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## Kriewall sees issues coming into 'focus'

By KATHY JENNINGS  
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NOVI — The year ahead will be one in which issues that previously have been indistinct will "come into focus," according to City Manager Edward Kriewall.

"Several issues that were moving in 1984 will come together as realities or definite plans," Kriewall predicts. "The Town Center should focus in 1985, as will the Community Center/City Hall, the lakeshore property, the convention center and sewer capacity. There also will be a focus on new directions in planning."

Kriewall says the city currently is analyzing the recommendations of Zuchelli, Hunter and Associates (ZHA) — the consultants hired to plan the Town Center. The analysis will show the present developer's ability to "architecturally and aesthetically integrate his plan with the ZHA concept," Kriewall says. Simultaneously, ZHA is analyzing the developer's ability to have a viable project and also provide amenities, open space, pedestrian orientation and upgrade architecture there.

"Based on the time limits of the developer's option (to buy the school property on Novi Road), the project will focus one way or the other," Kriewall says. "We will learn whether we have a 'go project' with the present developer. Or we'll agree to disagree. They'll walk away from their option and we'll start again. This will come into focus in 1985 one way or the other."

In the coming year, the civic center committee will present the informa-

tion it gathered in 1984, Kriewall says. "The past year has been one of information gathering and analysis for the citizens' committee, as they posture themselves for a 1985 bond issue campaign," he says.

"Regardless of the recent debate on the location of city hall, the project will have to focus early in the year so plans can proceed at the committee level and the program has enough lead time to develop specific plans," Kriewall says.

Another on-going project is the development of 12.5 acres of city-owned property on Walled Lake. The lakeshore project is "one of the most exciting projects we have going in the community and the citizens' committee has spent 1984 working with the Oakland County planners and citizens in the area to formulate plans for the property that are workable and will benefit the entire community," Kriewall says.

He notes that the Oakland County Planning Department formulated a number of design schemes that will be shown to private sector developers to demonstrate what the city wants built there. The groundwork for development in the area was laid in 1984 with the establishment of definite traffic plans and road alignments. The city also received jurisdiction of East Lake Drive. Further plans were made to design and build South Lake Drive in 1985.

"By the spring of the coming year the citizens' committee should be focused on a development plan that can be released to the private sector for bidding," Kriewall says.

Kriewall predicted the committee

will recommend development and finalization of a public/private partnership by mid-1985 which in turn could signal that development of the lakeshore site will be under construction by 1986.

"We plan to relocate the roads in 1985 and everything else has been orchestrated to move this project forward," Kriewall says.

The future of the commercial development west of Twelve Oaks Mall, known as Section 15 is still cloudy, but should become more clear in the coming year, according to Kriewall. He calls Section 15 — and the proposed convention center — "probably the most complex project the city has on the drawing board."

There are three elements of the project, all of which must be accomplished for the project to proceed. Litigation contesting the special assessment district must be resolved if the city is to have a way to finance construction of streets, water mains and sewers in Section 15. The interior street system must be built if the city is to construct a ramp that will alleviate traffic problems into Section 15 and on Novi Road. The ramp must be built if a convention center is to be constructed. But the litigation most likely will not be settled unless property is purchased to build a convention center, Kriewall contends.

"If this resembles a domino theory, that's exactly what it is," he says.

He goes on to explain a special assessment district was formed to give the city the ability to provide

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## Snow removal

Sometimes it's difficult to keep up. That's what Skipper Becker, 6, found out last Wednesday when he decided to try out the bright red snow shovel he received under the Christmas tree on Christmas morning. The snow continued to fall as quickly as he removed it. If he had just waited a couple of days, Mother Nature would have done the job for him.

## Unsafe house may be closed

NOVI — The city has authorized its legal counsel to seek condemnation of two homes in the Lake Area. One of the homes is rat-infested, while the second is structurally unsound, according to city officials.

The city council recently authorized City Attorney David Fried to proceed to circuit court to seek permission to demolish the houses at 128 Henning and 1533 East Lake Drive.

The council took action after a city ordinance enforcement officer reported unsafe conditions at the two homes.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer Terrence Morrone reported the house at 128 Henning violated state construction codes because it needed structural repairs.

The owner was ordered to repair decayed portions of the house, remove defective equipment, remove "filth and contamination" and board the structure. Morrone further advised the owner to rid the home of rats.

The owner of the home at 1533 East Lake Drive was advised that the vacant house was unsound and told of 20 steps to take to bring the house into compliance.

Morrone said action was taken against the owners of the homes after residents complained of the unsound nature of the two houses. Morrone also said he was aware of problems with the houses and had been "keeping an eye on them" before the complaints came in.

City officials moved to take action against the owner of 128 Henning when tenants moved from the residence.

"I walked in and saw a rat and that was enough for me," Morrone said. He added that he found garbage inside the house, as well as unsafe conditions.

