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Sparks fly over Covert article on assessments

By ANN E. WILLIS staff writer

An issue of "grave concern" to Mayor Patricia Karevich and one which came "very close to misfeasance" to Council Member Martha Hoyer was the first item on the agenda at a special meeting of the Novi City Council on Monday, March 16.

At issue was an article written by Council Member Nancy Covert which appeared in the March issue of the Country Place Association newsletter. In an article headed "Council Corner," Covert expressed concern over a "double standard" in taxation that she said was "worth investigating and hopefully changing."

"As you know, the city assessor regularly is supposed to appraise property — residential, commercial, office and industrial," Covert wrote. "An excellent job is done on residential property as all of us can attest give our yearly increases. The problem lies, I believe, in the fact that certain commercial and industrial properties in areas adjacent to new development are not being assessed at true, real market value as are our homes."

Karevich opened discussion on the article by saying she had grave concerns about the charges and by asking Covert to substantiate them. "What concerns me," Karevich told the council, "are the charges that assessments are not being done according to law and with the Board of Review sitting now, it raises some serious concerns."

"Not being prepared for this I do not have the information," Covert said in reply. "There was no implied intent to suggest something illegal was being done," she said. Covert told the council the matter had been brought up by an applicant for a vacancy on the council seat during an interview and during discussions on the civic center regarding how the city would support a structure of that size.

"This is not something from Council Woman Covert, but from people over time," Covert said. "One of the facts is it's fairly easy and efficient to assess residential properties," Covert told the council. She said market values for homes are plugged into the assessor's computer, and she said she is sure her own recent large assessment increase was due to new development near Country Place.

"It may be harder to assess property in developing areas," Covert said. "It may be necessary to send an assessor out. In the City of Novi certain properties have increased overnight." Covert told the council she questioned whether current commercial and industrial assessments really reflected the current market price of the properties.

"I'd like the city to take a look at it and not put it on one council member, it should be an entire council concern," Covert said. "Then you did not check with the assessing department before you wrote this?" Karevich asked Covert. Covert replied that she had last checked with the assessing department last spring at the time of the civic center project.

"I was quite concerned when I saw the article," Hoyer told council. "I feel that administrative functions have been interfered with. This could leave serious doubts in the minds of homeowners." Hoyer told Covert the action could have serious consequences.

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The Richard Reynolds family has been reunited with their dog Sheba. Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Building permits are down in Novi compared to 1986

By ANN E. WILLIS staff writer

It may not have seemed that way to people who watched homes sprout up along Taft Road this winter or whose cars were sprayed with construction dirt along Novi Road, but new construction was way down in Novi in 1987.

According to recently released statistics on all building permits issued in the city during 1986, many areas of new construction were much lower than last year's.

Single family residential building permits fell from a high of 256 issued in 1985 to just 198 issued throughout all of 1986. That is a decrease of 26.6 percent. At a time when single family residential housing is at a premium in Novi, according to area Realtors, it made for scarce times for home-hunters.

The decrease in the number of single family homes built in the city came as no surprise to Carol Mason of Carol Mason Realty. "In 1985 there were lots available to developers," Mason said, "but in 1986 the number of empty lots available to build on disappeared. Mason said it's a trend that she sees ending with the start of the 1987 building season. "Starting this spring, you're going to see a lot of building permits pulled. This year will be another heavy year for new construction."

Mason said she knows of seven subdivisions already proposed for the area that will begin construction this year. "They're just been waiting for the frost line to go down."

In addition Mason pointed out that construction of a sewer line to the Grand River/Beek Road area would soon open that entire area up to development.

The big demand that area Realtors have been seeing for single family residential should begin to slow soon, Mason theorized. She said buyers are beginning to feel they are paying too much and are willing to wait for new subdivisions to be built, rather than buying into one that is 10 years old.

"People will only overpay for so long," Mason said. She said many people are finding comfortable apartments for reasonable prices in the area due to the "influx of apartments in Novi."

Interested potential homeowner's are content to wait it out in an apartment until the right buy comes along. "As long as they can send their kids to the Novi schools, they'll wait," Mason said.

She noted that many people moving to Novi from other areas do not want to buy homes in the older subdivisions. "They want to get in the new subs... to be the first people to own the house because of the appreciation they can get on the investment," Mason said.

Condominium construction also fell off sharply in 1986. In 1985 building permits were issued for 157 units and in 1986 only 11 permits were issued for 45 units, a decrease of 31 percent.

Condominiums continue to sell well on the market, Mason noted, saying "Condominiums are an excellent way to live." She did note that condominium-style living is taken from the Europeans where most people use public transportation as a means of getting around. She said developers must start building condominiums on the "American Plan" with two-car garages.

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Happy tail Dog lost in fire returns to family

A happy ending, pure and simple. The story started with a family's worst nightmare. The Richard Reynolds family was visiting relatives in Grand Rapids when their home at 1900 South Lake Drive was completely demolished by a fire of undetermined origin on Saturday, Feb. 21.

The house and all their belongings were lost. And to add to the misery, Sheba, the family dog which had been left behind in Novi, was nowhere to be found.

Sheba, an eight-month-old black Labrador retriever, had been chained to her dog house behind the residence when the fire started. By the time firefighters were able to extinguish the blaze and begin to examine the area, Sheba had disappeared.

Enter Diane Schovers, a resident of the Brookland Farms subdivision in the south end of Novi. A friend of Schovers living in an apartment complex near Walled Lake told her that several residents were frightened by a black Labrador roaming the building. The friend colored the dog and took it to Schovers, a known dog-lover.

Schovers said she took a look at what appeared to be a well taken care of over-sized puppy and knew somebody was out looking for the dog. She called Novi police, the Michigan Humane Society and the Walled Lake police. No dog was listed as missing.

Schover's mother remembered an article in the Novi News about a black Labrador lost in a fire and called her daughter. Schovers called the newspaper. Unfortunately, no telephone number was available for the Reynolds family.

Determined to find the owner of the black Labrador puppy, Schovers then drove to the site of the burned-out house on South Lake Drive to ask neighbors if they knew where the Reynolds family could be found. Her diligence paid off and the family was found living at the Novi Hilton.

Schovers contacted the Reynolds, and Sheba was returned to her owners at a tearful reunion on Thursday, Feb. 26.

"It was awfully nice," said Pauline Reynolds. "Losing your home and all your belongings is a terrible thing, but getting Sheba back when we thought she was gone forever gave us something to be grateful for."

Reynolds said her two daughters — Tara, 4, and Erin, 2 — were more upset about losing their dog than they had been about losing the house.

"We were all up in Grand Rapids and I don't think they really understood when we told them our house had burned down," said Reynolds. "Their first concern after I told them about the fire was, 'Where's Sheba?'"

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inside Sheraton proposes expansion

By PHILIP JEROME managing editor

Preliminary plans for a major addition to the Sheraton Oaks Hotel will be presented to the Novi Planning Commission tonight (Wednesday, March 18).

If approved, the proposed addition would make the Sheraton Oaks one of the five largest conference center/hotels in the State of Michigan, according to Gerald Abel, general manager of the Sheraton Oaks.

"It's sort of a critical point in the history of this facility," said Abel in an interview Monday afternoon. "If the majority of the planning commission tells us 'no way,' we'll pick up our toys and go home. We can continue to do well as a three-story hotel.

"But we would really like to become one of the state's major conference hotels, and our proposed addition will help us achieve that goal."

"We also think that would be good for Novi in general and the regional center area in particular," he added.

Although plans are only in the preliminary stage, Abel is expected to approach the planning commission with a proposal to add some 40,000 square feet of conference/ballroom space and 94 additional hotel rooms to the existing Sheraton Oaks facility.

The Sheraton currently has approximately 6,000 square feet of conference/ballroom space and 214 rooms.

The proposed addition would give the Sheraton Oaks approximately 46,000 square feet of conference/ballroom space and 308 rooms.

If plans are approved, the addition will be attached to the north side of the Sheraton, sitting behind Chez Raphael's and south of the West Oaks I shopping center. An existing building, initially intended to be a maintenance facility for an abandoned Lincoln Mercury dealership, will be demolished to accommodate the addition, Abel reported.

"If we are given permission to go ahead, the 46,000 square feet of conference/ballroom space will make us one of the top five conference/center hotels in the state," he said.

He said the only hotels in Michigan with significantly more conference facilities would be the Westin in Detroit and the Amway Grand in Grand Rapids. The Hyatt Regency in Dearborn has approximately 40,000 square feet of conference/ballroom space, Abel estimated.

The potential stumbling block to the plans is that the proposed addition would be 9-10 stories high. The city currently has a five-story/65-foot limit on building heights.

The issue of building heights also

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Novi again looks to 'Super Sewer'

By ANN E. WILLIS
staff writer

If you thought you had heard the last about the so-called "Super Sewer" project, you were wrong.

The City of Novi in its pursuit of additional sewage capacity is once again involved with plans for a regional sewer system officially known as the North Huron Valley/Rouge Valley Wastewater Control System.

City Manager Edward Kriewall recently told the city council that he has met with Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara and the head of the Wayne County Department of Public Works to discuss Novi's plans to build a force main to Detroit.

During the discussions, McNamara told Kriewall he has plans to renew the regional sewer treatment project.

"McNamara is resigned to building Super Sewer this year, he is very confident it will happen," Kriewall told the council. McNamara said sewer capacity is vital to the growth of western Wayne County communities, Kriewall reported.

Kriewall said McNamara has made the resurrection of the ill-fated Super Sewer project one of his top priorities for the year.

Both Kriewall and Novi Mayor Patricia Karevich have publicly stated that finding additional sewage capacity for the city is their biggest priority.

Novi is fast approaching a time when new construction may be halted due to a lack of sewage capacity. In November of last year, city engineers estimated that at its current rate of development Novi would run out of sewage capacity within two and a half years, and some city planners felt that was a generous estimate.

With that end in mind, Kriewall has been updating the city council on the various alternatives being explored by the city to obtain additional sewage capacity. In his last council update, Kriewall expressed hopes of having a solution to the capacity problem within 90 days.

At that point he said the city was finalizing details and costs of constructing a force main to the Detroit sewage treatment facility.

A force main is a pressurized main capable of pumping the additional sewage to the Detroit treatment plant, regardless of existing topography. Capital costs estimates for the force main are in the \$14-15 million range.

Costs are a determining factor in the search for a solution to the problem. The city had explored the idea of building its own sewage treatment plant. City engineering consultant Joe Kapelczak told the council at a public informational meeting on the treatment plant, that cost estimates were approximately \$22 million for a plant designed to accommodate Novi's expected growth.

At that time Kriewall said that operating costs were cheaper in a regional system such as Super Sewer, which he noted, was one of the reasons the city had always backed the project.

At the March 9 council meeting, Kriewall said the city will pursue both Super Sewer and the force main plans "diligently."

He said he has told city engineers to begin making final decisions on which force main route would be most cost effective.

Two routes, one through the Eight Mile/Evergreen connection and one at the Michigan Avenue/Southfield Road connection are possibilities.

"The Detroit Water Board has a concern that both projects (Novi's force main plans and the revived Super Sewer) will be headed toward failure," Kriewall said. The board doesn't want both, Kriewall told the council.

Kriewall noted that McNamara will look at a new cost apportionment plan for Super Sewer, which in his words were "key" for Novi's participation in the project. Initial estimates were too high, leading Novi to explore other options, according to Kriewall.

The regional sewer system originally included 16 communities. Northville, Plymouth and Canton townships are pursuing the feasibility of sending additional sewage to the Spilliant Community Utility Authority.

The Wayne County Department of Public Works will hold a public hearing on the updated super sewer project on Tuesday, March 31, at 10 a.m. in the City Hall Auditorium in Livonia.

The new joint project proposes extension and expansion of the existing Rouge Valley Interceptor System with treatment of flows at the Detroit Wastewater Treatment Plant for existing and future flows from Wixom, Westland, Van Buren Township, Redford Township, Livonia, Northville, Romulus, Dearborn Heights, Novi, Wayne and Inkster.

Current purchase capacities will be continued for Northville Township, Plymouth, Wixom Township, Canton Township and Garden City.



Project judging

Yoichi Fufushima, the father of a seventh grader at Novi Middle School, examines one of the science projects prepared by students for the school's annual science fair. Fufushima was one

of the judges in the competition. Exhibits will be opened for viewing by the general public tonight (Wednesday).

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AIDS talk offered at Novi High

Novi residents with questions about AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) are encouraged to attend a meeting Tuesday, March 24, at Novi High School.

Dr. William Siebert of the Infectious Disease Department at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia will address the subject at 7:30 p.m. A video-tape narrated by two physicians will be shown, followed by an open discussion.

High school principal Robert Youngberg said the purpose of Tuesday's meeting is to let parents know how the school district should go in providing information about the disease.

It was brought to the attention of the high school administration during eighth grade orientation, where several parents made inquiries about the disease and the school's policy.

According to the U.S. Public Health Service, 23,115 cases of AIDS have been diagnosed in the U.S. through 1986. Some 12,640 people have died from the disease.

Approximately 1,000 cases of AIDS are diagnosed daily, and it is projected that 200,000 will die from the disease during the next five years. There are approximately one million AIDS carriers in the United States.

Bowlathon is coming

Get ready, bowlers. The fifth annual Novi Bowler Assistance Bowlathon is coming up.

The bowlathon will be held Saturday, April 11, at the Novi Bowl on Novi Road at 12:30 p.m.

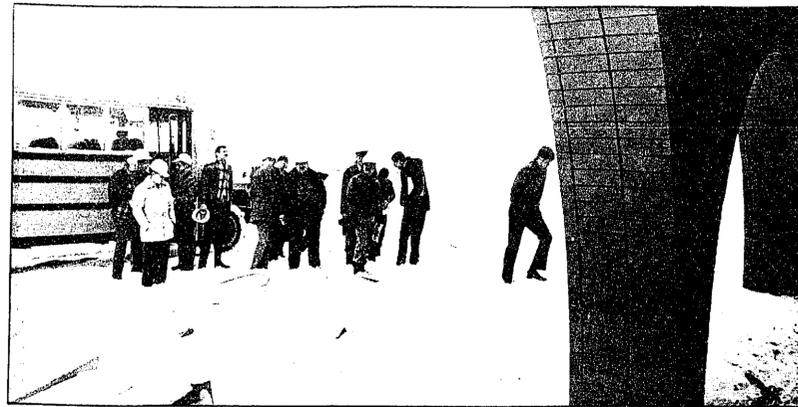
"Right now we're looking for people who would like to help us raise money by bowling in the annual event," said NYA Secretary Joan Morris.

Anyone willing to solicit pledges and bowl three games is asked to call NYA offices at 349-8398 for more information.

Participants must secure pledges who agree to donate a designated amount of money for each pin knocked down.

Morris said the goal of this year's bowlathon is to raise \$15,000 to support NYA activities and programs.

The proceeds will be used to fund such NYA activities as the Teen Center, summer and winter camp programs and family education programs.



City officials took a guided tour of progress on the Town Center Area Saturday morning

Officials examine Town Center

"Most of the steel is up and the detailed brick work is going on," Craig Manske, partner with Trammel Crow Company, developers of the Novi Town Center project, told members of the Novi Planning Commission and City Council as they toured the site last Saturday morning.

