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State reviews seven plans for hospitals

By JAN JEFFRES
staff writer

The state health department is expected to make a final decision Nov. 21 on seven Oakland County hospital plans — several of them potential competition for the proposed Providence-West in Novi.

All of the hospitals, originally denied certificates of need five years ago, have now reached the final step in the Michigan Department of Public Health's appeals process. A hospital must have a certificate of need before building can begin.

The time frame for a response to the Southfield-based Providence Hospital's certificate of need application remains Nov. 29. The new 200-bed hospital would be located at the southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue.

The Michigan Department of Public Health, which issues the certificates by 71 department-designated "sub-areas," has not yet determined which sub-area Providence-West would be located in. The seven projects currently under appeal are in sub-area 48, in assessing a certificate of need application, the department takes neighboring sub-areas into consideration.

To qualify for a certificate of need, an applicant must demonstrate that the project is geographically accessible and serves an unmet medical need in the area to be served. Projects awaiting health department approval or under appeal are included in the assessment of an area's medical services.

On Oct. 12, state assistant attorney general Robert Taub ruled that a certificate of need could not

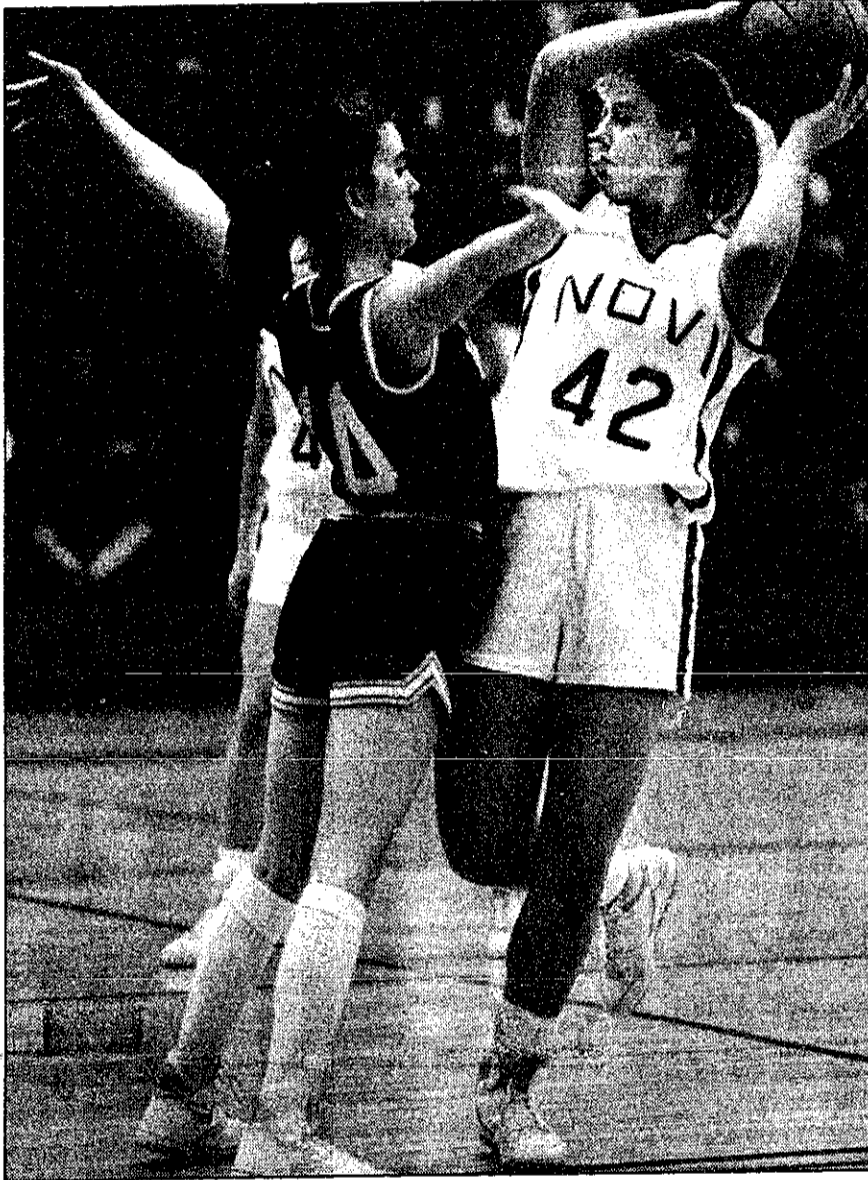
Hicks: 'I think some of the people were probably sincere. I think some of the people were less than sincere in their motives.'

