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Novi hosts Vietnam ritual

By JAN JEFFRES
staff writer

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Every hour from 5 p.m. last Saturday through 5 p.m. Sunday, the roll call of 74 Michigan men still missing in Southeast Asia was read during a ceremonial changing of the guard before the Vietnam POW/MIA Memorial in Novi.

This is the fourth year the ceremony has been held at the plaque in the Oakland Hills Memorial Gardens. The vigil is sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) — Chapter 154 of Mount Clemens in honor of National POW/MIA Recognition Week.

The goal is to remember the 2,344 U.S. servicemen still missing, to console their families and to keep alive public awareness, said Chapter 154 President Bob Deckers.

"It's really a very emotional time," he said. "We will not stop these vigils until everyone's accounted for."

Deckers said there have been over 800 live sightings of Americans in Vietnam, the most recent in June 1987. Many of these reports have come from Southeast Asian refugees.

The memorial plaque actually has 84 names — 10 of them have had the final date filled in, as official word has come of the men's death and remains have been returned by the Vietnamese government.

One of those 10 men was John McCormick, whose remains were sent home to his family in 1988, ending 23 years of suspense. The Navy Lieutenant was reported missing in action in December 1965, a few days before his twenty-sixth birthday.

McCormick's brother and two sisters attended the vigil Sunday.

"It gives a lot of support to the families who don't know," said McCormick.

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Officials discuss heart of Novi

By JAN JEFFRES
staff writer

Should Novi's Town Center really be at the intersection of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue?

The bustling intersection, historically the heart of Novi, has been envisioned as a planned town center since studies of the area's development began more than 10 years ago.

A Monday night report to a joint city council and planning commission meeting from the Town Center Steering Committee — a group of city council members, planners and local business people — raised another possibility.

"It's simply and obviously a noisy, high center traffic area. I think the idea has come to us that an actual town center may not be at that particular crossroads. It may not be the town center as has been

envisioned for years," said City Councilman Ron Watson, a member of the Town Center committee.

The area now designated as the town center encompasses the four corners or quadrants surrounding the Grand River/Novi Road intersection, about 157 acres of land.

Planning Commissioner Edward Kramer pointed out that realistically the intersection will continue to generate more traffic.

"The suggestion that we turn our backs on that (the intersection) may really be an exciting concept," Kramer said.

At present, Planning Consultant Brandon Rogers said that Town Center Steering Committee is considering expanding the study eastwards to include a section encompassing the Country Epicure, the Wyndham Garden Hotel and the

Cedar Ridge and Beacon Hill developments.

Watson outlined some long-term goals for the proposed town center:

- Provide a framework plan to guide development, harmonizing mixed uses such as commercial and residential.
- Encourage cooperation between public and private concerns.
- Create a design for an urban center within a suburban community, with higher density development within this center.
- Maintain a historical perspective within the area, even though it may lack standing historical buildings.
- Plan for higher residential density within the center.
- Work with the Oakland County Planning Commission to aid in visual guidelines for architectural and other designs.

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Yerkes site under review following fire

By PHILIP JEROME
managing editor

The burned out shell of the Yerkes House still stands on Eight Mile between Novi and Meadowbrook roads while city officials and the property owners consider their next moves.

Here's a quick look at what's happening:

□ Patricia Hann, owner of the historic residence, said the house is completely gutted on the inside and will have to be torn down.

Hann added, however, that she and the other property owners are considering the possibility of building a replica of the house on the existing foundation.

□ Earl Bailey, director of the Novi Building Department, said he has been directed by the city council to send an inspector to the site to determine if the building is unsafe.

"If we find that the building is structurally unsound, we will ask the owners to have it demolished," said Bailey.

□ Arthur Lenaghan, chief of the Novi Fire Department, said the investigation into the cause of the fire which destroyed the house is on hold, but will continue once demolition of the structure begins.

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"The floors and walls are not safe enough for us to enter the building," said Lenaghan. "When demolition begins, we will be present to look through sections of the debris to determine if accelerants were used in starting the fire."

The Yerkes House — the only officially recognized historical site in Novi — was destroyed by a fire which broke out at approximately 1 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 24.

The building, which had been abandoned and fallen into a state of disrepair in recent years, was constructed around 1870 by Joseph Yerkes, whose father was one of Novi's original settlers. The house had been designated an official historic site on state and federal registers.

Lenaghan said the cause of the fire is currently listed as "suspicious" because there is as yet no firm evidence of arson.

"All the utilities in the building had been shut off and the only conclusion we can make is that someone set it on fire," said Lenaghan. "But we have no hard evidence that arson was involved . . . we have no evidence that would stand up in court."

Developers file for court action

By PHILIP JEROME
managing editor

Developers of the proposed Briarwood convenience shopping center have asked the Michigan Appellate Court for "leave to appeal" the decision which has put development plans on an indefinite hold.

Norman Hyman, an attorney representing Briarwood Developer Lee Walter, submitted the application for leave to appeal with the Court of Appeals last Wednesday (Sept. 13).

Just exactly how the filing will affect development of the proposed shopping center remains to be seen, however.

City Attorney David Fried reported that the city is currently preparing its answer to the appeal filed by Hyman with the Appellate Court.

"The essence of our answer is that we'd like the legal question raised in the appeal to be resolved," said Fried.

In essence, the developers are asking the court to decide if zoning decisions are subject to referendum under state law. Hyman maintains zoning decisions are not subject to referendums, while Fried maintains that they are. Both attorneys agree that existing case law on the issue is mixed and that there's a need for legal clarification of the question.

Fried noted that the "leave to ap-

peal" is nothing more than a formal request for the Appellate Court to hear the case. After the city files its response to the request, the Appellate Court will then decide whether or not it wants to hear the case — a decision that could take up to three months.

If the court decides it wants to accept the issue, attorneys for both sides will then begin preparing arguments on the central issue, i.e. does Michigan law permit the right to referendum on zoning matters.

"It can be a very long, drawn out process," said Fried.

The city attorney also said the Appellate Court may decide it does not want to hear the case at this point in time and deny the request for appeal filed by Hyman.

"The court might decide that it doesn't want to consider this particular argument because it's only part of a larger suit between the developer and the city," said Fried. "The court could say that it does not want to hear the case in a piecemeal fashion; it could tell us to that it will not listen to the arguments in the abstract."

The legal proceedings are the latest development in the controversy surrounding plans to construct a convenience shopping center on a 10-acre parcel on the northeast corner of the Ten Mile/Beck Road intersection.

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New bottle plant draws protests

Representatives of two subdivisions adjacent to Johnson Controls' proposed new bottle reclamation plant registered protests at a joint meeting of the Novi City Council and the Planning Commission Monday.

Preliminary site plan approval for the building was given by the planning commission on Sept. 6.

Johnson Controls, Inc. proposes to build seven 40-foot silos at the site. However, the planning commission told the applicant to provide more extensive screening for the silos when they return seeking final site plan approval.

Lynn Kozan, president of the Meadowbrook Lake Homeowners' Association, requested that the

planning commission deny final approval to the company's site plans.

LaReta Roder, secretary of the Novi Heights Community Association, said the association is opposed to the expansion of Johnson Control's operations.

No mention of the silos was made at an Aug. 31 of the association and Cunningham-Limp, the owners and developers of the property, Roder said. She added that the firm's spokespersons indicated that they already had site plan approval.

Two-liter plastic bottles will be manufactured in the first building, but operations have not yet begun.

The proposed second building would allow the Milwaukee-based company to recycle used plastic bottles. Non-toxic plastics would be stored in the silos.

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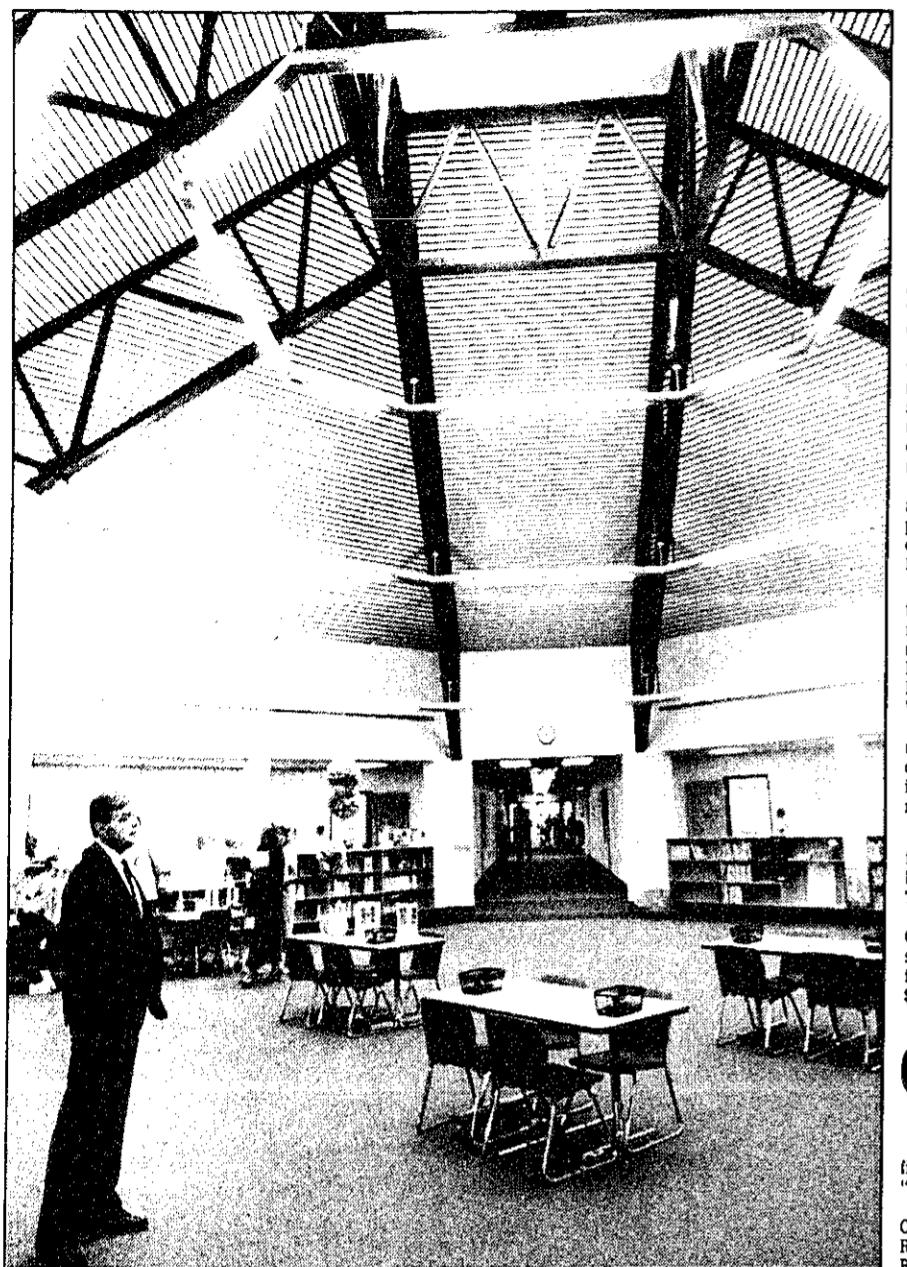
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Parkview dedication

Novi School Board President Raymond Byers stands under the dome in the new Parkview Elementary School. Dedication ceremonies for the school were held Sunday afternoon.

Superintendent Robert Piwko said the unique design of the skylight in the multi-purpose room (above) will represent a "beacon of education" stretching across Novi when it is lit up at night.

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Novi named a leader in county construction

By TIM RICHARD
staff writer

With Novi as one of the leaders, construction in Oakland County continues to grow, "bucking the national economic trend," a new report says.

The 61 cities, townships and villages issued 36 percent of all residential building permits in the seven-county southeastern Michigan region during 1988, the county's department of economic development said.

"Oakland's total office square footage has topped Detroit," wrote planner Marlin Rubin in the report called Summary of Development — 1988.

Dominating the construction picture were communities around the rim of Oakland's southeastern corner. These were the cities of Novi, Farmington Hills, Troy and Rochester Hills and the townships of West Bloomfield and Waterford.

Troy was first in industrial permits, Waterford Township first in commercial permits, and Farmington Hills first in both office and residential permits.

Western Oakland communities fared well on the industrial permit list, with Wixom second, Milford Township fourth and Novi fifth.

Value of all construction in Oakland was \$1 billion for the year, slightly ahead of the 1985 and '87 figures but behind the 1986 level of \$1.2 billion.

Novi's good fortune was due to its

location on the I-96 freeway and the burgeoning Haggerty Road corridor, soon to become state highway M-9. This position is likely to be enhanced with the completion of connecting I-96 and I-696 this fall across southern Oakland County.

The 1,696 connection — some 30 years in the planning, lawsuit and building process — also is revitalizing the Royal Oak area.

Other growth corridors are the I-75 freeway and M-59.

The good fortune also extended to the Milford and South Lyon areas, though so far the boom hasn't been as big.

Here are the compiled reports from area cities:

□ NOVI: Fifth in single-family housing with 330 permits issued, and eighth in overall housing when multitudes are included (Novi remained in Oakland's top 10 list for the fifth straight year).

Novi was fourth in commercial permits with 10; second in office building permits with 17; and fifth in industrial permits with 11.

□ HIGHLAND: 17th in residential permits with 144 units. It issued one commercial building permit.

Highland's population estimate was 18,558, up 3.4 percent from the census.

□ LYON: 10th in residential building permits with 138. It issued one commercial building permit, one office building permit and five industrial building permits.

Lyons' population was 8,216, up 11 percent from the census.

□ MILFORD TOWNSHIP: 22nd in residential building permits with 96; fourth in the county in industrial permits with 10.

Milford Township's population was 6,270, up 2.8 percent from the census.

□ NORTHLAKE (Oakland portion) ranked 24th in residential permits with 69; second in business construction permits. It had an estimated population of 3,216, up 15 percent since the census.

□ MILFORD VILLAGE (listed separately from the township): 25th in residential building permits with 59. It issued no office building permits and two industrial permits. Its population was estimated at 5,233, up 5 percent since the census.

Candidates night planned

Novi residents will have an opportunity to meet the five candidates for the Novi City Council at a special "Meet the Candidates" Night on Tuesday, Oct. 10.

The "Candidates' Night will be held at the Novi Civic Center, 7:30 p.m. It is co-sponsored by Citizens for Responsible Development (CRD) and the Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA).

Five candidates are running for three vacancies on the city council in the November general election.

Scheduled to expire this year are the terms currently held by Nancy Covert, Hugh Crawford and Ronald Wal-

Covert and Crawford have filed for re-election and will be seeking their second consecutive four terms.

The other three candidates for the city council are Laura Lorenzo, Sarah Phelps and Timothy Pope.

Mayor Matthew Quinn also must seek re-election this year. He is unopposed in his bid for a second consecutive term.

