was developed to provide local control and input which is unavailable under state foster care law. As proposed the township would establish a non-profit corporation to establish and operate foster care homes for the developmentally disabled.

The zoning exclusion provision is another key concern for county and local officials. State law mandates that foster care homes for up to six residents is to be considered a single-family residential zoning use.

When we talk about the newer MORC homes some were established against the wishes of the community," Bickelman said. "When the transfer of homes from City Valley Center was proposed, the commissioners did not want to become involved in homes opened against local wishes."

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Winter games

While America's best athletes were competing in Sarajevo last week, Walled Lake Central and Western high schools were participating in their own winter games. Central's ski team

took first place in divisional competition at Alpine Valley, while Chris Haney (above) and the Western ski team finished sixth. Regional competition was scheduled for later this week.

Opponents of hospital suggest recalling Long

By LEANNE ROGERS news staff writer

COMMERCIAL — Residents opposed to the Huron Valley Hospital are threatening to recall Supervisor Robert Long.

The effort apparently is aimed at getting the township board to remove itself from the facility's wastewater discharge application.

The Oakland County Department of Public Works (DPW) has withdrawn from the application, citing environmental concerns. The DPW would have been the monitoring agency for the treatment plant.

Its withdrawal leaves the township as co-applicant with the hospital. Carl Kerr, president of the Mount Royal Subdivision Association and the Lakes Area Environmental Action Group, said the board would be requested to withdraw from the permit application at its meeting tonight (Wednesday).

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tion with the township over proposed developments for several years. The most recent litigation initiated by Kratage deals with the first phase of a condominium project proposed near Fox Lake.

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Middle schools Old idea generates new discussion

By PATRICIA N. BOWLING walled lake editor

WALLED LAKE — The school board this week decided it wants to know whether it would be feasible to convert the district's two junior high schools to middle schools.

But it doesn't want an already-appointed 10-member committee of school staff and parents to conduct the feasibility study. Instead, the board has asked the administration to explore whether the middle school concept could work in Walled Lake.

The board's decision Monday, February 13, essentially leaves defunct the 10-member committee formed in January by Walled Lake Junior High Principal Roy Danley.

The notion for a middle school study was initiated by former Director of Secondary Education and Chairman of the committee and selected five staff members, four parents and Trustee Bonnie Venzke to sit on the committee.

At the board's February 13 meeting, Venzke reported that the organizational meeting of the committee was somewhat confused.

In his response to the allegations of unfairness he leveled at the district court ruling, Hall called the decision a miscarriage of justice.

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These students learn while they earn

By PATRICIA N. BOWLING walled lake editor

WALLED LAKE — At a time when employment opportunities for young people are scarce, a break into the job market might be one of the most valuable things a high school can offer.

There are many such opportunities through the district's vocational education program. Students not only learn marketable job skills, but receive on-the-job experience, as well.

And according to Western High School Vocational Education Director Jim Botke, with the right attitude, students may very well be able to move into a full-time position after graduation.

When seeking to place this year's seniors, placement counselors often find last year's graduates still on the job, he noted.

One fast-food restaurant manager called recently to request nine additional food service student employees, Botke said. Because the students must commit to the cooperative education job for a full year, they are more dependable than "the kid off the street," the manager reported.

More than 200 businesses in Walled Lake, Novi, Wolverine Village, Wixom and Commerce are using students from the district's vocational education program, Botke said. There are 865 students involved in the vocational program, including 475 at Western and 390 at Central.

As part of National Vocational Education Week (February 12-18), 11 students at both high schools are being honored for outstanding performance on their jobs.

At Western, Dawn Pokrzycki, Kim Zorner, Doug Henry, Margot Strube, Scott Smith and Lisa Brown were honored.

The vocational program offers classes in retailing, shorthand, typing, office machines, integrated office, accounting, food service, health occupations, business development, woodworking, power mechanics, drafting, metals, machines, vocational auto, electronics and word processing.

With 11 years of experience in vocational education, Botke noted that the program has not changed much over time. Computers, however, have certainly added a new dimension to vocational education, he added.

"We got seven new computers this year. That seems to be the biggest change," Botke said.

At a January study session of the school board, the district's director of vocational education, Les Carlson, reported on two recent additions to the vocational curriculum: word processing and computer accounting.

Students learn in these two classes facilitate their placement in the job market, according to placement coordinator Freda Stewach.



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Scott Smith works part-time at Delwal Corporation.

County approves change in signals

PONTIAC — Flashing signals at nine intersections in Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom and Commerce Township will be changed to 24-hour stop-and-go operations within the next 60 days.

The change was ordered by the Oakland County Road Commission (OCRC) after a study determined that right-angle accidents are significantly higher during periods of flashing signal operations.

In Novi, flashing signals will be replaced with stop-and-go signals at the Beck Road/Grand River, Novi Road/Twelve Mile and Haggerty Road/Nine Mile intersections.

In Walled Lake, signals will be changed at the Maple Road/Decker Road and Pontiac Trail/Decker Road intersections as well as the Fourteen Mile/Decker Road intersection at the border of Walled Lake and Novi.

In Wixom, a signalization change will occur at the Wixom Road/Grand River intersection. Other changes are proposed at two Commerce Township intersections — Carroll Lake/South Commerce roads and Maple/Haggerty roads.

OCRC Chairman Richard Vogt noted that right-angle accidents generally result in personal injuries, which the commission is committed to preventing in every possible way.

The study was done by the OCRC's Planning and Development Department as part of a comprehensive Highway Risk Management Program initiated in 1977.

"The study compared before and after accident data at several locations where signals had been changed from part-time flashing operation to full-time stop-and-go as well as data on other locations that continued to function as part-time flashing throughout the same period," said Vogt.

Vogt said several factors in addition to stop-go versus flashing operation were considered, but the conclusion was clear that merely going to 24-hour stop-and-go operations at major roads could improve safety significantly.



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Novi votes explained

NOVI — The redesign of The News has created a few problems which are being worked out. As a result of the redesign, it is difficult to determine story lengths and some stories consequently have had to be cut during production.

The vote was cut from two stories in the February 8 edition. Council members voted 5-2 to adopt the Town Center ordinance, clearing the way for rezoning of property around the Grand River/Novi Road intersection.

The standards include five-story, 65-foot building height limits and also make industrial land uses non-conforming. Edward Leininger, Arlen Schroeder, Guy Smith, Ronald Watson and Mayor Robert Schmid supported the ordinance.

Keneth Alberta, Thomas Hoskinson, Judy Johnson, Phil Manning and Lee Mamola supported the request, while dissenting votes were cast by Ernie Aruffo, Joseph Brett and William Briggs.

Future Olympian?

Novi's Tim Milligan, 5, is introduced to the sport of cross-country skiing during a special ski school sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at Lakeshore Park. It's doubtful that Tim will be ready for the '88 Olympics, but by the time the year 2000 rolls around, well... you never can tell.

Petitions circulate for Mettala recall

WIXOM — Over 100 signatures have been collected on petitions seeking the recall of Council Member Gunnar Mettala.

Jennifer Stamper, sponsor of the recall effort, said four persons are circulating the petitions door-to-door evenings and weekends and said she is confident the required 500 signatures can be obtained within the allowed 90-day period.

"There have not been too many people refusing to sign although some just don't want to take a stand," Stamper said. "Some just don't care. It's sad but true."

The petition seeks to recall Mettala because he voted in favor of a 12-year 50 percent tax abatement for the Korex Company.

Mettala and Council Member Dennis Andrews voted in favor of the abatement, while dissenting votes were cast by Wayne Glessner and John Lee.

Then-Mayor Lillian Spencer broke a 2-2 deadlock by voting in favor of the tax abatement.

Although the current petition does not mention it, Stamper originally charged Mettala with conflict of interest over the Korex vote. Mettala's wife Violet is employed as a bookkeeper with the company.

A group called Citizens Advocating Positive Politics (CAPP) has been formed by Stamper to aid with the recall efforts. She has said she is considering recalls of Council Members Nancy Dingley and John Lee after Mettala's recall is settled.

Stamper denies her motivations are connected to conflicts between Mettala and Lentz during last fall's mayoral campaign. Stamper worked on the Lentz campaign, while Mettala supported Wayne Glessner.

State investigation nearly completed

WIXOM — The investigation of the city police department over an obscene letter mailed to a local resident is nearing completion, according to the Michigan State Police.

"I'm just about done with it and we are preparing to release something," said Detective Sergeant James Collins, the investigating officer. Prior to releasing his findings, possibly later this week, Collins is scheduled to meet with Wixom Police Chief Philip Leonard and Mayor Gary Lentz.

The investigation, requested by Leonard, began January 17 after a resident received an obscene letter signed by "Steve." The letter also included the home telephone number of former Mayor Assistant Stephen Bonczek.

Bonczek had several conflicts with police department members during his five years with the city, leading to speculation that an officer might actually have sent the letter to a woman residing in the same Wixom subdivision as Bonczek.

"I can just guess at the motivation for the letters — someone wanted to make someone else look bad," Collins commented. Leonard said he could not comment on the investigation. "I don't know anything conclusive yet, but I do feel pretty positive that one of my officers was not responsible," he stated.



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Hearing on rate hike set for next Tuesday

WALLED LAKE — Residents will have an opportunity to comment on proposed water rate increases at a public hearing next Tuesday, February 21.

The hearing will be held at 7 p.m. in the council chambers at city hall, 1499 East West Maple Road.

The proposal includes raising the user fee to 60 cents per 1,000 gallons. Water customers previously paid \$8 for the first 10,000 gallons and 45 cents per 1,000 over that.

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Forbes awaits sentencing

WALLED LAKE — Oakland County Circuit Judge Robert Templin determined last week that Michael Forbes violated his probation when he was convicted on an assault charge in 52nd District Court last month.

At a February 10 hearing, Templin ordered an investigation by the probation department before sentencing Forbes on the violation. Sentencing now is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, February 21, in Templin's court.

Templin refused a request by Forbes' attorney, Cyril Hall, to reduce bail to \$5,000 or 10 percent. Instead, he continued bail at \$25,000 cash and remanded Forbes to Oakland County Jail.

On January 27, a six-member jury found Forbes guilty of assaulting an 11-year-old Dublin Elementary safety patrol girl. The misdemeanor carries a maximum sentence of 90 days in jail or a \$600 fine. But 52nd District Judge Templin delayed sentencing until the probation investigation is complete.

According to testimony during the two-day trial, Forbes assaulted the child on September 26 when he allegedly stopped his car at her safety patrol post, got out and began walking toward her, causing the child to flee in fear to her school building. Just prior to stopping, Forbes allegedly told the girl, "I just want to make you smile."

Convicted on the assault charge, Forbes received after he was found guilty on one count each of first and second degree criminal sexual conduct in 1982. His criminal record also includes a 1969 conviction for raping his nine-year-old sister. On both prior convictions, Forbes could have received life prison terms. But in both instances he was granted probation.

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Students learn job skills

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For Walled Lake Western senior Scott Smith, the vocational education program means the opportunity to get on the job training for the career he seeks in quality control. Working about four hours a day at the Delwal Corporation in Novi, Smith's responsibilities include checking incoming and outgoing shipments of metal.

His school day consists of three hours at the Southwest Oakland Vocational Education Center in Wixom, where he takes welding classes. Smith returns to Western High School to take a required government class and eat lunch with his classmates, but then leaves at about 12:30 for his job at Delwal.

His supervisors help him more on the job because he is a beginner, Smith said. "If you hire in over 18 (years of age), they expect you to know everything already," he noted. By participating in the vocational education program, Smith is gaining valuable on-the-job training while still in high school. He noted he hopes to continue working for Delwal after graduating this spring.

Vocational education student Donna Lush begins her day at Central High School with band class. She has three other classes — two English and one in office skills — but her school day ends after lunch.

At least, the "school day" in the traditional sense ends at 12:30. But learning continues at the 53rd District Court in Walled Lake where Lush puts in four hours a day, four days a week as part of the vocational education program.

"I answer phones, enter new (court) cases on the computer and wait on people at the counter," she explained. Seeking answers for the people who show up at the counter has taught her the most, she added.

Her work at the court has sparked an interest in the legal field, Lush said, noting that she is considering a career in court stenography or court reporting. After graduation, she will probably take classes from a community college to gain certification as a court reporter.

Her involvement in the vocational education program has changed Lush's extracurricular activities only slightly, she said. Her job causes

her to miss a late afternoon pep assembly with the band on occasion, but otherwise poses no conflict with her high school activities.

Senior Lisa Brown spends her school mornings with fellow teenagers in Western High School general education classes. But she spends her afternoons with preschoolers.

As a part-time employee at the Jewish Community Center, Brown helps supervise 15-20 youngsters, playing games, directing art projects and leading recreational activities. "You learn how children develop, and that they all develop differently," Brown said of her work experience.

Brown enjoys working with children and hopes to continue at the Jewish Community Center for about a year after she graduates this spring. The money she earns will go first toward a car, then toward college.

"I'm thinking of being a social worker dealing with children," she explains, noting that it's an interest that has developed from her vocational education work.



Lisa Brown enjoys her co-op assignment at the Jewish Community Center

Public to comment on rates

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from the debt retirement fee. Debt retirement revenue is used to pay off the bonds purchased to build the city-wide system.

City Engineer Alex Moiseff has suggested that after 14 years these residents should no longer be paying the debt retirement along with other water customers. The city now is paying for repair and maintenance of the subdivision system, he noted.

At the February 7 council meeting, City Attorney John Donohue said the city could lawfully amend the water

ordinance as long as the people in the subdivision had not been led to believe they would never have to pay debt retirement.

"I see nothing in the records of the city or the (city council) minutes to indicate the residents were led to believe they would never pay the debt retirement charge," Donohue noted.