be issued to a hospital in an area with an overabundance of hospital beds.

Four of the hospitals undergoing the final review before the certificate of need board in Lansing would be built in communities adjacent to Novi — two would be located in West Bloomfield, one in Farmington Hills and one is an addition to Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township.

Representatives of three of the hospitals involved in the appeals process — Henry Ford, Sinai and Mercy Health Services asked for a denial of Providence's certificate of need application at an Oct. 26 public hearing in Southfield.

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Tough defense

An unidentified Walled Lake Western player shows Novi's Mary Yankowski (42) what tough defense is all about in the opening round of the MHSAA district basketball tournament on Monday night. The Warriors went on to hand the Ladycats a 55-36 defeat that brought the 1989 season to a close. For more details see story on Page 7A.

Council ponders millage election

By JAN JEFFRES
staff writer

Is the parks and recreation millage killed by voters on Nov. 7 really dead or merely awaiting resuscitation?

Fifty-seven percent of the voters turning out for the election said "no" to Proposal One — a city charter amendment to raise the millage from one-half to one full mill. Monday, the city council gave a special committee the go ahead to investigate the possibility of bringing the question back to the voters this spring, perhaps in April.

The committee was proposed at a parks and recreation commission meeting last week. Members are Dan Davis, director of the parks and recreation department; Mayor Matthew Quinn; City Manager Edward Kriewall; and Parks and Recreation Commissioner Gerald Shulman.

The proposal was placed on the November ballot following a recommendation in 1988 by the Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment Committee. It was promoted by a citizen's group, the Parks Acquisition and Recreation Kids to Seniors Millage Committee.

The stated purpose of the millage was to raise \$455,500 annually to purchase, maintain and develop a 50-acre soccer/softball field and the 170-acre Novi Tree Garden, a privately-owned nursery adjacent to the city's Lakeshore Park. But this was not part of the ballot language.

Voters decided they didn't want to pay the additional property tax, estimated at \$25 per year on a \$100,000 home, \$37.50 on a \$150,000 home and \$50 on a \$200,000 home. They also trounced state Proposals A and B to up the sales tax to raise money for Michigan's schools.

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New Novi council sworn-in Monday

By JAN JEFFRES
staff writer

For the 16th year in a row, City Clerk Geraldine Stupp swore-in Monday another batch of new city councilors, who promised to uphold the U.S. and Michigan constitutions and the Novi city charter.

Renewing their vows were Mayor Matthew C. Quinn and Councilpersons Nancy Covert and Hugh Crawford. New to the office was Councilman Tim Pope.

Quinn thanked friends and family members of the new council members for attending the brief ceremony.

The mood of the event was lighthearted.

"If you want to figure out where your spouse is at 11 to 12 o'clock at night on a Monday, we're either

here or at Victor's (Novi Inn)," Quinn quipped.

Councilman Edward Leininger was re-appointed by Quinn for another two-year term as mayor pro-tem — "to keep the city budget down so we don't have to reprint the city cards and stationery," the mayor explained.

Then Pope took his seat behind a temporary penciled-in name sign. The freshman to the council had a good initiation into the city council's typical late night hours.

"Tim, welcome to 'the midnight club,'" said the mayor before adjourning the meeting.