Morrone said it was the first time he has seen rats when inspecting a home in Novi.

Morrone warned residents in the immediate area to keep their garbage in tight cans. He said that garbage left in easily opened bags attracts rats, so it should be kept in tight containers. Without food, rats will "eventually disappear," he said.

The city took action against the owner of 1533 East Lake Drive after a lengthy title search. After determining that the title was clouded, notification was sent to all interested parties.

The city is taking the two matters to circuit court where it will seek permission to demolish the two homes. Should the city prevail, it will seek bids for demolition and have the houses removed.

## Candidates interviewed for plan director's post

NOVI — The city's search for an on-staff planning coordinator has been narrowed to four finalists from a field of 30 applicants. At the same time, the city is continuing to conduct background checks on two prospective planning consultants.

A recommendation regarding the appointment of a new planning coordinator could come the first week in January, according to City Manager Edward Kriewall.

Kriewall added that he has been pleased with the caliber of applicants attracted by the city.

"All the finalists have done this kind of job," Kriewall said. "They have had a combination of community development and planning coordination responsibilities. We were

surprised at the number of good applicants who fit us to a 'T.'"

Most of the applicants in the running for the post have Masters degrees in planning and two to five years' work experience, Kriewall said.

The city is seeking a replacement for Planning Coordinator Janice Rom, whose resignation becomes effective January 4. After serving as planning coordinator just four months, Rom has accepted a position with Manufacturers Hanover in Maitland, Florida. She cited "personal" reasons in her resignation.

With the announcement of Rom's resignation, the city began an immediate search for a replacement.

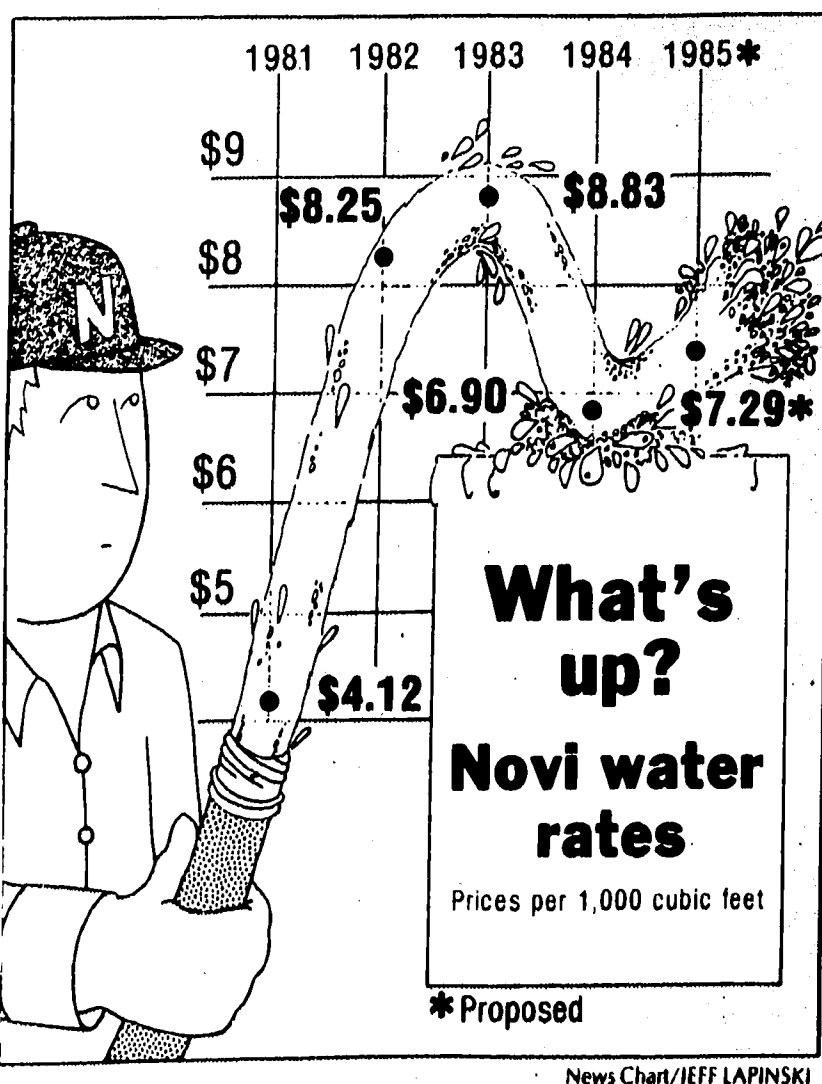
At the same time the city is seeking a new planning consultant. City council and planning board members

recently interviewed six prospective planners and narrowed the field to two finalists. The city's current planning consultant, Vilcan-Leman Associates, was eliminated from further consideration during the interview process.