Manske was referring to the first phase of the 70-acre Town Center regional retail center which is now under construction. The shopping center will be one portion of the massive 300-acre development project taking place on the northeast corner of Grand River and Novi Road.

Members of the planning commission and city council boarded a school bus at city hall for a tour of the construction site on Saturday, March 14. The group donned hard hats and trekked through snow and mud to tour the fast-growing complex.

Sixty-five to 70 percent of the retail center is already leased, Dave Trumpy, retail leasing agent for Trammell Crow, told the group. The development includes shops, restaurants, movie theaters, a Vic Tanny, fountains, a four-acre park and two new roads. Crescent Drive will be built to the north, and Town Center Drive will go in at the east edge of the development.

Anchor stores for the retail center include a Mervyn's, Children's Palace, Highland Appliance and TJ Maxx. The former site of the Designer Depot will now hold a F&M discount drug store.

Manske showed city officials the interior of Children's Palace, a 35,000 square foot building which is further along in the construction phase. Plans call for occupancy of the store in June with opening slated for late



Officials were transported around the development on a school bus

June. Highland Appliance is currently slated for a late June opening as well.

Work on the General Cinema project will not begin until April or May, Manske said.

East of the retail center will be two more large-scale projects planned by Trammel Crow: The Wyndham Hotel, a two story hotel designed to

accommodate business travelers, and the LakePointe Office Center.

City officials toured the LakePointe Center. Leasing agent Mary Steck Rozvicki said the office building was 45 percent leased at this time. The principle tenant will be Liberty Mutual Insurance Company. They plan on occupying their 33,000 square feet of office space on June 5.

The building is 93,000 square feet. A

six-acre lake will wrap around the outside of the building.

The lake construction will begin this spring. There will be pedestrian walkways between the office complex, the lake and the retail shopping center. Rozvicki pointed out that Novi residents will have no trouble using the lake area on weekends and evenings, as most office use will be during the day.

10 candidates vie for planning post

Novi citizens apparently want to be involved in local government.

Need proof? There are a total of 10 candidates for a single vacancy on the Novi Planning Commission.

City council members interviewed seven of the 10 candidates for the single vacancy at a special session last Monday, March 16.

The vacancy was created when former Commissioner Joseph Toth was named to fill an opening on the city council created by the resignation of Arlen Schroeder. Appointments to the commission are made by the mayor with council approval.

Mayor Patricia Karevich commented during Monday night's interview that the quality of the applicants would make the decision extremely difficult. The appointment will be made at the council's next regular meeting on Monday, March 23.

The following Novi residents are applying for the position:

- Louis Demintoff, a 10-year resident of Novi. Demintoff is a licensed real estate broker. He told the council during his interview he sees the commission as "the right hand of the mayor." Demintoff, who is retired, told the council he had the time to give to the position.
- Kathleen S. McLallen has lived in Novi for five months. She is the former director of industrial development for the city of Manassas Park, Virginia. She expressed concern in her interview over the traffic on Eight Mile and hoped that Novi would work with its neighboring communities on problems of similar concern. She urged the council "not to let the community become isolated" and suggested intra-city bike paths.
- Richard Milam has lived in Novi since 1973. He is a member of the Michigan Society of Planning Officials and has been involved in site location studies and site plan approvals as part of his job in market analysis for First Federal. He was unavailable at the time of the interview.
- John Balagna has been a resident for 16 years. Balagna works for Price Brothers Company in Novi. During a recent interview for a position on city council, he said he had a thorough knowledge and understanding of the construction industry. Balagna was unavailable for the interview session.

licensed builder as well as a part-time developer. Williams told the council he did not agree with placing architectural controls for the whole city. He called the master plan a "living document" and said administrative delays add to the price of housing. He said he believes the western portion of Novi will require residential shopping centers.

□ David Ruyle has lived in Novi for seven years. He has been active in the parks and recreation department. "I'm readily available and I'm tired of being a taker. I want to become a giver. I see things that I love, and things that I detest," Ruyle said he did not believe smaller housing should be allowed next to larger homes.

□ John Schuster has lived in Novi since 1977. He currently serves on the Construction Board of Appeals. "The master plan is a dynamic, not a static, document," Schuster said in his interview. "It must change to make room for new concepts in packaging; combining uses in residential; business, commercial and industrial." He told the council he was in favor of cluster housing to save trees.

□ Clifford Ridenour has lived in the city since 1953 and has been active on church boards. He was not available for an interview.

□ Daniel Williamson is a seven-year resident of the city and is a licensed real estate broker and a

Job workshop slated

LIVONIA — Area residents and Schoolcraft College students are invited to attend a Job Hunting Workshop on Wednesday, March 18, at 6 p.m.

The workshop will be held in the lower level of the Waterman Campus Center on the Schoolcraft College campus on Hoagerty Road between Six and Seven Mile.

The Job Hunting Workshop is open to the public and free of charge. For more information call Schoolcraft College at 591-6400, extension 371.

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Half-dozen break-ins reported

Thieves broke into a residence on Beacon in the Carriage Hill subdivision while the owners were asleep and stole an estimated \$600 worth of goods.

Police Beat

It was one of six breaking-and-enterings which appeared on police logs during the past week.

The complainant told police he and his wife went to bed at approximately midnight on March 13 and discovered the thief when he awoke the following day at 5:45 a.m.

Thieves gained entry through an attached garage. After breaking in, they apparently restricted their activities to the kitchen and living room, reports said.

Stolen were a JVC videocassette recorder valued at \$400, an AT&T cordless telephone valued at \$100 and \$60 in cash. The thieves also stole a woman's purse from the kitchen and a brass card case from a bedside table and left in the kitchen.

The man said neither he nor his wife heard any suspicious sounds during the night.

Personal property valued in excess of \$3,000 was stolen from an East Lake Drive residence during a break-in which occurred during the night of March 14-15.

The responsible parties gained entry by kicking in a rear door. Once inside, the perpetrator did not ransack the house and took only jewelry items, police noted. Responding officers followed footprints in the snow outside the residence, but lost them when they reached East Lake Drive.

Stolen property included a wooden jewelry box containing an estimated \$1,500 worth of jewelry, a Toshiba videocassette recorder valued at \$300, a Panasonic cam-corder VHS valued at \$1,400 and a Canon AE-1 35mm camera valued at \$200.

Electronic equipment with a total value of approximately \$2,300 was stolen from a Twelve Mile residence during a break-in that occurred March 13 between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m.

The complainant told police the stolen property was removed from the living room of the residence. The intruder gained entry by prying open a door and proceeded to search through drawers and closets.

Investigating officers found tire tracks in the backyard and theorized the thieves parked behind the house to avoid being seen from the road.

Stolen were a RCA A videorecorder/camera valued at \$1,300, a RCA videocassette recorder valued at \$600 and a Mitsubishi color television set valued at \$425. Damage to the door and frame were estimated at an additional \$300.

No dollar value on the extent of the vandalism was provided.

A truck stolen from the parking lot of the Big Joy restaurant on Eight Mile near Haggerty Road was valued at \$2,500 and contained property valued at an additional \$4,500.

The theft was reported by a Taylor man who said he parked the 1979 Ford pickup truck outside the restaurant at 9:30 a.m. on March 13 while he and a friend went inside for breakfast. The truck was missing when he returned.

Stolen along with the truck were carpet-laying tools valued at \$2,000, a box of turquoise jewelry valued at \$1,000, a roll of carpeting valued at \$1,000 and three rolls of carpet padding valued at \$500.

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Novi Briefs

FAMILY PORTRAITS: Novi families can arrange to have a family portrait taken by Craine-Williams Studios in conjunction with the Novi High School yearbook.

Professional photographers will be available at Novi High School to take family portraits on Saturday, April 4, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, April 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is \$5 per family; profits are used to offset the cost of printing the yearbook. Appointments can be scheduled by calling Janet Thibideau at Novi High School, 344-8300.

THE NOVI ADVENTURERS 4-H Club will hold a maple syrup exhibit from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 21, at the Ingersoll Nature Trail behind Novi Woods Elementary. The exhibit was scheduled last Saturday but was cancelled due to heavy snow.

Margaret Schmidt will demonstrate Indian, Pioneer and "Schmidt" style methods of making maple syrup. The community is welcome to attend.

NOVI HOMEOWNERS' COUNCIL will meet Tuesday, March 24, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room. A report from the charter committee is expected at the meeting.

MAYOR PATRICIA KAREVICH will be participating with the mayor of Norton Shores in the Mayor's Exchange which is part of the celebration of Michigan Week.

Norton Shores officials will visit Novi on May 18, and Novi officials will visit Norton Shores on May 22.

BULK FOODS OF NOVI, located in the Pheasant Run Shopping Center at Grand River and Haggerty, has applied for a liquor license. The city council voted at its March 9 meeting to register an objection with the Liquor Control Commission saying the license was not necessary to the business.

A DEVELOPERS MEETING between city officials and interested developers and residents is scheduled for Saturday, April 4, at 8:30 a.m. in the library meeting room.

ARTS AND CULTURE COMMITTEE: Novi residents interested in developing, implementing and promoting cultural events in the city are encouraged to volunteer to serve on an Arts and Culture Committee.

More information is available from Kelley Simpson of the Novi Parks and Recreation Department by calling 349-1976.

COMMUNITY AWARDS BANQUET: Tickets are now available for the Community Awards Banquet sponsored by the Novi Chamber of Commerce at Meadowbrook Country Club on Saturday, March 21.

Guest speaker at the banquet will be Philip Jerome, managing editor of The Novi News.

Tickets can be purchased by call Chamber offices at 349-3743 or Donald Greengood at 478-4000.

A BUSINESS CONNECTION will be sponsored by the Novi Chamber of Commerce at Marty Feldman Chevrolet on Wednesday, April 8, from 6-9 p.m. The event is being held in conjunction with the Milford Chamber of Commerce.

The event will feature door prizes, a cash bar and hors d'oeuvres by Apple's Country Epicure.

Display space is available at a cost of \$60 for an eight-foot table and \$30 for a four-foot table. Call the Chamber at 349-3743 for more information or to lease table space.

AMY HAMLIN, a divisional manager with World Book, will be the guest speaker when the Novi Chamber of Commerce holds a Sunrise Breakfast at Denny's Restaurant on Wednesday, March 25, at 7:30 a.m. The topic of her talk will be "Education and Your Business."

There's no charge to attend, but participants must pay for their own breakfasts. Call the Chamber at 349-3743 to make reservations.

Lorenz is troop's first Eagle Scout

By KATHLEEN MUTCH
Special writer

When Matt Lorenz and his family moved to Novi less than three years ago, one of his first priorities was to transfer into a local Boy Scout Troop.

New to the community and a freshman at Novi High School, Lorenz was a "new kid on the block."

He made new friends but didn't waste time trying to figure out if his peers considered Scouting to be "cool."

He transferred into Novi Boy Scout Troop 407.

Already a Life Scout, one rank below Eagle, he was determined to accept the most difficult challenge offered in the Scouting program — to fulfill the requirements for the Eagle Award.

The 16-year-old junior at Novi High School achieved that goal March 5 when he was presented the Eagle Award during special Court of Honor ceremonies at the Holy Family Catholic Church.

According to Scoutmaster Gary Skodak, Lorenz is the first member of Troop 407 to achieve the Eagle Award in the troop's six years of existence.

Earning the Eagle Award is no small feat. A boy must earn 21 merit badges, demonstrate leadership ability and complete an approved Eagle project.

Lorenz has earned 33 merit badges, reflecting the variety of his activities and interests. He has used some of the skills learned while earning merit badges to benefit his troop, school, church and community.

In Troop 407, Lorenz is senior patrol leader, the highest leadership position for a boy in a troop. His Scouting and leadership skills have earned him an invitation to be a counselor for the Detroit Area Council Boy Scouts in its summer camp program.

At Novi High School, Lorenz is a member of the National Honor Society. He is a class representative in the Spanish club and a member of the Art Club. He is a medal-winning member of the varsity swim team.

His academic plans include college — preferably the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

Lorenz has participated in student-organized efforts like Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD), that reflect a concern for problems affecting young people and a desire to be part of the solution.

Lorenz is a member of the youth group at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Livonia and participates in a puppet ministry. Producing puppet presentations gives him the opportunity to exercise his skills in

script-writing and organizing production detail.

With friends as cast and crew, Lorenz also has produced videos, the home movies of the eighties, that show how creative style and a sense of humor can be combined to channel youthful energies into a project that is fun and entertaining.

With the organizational skills learned in Scouting and further developed in school and at church, Lorenz was ready for the hardest requirement in his quest for the Eagle, an approved service project.

The Eagle project must be presented first to the troop leadership and then to the council leadership for approval before it can be undertaken. After approval, extensive records must be kept to document the time, cost and personnel involved in the project.

An Eagle project cannot be done by the Scout alone. It requires that he enlist others in his service efforts. It must be a project that has lasting value.

Lorenz had a two-part Eagle project. The first part involved a road-side clean-up by 60 area Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts and members of the Novi Lions club.

For the second part of his project, Lorenz responded to a call for volunteers issued by the City of Novi for a community tree-planting. He organized the volunteer effort at the tree planting site on the lawn north of the Novi Police Station. There were about 40 participants in this phase of the project.

Over 75 friends, family members and fellow Scouts gathered recently to celebrate Lorenz's achievement. Among the well-wishers were representatives of Troop 54 of Novi and Troop 65 of Taylor, Lorenz's original scout troop.

State Sen. Jack Faxon was on hand to present Lorenz a framed resolution signed by himself and State Rep. Willis Bullard that heralded Lorenz for his "responsibility, leadership and good citizenship."

A laminated resolution of appreciation from the City of Novi was on display.

There were lengthy congratulatory letters in "government galleys" script from Gov. Jim Blanchard, Congressman William Broxmfield and U.S. Senators Carl Levin and Don Riegle.

But most notable, perhaps, was a brief message simply printed on White House stationery and signed "Ronald Reagan."

The Eagle Court of Honor, the ceremony in which the Scout receives his Eagle rank, offers tribute to the boy, to his family and to his troop.



Novi News/PHILIP JEROME
Matt Lorenz of Novi Boy Scout Troop 407 has won the highest award in Scouting

Deadline set for candidates

Novi residents interested in running for the Novi Board of Education have until 4 p.m. Monday, April 6, to file petitions.

Candidates to the school board must be 18 years old, registered Novi voters, U.S. citizens, residents of Michigan at least 30 days and residents of the school district on or before the 30th day prior to the annual school election June 8.

Petitions, available at the Administration Building, 2575 Taft Road, must be signed by at least 20 registered Novi voters.

Novi Board of Education trustees Michael Meyer and Stephen Hitchcock have announced their intentions to seek re-election.

Meyer, a four-year veteran of the board, will vie for his second full term. Hitchcock, appointed to the board in March 1986 following the resignation of former trustee Gilbert Henderson and elected to a one-year seat (the remainder of Henderson's term) in June, is seeking his first full term.