All Novi residents are invited to attend the Candidates Night on Oct. 10. Each candidate will have five minutes for opening remarks. Opening statements will be followed by a question and answer period.

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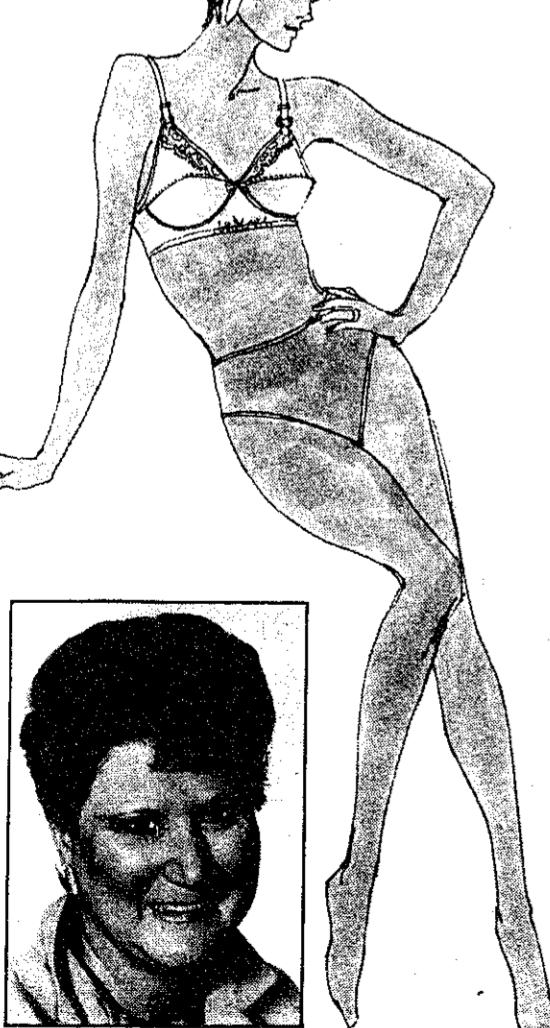
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Kelley Simpson is leaving the Novi Parks and Recreation Department to continue her education at MSU

Recreation dynamo says goodbye

By CRISTINA FERRIER
staff writer

Kelley Simpson has been involved in so many recreational activities over the last three years that she has to look at the calendar to remember what they are.

But as she was preparing to leave her position with the Novi Parks and Recreation Department Friday, Simpson talked mostly about how much she appreciates the people there.

"I've made so many nice friends here," she said. "I've worked with 400 to 500 volunteers each year, and they've all been wonderful. The Art Committee volunteers are dynamite."

Simpson says she also has great appreciation for the Parks and Recreation Commissioners, the secretaries in her office, the members of the city council, and, it seems, everyone else she has come in contact with.

She is leaving her position as Novi's recreation coordinator for "professional growth." She plans to attend Michigan State University this fall to work toward a Master's degree in Communications.

She agrees that the recreation program has come a long way in the last three years.

Simpson says her biggest accomplishment was the development of the Arts and Cultural Committee. She also has been a force

in the study of how people communicate with each other in daily situations.

"I'm especially interested in non-verbal communications," she added. "People communicate so many messages with their hands, or by the way they sit. It's intriguing."

One of the newer events offered by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department is the Daddy-Daughter Dance. The event was such a success that Simpson heard many mothers saying they wanted something, too.

"I learned a lot from the Art Committee volunteers," she said.

"I enjoyed the growth of this city and being a part of it all," she said. "I will really miss this place."

Simpson earned a Bachelor's degree at Ferris State and worked at a health club in Chicago for three years before coming to Novi in Jan. 1987.

When she was at Ferris she worked for United Parcel Service, and her experience there sparked an interest in the shipping business that she still carries with her today.

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At Michigan State, she will be studying Interpersonal Communication

Simpson shares the credit for her accomplishments. "A lot of them are ideas that we share with other departments," she acknowledged. "And we get a lot of requests. I'm very caring and I listen to people; so many of the ideas come from that."

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Get creative, Novi tells street namers

By JAN JEFFRIES
staff writer

What's in a name?

In Novi, potential confusion. To avoid a superabundance of streets named with similar names, like oak, willow and elm, the city's naming committee frequently votes as much as 50 percent of the street names for a new development, said James Wahl, Director of Community Development.

On occasion, a developer may submit proposals two or three times over to the committee. Wahl told a joint meeting of the city council and planning commission Monday.

Mayor Matthew Quinn gave the offer of help his blessing.

Streets already bearing pioneers' names include White, Taff Road and Ingerson. Joining them could be old-time Novi names like Hungerford, Eddy, Gould and Watts.

"Right now it would be a good idea to name streets to tie in with Novi's history," Wahl said.

Creating alternative names is left up to the developer's imagination.

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Are sidewalk rules written in cement?

In Novi, sidewalks are not always a popular path.

Mayor Pro Tem Edward Leininger told the city council and planning commission in their joint meeting on Monday that discussion he's attended at local homeowners' associations have given mixed reviews to sidewalk styles.

"In any homeowner's meeting that you go to, it's a 50-50 toss up," Leininger said. "If they've moved from a place with sidewalks, they're absolutely opposed to them. Those people who had young children, who were raising their families couldn't understand why we didn't have them."

Early this year, residents of Galway Drive in the Lexington Green subdivision fought against the construction of sidewalks on their street. The city responded with a revised ordinance.

Leininger suggested an ordinance revision that would allow for less intrusive types of sidewalks, such as a meandering asphalt walkway, rather than the current 6-8 foot wide stretch of concrete now called for. He called for a more flexible standard for sidewalks.

Planning Commissioner Ernest Aruffo suggested that the same sidewalk and tree requirements applicable for single-family residential subdivisions be extended to multiple-housing districts.

Quinn said that Aruffo's request would be presented to the ordinance review committee.

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Novi woman's purse snatched

An 83-year-old Novi woman was victimized by a purse-snatcher as she was walking from her residence in the Harbor Cove Condominiums to Arbor Drugs in the Novi Square Plaza on Pontiac Trail at West Road on Sunday, Sept. 17.

The woman told police she was walking up to the shopping center shortly after 1 p.m. when a man in a dark-colored shirt pulled out of her right hand from behind. She turned around in time to see a white male carrying the purse and getting into a large black or dark blue vehicle parked along the south side of the shopping center.

The man then drove out of the parking lot and headed southbound on West Road. The victim said she believed the man was alone because he got into the driver's side of the car and no other suspects were seen inside the vehicle.

The purse contained \$16 in cash as well as a Blue Cross card, check book and house keys. The purse was later dropped off at a Mobil Oil gas station at 1941 and Michigan Avenue in Dearborn Heights.

A WOMAN'S PURSE containing \$900 in cash was stolen from a residence on Avon Court in the Yorkshire Place subdivision on Monday, Sept. 18.

The complainant told police the responsible party walked up to the kitchen through an unlocked patio door and removed the purse from a kit-chen counter sometime between 8 and 9 p.m. Police noted that the purse was clearly visible from the patio door.

The woman said she later found the purse and all its contents except the money lying on the grass on the side of the home.

A BURGLAR ALARM apparently frightened away an individual trying to break into a residence on Coventry in the Carriage Hills subdivision on Thursday, Sept. 14.

The complainant said someone at-

Police Beat

tempted to gain entry to the home shortly before 2 a.m. by opening an unlocked kitchen window. The opening of the window triggered the alarm mechanism which apparently prompted the intruder to flee the scene.

Investigating officers found footprints in the dew on the grass, but were unable to track the responsible party.

A 1985 MAZDA driven by a Novi man was stolen by an intruder after the two vehicles came to a stop at the Thirteen Mile/Novi Road intersection shortly after midnight on Sunday, Sept. 17.

The Novi man said he was being tailgated by the driver of a Ford Escort GT as he was traveling north on Novi Road. He also said the driver of the Escort had made several hand gestures to him as they were driving along the road.

When both vehicles came to a stop at the Thirteen Mile/Novi Road traffic signal, the driver of the Escort got out of his car and began pounding his fist on the top of the vehicle and putting several scratches in the paint.

The driver of the Escort then got back in his car and drove away, according to reports. Damage to the Mazda was estimated at less than \$100.

EQUIPMENT VALUED at more than \$2,700 was stolen from a storage unit at Spartan Concrete at 44922 Grand River. The theft occurred sometime between 9 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. on Sept. 13.

The complainant said the responsible party gained entry to the storage unit by cutting off the lock. He then replaced it with another lock to make it appear as if the door was secure.

Stolen property included a Sears

between 8 p.m. on Sept. 14 and 8 a.m. the next day.

Stolen property included a Panasonic cam-corder valued at \$1,300 and a Panasonic car telephone valued at \$1,200. Also stolen were a Canon camera, a Quasar microwave oven, a Cobra radar detector, a videocassette recorder and a pair of designer sunglasses.

GOING EQUIPMENT was stolen from a 1989 Ford Probe owned by a Milford man while it was parked in the lot at Twelve Oaks Mall on Sunday, Sept. 10.

The man said he entered the mall at noon and found the car equipment gone when he left at 1 a.m.

Stolen was a golf bag containing a complete set of golf clubs and a dozen golf balls. Total value of the stolen property was placed at \$950.

The Diamond Back Freestyle bicycle was valued at \$300.

THE THEFT OF a cellular telephone unit at \$1,200 was reported by an employee of the Cellular 1000 Grand River on Thursday, Sept. 7.

The complainant said the responsible parties gained access to the vehicle by smashing out a window. The Bell Quantum radar detector was valued at \$150.

A WEST BLOOMFIELD man reported the theft of more than \$500 of camera equipment from a 1988 Chevrolet while it was parked at the West One shopping center on Wednesday, Sept. 13, between 8:30 and 8:45 p.m.

The man said he had left the car unlocked.

Stolen were a black vinyl camera bag containing a Minolta 35mm camera body, a Minolta 50mm lens and a Minolta telephoto lens. Total value of the stolen camera equipment was \$305.

PERSONAL PROPERTY valued at more than \$4,300 was stolen from a 1989 Pontiac Sunfire while it was parked outside the owner's residence on an unnamed Court in the Pavilion Court Apartments during the night of Sept. 14-15.

The complainant said the responsible party gained entry to the vehicle by smashing out a window sometime between 8 p.m. and 5 a.m. on Sept. 15.

VANDALS BROKE the windshield of a garbage truck while it was traveling southbound on Hampton Hill through the Meadowbrook Glens subdivision on Wednesday, Sept. 13.

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Reading the Wall Street Journal: Ron Dunbar, a financial advisor with Prudential-Bache Securities in Ann Arbor, will present a program on how to read the Wall Street Journal on Thursday, Oct. 5.

The program will be offered at the Novi Public Library from 7-9 p.m. to register for the free program call the library at 349-0720.

'Les Misérables' theater trip: The Novi Arts and Culture Committee will sponsor a special trip to "Les Misérables" at the Fisher Theater on Saturday, Oct. 14.

Transcripts for the matinee performance will leave from the Novi Civic Center at 1:15 p.m. The curtain rises at 1:30 p.m. and estimated return time is 5:30 p.m.

Cost is \$30 per person. For more information call the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at 347-0400.

Got a spare piano?: Novi Arts and Culture Committee is searching for a spinet or console piano for rehearsals and performances of the Novi Youth Chorus in the Novi Civic Center.

Anyone who has an instrument in good working order and is willing to donate it to the group is encouraged to call Julie Gahman at 348-3299.

Road budget rises to meet demands

PONTIAC — Oakland County's road budget is up \$5 million, or 8 percent over last year's \$60.4 million, for fiscal 1990.

Bob Grubba, managing director of the road commission, says it isn't nearly enough to cover new construction needs in the looming county budget.

"With all the growth in Oakland County, people tend to think that the increase in property taxes ought to

be enough," he said.

"One penny of real property taxes goes to county roads," added John Johnson, the commission's public information officer.

The road commission, a separate body from county government, lives basically on a cut of the state's gasoline and weight taxes.

Grubba unveiled the budget in a public hearing in the courthouse in Pontiac. The three-member road

commission board will act later on the \$65.4 million plan. The ORCR's fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

Based on estimates from the state's 60-plus cities, village and counties, Grubba placed road con-

struction needs at \$940 million over 10 years. Grubba advocates a 5-cent-per-gallon increase over the next two years in the state fuel tax with half the new money going into economically booming counties such as Oakland.

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People who care

Novi Police Officer Greg Hundersmark (foreground) was one of 173 people who donated 161 pints of blood at the Novi Community Blood Drive last Thursday. Blood Drive Coordinator Gerri Stipp

reported that the 161 pints donated during the fall drive was 37 pints more than was donated during the spring drive. The event was held at the Holy Family Catholic Church.

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Town Center placement eyed

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□ Plan parking in the area.

□ Enhance existing environmental features of the area, including a riverwalk concept.

Watson said the next step is to work with private developers to determine over-all development on the rivercenter. The committee has already been meeting with representatives of the Oakland County Planning Commission for the past six months.

"The basic direction has been there all along. We feel that in this latest planning process we have achieved a direction in these goals," Watson said.

James Wahl, the city's Director of Community Development, said that some current industrial and com-

mercial concerns within the current town center might not be the highest and best use for the land. He raised the possibility of incentives such as tax abatements to encourage some business to move elsewhere within the city.

"While the city has not had a habit of utilizing incentives, we're looking at an opportunity to do so. The city has shown a willingness to use incentives when the opportunity has shown itself," Wahl said, adding that some proposals of this nature may develop with in the near future.

Several city council and planning commission members stressed the importance of including residential development in the center, noting that it would be more difficult to attract than commercial building.

Planning Commissioner Ernest Aruffo suggested allowing developers to build commercial projects only if they agreed to also build residential ones.

"I envision the area to have urban residential pockets within the design, so people could effectively leave their homes and walk to shopping and work. I'm not looking for one-store lots or a condominium subdivision," said Councilman Joseph Toth.

Planning Commissioner Kathleen McLean called for widespread marketing of the town center plan, on a national or international basis.

"It's going to take big money. It's going to take a major player that's not here yet," she said.

Mayor Pro-Tem Edward Leininger

cautioned that delays could lead to undesirable development for the area, adding that if a new town center is selected it should be done rapidly before commercial development fills up the land.

"Right now, a lot of small commercial uses can come in under the present use," he said. "It's a matter of securing new gas stations or tire stores coming into town, but the ordinance does allow expansion of existing uses."

Mayor Matthew Quinn said he expects "exciting" things to happen in the area within the next six months.

"We are going to move a lot quicker now both over necessity and the desire to do so," Quinn said.

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"Nobody really understands how hard it is to stop smoking."