Kriewall said he currently is running reference checks on the two finalists — Brandon Rogers & Associates and Wzacy & McKenna.

The city manager and selected city officials also will attend planning board meetings in communities where the two firms serve as consultants to determine how they operate under those circumstances.

Kriewall said he expects to prepare a recommendation regarding which of the two firms should be hired by mid-January.



## Water rates rising due to dry season

NOVI — Water rates are expected to increase approximately 5.5 percent in July, according to figures just released by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department.

The proposed 5.5 percent increase comes after a 22 percent decrease in water rates during 1984. Engineering Consultant Michael Kalinowski reported that water rates could go from \$6.90 to approximately \$7.29 per thousand cubic feet.

The increase in water rates is directly attributable to the dry summer the area experienced, Kalinowski said. Increased use of water, especially for lawn sprinkling, resulted in higher water rates.

Kalinowski also noted, however, that it appears a voluntary water conservation program initiated by the city last year kept rates from rising even higher. "It's hard to tell exactly how successful it was, but without the program the rates probably would have been higher," he said.

Residents were asked to voluntarily lower maximum day and peak hour flow rates by controlling summer lawn sprinkling. Water

customers with even-numbered addresses were asked to sprinkle on even-numbered days, and homes with odd-numbered addresses sprinkled on odd-numbered days. Those with automatic sprinklers were asked to set them for sprinkling between midnight and 6 a.m.

Residents successfully curbed water use during what is called the "peak water-use periods" and city officials attribute the relatively low rate hike to that fact.

The amount of water used during the "peak" period is the "peaking factor" and becomes part of the formula used to set water rates for the coming year. To determine a community's "peaking factor" Detroit measures the amount of water being used during the peak hour and peak day. When Detroit's water system hits its peak hour and day, the flow recorded for a community at that time becomes the factor used in the rate formula.

Kalinowski said he reviewed the numbers provided by Detroit and found them generally to be accurate.

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## Novi residents invited to celebrate Epiphany

NOVI — It's time to ring out the holiday season, and Holy Cross Episcopal Church invites all Novi residents to do just that.

The church will celebrate Epiphany this Sunday, January 6, at 7:30 p.m. Epiphany marks the visitation of the Wise Men to the Baby Jesus. Epiphany is celebrated by the burning of Christmas trees, an ancient tradition that formally marks the end of the Christmas season. The fire from the burning trees symbolizes the Light of Christ to the world.

Residents are invited to bring their trees to be burned and share in the celebration. Coffee, hot chocolate and cookies will be served in the church at 46200 West Ten Mile following the ceremony.

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# Car vandalized after dispute over parking space

**Novi** Extensive damage was done to a 1984 Buick owned by a Novi woman, apparently as a result of a dispute over a parking space at Twelve Oaks Mall during the Christmas rush on December 15.

## Area Blotters

The woman told police she pulled into a parking space that had just been vacated ahead of another car that was traveling down the parking lane in the wrong direction.

No words were exchanged with the driver of the other car, although the woman told police the man was furious. When she returned to her vehicle approximately four hours later at 9:45 p.m. she found a note on her windshield that said, "Look, slut, get a palm job for cutting into a place I was waiting for."

The woman said she then noticed that deep scratches had been made across the entire outside of the vehicle, including the hood, the trunk and both the driver's and passenger's side panels.

An estimated \$2,000 worth of merchandise was stolen from two automobiles while they were parked outside the Novi Bowl on Novi Road on December 19. The thefts occurred between 6:30 and 9:48 p.m.

Police were summoned to the scene by the owner of the bowling alley who reported that unknown individuals threw a large rock through the window of a 1984 Cadillac and a 1984 Chevrolet and proceeded to remove items from both cars.

Stolen from the Cadillac owned by a Farmington Hills man were a Panasonic VHS camera valued at \$300 and a portable disk recorder valued at \$600 as well as a battery pack, radar detector and \$70 in cash.

A radar detector valued at \$245 was stolen from the Chevrolet owned by a Wixom resident.

A 15-year-old Novi youth reported the theft of his Columbia, 20-inch boys' bicycle from the parking lot at the 7-11 store on Meadowbrook Road on December 21.

The youth told police he left the bike in the parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and entered the store to play a video game. He discovered the bicycle missing when he exited the store approximately 30 minutes later.

The complainant told police that vandals threw eggs at his house and two cars sometime between 11 p.m. on December 21 and 8 a.m. the following day.

The man said the eggs could be cleaned off the siding of the home but that both cars would need complete paint jobs. Damaged were a 1981 Pontiac and a 1979 Chevrolet. Police estimated it would cost \$1,000 apiece to repair the damage to the cars.

A 1973 Chrysler New Yorker was reported stolen by a Timberlane Court resident.

The man said the car was stolen from

the drive outside the residence sometime during the night of December 21-22. Police reported finding no physical evidence at the scene.