The water rate adjustments were proposed after Moiseff conducted a water system cost analysis to determine where the system was losing money. He reported that user fees are insufficient to cover costs, there

are no funds for repair and maintenance, and the debt retirement fee does not cover the bond payment. The city must make each year. Consequently, the water system has been subsidized by general fund tax dollars. Without this subsidy, the department faces mounting deficits.

If approved, the rate adjustments will cover an expected deficit at the end of the 1983-84 fiscal year, prevent future deficits, make the water department cost independent of the general fund and provide monies for maintenance and future improvements.

Obituaries

MARION DUNCKLEY

Services for Marion Elizabeth Dunckley of Walled Lake were held February 1 at Lynch & Sons (Richardson-Bird Chapel) and St. Williams Catholic Church in Walled Lake.

Mrs. Dunckley died January 28 at home. Born February 15, 1923, in Madison, Wisconsin, she was 60 at the time of her death.

A Walled Lake resident since 1948, she was a stenographer and a member of St. Williams Church.

Survivors include her husband, Ervin C. Dunckley, and five children: Mrs. James (Lynda) McEvoy of Walled Lake, Mrs. Richard (Carol) Kennedy of Florida, Mrs. Dale (Margaret) Schaepp of Union Lake, Christine Bahhorn of Walled Lake and Michael Dunckley of Walled Lake.

Two brothers, Edward Grosse and Roland Grosse, both of Wisconsin, and five grandchildren also survive.

Interment was at Commerce Cemetery.

HARRY J. GEISTLER

Services for Harry J. Geistler of Redford Township were held February 11 at Ross & Northrup & Son Funeral Home. The Reverend Carl Mehl officiated.

Mr. Geistler died February 8 following a long illness. The son of Charles and Augusta Geistler, he was born in Clarenceville on December 30, 1897, and was 86 at the time of his death.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mabel, who passed away in 1978, and a daughter, Ruth Christensen. Survivors include two children, Ralph Geistler of Gregory and Mrs. Robert (Isabelle) Collins of Novi. Nine grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren also survive.

A retired carpenter, Mr. Geistler served with the U.S. Marines during World War I and was a member of the Bedford Lutheran Church.

Interment was at Grand Lawn Cemetery.

ALICE GOOCH

Allice I. Gooch of Walled Lake passed away January 29 at Botsford General Hospital in Farmington Hills. Services were held February 1 at Lynch & Sons (Richardson-Bird Chapel) with Reverend Lloyd Christler of the United Methodist Church of Walled Lake officiating.

Born September 14, 1888, in Isabella, Michigan, Mrs. Gooch was 95 at the time of her death.

Formerly employed as a tailor at the Lions Store in Pontiac, she was a member of Eastern Star Lodge 228 in Pontiac and the Central Methodist Church in Pontiac.

Mrs. Gooch was preceded in death by her husband, Ralph. Survivors include two children, Orin Gooch of Texas and Mrs. Marjorie Rives of Walled Lake, and a sister, Ruby Swanson of Norway, Michigan.

ROBERT E. JONES

Services for Robert E. Jones of Walled Lake were held February 7 at Lynch & Sons (Richardson-Bird Chapel) in Walled Lake with Pastor Elvin Clark of Livonia Southern Baptist Church officiating.

A Walled Lake resident for 19 years, Mr. Jones died February 3 at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. The son of Edward and Irene Jones, he was born December 7, 1940. He was 43 at the time of his death.

Employed as a job setter for Pontiac Motors, he was a member of the Walled Lake United Methodist Church and the Walled Lake Auxiliary Police. He also coached in the Interlakes Pigtail League.

He is survived by his wife, Sally; his parents, Edward and Irene Jones of Keego Harbor; and four children: Doreen, Diana, Denise and Danette, all at home.

Interment at Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens followed cremation at Rossland Park Cemetery. The family requests that memorials be sent to the American Cancer Foundation.

Planners agree to work together

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owns the bank of a lake.

Communities that have enacted such legislation "felt it was necessary to head off problems before they began to develop," Kilroy said.

Planning Consultant Stan Woodhouse said the planners also have to consider that some property will be exempt from legislation due to grandfather clauses.

"You are in a more urban situation than many of these other communities that have enacted such ordinances. You can't just jump into this," Phillips and a second representative of the homeowners association, Jerry Ross, expressed frustration with the lack of progress made on the ordinance they first introduced in November.

"We heard these concerns in November," Ross said. "What do we

have to do to get somebody to look at it? We know it hasn't been court-tested, but we need to do something. We're concerned about it. Can this ordinance be adapted to our own situation?" Woodhouse said.

Woodhouse suggested it would not take a full-fledged study to pull together the information needed to develop a proposed ordinance. He said information is already available from previous studies and could be used with information gathered from neighboring communities as a basis for an ordinance.

"When we find out what we're observing, we could establish something realistic that's not confiscatory," Woodhouse said.

Planners from both communities agreed that the proposal deserved further study.

Kilroy said the joint planning/legislation approach has worked in neighboring communities, citing four townships working together to develop uniform plans for Union Lake. "I see no reason why the same type of regulatory ordinance can't work here. But Kilroy also cautioned that the Walled Lake council is "conservative" when it comes to the adoption of legislation.

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Clustered housing option stirs debate

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ownership of property. Lots would be owned individually.

Mayor Robert Schmid maintained that in the future people living in cluster areas would not maintain their lots and homes.

The maintenance problem would be magnified by the fact the homes would be closer to each other than in other subdivisions, Schmid expressed concern that it could create a "platted subdivision" in the community.

"I can't see any advantages to it," Schmid said. "I think it's a dangerous option to have in the ordinance."

Council Member Patricia Karevich said she believes Schmid's concerns could be addressed by locating clusters of homes within a subdivision.

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dominium developers are different from each other.

Said Karevich: "What if we allow them to plat under the cluster option, providing they will be surrounded by a platted subdivision? Then the subdivision association could require uniform maintenance. The purpose of a cluster is to preserve something unique. This way we could save something unique, I think we may be able to get the best of two worlds."

"This is nothing more than individual platted lots, individually owned on 40-foot lots," Schmid

argued. "I question whether they'll be maintained. They'll be smaller lots than we have anywhere else in Novi. And I'm opposed to small lots."

"This might be a good thing if we could trust a developer to do it properly, but I don't have the faith in developers that others do," Schmid continued. He suggested developers would simply use the option to build a subdivision more cheaply. "I think they'll put in one-third of the streets and one-third of the utilities they normally would be required to put in. I think it would be used to create chaos down the road."

Karevich argued that the cluster option is not the same as allowing 40-foot lots because cluster housing does not create the same population density that small lots would generate.

Council Member Martha Hoyer said the situation created would be no different than what now exists in subdivisions where, property is individually owned. "I don't see what the problem is," Hoyer said.

"If you don't see the problem with 30 or 40-foot lots, you wouldn't understand," Schmid countered. "I'm opposed to 40-foot lots."

Council Member Arlen Schroeder concurred that there's a need for common ownership of the property in order to assure it is properly maintained.

The council asked that the planning consultant further detail the advantages of the platted cluster option before deciding whether to leave it in the zoning ordinance.

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Hospital opponents threaten official with recall

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about his special exception permit being denied. I asked Mr. Kerr if the recall was a threat to make the board do what they want. My opinion is that this is to pressure the rest of the board. How could I reasonably think otherwise?"

Kerr said the recall decision was scheduled after the township board meeting because the Water Resources Commission meeting is scheduled for the next day (Thursday, February 16).

Personally I feel that if the township had acted responsibly this would not be so far along," said Kerr. "We have to stop the township. The Water Resources Commission would have approved this permit already if we hadn't needed time to review the new proposal."

Because he sold land for the hospital site on Sheeha in Commerce Road, Long has not voted on hospital-related issues or commented publicly.

"The township board itself has only voted on the discharge permit ap-

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plication," Long said. "That was so they (the hospital) could apply. Now the so-called experts make the decision."

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff is recommending approval of the discharge permit. A 100,000 gallon per day discharge restriction has been set in the permit.

"I can see nothing to hold up approval of the permit but it is still anyone's guess what the commission will do," said Wayne Denniston, DNR groundwater permits section

chief. "We added language that brings plans back to the commission for approval rather than the usual administrative approval."

Oscar Boyea of the county health division remains opposed to the treatment facility as proposed. Among the concerns he cited were the location of the hospital above a useable aquifer, the lack of sanitary sewers, a treatment facility designed, but never actually operated anywhere and personnel to man the facility.

"They don't have to do this here

and at this time. If they are committed to this, instead of spending hundreds of thousands of dollars on a treatment plant they should build sewers through the township to take treated waste to the Huron River," Boyea said. "This site is on top of the aquifer with only sand and gravel above it."

Boeya said no one knows how and if the designed treatment system will work. "The Water Resources Commission says it meets their requirements but look across the state," he added. "My experience in public health has taught me to prevent things from happening. The taxpayers would be responsible for the cleanup."

Despite Denniston's position that stricter than usual controls are being included in the discharge permit, Boyea said too many things are unsatisfactory.

"The health division is concerned that the hospital won't be able to operate within its parameters. The Huron Valley people agree not to use things like chloroform and phenols, so

the state agrees not to monitor for them," Boyea said. "That is like promising never to speed so the cops never look at you."

Another concern cited by Boyea was the training treatment plant operators would receive. "The people who will operate this system will be trained by suppliers of the components," he said. "That means they will know about their phase of the treatment but not about the others or necessarily how they will relate. This will be trouble from the word go."

The letter from the DPW explaining its position has been referred to the township attorney and engineers. State law requires that the township be party to a discharge permit application. Boyea called for the township to withdraw until an alternative treatment system or site was offered.

If the permit is approved by the Water Resources Commission, Boyea said he would meet with county health director Dr. Robert Loezy and the county legal counsel to discuss legal steps to stop construction of the facility.

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Budget approved for federal funds

NOVI — The council has tentatively approved a plan for spending \$125,000 in federal revenue sharing funds — a budget that may be revised if financial problems facing the city cannot be resolved in other ways.

The council voted 5-2 to approve the budget, although city administrators said they would present an amended spending plan if it becomes necessary in the future.

Council Members Edward Leininger, Arlen Schroeder, Guy Smith, Ronald Watson and Mayor Robert Schmidt supported the budget, while dissenting votes were cast by Patricia Karevich and Martha Hoyer.

Budgeted expenditures include \$25,000 for the first payment on a fire engine, \$40,000 for ball diamond lights and \$27,000 for a Town Center planning study.

Other approved expenditures are \$7,500 for three computer terminals, \$7,000 for a community center architect, \$6,500 for a Haggerty Road corridor study, \$2,000 for city welcome signs and \$1,000 for taxi-cab subsidies.

The council failed to approve the federal revenue sharing budget when it was first presented several weeks ago. With Council Member Guy Smith absent, the council voted 4-2 to adopt the spending plan, and five votes are required for approval of budgets.

Karevich said she opposed adoption of the budget until the council has more information on how the city will pay for construction of a DPW maintenance building, which has come in \$300,000

over budget. She also asked how the city will finance the remaining cost of the fire truck after the first payment is made.

"I still have those figures I'm not ready to vote yes on this resolution," Karevich said.

Hoyer concurred. "There seem to be questions on two or three of these items. As long as there are questions, I can't support it."

When Karevich and Hoyer asked if there were an immediate need to adopt the budget, City Manager Edward Krievall noted that city administrators are aware of the council's concerns and will not authorize bidding on two of the controversial items in the federal revenue sharing budget, the fire truck and the ball diamond lights, until the questions have been resolved.

Mayor Robert Schmidt said he supported the budget since the matter will be returned to council before the expenditures for the fire truck and softball lights are made.

Schmidt added it will be more difficult in the future for the parks and recreation department to get his approval for major capital expenditure items, such as the lights. He suggested the department use its own financial resources instead of asking council to allocate federal funds for such projects.

Schmidt also suggested the budget, especially the ball diamond lights, had received more discussion than warranted, and the council subsequently voted to adopt the budget.

Consultant retained for board workshop

WALLED LAKE — The school board has agreed to spend up to \$2,000 and 14-16 concentrated hours to try to improve its relationship with the district's administrators.

At its Monday, February 13 meeting, the board scheduled a workshop March 17-18 to include all board members, central administrative staff and Dr. Curtis Van Voorhes, a professional educational consultant.

Voorhes, formerly an education professor at the University of Michigan, claims his workshop will help improve communication between the board and administration, clarify all roles involved and help both board and administration "think more creatively and more efficiently."

In addition, Voorhes plans to help the group draft a "mission" statement, establish clear goals and priorities and build a better decision-making atmosphere.

"We have made a commitment to goals which require us to improve relations with the administrative staff, with the superintendent and with the public... look forward to learning things that will help us achieve these goals," said Trustee Patricia Jackman.

The board goals to which Jackman

referred were developed after the last board workshop in July, 1983, with Superintendent Don Sheldon. Last year's retreat, was extremely worthwhile to the board and the superintendent," Trustee Merlin Reeds noted.

The July workshop yielded an exhaustive package of goals and objectives for Sheldon, as well as several pages of board goals adopted in October.

"I would be my intent to lead your group through... a program of self image psychology to better know how to use your collective minds to make the improvements you choose," Voorhes wrote in a letter to Sheldon. The two-day session would include a workshop in creative problem-solving and goal achievement, a planning session related to roles and responsibilities for more effective operation, and creation of a working plan to improve and increase positive awareness of education in the Walled Lake district, he explained.

The board unanimously approved the workshop and authorized up to \$2,000 for Voorhes' services. The public will be invited to attend the March workshop.

New officers elected by firefighters group

WALLED LAKE — Paul Christian has been elected president of the Walled Lake Fire Fighters Association. He replaces outgoing president Bob Triplet.

