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Bob-O-Link may be site of new hospital

By AMY ROSA
 staff writer

Novi's longtime Bob-O-Link (Westbrooke) Golf Course could become the site of a new Providence hospital in the 1990s, if all goes as Providence officials plan. Hospital officials last month took an option to purchase 150 acres of land which comprise the 18-hole golf course on the southwest corner of the Grand River/Beck Road intersection.

"We're talking about a long-term plan, maybe five to 10 years away," said Gregg Knepley, vice president of planning and marketing for Providence Hospital.

In order for plans to move forward, Knepley said Providence officials must first determine if the City of Novi will approve the necessary zoning changes to permit development of the major medical facility.

The site is currently zoned R-3 (single-family residential) and

health care facilities are permitted only in office or industrial zoning classifications. Knepley said hospital officials will petition the city on the zoning matter sometime within the year, as their option expires shortly after the start of 1990.

In addition to the zoning change, Providence must receive the go-ahead from its headquarters in St. Louis and approval of a Certificate of Need from the state Department of Public Health, said Knepley. The latter, he explained, might take as

long as three or four years to obtain.

"I think certainly around the country there are hospitals operating below capacity, including in Michigan," he said, acknowledging that the state has seldom approved new hospitals in the metro Detroit area within the last several years for that reason.

"But we still feel there is a need for one (a hospital) in Novi, and it's up to us to convince the state that that is the case."

Providence currently operates an ambulatory care center in Novi at Ten Mile and Haggerty Road. Other ambulatory care centers are located in Livonia, Milford and South Lyon. The hospital group, which is owned by the Daughters of Charity, also runs a full health care facility in Southfield.

Neither Knepley nor the owners of the golf course would comment on the amount Providence is expected to pay for the land, if plans progress to that stage. According to

city records, however, the property has a cash value of nearly \$2 million.

For three years brothers Kenneth, Richard and Earl Cummins have owned the majority of the public golf course, which had been in use for about 45 years prior to their acquisition, said Kenneth Cummins. It was called Bob-O-Link at the time.

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Police report second robbery

Novi police logged their second armed robbery in as many weeks when a lone male held up the Village Pantry II party store at 44999 West Pontiac Trail on Saturday, March 18.

The Novi Standard Station at Grand River and Novi Road was previously the site of an armed robbery which occurred Sunday, March 5.

The robbery at the Village Pantry occurred at approximately 10:30 p.m. last Saturday.

Two witnesses told police that a lone male walked calmly through the door and up to the front counter. The man kept his right hand inside his left coat pocket with his left arm hanging straight at his side throughout the incident, they reported.

Upon reaching the counter, the man said, "Give me the money in the drawer."

When one of the clerks said, "Excuse me?" the man pulled what appeared to be some sort of weapon partially from his coat pocket, exposing a wooden handle, and then repeated his request for money.

Police said the weapon may have been a knife.

The clerk gathered all the money from the cash drawer and handed it to the lone male, who reached for it with his right hand, leaving his left arm at his side. He then told the clerk to lift the cash drawer and give him all the money that was underneath it.

After the clerk complied with the request, the man walked calmly out the front door, turned southbound, then turned quickly northbound and started running toward the Westgate VI Apartments.

Responding officers checked the Westgate VI, The Springs and the Waterview apartments for individuals matching the description of the robber but were unable to locate the responsible individual.

The man was described as an "Italian male," approximately 6'2" tall and in his mid-20s. He had dark hair parted in the middle and bushy eyebrows which went across his forehead, according to reports. He was said to be wearing a black jacket and blue jeans.

The amount of money stolen from the party store is being withheld by police.



Novi News/PHIL JEROME

Latest fashion trend

Judging by this picture of Novi Meadows students, it looks like stripes, stripes and more stripes are the big trend in fashion these days. Actually, the girls are all part of a 'Jail House Rock' chorus line which performed in the Novi Meadows Talent Show

last week. Students performed for the benefit of other students on Tuesday morning, then gave a free performance for parents and other interested individuals at Fuerst Auditorium on Friday night.

Schools deny wrongdoing in sex suit

By AMY ROSA
 staff writer

Attorneys for the Novi School District have formally denied charges of negligence contained in a lawsuit involving alleged sexual assaults made by a volunteer Novi High School swimming coach on a 15-year-old student in 1987.

In addition, school district attorneys have requested that the suit be transferred from Wayne to Oakland County, where they maintain the case properly belongs.

The change of venue request was submitted to Wayne County Circuit Court March 16, along with a formal response to the charges.

The suit is a civil case that has been brought against the district and five school officials by a Novi school district woman. Filed in January, the suit charges officials with negligence in a year-old incident in which a male girls swimming coach purportedly had sexual relations with the woman's daughter, who was 15 and a member of the diving team at the time.

Paul Pedersen, the attorney representing the five school officials named in the suit, argued that the case should be tried in Oakland County because that is the place where the alleged incidents took place and where all parties in-

involved in the suit live with the exception of one defendant.

The attorney for the woman would not comment on the reason why she filed in Wayne County.

A change of venue hearing is set for March 24 at 9 a.m. before Judge Michael J. Conner of the Wayne County Circuit Court.

The amount the woman is seeking in damages is unknown, although it is rumored higher than the "in excess of \$10,000" for each of the five counts listed in the suit. One school official estimated the range between \$400,000 and \$1 million.

The woman, whose daughter now attends a different high school, still resides within the district.

Pedersen, a Farmington Hills attorney who is counsel to the district's insurance agency, is representing Harold R. Anderson, head coach of the girls' swim team; Merideth R. Somers, assistant girls' swim coach; Milan O'Brienovich, Novi High School Assistant Principal; Robert Youngberg, Novi High School Principal; and Robert Piwko, Novi Schools Superintendent.

Anderson is the defendant who lives in Wayne County.

Pedersen declined to give any details about the case. "I don't want to discuss this case in the newspaper... I don't think it's appropriate at this time."

Another attorney for the district, Dennis Pollard, will represent the sixth defendant listed in the suit, 24-year-old Timothy McCoy Pelfrey, who was retained as a volunteer swimming/diving coach in the fall of 1987.

Pelfrey, who pleaded guilty one year ago to charges of criminal sexual conduct in the third degree, is serving a 2-1/2 year sentence in Ionia Maximum Prison.

Oakland County Circuit Court records show Pelfrey admitted to having sexual intercourse with the woman's daughter twice, but claimed she was a willing participant.

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Builders eyeing Ten-Beck

By PHIL GINOTTI
 staff writer

Selective Development Company submitted plans March 2 for a large residential development near the northwest corner of the Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection, but company officials are refuting claims about plans for future commercial development there.

Selective Company President Michael Horowitz called those rumors "hysterical" in an interview last week. Selective has submitted site plans for the "Green Wood Oaks" subdivision, an 89-acre development directly across the street and west of the Briarwood planned unit development (PUD) and the proposed Briarwood Plaza shopping center.

However, about 32 acres at the immediate northwest corner of Ten Mile and Beck Road is not included in the plans, sparking fears that it may be targeted for a future commercial center.

Horowitz said Selective has nothing to do with the 32-acre parcel and has no desire to preserve it as a commercial strip.

"Timber Ridge was our project for last year; Green Wood Oaks is our project for this year," he said. "We have absolutely nothing to do with the 32 acres. Repeat. We have nothing to do with that corner."

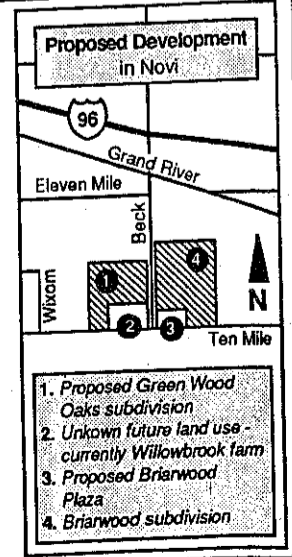
Green Wood Oaks is currently planned for 116 units on half-acre-plus lots.

The area is zoned R-1, which is designed to hold half-acre lots. The zoning at the corner was changed from R-3 to R-1 last year as part of the city's efforts to put low-density subdivisions in the rural west end.

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City engineers say Seiber-Keast plans receive impartial review despite marital relationship/17A

Citizens for Responsible Development submitted Ten Mile/Taft Road petitions to Novi city hall Wednesday morning/9A





Ron Barthlow is participating in General Motors 'Jobs Bank' program

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

On the job Program aids idled worker

Novi has a new guy looking after city hall — and local officials are more than happy to point out that he's not costing taxpayers one thin dime.