Diabetes class held

A series of six diabetes classes will be held at Novi Middle School through the Oakland County Health Department. Classes will be held on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. beginning April 9.

The classes are designed for adult diabetics and family members. They are taught by a public health nurse and a registered dietitian. Topics to be discussed include the nature of the disease, dietary management, medications and suggestions for coping with everyday problems.

The class is offered free of charge, but pre-registrations are required as enrollment is limited. Call 424-7042 for more information or to register.

News delivery changed to Thursday

Beginning in April, you will be receiving The Novi News on Wednesday any more.

Starting with the April 2 edition, The News will be published and delivered to subscribers on Thursday. The Northville Record, sister publication to The News, will be going to a Thursday publication date at the same time.

Roland J. Peterson, vice president and general manager of Slinger/Livingston Publications, said the publication date is being changed from Wednesday to Thursday to align The News and Record with the Observer & Eccentric chain of newspapers.

Both Slinger/Livingston Publications and the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers are divisions of

Suburban Communications Corp., headquartered in Livonia.

"As a result of the change in publication dates, advertising deadlines for The News and the Record will be later on Tuesday, meaning easier placement of ads for advertisers wishing to capitalize on combination buys with the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers," said Peterson.

Advertising deadlines for the other Slinger/Livingston newspapers — the South Lyon Herald, Milford Times, Brighton Argus and Livingston County Press, as well as the Green Sheet, will remain unchanged.

Peterson added that changing the publication

dates of The News and Record to Thursday also will help relieve over-crowded conditions on the presses. "We will have more production time to give individual attention to all our newspapers," said Peterson.

"In addition, the change will enable us to utilize more color on our pages."

Philip Jerome, managing editor of The News and Record, said he expects the change to a Thursday publication date will enable the staff to improve its coverage of local government. "In essence," said Jerome, "we will have an extra day to follow-up on news generated from Monday night meetings. The change should provide more in-depth and comprehensive coverage of both the Novi and Northville communities."

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Covert denies any wrongdoing

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as the city does not currently have a Level 4 assessor. A Level 4 assessor is required by law to sign the city's assessment rolls. The city has asked the county to sign the rolls until such time as a city assessor passes the Level 4 requirements. "These charges could leave the county doubting whether they want to sign our rolls," Hoyer said. She told Covert it could result in a formal investigation by the state.

Hoyer told Covert that questions should be handled through the administration, not through a newsletter. "I read this with some concern. This is an article written by an individual and signed by a council member. The proper forum is this table and then the full council requests departments to investigate," Hoyer said.

Covert said she did not believe she had done anything improper, other than upsetting her colleagues. Karevich suggested that the council consider requiring the assessing department to write a reply in the same newsletter explaining the assessing process. In addition, the mayor suggested that Covert spend time with the city assessor's office to learn the processes used in determining residential, commercial and industrial assessments.

Hoyer: 'I was quite concerned when I saw the article. I feel that administrative functions have been interfered with. This could leave serious doubts in the minds of homeowners.'

"The way I read this article," Karevich said, "it says we are guilty of something... and, in fact, that is not true. You should have come across the table with them instead of implying it in a newsletter."

Covert replied that she intended no implications, that anyone was guilty. "Questions were raised. I have acted in the city in a very open fashion." She added that it was not her responsibility to clear things with the council before exercising her first amendment rights. "You are reading things into it if you see guilt," she said.

Council Member Hugh Crawford told Covert what bothered him as much as the specific charges made in the article was "the constant crusade you are waging, you and

somebody else against the council and the city - like you and others are different from the council and other residents," Crawford said. "That attitude bothers me. We should be working together as a team."

Covert thanked Crawford for his opinions saying, "I appreciate your opinions... but I disagree with them. I'm not on a crusade, I'm bringing forward questions. Individuals call me as they call you. It is not as if this is the first time we have heard this. We're open and not afraid of looking at potential problems."

Council Member Joseph Toth told Covert he had spent time watching City Assessor John Merrifield at work and that new commercial properties cannot be assessed at 100

percent of their value until they were fully in place and tenants were occupying the space. "I honestly can vouch for the system," Toth said. "It is honest and fair."

He noted that residential property changes hands much more often and so the latest price is always reflected, while commercial and industrial property does not sell as often.

A motion was passed unanimously by the council requiring the assessing department to send a letter to the Country Place Association newsletter and Country Place residents, explaining the current assessing procedure.

At the end of the meeting, Covert told the council: "I firmly believe in the team concept. I was elected by the community, not by the council and it is to them I owe my ultimate loyalty."

Covert said she represented only herself in the article. Replied Karevich: "When you speak, you represent the council."



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Council upset by newsletter article

The following is the entire text of the article written by Council Member Nancy Covert. It appeared in the March issue of the Country Place Association newsletter:

"What is the difference between a taxidermist and a tax collector? The taxidermist takes only your skin."

"Mark Twain expressed what many of us may be experiencing right now, I'm sure. Part of the frustration could be in not knowing how to address the ever-increasing property assessments and general tax increases. My column this month is written to inform you about a 'double standard' in taxation that I think is worth investigating and hopefully changing. As you know, the city assessor regularly is supposed

to appraise property - residential, commercial, office and industrial. An excellent job is done on residential property as all of us can attest given our yearly increases. The problem lies, I believe, in the fact that certain commercial and industrial properties in areas adjacent to new development are not being assessed at true, real market value as are our homes.

"For example, areas bordering the 'Town Center' construction and the Grand River corridor may be undervalued and, hence, owners may be paying less taxes. So when there is a shortfall in city revenues, council does what it did last year - you and me - get a double whammy. We not only have increased assessments, but see new millage imposed. Just think - if commercial and industrial

properties were being appraised at fair market value as required by law, how much more money would be coming into the city treasury! New taxes might be unnecessary. Moreover, the city might actually be put in the position of lowering the millage rate.

"If you are interested and would like to pursue this matter further, please call me at 349-1182. One person like myself can raise the problem as others have. But without individuals willing to help get the necessary documentation the double standard will continue.

"As Arthur Godfrey once observed, 'I'm proud to pay taxes in the United States; the only thing is, I'd like to just as proud for half the money.'"

Nancy C. Covert

Assessor defends current process

Deputy City Assessor James Klausmeyer, the man responsible for commercial and industrial appraisals for Novi, gave the Novi City Council a quick rundown on assessment procedures at the request of Mayor Patricia Karevich to counter charges presented by Council Member Nancy Covert.

"We look at all commercial and industrial properties annually," he told the council. "Councilwoman Covert is correct, the volume of residential sales is higher as opposed to commercial or industrial."

operating income statements on apartment houses is a valid way to examine the cash flow of these properties to determine the proper level of assessment.

He explained the department uses the guidelines of the state and county in preparing its assessments. Klausmeyer used five 'Town Center' area properties to show the council how assessments compared to actual sale values.

Land owned by the Federated Department Stores was assessed at \$370,000 and sold in June of 1986 for \$775,000. A non-center commercial

property in the area was assessed at \$141,150 and sold for \$350,000 in December 1986. A 'Town Center' property was assessed at \$83,550 and sold for \$225,000 in December of 1986.

Another 'Town Center' property was assessed at \$41,350 and sold for \$115,000 in December 1986. A B-3 (general business district) property was adjusted by the Board of Review to an assessment of \$35,000 and sold for \$70,000.

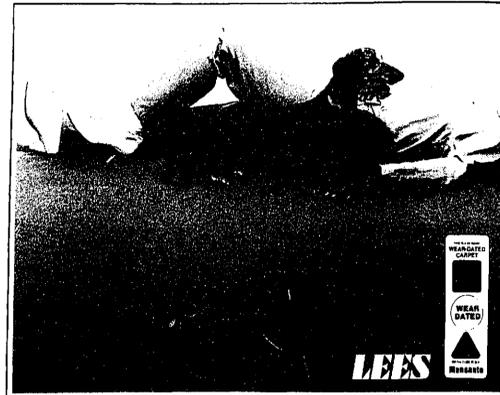
The total of adjusted assessment of commercial properties in these five instances was \$786,050. The actual

sales total was \$1,757,750, which is a 44.79 percent ratio.

Procedurally, the department must take and add up all the assessed values and all of the actual sale values, and by statute the assessments must be at 50 percent of the sale value. In the examples shown, the properties were about 10 percent below what is required.

"Compared to residential sales," Klausmeyer told the council, "if you used this formula with 1987 sales compared to 1986 assessments, the residential will almost in total be under-assessed."

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Legible address ordinance passed

Addresses matter in Novi. In particular, the size, color and readability of addresses matter in Novi.

Novi has grown up, and that means there no longer is just one house or business on a corner. And that means when emergency vehicles are dispatched, accurate and legible addresses must be visible immediately to prevent the wasting of precious time. It's no longer sufficient to rely on cross streets and family names.

The Novi City Council recently passed an ordinance regulating both residential and business addresses. In addition, the address must also be posted on curbside mailboxes and must be visible from both directions of traffic.

Addresses should be of a contrasting color to the background house color, Saven noted. If a homeowner paints the address the same color as the house, it makes it almost impossible to read from the street.

Commercial and industrial buildings are required to have addresses on both the fronts and backs of buildings. Numerals must be 2 1/2 inches in height and weather resistant. Businesses must be identified.

City officials are stressing the importance of the ordinance. "It could be a matter of life and death," Saven said. The city has begun a more intensive inspection of addresses, and building inspectors are requiring that all new construction meet city's requirements.

"We're trying our best to make things less confusing and to make people more aware," Saven said.

Because the address requirements are a part of a city ordinance, residents who do not comply may be issued a citation. The city is trying to notify all non-complying property owners by letter allowing them 14 days to make the necessary changes.

Ordinance Enforcement Officer Anthony Swope said police and fire department personnel are observing violations and relaying them to his office. Swope will then send a notice of the violation to the owner and issue a citation if the property continues in non-compliance.

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Budding geniuses?

Maybe yes, maybe no. But nobody can deny that Novi students who participated in the OM (Odyssey of the Mind) program did not benefit from the experience. Among the Novi OM members participating in the recent regional competition in Clarkston were (left

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"South Pacific" will run at The Marquis through April 12 with performances on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. The Marquis is located at 135 East Main Street in Northville.

Tickets are priced at \$10 for Saturday evenings, \$9 for Friday evenings and \$8 for Sunday matinees. Theater-goers are urged to reserve tickets early to avoid SRO crowds. Reservations can be made by telephone with Visa, MasterCard or American Express by calling 349-6110 or 349-0868 Monday through Saturday from 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets also are available at the door or at The Marquis Stores located next to the theater.

SONGWRITER MICHAEL SMITH will perform at The Raven this Saturday, March 21, with shows at 7 and 9 p.m.

Smith blends a sharp wit, dry humor, a sensitive heart and a flowing pen to compose such well-known songs as "The Dutchman."

Tickets are priced at \$8 and reservations can be made by calling 349-6299. The Raven is located five miles west of Northville, one block south of Six Mile on Dickerson Street in the Village of Salem.

"AMERICA'S BECKONING WATERWAYS" is the title of the next presentation in the Travel and Adventure Series sponsored by the Commerce Township Area Historical Society.

Robert Brower, a Freedoms Foundation of America award winner, will narrate the color motion picture at Walled Lake Central High School on Sunday, March 22, at 3 p.m. Tickets are available at the door. Call 669-1596 for more information.

A SPRING FASHION SHOW titled "Isn't It Romantic!" will be presented at Twelve Oaks Mall on Friday and Saturday, March 27-28. Shows will be held in Centre Court on Friday at 7 p.m. and on Saturday at noon and 3 p.m.

Twelve Oaks Marketing Director Sally Victor said models will be displaying (feminine) dressing and accessories that can romanticize a classic outfit.

The 3 p.m. show on March 28 will conclude with the arrival of the Easter Bunny who will be on hand to meet youngsters through April 18.

THE BIRMINGHAM THEATRE will present "Evita" through April 12. The 1980 musical by Tim Rice and Andrew Lloyd Webber (composer of "Cats") won seven Tony Awards including Best Musical.

Tickets for Evita can be ordered by calling the Birmingham Theatre box office at 644-3533. Performances are scheduled Tuesday through Saturday nights with matinees on Wednesdays and Sundays.

"COLONIAL MUSIC OF AMERICA (1725-1800)" is the title of a special Sesqui-centennial program to be presented at the Franklin Community Church in the historic Village of Franklin on Thursday, March 19, at 8 p.m.

Performing will be Oriana, a vocal and instrumental ensemble specializing in early music performed on original instruments. Concerts include voice, harp, oboe, transverse flute, recorders, baroque violin, baroque violoncello, viola da gamba, lute and harpsichord.

The Oriana concert is open to the public free of charge.

AN ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW will be held Friday and Saturday, April 10-11, at the Northville Recreation Center at 303 West Main Street in Northville. Sponsored by Handcrafters Unlimited, the show will feature more than 65 quality artisans. The show will run Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$1 and lunch will be available.

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 A Public Meeting on the Concept Plan has been scheduled by the Committee. Said Meeting will be held at 7:30 P.M., Thursday, April 9, 1987, at the Lakeshore Park Community Building, 601 South Lake Drive.
 A copy of the concept plan may be viewed at the office of the City Clerk, 45225 West Ten Mile Road.
 All interested persons are invited to attend this meeting.
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Nine story expansion proposed

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proved to be a stumbling block when a 12-story addition to the Sheraton was proposed approximately two years ago in conjunction with a proposed exposition center.

At that time, the Trammell Crow Company, developers of the Town Center Area, was considering plans to construct an exposition center on property located immediately behind the Sheraton. The 12-story addition to the Sheraton was designed to handle the increased business generated by the exposition center. As a result of that consideration, the city developed a special "convention" zoning district which would have permitted hotels to exceed the five-story/65-foot limitation provided they were connected with a convention center and met a long list of special criteria.

Abel: 'If the majority of the planning commission tells us 'no way,' we'll pick up our toys and go home.'

The 12-story addition to the Sheraton died when plans for the exposition center were withdrawn by the Trammell Crow Company in light of opposition from the Novi Board of Education to the proposed establishment of a Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA) that would have been used to provide amenities (roads and sewer lines) to the area.

Abel said he is approaching the planning commission tonight to see if opposition to a 9-10 story building in the regional center area still exists.

"We've tried to take into consideration what the city is fearful of in terms of mid-rise buildings," he said. "But there are several reasons why we have to go up if we are to proceed with this project."

"We have to consider land use, land costs and operational costs. Our building currently is 400 feet long and that's almost too spread out to be convenient for guests."

"We're also looking for identification for our hotel," continued the Sheraton Oaks general manager.

"We desperately need identification in this area. We're low off the off-ramp to the expressway and in some places you can't even see the hotel because of the berms."

"If we get the go-ahead for our addition, it would give us the visibility we need and it would also give the regional center area a focal point that it needs."

"We're not talking about something like the Prudential Towers in Southfield," he added.

"We're talking about a 9-10 story building that would only be slightly higher than the two existing water towers which are the current high points in the regional center area."

"We're also talking about a building of brick and glass that is totally compatible with our existing building. The addition will not look like an addition; it will look like it was part of the original structure."