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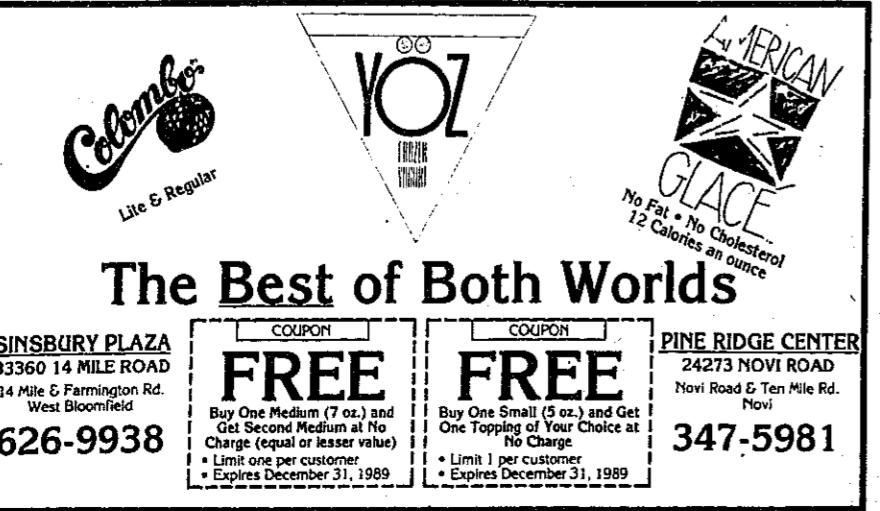
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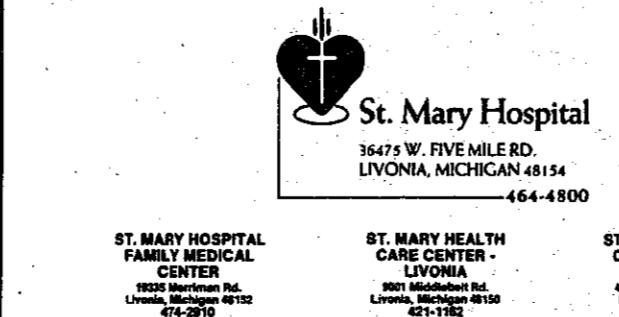
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Looking back

World War II veterans gather in Novi to talk about yesteryear

By JAN JEFFRES
Staff writer

Max Garcia likes to get together with his army buddies.

It took the San Francisco resident over 40 years and a lot of letters to find them again, but luck and persistence have played a major role in Garcia's life.

Last weekend at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel in Novi, he was in town to swap war stories and photographs with his friends.

They were the liberators of Europe, General George S. Patton's Third Cavalry Group. And Garcia was one of the liberated.

This was the 42nd annual reunion of the men the Nazis had called the Ghost Troops, the last cavalry unit in Germany.

Garcia then took his family to Ebensee for the 40th anniversary ceremonies for the camp's liberation and waited before an American flag and a banner thanking F Company, Third Cavalry, hoping that some of the former soldiers would be there.

Garcia vividly remembers the first time he met then-Sergeant Bob Persinger, age 22, of F Company. Persinger was standing on the first U.S. army tank to enter Ebensee concentration camp in Austria on May 6, 1945.

Garcia, a 21-year-old Dutch Jew, had reason to be grateful his father had made him study English.

"(Persinger) sat on his tank smoking a Lucky Strike. I shouted up at him, 'It's been a long time since I've had a Lucky Strike.' He said, 'Get up here!'" Garcia recalls.

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On his way back to Ebensee, Gar-

cia was stopped by American soldiers. He again worked as an interpreter before he was sponsored to come to America in 1946.

After the war, he learned that his parents, his sister, his aunts and uncles and most of his cousins had perished in concentration camps.

In America, Garcia joined the U.S. Army, went to college on the G.I. bill, married and had two children. He married an American woman. But he couldn't forget the Third Cavalry.

In 1985, while writing a book about his life, he contacted the U.S. Army to find out information about the Third Cavalry. The army would not release any names, although the cavalry had been holding annual reunions.

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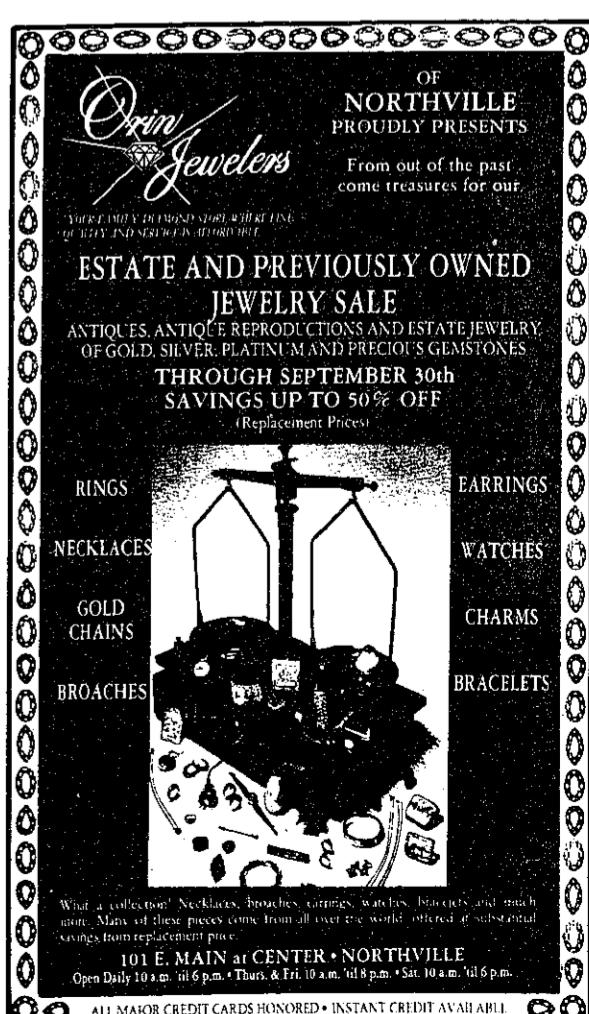
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Attending the reunion of the 3rd Cavalry were (left to right) Bob Persinger, Jimmy Duggan, Max Garcia and Dick Pomante. Novi News/CHRIS BOYD



In the picture to the left, World War II George Kundak and Emrich Petucci emulate a picture taken more than 40 years ago. Max Garcia (above) was imprisoned in a German death camp when it was liberated by General George Patton's 'Ghost Troops.'



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As We See It

Schools get bargain in testing program

The Novi school system's new test preparedness program to help students raise their scores on college entrance exams sounds like a bargain.

In staff salaries, each two-week, optional test prep workshop will cost the district \$560. Four are planned for this academic year. Materials costs for the program are drawn from the school's existing building budget.

The pre-SAT exam, a practice run for the real thing, will cost the district about \$1,325 to administer to all eleventh graders.

It's no secret that prestigious private schools drill their students well in advance for the ACT and SAT tests. Elite, Ivy-type universities look long and hard at test scores. But the overwhelming majority of college-bound Novi grads head for Michigan schools where student scores simply aren't as crucial. And the school already places well above the state and national averages for the tests.

So what's the point? First of all, an across-the-board administration of the PSAT gives Novi's secondary school educators another chance to evaluate their strengths and weaknesses.

There's always the argument that programming children to produce high test scores really shouldn't be the purpose of an education. But as a substantial proportion of our nation slips into illiteracy, it's increasingly

Educational beacon

Last Sunday was something of a red letter day for the Novi Community School District.

In addition to being the final day of the annual Community Appreciation Weekend, it also was the day selected by school officials to celebrate completion of the \$6.25 million building program approved by voters in the June 1987 election.

To refresh your memory, the \$6.25 million bond issue was designed to construct additions to the Village Oaks and Orchard Hills elementary schools, construct a new elementary school (Parkview), construct a new maintenance/warehouse building, and construct a new administration building.

To celebrate the completion of the building program, all the Novi schools hosted open houses to give residents an opportunity to view the same time to come.

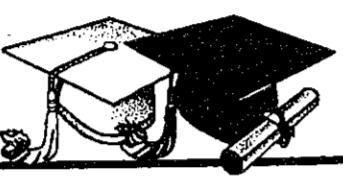
'Good luck, Kelley'

Several weeks ago we received a letter from Kelley Simpson, recreation coordinator for the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

In essence, the letter announced that Sept. 22 would be her final day as an employee of the City of Novi because she is returning to school to pursue a Master's degree in Communications at Michigan State University.

The letter also served several other functions. In addition to announcing Simpson's departure, the letter informed recipients of how her responsibilities will be met after she is gone.

In all, it was a nice little letter that also served a practical purpose. It's no big thing, we suppose, but — at the same time — it was somewhat



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imperative that all high school students meet certain national standards upon graduation. Only uniform tests can offer a basis for comparison.

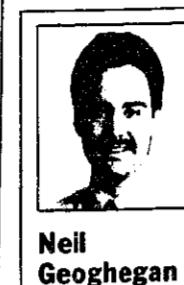
Test prep workshops introduce the students to the type of questions they'll encounter on the real thing. By reducing anxiety attacks in the face of the unknown, students are freed to give the test their best shot.

But most Novi students do seek higher education, learning test skills isn't a waste of time for those who don't. Each high school graduate whether college-bound or not should face the world with a comparable fund of knowledge. Moreover, many skilled trades — as well as a number of the professions — require practitioners to pass examinations. Adroitness in test-taking can pay off throughout a lifetime.

Today's high school students don't face the overcrowded job market their baby boomer parents confronted. But the world they face will still be fiercely competitive. A little help can go a long way.

Under the spreading mushroom tree ...

KVC marks 10th birthday



Nell
Geoghegan

The Kensington Valley Conference is 10 years old. A decade ago — in the fall of 1979 — Novi, South Lyon, Pinckney, Brighton, Hartland and Howell joined together to form the league out of the ashes of the old Southeastern Conference. Since that time, Pinckney dropped out and the two Huron Valley Schools (Milford and Lakeland) were added.

The '82 and has a career scoring average of 21.2 points and 11.7 rebounds. WOW!

Others like quarterback's Eric Deline and Mike Renter were also outstanding. Deline passed for 1,241 yards and 14 touchdowns in 1982, while Renter was the star in '79 and '80. Chris Caudell was one of the best kickers the KVC's ever produced — he went on to kick collegiately at Kentucky and Michigan State. Then there was star pitcher Cheryl Shankel, who also graduated in '82. She went on to Western Michigan University on an athletic scholarship. And what about high jumper Paul Moole?

The list goes on and on. The last half of the decade was equally impressive — especially Novi's football domination. The Wildcats haven't lost a conference football game since October 1985 and are currently working on an unprecedented four-straight KVC title. Novi has produced an unbelievable list of great athletes like the late Joe Beagle, who rushed for over 1,000 yards in '86. Then there's Jeff Tanders, Scott Wladischkin, Brian Schram, Dave Stown, Bret Keir and many, many more. And the thing that is impressive about many of the above is that they were two-and-three sport stars.

The late '80s also produced the diminutive Lisa McCarthy, who was anything but small on the basketball court and softball diamond. And what about runners like Tammy Onofrey and Jennie Galland?

For me, the main focus of the research was the first five years or so because I didn't come on the scene until late in '85. I didn't want to prejudice my decisions against the players I hadn't seen in person. I was responsible for all the nominees from Novi High School, so I started pouring over back issues of The Novi News.

Just as I suspected, the first half of the decade was filled with great accomplishments and performances. One who stood out was basketball-great Sue Rasinski, who led the Wildcats to a KVC title as a sophomore in '86.

As you might imagine, the task was anything but easy, especially when it came to pairing dozens of nominations from each school down to a workable few. So go ahead and disagree with the final selections — that's the purpose of such a project.

Forum

By Chris Boyd



Under the spreading mushroom tree ...

Fitness class is sorely needed



Phil
Jerome

"How ya doin'?" She asked it nice, like she really cared. But I knew it was just a trick to supervise all those sit-ups. Just because you weren't there to see me doing my curts and presses and pull-downs, does not mean that I allowed each and every one of my muscles to attain a state of total atrophy during the summer.

"And another thing," I continued. "I think it's pretty pretentious for you to suspect I might have sore muscles just because I went to your class last night for the first time in three months."

"The truth of the matter is that it was no trouble at all. No problem, señora, as they say in Cancun. Nothing to it. Free and easy. High and dry. Wet and wild."

"You about done?" she asked when I paused long enough for her to get in a word edgewise.

"I guess that should handle it," I replied. "But I do have one little request. Could you help me with my tie? I don't seem to be able to lift my arms higher than my shoulders this morning."

Simpson was a city employee on two years, but she accomplished much in her short tenure. Good luck at MSU, Kelley. And thanks for the letter.

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Resident requests city fire data

Letters

To the Editor:

I am requesting that the Novi City Council ask and authorize Fire Chief Lenaghan to provide response time data for the south end of Novi in the same manner as has recently been provided for response times at the north end of Novi that is served by Station Two.

I believe that it is extremely important that this public information be provided so that the public and the city council are made aware of the current fire response times that exist across the city. This will allow all of us to look at the facts and figures and determine the current level of service that is being provided in these areas.

The response time data for the north end area served by Station Two shows that from January to April, the response times ranged from three minutes to 23 minutes, with eight incidents that had no response due to a lack of personnel. From April to July, the response times ranged from one to 15 minutes, with four incidents that had no response.

As a homeowner, I am personally concerned and uncomfortable with the response time problems that we now know exist, because I understand that there is a direct relationship between fire loss and response time — it increases with time, and that in a life threatening emergency, the first six minutes are critical.

The response time problems are not a reflection on Fire Chief Lenaghan or any of our fire fighters because they are doing the best job that they can, but the Novi Fire Department seems to be suffering from a lack of necessary personnel.

I believe that in our progressive community (around the lakes), but the encouragement of both Walled Lake and Novi residents and visitors who share our goals to improve the area. We have a membership of over 100 families, but we need more.

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Tuesday of each month (except December) in the cafeteria of Walled Lake Junior High (Pontiac Trail, south of Maple Road). We continue to monitor police and fire department response times and patrol areas, with the goal of improvement, by affecting the use — and misuse — of the lakes; and we urge better enforcement and protection of the lakes to protect these valuable resources.

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Can life support be so "fickle," or is it "fashionable"? Nancy K. Meek-Klem

Laura J. Lorenz
President, Lakes Area Residents Association

To the Editor:

As the Lakes Area Residents Association (LARA) approaches our first anniversary in October, it is with a sense of great satisfaction that we look back on our first year. The issues we've raised have been legitimate, and the responses and solutions have been positive.

We acknowledge, with gratitude, the support of not only our immediate

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Driving along Ten Mile in Novi between Meadowbrook and Haggerty roads, it is easy to overlook an almost imperceptible little sign proclaiming "Ingersoll Creek."

According to a paper written by Ingersoll's daughter-in-law in 1976, Ingersoll justified his move to the remote area by stating: "... you know that in 12 years the capital must be removed from Detroit, and as this is just half-way across the State, being 89 miles either way, of course it will be here, or very near..."

In this virgin territory Ingersoll bought a considerable amount of land. His brother, Elihu, a missionary who had settled in Ohio, moved up to Michigan to purchase an adjoining farm.

The two brothers were instrumental in starting up a new community with a saw mill, a dam and a lot of hope. They called it Grand River City.