Other new officers are Ray Overall, vice president; Bill Sage, secretary; and Bob Zewalsky, treasurer. Outgoing officers are Mike Kreza, vice president; Dan Dawe, secretary; and Floyd Wisley, treasurer.

Public Relations Director Glen Bromm reports that the association has lost one member... sort of. Seventeen members of the association participated in a weight loss contest during January, Bromm reported. Total weight loss for the month was 178 pounds, the approximate weight of one man.

Bromm also reports that the association provided first aid services during Winterfest in conjunction with the Walled Lake Fire Department. The two groups coordinated efforts to set up a first aid station during the weekend snow carnival.

The association provided a heated tent, coats, two snowmobiles, a sled and FM radios, while the department provided medical equipment, a power generator and fire band radios for communication with the base station at city hall.

The association also provided 12 men to man the first aid station, including several emergency medical technicians.

Bromm said Winterfest was virtually accident-free as only one minor injury required treatment during the event.

Rabies clinic available

COMMERCE — You can help protect your family against rabies by attending a pet vaccination clinic at Zoner's Farm Market in Commerce Township on Saturday, February 25, from 1-4 p.m.

Zoner's Farm Market is located at 2355 Union Lake Road.

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The Wixom Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, March 5, 1984 at 8:00 P.M. at the Wixom City Hall, 49045 Pontiac Trail, Wixom, Michigan 48095. This Hearing is for Rezonning Request No. 217-2 for property located at Grand River and Napier Road, tax parcel No. 22-07-351-001. It has a frontage of 430 ft. on Grand River, with a depth of 1,684.59 ft. on Napier Road. This rezoning request is from RA-1 Single Family Residential to IRO Industrial Research Office.

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'Building fees not unfair'

NOVI — The city's building fees are not out of line. It's just that builders here are being required to pay their fair share, according to city officials. Although builders complained that Novi's building fees are excessive, City Manager Edward Kriewall says they are comparable to those of other growing communities. "We don't want to subsidize that particular operation, but we can't legally make a profit on it," Kriewall explained. "We think they are comparable, even though we're probably on the high side of the median," Kriewall said. "We do some things that others don't in terms of a long return of inspections. We don't see any need to raise or decrease our fees."

Drainage project in jeopardy

WOLVERINE — A \$3,200 federal grant received for work on the Greenway Drain is in jeopardy because the Novi program implemented last year. Oakland County was allocated \$1.2 million, of which Wolverine Lake Village received \$9,200. But program guidelines stipulate that the money must be used by March 1 or returned to the program fund. The village committed its allocation to improvement of the Greenway Drain. The proposed project includes construction of a new sedimentation basin at the drain, located on the south side of Penny Lakes.

Survey prompts questions

Continued from Novi, 1 Novi has chosen not to subsidize building fees. Fees also are higher because water and sewer tap fees are high in Novi due to the fact that the city is still paying off the construction of its systems. As a result of those higher fees, builders told Kariwicz. "The same home costs less to build in another city and we can charge more for the home. Builders almost unanimously told Kariwicz the city could improve its residential areas by requiring strong covenants and restrictions. Kariwicz suggested it may be necessary to improve the city's inspection procedures, review building fees, review the time it takes to get plans reviewed, and research covenants and restrictions for possible requirements for new subdivisions.

Results summarized

NOVI — The following is a summary of the results of a survey of 18 builders conducted by Council Member Patricia Kariwicz. Novi building fees are excessive: 11 builders agreed. Novi building fees are comparable to other cities' fees: two builders agreed. Five builders had no comment. Novi inspections are fair and reasonable: seven builders agreed. Novi inspections are not fair and reasonable: five builders agreed. Six had no comment. Novi plan reviews take too long: 10 builders agreed. Novi plan reviews do not take too long: four builders agreed. Four had no comment. It is more costly to build a home in Novi: 13 builders agreed. Four were not interested in building in Novi. I am not interested in building in Novi or am not interested in continuing to build in Novi: eight builders agreed.



Nature hike

Not the least of the joys associated with cross-country skiing is the opportunity it provides to be alone with nature. Novi's Tom Coonce is treated to the full glory of the Michigan winters as he makes his way through the city's Lakeshore Park near Walled Lake.



Sticky business

Walled Lake School Board Member Merlin Reeds used to think board meetings were sticky business. That, of course, was before he tried his hand at the time-honored practice of tastily pulling at the Richardson Community Center last week. Reeds was one of the area residents who participated in the program sponsored by the Friends of the Walled Lake Library in conjunction with Commerce Township's sesquicentennial celebration.

Abandonment ruling due Friday

By CINDY HOOGLASIAN south lyon herald WIXOM — With the Interstate Commerce Commission's decision on the abandonment of Grand Trunk Western Railroad tracks from South Lyon through Wixom expected Friday, all parties involved seem to agree that the line will be retired. This abandonment represents a small portion of trackage in southeastern Michigan which Grand Trunk Western (GTW) wishes to close. GTW Vice President George Stern said last week that the company also wishes to abandon 13.5 miles of tracks from Wixom through Keego Harbor and trackage eastward from Pontiac through Macomb County. The impending abandonment of rail service was an issue of concern to the southeastern Michigan Council of Governments (SEMCOG), which last Thursday called a public hearing on the South Lyon-Wixom abandonment. SEMCOG's Regional Clearinghouse Review Committee took an official stand against the proposed abandonment. Stern pointed out that the committee's actions would have no impact on the upcoming decision on the South Lyon abandonment because it is out of SEMCOG's purview and the comment period had closed.

Broken insulator causes blackout

WIXOM — A broken insulator caused a power failure that left 3,000 households without electricity Thursday, February 9. Edison Company spokesman Ralph Mertz said the outage was reported at 9:30 p.m. Included in the blackout area were the Village Apartments. "An insulator, which holds the wires to the poles, broke and released the wire," Mertz said. "Two wires got together and caused the station breaker to open at Loan Lake Road and Teaneck." The area affected by the damage extended south to Twelve Mile, west to Wixom Road and east to Beck Road. Power was returned to most areas in just over 4 1/2 hours, Mertz said. "The area where the problem was didn't get power again until 4 a.m. Power was returned in sections as the crews tried to isolate where the break was," Mertz commented. "So many areas were affected because the break occurred at the end of the line." The broken insulator could have been caused through a natural occurrence like lightning, Mertz said. The repair efforts had been hampered by the break occurring at night, he added. "There are many cases when people see something and call us, then we know where to go for the repair," Mertz said. "An area two miles long and two miles wide was affected so we had to find the break."

Study requested

Continued from Walled Lake, 1 In a revised 1983-84 budget considered by the board at its January 23 meeting, the board deleted \$350 earmarked for the middle school study committees. When told the board had rejected its proposed budget, committee members expressed a "sense of futility in embarking upon this intensive study if acceptance of their recommendations by the board was questionable," Venzke reported. "I believe a study of the middle school concept is important to the future planning for the district; I believe the committee's efforts deserve endorsement (and funding) by the board," Venzke said. But Trustee Merlin Reeds was skeptical, noting the concept might be "divisive" in the community at a time when the board has been campaigning vigorously for community support and trust. "I'm very nervous about the middle school concept," he added. Board Member Patricia Jackman suggested the administration should conduct a preliminary study before staff and parents are involved. "Only the administration can provide the expertise to decide whether we can turn elementary schools into middle schools. I'm wondering if we need to do anything with middle schools at this time," Jackman queried. "There's obviously a communication problem between the board and the administration," Judy Johnson, a parent on the middle school study committee, responded. "You get the parents all enthused, and then say, 'What are you doing?'" "All the districts around us have middle schools. We're the only one that doesn't. Wouldn't it be good to study it and then (we can) come back before the board (to report)?" Johnson asked. But Jackman noted there already are two previous studies — both on projected district enrollments — that need to be reviewed before embarking on yet another study. "I think we need to scratch it and start over again," she said. But Trustee Kenneth Tucker, who served on one of the previous study committees, noted that the earlier committees did not make any recommendations as to whether Walled Lake schools should develop middle schools. The earlier committees both suggested the middle school concept be explored further, Tucker noted. Trustee Cynthia Campion suggested the administration study the feasibility of middle schools and then report back to the board. The board voted unanimously to request a study from the administration. Board Member Robert Cooper noted that the board's endorsement of the middle school study was not aimed at closing school buildings. "It's an effort to improve our system," he said. "The area where the problem was didn't get power again until 4 a.m. Power was returned in sections as the crews tried to isolate where the break was," Mertz commented. "So many areas were affected because the break occurred at the end of the line." The broken insulator could have been caused through a natural occurrence like lightning, Mertz said. The repair efforts had been hampered by the break occurring at night, he added. "There are many cases when people see something and call us, then we know where to go for the repair," Mertz said. "An area two miles long and two miles wide was affected so we had to find the break."

Consultant sought

WALLED LAKE — The board this week agreed to seek a retired school administrator to assume the functions of a secondary education director. The retiree would serve as a consultant to the district at a rate not to exceed \$1,000 per month, plus mileage estimated at \$150 per month. The secondary education director's position has been vacant since August last year when Dr. Don Chalaker resigned. "The absence of a director for the past six months has impeded some of the activities related to secondary education," Superintendent Don Sheldon explained to the school board this week. Secondary building principals have been carrying much of the burden, he added. The consultant could help committee activities proceed, help program studies move forward at a faster pace and relieve building administrators of some committee responsibilities, Sheldon noted. The assignment will be effective as soon as possible and could continue until a full-time director is employed, Sheldon said. He noted that a July 1 target date has been set for hiring a full-time secondary education director. The board approved Sheldon's recommendation unanimously.

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Recall campaign prolongs discord

Efforts in Wixom to complete the transition from one administration to another are being sabotaged by an ill-advised recall campaign. A group of citizens calling itself Citizens Advocating Positive Politics (CAPP) already is circulating petitions to recall longtime Council Member Gunnar Mettala. And Jennifer Stamper, organizer of the group, has suggested that she also may initiate recall campaigns against two other council members — Nancy Dingledey and John Lee.

The campaign has been launched at a time when recalls seem to be something of a fad in Michigan, just as ballot petition drives were in vogue several years ago. Two Democratic legislators have been recalled on the state level and efforts are underway to recall others. The recall campaign, or campaigns, in Wixom appear to be the local manifestation of the "recall mania" prevalent throughout the state.

What is disturbing about the current recall trend in general is that it appears to be based on political whim instead of substantive reasoning. It seems as if citizens have discovered that they have a constitutional right to recall legislators without valid reason — and are exercising that right frivolously.

The recall campaign aimed at Mettala is a case in point. There is a temptation to cite Mettala's distinguished record in opposing the recall drive. A councilman since Wixom was incorporated in 1957, Mettala is one of the city's founding fathers, serving on the village council and charter commission prior to incorporation.

Although more than a quarter-century of service is not easily discounted, it might be argued that tenure should not weigh more heavily than current transgression. But there lies the rub. The peti-

tion calling for Mettala's recall does not charge him with any wrongdoing. It does make reference to a vote he cast in favor of tax abatement for the Korex Company on September 27, 1983, suggesting that the vote was a conflict of interest since Mettala's wife is an employee of the Wixom-based company.

In his defense, Mettala cites a legal opinion that no conflict exists because his wife is a bookkeeper and not an officer or stockholder in the firm.

What is more disturbing about the current recall campaign in Wixom is that it comes at a time when the city is experiencing difficulty in the transition to a new administration. It is no secret that hard feelings still exist between Mayor Gary Lentz and several council members, not the least of whom is Mettala. Stamper worked on Lentz' mayoral campaign, but insists that the recall effort should not be portrayed as vindictiveness even though one of her grievances against the councilman relates to an anti-Lentz flyer he distributed during the campaign.

Certain facts appear unalterable. First, if sufficient signatures on the recall petition are obtained, the city will have to bear the expense of at least one, and perhaps two, more elections. Second, and more importantly, the divisiveness generated by a recall campaign will only undermine efforts to develop a working relationship between the council and the mayor.

If the Lentz administration is to function effectively, the mayor and council must be able to work in concert. Recalling council members because they oppose or have opposed the mayor in the past will only prolong the turmoil and sabotage any efforts toward a working relationship.

New pact overdue

With protests outside appreciation dinners, threats of lawsuits and other less obvious but widespread expressions of employee dissatisfaction, contract negotiations in Walled Lake are proceeding sluggishly, with little progress in sight.

Several employee groups, including police, fire, dispatchers and department of public works employees are without contracts. The six DPW employees have worked without a contract for three years; contracts for the other three groups expired in June. Bargaining with all groups has stalled repeatedly, and police, firefighters and dispatchers have now entered arbitration.

Over the past two months, negotiators for both the city and the employees have reported "no progress" and "no comment" when asked about negotiations. The council's last closed meeting to discuss negotiations was January 3, and before that, December 6. No marathon bargaining here...the sides can't even get close enough to warrant regular meetings by the council to consider progress.

Both the police and DPW unions have experienced discontentment within their own ranks — changing both their own representatives and their negotiators, as well. The DPW workers even changed union associations last year. These adjustments have no doubt helped slow the bargaining process.

But the city's commitment to "tightening the belt" is clearly the crux of the conflict. The police officers successfully negotiated nine percent raises in each year of their last three-year contract. The council was locked into those nine percent raises during three of the most

financially difficult years the city has seen in a long time. Now they have returned demanding a wage freeze the first year of the next contract, and offering four and two percent increases the following two years.

DPW workers went on strike in 1979 after eight months without a contract and subsequently the city council granted a 10 percent increase followed by seven percent each in the second and third years. They have been offered nearly \$4,000 per man in compensation for their last three years without a contract, but this was refused over a provision allowing the city to contract out work.