At 26, Pope is the most youthful person on the council.

"You guys are so awake, I wonder if I am the youngest one," he said.

Churches observe Thanksgiving

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, several local churches are planning special services.

Following is a list of religious activities and services scheduled at some of the churches in our community:

In Novi, a community service will be held on Thanksgiving Eve, Nov. 22, at 7:30 p.m. at Faith Community United Presbyterian Church, 44400 Eleven Mile at Taft Road, presented by the Novi Minister's Association.

Churches participating in the service include Holy Family Catholic Church, St. James Catholic Church, Spirit of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church of Novi, Meadowbrook Congregational Church, Novi United Methodist Church, Faith Community United Presbyterian Church, Church

of the Holy Cross Episcopal and Orchard Hills Baptist Church.

Special speaker at the community service is Eddie Stubblefield of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), which is currently forming in Novi. Special music will be provided by the Novi High School choral department. All of the ministers from the various churches will participate in the service.

The congregation of Orchard Hills Baptist Church also will gather for a short ceremony on Nov. 22, at 7 p.m., before heading to Faith Community United Presbyterian Church.

At the First Baptist Church of Novi, 45301 Eleven Mile, Pastor Richard Burgess will lead a Thanksgiving Eve service on Nov. 22, beginning at 7 p.m.

The ceremony will feature a time of testimony, when members of the congregation will report on how they've observed "Grateful Spirit Month" during November. The church designated November "Grateful Spirit Month" to give the congregation a chance to express their gratitude and thankfulness to others in the community.

At Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, at Nine Mile and Meadowbrook roads in Novi, the congregation will celebrate a Thanksgiving Day service on Nov. 23 at 10 a.m. The service will include music by the church choir and a presentation by Rev. Gene E. Jahnke.

In Northville, congregations of the First United Methodist Church of Northville and the First

Presbyterian Church of Northville will gather for dinner and an ecumenical service on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, Nov. 22.

This year's combined service takes place at the First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 East Main Street. A dinner of oven chicken, salad, potato, vegetable, dessert and beverage will be served at 6:30 p.m. in the church's Fellowship Hall. The dinner is open to anyone in the community. Reservations must be made by Sunday, Nov. 19. Tickets for the dinner are available at both churches.

Following dinner, a service of Thanksgiving will be offered in the

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'Good Samaritan' dies suddenly

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB
staff writer

Nearly three weeks ago, Novi resident Don Donner helped someone less fortunate than himself by giving homeless man John Banta a place to live and a fresh outlook on life.

Donner's good deed will not soon be forgotten by friends and family — the 67-year old Novi resident died Monday of a heart attack.

"The best way to describe Don is that he was a loving, wonderful person," said Donner's neighbor, Dolores Vedro. "He was always concerned with helping people."

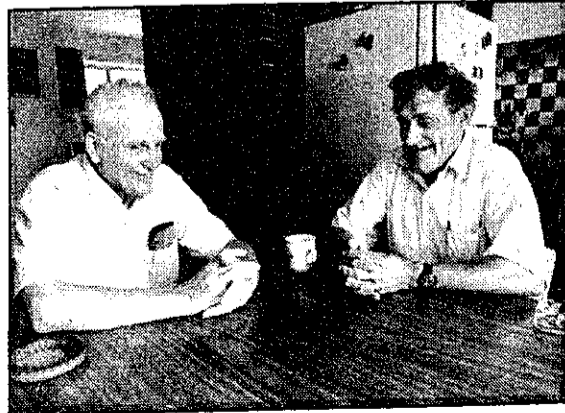
Vedro said Donner would regularly chat with neighbors outside his home while he worked outside or played with his two dogs — Rusty and Tiger.

"Don and his two dogs would regularly walk to the mail box every morning and before you knew it every dog and cat in the neighborhood would follow him," she said.

"Don would feed hot dogs to the dogs and cats and bread to the birds ... He just cared about everybody."