Confidence abounded when, in 1836, the Ingersolls hired a planner to plat the village.

Dominating their dreams was the creation of a college to be called the Grand River Seminary.

Deacon Erastus Ingersoll of Ontario County, N.Y., proved himself to be an enterprising individual. He was the inventor of the country's first mowing machine, which he used for the first time on his own farm.

Even the pioneer, Ingersoll lived in Novi only about 10 years. In the mid-1830s, he was far-sighted enough to realize the future was further toward the center of the state, and made plans to leave Oakland County for Delta Township in Eaton County, just west of Lansing.

Aided by the founder of Ohio's Oberlin College where he had taught music, Rev. Elihu Ingersoll traveled east to raise money for the school.

Novi's first citizen was Delta Township's first citizen as well, an industrious, far-reaching individual.

Barbara Louie is the local history librarian at the Novi Public Library. She is currently working on two books of history — one on Novi, the other on Northville. Her columns about the history of Novi will appear regularly on the pages of The Novi News.

Lake boasts wealth of solitude



Tim
Richard

My little lake is one that thousands of other folks know about. On Labor Day weekend, nearly all 200 campers were awash with trailers, motor homes, RVs, pickup trucks and tents.

The water is of pristine clarity, the way you imagine water was when Juliet and Romeo camped in the woods near the beach. I was able to glide the boat within 100 feet of our national bird, who looked past me as if I were a worthless worm.

This year, one cool morning before the water skiers were out, an osprey did a diving act.

The lake is level, given the dry summers of recent years, so the beach is wide. The woods are dry and free of mosquitoes. You can take a leisurely stroll several hundred yards from the campgrounds. If you sit quietly with a book, or maybe read about the Posen Potato Festival in the Alpena paper, all sorts of birds reappear.

The air is abuzz with engines — four-wheel drives, inboards, outboards, chain saws, all-terrain vehicles, the truck of a guy who sells campers firewood at \$1.50 a bundle, even though the forest is full of deadfall and oak branches.

One chap with a guitar played about 15 minutes. The rest of the time, you heard rock music on radios.

Families mostly take over the place, nice folks from the metro Detroit suburbs, Midland, Bay City, Monroe. Much of the human sound is made by children at play. This little lake doesn't attract partying, foul-mouthed drunks.

The park manager, a career DNR type, takes pride in its maintenance and regrets only that he can't make improvements faster.

When it's quiet after the hordes depart, you can hear the high-pitched bugling of the elk as he stakes out his territory and serenades for mates.

Many times I passed her and wished if only she could be restored for all of us to enjoy. I would have helped.

I write letters, Mr. Thomas, when I know to whom I should write. The developer, the planning commission, the police and the newspaper would have received my communication. I am not naive enough to believe I can stop or alter "change"; however, I believe my opinion is not only important, but necessary.

The "Eight Mile Road Lady" reminded me of a wonderful homestead that had been restored in the 1970s. It was located in California, a short distance inland from San Francisco. I had hoped for something similar here. But do you stop the destruction of our heritage when there is a big profit to be made?

I recently wrote to the Township of Novi to express my concerns and to try to stop the destruction of the flora and fauna on the south side of Eight Mile, east of Lake Success. It was received I'm sure, but ignored as the construction continued and all the animals became homeless.

I have invited all the skunks, woodchucks and raccoons to come and live under my deck, but my Beagle won't allow it. He makes a terrible fuss, and no one is happy with that arrangement. But I do worry about... where will they go... so far that we will only see the dead ones... the ones that didn't make it?

Can life support be so "fickle," or is it "fashionable"? Nancy K. Meek-Klem

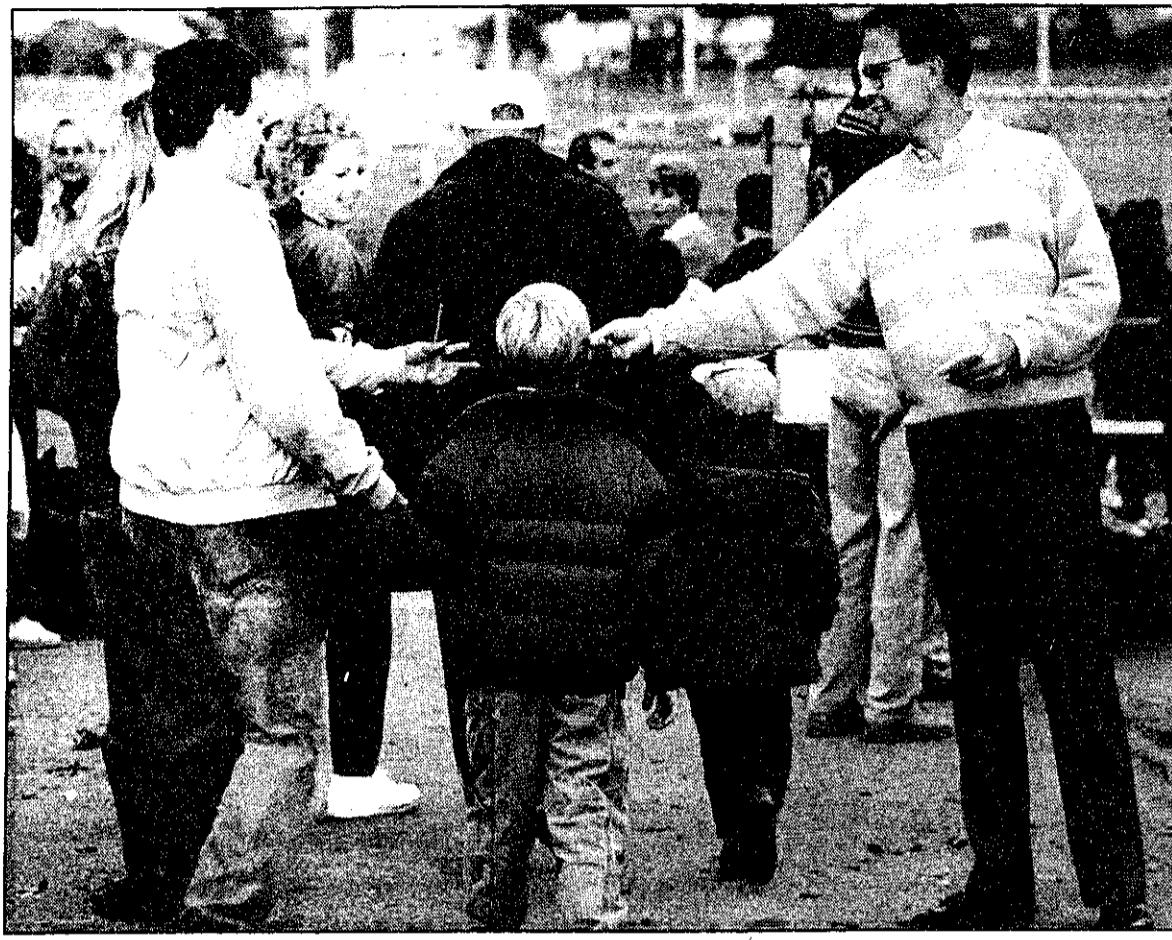
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Community appreciation

Novi School Board Member Steven Hitchcock (right) welcomes residents to the high school football game during the annual Community Appreciation Weekend last Friday. All Novi residents were invited to attend the Novi Wildcats' football game free of charge

and tour the various school buildings in conjunction with the weekend which is designed to thank local residents for their support of education in Novi. The Wildcat gridiron cooperated, downing Milford 21-0.

Developers want right of appeal

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The Novi City Council approved late last year a rezoning request that permitted development of the proposed shopping center. The prospect of having a shopping center developed on the site prompted strong opposition from nearby residents, who subsequently formed an organization named Citizens for Responsible Development (CRD) to

battle plans for the shopping center. Utilizing a rarely-used portion of the city charter, CRD officials obtained sufficient signatures on petitions to force the city to hold a referendum on the Ten Mile/Beck Road zoning decision.

Walter and Hyman filed suit against the city in April, seeking to cancel the referendum election and restore the 10-acre commercial zoning classification on the Ten/Beck

parcel. Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Francis S. O'Brien refused to grant a motion halting the election, ruling that a referendum over a zoning question was legal and petitions filed by CRD officials contained an adequate number of valid signatures to require the election as prescribed in the city charter.

In refusing to grant the motion for partial summary disposition,

O'Brien admitted that the referendum question will probably have to be decided in a higher court.

Following O'Brien's decision to permit the election to proceed, Novi voters on June 6 approved the referendum on the Ten Mile/Beck Road rezoning, meaning that the commercial zoning for the proposed shopping center was repealed. Some 1,969 voters approved the referendum, while 1,164 voted against it.

Solution sought in sign debate

Watch out electioneers! The City of Novi is preparing to get tough with those who post unlawful signs on public property.

With a minimum of discussion, the planning commission on Sept. 6 approved an ordinance to amend the Novi sign regulations, passing the amendment to the city council for final approval.

According to the proposed ordinance, election signs on poles no bigger than five feet tall and six feet

wide will be allowed on public property — including right-of-ways — without permits 30 days prior to and 10 days after a general election.

Signs may not, however, obstruct the vision of drivers or obscure traffic signs.

If signs remain up more than 10 days after an election, the violator will be notified by mail. If the sign is not taken down within five days of this notification, it will be removed by the city.

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Vietnam vigil held at Novi memorial

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Cormick's sister Mickey Martin. "It keeps the issue alive."

While Martin, a Williamston resident, had attended the vigil last year, it was brother Tim McCormick's first visit.

"I like the respect that they're showing, that they haven't forgotten about the veterans. Nobody really wanted to go," said McCormick, a Riverview resident.

"We just want them all back."

The Novi vigil was expected to be the biggest of 40 different ceremonies throughout the state last weekend, Deckers said. About 250 people attended the opening, while 500 attended the night at the cemetery. At midnight, a bagpiper played "Amazing Grace" at the candlelight memorial.

The event was attended by veteran's groups, MIA/POW family members and Blue Star Mothers. The ceremonies included a flyover from Selfridge Air Force Base, 21-gun salutes and a flyover by the Yankee Air Force (a squadron of WWII planes).

Many people at the vigil were wearing bracelets engraved with the names of missing men.

"We wear the bracelets because people ask us questions when they see them," said Wayne resident Marty Eddy, President of the POW Committee of Michigan, whose brother served in Vietnam.

"I remember very distinctly what it was like not to know for 19 months whether my brother was alive or dead... I don't know how people could not care about these people who are still missing."

Jon Tobias of Walled Lake, assistant manager of the cemetery, designed the memorial in 1983. Tobias said that cards, wreaths and flowers are continually sent to the site throughout the year. It was the first memorial for the MIA/POWs in the nation and is the only one in Michigan. Over the weekend, tributes of military insignia and single roses had been left at the commemorative flame. Tobias said he hopes the memorial will increase the awareness on the part of all Americans until "we have a return date for every man."

"I don't believe either government is doing all they can or there wouldn't be a question," Deckers said.

He calls for continued United States-Vietnam government to government relations and a strong stand that all Americans, alive or dead, be returned.

The VVA Chapters each have their own uniforms. The Downriver Chapter dresses in black.

"We wear black 'til our brothers come back," is our motto," said Jerry Parrish of Romulus, who served in Vietnam in 1968-69.

"We're one big family."

Yerkes home site under review

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structure. "I gave it all I could," she said. "Possibly our partnership did not move fast enough."

At least part of Hann's interest in constructing a duplicate of the Yerkes House may be to preserve the concept for development of the 1.46-acre parcel.

In 1987 Hann submitted site plans to the City of Novi calling for the residence to be converted into an office building. Hann also received approval to develop a set of eight condominiums on the rear of the property to make the restoration financially feasible.

"I'm holding firm to my original design for the property," said Hann this week. "It all depends on what the city says when I talk to them about duplicating the original structure."

The Novi Planning Commission was scheduled to discuss the topic of the Yerkes House at Hann's request at its Wednesday, Sept. 20, session (after The News' deadline).

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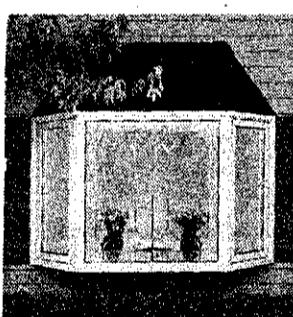


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Pastry Chef Sue Poster displays a fresh tray of piping hot dinner rolls at Crawford's restaurant

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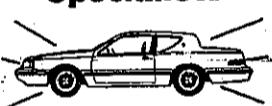
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Crawford family enjoys success at family restaurant

By JEFF HAWKINS

A waitress busily rushes her next order to the kitchen, passing two ladies on her way.

She stops and shares a laugh with the ladies, and politely asks if they would like something else.

"No, thank you," they respond.

And off she went, disappearing through the kitchen doors and quickly returning with a fresh container of water for the patrons of Crawford's to enjoy.

There are many different delights to discover at Crawford's, and the food is only part of it.

"We try to serve good food along with friendly service," said Susan Crawford-Poster, manager of Crawford's Bakery. "I know it's a cliche, but that's what we do."

Crawford's, which is located at 160 East Main Street in Northville, opened in July 1984. In those five years of service, the restaurant's reputation has flourished under the guidance of the Crawford family.

"We have had customers from Novi, Farmington Hills, Ypsilanti and Milford," observed Susan. "We have some regulars who come here to eat three times a day, six days a week."

The restaurant sits in the mist of other establishments in downtown Northville. A small, quaint cafe, Crawford's interior is decorated with antiques to give it an old-fashioned feel.

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Along with the restaurant, Crawford's offers a bakery that is

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they could serve the community quality food at a reasonable price.

Following in their footsteps, family members Jeffrey, Susan, Amy, Steven, Michelle, Cyndee, Terry Jr. and Amy Sue each carry their own responsibilities into creating an atmosphere that brings people from miles around to experience.

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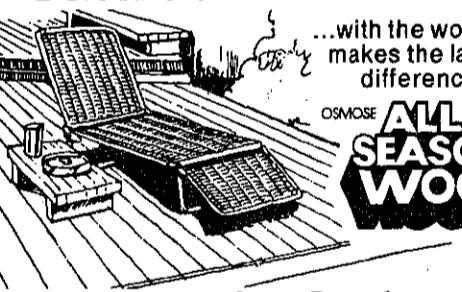
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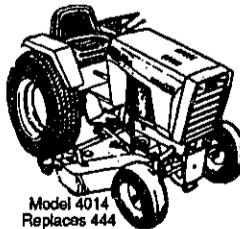
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CPAs offer suggestions for selecting the 'right' credit card

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There are Lilliputian-size letters, you would discover the facts about such clever traps as hidden transaction fees and two-tier interest rates. As of Sept. 1, 1989, however, all of this changed.

The Federal Reserve Board now requires credit-card issuers to state "clearly and conspicuously" their methods for calculating balances as well as their annual percentage rates, grace periods, annual fees and other related information — usually tucked away in the fine print.