Thieves steal two pizzas and oven

It was sort of a variation on the advertising gimmick, "Buy one pizza and get a second pizza free."

The difference was that the person who recently ordered four pizzas from Messina's Pizzeria only got two pizzas - and both of them were free.

A delivery person from Messina's Pizzeria told police that unknown individuals stole a warming oven containing two pizzas that had been ordered over the telephone.

He was unable to locate the specified address in the apartment complex and returned to his truck to discover the warming oven containing two pizzas had been removed.

Subsequent investigation showed that the address he had been seeking did not exist. In addition, police

delivered the pizzas that had been ordered over the telephone.

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Subsequent investigation showed that the address he had been seeking did not exist. In addition, police

discovered that the address for which the stolen pizzas had been ordered was fictitious.

Further investigation revealed that the phone numbers given by the individuals who had ordered both sets of pizzas also were fictitious.

The stolen pizzas and warming oven were valued at approximately \$60.

Sheba reunited with Reynolds family

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"We got Sheba in October and we moved into our new house on Nov. 1. Sheba was part of our family and part of our dreams."

"When we got back to Novi from Grand Rapids, we went out to the house everyday looking for Sheba, but couldn't find her anywhere. We found the chain but there was no sign that Sheba had been burned so we assumed that she was running around scared because of the fire."

"If it hadn't been for that story in the paper, we

might never have gotten her back. When Mrs. Schovers called to say she thought she had our dog, we were overjoyed."

"We went out to her house on Thursday morning and I had Tara and Erin wait in the car while I went inside. As soon as Sheba saw us she got really excited. She ran up and jumped on the car... she was really happy to see us."

The Reynolds are now planning to bounce back from the loss of their home and possessions. They have rented an apartment in Farmington Hills.

Members of the Evangelical Covenant Church in Grand Rapids, which they attended before moving to Novi, are helping out by providing clothing and furniture.

"We don't know what we're going to do about our house," said Reynolds. "We may try to rebuild, or we may just sell the land and start over somewhere."

"It's been quite a year," she added, "but we have a lot to be grateful for... we still have our family."

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As We See It

Covert's comments broach public trust

The growing dissatisfaction felt by most Novi City Council members with the behavior of fellow council member Nancy Covert surfaced again at a special meeting Monday night.

The source of the council's displeasure was an article written by Covert which was published in the March edition of "The Place Mat," the newsletter at Country Place Condominiums.

Covert stated in the article that the city exercised a "double standard" in establishing property assessments, avowing that commercial and industrial properties are under-assessed at the sake of residential property owners. (The complete text of Covert's article appears on Page 7A of this week's edition).

The article apparently came to the attention of city officials late last week and the decision was made to place discussion of the article on the agenda of Monday night's meeting. Discussion was initiated by Mayor Patricia Karevich who called the article was a matter of grave concern.

Before the meeting was over, other council members had expressed their dissatisfaction with Covert's article. Hugh Crawford accused Covert of waging a campaign to pit herself and residents against the rest of the city council. And Martha Hoyer said Covert's article came close to being malfeasance of office.

Covert responded that she did not know the article was to be discussed at the council table and, as a result, had not come prepared to defend herself. She also stated that council members were mistaken if they felt she had accused anyone of wrongdoing in the article, that she was merely attempting to ask questions which had been raised by others, and that she did not intend to give up her First Amendment rights to speak out on issues of concern to the community.

We do not approve of the manner in which the council chose to confront Covert on the content of the offending article. (See editorial below).

At the same time, we share council member's concerns about the article. Despite her protestations that she had not accused anyone of wrongdoing in the article, the fact is that she did. When she writes that,



COUNCIL MEMBER NANCY COVERT

"My column this month is written to inform you about a 'double standard' in taxation that I think is worth investigating and hopefully changing," the meaning is explicit.

The article leaves no doubt that Covert believes the city is applying a double standard on property assessments, assessing residential property legally and under-assessing commercial and industrial property illegally.

Those allegations would be acceptable — and welcomed — if they were based on factual information. Unfortunately, Covert said she has only heard other people make similar comments and thinks the allegations should be investigated.

In her defense, Covert states that being a member of the council does not require her to give up her First Amendment rights to freedom of speech. She is correct. At the same time, freedom of speech does not give anyone the right to say whatever he or she chooses. To paraphrase a former Supreme Court Justice, freedom of speech does not give anyone the right to stand up and yell "fire" in a crowded theater. And, in a way, that is what Covert has done by making serious allegations unsupported by facts.

If Covert can bring forth the documentation to support her allegations, she should do so. In the absence of supporting documentation, the incident stands as an example of the abuse of the right to freedom of speech — an example that is particularly deplorable in someone the people have placed their trust.

New home still a dream



Michele M. Fecht

We were a pretty sorry sight standing in front of the frozen food compartment at 8:30 Monday night. We were trying to decide which frozen cardboard box to take home for dinner when Linnie Jo walked through the door. Linnie Jo sold us our house, the one we don't live in.

She caught us trying to hide behind the Lean Cuisines, stuffed pasta shells and pasties. It's hard to explain why you're buying dinner at the drugstore. It's even harder to explain why you aren't living in a house you purchased 12 months ago, particularly when the inquirer is your Realtor.

Linnie Jo seemed satisfied with our mealy excuse about being too busy to get to the house (she's probably grateful we haven't called to put it back on the market). We decided right then and there that we have to pull ourselves together. Okay, so we bought the chicken pie and picked up a box of Wheat Thins and Vanilla Wafers on the way down the aisle. A few carbohydrates more won't hurt.

I don't think other "Y" couples live this way. Or at least that's what the demographers are telling us. While I'm gulping down graham crackers and milk for breakfast, my upscale counterparts are nibbling on prosciutto and Gruyere quiche. I have a refrigerator filled with green food, theirs is stuffed with gourmet items from specialty shops.

For the past week I've been schlepping around in a car coated with dog hair and splattered with mud (it hasn't seen the inside of a car wash since its infancy), a

winter coat with a frayed hem and missing button (I think it's in the bathroom next to the curlers) and pantyhose with enough snags to look like patterned stockings.

Maybe it's the winter blahs on the cusp of spring fever. Or perhaps I need a vacation. Steve's taking 10 days off to get his life in order (the income tax, inspection of the house, calls to contractors, car maintenance, etc.). I figure I need 10 months off.

The spring-like weather only has made me realize that winter is coming to a close and I still haven't put snow tires on the car. Now I'm faced with spring chores. I really was looking forward to working outside this year. We figured we'd paint the house (provided we're living in it by next winter), redo the front porch, landscape the yard and plant an herb garden (we're so trendy).

At this point, we'll be lucky just to move in. I get the feeling a lot of people are expecting this house to look like something out of Architectural Digest once we're finished with it. After all, what could be taking 12 months in the basement? We wish, No, we'll be moving into our abode with uncovered plywood floors, not a kitchen counter in sight and enough drywall dust to turn our hair gray.

However, the onset of spring isn't all that bleak. With warm weather comes barbecuing. If we retrieve our \$2.99 rusted grill which blows into the field behind our apartment complex some months ago, we can say goodbye to frozen food.

On the other hand, maybe we should check the charcoal supply before we get our hopes up.

Forum

By Chris Boyd



Barred

Here's 'the rest of the story'



Phil Jerome

I won't tell you what store she worked for. Suffice it to say, it was one of the big department stores which dominate the retail market.

It was around Valentine's Day a couple of years ago when she called and told me she had a great idea for a St. Valentine's Day feature.

"We have all this underwear covered with hearts and I thought you might like to write a story about it," she said.

I knew the store had underwear covered with hearts because I had seen it advertised in one of the metro dailies.

"Oh, is this the underwear I saw advertised in The News and Free Press on Sunday?" I asked innocently.

"Yes, it is," she replied.

"And what you're asking me now is to come out and write a 'free' story about something you 'paid' the

dailies to put in their newspapers, is that right?"

I went on from there, trying not to cross the line into rudeness. I told her I was insulted and appalled at the rudeness of the suggestion, and that if she wanted the people of Novi to find out about her underwear she could buy an ad just like she had in the metro dailies.

And you know what? She apologized. Told me I was justified in feeling the way I did. That it was her job to generate free publicity for the store, and that lots of editors told her the same things I had — only not as nicely.

I'm not sure why I burdened you with this tale. The thing is that I take it personally. I relate it directly to my paycheck and the paychecks of the people I work with. And I relate it to those advertisers who have supported the paper over the years. And, in as much as the size of the paper is directly related to the amount of advertising, I also relate it to the amount of local news I am able to provide readers every week.

You didn't see any stories about heart-covered underwear when that event happened two years ago. And, as Paul Harvey would say, "Now you know... the rest of the story."

Brett challenges mayor's letter

To the Editor:

Mayor Karevich is wrong — one hundred percent wrong — when she indicates "that he (Joe Brett) now has a very negative view of an extremely positive community."

I consider the community, the residents of Novi and the businesses that serve the residents and I have one of the most positive attitudes in the city when it concerns these residents.

My negative view is directed specifically to the issues that I have been discussing in what Mayor Karevich refers to as, "weekly doses of Mr. Joe Brett's answers to everything in the city," and the members of the council who are making the decisions on the subjects that I discuss in Letters to the Editor.

Mayor Karevich is entitled to express her opinion and has a responsibility as mayor to do so. Therefore, I don't understand her reluctance to respond to my past comments. And I don't see what my "not being in attendance at our meetings in quite sometime" has to do with my privilege to express my views on topics that affect this city.

Mayor Karevich, I don't think that "it's very unfortunate that you have not received weekly doses of Mr. Joe Brett." What is unfortunate is that so many weeks go by where there are no Letters to the Editor.

Letters to the Editor are a most important service that a newspaper can offer its readers after providing complete, accurate reporting of the news.

The Novi News is one of the finest assets the City of Novi has, and it is a privilege that too few people use. A Letter to the Editor gives people an opportunity to express their opinion. And the beautiful part about it is that each reader can be very selective in what they read. On the other hand, I know from personal experience that the editor very carefully checks letters for libel and accuracy of the facts.

It would appear that the sensitive

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nerve that was touched was the issue of patronage and I have no apologies to offer for discussing it in the context of the form of government we have in Novi.

What I wrote was direct and to the point. I could not locate any immediate after re-reading what I wrote. I dealt with quotations that were reported in the press, where certain council members made some very arbitrary decisions regarding ordinance enforcement.

Mayor Karevich chose to ignore what I consider the real issues. Anytime you have the lawmakers involved in enforcement decisions, there is a potential for patronage. This is especially true when large campaign donations are contributed by special interests prior to elections.

This is not the first time that I expressed concern in this area. January 15, 1986, I wrote a Letter to the Editor in regard to the Novi News article headlined, "Campaign Spending Race." I was the only one in the city who was prepared enough to write a Letter to the Editor on the issue.

To refresh memories, the Novi News reported: "People for Karevich" drummed up \$5,421, "Residents to Re-Elect Mayor Schmid" raised \$2,941."

I quote a paragraph from my letter: "It was a rather sobering experience to read the list of contributors and the special interest they represented, particularly the great number of donations from contributors who do not live in Novi. It also represented a quantum leap in the increase of the amount of the individual donations over two years ago."

Good government can only function if elected officials are held

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dynamic, personable and knowledgeable source of information. He was an excellent role model for the students, giving them guidance in personal values as well as professional expertise.

Novi is fortunate to have Chef Keith Farnie and the Chez Raphael located in our city.

Nanci J. Olgren, 8th Grade Cooking Teacher, Novi Middle School

Novi is ready for a strong mayor (form of government). Mayor Karevich has one viewpoint; Joe Brett has another.

The important issue is, "What do the voters think?"

In my opinion, the voters expressed their preference last year. So why not call a charter committee and put it to the voters.

Joseph Brett

There is something you and I can do to ask the man with the gun in his pocket to find another way to solve his problems — the red-ribbon campaign currently being promoted by SOSAD (Save Our Sons and Daughters).

Take that red ribbon and tie it on the stop signs. Let it proclaim, "Stop the blood." Paint the town red and make that thin red line hoping that you can stop the criminal before he shoots.

There are too many people who die at the hands of a criminal. According to the "Information Please Almanac" over 18,000 last year alone. Michigan has the second highest source of that number. It has got to stop. I ask that your readers support SOSAD in its efforts. Get those red ribbons flying.

T. James Zanotti

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On March 2 I had a letter printed in the Detroit Free Press that indicated we should start to teach our young how to come into contact with other human beings without death being the result.

I was upset by the proliferation of articles on AIDS as opposed to the failure of the press to convince people not to shoot each other — there are many more deaths that occur because of violence than because of AIDS.

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Boyd is national winner in contest

Christopher A. Boyd, staff photographer for The Novi News/Northville Record, has been named a national winner in the 44th annual Pictures of the Year Competition sponsored by the National Press Photographers Association, the University of Missouri School of Journalism and Canon USA Inc.

Boyd won third place for a sports feature picture, "Rainy Embrace." The prestigious award is especially noteworthy in that it was won in competition with photographers from much larger publications, virtually all dailies.

The winning photograph was snapped, Boyd recalls, "in a torrential downpour during a cross-country high school competition. 'I just happened to be in the right

place, and in focus, when one of our cross-country runners was hugged by a city competitor." Boyd thinks the shot appealed to the judges as it was not a typical sports picture.

He has been invited to receive the award in April at a Pictures of the Year Awards Weekend at the University of Missouri.

Boyd, a Plymouth resident, joined the Sliger/Livingston Publications Oct. 29, 1986. He is an honors graduate of Eastern Michigan University with a BS degree in geology. At EMU he was chief photographer for the student newspaper, "The Eastern Echo." He also was a freelance photographer and had previously taken photographs for The Record and News.

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New construction down in city

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The number of building permits issued for apartment construction fell from 57 in 1985 to only 24 in 1986. However, the total number of units went from 738 built in 1985 to 566 in 1986.

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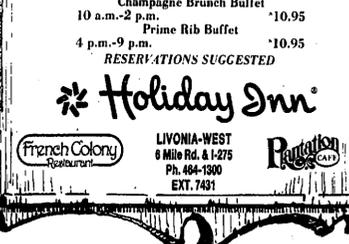
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Obituaries

JACK COLLETT
Funeral services for Jack Edwin Collett of Somerset Township were held March 11 at the Holy Family Church with Rev. Steven C. Koehler officiating.

Mr. Collett died March 8 at Mt. Carmel Hospital. The son of Percy and Clara (Schwers) Collett, he was born in Detroit on June 3, 1918, and was 68 at the time of his death.

He retired as a lieutenant in Detroit Fire Department after 28 years of service in 1975. He was a member of the Plymouth Elks Club, the Jackson Moose and the American Legion.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret (Armstrong), and two children, Mary Jacquelyn Carpenter of Fenon and Judith Ann Safford of Grand Blanc. Also surviving are a brother, William Collett of Novi, and two sisters, Grace Stegall of Holly and Darlene Zueck, also of Holly. Seven grandchildren also survive.

Interment was at Holy Sepulchre in Detroit.