Another neighbor, Pam Schneemann, said Donner was "a very affable and warm-hearted person who enjoyed life."

"Don was a genuinely happy person who always had a smile on his face," she said. "He would always wave to people who drove by his property — even if he didn't know their name."



Continued on 14 Don, Donner (left) opened his home to John Banta three weeks ago

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City council committee procedures questioned

By JAN JEFFRES
staff writer

Questions over the procedure for nominating city council members to council committees led to a lively interchange Monday between newly re-elected incumbents Nancy Covert and Hugh Crawford.

Both wanted to serve as the council delegate to the Town Center Steering Committee, replacing former councilman Ron Watson, who did not seek re-election.

Mayor Matthew Quinn gave the post to Crawford, who was the first to ask for it, he said.

Councilwoman Martha Hoyer said that the standard practice has been that the first person to request a seat on a committee, go it.

Quinn said that in making the appointment he looked for who had displayed previous interest and had attended committee meetings. He said that Crawford expressed an interest as soon as Watson decided not to run in July and had gone to several Town Center Steering Committee meetings as an observer.

"Hugh, in my opinion, has an idea of how that committee operates," Quinn said.

No more than three city council members may serve on any given committee, to avoid creating a quorum.

"I did not know until tonight five minutes ago that you needed to be the first one to make the call," Covert said.

"I would hope that all appointments are going to be free of any perception of arbitrary decision-making. I couldn't have established my interest any more clearly than I did this weekend."

Covert said she was concerned that a policy for appointments was not clearly established.

"Where was your concern when you were appointed to the Environmental Committee?" Crawford said. "Are you trying to make this a false issue?"

Councilman Joseph Toth wondered if the tenure of service on a committee was two years to coincide with a mayor's term of office or longer.

"I technically don't feel these are

lifetime appointments," Toth said.

The council agreed to hold a special meeting on Dec. 11 to review the city's committee structure. The chairpersons of each committee will be requested to attend.

"I think that's important that we see the charge to these committees and the make-up. I think we need to look at the whole scope, not just the council members," said Councilwoman Martha Hoyer.

Quinn asked the council members to designate each committee they'd like to serve on. Those requests would be reviewed at the Dec. 11 meeting, he said.

"The buck stops with me as the mayor," said Quinn.

Covert said that she disagreed with the policy that one person could make committee appointments.

"I wish there was a policy on this. If it is the first person who calls, I'd like to be on the cable commission because I don't have your phone number yet," Councilman Tim Pope told Quinn.

Novi Town Center grows

Novi residents won't have to leave the Novi Town Center for an international shopping experience — the city council on Nov. 13 approved a preliminary site plan for Pier One Imports.

Along with the store, Trammell Crow Company, developers of the Novi Town Center, plan to bring three to four national chain restaurants to the mall, said property manager David Trumpy. Preliminary site plan approval has not yet been sought for the restaurants.

The 9,000 square foot store will be located on an 11-acre parcel at the northeast corner of Novi Road and Crescent Boulevard, and will have an access drive on Crescent. The location is adjacent to I-696.

The corporation is also in the process of developing a three-story, 100,000 square foot office building south of the existing building, which is northeast of Eleven Mile and Town Center Drive. The first 90,000 square feet of office building was built three years ago, said John Fricke, the company's project manager for office and industrial development.

The new office building — with a 1990 target date for

occupancy — will be similar but not identical in design to the first one. Final site plan approval has not been sought yet for the project. The proposed office building will be located on eight acres of land; the existing building stands on seven-and-a-half acres.

"It'll be nice. I think it will be definitely be 'Class A,' Fricke said.

The building will be marketed to "high end" tenants.

Fricke said that if the company is successful in negotiations with the city for improvements of Eleven Mile and Crescent Drive and can acquire more land east of the lake Trammell Crow built adjacent to the office building, one or two more office buildings might be constructed there.

"The time and the routing and the financing of those are up in the air now," Fricke said.