With the terms of a credit card carefully laid out before you, selecting the right card for your purposes should be easier than in the past. That is, if you know just what the terms mean.

ANNUAL PERCENTAGE RATE: According to the Michigan Association of CPAs, one of the least understood but most important factors to consider when selecting a credit card is the annual percentage

rate (APR).

The APR is the rate of interest a bank charges on your credit card balance. Obviously, different issuers charge different rates. What is not so obvious is that the banks may also use different methods of calculating the interest. And some methods cost you more than others.

The first method, and the best for you, is the "adjusted balance."

Another way to calculate interest is known as the "average daily balance method." In this case, the bank adds your balance for each day in the billing period and then divides the total by the number of days in the billing period. So, if you made \$400 payment on the 15th day of a 30-day cycle, your total balances for the month are \$9,000 (15 days) x \$500 plus 15 days at \$100. Dividing the \$9,000 by 30 days, you arrive at your average daily balance — \$300. As a result, your interest cost for the month is 1.5 percent of \$300, or \$4.50.

Another choice is a credit card that allows at least a 25-day grace period. That way, you can pay your account in full each month without being charged interest.

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As you can imagine, the differences in interest costs can add up quickly if you tend to carry substantial balances on your credit cards. For this reason, CPAs urge you to pay special attention to the method of calculating interest used by any credit card company to which you apply.

THE GRACE PERIOD: Another factor that can greatly affect your interest costs is the grace period allowed by the credit card company. The term "grace period" refers to the period starting when an item is posted to your account and ending when the interest is first calculated against it.

In either case, be sure you review any credit-card promotional materials as closely as possible. What sounds like an unbeatable deal may turn out to be an unscrupulous gimmick.

For example, a company may advertise a credit-card interest rate far below that of competitors without making it crystal clear that the low rate applies only to balances above a certain point — perhaps \$3,000 or higher.

CPAs also advise you to look out for unreasonable late payment fees, elevated cash advance charges and other limit-pushing fees.

Remember, before you apply for any credit card, take time to read the entire credit agreement, including the fine print.

SELECTING THE RIGHT CARD: Unless you can find a card that has no annual fee with a low interest rate and a long grace period, the most costly manner of calculating interest is called the "previous balance method." In which

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On the other hand, if you tend to pay your balance in full each month, you best bet is a card with a long grace period and a lower annual fee. The interest rate may be of little concern to you since you generally pay off the interest charges.

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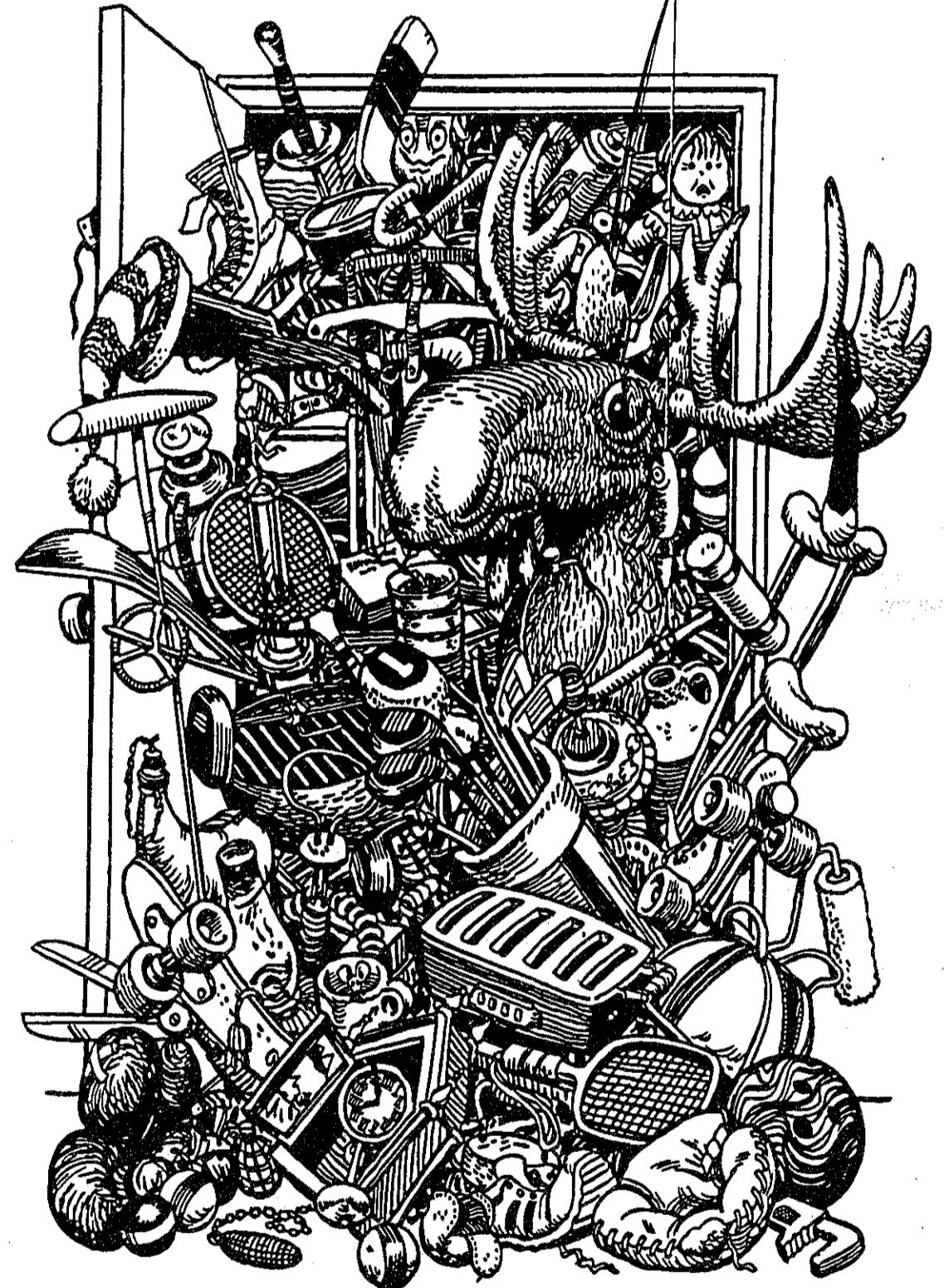
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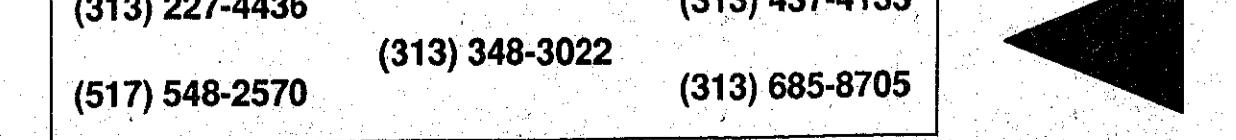
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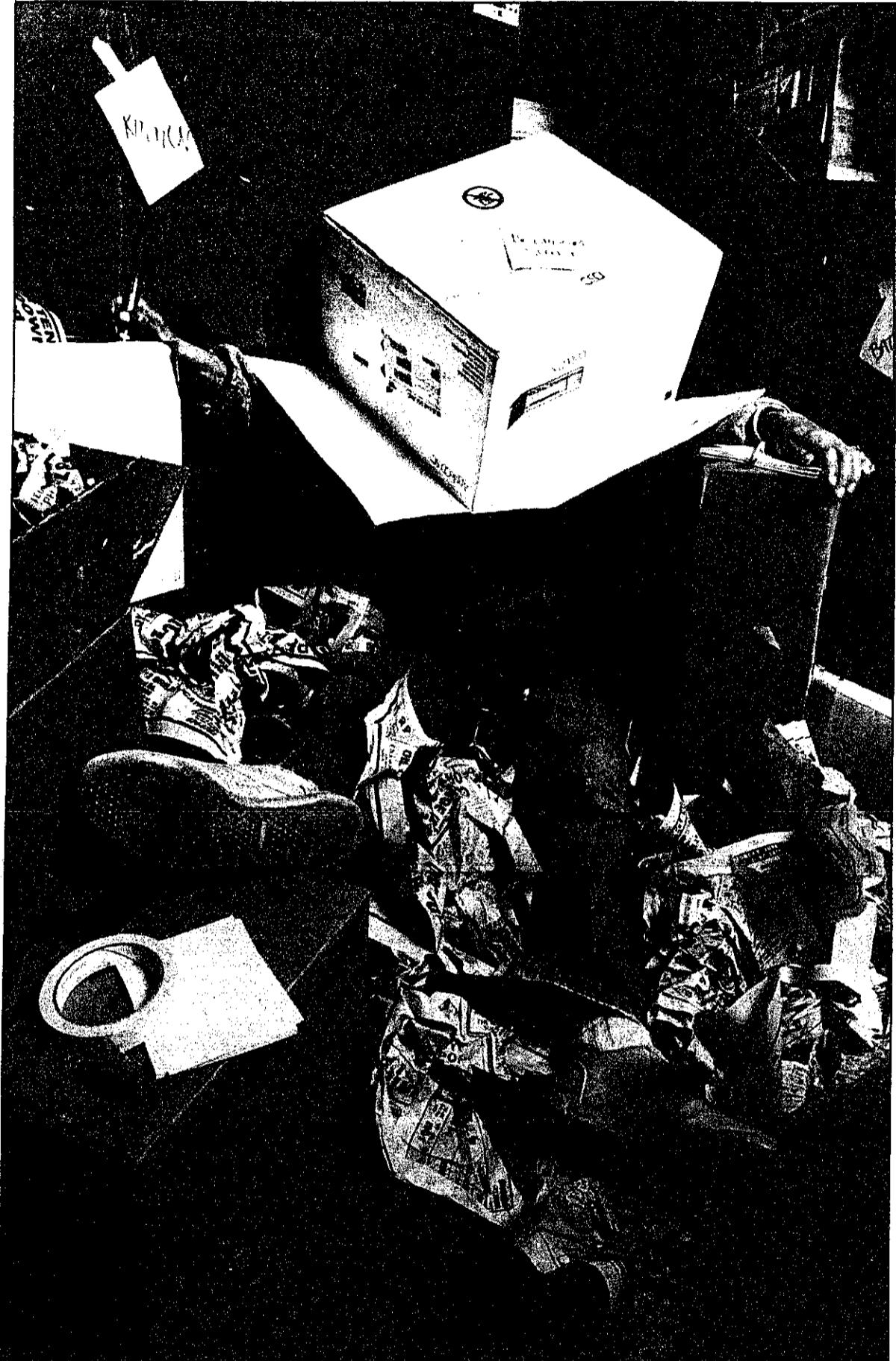
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Look familiar? If you organize and plan, moving doesn't have to be this chaotic

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Moving? Plan now to avoid the headaches

By Robin Gaines

Moving is considered one of the most stressful experiences befalling man or beast. According to mental health professionals, it rates right up there with changing jobs and having a baby.

Nevertheless, it is an experience most will go through at least once in their lives.

Whether you are moving from your parents' home into an apartment or dormitory 10 miles away or are moving your family of four plus a dog, cat and rooms of furniture across country, the key to surviving the experience is organization.

In the last year, I have had the unfortunate nightmare of moving twice. Once with a month-old baby; the second time pregnant.

In both cases, we moved about 35 miles. Not the other side of the world, but enough of a change to make you miss close neighbors, favorite restaurants and video stores.

But going through the second move wasn't as stressful as the first one, and I'm convinced it was because I was so well organized—something I'm ashamed to admit I'm not used to. What made the experience bearable was keeping up-to-date lists and getting things done early.

Here are a few hints that helped me survive the ordeal.

Once you know a move is inevitable and before you put your house up for sale, take inventory of what is in your home.

Now is the time to pitch old magazines, used cans of paint (call your solid waste disposal service for information on how to do this) and broken lamps you've been meaning to fix.

Hold a garage sale for items like used baby clothes and furniture, outgrown bikes, books and records you don't want.

Remember, the best thing about moving is that it gives you the opportunity to start fresh without taking a lot of excess baggage with you to your new house.

An inventory of furniture and household items will also help moving companies give you a more accurate estimate on what it will cost to move you from one house to another.

Bibi Winfield, author of "Moving: Checklists, planning schedules, and do-ahead reminders for a hassle-free move," recommends taking inventory room by room and writing down exactly what items you intend to move.

Once the house is sold, contact several moving companies for free estimates on what it will cost to move your belongings. Request that representatives from the various companies survey your home prior to quoting you a price.

It's important to keep a list of the companies, quotes and what services they provide. Will the company pack for you? Unpack? Supply boxes? How many movers will the company have loading and unloading the truck? What does the company's liability insurance cover in the event

of loss or damage to your furnishings?

With moving costs running anywhere from \$500 to \$20,000, it's important to get your questions answered before you commit to one particular company.

For those moving for the first time who have not yet accumulated rooms of furniture and years of junk, there are weekend movers who provide nothing more than a pair of strong shoulders and a truck.

Usually cheaper, these operations sometimes carry no insurance. If something is lost or damaged, the company or individual is not held responsible.

There are also movers out there who are experts in moving specialized items like antiques, paintings and pianos. Again, make sure you understand ahead of time what's covered by insurance.

Two months before the move, Winfield recommends photographing valuable items like jewelry, paintings, antiques and crystal in the event an item will have to be replaced.

Next, if you have contracted with a company that does not provide packing services, you'll want to start the arduous task yourself as soon as possible.

Start collecting sturdy, clean boxes from local grocery and liquor stores. Begin room by room packing items you won't need for awhile: books, records, linens, knickknacks, crystal and china. Repeat this process until you a few days from the move.

Make sure each box packed is labeled with its contents and what room it will occupy in the new house (e.g., "Bath towels, upstairs bathroom"). Winfield recommends not using big boxes since they are hard to lift when packed and are too bulky to fit in a truck or car.

Wrap all breakable items with newspaper and mark the box "Fragile."

Closer to moving day, set aside a box from the bedroom, bathroom and kitchen that contains essential items you will need the first few days in your new house. Make sure the boxes are marked differently than the others.

One month before the move, start sending change-of-address cards (which can be picked up free of charge at the post office) to credit card companies, banks, businesses, clubs, organizations and family and friends.

Most magazine subscriptions request that you notify them of your new address eight weeks in advance.

Arrange to have services such as gas, electricity, phone, cable TV, water and trash pickup cancelled for a particular date and installed at your new address.

One week before the move, Winfield recommends closing out all bank accounts, finishing any last-minute housework (like cleaning the oven) and saying goodbye to neighbors.

For those moving out-of-state, this is the time to pick up traveler's

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Around the House:

Designs for Living

By James McAlexander

A central hexagon is the core of the Coolidge, containing all the public spaces for living, working and entertaining.

A raised entry into the front facet of the hexagon leads directly into the large living room/dining room area. This is a bright open space, with tall windows looking out onto the rear deck and back side yards.