ROBERT E. SCHWARTZ

Funeral service for Robert E. Schwartz, 64, of Novi will be held this Saturday, March 21 at 11 a.m., at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1780 Farmington Road in Livonia, where he was a member. Pastor Carl Pangel is officiating.

Interment will be in Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville.

Mr. Schwartz died March 14 at

Detroit freeway to be closed

Attention, commuters. The second and final construction phase on the John C. Lodge Freeway is about to begin. And that means anyone traveling to or from Detroit on the Lodge had better find alternate routes.

State Transportation Director James Pitz reported that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) will begin reconstruction of the Lodge Freeway on April 11. The project is expected to continue until November.

The work, said Pitz, will require that the Lodge freeway be closed one direction at a time between Cobo Hall and Seven Mile.

Pitz said MDOT again will attempt to minimize inconvenience to motorists while the reconstruction is taking place.

"Our Lodge-ability motorists in-

formation program worked extremely well last year," said Pitz. "We had great cooperation from the news media and the city, neighborhood residents, institutions, and businesses affected by the program."

The northbound lanes of the Lodge will be closed Saturday, April 11, from Cobo Hall north to Seven Mile while the pavement on all three lanes is being removed and replaced.

Other work will range from replacement of sewers and improved under-drainage to pavement patching north of the main project to Eight Mile.

The southbound lanes are scheduled to open in late July.

The southbound lanes will close several days later and re-open in early November.

"Completion of the project will

provide extra traffic controls at surface street intersections on alternate routes and from the air. Tow trucks will patrol the alternate routes during peak hours to provide the same free towing service for disabled vehicles that was provided in the project area last year.

MDOT will provide special express service on Greyhound buses throughout the construction period from parking areas established at the National Guard Artillery Armory, Eight Mile near Greenfield, and Lahser near Eleven Mile.

SEMTA and the Detroit Department of Transportation will expand their regular line-haul services, and ride-sharing programs are being beefed-up.

Pitz said all the services will be advertised widely while construction is taking place.

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INSIDE

Wednesday, March 18, 1987

New options make selecting a bank more difficult

Remember when banking was simple? If you earned enough to pay the bills, you considered yourself lucky. If you earned a little more, you deposited the surplus in a bank. If you had a little more, you opened a checking account and earned a little interest on it.

Life is far more complicated today. Deregulation has changed the nature and structure of banking. A plethora of new products and services is on the scene, offering consumers higher rates and enhanced convenience. The dark cloud around this silver lining? Not every product suits every consumer.

How do you determine which option is right for you? "Consumers should remember that it is their needs which define the product's value for them," said Michael B. Stauffer, a spokesman for Citibank, a consumer bank. "No matter how innovative or how interesting the product is, it has no real value for you if it doesn't meet your needs."

Let's say, for example, that you would like to establish a reserve of money to meet your financial needs in the short term. You define your needs as follows: an account that provides a good return on the deposits, remains liquid and is convenient to use.

When reviewing what's available, ask the following questions:
 □ Is there a minimum balance requirement?
 □ Is there a limit to the number of withdrawals I can make?
 □ How do I make deposits? In person? By mail? Via an automated teller machine?
 □ How do I access the money? By

automatic teller machine? By check? Is there a per-check charge?
 □ How can I get information on my account? Must I go into a branch? Can I phone a service representative? Are business hours limited?
 □ How many (and what kind of) other services are available with the account? What is the cost, if any?
 □ What is the interest paid on the deposits? How frequently is it compounded?
 □ When considering the last point, keep in mind that no two words are guaranteed to fatten your bank account faster than "compounded daily," according to syndicated financial writer Jay Goldinger.

The principle is compound interest. This is the interest earned on a sum multiplied at different times. By reading the fine print and doing a little research, your next egg can accelerate in size at an amazing rate — if it compounds interest rather than simply accumulating it.

Here's an example: If you deposit \$100 in a bank that pays interest at the rate of 10 percent a year, at the end of the first 12 months — without adding another dollar — your account would be worth \$110. At the end of the second year, it would show \$121. The extra \$1, which was earned on the \$10 interest generated in the first year, is the compounded interest.

The numbers get more interesting as they get bigger. And the more often the sum is compounded, the faster those amounts get bigger. Terms in financial services like "compounded interest" can be confusing. Even some of the most familiar products have undergone

name changes. Remember the old-fashioned checking account? Now there are many options. Many of the array of financial products and services available to the American consumer are known by just their initials. Here is a glossary of some of the most widely used acronyms and their meanings:
 APR: Annual Percentage Rate. The yearly rate of interest or finance charge levied on a loan.
 ATM: Automated Teller Machine. Also known as a cash machine, this device permits you to deposit checks, withdraw cash, transfer funds and check balances by means of a special card or code.
 CD: Certificate of Deposit. A type of savings account that offers higher rates in exchange for longer periods of deposit.
 CPI: Consumer Price Index. The federal government's measure of inflation and its effect on the average American's pocketbook.
 EFT: Electronic Funds Transfer. A system developed to enhance the efficiency of the exchange of monetary value by substituting electronic signals for paper. The ATM is a method of EFT that Americans are most familiar with.
 NASDAQ: National Association of Securities Dealers Automated Quotations. A computerized system providing to dealers and brokers price quotations for traded securities. NASDAQ quotes are published in the financial pages of most newspapers.
 NOW Account: Negotiable Order of Withdrawal Account. An interest-bearing checking account. The draft that looks and works like a check is called a negotiable order of

withdrawal.
 Reg Z: Regulation Z. The Consumer Credit Protection Act of 1968, more commonly known as the Truth in Lending Act, requires lenders to disclose the cost of credit, permitting consumers to shop around for the best credit terms.
 For consumers, the key is not to be intimidated by change, but to challenge and responsibility in banking to keep them informed, so that they can make the best decisions possible.
 "The financial service marketplace is one of the most volatile in the 1980s," said Stauffer. "Those consumers who can spot and seize the opportunities created by change will be the ones who thrive. It's our challenge and responsibility in banking to keep them informed, so that they can make the best decisions possible."

'South Pacific' to open at Marquis

Northville's historic Marquis Theatre is presenting Rodgers and Hammerstein's enchanting musical "South Pacific," opening March 21 at 8 p.m.

Performances run through April 12 on Friday and Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. and Sunday afternoons at 2:30 p.m. The Marquis Theatre is located at 135 E. Main Street in Northville.

Guest director Roger Bean from the Hillberry Theatre at Wayne State University is the director, having just directed the Marquis Theatre's successful production of "Annie." Cheryl Bubar is the

music director and conductor, with Kathi Bush as the choreographer. Elaine Sabal is the scenographer and lighting designer, and the costumes are designed by Bernadine Vida.

Headlining the cast are Linda Barsamian as the ever-optimistic Nellie Forbush and Norris W. Andersen as Emile de Beque, returning to the Marquis after his critically acclaimed portrayal of Daddy Warbucks in "Annie." Also included in the cast are Ron Deihl as Luther Billis, Deane Clark as Capt. Brackett (both appeared in "Annie"), Glenn Carlos as Lt. Cable and Rita Jury as Bloody Mary.

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Business Briefs

DR. JOHN C. BURKHARDT, executive assistant to the president in the Division of Academic Affairs at Eastern Michigan University, was promoted to director of institutional advancement in the President's Office by the EMU Board of Regents at its regular monthly meeting Feb. 25.

Burkhardt, a Northville resident, earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Oakland University in 1972 and masters degrees in higher education administration and organizational psychology from Michigan State University and the University of Michigan, respectively. He also earned a doctorate in education from U-M.

From 1974 to 1978, Burkhardt worked in various capacities at Saginaw Valley State College including director of campus life and director of residence halls and food services.

He came to Eastern in 1978 and served as director of Health Services until last year when he was appointed executive assistant to the president.

Burkhardt was named EMU Administrator of the Year in 1979 by EMU's Student Government.

As director of institutional advancement, Burkhardt, 36, will provide a central force to the University's institutional advancement program. He will coordinate scheduling of campus events, promote and help publicize events and develop strategies for increasing attendance.

GEORGE KAUPPILA of Highland has earned membership in Lutheran Brotherhood's 1986 Executives' Club.

The Executives' Club is one of the fraternal benefit society's top sales honors. Representatives qualify for membership based on sales of insurance and investment products to Lutherans. Lutheran Brotherhood and its subsidiaries offer life and health insurance, annuities and mutual funds.

Lutheran Brotherhood has over \$18 billion in life insurance in force and more than \$5 billion in assets under management. In 1986, the Society allocated nearly \$28 million to its fraternal programs in support of its members, their communities and Lutheran activities. Kauppila is associated with Lutheran Brotherhood's Karl Mueller Agency based in Rochester. He serves both Oakland and Livingston counties.

BOASTING A RECORD YEAR in real estate sales, Jim Bress, president of Earl Keim Realty/Northville, Inc., has announced the list of Realtor Associates from the Northville office who achieved status in the Earl Keim Realty Million Dollar Club.

Betty Greenlee and Linnie Jo Strunk joined the \$3 Million Dollar Club for sales in excess of \$3 million. Members of the \$2 Million Club were Pat Kresin and Barbara Wojcik. Membership in the Million Dollar Club was achieved by Joanne Bingenheimer, Pat McManara and Joan Rostas.

SUZANNE M. ROYCE of Ann Arbor has been named Senior Accountant for DeMattia Development Company.

DeMattia Development is the real estate and land development affiliate of the R.A. DeMattia Company, a design/build firm headquartered in Plymouth.

Royce will be participating in the accounting and financial services of DeMattia Development Company. Royce is a CPA and a graduate of the University of Michigan. Before joining DeMattia, Royce worked as a Senior Accountant at Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Company.



THOMAS CELANI, president of Action Distributing Company in Livonia, has received the Miller Brewing Company's highest honor for overall business excellence during 1986. It is the eighth award for Action Distributing.

Celani (center) is shown accepting congratulations from Miller executives Leonard Goldstein (left), senior vice president for sales, and Tom Koehler, vice president for sales. Celani is a former Novi resident and a Novi High School graduate.

Celani was among 45 Miller distributors receiving the coveted Miller Masters award at the company's annual sales meetings.

"The annual Miller Masters award program honors those among us who display the highest caliber of professionalism and skill in operating distributorships throughout the year," said Goldstein.

Celani received an engraved crystal award and will participate in a special trip to the Virgin Islands with other winners. Miller is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Philip Morris Companies, Inc. Principal beer brands include Miller High Life, Miller Lite, Löwenbrau, Miller Genuine Draft, Magnum, Meister Brau and Milwaukee's Best.

RAYMOND G. DESHANO of Canton has joined DeMattia & Associates as a draftsman. DeMattia & Associates is the design/architectural affiliate of the R.A. DeMattia Company.

DeShano will be working with the architectural staff developing custom designs on various projects throughout the country.

DeShano has several years of experience as a draftsman and holds an Associate's Degree in Architecture from Schoolcraft College.

R.A. DeMattia is a Northville resident.

GARY J. WISE of Northville has joined Ross Roy Inc. advertising agency. The announcement was made by James C. Gorman, senior vice president, creative director.

An art director, Wise will be responsible for conceptualization and execution of television and print advertising on various accounts.

Prior to coming to the agency, Wise was an art director for four years at Bozell, Jacobs, Kenyon & Eckhardt. A graduate of the Center for Creative Studies, he earned his BFA degree in Art Direction.

MICHAEL NAVETTA of Novi has been elected to his fourth consecutive term as chairman of the Masonry Institute of Michigan's masonry promotion group for 1987. He is owner of Navetta Mason Contractors of Novi.

Navetta also was elected to a three-year term on the board of trustees at the Institute's annual meeting recently.

The Masonry Institute of Michigan is the promotional, educational and technical arm of Michigan's masonry industry. Masonry includes brick, block, stone and other hand-laid materials.

New software systems help to plan finances

In the age of computers, taking control of your finances is made simple with new, easy-to-use software. By the touch of a button, you can call up different strategies from investment wizards on taxes, money markets, retirement planning and other financial advice.

Of course, a computer cannot replace a financial analyst. There are two ways a computer can be used. One is to access data bases. The other is through financial software that helps track income and expenditures by category, stores tax records and information, figures your net worth and even prints checks and financial reports.

A computer with graphics printer and modern ranges from \$1,200 to \$3,000, and there are hundreds of software packages. Add a modem and you can link up with your bank account, enabling you to feed a record of all transactions directly into your personal computer.

Before purchasing a personal finance program, you should make a check list of your needs and read some independent reviews of the different software available in computer publications such as Personal Computing, PC and Software Times.

There are many well-designed personal software packages on the market today, ranging in cost from \$125 to \$250. The trick is finding the right one for you. Make sure to read the manual and ask questions first because many cannot be returned. A good resource is the "Individual Investor's Microcomputer Resource Guide," published by the American Association of Individual Investors (612 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago IL 60611).

"Financial wizard Sylvia Porter has developed a basic program for investment strategies called "Financial Planning." The program analyzes financial goals and your ability to achieve them. You can produce a report to show current income and expenses, assets and liabilities and goals with a year-by-year breakdown on how much you need to save. If you are unable to meet your goals, a warning sign appears.

The program also gives a basic overview of income and expenses, and catalogs assets and liabilities of

operates the service, is not widowed as was stated incorrectly in the article. Anyone wishing to contact "You Rang?" may call her at 348-7344. We regret the error.

Glenna Long, the woman who

For an electronic investment manager, take a peek at "Financial Independence." Developed by Charles Schwab Investor Education, this program puts an emphasis on portfolio management and taxes.

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You can look at the three tax alternatives and select your strategy. The program also has pertinent tax forms that are useful in tax preparation.

Secondary software can give you a link directly into the stock market data daily. A screening feature filters out stocks within a certain criteria, and can be used to find a set of high and low boundaries for buying and selling.

If you can't balance your checkbook, check out "Andrew Tobias's Managing Your Money." For slightly less than \$300, you can hook up this software to your IBM or Apple and your screen will fill up with trivia such as the number of shopping days left Christmas.

But that's just part of the fun. The program can track your net worth, balance a checkbook, evaluate life insurance needs and tax strategies, plan your child's college education and analyze loans and retirement plans. And that's just before lunch.

Investment software can be expensive, so many sophisticated computer users who are interested subscribe to Compuserve, which provides price quotes and other information about securities.

According to Personal Computing, these investors buy "The Equalizer" or "Dow Jones Market Manager Plus" to compare information on different firms and their stocks and update profit and loss figures. It beats using a calculator and saves time.

If you are going to be using your personal computer and financial software for home and business financial analysis, experts recommend buying programs with an auto-run feature. They save time by automatically preparing and printing your charts on a regular basis while you step away to spend the money you've just saved.

'Filing jointly' is best for most couples

Money Management

More marriage proposals are made on St. Valentine's Day than on just about any other day of the year. And, when a man and a woman decide to get married, they have many details to think about. Usually, they decide to file their income tax as one of them. But come tax time, says the Michigan Association of CPAs, they have a decision to make.

Most married couples file jointly because, by doing so, they reduce their tax bill more than if they were to file separately. The tax rates for married couples are lower and there are many tax benefits to filing jointly that may not be available to separate filers.