A 20-foot cabin cruiser valued at \$6,000 was stolen from a residence in the 4800 block of Rushwood sometime between December 19-22. Also stolen were the trailer on which the boat was kept and a snowmobile.

The man told police the home had been occupied throughout the time during which the theft occurred, but no unusual activity had been noticed. Investigating officers found impressions in the grass which they said indicated the thieves had pulled the trailer from behind the residence and down the driveway.

In addition to the \$6,000 boat, the trailer was valued at \$300 and the snowmobile was valued at \$1,000.

A 1978 Mercury Bobcat owned by a Farmington Hills woman was stolen from the parking lot of the West Oaks Shopping center on December 21.

The woman told police she parked the car outside the K mart store at 6 p.m. and discovered it missing when she returned an hour later.

# City manager predicts growth in 1985

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utilities in the area before development and the resultant pressure from development occurs.

"The concept seems only too logical, but looking back it seems land speculators have purchased the property. It's usually the developer who bears the cost of the public improvements, and speculators are not willing to pay those costs," he explains.

"Once the key properties are purchased by people who will be the end-developers, then we'll see the litigation end and the improvements built," Kriewall says.

"We're hopeful the convention center issue will focus in early 1985," he adds.

The manner in which the city will deal with its pending inability to provide sewer service to new development is another issue looming in 1985.

"Probably the most unromantic issue for 1985 is the subject of sewers, but it could be the most critical," Kriewall says. "We felt that in 1984 we would see a solution to the sanitary sewer problem. Unfortunately that solution did not materialize."

Kriewall has hope for the project, even though federal funding for sewers is drying up. "Federal funding for sewer sewers is being cut back vigorously by the Reagan administration and 1985 will be the last hurrah for receiving federal funding for this project," Kriewall says.

Kriewall is encouraged by the action taken by the governor's office to assign a person to "pull the project back together." He says: "Everyone seems to be resigned to being cut back vigorously by the Reagan administration and 1985 will be the last hurrah for receiving federal funding for this project."

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New directions in planning the community is one more area Novi will focus on in the coming year.

"In the past year we saw the conclusion of old business and the begin-

ning of a search for new direction," he says. He explains the various forms that search took on. "We started new planning ventures like the Town Center analysis and hiring a special consultant for a particular project. Debate ensued at the planning board and council level regarding the role of the planning board and the perceived role of the city council. In general, it seemed to be a year of debate about the new directions the city should be looking into and pursuing, not the least of which was the whole issue of getting a new planning consultant."

Kriewall sees good things ahead because "economic indicators are very positive now and the metropolitan area seems to be recovering quite well." High technology industries and developments are locating in the area, and Novi seems to be getting its share of the "development cream."

regional sewer will be submitted by October 1985.

"The only thing that keeps some communities in the project is that the federal government will be mandating pollution compliance across the nation by 1985," Kriewall explains. "If a community is not in compliance with the Clean Water Act, they won't be given much sympathy. Communities had better plan to deal with pollution problems."

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# City water rates to jump this summer

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However, Kallnowski also reported finding some discrepancies, which he is still checking out. "We'll have to check their numbers to see whose computations are correct," he said. If Kallnowski's computations prove to be correct, the \$7.29 rate could drop about five cents.

Once the discrepancies are settled, Novi officials will represent the city

at a public hearing before the Detroit Water Board in January. The proposed rates will be recommended to the Detroit City Council for approval. New water rates for residential, commercial and industrial water customers will go into effect July 1.

Meanwhile, Novi still is fighting Detroit's water rate formula in court. The suit contends that Detroit has improperly calculated certain factors in its rate formula, specifically

the distance and elevation factors. Novi started receiving substantial annual water rate increases in 1982 when a state law capping the rate Detroit could charge suburban water customers was repealed. Until that time, Detroit had not been allowed to charge suburban water customers more than twice the rate charged Detroit customers.

Since then water rates have fluctuated. In 1982 they rose 50 percent,

went up another 19 percent in 1983 and then dropped 22 percent last year. This year they are expected to increase 5.5 percent.

Novi has been connected to the Detroit Water System since the mid-60s. The decision to use Detroit water was made because underground water in the area is of poor quality and requires treatment, according to city officials.

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# Novi to investigate whether drainage ponds are liability

NOVI - Residents in the Whispering Meadows and Turtle Creek subdivisions have asked the city if they must obtain liability insurance for detention ponds within their subdivisions now that the city has taken over maintenance of those basins.

Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver told the council the questions regarding liability have arisen since Novi has undertaken its citywide storm drainage program, which involves building and maintaining regional detention basins with city funds.

In response to the inquiries, City Attorney David Fried noted that both the city and the homeowners' associations may be liable depending on the circumstances of the incident. "If we own the property, we have the liability," Fried said.