The contract dispute with the police, fire and dispatching employees will be settled in the arena of arbitration, but the city's relationship with these groups appears to have suffered greatly from what both sides consider "unrealistic" bargaining.

Meanwhile, DPW workers spread rumors of an unfair labor practice suit against the city. According to the union negotiator, there has not been a formal offer from the city since 1981 when the \$4,000 per man was proffered.

Clearly the morale of Walled Lake city employees is deteriorating in this climate of frustrated contract bargaining. There appears to have been so little movement on either side that we wonder if the language of compromise has been discarded.

Prolonged contract difficulties can only serve to decrease the quality of city services. Hopefully there will be more evidence of communication between the city and its employees before protests and lawsuits take precedence over city services.

Concerto for a talented sis



Patricia Bowling

The picture is one of my favorites. A tall, elegant, young woman in black standing next to an imposing grand piano. The two are alone in the center of a stage.

The young woman is my "little" sister. She has been studying piano since the sixth grade, and this month she auditions at several music schools around the country for entry into a graduate performance program.

Living away from home has left me with few opportunities to hear her perform, but it is an exhilarating experience. She is what all those mothers sitting through up teen million children's piano recitals envision.

I've always loved her recitals, even the earlier ones. She was usually the last to play, which sometimes meant sitting through a lot of the "Look Mom, Two Hands!" numbers by younger students. There would be little brothers and sisters fidgeting, fathers nodding off, and mothers motioning wildly for their young pianists to sit up straight or take the gum out of their mouth before performing.

It always seemed that much of the fidgeting would quiet when the older, more advanced students finally got their turn. Maybe I remember it that way because when my sister performed, my mother, older sister and I usually concentrated on her so intently, sometimes it seemed none of us would breathe until she'd hit the final note.

It's still that way. Only now, instead of long piano school recitals featuring students from age five to 18, they are college performances in which she plays anywhere from 20-30 minutes. I'm afraid I missed the transition somewhere...one year she was accompanying a high school swing choir, and the next she was featured soloist with her university orchestra.

It nearly took my breath away to see little sis with one hand on the edge of a Steinway, taking bows in front of a full orchestra. It gave my stomach a rise, like going over the peak of a roller coaster.

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I can't imagine being in her shoes. How on earth does one memorize a 20-minute concerto? How can one's fingers execute such intricate patterns...on a stage...in front of so many people? If you make a mistake, how do you regain the concentration necessary to complete the performance?

I also can't imagine the instant reward for a job well-done. While the pressure is greatest on a solo performer, so is the reward. I envy the excited applause, the opportunity to "take a bow." But that would be somewhat unusual in the world of journalism...Imagine a room of News readers applauding a well-written story, asking the reporter to take a bow.

One fact of her experience I do understand is the agony of error. Both of us help in front of the public — she more directly than I. But, when she has a bad performance, it is soon forgotten by most of those in the audience, even though the memory may linger on for her.

On the other hand, when a reporter's story is in error, the mistake is in print. Corrections and retractions cannot erase the original blunder. My sister says she understood this frustration the first time she listened to the recording of a performance.

But I still consider hers the more difficult task. It's easy for someone whose profession primarily involves observation to be somewhat awed by those who do the performing.

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professional."

"That's when it hit me. So I blurted it out. "With a little practice, I'll bet we could do that," I said. "I never bought all that 'years of practice' hype in the first place.

"No wonder they have to practice so many years. They're little kids when they start. It would be different with adults. I'll bet we could pick it up fairly quickly."

She looked at me suspiciously... one of those looks that says she knows she can't stop me, so why even try.

"I was going to take up downhill skiing, but frankly it appears that you've got to live somewhere near the Alps to even have a chance. Besides, those downhill skiers are at the mercy of the weather. Why take up something you have to do outside in the cold when there are other sports you can do inside on a nice warm rink?"

"I'll bet we'd be terrific," I continued, visions of gold dancing in my head. "You've got all that dance training from aerobics, and Lord knows I'm strong enough to throw you around."

"Those triple jumps aren't tough at all as long as you get enough altitude. We could even shoot for a quadruple."

"I can see it now. There we are at the Winter Olympics. The lights dim, we begin our routine and suddenly I throw you into the air... one, two, three, four times you twirl around before floating back to the ice. The crowd is agast.

"A quadruple," yells Dick Butkus. "Look at those lines. Look at those deep edges. That clinches the gold for the Jeromes."

"Are you done now?" she interrupted finally. "I guess so," I replied. "It was just a thought."

Novi names Pann new fire inspector

NOVI — There's a new person behind the fire inspector's badge, but Donald Pann is no stranger to the job. He has spent the past 20 years as an inspector in Coldwater, Michigan. In a town about half the size of Novi, he was the assistant fire chief in charge of building, fire, electrical and heating inspection. He also battled blazes.

When his health kept him from fighting fires, Pann stepped down from the Coldwater department. Now he has taken over the position created by the resignation of Andy Gligio.

Pann began work January 9 and spent the first week with Gligio, learning the duties of the job and meeting the people he will be working with.

As the new fire inspector, one of Pann's goals is to inspect "every piece of commercial and industrial property in the community at least once a year — if time permits." These fire safety inspections determine whether fire exits are blocked, whether fire extinguishers are in working order and whether emergency exits are lit and unlocked. He also will be called upon for fire investigations when necessary.

One of Pann's responsibilities will be to develop a computerized file of building floor plans. That way fire fighters will know as soon as they reach a scene where to locate electrical and gas shut offs, whether flammable materials are stored and what areas are likely to be the most hazardous.

"The idea is to build on what's already done and develop it to its greater potential," he explained. "I hope to have a complete list of different structures in the community to make it safer."

At the same time he hopes to make local buildings safer for employers and their employees.

"I hope to get mutual cooperation from them. And I hope to give cooperation to them," Pann said.

Fire prevention work also can help an owner or operator of a building. Many times they are so busy they don't know the details of their building. We know things that would benefit them," he said.

He hopes to expand the fire prevention aspect of his job so that it reaches out into the community. He plans meetings with service clubs and civic organizations to spread the message about fire prevention.

"The main purpose for fire prevention is fire safety and property safety," Pann said. "I hope to be able to accomplish this in some sort of manner for the City of Novi in the future. If we can develop a good working relationship and cooperation between our department and different property owners, everything will run real smoothly for everyone."

Pann also is looking forward to finding time to do fire prevention. He will discuss fire prevention in the schools, especially with elementary students.

"It's important to reach young minds when they are little and teach them fire safety habits," Pann said. "They'll stay with them all their lives."

However, a good deal of Pann's time will be used reviewing plans to assure fire-safe structures are being constructed. He said the building department reviews plans to make sure they are structurally sound, while he looks plans over "to make sure the building doesn't completely burn down in a fire."

Pann said he will work "very closely" with the building department. His building reviews will include checking fire walls and the locations of fire extinguishers, sprinklers and fire alarms where necessary.

"Our job is to make sure the plans are according to code, then we go out and follow up," Pann said. "We see whether things are being put in properly. Then we have a final inspection. We test alarms and sprinklers with the installer. We watch as they go through a certified test. Then they get a certificate if they have passed the test," he explained.

Plans also are reviewed to determine the type of building material being used.

Pann is married and has five grown children. His wife, Dee Ann, hopes to relocate to Novi as soon as the weather improves.



Novi Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan (left) goes over plans with new fire inspector Donald Pann

Gabrion accepts new job

WALLED LAKE — The school board this week accepted the resignation of Decker Elementary Principal Janet Gabrion.

Gabrion said last week she has tentatively accepted a position at Martin Luther King Elementary School in the Ann Arbor public school district.

After less than two years with Walled Lake schools, Gabrion's resignation becomes effective Friday, February 24. Superintendent Don Sheldon said the position has been posted, but no interviews have yet been scheduled.

"This is the first time I've had to make a choice between two things I really consider positives," Gabrion, 43, explained. She worked in the Ann Arbor district for several years before coming to Walled Lake and has remained a resident of Ann Arbor throughout her tenure with Walled Lake schools.

One of the highlights of her experience in Walled Lake was the Saturday morning volunteers workshop held at Decker recently, Gabrion said, noting that community outreach will continue to be a primary interest for her in her new position.

Sheldon described Gabrion's work in the district as "exemplary" and added, "It is with a lot of reluctance I agreed to recommend her release."

Federal funds budgeted

WOLVERINE — There were no comments from the public when the village council approved purchase of a new police car with federal revenue sharing funds last week.

The council unanimously voted to amend the 1984 federal revenue sharing budget to reflect the latest \$9,200 allocation from the federal government.

In addition, Village Administrator John Berchloff reported that the village has more money than anticipated left over from last year's allocation and more interest than expected.

Altogether, the amended budget reflects an additional \$1,038 in revenue. The majority of the funds, \$3,800, was allocated for the purchase of a new police car, while \$1,200 was allocated for electrical costs to raise the lake level.

The police car is to be purchased from the Police Dodge, Detroit, at a cost of \$9,671. It replaces a 1981 vehicle that will be sold when the new car arrives in June.

Council rejects 'housekeeping' changes

WALLED LAKE — A package of "housekeeping" amendments to the city's zoning ordinance hit a snag last week when city council refused approval until more information is provided.

Although Planning Commission Chairman Kenneth Tucker attempted to convince the council the amendments were nothing more than "fine-tuning the ordinance" before it is printed, all were

sent back to the commission.

Mayor Gaspare LaMarca asked Tucker to include a copy of the old ordinance language and an explanation of why the change is necessary with each proposed amendment. "This doesn't mean anything to me," protested LaMarca after briefly reviewing the 14 changes suggested in the ordinance. LaMarca expressed particular consternation with the first of the proposed amendments, which would add a new

section regulating the setback measurement from major thoroughfares and local streets.

Tucker noted the intent of the amendment is to provide a consistent manner of measuring the setbacks from all roads throughout the community. For major thoroughfares, such as South Commerce, Fontaine Trail and Maple Road, the amendment proposes that the setback be measured beginning 60 feet from the centerline.

Other changes proposed within the amendments include clarification of sign regulations in office districts, revision of the definition of an "obscuring wall," revision of the site plan checklist to include components of the landscaping plan, and the addition of banner-type signs and projecting signs among those prohibited in the ordinance.

City Manager J. Michael Dorman suggested the council adopt a new policy for proposing zoning ordinance

amendments. The planning commission's presentation to the council should include the history of the provision the commission wishes to change, why the change is necessary and the benefits the commission expects will be derived from the change, he suggested.

The council unanimously approved the new policy, and remanded the proposed amendments back to the planning commission.

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Budget plans begin

WALLED LAKE — Typically, little public attention is paid to city budgets until the final hour before approval. But long before the budget is adopted in May, city officials begin planning where the tax dollars will be spent. In fact, that planning began this month. Department heads are preparing their budgets this month to be submitted to City Manager J. Michael Dorman by February 24. Dorman will spend the first couple of weeks in March discussing these budgets with department heads before he prepares his 1984-85 city budget proposal to submit to the city council.

City council review of the city manager's proposal is a long and tedious process, scheduled to begin this year at an April 16 meeting. "I expect it's going to be a tough budget," Dorman told the council last week, noting that he has scheduled extra study sessions this year. The new format in the water department and impending settlement of union contracts are both likely subjects for lengthy discussion, he noted.

Budgets for the mayor and council, planning commission, assessor, attorney, library and boards and commissions are scheduled for discussion at the April 16 meeting. City administration, the city clerk/treasurer, general government, building and parks and recreation are slated for a second session April 30.

The police, fire and public works departments will be discussed May 3, and the major and local road budgets on May 7. A May 10 study session agenda includes the water fund, water debt, sewer fund and sewer debt.

Employee robbed in Big Boy parking lot

Novi

An employee of Big Boy Restaurant was robbed in the parking lot on January 3, police reported.

The complainant told police he was grabbed from behind by one of the suspects while taking out the trash. The second man then struck him on the left side of his head and the upper part of his right leg, scratching his thigh and ripping his pants. The men then took his wallet.

The two assailants drove off in a brown, four-door car. One suspect was described as a white male, 25-26 years old. The second man was described as a white male, 25-26 years old, approximately six-foot tall with dark hair and a long scar on the right side of his face.

Police later found the wallet in a snow bank. Nothing had been taken.

A woman was arrested January 7 for allegedly attempting to steal \$187 worth of clothes from Hudson's. According to reports, security personnel observed the woman take three suits into a fitting room along with a purse and an empty Hudson's bag. When she left the room, she was carrying two suits and the Hudson's bag was full.

The woman then went to another department and attempted to redeem the suit in the bag for credit, police said. She was taken into custody when she admitted to security officers that she had taken the suit from another department, reports indicated.

Approximately \$600 worth of hockey equipment was stolen from a 1981 automobile parked in the driveway of a home in the 4000 block of Mooreside.

Area Blotters

The owner said the theft occurred between 9:30 and 10 p.m. Stolen were a pair of \$175 hockey skates, two pairs of \$150 hockey gloves, a \$130 set of hockey pads and two \$40 jerseys as well as a \$25 helmet, \$25 duffel bag, \$35 pair of hockey pants, \$25 worth of underwear and \$12 worth of hockey socks.

A \$411 Gemeinhardt flute was stolen from a locker at Novi Middle School South on January 18. The theft was not reported until February 6 because the owner hoped the flute would be returned, according to reports.

Approximately \$350 worth of goods, including two guns and two gold chains, were stolen from a home in the 4000 block of Eleven Mile.

The complainant told police the house was secure when she left in the morning. The theft was discovered by her son when he returned home at 3 p.m. and found the gun case in his room had been opened.

Two shot guns were found in the garage. Upon further investigation the car and theorized that the damage was done by someone walking across it.