Ron Barthlow, a General Motors "Jobs Bank" worker, recently completed his first two months as the city's "jack-of-all-trades" of sorts, filling a fairly all-inclusive job in the city Parks and Recreation Department.

In the Jobs Bank program, workers who have been displaced from the automobile industry are given an opportunity to go back to work. But instead of being paid by their new employers, the United Auto Workers (UAW) and their previous employers foot the bill. That means Barthlow now works for the City of Novi 40 hours per week, but draws a check from General Motors.

It was a blessing in disguise for the 21-year GM worker — a veteran of the Detroit Diesel division in Romulus. The facility closed its doors late last year, idling Barthlow in January. By January 18, he came to work in Novi, functioning as the city's Civic Center building supervisor.

"I didn't really have an idle period, even though it was the first time in my life that I had been without a job," Barthlow said. "I was very uncomfortable at first. I didn't really know how it was going to work out, but they made me feel very comfortable here."

He has handled a variety of Civic Center organizational tasks, like setting up conference rooms for special meetings, to performing maintenance work on the facility.

He sets work schedules for several part-time Parks and Recreation employees as well.

"It's good because we've never really had one person doing that," said Assistant City Manager Craig Klaver. "A lot of these functions have fallen under Dan Davis, (parks and recreation director) or myself. Ron is able to

look after the facility on a day-to-day basis and that's a big plus."

The only thing Barthlow isn't allowed to do is take work away from various city union employees or take overtime work away from employees. That limits some things he can do at the Civic Center.

"Historically, we've gotten a lot of the things he's doing done by contract," Klaver said. "We have to make sure that it doesn't replace the work of anyone, which, obviously, we're not doing."

Going to work in Novi was an added bonus for Barthlow, who has been a resident here for a little over two years. He lives "right up the road" in the Yorkshire subdivision, off of Ten Mile.

When Barthlow got word of the plant's impending closure last year, he contacted Mayor Matthew Quinn, who referred him to Klaver to work out the specifics. He had been employed in "virtually every" job at the Romulus plant, and had been employed as a plant utility operator when the bad news came. Novi was his first choice.

"It's excellent. A superb community," he said. "We moved from Canton, where I felt the value of my property was stagnating. We came out here, and came out here at just the right time."

The Jobs Bank program is part of an agreement structured into the UAW contract with the automaker. The program will stay in place until the summer of 1990, when the contract comes back up for renegotiation. Approximately 400 Jobs Bank employees have been placed at various municipal offices, hospitals, church groups and other non-profit organizations since November.

"Obviously, we feel it's a pretty socially responsible program on their part," Klaver said. "It works very well."



Barthlow keeps things ship-shape around the Novi Civic Center

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Senior Scene

Help with taxes: Area senior citizens can get help with their income tax returns at the Novi Senior Center on Thursday, March 30, and Monday, April 10.

The program is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP). The help is given in small groups, although seniors will have an opportunity for individual questions.

To reserve a spot, call Center Coordinator Jan McAlpine at 347-6414. The service is free for senior citizens.

Fuel Assistance Program: Oakland Livingston Human Service Agency (OLHSA) is currently distributing funds from the State of Michigan through the Targeted Fuel Assistance (TFA) Program to assist low income households in paying high heating bills.

Funds are limited and the program will end March 31.

Low income households having difficulty meeting the high cost of heating bills are urged to call the nearest OLHSA office as soon as possible to apply for TFA funds.

A shut-off notice is not necessary to apply. Applicants must provide proof of total household income for the past 12 months and their latest heating bill. The OLHSA office in Pontiac may be reached at 859-5121.

Clogging classes: Clogging classes will be offered throughout March at the Novi Senior Center, located in the Novi Civic Center on Ten Mile near Taft Road.

Cloggers use tap shoes to perform a variety of exercises and dances. It's good for circulation and physical fitness, besides being downright fun.

Beginning clogging classes are offered Wednesdays at 12:30 p.m. Intermediate classes are offered Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

Job help for seniors: If you are over 55 and considering going back to work, help is available through Project ABLE, a not-for-profit organization dedicated to expanding employment opportunities for older adults.

Park funding questions on hold

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

The fate of the Novi Parks and Recreation funding questions is still uncertain until budget work is finalized in the next several weeks, according to several local officials.

In January, a citizens panel laid out four different funding options designed to improve current parklands and acquire new ones to accommodate future population growth. But those options have basically been on hold until city officials complete budget work.

"That's where it's at right now," said Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis. "We won't really know until the budget is done."

City Manager Edward Kriewall said a recommended budget will be submitted to the city council March 27. Study sessions will be held over the next several weeks to make alterations to the various monetary requests.

City council members are likely to make a decision whether or not to put the question to voters in either the September primary or November general election.

"I think you'll probably see letting the voters go at it," said Councilman Joseph Toth, who served as the com-

Toth: 'I think you'll probably see letting the voters go at it.'

mittee representative to the Needs Assessment Committee. "It's going to be up to the people to see whether or not they want it right now."

The Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Committee completed its work Jan. 11, submitting to the council four different funding alternatives designed to raise about \$2.4 million for parks.

The options included a half-mill increase in the city millage rate or a \$3.4 million bond issue. Both of those alternatives would require approval from voters.

Other funding options include a city council yearly allocation or earmarking of mid-decade census funds, a general fund transfer.

Any of those funding options, or a combination of several could be used to cover the revenue needs spelled out in the Needs Assessment Committee plans.

Major proposed new acquisitions

include the Novi Tree Farm, a 170 acre parkland in the northern section of the city off of 12 1/2 Mile. Novi has been approved for a state grant to purchase the property, although it will need to supply substantial local matching funds.

No price has been set for the large parcel of property, which could be home to a nature preserve, soccer fields and perhaps an athletic facility when completed. Study and planning on what to do with the property will be done after it is acquired.

Other expenditures would include \$335,000 to improve existing facilities. About \$245,000 would be slated for Power Park, near the Novi Civic Center. That would include the addition of new tennis courts and construction of walkways and trails.

Other improvements are slated for Sprit of '76 Park, Brookfarm Park, and design costs on the Nine Mile/Roethel Drive property and

The question would approximately double the amount of millage revenue dedicated to parks and recreation. Residents currently pay a half-mill levy, plus any user charges for individual programs.

That would put an additional \$350,000 yearly into parks and recreation coffers, raising about \$2.3 million by the year 1994.

Option three: Annual mid-decade census revenues being dedicated to parks and recreation. The state-shared revenue amounts to about \$335,000 per year, but that would require that the funds be dispersed from Lansing in a timely fashion, which isn't always the case.

And the funds are currently used for a variety of purposes within the city budget.

Option four: A \$3.4 million bond issue, which would raise the funds for various purposes immediately, but require bond debt to be repaid in the upcoming years.

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Ice causes stress to area tree limbs

By PHIL GINOTTI
staff writer

"Leave 'em alone!" That appears to be the message from Oakland County Cooperative Extension officials in regards to ice-covered trees and bushes.

Cooperative extension agent Greg Patchan said the best thing to do is let Mother Nature take its course in getting the ice off of young trees or the limbs of older trees. The only thing residents should do is gently prop them up if they appear to be in danger of collapse.

"There isn't much you can do to dislodge it," Patchan said. "You are likely to cause more damage than good."

"Many of the plants are going to be OK," he added. "Some will come back, some will not. You've really got to wait and see."

A moderate ice storm pelted the area late Friday night and early Saturday morning, causing downed wires, spotty power outages, and some damaged plants and trees.

But the storm also provided an outdoors-person's and a photographer's dream, coating everything with a layer of ice that glittered most of the weekend.

Patchan said the limbs were under a great deal of stress due to the weight — not the temperature or the freezing cold contact with the ice. Limbs that are moved or manipulated substantially while coated with ice have a greater chance of snapping, fracturing or becoming damaged.

Surprisingly, most trees will withstand the low temperatures and freez-

ing winds, or even a complete coating of ice. Patchan said as long as the trees aren't budding substantially, the coating of ice will protect the tree surface from harsh weather, much the same way irrigation can protect strawberry plants during a frost.

"Conditions have to be really severe for a well-adapted tree or plant to be severely damaged," he said.

"When everything starts to wake up, when we have a good couple of weeks of 60-plus temperatures, then get a freeze, that's where we'll have some problems," he said.