By filing a joint tax return, married couples are entitled to the two-earner deduction (which will be phased out in 1987), IRA deduction for a non-working spouse, the credit for the elderly, the earned income credit or the dependent care credit.

For the maximum deductions, all totaled, these benefits could provide a substantial tax savings.

By claiming the two-earner deduction, a married couple can save up to \$1,500 off its tax bill. This deduction is worth 10 percent of the salary of the spouse who earns less, up to \$30,000. This, too, will no longer be available under the Tax Reform Act of 1986.

Married couples where only one spouse works are entitled to take a deduction for the additional contribution allowed for an IRA. In this situa-

tion, the working spouse can contribute as much as \$2,500 to an IRA and the couple may divide it between their accounts in anyway they wish, as long as not more than \$2,000 goes into one account.

The credit for the elderly is also available to married couples who file jointly. If one spouse is 65 or older or under 65 and permanently disabled and receiving disability income, he or she may qualify for a credit worth up to \$1,125 on the joint return. Married couples filing separately who are married and living together or who lived together for part of the year, are excluded from this credit.

Married couples with dependent children who earn less than \$11,000 a year also are entitled to the earned income credit as long as they file jointly. This deduction is worth as much as \$550 for couples who qualify.

Another credit that is available to couples who file jointly is the dependent care credit. Couples who hire a babysitter or a housekeeper to care for a dependent so that both could work outside the home in 1986 may qualify for a credit worth as much as \$720 - \$1,440 for two or more dependents.

All of these credits and deductions are not available to couples who file separately. Also, one-half of the Social Security benefits received by a spouse who files separately are subject to tax, regardless of their amount or the amount of other income. When a married couple files jointly and receives Social Security benefits, they are allowed to have other income and still have their benefits remain tax free, as long as they do not exceed certain income limits.

Still, couples may elect to file separately. One reason to file separately is both husband and wife have separate incomes and one spouse has substantial medical bills. In this case, medical expenses that exceed five percent of this spouse's adjusted gross income are tax deductible in 1986. If the expenses are great enough, they can reduce his or her tax bill considerably.

Couples who choose to file jointly must be married. Separated or divorced couples may still have the file jointly depending on certain circumstances. If you were married on December 31, 1986, consider yourself married for the entire tax year. If your spouse died during 1986, you may still file a joint return.

Separated couples may file returns as though they are not married as long as they did not live together all in 1986. In this situation, one spouse may file as a head of household as long as the couple's dependent child lived with him or her for more than six months of the year. If you were divorced in 1986, you cannot file a joint return unless you remarried within the same year.

Under most circumstances, married couples who choose to file separately will pay more taxes. However, due to other factors, these spouses may find it beneficial to file this way instead of jointly. In doing so, it is important to note that if a couple files separate tax returns and then decides that they would like to amend their return, they have three years from the due date to file an amended joint return. But remember that if a couple files jointly, they cannot amend their return to file separately.

When filing separately, each spouse must take responsibility for his or her own income, deductions, exemptions, credits and liabilities. If one spouse itemizes his or her deductions, the other spouse must itemize as well. When filing jointly, each spouse is liable for the tax on the other spouse's income.

If you were married, separated, divorced or widowed in 1986, you will have to make a decision as to the best way to file your income tax return. If you feel you need more information to properly file your return, contact a CPA or the IRS.

'Natural gas services help area developers'

Consumers Power Company's Metro Region has saved Detroit area construction firms more than \$100,000 during the past two heating seasons, according to E. L. Doss, general manager for the utility's Metro Region.

"Working closely with Detroit area construction firms, we have been able to install new natural gas services in time to provide heat in new buildings during the construction phase," said Doss.

Construction firms can save up to 30 percent by using lower-priced natural gas rather than relying on other available higher-priced fuels, according to Doss. Typically, buildings under construction are heated by temporary propane systems.

"Not only have we realized substantial savings, but using natural gas for heating has also been more efficient and convenient," said Don Kitchen of D.M. Kitchen Company of Troy, builder of the new 150,000 square foot Jacobsens store in Livonia.

"Consumers Power Company people have been very helpful, particularly in getting us the gas service early in the project," Kitchen said.

"Attracting and keeping business in Michigan is part of our job at Consumers Power, and keeping our customers' total energy costs as low as possible helps make business in this state more competitive. Saving \$30,000 or more on a construction project is no small change," said Doss.

In addition to several large commercial projects, facilities being constructed for General Dynamics in Sterling Heights and GMP Robotics in Rochester Hills also used natural gas for construction heat.

"The Metro Detroit area is in a construction boom and we expect to significantly increase the number of projects we serve. Since last November, 24 projects have chosen to use natural gas for construction heat, and we are aggressively seeking to expand this market," Doss said.

During the winter of 1986-87, Consumers Power Company has sold an additional 77 million cubic feet of gas, resulting in an additional \$38,000 in revenue in a previously untapped market for natural gas distributors.

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Community blood drive to be held on March 26

By JEANNE CLARKE
Special writer

The pressure's on, Novi residents. Gerri Stipp, chairperson of the Novi Community Blood Drive, has set a goal of 240 pints for the drive which will be held at Holy Family Church on Meadowbrook Road on Thursday, March 26, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The goal is more than double the 104 pints of blood donated by Novi residents last fall. Stipp set the goal after reading about Mount Calvary, Wisconsin, which has a population of 585 and donated 240 pints at its last blood drive. Novi has a population of approximately 28,000.

Appointments to donate blood are not required but can be made by calling Stipp at 349-4300 during the day. Stipp said she would like churches, service groups and subdivision associations to encourage members to donate blood.

Donors must weigh at least 110 pounds and be at least 17 years old. People over 65 years old can donate with written permission of their doctors. For more information call 349-4300.

PARKS & REC: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department's Arts and Culture Committee will meet tonight (Wednesday) in Parks and Recreation offices at 8:30 p.m. The group will meet monthly to develop, implement and promote cultural events in Novi. Anyone wishing to serve on the committee may call Kelly Simpson at 349-1976.

The Memorial Day Parade will be held May 25 starting at 10 a.m. Any group or individual wishing to participate should get an entry form from Dan Davis, director of the Parks and Recreation Department who is organizing the event. Groups wishing to receive information about the parade can call 349-1976 to ask to be put on the mailing list.

The annual Easter Egg Hunt, co-sponsored by the Novi Jaycees, will be held April 11 at the Novi High School Commons. The event is for pre-schoolers to age 12. Separate hunts will be held at 9:30 and 11 a.m.

There will be an Adult/Child Bowling Tournament at the Novi Bowl on April 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Teams will consist of an adult and a child with entry fees set at \$10 per team. Call 349-1976 to enter or for more information.

Residents are reminded that trees can be purchased through the Parks and Recreation Department.

Senior citizens can receive assistance with certain chores in and around their homes through the new North Oakland Chore Service.

The Chore Service was started in January by the Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) and is open to people 60 years of age who live in Novi, Walled Lake, Wixom, South Lyon, New Hudson, Milford and Wolverine Lake Village.

Specific chores provided through the program include heavy house cleaning (windows, walls and floors) and outdoor work (snow shoveling, lawn mowing and gutter cleaning). Assistance is also available for such minor home repairs as installation of window drapings, caulking windows, and replacing fuses, light bulbs, electrical plugs, door locks, window latches and faucet washers.

Senior citizens who have the highest priority for receiving chore assistance are those who are low income, homebound, physically unable to perform the chores or who are unable to secure assistance from another adult in their geographic area.

OLHSA is now taking applications from individuals willing to perform the chores. Both males and females who are at least 18 years old are needed. They must have their own transportation. OLHSA will pay \$4 per hour plus mileage for qualified workers.

Anyone interested in receiving assistance or applying for work should call Helen Fust at 349-3780 on weekdays from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Novi Highlights

and Recreation Department's Plant-a-Tree program. Prices range from \$3 to \$15 depending on the size and type of tree. The price includes delivery — delivery dates are set for May 2 and 6. Call 349-1976 for details.

NOVI NEWCOMERS: Gloria Koller of The Decorating Den will present a program on home decorating when the Novi Newcomers hold a general membership meeting at Village Oaks Elementary School tomorrow (Thursday, March 19) at 7:30 p.m.

Gianna Amati hosted the last prospective members dessert of the season at her home last week. Anyone interested in more information about joining the Newcomers Club may call President Linda Pavona at 348-7695.

The Newcomers will host a "home interiors party" on March 24. Catalogs will be available ahead of time for anyone who wishes to place an order.

The Newcomers' Couples group will attend "South Pacific" at the Marquis Theatre on April 10 and dine at Genitt's Hole-in-the-Wall on May 16. A road rally is slated for June 6. The Mom 'n' Tot Stitching Time group will meet twice this month with the next meeting set for March 27.

NOVI WOODS PTO: Plans for the annual spring fair at Novi Woods Elementary School will be made at a special PTO meeting tonight (Wednesday, March 18) at 7:30 p.m. The fair is scheduled for May 8, but parent volunteers are needed to assist.

Some 147 students were honored for participating in the Daily Reader Program under the direction of Gretchen Opperman. "Team B" in the second grade won the school trophy for the second straight year.

Pat Marron, director of the Campbell's Soup label program, reports that 21,855 labels have been collected so far this year, beating last year's total by more than 3,000 labels. The labels will be used to obtain three cassette record players, nine books, a portable radio and other items for the school.

Former Olympic Gymnast George Hunzinger presented an assembly for

students recently. Currently employed at Sea World, Hunzinger talked about the dangers of drugs.

Novi Woods is looking ahead to a busy spring. Activities will include several Sesquicentennial projects including participating in the Pioneer Days Festival on May 16. The school also is starting a PTO newsletter under the direction of Dana Emsric.

PERSONALS: Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gladden have turned from a three-week trip to Florida where they traveled from Everglades National Park to Key West. They visited friends at Sista Key and enjoyed "bread and breakfast" accommodations. The Gladdens also pursued their hobby of bird watching, spotting many new species.

Mrs. Eva Behrendt, a longtime Novi resident, celebrated her 90th birthday March 11 at Beverly Manor. Several family members visited with cake and ice cream, including her daughter and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Darling.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Steinberger attended an 8th birthday party for their grandson, Adam, at the home of his parents, Daniel and Jo Ellen White, in Hudson.

Mack and Clara Porter celebrated his birthday and their 30th wedding anniversary at Diggers in Farmington Hills on Friday. Attending were Greg Porter, Kim Sulems, Eric Porter, Julie Pelchat and Mr. and Mrs. William Murasko. The group returned to the Porter home after dinner for cake and coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Philip Jerome attended a Saturday matinee performance of "Cats" at the Fisher Theater followed by dinner at MacKinnon's in Northville and after-dinner drinks at Chez Raphael's in Novi.

SPIRIT OF CHRIST: Spirit of Christ Lutheran Church is joining Hope Lutheran Church on Twelve Mile to host a series of "Soup, Song and Service" programs every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. during the Lenten season.

The theme is "Pilgrimage to the Cross," and each service consists of dramatic sermons with members of the congregation playing roles. The programs will be held at Hope

Lutheran on March 18 and 25 and at Spirit of Christ Lutheran on Ten Mile on April 1 and 8.

Spirit of Christ is now offering two Sunday morning services to accommodate a growing congregation which has doubled in size over the past 3½ years. There's an 8:30 a.m. service followed by Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. A second service is held at 10:30 a.m. and is followed by coffee and fellowship at 11:30 a.m.

The Sunday School classes presented a "Lent Event" on March 8 which consisted of old symbolic practices. Families were encouraged to make pretzels which once were considered a symbol of Lent. In addition, they buried a banner with the word "Alleluia" on it. The banner will be resurrected Easter morning.

The Senior Choir under the direction of Wilma Borsvold and the Junior Choir under the direction of Elaine Dixon are preparing special music for Easter Sunday.

The church will hold an Altar Care Meeting/Clean-up on March 21. A rummage/bake sale under the direction of Carolyn Bailey is slated for April 4.

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Andrew recently. Looking ahead, Dr. Jonathan Cox, mission worker, and Father Leslie Harding will attend a workshop titled "A Small Church Development Conference" to explore new ideas for developing the Holy Cross parish.

NOVI 4-H CLUB: The Novi Adventurers 4-H Club recently held a maple syrup demonstration. The group is continuing to work on creating nature trails behind Novi Woods Elementary School in anticipation of the Pioneer Days Festival slated for May 16.

The 4-H Club meets the first Monday of each month under the direction of Larry and Margaret Schmidt. The club is continuing to look for a large cast-iron scalding pot and other old farm tools. Anyone who can help or would like to make a donation toward 4-H activities is asked to call 349-4266.

The Pioneer Days Festival slated for May 16 will include demonstrations of many old-fashioned crafts, including spinning, rug-making and other folk arts. The community is invited to attend.

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The cast of 'Freedom Bound' presented their musical to students and parents last week. Novi News/CHRIS BOLD

Fifth graders present musical

"Freedom Bound" is the title of the play that fifth graders at Novi Upper Elementary School selected for their annual spring musical.

The musical was produced under the direction of classroom teachers Rosalind Fuentes, Gary Hurst and Glen Walling and music teacher Susan Harris.

Nina (Theresa White), daughter Katherine (Michelle Walter) and Grandma Busha (Heather Gray) remain in Europe waiting for John Anton to find work in America so they can join the rest of the family.

Wixom library sets 'tall tale' contest

The Wixom Public Library is sponsoring a "tall tale" contest. Patrons are invited to make up a tall tale as to why their library books were late.

Entries need not be of any particular length. Deadline for entries is April 11, and the winner will be selected by the library board.

WESTERN REUNION: Walled Lake Western's Class of 1972 will celebrate its 15-year reunion on Aug. 29. For more information call Ms. Squires at Walled Lake Western, 624-5020.

Community Notes

NOVI PLAYERS: Previously known as Stage One Productions, the Novi Players is seeking new members for its community theater group.

POST-POLIO MEETING: A post-polio meeting will be held at St. Patrick's Parish Hall in Union Lake on Friday, March 27, at 7:30 p.m.

ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE: The Milford-Wixom Support Group of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association (ADRDA) meets the third Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. at the Milford Presbyterian Church.

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Spring programs offer varied fare

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Oakland Community College (OCC) again is holding its six-week program, "Transitions," beginning Thursday from 6-8 p.m. in Room J 308 of the Orchard Ridge Campus in Farmington Hills.

There is no charge for the program, but enrollment is limited and registration is required. To register call the OCC Workcenter at 471-7602.

The six-week program provides a supportive setting designed for decision-making and goal-setting for those in a period of transition. The small group offers participants the chance to explore career ways to translate experience and skills learned during homemaking years. Career opportunities will be explored during the seminars.

Schoolcraft College's literary magazine, *The MacGuffin*, will host Jim Daniels in a poetry reading on Tuesday, March 24, at 8 p.m.

A former national endowment of the arts fellow, author of *Places* — *Everyone and professor of English at Carnegie Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh*, Daniels will announce the winners of *The MacGuffin* fourth annual poetry contest during the evening.

All winners will be invited to read their poetry at Schoolcraft College.

Library highlights guides on taxes

Don't look now, but April is coming up quicker than you think, and that means it's income tax time.