Klaver pointed out that there are three different situations within the city: city-owned ponds, city-maintained ponds and ponds the city neither owns nor maintains.

Klaver told the council that the city has liability insurance to cover the ponds it owns, but also suggested the city should look at measures that go beyond insurance. Fencing the ponds may be a way of controlling the use of these ponds," Klaver said.

Klaver reported that there is a particular concern about skating on the basins because water flows through them throughout the year. "That means there may be areas where the ice is thin, creating dangerous situations," he said.

"How far do we want to go with this? Should we limit or prohibit the use of these ponds?" Klaver asked.

Fried told the council the policy question at issue is whether the city should pay liability insurance for homeowners' associations and asked if the associations had been promised their liability insurance would be paid by the city through the stormwater management program.

The city attorney also told council the fact that the ponds were built by the city does not in itself create a liability question. It depends on who creates the problem, he said.

Joseph Toth, chairperson of the now-disbanded citizens stormwater management committee, reported that no such promises were made to any homeowners groups, and Fried said associations should provide liability insurance for ponds they own because they could be sued along with the city. "They would be jointly and severally liable," he said.

Toth noted that the committee had looked at several potential liability situations that the city could become involved in through the stormwater program. Situations ranged from introduction of chemicals into the water table to youngsters using the ponds.

"We didn't want to fence the ponds, so we built a slope into the design," Toth said, adding that the ponds were built so they would not be attractive to off-road vehicles. The group discussed the possibility of posting the ponds off limits during the winter, but ultimately decided against it because they did not know if posting signs would affect liability.

City officials asked Fried to investigate the liability question further and determine if warning signs should be posted on the ponds.

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The council went on to support the rezoning request 6-0, Council Member Guy Smith was absent.

# Council approves rezoning of site next to Olde Orchard

NOVI - A controversy from the city's past was laid to rest recently when the city council voted 6-0 to approve the rezoning of a 16-acre parcel adjacent to Olde Orchard condominiums on Ten Mile between Meadowbrook and Hagerty roads.

The property, owned by Charles Lapham, was rezoned from multiple-family classification to office.

About seven years ago, Olde Orchard residents urged the city to rezone the property to an office classification in conjunction with the development of the Providence Hospital annex. Lapham objected, however, and the rezoning never occurred.

Lapham since has decided that the property should be rezoned for development as offices and asked that the zoning classification be changed from

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With schools closed for the holidays and many other agencies shut down or open only during special hours, things were pretty quiet in Novi last week. Except for the ULHSA Center in the Novi Community Building on Novi Road where senior citizens were engaged in a robust game of - what else? - bingo. That's Leona Kroeger (above) calling out the numbers, complete with her stylish chapeau.

# Snowy fun scheduled

NOVI - Get out your calendar of winter activities, the Novi Parks and Recreation Department has changed the date of Winter Fantasy III, its third annual snow sculpture contest.

Due to the lack of snow, the date of the annual event has been rescheduled to Saturday, January 26, at 1 p.m.

Thomas O'Branovic, director of Novi Parks and Recreation, says the snow sculpture contest is a great opportunity for community service groups, school classes, homeowners' associations and other interested groups or individuals to have fun in the snow.

Registrations from both groups and individuals will be accepted by calling the Parks and Recreation Department at 349-1976. There is no charge for participation.

Entrants will construct their sculptures at Lakeshore Park.

# Cops seek chain thief

NOVI - Police are looking for a white male suspect in conjunction with the theft of a gold chain valued at \$490 from J.L. Robinson's Jewelers at Twelve Oaks Mall on December 21.

The suspect is described as being approximately 17 years old, five-foot, nine inches tall, 140 pounds and having a slim build. He was wearing a grey shirt, grey leather jacket and black and grey striped jeans when the theft occurred.

The clerk told investigating officers the suspect had said he was interested in purchasing a gold chain and was looking at three of them.

The clerk said she looked away for a minute and when she looked back, saw one of the chains on the showcase and the other being held by the suspect. The man reportedly said he wanted to purchase the one he was holding.

When the clerk asked what had happened to the third chain, the suspect reportedly replied that there hadn't been a third chain. The clerk then asked that he step to the gold register at the rear of the store, but the suspect said he had changed his mind, put the chain in his hand on the showcase and walked out of the store.

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## Injuries plague Sherry's career

By B.J. MARTIN  
news staffer

NOVI — Don't call Sherry Lawton a wimp. She'd probably smack her leg cast upside your backside.

"I hate that aspect of it," the Novi High senior says of her injury-prone athletic career. "I hate it even if somebody says I'm a wimp jokingly."

Lawton's medical history would be a tragedy even if she didn't have the potential to be one of Novi's best athletes ever. It would be a tragedy even if she weren't the type of person who hates even to admit she's hurt.

It would be a tragedy if it weren't gruesomely funny.