"Unseasonably warm weather in February might be a nice surprise for us, but it's not nice for everything."

Countywide, there was only a slight degree of ice damage, not nearly rivaling a severe ice storm that occurred in 1985.

In Novi, damage also appeared to be slight. City forestry consultant Linda Lemke of the planning firm Brandon Rogers and Associates said that no noticeable damage was reported in the wake of the weekend ice storm.

"I really haven't yet any reports," Lemke said. "Usually, in the few days after a storm, I'll have a lot of people calling in for permission to take down the damaged trees. There hasn't been any of that."

Lemke said more ice storm damage was noted in communities north and east of Novi.

Parks and Recreation officials, who are responsible for maintaining subdivision street trees, said no major damage was reported.

Utility company asks for visible addresses

Consumers Power Company is issuing a somewhat unusual safety message to homeowners and businesses — make sure your house or building number is clearly visible from the street.

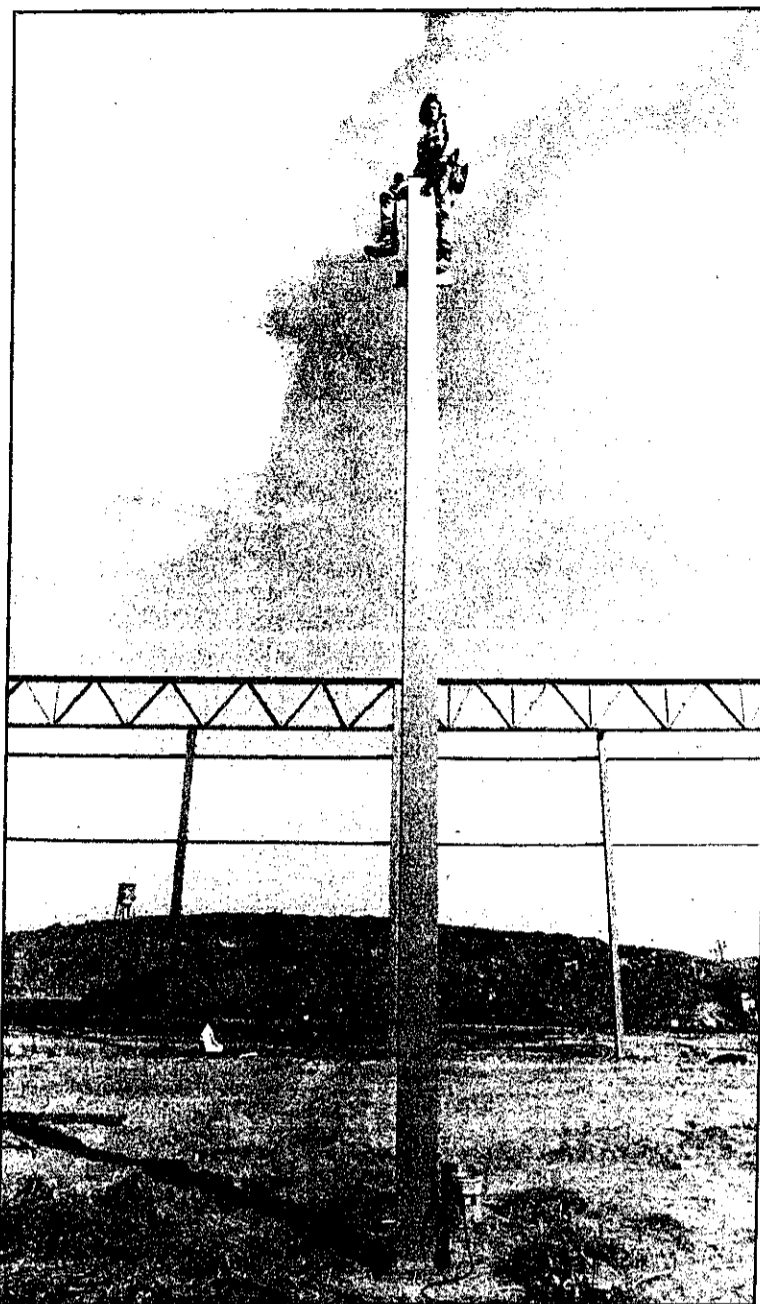
Edgar L. Doss, general manager of the Consumers' Metro Region, said employees making service calls are finding an increasing number of instances where no numbers are visible on a building.

"This delays them in finding the location and could endanger lives if there is a gas leak or a downed power line," he said. The lack of a house or

building number also could delay the response of emergency vehicles such as police or fire fighters.

Adding to the problem is the traffic hazard to both pedestrians and other vehicles as the service truck or emergency vehicle cruises along a street trying to locate the right address.

Doss suggests placing numbers that are large enough to be seen from the street in a location that is easily detectable. "We don't normally think of house and building numbers as a security measure, but they are."



Flag-pole sitter?

What's this? Is the 1920's fad of flag-pole sitting back in vogue? Not really. It's just a worker taking a break atop a

steel beam at the Arbor Drugs construction site off Novi Road.

Novi News/TERESE KREDO

Fund fights child abuse

Novi residents can contribute to the fight against child abuse when they fill out their Michigan State Income Tax Forms this year.

Residents can donate to the Children's Trust Fund (CTF) by checking Line 24 on the state income tax form. All funds will be earmarked for programs aimed at preventing child abuse.

Since it first appeared on the 1982 forms, the Children's Trust Fund has funded 133 programs across the state to prevent child abuse.

This year in Oakland County CTF dollars will fund several agencies — the Association for Retarded Citizens, Common Ground and the Judson Center for parenting programs. CTF is also funding the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Oakland County.

Half the money received from the CTF check-off is used to fund these programs. The other half goes into a trust which will become self-perpetuating when the amount reaches \$20 million.

Child abuse is a program that may occur in any family, social, economic or ethnic group. Many cases go unreported because of lack of awareness of the problem.

Novi scouts recognized

Novi Boy Scout Troop 54 was honored for its outstanding sale of popcorn at a recognition dinner at the Pontiac Silverdome recently.

The local Boy Scout troop sold 540 units of popcorn during the sale. Scouts selling the most popcorn were Gary Barrons, Jesse Barrons, John Hardin and Jeff Simancek. Proceeds will be used to purchase a new camping trailer and other camping equipment.

The Scouts recently went tent camping at the Proud Lake Recreation Area where activities included hiking and outdoor games. The adults who camped with the Scouts were Scoutmaster Norm Ross and Ed Lousseart.

The next weekend campout is scheduled for April.

The troop held a Court of Honor at its March 13 meeting when those scouts advancing in skill or rank were recognized.

Troop 54 meets every Monday night at the Novi Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m. All boys from 11 to 18 years of age are invited to attend any meeting to learn more about the opportunities available to them through the Scouting program.

For more information about Troop 54 call Committee Chairperson Marianne Simancek at 348-1349.

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Josephine Richards makes alterations on a pair of corduroy pants at her Threadneedle Street shop in South Lyon.

South Lyon shop makes alterations

By MADELEINE GRAHAM

As a youngster growing up in Manchester, England, Josephine Richards honed her skills as a dressmaker in her mother's shop.

Today, several years and patterns later, Richards is owner of Josephine's Threadneedle Street, which provides a variety of services, from alterations of bridal gowns and military uniforms to tailoring a successful dieter's wardrobe.

The shop opened last September at 345 North Lafayette in South Lyon.

Richards named her shop after the Threadneedle Street Bank in London. She explained that many of her friends jokingly refer to her as the "Little Old Lady of Threadneedle Street," also a common reference to the bank.

Trained on precision sewing, Richards emphasizes that "speed is very important in my business."

"The biggest advantage I have with any of my competitors is that I can complete a project in three to seven days where a store might take two to three weeks," explained Richards.

Military attire is Richards' specialty. She learned to alter military uniforms in England while growing up, but became more interested in that style of clothing after she married.

She and her husband, Roland "Clint" Richards, moved to Green Oak Township from Battle Creek last year.

Prior to moving to the South Lyon area, Richards operated a tailor and alteration shop in Battle Creek for five years, and another business in Tucson, Ariz., for eight years.

"My husband retired from the (U.S.) Air Force and we wanted to move to a smaller town because we still have children in school," she said.

While in Battle Creek, she sewed emblems and rank insignias on uniforms and provided alterations on military uniforms.

But it was in Manchester, England, where she was first introduced to the sewing profession.