The kitchen, to the right of the entry at the front of the house, is entirely separate from the formal dining area. In addition to ample counter space, a garden window, pantry and

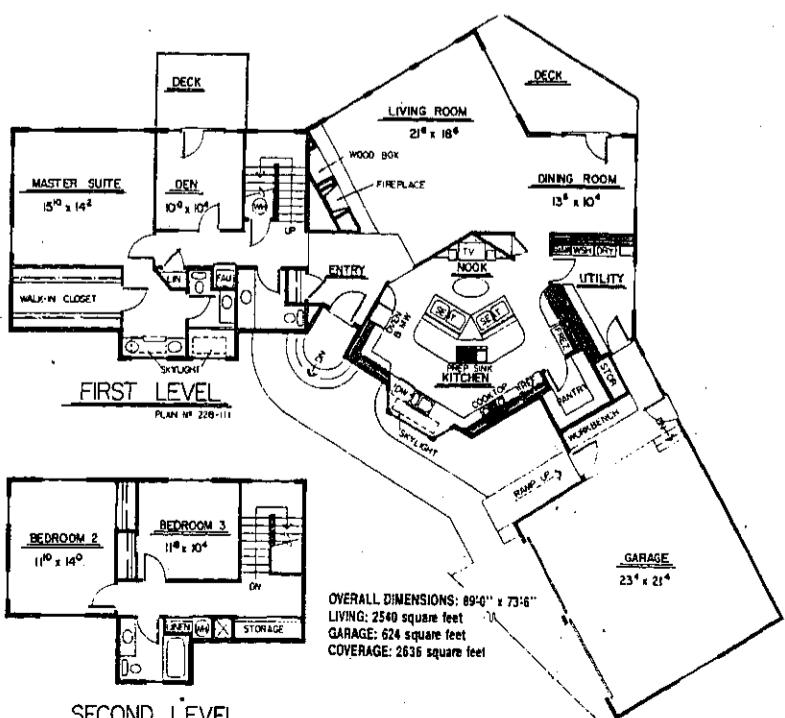
full set of appliances, the kitchen also provides casual living and eating space. The central island counter has built-in seating facing into a TV nook. It makes an excellent use of the space, although many home owners may want to preserve the option of designing the island as an eating bar, having conventional chairs facing the other way.

The master suite in Coolidge fills the downstairs of a wing to the left of the hexagon. It contains a sleeping area, walk-in closet, double vanity and full bath: A small room in the same wing can serve as a den, guest room, or—with the addition of a

door—a private office or sitting room for the master suite.

Two smaller bedrooms and another full bath are above the master suite. Conventional wisdom says the main bathroom should be upstairs for maximum privacy; however, many of our readers with growing children say they want the option of living entirely on one floor once the kids leave the nest.

For a study plan of the Coolidge (228-111), send \$5 to Landmark Designs, P.O. Box 2307 CN, Eugene, OR 97402. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)



Around the House: Creative Living

High home costs help condo sales

By James M. Woodard

Condo sales are up—particularly in areas where single-family home prices are forcing most prospective buyers out of the market.

Acquiring a top-priority goal for most young families. But to enter the coveted realm of homeownership, an increasing number of families is turning to only affordable open door leads to a condominium or cooperative unit.

In the Northeast region, the number of condo sales (previously open units) increased 34 percent during this year's second quarter, according to a report from the National Association of Realtors. One out of every four home sales was a condo or co-op.

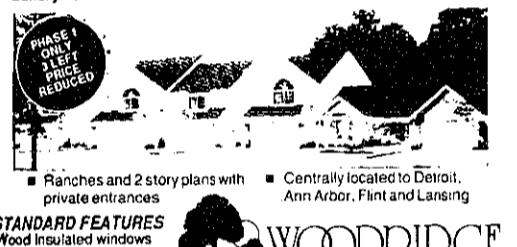
Nationally, the median price for existing condos and co-ops is about \$84,800. That's nearly 10 percent less than the median price for existing single-family homes. And that difference is enough to allow many marginal buyers to enter the sacred halls of home ownership.

The affordability factor pushed condo sales up to 386,000 units during the second quarter (national annualized rate). That's a substantial increase over the 357,000 sales rate during the first quarter, and 320,000 during last year's fourth quarter.

Many condo buyers, who could not afford a single-family home purchase, are finding their condo residence to be very satisfactory. It's usually a comfortable and conveniently located home. And the family starts building equity immediately instead of continuing to feed a landlord until it can afford its own single-family residence.

The premium charge is usually about 1.2 percent of the total value of the items covered in the warranty contract, according to the Home Warranty Association.

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Around the House: Sew Easy

Vests taking fashion by storm

By Madeline Hunter

The family also immediately benefits from income tax savings as a homeowner. And the family members enjoy "pride of ownership" in their own home.

When the young family grows to the point where it really needs a single-family home, it will probably be in a better financial position to afford it. And the built-up equity in the condo home will be a big help in steps to a larger family residence, completed with yard play area and white picket fence.

Q: What is the normal cost of a home warranty plan and what does it cover?

A: A typical one-year home warranty plan involves a one-time premium charge of about \$80. That fee is usually paid by the seller when the home is sold, but sometimes is paid by the buyer or broker. In some cases, the cost is shared.

The warranty usually covers all mechanical and electrical facilities and functions within the home—e.g., plumbing and electrical system. Most plans provide coverage for one year following the sale of the home. But extended coverage for two or three years can easily be purchased.

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A: Taking fashion by storm this season is the No. 1 fashion garment is the vest. This very versatile item can be worn casually with a T-shirt and jeans, or go completely dressed up with a tuxedo and a bow tie.

There are so many choices. Can you help me narrow the field? What would you suggest as an important item to see for this year that can be completed before season ends?

A: Another pattern with multiple options is McCalls No. 4407. Double-breasted or single, with notched round collar, no collar V-neck or low shawl collar, this vest also has a pocket option where you can stash your own simple snacks.

Another fabric variation are shown, including a wild animal print.

And, clever uses of lining fabrics show stripes paired with paisley and brocade, and a silky paisley lining adding interest to a solid garadine.

This simple item is stated to be the pivotal fashion component of the season, crossing all boundaries from sportswear to dressed-up evening ensembles. Sewing one or more will give you the advantage of combining fabrics, colors and trims that add your own unique stamp not found in ready-to-wear.

Madeline Hunter is the former craft and sewing editor at Seventeen magazine and has contributed to Mademoiselle, Redbook and Woman's Day.



Vests make versatile addition to wardrobe

Around the House: Microwaving

After-school snacks easily made

By Desirée Vives

It's back-to-school time again, and for many children this means several hours at home alone before a parent returns from work. If this is your situation, you can bet your youngsters will get hungry before you get home. But it's no problem; if you do a little planning ahead of time.

If you're worried that your children are eating too much junk food after school, take charge and leave a variety of ingredients around the kitchen, from which they can stash their own simple snacks.

Some of these ideas might include: fresh and dried fruits, crackers and breads, cheese, nuts, peanut butter and jelly, granola bars or cereal (children particularly like individual-size boxes), yogurt, vegetable sticks and leftovers from earlier meals (especially pizza).

Youngsters aren't likely to bother with a snack that is difficult to prepare, but will if they can make it in a few, simple steps.

If you know there will be no adult supervision at snack time, do the more difficult cooking or cutting yourself, leaving easier tasks for children to complete. Younger children should stick to snacks that don't require use of knives, and those younger than 10 should not cook without adult supervision.

Older children master the microwave with ease and like the fact that they can prepare snacks for themselves and younger siblings by simply pushing a few buttons. Since the oven turns itself, there is no worry about a stray burner being left on.

Be sure your children know which bowls, plates and casseroles are microwave-safe, and that they understand about standing time—so they don't try to eat a dish before it's completely cooked. Keep potholders over mitts handy and train children to use them when removing food from the microwave, same as with a regular oven.

A recipe leaflet, "Make It Yourself—Fun For Kids," is now available from the American Dairy Association. Most of the recipes are single serving, several are no-cook, and five of the 10 are microwavable. The leaflet features dairy products like milk cheese, ice cream and yogurt.

For a copy, send 25 cents and a self-addressed, stamped, business-size envelope to: Fun Food For Kids, American Dairy Association, 6300 N.

River Road, Rosemont IL 60018.
(Recipes in this column are tested in 625- to 700-watt microwave ovens.)

Cheese Quesadilla
1 (10-inch) flour tortilla
1/4 cup shredded cheddar or Monterey Jack cheese
Mild tomato salsa.

Yields 1 serving.
Preparation time: 5 minutes.
Cooking time: 1 minutes.
Oven setting: HIGH (100 percent power).

Place tortilla on paper plate. Sprinkle salsa evenly over half of tortilla. Fold tortilla in half. Put plate in microwave oven and microwave 1 minute, or until cheese melts. Cheese will be hot. Serve with salsa for dipping.

Baked Apple
1 medium-size apple
1/4 teaspoon raisins
1 tablespoon brown sugar
Pinch cinnamon.

Yields 1 serving.
Preparation time: 5 minutes.
Cooking time: 3 minutes (plus 5 minutes standing time).
Oven setting: HIGH (100 percent power).

Place hot dog in bun. Wrap bun in a paper towel. Microwave 45 seconds to 1 minute and 15 seconds. Top with mustard or ketchup.

slice around apple stem, then remove core, scraping inside of apple to remove seeds. In small dish stir together raisins, sugar and cinnamon. Pack into center of apple. Place apple on paper plate and microwave 3 minutes. Apple should be tender. Set apple aside and wait 5 minutes before eating, to let apple finish cooking.

Hot Dog For One
1 hot dog
1 hot dog bun
Mustard or ketchup

Yields 1 serving.
Preparation time: 5 minutes.
Cooking time: 45 seconds to 1 minute and 15 seconds.
Oven setting: HIGH (100 percent power).

Place hot dog in bun. Wrap bun in a paper towel. Microwave 45 seconds to 1 minute and 15 seconds. Top with mustard or ketchup.

Leave excess baggage behind when moving

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checks, secure all valuables you are taking with you, and assemble last-minute items you are taking on the trip, such as medications, maps, toys for the kids, clothes and toiletries.

After the movers help unload the truck, inspect all pieces (boxes as well as furniture) and list anything lost or damaged on the delivery papers before signing.

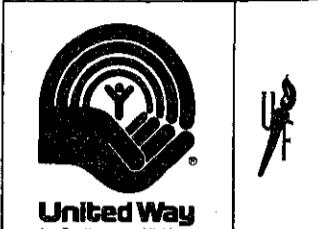
Once in your new home, the real job begins: unpacking, getting used to unfamiliar surroundings and meeting new neighbors.

As Winfield writes: "Your new neighborhood won't always look so new. Enjoy the freshness."

tact phone number, Winfield suggests writing down the truck's license number just in case.

Make sure to drop the house keys off at your Realtor's office.

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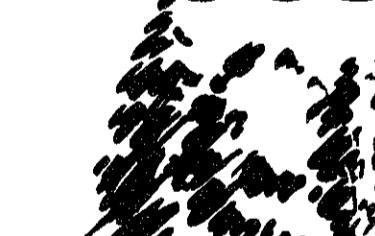
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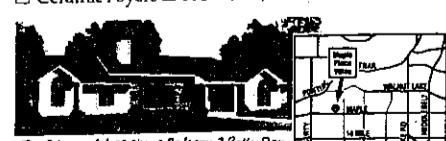
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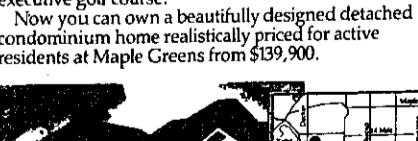
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THURSDAY
September 21, 1989

KIDS on the BLOCK

Puppet program offers kids new insights into handicapped lifestyles

Story by Maureen Naszradi

Every adult should be so fortunate as to meet the Kids on the Block.

The Kids are puppets, and through the efforts of a small group of local volunteers, they are bringing an invaluable educational message to Northville schoolchildren.

Nearly life size, the Kids puppets dress and act like real children. And — like real children — some have differences, such as mental, physical, or emotional disabilities, and some have lives touched by abuse.

Kids on the Block is a national effort to help children accept differences in themselves as well as in others.

In Northville, seven women throughout the 1988-89 school year brought the Kids program to more than 1,800 pupils in preschool through sixth grade.

At those age levels, puppetry allows for a unique and effective brand of communication, according to Kids' founder Barbara Aiello, a teacher and consultant in the field of special education for 18 years.

Since 1977, Aiello has performed in every state in the continental United States. The Kids on the Block forms a growing network of more

than 700 community-based programs in 49 states and 14 countries.

Through a one-on-one dialogue with the puppets, the children can learn an attitude of understanding and appreciation of all kinds of people, according to Aiello. And that sensitivity will serve them well for the rest of their lives, she said.

Len Rezmierski, executive director of special education services for Northville Public Schools, called the Kids on the Block program "exciting."

"Its potential — along with the other efforts of the department — to help students and parents recognize other types of individuals in society, in the schools is very beneficial.

"The questions the kids have asked have been stunning," Rezmierski said.

The puppets, each modeled after a real person and close in age to the elementary-grade pupils, respond with clarity and candor to the questions asked by the children.

Naomi Brandon — who operates "Valerie," who has spina bifida, and "Jennifer," who has a learning disability — said, "I think we all have developed a special attachment to the puppets."

She said through the

Mary Menghini, right, and Judy Swancutt introduce their young audience to life-size puppets with disabilities

script content, the children get so involved with the characters that they forget they are puppets and talk directly to them.

"I especially enjoy (performing for) the younger children," Brandon said. "Their faces just light up."

Rezmierski said, "I see real promise in the program. It's how we will see change — kids in a healthy environment — feeling comfortable to ask questions."

Mary Menghini, who organized Northville's puppeteers, described the group's task: "It's not something that you sit down and have a family meeting over — this is the word 'handicapped' kids, and this is what it means."

Menghini used an example to illustrate the lack of sensitivity the program attempts to overcome. "You go to a mall and you see a mother there with twins. And typical of a child, he'll



Third graders at Moraine School ask questions at a Kids on the Block show

say, 'Oh, look, Mom, two babies. I wonder if they're a boy and a girl.'

"And the mother says, 'I don't know; go ask.' And the kid says, 'Mom, look at that person; what's the matter with him?'

"But you see someone

who's different — a child in braces, a child who talks different, a child using sign language — and the kid says, 'Mom, look at that person; what's the matter with him?'

"And the mother pulls

him by the shirt and says, 'Don't look; that's not nice to stare.' As if that person is untouchable, untalkable."

"It's just becoming more aware," Menghini explained. "They're not untouchable."

Menghini said she was motivated to start the local Kids on the Block troupe both as the mother of a disabled child and to promote education.

The Northville resident explained, "Just in general, seeing the cruelty of some children, I find it hard to accept that calling someone names is fun and 'kids' stuff.'

"It was just a little way to try to change that a little."