"I'm a born klutz," she says with a helpless laugh. "I was OK through ninth and tenth grades. Then I hit 'The Wall.'"

Since her junior year, The Wall has stood between the born klutz and five consecutive athletic seasons. A three-sport athlete, Lawton has managed to pick up an injury that's sidelined her for part of every one.

Let's look into her medical chart:

• Fall, 1983: Lawton was slated to start as guard for Novi's varsity basketball team, coming off a conference championship season. "I was feeling really tired and drained and I was trying to get in shape for basketball," she recalls. "I was having trouble staying awake in class."

Diagnosis: intestinal disorder. Doctor's orders: surgery and plenty of rest. And no basketball.

• Winter, 1983: Lawton earned a starting job on the front row for the varsity volleyball squad. Early in a mid-winter match, Lawton made a graceful spinning leap toward the ball for a return. But she forgot something.

"I turned my body, but I didn't turn my feet," she says. When she landed — on the side of her foot — she realized her mistake.

Diagnosis: pulled cartilage in her ankle. Doctor's orders: crutches, And no volleyball.

• Spring, 1984: Lawton was expected to be a triple-threat standout on Novi's varsity tracksters. She high jumped, she long jumped, she could run. "Coach (Chris) Ceresa had me try some long jumps at practice one day," she says. "I remember I did five and then went to do some running. As soon as I did, my upper leg started hurting. By the time I got back to the locker room to dress, my leg was bruised all over. I could barely

get my jeans on. It was so swelled up." Diagnosis: pulled quadriceps. Doctor's orders: track will have to be a spectator sport in '84.

• Summer, 1984: Lawton wasn't doing anything. Basketball camp was a few weeks off. She was feeling healthy and strong. She was horsing around a swimming pool with some friends and got pushed into the water, dragging her foot on the one jagged, broken piece of tile on the entire perimeter of the pool.

Diagnosis: Deep cut in her foot. Doctor's orders: 23 stitches.

By now you get the idea. But it's not over yet.

The latest injury Lawton sustained was painful to watch. After playing healthy up until the final game of regular-season varsity basketball — well enough to be named second-team all-conference and second-team all-area — Lawton once again hit 'The Wall.'

It was the final game of the regular season. Novi was playing Northville in an intense non-conference tune-up for the Class B district playoffs.

Several minutes into the second quarter, Lawton was running back to cover on defense when she made a quick turn on the court. "Too quick. She crumpled to the floor in agony as the game continued around her." "All I remember is the room spinning around me and trying to crawl off the court," she says. "I felt the same way my ankle felt when I landed on it."

It was the same type of injury as her ankle. Only this time it was her knee — torn cartilage and ligaments. She underwent surgery soon afterwards, and now sports an ankle-to-high cast, volleyball and a brace.

"It comes off next week," she says brightly. "The doctor says it'll be 30 days till I'm back on the (volleyball) team."

But Lawton will return with a constant risk of re-injuring her knee at almost any time. As for the jumping and punishment her legs and feet would take in track — possibly her best sport — it's too early to tell.

There's little doubt her injuries may have kept Lawton away from some athletic scholarship offers — maybe not a full-ride, but something, perhaps, that might have made the "B" student's college course of study more affordable.

What does she want to study?

"Physical therapy," she replies. She could probably get an honorary doctorate.



Sherry Lawton currently is recovering from knee surgery

## Parks & Rec ready for winter classes

NOVI — If you've resolved to be more active in '85, the Novi Parks and Recreation Department has a variety of suggestions that range from aerobics to karate and cross-country skiing to horseback riding.

The Parks and Recreation Department is still accepting registrations for its winter schedule of courses, most of which begin next week. Registrations can be made by mail or by dropping by at Parks and Rec offices at 4335 Sixtgate. More information is available by calling 349-1976.

Thomas O'Branovic, director of Novi Parks and Recreation, reported that the following courses will be offered during the winter program:

**Creative Fitness:** Two creative fitness programs are available — exercise and aerobics.

Jody Adams is teaching a comprehensive exercise program that utilizes weights, dance and yoga. Classes begin the week of January 6 and run for eight weeks. Classes are offered Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 9-10 a.m. at Novi Middle School South. Participants should bring an exercise pad and light weights.

**Cross-country Skiing:** Donna Nawrot will teach the fundamentals of cross-country skiing at three one-day clinics. Clinics are scheduled for Thursday, January 10; Tuesday, January 22; and Wednesday, February 13, from 7:30-9 p.m. at Maybury State Park on Eight Mile in Northville.

Lessons cost \$5. With equipment rental, the fee is \$7.

**Karate:** Bob Gordon, a second degree Black Belt from Novi, will provide instruction in "Moo Duk Kwan" style Korean Karate. Classes begin the week of January 6 and run for eight weeks every Tuesday from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Novi Community Building on Novi Road.