"The garment trade in Manchester at that time was a lot different than it

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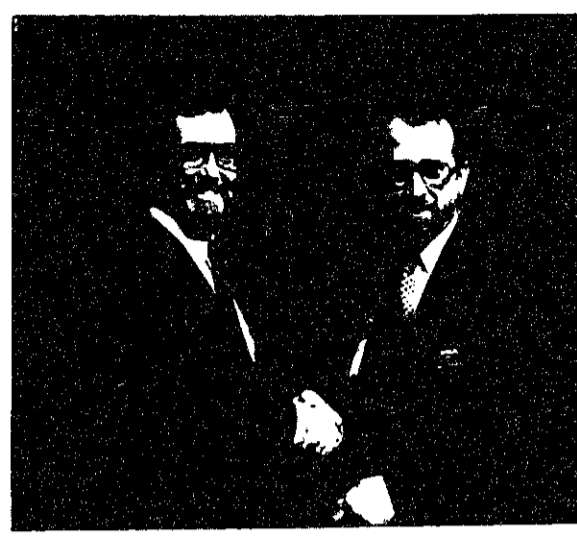
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FIL SUPERFISKY of ERA Rymal Symes Company in Novi has won national recognition from ERA Real Estate for outstanding sales achievements during 1988.
Superfisky was inducted into the National Winners Circle and received a Spirit Award for total volume. Superfisky (right) is shown in the picture above receiving the award at the ERA National Business Conference in Las Vegas.

ERA Real Estate, the nation's second largest real estate franchise, has 25,000 member brokers and sales associates in 2,800 offices in the United States, Japan, Australia, Guam and Singapore.

LASTING IMPRESSIONS OF MILFORD, INC., located at 431 N. Main Street in Milford, is under the new ownership of James and Mary Griffith. The establishment offers flexible business hours Tuesday through Saturday.

"Our staff, although established in the area, is new to this location," the Griffiths noted. "We bring new ideas and concepts to an already operative salon."
"Hair is not the only thing on our minds, though. As soon as possible, full service — including nails and skin care, tanning and much more — will be offered."

Presently, Lasting Impressions offers five licensed cosmetologists, with at least one being available from early morning to late evening. "We try to accommodate most schedules," the Griffiths added.

Among the brand names featured are Matrix, Scruples and Paul Mitchell. Matrix's new skin care line will be available next month.

YOLANDA VITALE and Christy Bailey of Novi recently completed an intensified course in professional floral design and received Wesley Berry Flowers 40th Anniversary Scholarships for exceptional talents demonstrated throughout the course.

The course was conducted by the Professional Florists' Institute. The scholarship is sponsored by Wesley Berry Flowers, a franchise chain with 18 locations in Michigan and Illinois. The floral industry is a \$3 billion industry.

SUSAN LaBONTE of Novi has joined the WDIV-TV Channel 4 sales department as an account executive. The announcement was made by Christopher Roth, WDIV vice president of marketing and station manager.

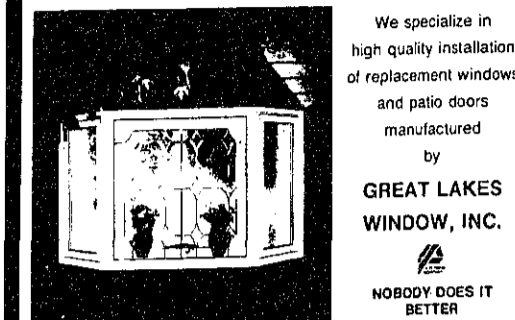
LaBonte moved to Detroit from Columbus, Ohio, where she held several positions in sales and marketing. She was a marketing executive with Ohio Business Magazine from 1967-89. At the same time, she was president of her own company, Dosserie, a media research, planning and placement firm.

From 1986-87, LaBonte was a marketing representative with WCMH-TV, an NBC affiliate. Prior to WCMH, LaBonte worked at WNCN Radio where she was local sales manager from 1985-86 and ac-

count executive from 1984-85. LaBonte and her family reside in Novi. WDIV-TV is a Post-Newsweek Station and the NBC affiliate in Detroit.

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Seamstress specializes in 'alterations'

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is currently in the States. In factories here, the employees are section workers.

"In my mother's shop, it just wasn't the boss' kid who had to learn to use all the machines. Everyone had to learn how to make a dress from beginning to end," she said.

As a young woman, she became an apprentice and earned a four-year certificate.

In sizing up the current marketplace, Richards said she is aware of a few people who conduct alterations in their home — or "underground."

But any competitors she has are dry cleaners, a few clothing stores, which make alterations on purchased goods and an alteration shop in Novi.

One-day service at Josephine's Threadneedle Street is provided for shortening hems on pants at a \$5 rate. If the pants are lined, the fee is \$6.50. Blue jeans are shortened for \$7.00.

"I get a lot of alterations here. People will buy clothes from stores and they just don't fit. Even when they buy petite sizes, they have problems." "Most places don't offer alterations and those who do take two weeks because the waiting list is so long. Also they charge more," she said.

Richards has the clothes fitted while the customer is wearing them, while some of the other shops just take measurements and alter accordingly, she said.

The "fitting room" has been a source of various humorous incidents throughout her career.

"When I was still in England, a general came into the fitting room, closed the door and was in the process of changing. Another person working with me didn't know he was in there and let another person in. Fortunately, I wasn't fired," she said.

Things can also become tense when working with police officers.

"Sometimes they'll tell you they're with the police and not to get scared when you find a gun. Sometimes they don't and when you adjust clothing you'll find a piece (gun) and that's scary," she said.

Prices for alterations vary, depending on the article of clothing.

A ladies' tailored lined jacket begins at \$15. A men's jacket starts at \$16.50.

Skirt prices range from \$8.50 to \$18, depending on the amount of work involved and the quality of the stitches, she explained.

Parents with children involved in athletics are often pleased to discover that varsity letters are sewn on jackets for \$3.

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Area Realtors report strength in unit sales

Year-end statistics compiled by Metro MLS, the state's largest multiple listing service, show members enjoyed the highest number of unit sales on record in 1988 while setting a new high for residential sales dollar volume.

"The 17,731 unit sales of 1988 are exceeded only by the 18,686 of 1978 and the 18,200 of 1979," said Metro MLS President Eric J. Hunt.

"Residential dollar volume exceeded \$1.5 billion for the first time with a total of \$1,547,924,795."

"Sales started to climb in 1983 as we emerged from the grim days of the economic recession. Last year showed a 43 percent increase over the five years. Proving the investment value of homes during this same period, average prices in our 1,600 square-mile territory have risen 50 percent to reach \$87,300 last year."

"Last year's median price, with half selling for more and half for less, was \$72,900 which is still well below most other metropolitan areas of comparable size."

He noted that the year-to-year growth in sales was interrupted by a slight dip in 1987 and that average prices waited until 1985 to begin their climb.

The year-to-year Metro MLS track shows the following results:
1983: Unit sales of 12,367 with an average price of \$58,076
1984: Unit sales of 13,967 with an average price of \$58,081
1985: Unit sales of 15,869 with an average price of \$63,150 (nine percent increase)
1986: Unit sales of 17,414 with an average price of \$73,086 (16 percent increase)
1987: Unit sales of 16,879 with an average price of \$76,884 (5 percent increase)
1988: Unit sales of 17,731 with an average price of \$87,300 (14 percent increase)

"While our figures reflect what has been happening with a mix of urban, suburban and rural properties in major portions of Western Wayne and Oakland counties, similar trends should be evident in most other parts of the metro area."

"Looking back at the price rise over the past few years indicates merit to the old Realtor adage that now is always the best time to buy a home. We expect the upward price trend here to continue, but the pace may be slowed somewhat by the recent increase in mortgage interest rates which will tend to soften the housing market.

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Senior citizens 60 years or older may receive free tax assistance from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) in a cooperative agreement with the IRS. Since this is a voluntary service, the AARP representative cannot be held liable for the information or advice he gives. To learn more about this service and locations in your area, contact AARP Tax Aid, 1909 K Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20049; (202) 662-4871.

Are you willing to pay someone else to calculate your taxes? Before choosing a professional tax preparer, make sure he or she has the expertise you need at a price you can afford. Ask about the preparer's training and experience. Also, discuss fees and ask for an estimate.

Remember, a tax preparer should never guarantee a refund before completing a return.

If your tax return is routine, you may wish to go to a national tax service. But keep in mind, be certain that he or she is experienced in handling tax matters and keeps up with ever-changing tax laws. For example, all CPAs do not specialize in the area of taxes.