An undetermined amount of jewelry was stolen from a home in the 4000 block of Nine Mile. The owner told police the thief apparently entered

Walled Lake

More than \$2,000 in cash and skating equipment were stolen from the fire-damaged West Oakland Rollery last month, police report.

Meanwhile, state police continue the arson investigation begun after the January 12 midnight blaze that caused an estimated \$120,000 in damage to the Pontiac Trail roller arena.

The break-in was discovered last month after a nearby homeowner telephoned police to report hearing several unidentified children talking about getting roller skates out of the roller rink.

Upon investigation, police found a lock on the northeast door missing, although the hasp on the door was not damaged. Police were unable to locate the missing padlock, so owner Kathleen Whipple was contacted to secure the building.

Whipple told police she had been by the roller rink at 1172 North Pontiac Trail earlier that morning and found the building secure. However, after being notified by police that a lock was missing, she returned to check the rink again later that afternoon.

Upon investigating the business that afternoon, Whipple said she found more than \$200 worth of skates missing and \$500 in cash stolen from the coin boxes of five arcade machines.

Whipple said the stolen items included 30 pairs of skates worth \$600, a pair of ice stops worth \$66, one pair of "Snyder Deluxe" roller skates valued at \$400, one pair of boys' "Omego" skates with orange wheels valued at \$225 and a phone mate answering machine worth \$500.

An AM-FM stereo radio was reported stolen from a 1984 Plymouth parked outside the Village Apartments last week. Also stolen was a portable spotlight valued at \$20, according to reports.

Walled Lake

A 23-year-old man was arrested for careless driving last weekend after he carelessly drove on Walled Lake.

At about 2:45 a.m. Friday, February 10, police observed the car spinning in 360-degree turns, jumping snow piles and speeding 30-40 miles per hour across the snowmobile course plowed for Winterfest. The man was stopped and arrested for careless driving after he exited the lake.

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Upon arriving at the Vicary Apartments, 610 Pontiac Trail, police saw a man with a fire extinguisher exiting an upstairs apartment. The man told police his girlfriend's apartment was on fire. He said he was able to reduce the fire with the extinguisher, but couldn't get it out.

An officer tried to enter the upstairs apartment, but could only get halfway up the staircase before being overcome by smoke. Walled Lake firefighters were then called to extinguish the fire. The apartment owner said she was in the living room when she heard his girlfriend's little girl crying in the next room. When he entered the girl's room, some clothes on the floor went to a closet were on fire. The woman and child left the apartment while the man tried to extinguish the blaze.

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Firm paves the 'whey' to healthful eating

Tofu, which is soybean curd, is also distributed by Royal American, said Pearson. Tofu by itself is rather bland, she said, but it absorbs the tastes of other foods. Royal American sells a tofu mousse that, like the other food products, tastes good and is low in calories and cholesterol and rich in protein.

To round out a person's diet, Royal American has Royal Nutrition, a powdered vitamin and mineral supplement. The bakery line of products is an exception in the calorie department. Pearson said the breads and other baked goods are not low in calories but they are free of chemicals and preservatives. "We believe we can treat ourselves now and then," she added.

On top of the nutritional advantages and taste, the foods store well and are convenient to make. "Just add water" is all it takes for all of the food products, said Pearson, with a little yeast needed for the bread.

Pearson added that Royal American employs five food scientists to develop products. In addition, the company listens to its people in the field and often meets requests for new products, she said.

While the health aspect is important to the Royal American foods, Pearson stressed that Royal American is not a "health food" company. "We are not trying to tell them (the customers) we're a health food, we are healthier," she explained.

"What 'Happiness' is the 'whey' wishes is that people can have a healthier life," said Pearson, adding that those concerned with nutrition and cost would be interested in Royal American foods.

"We are what we eat," said Pearson, repeating that often-heard adage. And more people are paying attention to it by reading food labels and watching what they consume, Pearson agreed. Royal American fits into that rekindled awareness of health with its food products, she indicated.

Royal American foods are distributed through a "network marketing" technique, explained Pearson. Each distributor is self-employed, she said, adding that new people are sponsored into the business by those already involved. She stressed that she is honest and up-front with her dealers and she helps them achieve whatever level they want in the company.



Donna Pearson with a display of prepared Royal American foods

Builders predict move to smaller houses

A new kind of house buyer, with a pent demand, will force another shift up smaller houses, many of them in "cluster" developments.

That forecast was put forth by leaders of the Builders Association of Southeastern Michigan (BASM), who cheerfully predict building twice as many units as in 1983 although only half as many as in the peak year of 1978.

"New people demand a different kind of housing," said Paul Robertson Jr. of Robertson Brothers, headquartered in Bloomfield Township. "It's a matter of demographics. We have a new profile couple."

"In 1950 something like 63 percent were traditional 'Leave it to Beaver' families — father working, mother taking care of the kids.

"In 1984 only 16 percent are traditional families. The other 84 percent are different," said Robertson, who is first vice president of BASM. He finds more working couples and fewer children.

"Buyers don't need the four-bedroom, 2 1/2 bath house with a den."

"The five-bedroom house is almost unmarketable," added Dennis Dickstein of Ralph Manuel Associates of Birmingham.

Builders agree that the three-bedroom house will be most in demand and that the two-bedroom unit, once considered unmarketable, will be a sale buy.

A major complaint of past years — tight building restrictions, was voiced more softly this year.

BASM President Richard Roeser said the association would "continue to place increased emphasis on working with state and local legislative bodies to modify the various ordinances and statutes... which are restrictive and unreasonable and result in adding costs which do not make for better housing — only more expensive housing."

But when asked if they had made any progress in the last year, Robertson reported "a dramatic change" in the attitude of local governments. "Our company is in four different municipalities — Beverly Hills, Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills and Livonia Township. They have adopted cluster ordinances which allow higher densities.

"There has been an easing of zoning ordinances for single-family detached dwellings on 80, 90 or 100 foot lots."

Other predictions and observations by BASM officers:

- Most popular price ranges will be "low" (\$60,000 to \$80,000) and high (\$150,000 and up). Prices have been stable in the last year, although some volatility has resulted in increases for that material.
- Many of the older, more skilled building tradesmen stayed in the tri-county region through the recession.
- "We see more personal and direct responsibility on the part of the worker. The general worker today cares," said Robert R. Jones of Robert R. Jones Associates.
- Hot market spots will be Troy, Novi, Avon Township, Bloomfield Township and Sterling Heights in Oakland County; Livonia in Wayne County.
- Nearly 10,000 building permits will be issued in the metropolitan area, double the nearly 5,000 in 1983 and far more than the bottom 1,742 permits in 1982. But they are "a long way from what is normal production," said Roeser, defining normal as the 20,000 units started during 1978.
- Consumer confidence is high. Many young couples have been doubling up with parents and want their own home. Apartment owners have low vacancy rates, a sign that many who have been renting will want to move to a house. The 40,000 "Homerama" show visitors have been visibly enthusiastic.
- Brick will continue to be costly. Buyers will see blends of masonry, wood and other materials.
- Although no numbers were available, Roeser said "a surprising number of builders survived (the four-year recession) — a lot more than any of us anticipated." Added Irvin

Yackness, BASM's general counsel. Builders diversified into small offices, commercial buildings, remodeling and rehabilitation."

The cloud hanging over the building industry, Roeser said, is the high interest rates caused by the nearly \$200 billion federal deficit, which soaks up credit that could otherwise go into housing mortgages.

Roeser predicted that unless Congress and the Reagan administration reduce the deficit, the prime interest rate again could soar to more than 20 percent.

"Unfortunately, during an election year, nobody in political office likes to talk about cutting spending or increasing taxes," Roeser said.

Economists seem split on whether interest rates will rise or fall during 1984, but Roeser said, "Personally, I think we have reached a plateau and that there will be no significant movement either up or down during 1984."

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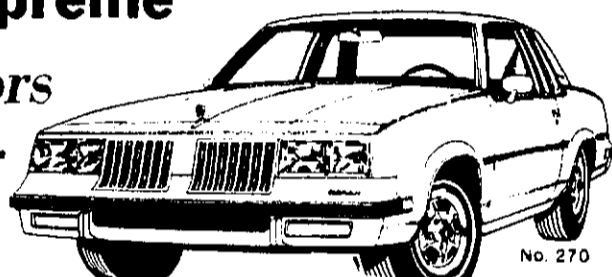
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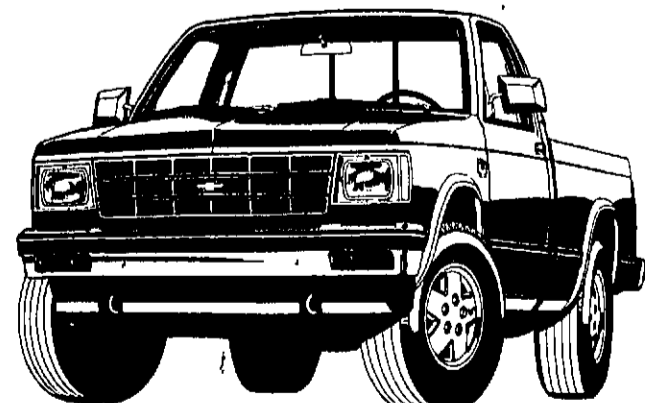
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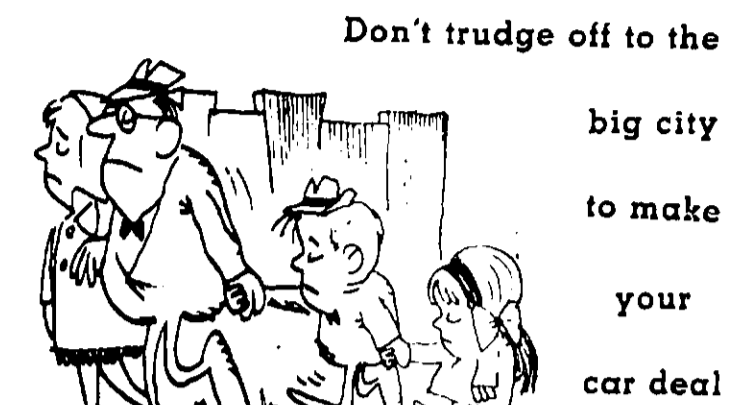
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Ethel Walls

Clown

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Karen Koyle

All Stuck Up

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-Kit Henderson

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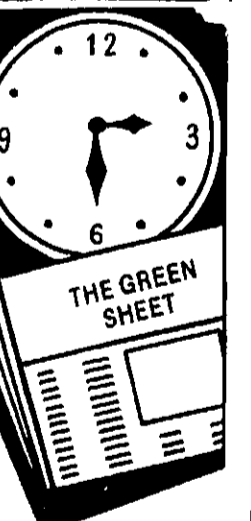
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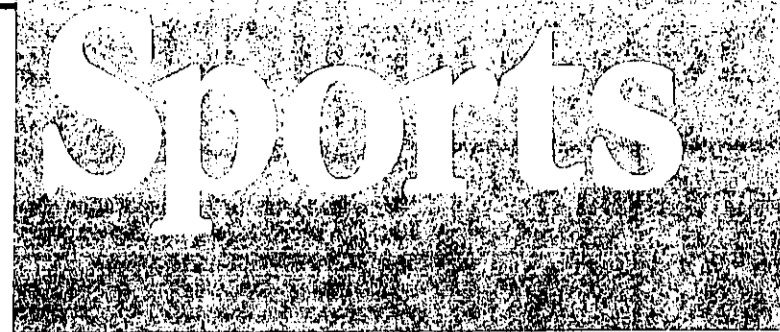
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Warriors take 3rd at WLAA tourney

Bob Rich, Matt Turner and Chris Thompson won championships and three other Warriors finished in the top four as Walled Lake Western finished third in the WLAA Tourney on Saturday. Plymouth Salem successfully defended its WLAA title with 174 points. Plymouth Canton was second with 165 and Western came in third with 149. Western, which won the WLAA Western Division title for the second straight season, completed its dual meet season with a tie against Canton earlier in the week. The Warriors finished the year with an 11-1 overall record and were undefeated in eight WLAA matches. "We thought it would be close and it was," said Western Coach Dick Watson who was pleased with his team's effort. "Any of the top five teams could have won it. I think our kids did a very good job. Rich, Western's premier 132-pounder, pinned his first two opponents and then dished Salem's John Jeannotte 13-4 to win the 132-pound crown. Turner added the 155-pound title by pinning Northville's Ernie Bok at 3:00 in the finals. Turner decided a



Western's Matt Turner wraps up the WLAA's 155-pound title

Novi-Walled Lake News/STEVE FECHT

Maresh wins mat title

For one brief shining moment, Novi was ranked among the state's top 10 Class B wrestling teams. But at the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) wrestling tourney last Saturday, there seemed to be at least one unranked Class B school with a better claim to recognition. Hartland claimed the KVC championship with 132 points, barely edging Howell which was second with 131. Novi placed seventh, wrestling the worst they had all season. The Wildcats, who took Hartland and Howell down to the wire in dual meets earlier this year, scored only 73. "I'd been arguing all season that Hartland should be a state-ranked team and they sure looked like one Saturday," said Novi Coach Tom Fritz. After his squad's disastrous showing in the preliminaries, a frustrated Fritz said he had greatly underestimated the caliber of the other teams. Only Ed Maresh and Tim Ford made it to the finals. And Maresh was the only Wildcat to claim a KVC championship. Novi's outstanding 150-pounder dished Tim Holden of Pinckney 7-6 in

the finals to give Novi its only individual title. Ford appeared to be rolling to an easy 132-pound title with a 43-second pin over South Lyon's Paul Herman and a 17-1 major decision over Jim Vaughn of Milford. But in the finals he was pinned by Lakeland's Brian Sanderson. Only one other Novi wrestler placed as high as third—that was 185-pounder Steve McBride, who lost a controversial 7-6 decision to Hartland's Chuck Prain in the semi-finals. McBride came back to decision Howell's Chris Bennett 6-0 and then pinned Lakeland's Leno Gerionetta in 5:33 to finish third. There were no other silver linings. Even such reliable hands as Eric Schuster, Brent Canup, Charlie Brown and Mike Paquette fell short. Novi travels to the Class B District Tourney at Linden (just west of Fenton) this Saturday. "It's one of the toughest districts in the state," Fritz observed, noting the presence of such formidable rivals as Fenton and Hartland. "But it's a good chance to redeem ourselves and prove that our 10th ranking wasn't a fluke; right now it appears we owe the state an apology."