Participants can test for belts each session through Kim's Karate Studio.

**Basketball Basics:** Second and third graders will be introduced to the fundamentals and rules of basketball through a Basketball Basics Camp. Classes will run for eight weeks and are offered from 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. at Village Oaks on Tuesdays, Novi Woods on Wednesdays and Orchard Hills on Thursdays. Classes are limited to 20 students and the cost is \$10 per person.

**Horseback Riding:** Trina Riordan, an instructor with 26 years' experience, will teach English-style horseback riding at Haverhill Farms' indoor facility on Fourteen Mile. There are classes for all levels of riders from beginner youth through intermediate adults. Classes begin the week of January 6 and run for 10 weeks.

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## Area builder says passive solar heat is wave of future for home heating

By JEAN SPENNER

At first look, Dave McGrath's middle-price passive solar home is less than attractive. Architect-builder McGrath calls it "stark."

But it's only the north side of the home that can be described with that adjective. The south side of the building — the side facing the sun, is very open in its appearance with its tall panes of glass. It is this glass side of the house — with its windows facing as much as possible directly to the south — that makes it an energy-efficient passive solar building.

McGrath, a graduate of the Lawrence Institute of Technology, is building the "passive solar houses for middle- to lower-income families. These houses are going up in the Roediger subdivision off Martindale Road, south of Pontiac Trail in Lyon Township.

"Active solar is energy-efficient, but Michigan weather makes (using) it difficult," McGrath said. Passive solar houses make use of the sun by having the majority of the windows in the house face south.

"We maximize windows on the south side while minimizing them on the north side," McGrath said. That is part of the reason the north side of the home is stark looking. "People are used to seeing windows. The only windows we have are to keep the house to (fire) code."

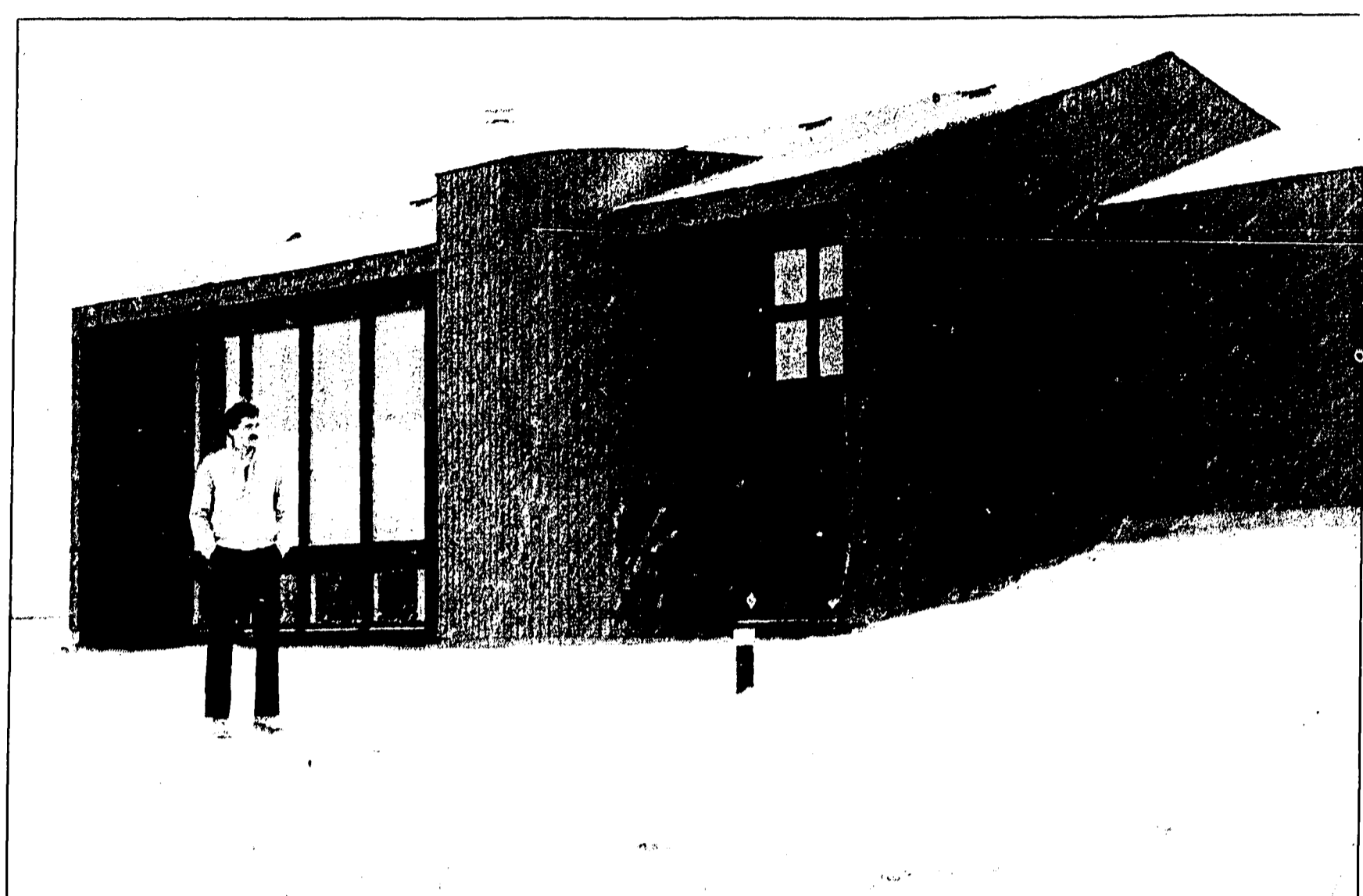
The heat is collected in the home by placing materials such as quarry tile, concrete and darkly colored walls around the area to collect and hold the heat. Passive solar heating can provide an estimated 25 to 35 percent yearly energy cost savings.