Finally, no matter who prepares your tax return, it is still your responsibility. Don't sign the tax return until you're certain it is accurate.

The Council of Better Business Bureaus has published a brochure, "Tips on Tax Preparers," which contains more information on this subject. To obtain a copy, send \$1 and a self-addressed, stamped envelope to CBBB, Dept. 023, Washington, DC 20042-0023. Your local Better Business Bureau may also have this booklet in stock.

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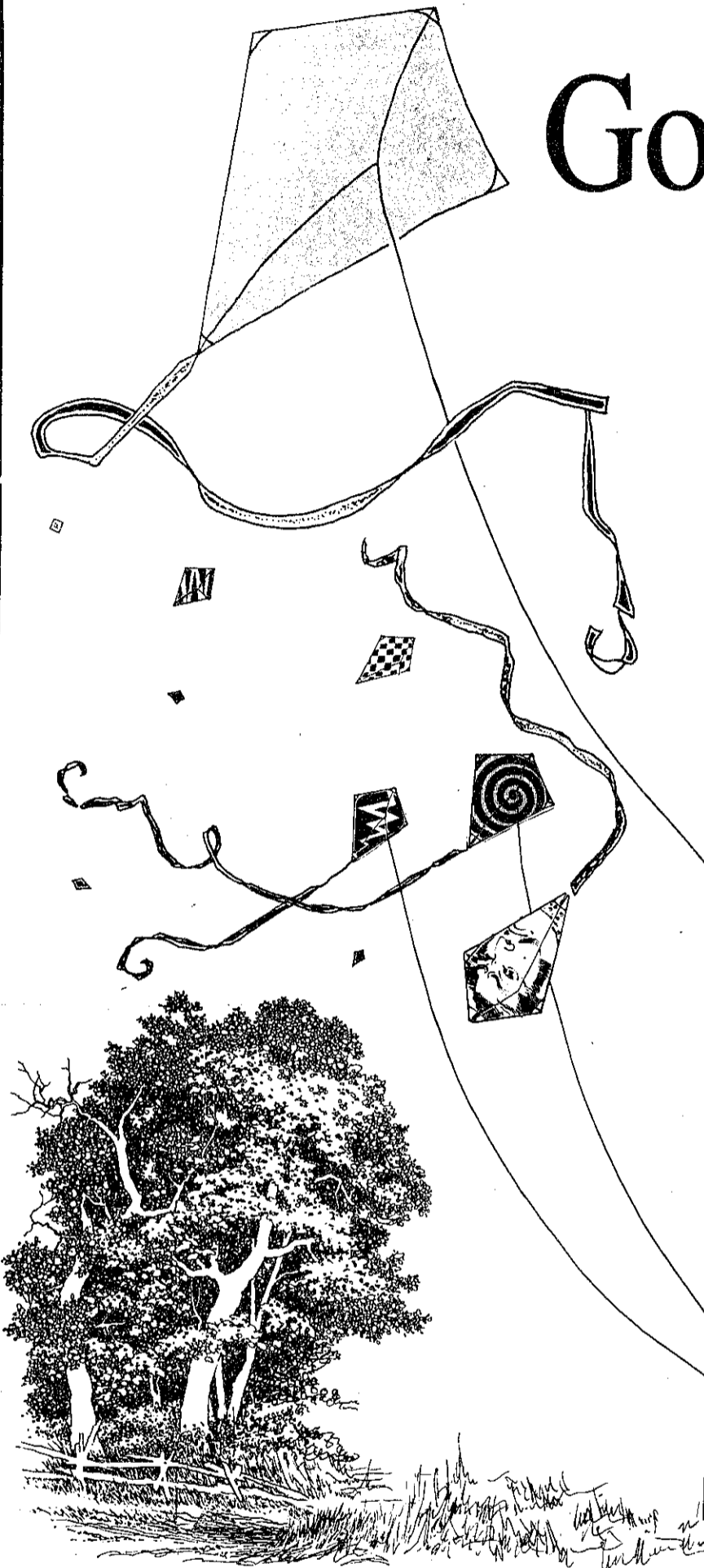
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Go Fly a Kite...

Story by Brenda Dooley



Spring welcomes kite flying

Wind gusts catch the underside of the young boy's red kite decorated with the figure of a fire-breathing green dragon, carrying it high into the sky.

Lengths of string quickly unravel from the spool that the towheaded boy holds. At his tennis shoe-clad feet, blades of field grass bow obediently to the wind.

Soon the kite is merely a dark speck in the sky, dipping ever so slightly with the force of the March wind. The boy's father quietly stands in the background, his hands tucked into his pockets.

"Hey, Dad, it looks like a bird," the boy exclaims.

The lad and his father watch with magical expressions as the colorful kite dances wildly in the sky. It isn't long, however, before the weight of the wind forces the string to break, sending the kite free to climb higher and higher into the sky.

"Don't worry, we'll get you another one, son," the father says as the boy's head bends in disappointment.

They shuffle off the empty field, each filled with the anticipation of searching for another kite to bring to life in the March breeze.

Although used mainly for recreation today, kites once played a crucial role in war and scientific research. Originating in China about 3,000 years ago, kites can fittingly be called the oldest form of aircraft.

During the Han Dynasty (200 B.C. to A.D. 200) the Chinese military attached bamboo pipes to kites. As the kites flew over the enemy wind passed through the pipes, causing a high-pitched whistling sound. The noise often prompted the troops to panic and flee.

In the role that brought them notable recognition, U.S. statesman and inventor Benjamin Franklin flew a kite during a 1752 thunderstorm to demonstrate the electrical nature of lightning.

And in 1847 a kite helped pull a cable across the Niagara River between the United States and Canada. This was no small feat since the cable was part of the river's first suspension bridge.

Quite appropriately, the kite's name comes from a graceful, soaring bird called a Kite. Like the birds, kites are no foreigners to the sky.

According to historians, Alexander Graham Bell — inventor of the telephone — also created kites in hopes of developing some type of aircraft that would carry people. He used tetrahedral (four-faced) box kites that could be built in large forms for lifting humans.

Orville and Wilbur Wright used box kites — invented by Lawrence Hargrave in 1893 — as a basis for testing their ideas about wing warping. The results enabled the Wrights to design the first airplane in 1903.

Taking on another capacity, kites were used by scientists to conduct meteorological experiments. From 1898 to 1933 the U.S. Weather Bureau — now the National Weather Service — operated kite stations with weather-measuring devices. These kites helped develop the science of weather forecasting in the 1800s, although they've been replaced for such work by airplanes today.

Another interesting role was assumed by kites during World War II, when life rafts carried box kites that were equipped with radio antennas to send out SOS signals.

In European countries kites have been flown since before recorded history. And in Hamamatsu, Japan, people fly brightly painted kites taller than adults in a traditional festival that dates back 400 years.

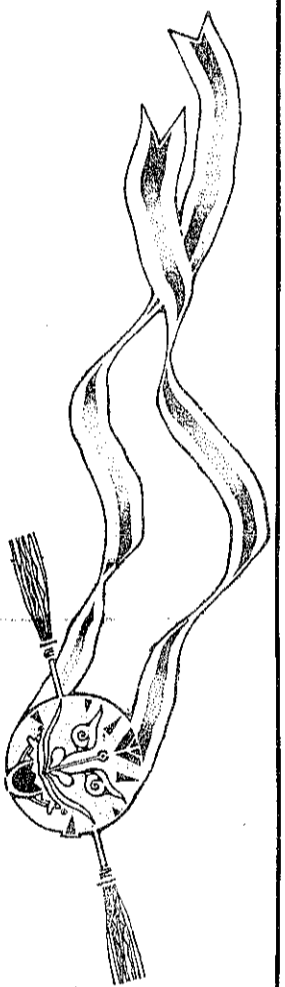
Common kite shapes include diamond, hexagon, box and tetrahedron. The best kind for flying ranges between 13 and 32 kilometers per hour (8 to 20 mph).

In their book "Easy-To-Make Decorative Kites," authors Alan and Gill Bridgewater advise kite flyers to be ready for anything when practicing their hobby. They suggest carrying a "kite kit," including extra flying line, an extra tail, sticky tape, a knife, sunglasses, adhesive bandages and a flight notebook and pencil.

When preparing to fly a kite, be sure to select a clear launch site, a wide-open space away from tall buildings, rivers, traffic, thorny shrubbery and low-flying aircraft. Most importantly, experts advise kite flyers never to fly a kite anywhere near overhead power lines. Also, it is recommended that kites never be flown in the rain.