He said that the Dallas-based company is currently investigating the possibility of building a residential development in the Detroit area. Sites under consideration include Novi.

Final site plan approval is needed for both the office building and Pier One Imports.

Story time

What's better than watching cartoons on Saturday morning? Having your father take you to the library and read to you, of course. Carl Chandler

gathered his sons Brad and Chase in his lap for an impromptu story time on a recent Saturday morning trip to the Novi Public Library.

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Special proclamation

Ginny Mowbray (left) and her daughter Pam look over an official city proclamation about the Novi Friendship Club, a club sponsored by the Novi Parks and Recreation Department for mildly to moderately handicapped persons 14 years of age and older.

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Novi man awaits felony hearing

A Novi businessman is awaiting a pre-trial hearing in connection with felony charges stemming from a Aug. 28 traffic dispute between two drivers that ended with both leaving their cars and one man shooting the other.

David Lewis Goldapper, 45, of Farmington Hills was arraigned Nov. 9 before Oakland County Circuit Court Judge Edward Sennick. He stood mute to one count of assault with intent to commit great bodily harm less than murder and one count of carrying a dangerous weapon with unlawful intent.

Goldapper, who owns PricePoint Jewelry on Grand River in Novi, faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted of the assault charge.

After a preliminary exam on the charges, District Judge Fred Harris of Farmington bound Goldapper over for trial on Oct. 13. Harris reduced the main original charge of assault

with intent to commit murder. Goldapper is free on \$50,000 surety bond pending a Dec. 7 pre-trial hearing before Sennick.

Goldapper was on his way home from his Novi jewelry store at the time the shooting occurred. He is licensed to carry a .38-caliber revolver because of his profession and has no criminal record, according to Farmington Hills police.

The shooting took place during rush hour on Aug. 28 at Twelve Mile near Drake Road. A 39-year-old Redford Township man, Donald Bruce Banks, was shot in the middle of the chest. Neither man involved in the shooting knew the other police said.

"There were hand gestures, then words were exchanged," said Farmington Hills Detective Doug Anderson. "When tempers flared, it got out of hand. Unfortunately, somebody got hurt."

Band members try to earn Florida trip

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB
staff writer

Members of the Novi High School marching band are hoping that selling Florida fruit will earn them a spring trip to the Sunshine State — and a chance to compete in a national band contest.

The band is conducting its annual citrus fruit sale to raise funds for their upcoming trip to Florida next May to participate in a national marching band competition.

Band members are selling oranges, pink grapefruit and tangelos.

"We go to the national band competition every other year," said fundraising co-chairman Walt Kleban. "Besides competing, the trip is sort of a reward to the students for putting in the extra effort of being in the band."

Kleban said the citrus fruit sale is designed strictly for students to earn their own money for the trip. "The students can earn part or all of the money they'll need for the trip."

He added that the trip to Orlando will cost approximately \$400 per student.

The fruit sale began Tuesday, Nov. 14, and will run through Monday, Nov. 27. Fresh fruit will be delivered in time for the holidays on Sunday, Dec. 17.

Through a successful sale, Kleban said the school hopes to send the entire 150-piece band to the competition.

"There's a good chance that the whole band will be going," he said. "The kids are really excited about going. They did well in the state com-

Kleban: 'The kids are really excited about going. They did well in the state competition and this (national competition) is an extension of that.'

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Kleban added that the competition will also give band members "something to look forward to and give them incentive to work hard to develop their skills."

Navel oranges are priced at \$12 for half-cases and \$19 for full cases; tangelos are \$10 for half-cases and \$17 for full cases; and grapefruit are \$10 per half-case and \$16 per full case.

Band members will be canvassing the Novi area for the citrus fruit sale. Residents who are not contacted by a band member may call Kleban at 348-0153 to place an order.

Payment is not needed at the time the order is placed.