Novi's Ed Maresh won the KVC title at 198

Viking swimmers roll to impressive victory

Hallelujah! It took the Walled Lake Central swim team four years and seven meets to win a meet, but what a victory it was. The Vikings won every event in pasting Clarensville 124-40. This is the first time in five years Central has had a swim program. After being on the short end of lop-sided scores all season, Coach Bill McCord was duly pleased with his team's effort. "It was real nice," said McCord. "Our kids really rose to the occasion. Whenever there was a close finish, we came through." Greg Sundberg and Bob Cain took part in three winning efforts, while Tom Guirlinger, John Newmyer and John Hart got the Vikings going with a victory in the 200 medley relay (1:59.0). Doug Strange, Bill Arnold, John Ross and Ken Sundman took second. Brian Sinta and Reade Smith gave Central a one-two finish in the 200 freestyle, and Newmyer with a tremendous effort at the finish line won the 200 individual medley (2:34.8). Sundberg, Sundman and Hart swept the top three spots in the 50 freestyle, and Newmyer with a tremendous effort at the finish line won the 100 freestyle and Cain and Newmyer finished one-two in the 100 outliner. Sundberg, Sinta and Hart swept all three places in the 100 freestyle, Lane Sen and Smith finished one-two in the 500 freestyle and Cain won the 100 backstroke (1:10.2). Guirlinger and Arnold added yet another one-two finish in the 100 breast stroke.

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Warrior five wins two, clinches winning season

By KEN VOYLES
news sports writer

Even if they lose their last game to Plymouth Canton this Friday, Walled Lake Western's basketball team has done something no other Warrior cage team has done before — finish the regular season with a winning record. The Warriors knocked off Farmington (38-53) and Farmington Harrison (79-77) last week to up their record to 9-7 overall. Western is 7-5 in the Western Lakes Activities Association and 6-1 in the WLLA Western division.

Wildcats lose to Milford five

Novi's Wildcats stumbled further down the Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) standings Friday, suffering a 40-33 loss to Milford — their fifth defeat in the last six games. Again a poor shooting performance proved to be the Wildcats' downfall. "It's frustrating," admitted Coach Ron Flutur. "I'm not sure what more we can do."

Novi hit only 28.9 percent from the floor for the game. In the first quarter, Novi did not score a single basket despite 12 tries. At the half, the score was a junior-highish 14-11. Milford — the Redskins weren't exactly on the warpath, either. "Milford didn't shoot much better than we did — I'd say both offenses were pretty ineffective," Flutur noted.

The Wildcats took a beating in both turnovers and charity stripe points. Novi hit only seven of 15 from the line and committed 25 turnovers. If that latter count sounds bad, consider that for the season Novi is averaging 25.5 turnovers per game.

Still, solid defense and rebounding kept the Wildcats alive until late in the game. Trailing 28-21 after three quarters, Novi scored six unanswered points to pull within one with 5:45 remaining.

It was nearly five minutes before another Wildcat basket. "They were putting more pressure on our guards, and it seemed to work," Flutur noted. "I can't fault our big people. Dave Fisher, Steve James and, off the bench, Ken McKay, played well, but outside of that..."

Fisher led the Wildcats with 12 points, hitting six of 10 from the floor. The 6-4 senior also grabbed eight rebounds. James scored 10 points and pulled down 12 rebounds. And McKay managed six points (3-for-3 shooting), four rebounds and a steal during his brief time on the court.

Can the Wildcats recover some pride during the home stretch of the season against their three league rivals remaining on their schedule? Flutur is uncertain.

"The key is going to be our attitude," he said. "We can either give up or fire up and go after Hartland, South Lyon and Howell. We should be able to win three games."

The Wildcats (3-7 KVC, 9-9 overall) travel to Hartland Friday for a rematch of a contest the Eagles won 57-45 on Novi's homecourt. Next Tuesday, they travel to powerful Oak Park (14-2), a team that scored 120 points against Taylor Center last week.

Warriors split net decisions

Walled Lake Western spikers split a pair of Western Lakes Activities Association (WLLA) matches last week, beating Farmington and losing to Livonia Churchill.

Western knocked off Farmington in three games, 15-5, 10-15 and 15-11, on Tuesday, then fell to Churchill, 15-6, 15-12, on Thursday. The Warriors are now 6-7 on the season and 4-6 in the WLLA.

"The Churchill match was bad news," said Western Coach Fritz Tallian. "We had our worst passing game of the season."

"We just left our passes at home," he added. "Churchill didn't really have much of an offense. We just couldn't pick up any of their serves."

Farm Roselle contributed five spikes to the losing effort, while Beth VanPutten collected six service points including three aces.

Western came from behind to beat Farmington. After splitting the first two games, the Warriors trailed 11-3 in the final game before coming to life behind Kris VanPutten.

"Kris was our big star of the night," said Tallian. "She's been playing well up to her capabilities lately." VanPutten notched 17 service points and five spikes. Pam Roselle added five spikes, while Wendy Spencer contributed 15 assists. Kris VanPutten scored four service aces and Lori McDovern continued her strong backcourt play with eight pass assists during the three-game set.

Western hosts WLLA foe Farmington Harrison tomorrow (Thursday) at 7 p.m., then moves on to the Schoorcraft College Invitational on Saturday.

Viking spikers up win streak

Walled Lake Central's volleyball team increased its win streak to six straight by whipping Livonia Bentley 15-12, 15-7.

"It was a really good team night," said Coach Mike Lindstrom. "Everyone played and everyone played well."

Going into the match, Central and Bentley both sported 6-2 records in the Western Lakes Activities Association.

"Our blocking is really improving," Lindstrom said. "We made a number of serving mistakes all night, including the second game, and we still dominated."

According to Lindstrom, Patty Fitzgerald had her best night of the season, as she spiked and blocked well. June Towns also did an excellent job of hitting the ball, and Almee Frye and Shuana Anderson both played good all-around games.

The win upped the Vikings' record to 9-3 for the season. The squad's win streak began against Farmington Harrison, and includes wins over Plymouth Salem (15-12, 16-14), Lakeland (15-10, 15-5), Milford (15-4, 15-1) and Walled Lake Western (15-13, 14-16, 15-8).

team has," said first-year Coach Walt Boehm. "We don't plan on stopping at that. I want to beat Canton so badly I can taste it. That game's going to be a war of the worlds."

Western travels to Canton for its final game before WLLA playoffs begin February 24. Game time is 7:30 p.m. regular season with a winning record.

Boehm called Friday's 58-53 win over Farmington "a true team victory. We controlled the game and did everything we wanted to do and did it right."

Western controlled the tempo from the start. "We slowed things down just to prove that we could play that kind of game," said Boehm. "I used all 15 players and they proved we can play control basketball."

Seniors Rob Wendland and Kyle Chura sparked the victory. Wendland tossed in 19 points and grabbed 10 rebounds, while Chura had 10 points. Mike Cullen picked up seven points and led Western in rebounding with 12. He also blocked seven Farmington shots.

Bill Robertson added nine points and Mike Bulgarelli tossed in five. Western led 29-12 at the quarter and

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Harrison launched a desperation shot with two seconds left, but it went awry and Cullen grabbed the rebound. "It was a good game even if we played terrible defense," Boehm said. "We had the lead and kept it until the end when we fouled. We squandered leads all night, but still won."

After playing to a 71-71 tie during regulation, Western outscored Harrison 8-6 in overtime to nail down the win. Western led 18-16 after the first quarter, but trailed 35-22 at the half. The Warriors regained a 54-52 lead after three quarters and the two teams then raced to a dead heat in the final

36-28 at the half. The Warriors maintained their eight-point lead through the third quarter to take a 42-24 edge into the final period and then held on to clinch the 58-53 victory.

The Warriors went into overtime before pulling out a 79-77 triumph over Harrison. Chura, who finished with 30 points, sank a pair of free throws with

13 seconds left in overtime to secure the victory.

Boehm used 13 players against Harrison with nine of them hitting the scoring column. In addition to Chura's 30 points, Dan Gabriele had 12 and Wendland had 10. Troy Nicholas and Bulgarelli contributed seven apiece.

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Wildcat swimmers suffer two losses

Livonia Franklin and Brighton proved to be too much for the up-and-coming Novi swim team last week. Franklin defeated the Wildcats 99-77 Tuesday and Brighton claimed a 101-76 triumph Thursday.

"We swam well against both teams," said Novi Coach Larry Teahan. "Franklin and Brighton have very good programs, but we emphasized pride and we have been improving."

Until the last two events against Franklin, it looked like a neck-and-neck battle. Going into the 100 breast stroke, Franklin clung to a 7-48 lead. But the Patriots posted a 1-2-3 finish in the 100 breast to seal the win.

Jeff Cohen and Eric and Rich Sarlund registered Novi's only firsts. Cohen led a 1-2 Wildcat finish in the 200 individual medley in 2:20.9 with freshman Dan Hoops second in 2:27.2 — four seconds faster than his previous best. Eric Sarlund's winning 500 freestyle time of 5:45.7 tied his previous best, and Rich Sarlund's set a school record of 1:44.3 in

winning the 100 backstroke. Adding seconds were Mark Garascia in both the 50 free (24.8) and 100 butterfly (1:03.8) and Sean Rafferty in the diving (157.5).

Dave Viers finished third in diving, Dave Hurley was third in the 100 fly (1:04.8) and Cohen was third in the 100 back.

Novi also did well in the medley relay as Rich Sarlund, DePolo, Cohen and Plumley finished first (1:36.2). The Wildcats were limited to four firsts in the loss to Brighton. Cohen, Hoops, Mark Garascia and Plumley won the medley relay (1:55.0), Cohen won the individual medley (2:19.2), Garascia prevailed in the 100 free (54.2) and Hoops touched the wall first in the 100 breast (1:11.5).

Plumley, Nelson, Cohen and Mark Garascia turned in a school-record 3:43.4 in the 400 freestyle relay that was just 0.4 seconds behind Brighton. Wildcats (9-6) will take on Northville next Tuesday at 7 p.m.



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Central's Greg Davies won the slalom race

Viking downhillers win divisional title

"It was just one of those things where we blew the other teams away."

That's how Coach Mary Neighbors described his boys' ski team's convincing first-place finish in the divisional slalom Thursday. Going into the race, Central was tied for first place with Lakeland in the boys' standings. By winning the divisional race, the Vikings claimed the divisional championship.

Central skiers placed first in both the slalom and giant slalom. Greg Davies won the slalom with Brian Beaver sixth, Wayne Edson 10th and John Stakoe 12th.

In the giant slalom, Scott Adams breezed to a first-place finish. Beaver took third with Davies sixth and Edson 12th.

"The girls' team didn't fare as well at the divisional race, finishing fourth. The girls seemed to make all the mistakes," stated Neighbors. "The only really bright spot was Sherry Strohs."

Strohs was the only Viking to finish in the top 20, taking fourth in the slalom and fifth in the giant slalom.

The Vikings closed out the regular season with the boys shutting out Birmingham Brother Rice 10-21, while the girls fell to Marion 17-21.

Adams, Davies, Edson and Beaver finished first through fourth to give the boys' squad a first record of 8-1.

For the girls, Allison Lundquist finished first, while Kelly Fish took third. But the Vikings' next finisher was Andrea Gayton in eighth followed by Missy Malorano in ninth. The girls finished the season with a 4-4 record.

The Vikings will participate in the regional slalom on Thursday at Mount Brighton the qualifying meet for the state finals.

"This is the one that really counts," Neighbors said of the regional meet. "That's the one I hope we peak for." The top two teams from each regional really bright spot was Sherry Strohs.

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The Walled Lake Jaycees and Jayettes are looking for new members and will hold an open house tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. at the Richardson Community to explain the advantages of membership.

Men and women 18-35 years old are invited to attend. Purpose of the organizations is leadership training through community service. Jaycee President David Roddy notes that many of the country's top leaders are former Jaycees.

The groups also provide a valuable social function, enabling couples and individuals to meet others of similar ages and interests. For more information about the Jaycees or Jayettes call 624-0606 or 669-1334.

WALLED LAKE LIBRARY: Three programs in honor of Commerce Township's Sesquicentennial will be held at the library this Saturday. Pam Austin Wozniak will

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demonstrate quilting from 10 a.m. to noon; Dave Mollanen will demonstrate straw broom-making from noon to 2 p.m. and Gloria Bellair will demonstrate wool-spinning and weaving from 2-4 p.m.

All programs are free. The book discussion group will meet at the library next Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. to discuss "The Prodigal Daughter" by Jeffrey Archer. Visitors are invited to attend and bring a brown bag lunch; the library will supply coffee.

For more information call the library at 624-3772.

WIXOM LIBRARY: An informative group of tapes on management is now

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All cassettes are available on a free one-week loan basis. **STAGE I:** Stage I Productions will perform "Love in E-flat" on February 17-18 and 24-28 at the Novi Community Building at 8 p.m. Call 477-3935 or 669-4050 (after 6 p.m.) for tickets or more information.