Flying techniques depend on the type of kite in question. The familiar diamond kite is a good starter kite for beginners and children.

Other models, as outlined in the Bridgewater book, include the Japanese Red Devil Swooper Kite — which resembles an Indian fighter mask — the Oriental Butterfly Kite, the Korean Warrior Kite, the Chinese Yuan Kite, the Guatemalan Sun Kite, the Traditional Chinese Dragonfly Kite and the New England Ghost Kite.



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Random Sample is an unscientific poll of 10 Northville/Novi area residents conducted by the staff of this newspaper.

Scovill plays in band

By DOROTHY NASH

One of the nice things about retirement is that you have time to enjoy your hobbies as much as you like. Lou Scovill can verify that.

All of his life he has been interested in music and even learned how to play several instruments. But he chose business for a career, and so music took a low number on his activity list.

Then in 1976 he retired from his position as an accountant, and one of the first things he did was to get a place in the 45-member, all-volunteer Novi Concert Band.

"I play trombone," he said. "Rehearsals are once a week, and we give 10 concerts a year in various places in the Novi-Northville area."

The band plays in the mall frequently and, perhaps most excitingly, in the annual band festival, he said. Bands come from all over to compete in half hour segments, and crowds come to watch and listen.

Also he plays solo in his church, and last year at the invitation of the assistant minister, who is interested in the recreational life of residents at the Novi Care Center, he offered to help provide musical entertainment there, especially during fundraisers.

For the ice cream social, he said, he brought his portable tape player and amplifier and entertained with "Sing Along with Mitch" music that everyone could enjoy.

"I gave microphones to some of the residents to encourage them to sing, and I played along, too, on my violin."

Another time, Scovill said, he wasn't able to be there for the event, but he took tapes over and somebody else played them.

"I've offered to provide music to the Center whenever they need it."

Why do it? Why volunteer? Lou Scovill answered, "I enjoy it. Besides, music is my fun activity, and now in retirement I have more time for it."



Volunteer Lou Scovill enjoys music

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May Festival concerts planned

By PHILIP JEROME
managing editor

For lovers of classical music, the annual May Festival sponsored by the University of Michigan Musical Society is one of the highlights of the year.

For many others, however, it is an event which comes and goes each year with nary any recognition.

Inaugurated in 1894 when the Boston Festival Orchestra performed throughout the event, the May Festival has been offered uninterrupted up to the present time, making it one of the oldest — and most revered — celebrations of its type in the state.

Over the years some of the most distinguished figures in the world of music have participated in the festival. Marian Anderson gave her penultimate recital in 1965, and the University's sesquicentennial in 1967 included a special recital by Arthur Schnitker.

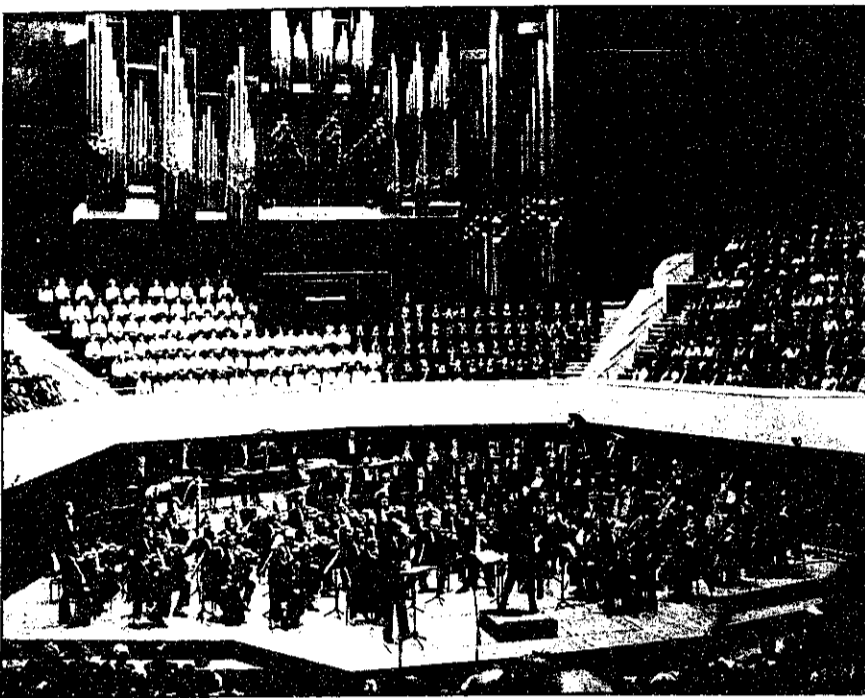
In 1964 the Choral Union performed Persophone under the direction of composer Igor Stravinsky. And in 1976 Aaron Copland conducted the chorus in excerpts from his opera, *The Tender Land*.

Additionally, six world premieres of choral works were commissioned by the University Musical Society and performed by the Choral Union at the May Festival, including *Gloria in Excelsis* by Llewelyn Gomer in 1949, *Prairie* by Normand Lockwood in 1953, and two works by Ross Lee Finney, *Sill* and *World's End* in 1963 and *The Martyr's Elegy* in 1967.

In commemoration of the 100th Year of the Musical Society and Choral Union, Gian Carlo Menotti was commissioned to write a special choral work for chorus and orchestra to be premiered in the 1980 May Festival.

Tickets for the 96th annual Ann Arbor May Festival are already on sale at the Burton Tower ticket office. The four-day festival (April 26-29) again boasts an international roster of top-ranking artists. Featured in residence throughout the event will be the Gewandhaus Orchestra of Leipzig under the direction of Kurt Masur.

Also highlighted during this year's festival will be such preeminent soloists as soprano Jessye Norman,



Gewandhaus Orchestra of Leipzig is scheduled to perform in this year's May Festival

hornist Hermann Baumann and violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter. The festival's long choral tradition will continue with a major work performed by the Musical Society's Festival Chorus, augmented by four of America's finest young vocalists — mezzo soprano Gail Dubinbaum, tenor Vinson Cole, baritone J. Patrick Rafferty and bass-baritone Stephen Bryant.

All four concerts this year will be presented in the University of Michigan's Hill Auditorium, beginning at 8 p.m.

The Gewandhaus Orchestra of Leipzig is making only its second appearance in the May Festival. Despite the 96-year festival history, it is only the fifth orchestra to appear.

The Leipzig Gewandhaus has a distinguished history and is recognized as one of the 20th century's preeminent ensembles. The orchestra's history includes Felix Mendelssohn

and Richard Strauss, both of whom where musical directors of the Gewandhaus and whose music is a central part of the 1989 May Festival.

The orchestra performs under the baton of Kurt Masur, who assumed the directorship of the Leipzig Gewandhaus in 1970 and is credited with writing yet another distinguished chapter in the history of Germany's oldest orchestra.

The Festival will begin Wednesday, April 26, when pianist Annerose Schmidt will be the featured soloist, performing Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 4. The Gewandhaus will perform Mendelssohn's "Ruy Blas" Overture and Schubert's Symphony No. 9.

On Thursday, April 27 — the second day of the festival, the featured soloist will be hornist Hermann Baumann performing Horn Concerto No. 1 by Strauss, while the Gewandhaus performs Beethoven's "Lenore" Overture No. 3 and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No. 4.

Violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter will be the featured soloist on the third day of the festival — Friday, April 28. She will perform Brahms' Violin Concerto in D Major. Sharing the spotlight at Friday's concert will be soloists Dubinbaum, Cole, Rafferty and Bryant.

The 1989 festival will come to a close on Saturday, April 29, when soprano Jessye Norman performs "Four Last Songs" by Strauss. Masur and the Leipzig Gewandhaus will back Norman and conclude the festival by performing Bruckner's Symphony No. 7.

Tickets for the 96th annual May Festival are priced at \$14, \$18, \$22, \$25 and \$27 and can be ordered by calling the University Musical Society at 764-2538.

Jaycees host Easter egg hunt

It's time to hunt for Easter eggs.

The Novi Jaycees and the Novi Parks and Recreation will host their annual Easter Egg Hunt at the Novi Civic Center this Saturday, March 25. Children must be pre-registered to attend the event.

Four egg hunts will be offered beginning at 11 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. The hunts will be broken into several age groups — children 4 and under, children 5 to 7 and children 8 to 10. Each age group is limited to 75 children.