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Obituaries

MAJOR CORNETT

Major Preston Cornett of Novi died Nov. 6 at Huron Valley Hospital. Born in Dawson Springs, Kentucky, he was 82.

Mr. Cornett was a consulting professional engineer, employed by the defense industry.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, and three children — Roger, Brian and Caria. One grandson, Nathan, also survives.

Visitation was held Nov. 9 at the O'Brien Chapel of the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home. The body was transferred to the Tri-City Funeral Home in Bensham, Ky., for a funeral service on Nov. 10. Interment was at Cornett Cemetery in Lilley Cornett Woods, Ky.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

HAZEL B. MELLE

Funeral services for Mrs. Hazel B. Mellen, 85, of Novi were held recently in Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with burial at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Officiating was the Rev. Charles R. Jacobs.

Mrs. Mellen, who died Oct. 19 in Whitehall Convalescent Home, was born in Norwalk, Conn., and formerly lived in Northville and Novi. She was a retired secretary for Livonia Public Schools and served as a secretary for Rosedale Gardens Presbyterian Church in Livonia.

Survivors include two daughters, Sarah Takas of Novi and Cynthia Raymond of Oregon; two sons, Brian Mellen of Novi and Peter Mellen of New Mexico; a sister, Ruth Shattuck of St. Clair Shores; and 16 grandchildren.

HETTIE G. DOOLIN

Funeral services for Hettie G. Doolin of Novi were held Nov. 7 at the Schrader Funeral Home in Plymouth with the Rev. Wendell Ferguson officiating.

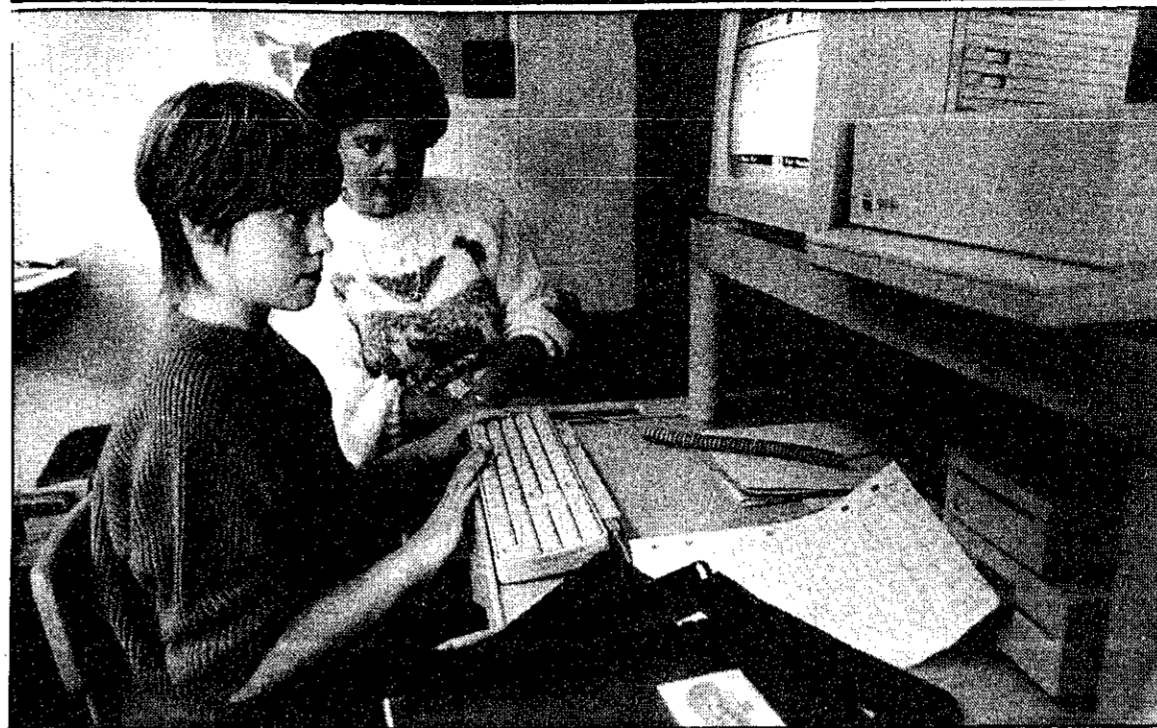
Mrs. Doolin died Nov. 4 in Farmington Hills. Born in Allen County, Kentucky, on June 29, 1908, she was 84 at the time of her death.