SESQUICENTENNIAL: The Commerce Township Area Historical Society will hold a special sesquicentennial planning meeting at Stonecrest on Thursday, February 23, at 7:30 p.m. Anyone interested in helping plan sesquicentennial events is invited to attend.

CLASS REUNION: Walled Lake High School's "Class of '58" will hold its 25th class reunion on March 31 at the Regency West. The cost is \$25 per person, \$50 per couple. Money must be sent by February 15 to Bonnie Hauser at 3090 Twinleaf, Union Lake 48065. For more information call 363-6876.

VILLAGE TRIPS: Wolverine Lake Village and Commerce Township are sponsoring three trips for residents over the next four months. A trip to see a Las Vegas-style show starring Miltz Gaynor at the Premier

Center is scheduled for March 15. The cost is \$14.75 per person and the bus leaves at 6:15 p.m. for the 7:30 p.m. show. Reservation deadline is February 17.

A trip to see Johnny Crawford in the musical comedy "I Love My Wife" at the Birmingham Theatre is slated for March 22. The bus leaves at 6:30 p.m. Seats are \$9 apiece; reservation deadline is February 21.

A family trip to Boblo Island is slated for June 23. Pay-one-price tickets are \$7 for 3-9 year olds and \$8 for 10-year-olds to adults. The bus will leave village offices at 9 a.m. Money must be turned in by May 16.

For more information or to make reservations for any of the trips call 624-1710 or 624-4917. All Wolverine and Commerce residents are eligible.

MADD: Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (MADD) will hold an open board meeting Monday, February 27, at

7:30 p.m. at the Community Congregational Church, 27800 Southfield Road in Lathrup Village between Eleven and Twelve Mile.

All persons concerned with getting the drunken driver off the road are invited to attend the informative meeting. Call 559-6434 for more information.

SETTLERS COOKBOOK: Residents are encouraged to submit recipes for a "Settler's Cookbook" to be published in conjunction with the Commerce Township sesquicentennial. People interested in submitting a recipe should include their name, address and phone number as well as any local family history or history relating to the recipe.

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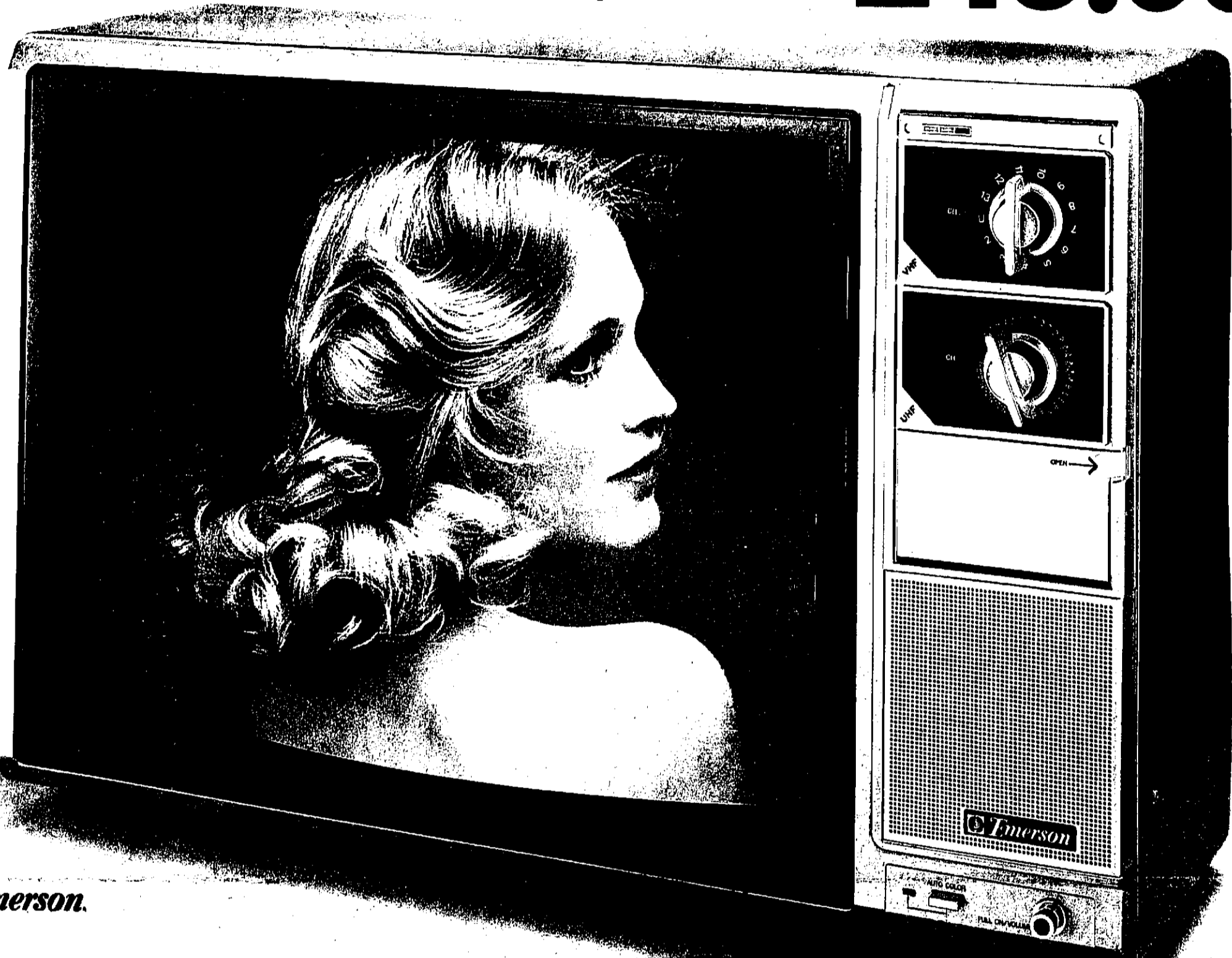
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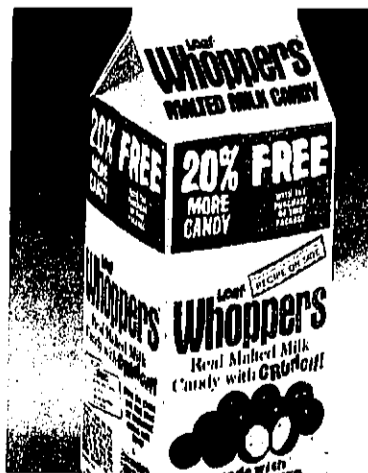
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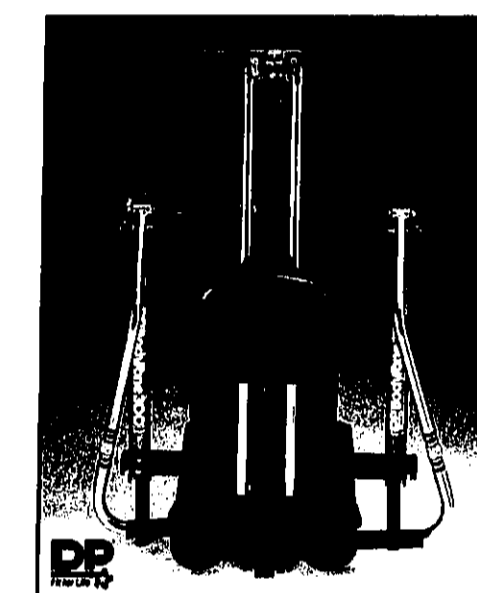
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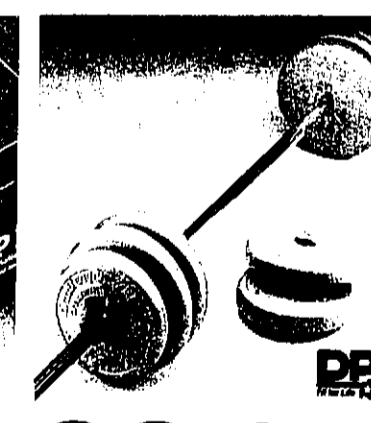
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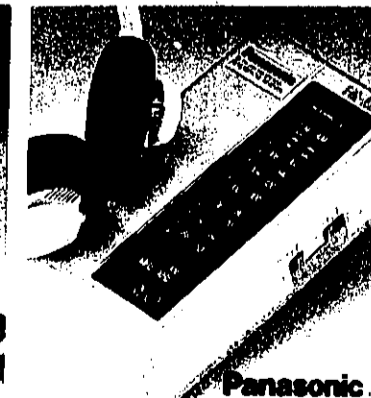
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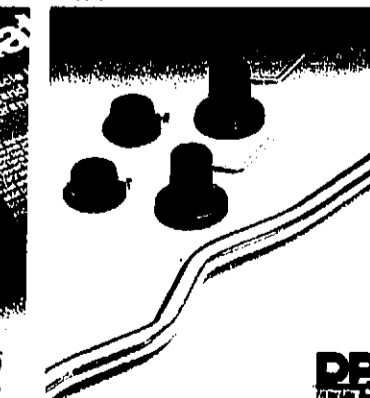
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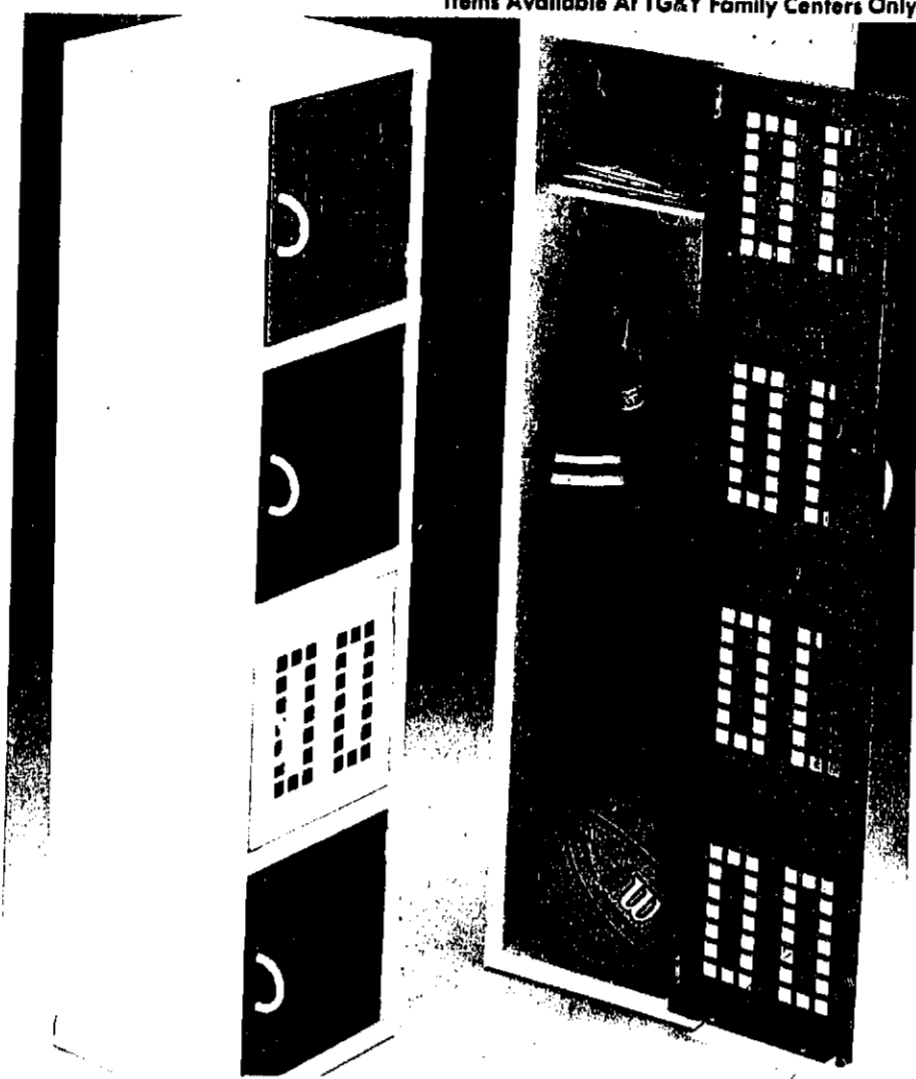
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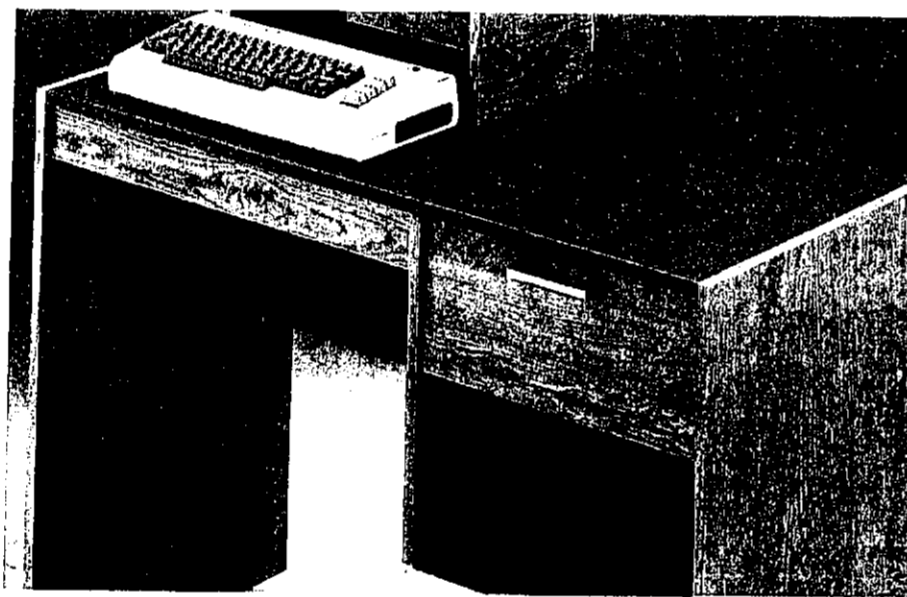
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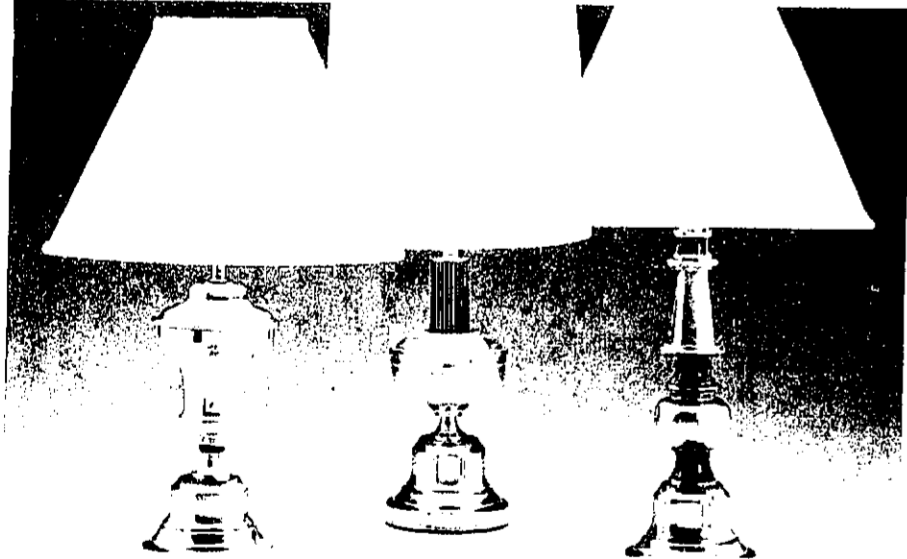