"Passive solar is a method of designing the house," McGrath said. "There are mathematical relationships to the length of the window, the overhang (which will help cut out the sun's rays in summer) and the direction of the sun's rays."

While the price of a passive solar house and conventionally heated house can be competitive, passive solar heating offers some things a conventionally heated home can't. The biggest advantage to buying a passive solar house is the tax credit which can be claimed on it. According to McGrath, owners of passive solar homes can claim up to \$5,000 in federal and state energy tax credits.

Another big advantage is "this house is going to heat itself everytime we have a sunny day," McGrath said. "There is a back-up heating system should the sun refuse to shine for several days."

A passive solar home is usually better insulated than a conventionally heated home. Because of the number of windows facing the south side, the house is well-lighted and bright. "Even on dark



Dave McGrath's passive solar heating system relies on window placement

days, this house is brighter than the normal house," McGrath said.

One of his biggest concerns in designing the house was "eliminating the chop-piness and small unuseable rooms which are common in smaller-sized builders' homes."

The most intriguing space in the house is the area meant to catch and collect the solar energy located directly next to the south-side windows. This area stretches from the ceiling of the first level to the quarry-tile floor of the second level. It looks like the perfect place for hanging plants. And, said McGrath, a solarium is exactly what it should be.

McGrath, who designed his own passive solar home on Crooked Lake, said a number of people have shown interest in his newest design.

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## Business Briefs

**DONNER ENTERPRISES** of South Lyon has announced the opening of a new videotape rental service at 390 South Lafayette Street.

The new video store, which is located next to a hobby shop and sign service run by brothers Tom and Tony Donner, opens with an inventory of 200 movies from all categories. The brothers plan to add 25 new movies a month and eventually will offer rentals on VCR machines. All videotapes in stock are on VHS format.

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Donner Enterprises is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**LORI SMITH**, a recent graduate of Southeastern Academy in Kissimmee, Florida, has joined Holiday Inn of Southfield as a front desk-auditor. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Smith of Ten Mile in South Lyon.

While attending the academy, Smith received specialized career training in travel and tourism.

**LEADING NATIONAL** and political figures spoke to Realtors and guests at the National Association of Realtors' 77th annual convention and trade exposition in Hawaii recently.

Area Realtors who attended included William McCullen, president of Carl Keim Realty, and Mark Murray, franchise director. Ann Hoy Bruce Roy Realty in Northville and Dan and Barb Williamson of Novi also attended. He now is the executive officer of Detroit Metro-Multistat.

Regulatory issues affecting the real estate industry and the overall economy were discussed at the convention. There also were more than 80 educational workshops, seminars and panels with exhibits of state-of-the-art products and services to help real estate professionals in their business.

McCullen reported his firm "gained exposure to the latest information on financing methods and sources, management techniques and technological innovations" for the firm's 92 offices in the state.

## Davidson reports bid to Guardian board

Guardian Industries (NYSE) of Novi has announced that President and Chief Executive Officer William Davidson has provided the company's board of directors with the definitive structure and terms of his previously announced proposal to acquire all the company's common stock not owned by him.

Davidson currently is a 42.7 percent stockholder. Pursuant to his proposal, the public stockholders would receive \$24 per share in cash, except a group of 13 stockholders owning approximately 4.5

million shares (or approximately 20.5 percent of the outstanding shares), who would receive a combination of cash and debt securities aggregating \$24 per share.

An independent committee of outside directors with the assistance of its financial and legal advisors will consider Davidson's proposal and make a recommendation to the company's board.

Davidson indicated that subject to approval by the board, agreement of the 13 stockholders and satisfaction of certain other conditions, he anticipates completing the necessary financing arrangements and completing the acquisition in the first quarter of 1985.

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