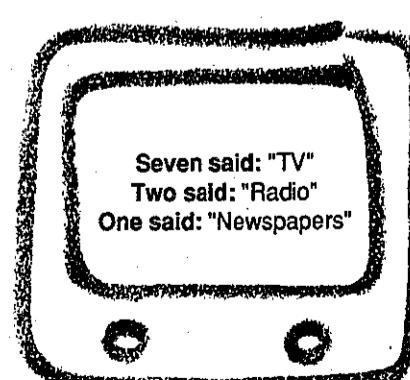
The national Kids on the Block program developed in direct response to U.S. Public Law 94-142, sometimes called "the mainstreaming law."

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Random Sample

Q:

Do you get most of your news from TV, radio, or newspapers?



Seven said: "TV"
Two said: "Radio"
One said: "Newspapers"

Random Sample is an unscientific poll conducted by the staff of The Northville Record and The Novi News.

Watt helps seniors

By DOROTHY NASH

In choosing a volunteer job, Harriet Watt said she had two main considerations: "I like to be around people, and I like to be busy." With her three children grown and away from home and her husband busy in his office all day, she had time to fill.

So last January she walked into the Northville Area Senior Citizens Activity Center at Cooke School on Taft Road and asked whether there was something she could do. She was soon put to work.

For four hours on three afternoons a week she answers the telephone and does assorted clerical jobs, one of which is updating information on people who

come to the center for recreation and socialization.

"I put records on file in the computer," she said, "name, phone number, and address, and also information on how to get hold of a member of the family if necessary."

"And I help with the monthly potluck. About 50-80 people come to them — 100 during the holidays. I help set up the tables and I help clean up afterwards, even do some dish washing."

There are other jobs for her, too — helping to schedule field trips, finding art work for the newsletter, and stamping books for the library.

But it's the direct contact with people, she said, that gives her satisfaction.

"I never knew what a nice thing it is for seniors to have a place like this. Some are timid about coming in at first. They call on the phone to inquire, and I encourage them to come. Then when they do come, I meet them," Watt said, "and in return I get a smile and a soft thank-you."

Anyone else who would like to volunteer time, talent, or a special interest to the Northville Senior Citizens Activity Center should call 349-4140 and ask to talk to Karl Peters, director.



Harriet Watt volunteers at local senior center

Novi Community Education offers new classes

By JEANNE CLARKE
special writer

Novi Highlights

Learn how to weave a holiday basket, make a colorful quilt, create designer ornaments and a batch of pasta and master a new dance step.

Open registration is being held for all interested in signing up for Novi Community Education classes. A variety of classes is available, in subjects ranging from computers to rug hooking.

Novi seniors 60 years of age and older may qualify for a discount on many of the classes. Also, some of the classes are free. Students, however, are required to pay lab fees. For more information and to register call the Novi Community Education office at 348-1200. Registration will continue until classes are full.

Offices involved in the PACE (Personal Action with the Chamber and Education) walking program will host an open house at Novi Meadow cafeteria today (Thursday, Sept. 21) from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Residents are invited to join school city and Novi Chamber of Commerce officials, as well as Providence Hospital staff members, for the "kick-off" of this individualized wellness program. During the open house, participants will receive information about personalized walking programs.

A special program entitled "Stranger Danger" is being offered for students in kindergarten through fifth grade at the Village Oaks Elementary School. A home safety program is presented by Robert Gatt, crime prevention officer for the Novi Police Department. Gatt will help children learn how to be safe and cautious in their homes and communities when their parents aren't around.

A Hunter Education program for students age 12 and older is also available through Novi Community Education. The class is required for students seeking their first hunting license. At the end of the class, which begins Oct. 3, students will receive a Michigan Hunter Education certificate.

Novi Youth Assistance will host a class entitled "How to Talk so Children will Listen" on Oct. 12. For more information call 349-8398.

PERSONALS: Mr. and Mrs. Donald Smith of Brownsville, Texas, have been visiting their daughter, Mrs. Gilbert Van Sickle, for several weeks. While in the Novi area, the Smiths have visited Toronto, Ontario, and have celebrated three family birthdays — Mr. Smith's, Judy Van Sickle's and Mrs. Van Sickle's daughter, Kristin's. Doris and Glen Salow, former Novi residents now living in Ida, Mich.,

recent guests at the home of Mary Louise Taylor. Mr. Salow brought news of the death of his stepmother, Mrs. Josephine Salow, also a longtime Novi resident who was living in a nursing home in the Pontiac area shortly before her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill McHugh attended the wedding of their niece, Connie, daughter of Ed and Helen MacCormack, to Bill Calhane of Mt. Morris. The wedding was held at the Covenant Baptist Church in West Bloomfield, with the reception at Union Lake Baptist Church.

Mrs. Leslie Clarke, her mother, Mrs. Marie Travis, and Mrs. Betsy Clarke were dinner guests in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Timko of Union Lake last Saturday.

SINGLE PLACE: Several upcoming programs and presentations are being planned by Single Place, a local support group for single adults. The group was formed to provide friendship, caring and sharing for singles and meets regularly at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville.

Ongoing activities sponsored by Single Place include a bowling league, which started Sept. 15 at Novi Bowl. It's not too late to become a member in the league, which meets every other Friday at 8:30 p.m. Cost is \$7.50 per person every other week, which includes shoes, prizes and a banquet. Organizers of the league

are seeking new members to join.

NOVI BAPTIST: A special dedication service was recently held at the First Baptist Church of Novi for all teachers and staff members in the Sunday School and church.

The club is open to men and women. Annual dues are \$35. For more information call Don Ponto at 348-7445.

The service was led by Pastor Richard Burgess, with a closing prayer by Pastor Ivan Speight.

NOVI VFW: Novi VFW and its auxiliary recently met at the post on Grand River Avenue.

Reports were heard from many members who attended the national convention in Las Vegas. On Saturday the post hosted its annual luncheon and corn roast.

The auxiliary made plans for a luncheon for the patients at the Allen Park VA Medical Center. Willie Dunham is organizing the event.

Plans were made for the long-awaited organizational meeting, which will be held today (Thursday, Sept. 21) with refreshments at 6:45 p.m. at Victor's, followed by the meeting at 7:30 p.m. At this time, charter members will vote on a formal Veteran's Day program beginning at 11 a.m.

Plans also are being made for Veteran's Day in Novi, which will be Saturday, Nov. 11. Breakfast will be served from 8:30 to 10 a.m., with a formal Veteran's Day program beginning at 11 a.m.

Substitutes bowlers are still needed. The league meets on Thursdays at Bel-Aire Lanes in Farmington Hills. Call Rosemary Banish, secretary, at 779-8968 for more information. Babysitting is available at the lanes. Members of the league are from Novi and surrounding communities.

Auxiliary members are reminded that life memberships are now available.

Upcoming meetings will be held Oct. 6 and Oct. 20, when members will host a social night.

NOVI HIGHLIGHTS is written by Jeanne Clarke. Groups and organizations that would like to have news or notices published should call her at 634-0123. Individuals with news about births, birthdays, anniversaries, showers and other events for the "Personal" section may call her at the same number.

The club is open to men and

women.

Richard Burgess, with a closing

prayer by Pastor Ivan Speight.

PIN POINTERS: High bowlers this week were Minnie Legel (200), Rosemary Banish (192 in a 532 series), Colleen Smith (190), Lori Seltzer (181), Audrey Blackburn (173) and Lucy Christensen (172). Standings are as follows:

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Novi resident Margit Erickson spreads knowledge about etiquette

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Etiquette expert

Local lady teaches manners

By BRENDA DOOLEY

Staff writer

"The world was my oyster, but I chose the wrong fork." — Oscar Wilde, poet.

Margit Erickson often quotes a tidbit of Wilde's witty prose when teaching her specialty — etiquette. And she certainly makes sure her students always know which fork to use.

Etiquette, however, encompasses far more than silverware guidelines. It's a way of life, an attitude, a reflection of society.

"People don't have to be uptight about etiquette," Erickson says. "Etiquette really means being thoughtful and being considerate of other people — it takes so little to teach a person to be polite."

Illustrating her point, Erickson claims people practice etiquette every day, whether they realize it or not. Ingrained rules of etiquette come into play when people take morning showers, when they brush their teeth, when they apply deodorant.

"If you were a hermit, you wouldn't worry about how you looked or smelled," Erickson remarks. "You do all these things because you're being considerate of other people."

A Novi resident, Erickson is director of Etiquette Enterprises, a Northville-based business. She conducts seminars on social and business decorum. Although the majority of her clients are male ex-

ecutives, Erickson is now catering to a new audience — children. She is hosting a seminar for children ages 10-15 entitled "Growing Up Gracefully" at the Sheraton Oaks on Oct. 7.

"I find that people don't know simple rules of etiquette because they weren't taught during childhood," Erickson says. "You don't learn how to cut meat if you're scarfing down a burger ... and a lot of working parents are too busy to take the time."

"It's always nice to see a well-mannered child. This is the time they should learn etiquette so that it becomes habit — it's not something they constantly have to think about," she adds.

In her upcoming children's etiquette seminar, Erickson plans to stress basic rules such as sharing, how to act in public places, how to eat in a restaurant and how to interact with families.

Erickson's introduction to the world of etiquette began nearly four years ago when she hosted a dinner party for friends. She asked one of her guests to set the table for dinner and "was amazed" by the results. Erickson describes her guest as a bright, intelligent young lady who apparently was never taught the fundamentals of table setting.

The experience planted an idea in Erickson's brain as she wondered how many others were lacking the basics of etiquette. She attended the Executive Etiquette Training Institute in Boston and read everything she could get her hands on to learn about the history of etiquette.

Modern etiquette began with the

French, but the first forms can be traced as far back as Egyptian times, when literature offered advice on how to use a fingerbowl. Erickson also points out that a lot of etiquette was contained in the Jewish Talmud, forming the foundation for many of today's social rules.

"Etiquette rules do change," Erickson says. "It's not like math or science. The rules change as society changes and people change."

After compiling extensive research, Erickson contacted advisors at Wayne State University and completed a business plan, defining her market, goals and strategy.

"I don't know of any other company that teaches executive etiquette in Michigan," Erickson says.

Her seminars on executive etiquette involve teaching businessmen how to dress for success and how to conduct themselves in professional or social situations. Erickson also holds a degree in fashion merchandising, knowledge that helps her when she's advising business people how to dress. She travels directly to business sites to conduct the seminars.

A native of Detroit, Erickson moved to Novi with her husband, Frank, about six months ago. In her spare time she enjoys playing the dulcimer, making beads, collecting vintage clothing and learning about American history folklore.

When asked for a crash course on etiquette, Erickson would probably say: "Treat people the way you would like to be treated."

It's as simple as that.

Book discussion planned

It's "Banned Books" Week. The week, celebrating the freedom to read, is Sept. 23-30. In conjunction with the event, Novi's Borders Book Shop presents a series of discussions about banned books.

The series began Wednesday, Sept. 13, with a discussion of "Alice in Wonderland." Another session was held Wednesday, Sept. 20, on "The Bell Jar."

On Wednesday, Sept. 27, the series concludes with a discussion of "The Diary of Anne Frank" at 7 p.m. at

Borders Book Shop in the Novi Town Center.

Space is limited and registrations are required. Call 347-0780 for reservations.

Titles included on the Banned Books Week are the "American Heritage Dictionary," "Are You There, God? It's Me, Margaret," "Our Bodies, Ourselves," "Tarzan," "The Exorcist," "The Chocolate War," "Catch-22," "Lord of the Flies," "Ordinary People," "Soul on Ice," "Raisin in the Sun," "Oliver Twist," "A Farewell to Arms," "The Best Short Stories of Negro Writers," "Flowers for Algernon," "Ulysses," "To Kill a Mockingbird," "Rosemary's Baby," "The Fixer," "Death of a Salesman," "Mother Goose," "Catcher in the Rye," "The Merchant of Venice," "One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisovich," "Grapes of Wrath," "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," "Slaughterhouse-Five" and "Go Ask Alice."

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Fall signals cider mill season

By CHRISTINA FERRIER
staff writer

It happens every year. Suddenly it's September and you can't believe that summer has slipped out of your fingers again.

But it's also the time when your mind rolls toward to warm, polished stoves, country lanes filled with orange, red and yellow leaves, hot apple cider and doughnuts.

It's time to head for the cider mill.

Parmenter's Northville Cider Mill is located at 714 Baseline Road. Coming in from Eight Mile, turn south on Griswold and the signs will direct you to the mill, built in 1873. That's the "oldest" cider mill around.

When driving to Parmenter's, you have to do some maneuvering through construction, but it's more than worth the effort.

The first thing you notice when you walk into the mill is the aroma of apples and cinnamon might make you want to eat all of the doughnuts, but it's not likely that they'll run out. They keep making them constantly so that they stay fresh.

Vern and Ruth Bokler have been running this cider mill since they first bought it from the Parmenter family in 1968. Ruth Bokler says that the mill, built in 1873, is "the oldest" cider mill around.

Parmenter's is also the only area cider mill that offers "hard" cider, and they have a winery that runs along with the mill.

They also have homemade caramel apples, doughnuts, honey, syrup, sausages and cheese. There's a gift shop for children and a picnic area.

When the weather permits, Parmenter's offers hot dogs and kishka on the weekends. They also have a weekend craft show where artisans from the Northville area sell items such as straw flowers, ceramics and halloween costumes.

Ruth Bokler thinks that people come to their cider mill "just because it's a fall custom and a fun family thing to do."

Parmenter's is open from Labor Day until the Sunday before Thanksgiving, from 10:00 to 6:00 daily.



Jimmy Potter sorts apples at Foreman's

Foreman's Orchards and Cider Mill is located at 5050 Seven Mile Road in Northville Township.

Diane Gavron, who was sitting at a picnic table with her two young twins, Lauren and David, says that she comes to this cider mill a lot. "I always used to come when I was pregnant and it signals fall to me," she said.

John and Jeannette Zimski, who drove from Dearborn, had the same way. "It's a seasonal thing," John Zimski explained. "Cider and doughnuts."

Foreman's offers plenty of fresh cider from the orchard, as well as caramel apples made from Kraft's original recipe.

Foreman's began in 1932 when Ralph Foreman, the present owner's great-grandfather, first started the orchard.

The family added the cider press and doughnut machine in 1972. The cider is pressed twice weekly, as

close to the weekend as possible so that it is fresh for the busiest days. The doughnuts are made every other day.

This cider mill has a what Ralph Foreman calls a "barn-type atmosphere." It is filled with primitive antiques and features a potbelly stove and red checked tablecloths that create a country farm setting.

"People get really comfortable here, especially when it gets colder," Foreman said.

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Foreman's is open summer through fall, from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

They also offer preserves, maple syrup, "very good popcorn from the same county in Indiana as Orville Redenbacher's," cookbooks, and both.

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Call 669-3741 for showtimes and reservations. Looney Bin Comedy Club is located at 1655 Glenway Road in Walled Lake.