The library has three types of materials for people filing income tax returns — forms, IRS publications and how-to books.

In the area of forms, the library has limited copies of selected Michigan and federal forms in addition to the reproducible income and single business tax form packet from the State of Michigan and the Federal reproducible form kit.

Also available is the Commerce Clearing House complete set of IRS 1982.

Lenten series slated

The Good Shepherd Evangelical Lutheran Church will conduct a special Lenten service tonight (Wednesday, March 18) at 7 p.m.

Gene E. Jahnke, pastor of the church, reported that Lenten services will be held each succeeding Wednesday night until Easter. The public is invited to attend.

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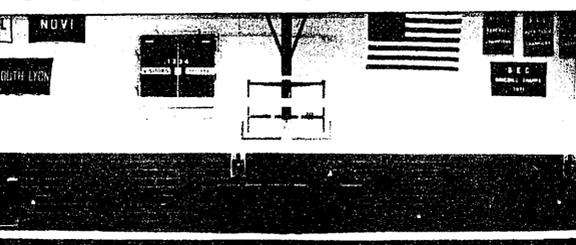
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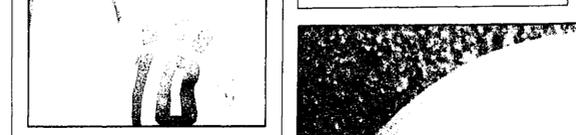
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Novi's Higley named to All-Area spike team

It's time to throw out the old "jump, set, spike" philosophy. The theme for this year's Sliger/Livingston East all-area volleyball team is "crush, kill, destroy."

Never before have so many talented hitters and servers dotted our elite squad. It's not that there weren't any respectable setters or defensive specialists in the area. It's just that they were overshadowed by a group of big, strong and versatile front-row players.

Take South Lyon's dynamic duo of Julie Howell and Natalie Peterlin, for example. Both standing over 6'0", this pair is to area high school volleyball what Kevin McFale and Robert Parish are to the National Basketball Association.

And then there's Northville's Tricia Ducker and Lakeland's Dana Hicks. Both were frequently seen beating on volleyballs this past season, and as a result, they posted some impressive hitting statistics.

Of course, let's not forget the "little" big players — Lakeland's Melissa White (5'4") and Northville's Robin Strunk (5'5"). Outstanding vertical jumps and strength enabled this gutsy pair to step right in and clash with the giants.

The remainder of our all-area team is talented as well. What they lack in hitting ability, they more than make up for with versatility.

Here's a look at our 1986-87 squad.

FIRST TEAM

MICHELLE DAVIS, Milford, junior: This 5'8" outside hitter was the Redskins' top offensive weapon, recording 207 good spikes and 48

kills. "Michelle is a very good all-around player," Milford coach Terry Mareski said. "Her strength is in the front row, though. She was a real team leader for us there."

Davis also recorded 49 blocks (18 for points), 209 good serves, 22 service aces and 222 successful passes on serve reception. She was good on 88 percent of her spikes, 82 percent of her blocks, 94 percent of her serves and 83 percent of her serve receptions. "Michelle will be a key factor for us next year," Mareski added. "She'll be the nucleus of the team."

DANA HICKS, Lakeland, sophomore: This 6'0" hitter is the key to Lakeland's future. In her second season with the varsity, she led the Eagles with 120 kills and 45 blocks for points. She also recorded 39 service aces. "I expect Dana to be a real leader for us the next two years," LHS coach Dave Montgomery said. "She has a great deal of potential in volleyball. She can go as far as she wants."

Hicks, a top-notch basketball player as well, improved every phase of her game over the past year, according to Montgomery. She was an 81 percent server, an 85 percent passer and an 80 percent spiker. "The highlight of Dana's season had to be the Milford game (Feb. 5)," her coach commented. "She did a little of everything and was very impressive doing it. I especially remember a tremendous blocking performance."

JULIE HOWELL, South Lyon, junior: This 6'11" mountain of talent compiled 176 service points (61 aces), 172 kills and 42 blocks for the surprising Lions. She also made good on 82 percent of her serves. "Julie is the best big player I've

ever coached and she has the ability to be the best player, period, that I've coached," South Lyon mentor Ed Baldwin said. "She's a natural talent... an outstanding athlete. She learns things quickly, even advanced things that we haven't started teaching."

Howell has received a lot of attention from college recruiters, and according to Baldwin, has the potential to play at the Division I level. Howell will have to make a big decision next year, however, since she's also a top-notch basketball player.

MICHELE ROLLINS, South Lyon, senior: A four-year starter with the varsity, Rollins is the Lions' most versatile player. She was a setter in South Lyon's 5-1 attack last year, switched to outside hitter this season and also possesses one of the area's most explosive serves. She recorded 230 service points (69 aces), 89 kills and eight blocks this season.

"Michelle is one of the top five players I've ever coached," Lion boss Ed Baldwin said. "She's real solid and intelligent. She has an over-powering serve, she's a tremendous setter and a good passer, too. She's going to be a tough one to replace." Rollins is a state champion powerhitter as well.

ROBIN STRUNK, Northville, senior: Strunk has a knack for making everything look easy on the court. At 5'5", she isn't tall, but can spike with the best. She also has the versatility to be a stand-out in the backcourt. In hitting, Strunk was good on over 90 percent of her attempts (190-for-210) and also was an accurate server (84.2 percent).

"For her size, Robin is a good hitter," Northville coach Steve McDonald said. "She can put the

ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL FIRST TEAM			
PLAYER	HT	CLS	SCHOOL
Robin Strunk	5-5	Sr.	Northville
Julie Howell	6-1	Jr.	South Lyon
Michele Rollins	5-7	Sr.	South Lyon
Melissa White	5-5	Sr.	Lakeland
Dana Hicks	6-0	So.	Lakeland
Michelle Davis	5-8	Jr.	Milford

ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL SECOND TEAM			
PLAYER	HT	CLS	SCHOOL
Kristina Higley	5-7	Jr.	Novi
Tricia Ducker	5-11	Sr.	Northville
Katie Brugman	5-8	Jr.	Northville
Natalie Peterlin	6-0	Jr.	South Lyon
Nicole Nilson	5-9	Jr.	Lakeland
Marianne Springhetti	5-9	Sr.	Lakeland

COACH OF THE YEAR: Ed Baldwin, South Lyon
PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Melissa White, Lakeland

HONORABLE MENTION: Katie Hansen, Novi; Kathy Bealor, Novi; Mary Brown, Northville; Michelle Young, Milford; Nancy Nielsen, Milford; Tracy Meloche, South Lyon

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ball down and was our best backcourt player, too, as far as consistency. Her knowledge of the game is very good and she is gifted as an athlete. She's quick, has good natural instincts on the court and has a very good attitude. She always wanted to win very badly."

SECOND TEAM

KATIE BRUGMAN, Northville, junior: Brugman has all the tools and is expected to be a premier performer next season. She was honored as the Mustangs' Most Valuable Player this season, and was among team leaders in hitting (86.3 percent) and serving (83.3 percent). Brugman has good size and athletic ability, and combined with a rich history of volleyball ex-

perience, that makes her a solid player.

Katie has played a lot of volleyball in her life, and you can tell because of the intelligence she shows on the floor," McDonald said. "She works hard at it, has good work habits and prides herself with improving every day. Her strength is versatility. She's a good passer and has really improved as a hitter."

TRICIA DUCKER, Northville, senior: Inconsistency plagued Ducker this season (48.1 hitting percentage), but when she's on, she can be dominating at the net. A three-year letter winner and two-

time state champion powerhitter as well. "She's a very consistent player and she's extremely dedicated." While, who stands only 5'4", was a 93 percent server and a 91 percent hitter. She led the Eagles with 96 service aces and 69 kills.

"In my opinion, Melissa is the best senior athlete at Lakeland,"

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Jon Cohen wins state championship in 200 IM

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
Staff writer

In a strange twist of events, Novi swimmer Jon Cohen added a new state title to his growing list of accomplishments and relinquished an existing crown in the same swim meet.

That, in essence, was the good news/bad news story for Cohen at the MHSAA State Championship Swim Meet last weekend in East Lansing. The Wildcat sophomore sensation returned to MSU's Charles McCaffery Pool as the reigning state champ in the 500-yard freestyle, but on March 14 Cohen dropped his first race of the season in the finals to the same swimmer he beat for the crown a year ago.

But Cohen didn't leave the meet empty-handed. Several events prior to losing the state title in the 500, Jon broke away from the pack and won the state championship in the 200 IM, an event he placed fourth in as a freshman.

"We were obviously hoping for two firsts from Jon, and it just didn't happen," Novi Coach Larry Teahan said. "But I'm not discouraged because he did his best and we came out of the meet making more progress. I thought Jon had very nice swims in both the 200 IM and 500 free."

The Wildcats finished 13th in team standings last year after Cohen registered a first and a fourth place finish. This year, Jon's first and second place finishes, combined with a 23th place finish from his younger brother Steve Cohen, moved Novi up to 11th place overall in the state meet team standings.

"Everybody we took (to East Lansing), myself included, gained some more experience in competing at the state meet, and it is only going to help us in the years to come," Teahan said.

For Jon Cohen, the disappointment of not repeating as the 500 freestyle titlist may have overshadowed another truly outstanding individual performance. Despite competing in just three events, Cohen managed to be a part of four new school records.

During the preliminary races on March 13, the Novi contingent looked sharp and ready. Jon recorded the fastest overall time in the 200 IM with a 1:55.59 as he outdueled East Lansing's Tim Polack.

"When Jon was finished with the 200 IM, he felt real good and strong," Teahan said. "Polack took the race out fast and had the lead, but Jon caught him at the midway point and pulled away from there."

For Steve Cohen, the prelims on Friday were much kinder than the finals. Steve qualified for eighth

place in the 500 freestyle with a personal best time of 4:47.10. In that same qualifying race, Jon looked strong and had no problems making the cut for the finals with a best-ever time of 4:34.80.

The Wildcat 400 freestyle relay squad of Jon Cohen, Steve Cohen, Jeff Cohen and Steve Warthman also looked impressive with a new school record time of 9:21.11 in the prelims. Unfortunately, the mark was still a full second shy of qualifying the team into the finals (top 12). In that race, Jon Cohen set a new individual school record for the 100 freestyle, as his first-try time was a fine 48.61.

The first event for any Novi swimmer in the finals on Saturday was the 200 IM. Again, Jon had to deal with Polack, but this time a third swimmer — Eric Bailey of Ann Arbor — was also a threat.

Bailey and Polack opened the race very quickly, but Jon stayed within striking distance. At the 100 mark, Bailey held a slight lead while Polack was starting to fade. Cohen went in front with a strong effort in the breaststroke and then held off a charge by Bailey in the freestyle leg to win the title in a time of 1:54.11.

"Jon won the race in the breaststroke," Teahan said. "He went from third to first in that event. It was his fastest time ever and was just three-tenths of a second away from automatic All-American honors."

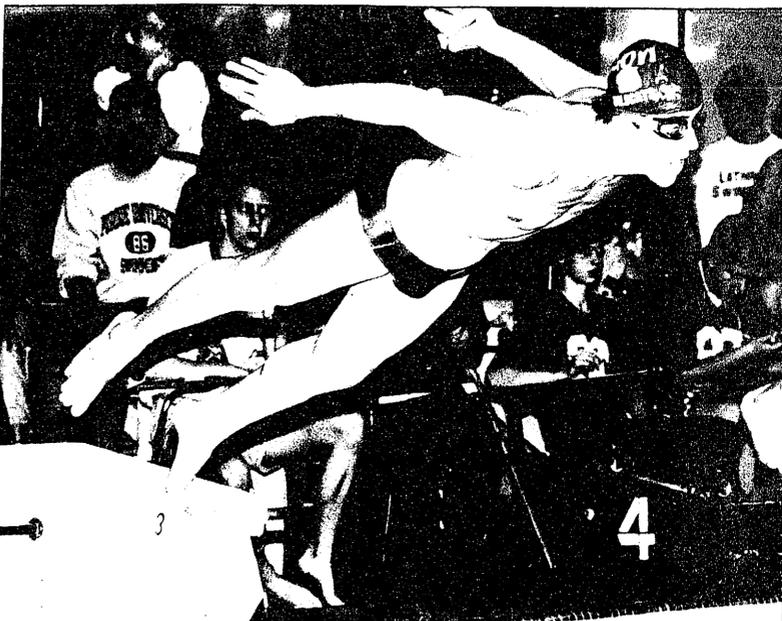
Next for Jon was the 500. The championship heat featured just one senior — Steve Pancretz of Bloomfield Hills Andover — the swimmer who finished third to Cohen a year ago in the same event. According to Teahan, Jon's strategy was to take the early lead and establish control, but Pancretz and Bailey beat him to it.

"I almost immediately turned into a three-man race, but the other two went out hard and it sort of altered Jon's strategy," Teahan said.

Bailey had the early lead, and that seemed to bother Cohen. While he was preoccupied with Bailey, Pancretz was staying close, getting ready to make his move. Cohen's 200 yard split was slower than the day before and Teahan began to worry.

"Jon was working extremely hard just to stay in the race and he seemed to be tired," he said.

During the last 300 yards, Bailey began to fade while Cohen and Pancretz remained even stroke for stroke. In the last 100 yards, both swimmers picked up their pace, but the taller Pancretz moved out to a quarter-body length lead on the final two turns and held on for the win. His winning time was 4:35.92, while Cohen finished with a 4:35.28.



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Novi's Jon Cohen jumped off to a flying start (above) enroute to the state championship in the 200 Individual Medley, but had to settle for second place in the 500 freestyle, an event he won last year. Cohen is shown congratulating 500 freestyle champion Steve Pancretz of Andover at the conclusion of the 500 freestyle race in the picture on the left.

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Higley wins All-Area berth

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year starter, Ducher is a great all-around athlete. In addition to leading the Mustangs in hitting, she connected on 105 of 130 service attempts for an 81 percent average.

KRISTINA HIGLEY, Novi, junior: It was Higley's first season with the varsity squad and she made the most of it. She showed a lot of potential as one of the Wildcats' top spikers (81 percent accuracy), blockers (70 percent) and servers (80-of-93 for 86 percent). Higley also was above the 80 percent mark in both passing and setting.

"Hitting and blocking are Kristina's strong points," Novi coach Kathy Bedor said. "She plays well

defensively, especially at the net with the blocks. She has a lot of natural talent and potential, and I think she'll peak next year as a player."

NILOE NILSON, Lakeland, junior: This 5'9" transfer from Wall Lake Central stepped right in and contributed for the Eagles. "Nicole is a very competitive person," LHS coach Dave Montgomery said. "She gives 100 percent all the time. She doesn't like losing at all."

NATALIE PETERLIN, South Lyon, junior: Peterlin may be the best all-around athlete at South Lyon High School, excelling in basketball, volleyball and track. She's best as a sprinter on the track team, but her volleyball skills aren't far behind.

Peterlin recorded 85 service points (28 aces), 161 kills and 31 blocks this season. "Natalie is just starting to use her great athletic ability on the volleyball court," Lion coach Ed Baldwin said. "She was in a groove during the last half of the season and that had a lot to do with our success. She's going to be a super outside hitter. Colleges already are looking at her."