Family program: Novi Parks and Recreation Department presents "The Not So Grimm Brothers & Their Sisters" on Sunday, April 2, at 3 p.m.

The performance will be held in the Novi Civic Center. Tickets are \$3 for adults, \$2 for children and \$7 for families.

"The Not So Grimm Brothers & Their Sisters" is an original program performed by Crossroads Productions Limited. It features Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm, who along with their sister Charlotte, update many of their treasured classics.

Tickets are available at the Novi Parks and Recreation office of at the door. Call 347-0400.

In Town

The performance is one in a series of "First Sunday" programs offered for area families by the Novi Arts and Culture Committee.

Mr. B's Farm: The band "Sittin' In" is currently performing at Mr. B's Farm on Fridays and Saturdays. Entertainment is provided at Mr. B's Farm from about 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

Mr. B's Farm is located on the west side of Novi Road, just north of Ten Mile in Novi.

Calligraphy: Novi resident Linda McVicar features two of her works of calligraphy in the Michigan Association of Calligraphers Annual Juried Exhibition.

The show can be viewed at the Oakland County Executive Offices Galleria in Pontiac from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday until the end of March.

The display features works by some of the state's finest calligraphers. McVicar currently

teaches calligraphy classes in the Farmington and Livonia Community Education programs.

For more information on the show or classes, contact her at 474-7214.

Easter musical: Fairlane Assembly of God in Northville presents "Alive '89," an Easter musical/drama through March 26.

The program will be performed several times in two locations at the Fairlane Assembly of God. "Alive '89" is performed by over 100 actors from the church's choir and Rhema Drama group.

The 90-minute musical features colorful costumes, a two-story set and music from the past eight "Alive" presentations. The show is produced and conducted by the Rev. Douglas Webber, the minister of music. David Chatel is director of the program.

Performances will be presented at Fairlane Assembly West, 41355 Six Mile in Northville.

For more information or ticket orders call Fairlane Assembly Central at 561-2810.

"In Town" lists entertainment events in Novi and Northville. To have an event listed write to "In Town," Novi News, 104 W. Main, Northville, MI 48167.

DIA sponsors Easter activities

Detroit Institute of Arts presents "A Sunday In Spring" on the afternoon of Easter Sunday, March 26.

The event includes a single performance of "The Velveteen Rabbit" at 2 p.m.; a presentation by Gina Alexander, assistant curator in the DIA education department; a brunch in the museum's Kresge Court beginning 11:30 a.m. and piano music by Bess Bonnier.

For more information call the DIA ticket office at 832-2730.

Easter eggs: Detroit Historical Department offers a Pysanky Easter Egg Workshop at the Detroit Historical Museum this Saturday, March 25, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Instructor Margerite Maguire will teach participants how to decorate eggs in the traditional Slavic way using beeswax and dyes.

The workshop is for ages 14 and up. Registration is \$4. For reservations call Walter Weaver at 833-1263.

Elvis show: Performing artists Sherman Arnold and Dave King present "Elvis: A Tribute to the King" at the Dearborn Hyatt Regen-

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cy today (Thursday, March 23).

The show will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Proceeds raised through the event will provide funds for research, medical services and professional education. Tickets are \$15-23. Reservations are suggested. A silent auction and cash bar will be available.

Doors open at 6:30 and the show begins at 7:30 p.m. For more information or tickets call 381-3838 or 595-1459.

Art & Flowers: Detroit Institute of Arts presents "Art & Flowers," a festival of spring, April 11-16.

Events and displays include flower arrangements created by members of the Federated Garden Clubs of Michigan, celebrity invitational floral displays, horticulture and garden exhibits, an art and flowers poster competition, public docent tours and self-guided tours.

Guest speakers Renny Reynolds,

Martha Stewart, Judith Smith, Mario Buatta, David Smith and Thomas Hoving will appear throughout the event. For ticket information call 833-7969.

Upcoming drama: Ann Arbor Civic Theater presents the zany comedy "The House of Blue Leaves." Performance dates are April 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15, 20, 21, 22 at 8 p.m. at the AACT Building, 1035 S. Main, Ann Arbor.

General admission tickets are \$5. For ticket information and reservations call 662-7282.

Whoppi Goldberg: Fox Theater presents an appearance by comedian Whoppi Goldberg, who has been touring her one-woman show "Living on the Edge of Chaos." She will appear at the Fox Theater on March 27 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$22.50.

Fishing expo: The Palace

of Auburn Hills presents the Greater Detroit Sportfishing Expo March 30-April 2. For more information and tickets call 631-4745.

'Mass Appeal':

Performance Network of Ann Arbor presents the comedy "Mass Appeal," March 23-April 1. Show times are 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday.

The show involves a parish priest who runs head on into an idealistic young seminarian, causing both to examine and re-evaluate themselves, each other and their faith. All seats are \$9 general admission or \$6 students and seniors. For more information and tickets call 663-0681.

Art gallery: Swidler Gallery presents "Functional Ceramics as Art" through April 8.

Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday; 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday; and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

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All-Area volleyball squad is 'rock solid'

The 1989 Sliger-Livingston East All-Area Volleyball squad doesn't need a gimmick or an angle. That's because the team is rock solid from top to bottom.

In unspectacular but certainly effective fashion, Debbie Stevens, Nancy Belding, Dana Hicks, Kelly Forbis, Lori Montante and Nancy Nielsen went out and performed individually as well as any all-area squad we've ever featured.

This year's selections are characterized by a rare combination of athletic ability, intelligence and savvy. The all-around skill level — whether it's hitting, serving, passing or setting — is what sets these six players apart from the rest.

Here's a closer look at the first team:

NANCY BELDING, Northville, outside hitter: A starter for two years, Belding was the Mustangs' top player at the net this season and was a real team leader, according to her coach, Paul Osborn.

The 5-foot-9 senior was a unanimous All-Division choice as an outside hitter, despite playing in teammate Debbie Stevens' shadow at times.

"Nancy Belding is the kind of player who would do whatever we asked of her," Osborn said. "She always gave 110 percent and was a team leader."

Belding notched 420 successful spikes in 455 attempts (92.3 percent) and led the team in kills with 126. Her serving percentage (92.6) and serve reception (92.3) numbers were also outstanding.

"For a hitter, Nancy was a good server and a real hustler," Osborn said.

KELLY FORBIS, Lakeland, outside hitter: This 5-foot-11 senior may be the best all-around female athlete at Lakeland High School.

She averaged 11 points per game as a power forward on the basketball team, is a two-time 20-game winner as a pitcher on the softball squad and — as a volleyball player — was one of the top hitters in the Kensington Valley Conference this past season.

Forbis recorded 118 kills, 67 service aces and 42 blocks for the Eagles.

"Kelly's a smart player and a good athlete," Lakeland coach Dave Montgomery said. "She made some real strides this year, especially with her hitting and middle blocking. She's definitely a



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The Sliger-Livingston East All-Area Volleyball selections have a combination of athletic ability and intelligence on the court. Members of the All-Area first team (above, left to right) are front row — Nancy

Belding, Nancy Nielsen and Debbie Stevens and back row — Lori Montante, Dana Hicks and Kelly Forbis.

player who could play in college if she wants to."

Forbis was accurate on 87 percent of her passes and 78 percent of her attacks.

DANA HICKS, Lakeland, outside hitter: This 6-foot tower of talent, bound for Central Michigan University on a full-ride volleyball scholarship, led the area with 560 successful hits and 280 kills.

"If you give Dana the ball near the net, she'll put it down ... no doubt about it," Lakeland coach Dave Montgomery said. "She's a powerful kid who's very aggressive

when she attacks. That's what the college coaches liked most about her."

Hicks' talents, however, are not limited to attacking. She made good on more than 90 percent of her passes and serve receptions, and she registered team-highs in both service aces (83) and blocks (45).

"One of Dana's best qualities is that she plays well in the back row," her coach added. "She'll dive and stretch out on the floor, and she does it well for someone her size. She has really progressed in that area since her freshman and sophomore years."

Hicks has earned All-Kensington Valley Conference honors three consecutive years.

LORI MONTANTE, Milford, outside hitter: This 5-foot-8 senior, recognized more for her basketball skills, was second in the area with 208 kills.

"Lori is definitely the best hitter I've had in my five years," Redskins coach Terry Mareski said. "She hits the ball pretty hard, but her main weapon is that she's smart. She can put the ball down in the open areas and she's good at tipping around blocks."