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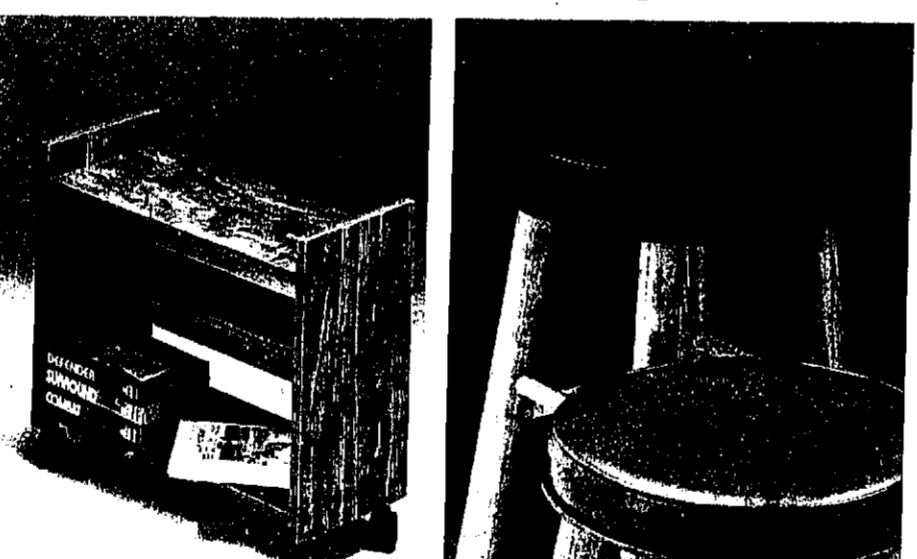
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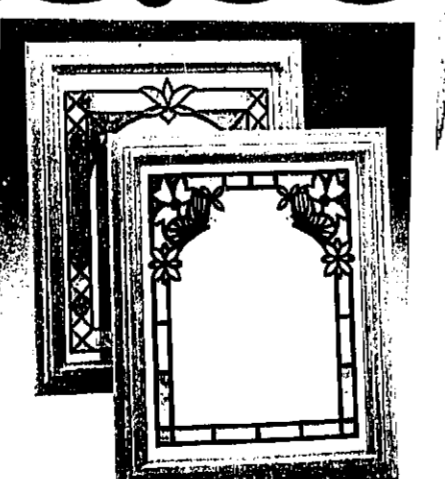
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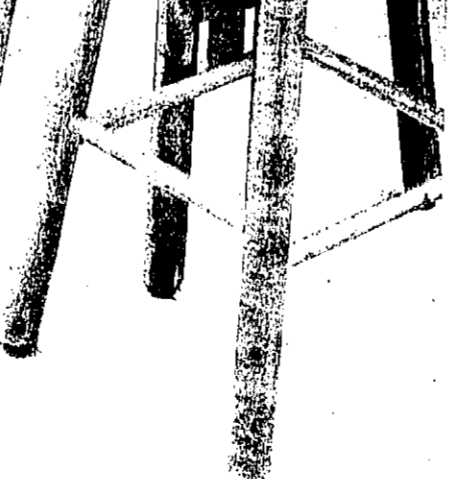
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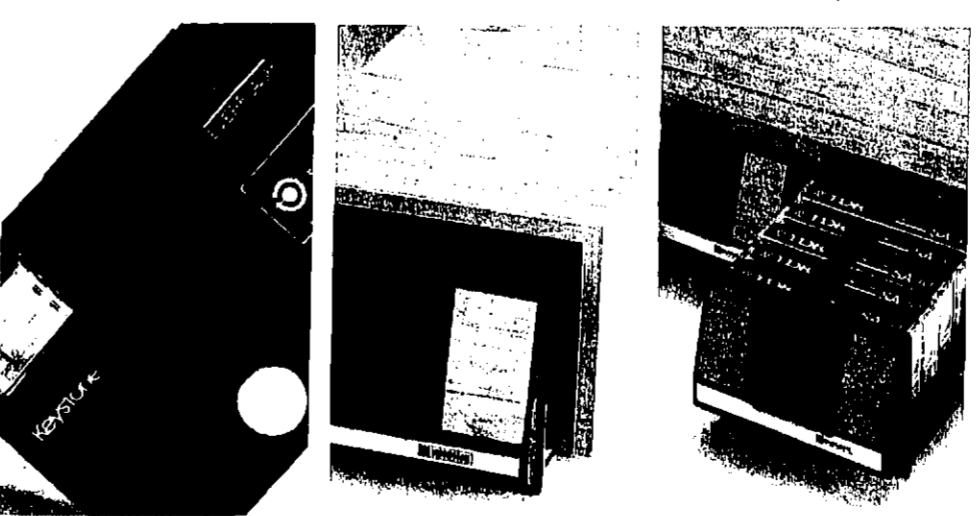
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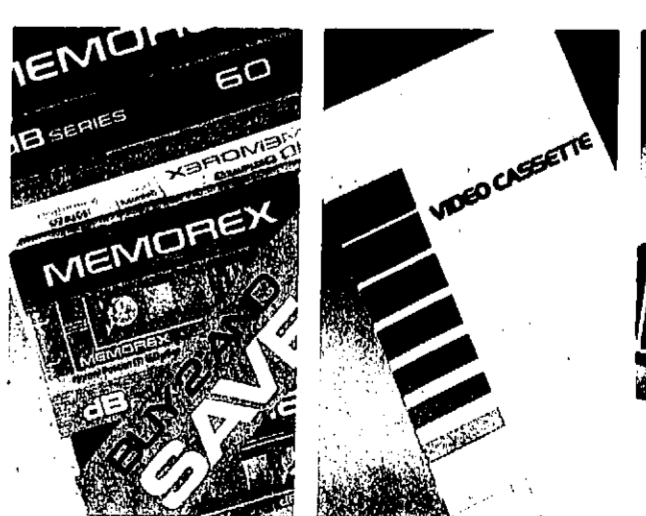
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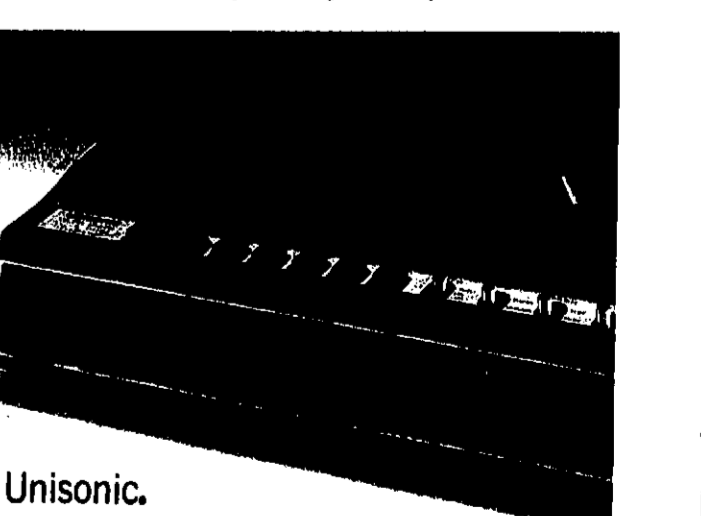
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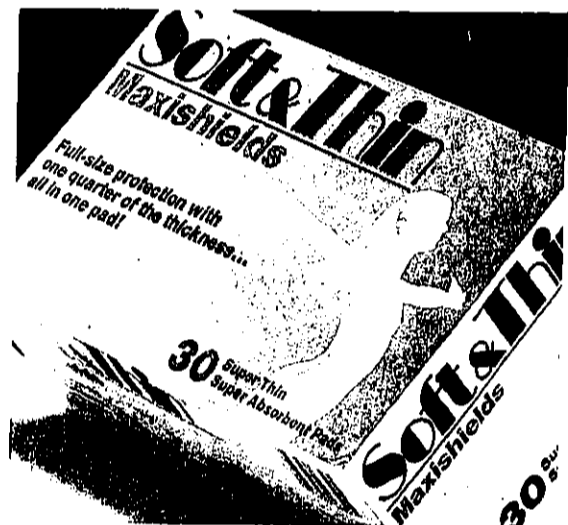
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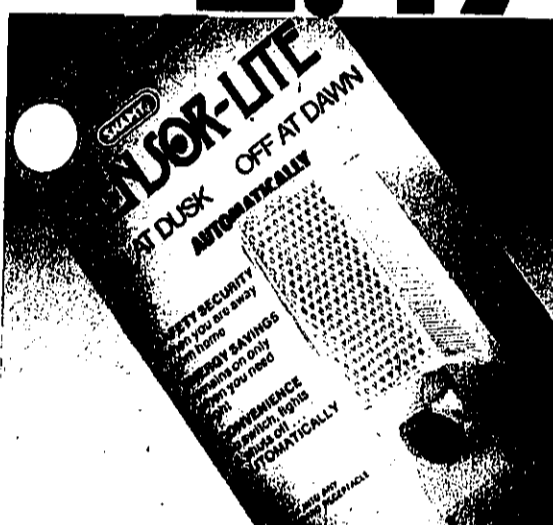
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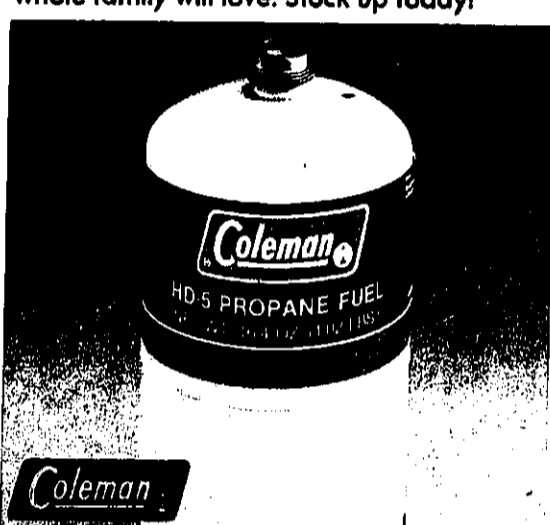
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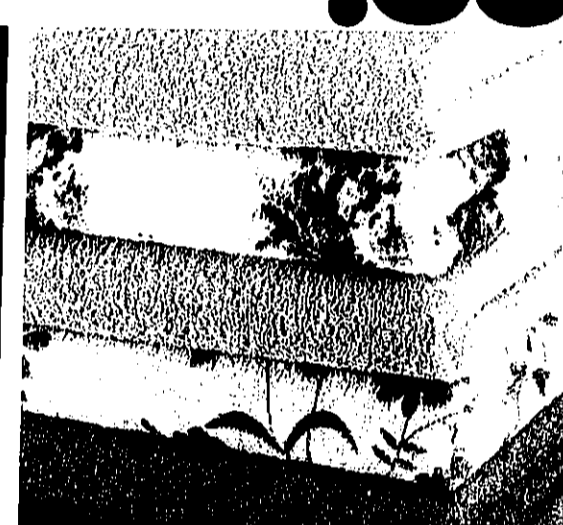
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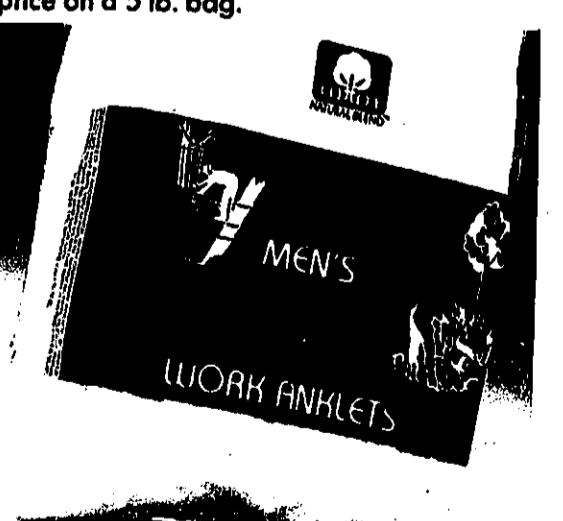
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