MARIANNE SPRINGHETTI, Lakeland, senior: "Marianne plays with more determination than anyone I've seen in a long time," Eagle coach Dave Montgomery said. "She gives everything no matter what the situation. She's just a neat kid."

Talented Salem squad too strong for Wildcats

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

For the first time this season, the Wildcat basketball squad lost without beating themselves.

In the MHSAA District Finals at Plymouth Salem last Friday (March 13) against the host Rocks, Novi was simply beaten by a much better team, 86-66.

The early signs were evident as the 'Cats played an almost perfect first quarter and still trailed by a point. Salem, the state's seventh-ranked team, then flexed some muscle in the second quarter, opened an 18-point bulge and held on the rest of the way. "This was the first time we didn't beat ourselves," Novi Coach John Cicchelli said. "They (Salem) are a very tall and talented team; their size was the difference. Their big people dominated us."

The Wildcats came out smoking in the first eight minutes, connecting on six-of-eight from the floor and three-for-three free throw attempts. But despite the great beginning, the Rocks were still in front 14-13 heading into quarter two. It stayed close until midway through the second quarter when Novi suddenly went cold as ice and Salem picked up the tempo a notch. By halftime, the stunned Wildcats had been blunted and trailed, 41-24. "We were down by one point for two minutes left in the half, and then (Salem) outscored us 18-4 the rest of the way," Cicchelli noted. "We started to miss our outside shots, and they were hitting everything. That was the difference in the game. Except for that four-minute stretch, we stayed right with them."

In the second half, Novi played well and stayed with the Rocks, but never really threatened to get back into the game. The closest the 'Cats could get was within 14 points at the five minutes mark, but soon afterward, Cicchelli emptied the bench while Salem kept its starters on the floor.

"We couldn't seem to make any headway on them," Cicchelli said. "Salem is good, smooth, big and talented — they have it all. If we were stronger on the boards, it may have been a different story."

Joe Miskovich ended his prep basketball career with a team-high 21 points. Dave Skown added 15 and Jeff Tanderys chipped in 10. After Northville scored the game's first three points, Wildcat guard Jeff Tanderys popped in a few long-range buckets to get Novi in gear and ahead 7-3 with three minutes left in the first quarter. The quarter ended with the 'Cats up 14-13.

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final minutes. Salem's 6-7 center Rick Taylor dominated the interior and poured in a game-high 27 points and 16 rebounds, while point guard Brian Kearis added 20.

Two days earlier, the Wildcats advanced to the finals by slipping past Northville 54-51. The Mustangs looked sluggish in the first half of the game, fell behind by as many as 15 points and then stormed back to make it close.

Northville was understandably disappointed, but ironically the Novi contingent wasn't thrilled with its performance either. The Wildcats played well in several spurts, but failed to put Northville away when the time came early in the third quarter.

"We just don't have the killer instinct," Novi Coach John Cicchelli said. "When we need to go for the jugular, we just can't seem to do it."

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"Both teams played pretty good defense in the first half," Cicchelli said. "We forced (Northville) to take shots they really didn't want to."

Northville Coach Omar Harrison decided to go to the man-to-man defense in the second half, and in the early going, it didn't help as Novi scored eight of the first 11 points to take the biggest lead of the night at 32-17. "I was thinking it was slow-out time, but then they started to come back," Cicchelli said. "(Dave) Mc-

Creedie started hitting from the outside, and we started to stagnate on offense."

The Mustangs finally woke up and were spurred on by Donn Hubbard's three-point play. They went on to outscore the Wildcats 18-9 the rest of the quarter and proceeded to chop the lead to six.

With the Northville crowd starting to get into the game, the Mustangs pulled to within four on several occasions, but Tanderys responded with another three-point play to make the score 51-41 with just over four minutes remaining.

Steve Grant scored two straight buckets and Dan Maggich did the same in a three minute span and all Novi countered with a free throw. With the score 52-49, the 'Cats worked the clock down to :38 before Northville was forced to foul.

Novi added two separate free throws sandwiched around a missed shot by the Mustangs. Tony Bringinstool's put-back score with nine seconds left was too late to change the outcome.

"We made the front end of the one-and-one (free throw) seven times in the fourth quarter, and even though we missed a lot of the second shots, it was enough to stay ahead," Cicchelli said.

Both teams hit for 20 field goals, but the Wildcats attempted five more free throws, converted three more and that was the difference in the game.

Tanderys led the Wildcats with 15 points, and Matt Kamish added 14. Northville was paced by Dave McCreedie's 14 points.

"I thought we were the better team, but we went to sleep there in the second half and let them crawl back into it," Cicchelli said. Novi ended the season with a 15-7 overall mark which set new school records for most wins and fewest losses in a season. The 'Cats team field goal percentage of 47.2 percent also set a new school mark.



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Down the Aisle in Style

Men's wear depends on ceremony

Wedding formal wear for men isn't an exact science. Much of the choice, when it comes to tuxedos and accessories, depends upon the type of ceremony.

That's the advice from Steve Padalino, of Four Seasons' Formal Wear at Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi. But Padalino is also quick to point out that certain styles and trends are very popular in 1987.

The basic black coat is still a popular item, but many choose to match the tie and cummerbund with the dress color of the bridesmaid. The black tuxedo is most popular for formal weddings or weddings for an older bridegroom.

Currently, the "Dynasty" collection is the most chosen line of coats for weddings. The coat, made by After Six, features peak satin lapels, rather than the basic notched lapels, and has a decidedly modern cut.

"This collection has been available for nearly three years now and it has been a popular line ever since," Padalino says.

For traditional weddings, a grey cut-away coat with an ascot tie, vest and pin stripe pants is the current rage. Nothing all that unique here, except for the vest. Padalino reports that vests are rarely used — that cummerbunds are in current vogue.

"Cummerbunds are real big now," he points out.

One of the main decisions, especially for the bridegroom, is whether to go with a regular coat or tails. Padalino reports that tails are quite common for the bridegrooms but less common with attendants.

"The bridegrooms, a lot of times, want to set themselves off from the others, so they get tails," he says.

Another "in" line for weddings comes from Yves Saint Laurent, but the "Miami Vice" collection, one of the hottest lines around, isn't very big for weddings. The Vice collection features rounded lapels and bright colored coats (like fiesta blue and flamingo) along with either white or black pants.

"The prom kids really go for Miami Vice, but we rarely see it for weddings," Padalino admits.



Note the absence of a vest and ruffled shirt in the Four Seasons tuxedo modeled by Edman Yee of Livonia. Yee and model Karyl Newman are from the Twelve Oaks Fashion Panel. (Photos by Chris Boyd)

The most popular colors for coats are black and grey, but you also see white occasionally. The fabrics are normally all wool with satin lapels. Wing-tipped shirts are also very popular — much more so than the basic lay down collar. Now that you know what's in, here's what's out: vests, velvet coats and ruffled shirts.

Tradition returns to bride's dress

By DEVON McCUSKEY

Wedding gowns for 1987 reflect a return to tradition, romance and femininity.

The traditional wedding today is a large, lavish occasion, necessitating a gown that is classic and elegant.

Area brides-to-be will find bridal collections reflecting these themes as they seek "the perfect gown."

At Twelve Oaks Mall in Novi they will find a "traditionally romantic" bridal collection at Laura Ashley. "A return to romance" is the theme for the JC Penney 1987 bridal collection. At Four Seasons Formal Wear elegant bridal gowns are available for purchase or to rent.

The wedding of Sarah Ferguson to Britain's Prince Andrew last year definitely influenced the trend to romantic gowns.

For the bride who wants to be queen for a day, or, actually a duchess, JC Penney has an exact replica of Sarah Ferguson's gown.

The dress of delustered satin features a Schiffl embroidered scoop neckline, princess seam bodice trimmed with heavy Schiffl em-

broidery and a dropped, rounded waistline. The sleeves are three-quarter-length Renaissance design with beaded candy-box bows at the shoulders.

The ball-gown skirt has a sweep train and detachable court train measuring 15 feet.

The gown is available by special order in sizes 4-20 and costs \$960. The 15-foot royal headpiece is available for \$150 — for a bride set to meet her Prince Charming.

Many of this season's bridal dresses capture the romantic look with an emphasis on lace, Carol Reams, JC Penney publicist, points out.

"The most popular choice in bridal dress is a lace-trimmed gown with delicately puffed sleeves and a cathedral train," she states.

"The romance of lace lies in its timelessness — the classic appeal of lace is its delicate, antique look," she adds.

One of the newest gowns is ivory, created in lace with versatile taffeta.

The neckline and tight-fitting bodice are trimmed in Venice lace, sequins and simulated pearls. The dress features a dropped waist and detachable gauntlets; the skirt is tiered and



Schiffl lace embroidered with simulated pearls accents the illusion yoke and sleeves of the wedding gown shown in full on page 7.

forms a cathedral train. This gown is priced at JC Penney at \$570.

It is shown with a halo headpiece of organza leaves and a side spray of pearls. It costs \$146.

Both gowns are just a small sample of the very large collection at the store. Reams notes that Penney's is the nation's number one wedding retailer.

The current Laura Ashley bridal collection features eight different bridal styles and five different accessories.

The gowns all are created in natural fabrics: cotton brocade, moire taffeta, Swiss voile, cotton lawn and silk. The quality of the fabrics is a point of pride for the firm.

The designs are traditionally romantic. Gowns are full-length with full to three-quarter length puff sleeves.

Price range is from \$375 to \$475.

Accessories include petticoats with hoop (\$90) and netting (\$150), sashes (\$40) and hair bows (\$20). The Laura Ashley collection carries only one veil: it is a full circle made of "the finest white bobbin net trimmed with white satin." It costs \$60.

One of the most popular new wedding gown designs is "Diana." It is an ivory colored dress of heavy brocade with full, pleated skirt and long, puffed, buttoned sleeves. The dress is styled with a V-neck and comes with a netted petticoat. It is priced at \$375 with veil bringing the total to \$435.

The complete Laura Ashley bridal collection can be viewed at Somerset Mall and in Ann Arbor. Bridal consultants are available at all Laura Ashley shops, including Twelve Oaks where orders may be taken.

The newest option is that elegant gowns may be rented.

"The response has been absolutely overwhelming. A lot of girls come in here wanting a beautiful wedding gown, but don't want to pay the enormous price that it costs to buy a gown that they will use only for one day," explains Beverly Coleman, partner at Four Seasons.

The rental fees are \$150, \$200 and \$250 depending on the retail cost of the dresses. Included in the rental price are alterations and busting.

The gowns are all new and made exclusively for the bridal wear store.

Bridal rentals have been offered since Jan. 9 and Coleman reports that 15 to 20 gowns have been rented in the first five weeks.

The gowns, ranging in cost from \$500 to \$1,000, also may be purchased. There is a large selection of headpieces for sale priced under \$100. Gloves are sold, and two types of slippers are for rent.

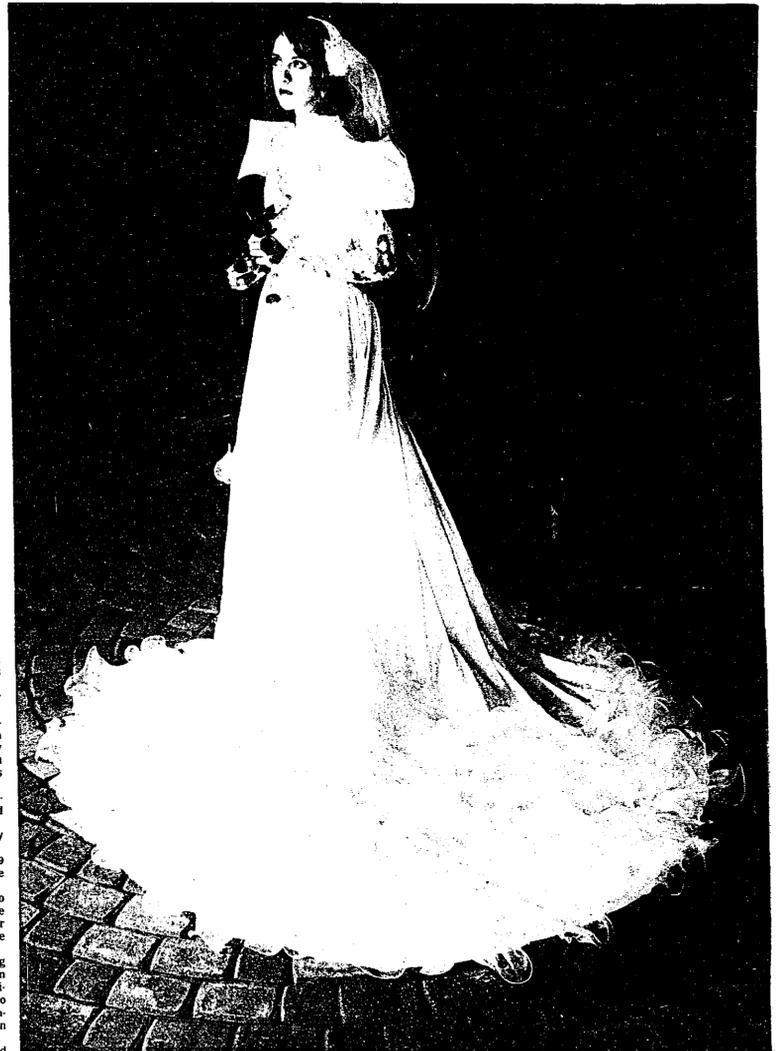
Four Seasons offers 10 different wedding gown styles. One of the most popular is a satin gown with long, puffed sleeves with lace applique. Pearls outline the sleeves and come to points over the hands. A cathedral-length windowpane train that can be bustled into a fan bow finishes off the gown. It rents for \$250.

Four Seasons wedding gowns are displayed in the Warren store but can be viewed by catalog at Twelve Oaks.

Noteworthy trends for wedding gowns in 1987 are full-length dresses with puffed sleeves with beading and sequins highlighting tightly fitted bodices and decorating sleeves.

A cathedral-length train completes the look.

For headpieces, two looks are most prominent: traditional wreaths with flowers and veil or a halo with a spray of pearl or rhinestones adding a touch of sophistication.



This bridal gown from JC Penney (modeled by Karyl Newman of Rochester) is styled with a stain illusion yoke and gathered bodice with basque waist. Rows of baby ruffles of organza adorn the cathedral-length train which gathers into a bustle. The gown is priced at \$450. JC Penney gowns are available up to size 20 and are also sold in hard-to-find half sizes. (Photos by Chris Boyd)



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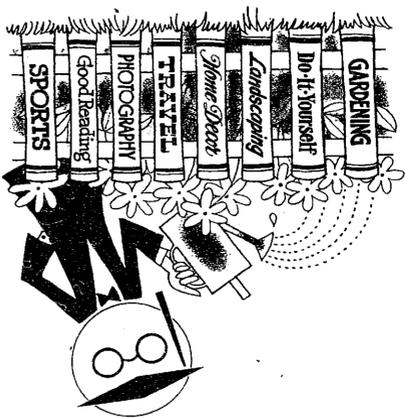
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