A three-year letterwinner, Montante also led Milford with 45 service aces. She was good on 423 of 488 attacks (86.7 percent), 219 of 236 serves (92.8) and 156 of 189 passes.

"She had a great year considering she played half or more of it with bad ankles," Mareski added. "The ankles were bad from basketball and really never got better. She even missed a week or so because of them."

Montante has yet to announce whether she will play basketball or volleyball at the collegiate level.

NANCY NIELSEN, Milford, setter:

Redskins coach Terry Mareski dished out plenty of praise for this 5-foot-3 senior, who led the area in serving (98.5 percent) and setting (97.6).

"Nancy will be the hardest person to replace next year," the coach commented. "She's a team leader all the way around, plus she's a great motivator for the other girls. I could always count on her. She's a player anyone would want on their team."

A four-year letterwinner and three-year starter, Nielsen recorded 391 good serves (44 aces) and 1,312 good sets (514 assists). Of her good sets, 521 were labeled "perfect" by the Milford statisticians.

Nielsen also was the Redskins' best passer, making good on 113 of 136 attempts (83.1). She committed only three serve receive errors all season.

"Nancy is one of the most dedicated high school athletes I've seen," Mareski said. "After one of our short matches this year, she actually went home and worked out. She felt she didn't get enough out of the match itself ... she's in excellent physical condition."

Nielsen is a steady performer on the school's cross-country and tracks teams as well.

DEBBIE STEVENS, Northville, middle blocker: This 5-foot-9 senior is one of the area's top all-around performers. She was a unanimous All-Western Lakes selection this past season, as well as being named Northville's most valuable player.

Stevens had a 90-plus success percentage in key areas like hitting, serving and serve reception.

"Debbie had all the stats this season," Mustang Coach Paul Osborn said. "Everything she did was in the 90 percentile, which means she had an excellent season."

Stevens connected on 395 of 415 spikes (95 percent) and had 117 kills from her middle blocker position. She was one of Northville's top servers (91.6 percent) and even helped out occasionally with an 87.5 success rate on sets.

"Toward the latter part of the season when (Jenny Urbahn) started coming on for us, it proved that extra incentive and really helped Debbie," Osborn said. "Before that, she was really our only setting weapon on the inside, and that was a heavy burden to live up to."

Wildcat netters named

Kasten, Black earn second-team berths

The talent level really doesn't drop off for the Sliger-Livingston East All-Area second team.

That's because several selectees were talented leaders on teams (like Novi and South Lyon) that struggled most of the season. Add to that two outstanding setters from the top two teams in the area (Northville and Lakeland) along with the area's top underclassman (Becky Pingston from Milford) and you have an outstanding squad:

KIM BLACK, Novi, outside hitter: This 5-foot-7 senior was Novi's leader in blocks, kills and hits during the 1988-89 campaign. She was extremely aggressive at the net, but did have some problems with consistency.

Her 351 successful hits led the Wildcats, but it took 429 attempts for an 81-percent rate.

"Kim is a good leader who really helped me know what the other girls were thinking," first-year Novi Coach Amy Rademacher said. "She was a good go-between from the players to me."

In areas like passing, serve reception and saves, Black performed at an 83-percent clip.

JENNY CIPICCHIO, Northville, setter: One of the area's most consistent and accurate setters was this 5-foot-4 senior. Some of the credit for the great success at the net for first-teammers Debbie Stevens and Nancy Belding should go to Cipicchio because she distributed the ball to them on a regular basis.

"Jenny was very solid for us," Mustang Coach Paul Osborn said. "She was very accurate and has one of the nicest back-sels I've seen."

Cipicchio made good on 375-of-410 sets for 91.4 percent and was the team's top server with 298-of-317 ac-

Rademacher: 'Nicki (Kasten) is a fine athlete and she's very coachable. Nobody on the team wants to win more than she does.'

curacy (94 percent). She also led Northville in aces.

TONYA ELIE, South Lyon, outside hitter: This 5-foot-6 senior was one of the area's top servers — excelling in both accuracy and velocity.

"I don't know if I've had a more accurate server," South Lyon's veteran coach Ed Baldwin said. "Tonya was able to hit the ball in about nine different areas. She could break the court up in like a tic-tac-toe grid, and — more often than not — put the ball right in one of the squares."

Elie made good on 94.2 percent (162 of 172) of her service attempts this season. She also registered 76 service points and 28 aces.

When not serving, Elie was a steady defender and a timely hitter for the Lions. She finished the season with 70 kills.

"Tonya has always been a good defensive player. That's pretty much all she did as a junior," Baldwin added. "But I was impressed with how much she improved as a hitter this year. She really came on near the end of the season."

Elie also excels in track and powerlifting at South Lyon.

MARY HORCHLER, Lakeland, setter: A 5-foot-4 senior, Horchler's most impressive statistics were 90-percent serving accuracy and 15 blocks.

"Both of those figures have some meaning," Eagles coach Dave Montgomery said. "That type of serving percentage is good for anyone, but it's especially good considering she was down around 75 percent at Christmas time. And the blocks, well, it's obvious she has outstanding leaping ability."

Horchler also registered 92-percent setting accuracy, which included 1,401 good sets and nearly 500 assists. Her setting played a major role in the hitting success of teammates Dana Hicks and Kelly Forbis.

"Mary was a consistent player ... one who continued to develop as the season went on," Montgomery said. "She stepped in after not playing much last year and did a nice job. I was comfortable with her out there."

NICKI KASTEN, Novi, outside hitter: Kasten was Novi's top player the past two seasons, but the 5-foot-6 senior failed to make either the first or second All-Kensington Valley Conference squads this year.

Even though she was overlooked by most of the conference coaches, Kasten was an invaluable asset to Wildcat Coach Amy Rademacher.

"Nicki is a fine athlete and she's very coachable," she said. "Nobody on the team wants to win more than she does."

Kasten was Novi's most accurate hitter, connecting on 369 of 401 for 92 percent, and added nearly 100 kills. She was also a team leader in passes, saves and serve reception (92 percent), and made good on 171 of 197 serves (87 percent).

"She was a very good all-around player who hustled and showed a lot of leadership on the court," Rademacher said.

BECKY PINGSTON, Milford, middle blocker: A multi-talented athlete plagued with inconsistency, Pingston was a key performer for Milford all season. When she was on, the Redskins clicked as well as any team in the area. When she was off, they struggled.

"Becky's going to be a real good player once she develops some consistency," Redskins coach Terry Mareski said. "She was up and down this year. Sometimes she complimented Lori (Montante) and Nancy (Nielsen) real well. Other times, though, she had some problems."

A 5-foot-8 junior with three varsity letters, Pingston was first on her team in blocks (53), second in kills (101) and defense (77.6 percent) and fourth in service aces (38). She also possesses a team-best vertical jump of 22 inches.

Pingston's other percentages include 74.9 for hitting and 85.2 for serving.

"Becky is capable of big things," Mareski said. "Next year, I see her possibly setting in the back row and attacking in the front. We'll count on her a lot."



NICKI KASTEN



KIM BLACK

ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL FIRST TEAM

Name	Cl.	Ht.	Pos.	School
Dana Hicks	Sr.	6-0	Hitter	Lakeland
Kelly Forbis	Sr.	6-0	Hitter	Lakeland
Nancy Belding	Sr.	5-9	Hitter	Northville
Debbie Stevens	Sr.	5-9	Blocker	Northville
Lori Montante	Sr.	5-8	Hitter	Milford
Nancy Nielsen	Sr.	5-3	Setter	Milford

ALL-AREA VOLLEYBALL SECOND TEAM

Name	Cl.	Ht.	Pos.	School
Nicki Kasten	Sr.	5-6	Hitter	Novi
Kim Black	Sr.	5-7	Blocker	Novi
Tonya Elie	Sr.	5-6	Hitter	South Lyon
Becky Pingston	Jr.	5-8	Blocker	Milford
Mary Horchler	Sr.	5-5	Setter	Lakeland
Jenny Cipicchio	Sr.	5-4	Setter	Northville

PLAYER OF THE YEAR: Dana Hicks, Lakeland.
COACH OF THE YEAR: Paul Osborn, Northville.

HONORABLE MENTION: Jennifer Fornwald, Deanna Reed — Novi; Jill Connell, Becky Bajorek, Kris Czapski — Northville; Nikki Taylor — Milford; Lynn Scheloske, Nikki Bailey — South Lyon; Pam Whiteman — Lakeland.