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Tickets are \$27.50 and \$22.50 for the family theaters or \$4 per person or \$12 per family. For more information call the DIA ticket office at 832-2730.

Red Skelton: America's favorite clown, Red Skelton, will appear at the Fox Theater for two performances Friday and Saturday, Oct. 6-7, at 8 p.m.

Hours are Friday, Sept. 22, from 1-5 p.m.; and Saturday, Sept. 23 from 10 a.m. Admission is free and the public is invited to attend.

Documentary: Detroit Institute of Arts presents "Comic Book Confidential," a documentary by Canadian filmmaker Ron Mann, Sept. 22-23 at 7 and 9:30 p.m. in the DIA auditorium.

Farmington flower show planned

Farmington Garden Club presents "All Around Michigan" this Friday and Saturday (Sept. 22-23) at the Community Center, 22705 Farmington Road, north of Ten Mile.

About 50 flower arrangements will be exhibited in the floral design division of the show, depicting various areas of the state. As an example, one class of arrangements featuring the Great Lakes will consist of underwater designs, a new and innovative idea in flower handling.

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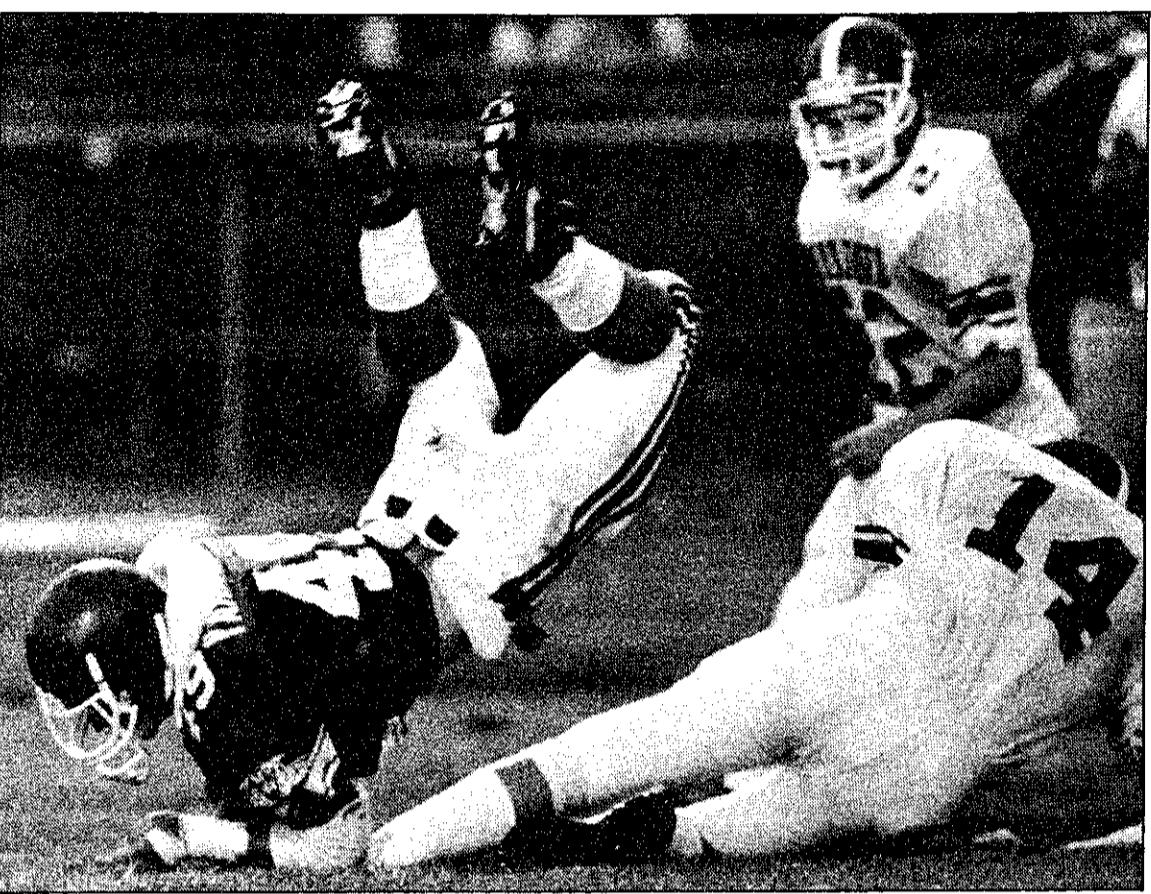
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Novi fullback Mike Yankowski gets tripped up after a short gain against Milford last Friday

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commented.

Milford took the opening kickoff and marched from their own 32 down inside the Novi five. But Redskin quarterback Dave Snider was intercepted by cornerback Heath Ruck in the end zone on a third-and-goal situation at the three.

"That first drive was scary," Osborne said. "The interception was a big play."

Berry was clearly the dominant factor in the game as he rushed for 155 yards in 28 carries, pulled off a crucial fake punt and even made the defensive play of the game — a 10-yard tackle for loss from his defensive back position on a crucial third down play.

Milford threatened again early in the second half when runner Todd Morris rammed 59-yards on a routine off-tackle run until he was caught from behind by Bryan Jacobs at the Novi 20. The Wildcat defense held and Greg Peterson made a 26-yard gain on a lateral.

The Wildcats responded with an impressive 90-yard touchdown drive that took 12 plays. In the march, Berry broke loose for runs of 16 and 26 yards before scoring on a 14-yard run.

In the third down attempt, he kicked the PAT to make the score 7-0.

Weldon took the ball inside the 20 and Yankowski pulled off a crucial fake punt and even made the defensive play of the game — a 10-yard tackle for loss from his defensive back position on a crucial third down play.

Milford completed 3-of-6 passes for 36 yards with no interceptions, but he was particularly impressive, helping Novi convert the majority of its third down attempts.

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Interest rises in girls athletics

Girls athletic events for the 1988-89 school year saw across-the-board attendance increases at Michigan High School Athletic Association tournaments, as spring figures set new records in softball and soccer.

Girls soccer saw records set at all four tournament levels, including a final session mark of 1,162 that topped the year's championship round record of 1,081. In the district (249), regional (1,350) and sectional (1,065) also set new marks. The 3,836 spectators for the tournament topped last year's mark of 878.

In softball, a record crowd of 3,142 attended the 1989 finals, topping the old mark of 3,102 in 1983. It also marked only the second time that the softball finals outdrew the baseball finals (2,964) since the MHSAA began keeping attendance records in 1982.

Softball tournament attendance topped the 10,000 mark for only the second time, but this year's series figure of 11,369 was short of the record mark of 12,655 in 1987.

Overall attendance at MHSAA girls tournaments was 21,336, breaking last year's record of 20,619. The figure does not include cross-country and track, the only series in which boys and girls compete during the same season.

Tournament attendance records were also set in girls basketball, swimming and diving, and volleyball during 1988-89.

"We can't help but be pleased with the gains girls sports continue to make in terms of spectator appeal," said MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts. "This is a trend we expect to see continue."

The baseball and track tournaments were down from 1988, with 13,199 fans attending baseball games

and 22,214 spectators taking in the track.

For the year, 1,023,719 fans paid admission to MHSAA events, a four percent drop compared to last year's record of 1,063,699. The MHSAA does not generally charge admission for alpine skiing, golf, and tennis tournaments.

ASSISTANT NAMED: Nate Hampton, supervisor of athletics and physical education for the Saginaw Public School District, has been named assistant director of the Michigan High School Athletic Association. He assumed his duties Sept. 5.

"Many of the nearly 100 candidates for the position would have served the MHSAA well, benefiting the officials, coaches and administrators with their talent and dedication," said MHSAA Executive Director John E. "Jack" Roberts. "But no candidate had more varied experience within the interscholastic

athletic community of Michigan and more promise to expand the MHSAA's vision and services beyond the 1990s.

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"Our intensity was very high because it was our first home game," Drogosch said. "When you're 0-4 and you've lost the last two games by eight points combined, you feel a little snake-bitten. But we never gave up."

NORTHLAKE 31, NOVI 27: The Northville-Novi clash on Sept. 12 was either a battle between two fine defenses, or a lackluster exhibition by two hapless offensive squads — it all depends on what you look at.

The non-conference match-up was actually a bit of both, with the Mustangs rallying from a four-point halftime deficit to nip the host Wildcats 31-27.

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T'ai chi stresses 'total fitness'

By BOB NEEDHAM
staff writer

The words "martial arts" often call up visions of karate black belts aggressively sparring or doing painful-looking things to bricks and wood.

But at least one martial art, t'ai chi ch'uan, is much more gentle — even relaxing — and is gaining popularity in the West for its goal of total fitness for both body and mind.

"It's a meditative and therapeutic exercise — and soft style of self defense," local t'ai chi instructor Tony Simper said. "A lot of people think t'ai chi is just a relaxing exercise, which it is — but in reality, t'ai chi is a holistic art, so it's equally a healing art as well as a martial art ... One nourishes the other. You need each of them."

Tai chi consists of several series of measured, smooth movements of the arms, torso and legs. "The movements are designed to stretch and tone the muscles evenly while at the same time aligning the entire skeletal structure, stimulating pressure points throughout the entire system," Simper said.

The art uses the Oriental concept of an energy called chi flowing through the body. "That chi becomes blocked when you're sick or tense, and the Chinese arts are designed to free up that energy," he said.

Tai chi has existed for thousands of years in various names and forms, Simper said. It arose from the Eastern philosophy of Taoism.

Simper became familiar with tai chi in California, one of the first areas in the West in which the art became well known. He has practiced tai chi for 13 years and taught it for seven.

"It is a style of exercise, and it is starting to become much more popular here," he said.

Simper described tai chi as having two basic sides: self-healing and self-defense.

On the healing side, "It improves the entire system. It improves all the internal functions," Simper said.

Because of the smooth motions, he said, tai chi is ideal for everyone: "There is never any danger of getting injured ... Tai chi is a universal form of exercise. Anybody can do it."

Simper said tai chi has a long history of helping people with medical problems in China, and currently is a subject of research in

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America to pinpoint any benefits to the cardiovascular or central nervous systems. One known effect is a greatly increased oxygen consumption, he said.

On the self defense side, tai chi is slower and smoother than other martial arts, but can include some fast movements and even full-blown sparring at advanced levels.

"To be strong you don't have to practice hard and fast," Simper said. The idea in t'ai chi is to respond to both internal and external movements in an economical way, borrowing an opponent's energy and using it back against the threat. "Instead of opposing, we're blending," he said.

Simper explained that there is a very broad concept of an enemy: "The (opposing) energy may be a drunk driver. The enemy may be a virus, a cold, an illness, a bad habit. The enemy may be viewed as an angry boss as well as a mad dog or a dangerous person."

"We learn how to respond directly to a situation, and by blending in with the opposition, we learn how to redirect it or neutralize it and turn the situation around so it's advantageous to us. Letting go of the fear — yielding and understanding — is a very important part of t'ai chi."

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Simper's next class starts Monday at the Community Center of Farmington and Farmington Hills, 24705 Farmington Road just above Ten Mile. The class runs Mondays from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m.; the fee is \$50. To register or for more information, call the community center at 477-8404.



Instructor Tony Simper demonstrates t'ai chi movements

Hospital plans 'Eater's Choice' class

Fitness notes

"Eater's Choice," a class developed to help lower cholesterol, is being offered at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia.

The class, led by a registered dietitian, instructs participants on caloric intake, cholesterol levels in common foods and how to ultimately lower your cholesterol.

Eater's Choice will be offered on Mondays and Thursdays, Sept. 25 and 28, and Oct. 2, 5, 9 and 12 from 7-8 p.m. The cost is \$55 per person or \$80 per couple. Call 464-4800 (extension 2469) for registration.

Fitness Over 50: Twelve Oaks Mall offers a free exercise program titled "Fitness Over 50" in the Lord & Taylor Court every Tuesday and Thursday from 9-10 a.m.

Designed and field-tested for 12 years at the University of Michigan, "Fitness Over 50" is a safe, carefully guided, low impact aerobic exercise program set to music. It is particularly aimed at older persons and others who can benefit from increased energy, endurance and muscle tone.

More than 100 people have joined the program since it began at Twelve Oaks in October 1987. Twelve Oaks Marketing Director Elaine Kah said new participants are always welcome and can sign up the day of the program. There are no age limits.

Pre-natal exercise: Debra Hoppe leads pre-natal/post-partum exercise classes at

Fitness Tips

Reducing the risk of artery disease

By SYLVIA DVORAK, M.S.
special writer

Coronary artery disease is the major cause of heart disease and heart attack in America.

It develops when fatty deposits build up on the inner walls of the blood vessels feeding the heart (coronary arteries). Eventually one of the major coronary arteries may become blocked — either by the buildup of deposits or by a blood clot forming in the artery's narrow passage way. The result is a heart attack.

We now know that there are several factors that can increase your risk for developing coronary artery disease — and thus the chances for a heart attack. Many of these risk factors can be reduced or

eliminated.

The three leading causes of heart disease are:

- Cigarette smoking
- High blood pressure
- High blood cholesterol

The higher the levels, the greater the risk and the more risk factors you have, the greater your chance of heart disease.

Other important risk factors include:

- Diabetes
- Lack of exercise
- Obesity
- Family history
- Male sex (males are more likely to develop heart problems than females)
- Advancing age
- Tension and stress

With the exception of family history, being male and advancing in age, you can take measures to control your risk factors and prevent a heart attack.

The American Heart Association suggests the following diet modifications in order to help reduce heart attack risk.

1. Achieve and/or maintain ideal total body weight.
2. Decrease your total fat intake to no more than 30 percent of your diet.
3. Decrease your consumption of high-cholesterol foods (eggs, red meats, and most processed and "junk" foods which are loaded with saturated fats).
4. Do aerobic exercise regularly.
5. At least 3-4 times a week
6. For at least 20-30 minutes

At your target heart rate, exercise strengthens your heart and blood vessels, helps prevent obesity and reduces the effects of stress.

Have your cholesterol and blood pressure checked and make a point of remembering these important numbers. Recognize and reduce your personal risk factors. After all, you are responsible for your heart's health.

The Novi News is working with medical authorities at the University of Michigan Medical Center (M-Care) in Northville to provide up-to-date information on a variety of health-related topics. The series is coordinated by Peg Campbell of the M-Care staff.

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For information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons responsible for the vandalism that occurred at Dan's Auto Repair on Grand River in Novi on Friday, September 15.

Note: One of the vandals has cut arm or hand.

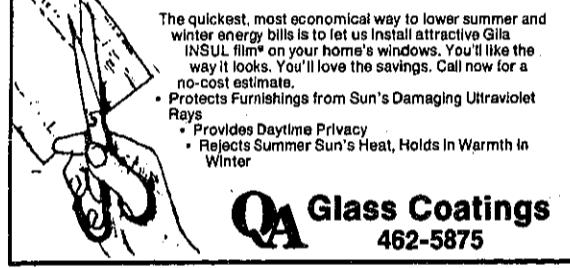
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