A homemaker, Mrs. Doolin moved to the Plymouth area from Kentucky in the 1940s. She remained in Plymouth until 1962 when she moved

Six Appeal.

Abe and Margaret

It's Abe Lincoln's head, but the rest of it is all Margaret Lefko. Lefko is holding up a Salvador Dali reproduction for everyone to see at the art auction sponsored by the Novi Ambassadors last Friday night.



Tricia Lutes enters a story into the computer under the watchful gaze of Elaine Stine, a parent volunteer

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Young authors Students see their writings in print

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB
staff writer

Dorothy Sullivan, the reading consultant at Orchard Hills Elementary School, hopes her new computer publishing center will generate a little writing enthusiasm among students.

And maybe, produce an author or two.

"We want to publish students' work to allow them to see their writing in print," Sullivan said. "Hopefully, this program will engender their enthusiasm for writing."

Sullivan said the computer writing program — which is in its first year — consists of students throughout the school submitting any type of written work, including short stories, longer stories, poetry, etc.

"Some of the submitted writings are part of class assignment, while others are submitted by children who like to write and see their works in print," she said.

After the writings are submitted, Sullivan said the works are typed onto a computer by either the student or parent volunteer Elaine Stine.

Four copies of the manuscript are then run off the computer printer. One copy goes to the teacher, one to the student, and one is hung for a week on the school wall entitled "Young Authors of the Week."

Sullivan said the fourth copy of the written work is placed in a monthly collection of student

writings.

"Any kind of writing for kids in the elementary age group helps them learn the reading and writing process," she added. "It also helps their self-esteem to see their work in print."

Judging by the reactions of some Orchard Hills students, the new writing program seems to be a success.

"This is my first time being published and I like to see my stories in print," said fourth grader Tricia Lutes.

Seeing her work in print has sparked her creative talents, she added.

"I'm definitely more eager to write than I used to be," Lutes said. "I used to not like to write. My teacher said that it's good to write a lot and I enjoy seeing my writing in print."

Stine said she spends about 12 to 20 hours per week (usually on Tuesday's and Wednesday's) typing students' written work.

She said the process begins with the children choosing computer pictures to accompany the story. "Then, I type the headings, and either the students or I will type the body."

"Whoever types the body of the story depends on the backlog of stories," Sullivan said. "But, we prefer that the children do the typing."

Stine said the final written copy is combined with the pictures and printed by the computer in color.

"I really like working with children," she said. "I think it's especially fun to see the pride children have in seeing their work published."

Stine noted she has a fourth grade student at Orchard Hill who is very enthusiastic about participating in the program.

"My daughter always has liked to write in her spare time, but now this program has pushed her to go a little farther," she said.

"I also think it is important for children not to only do assignment writing, but to practice putting their thoughts on paper."

Stine noted the Orchard Hills PTO has donated computer programs and disks to the publishing center.

Sullivan said the computer publishing center will remain open as long as "... I have enough parent volunteers to do it."

She said computers have really helped students build their excitement for writing. "It used to be that students would write something, but be unhappy with how it looked on paper. Now, the computer allows them to see their work immediately in print."

Sullivan noted in addition to helping some students learn to read and write better, the publishing center has exposed some really good writers.

"I haven't found any Hemmingway's or Fitzgerald's yet," she said. "But, the potential is there."

Council interviews planning hopefuls

The Novi City Council Monday interviewed four applicants for one opening on the planning commission and will interview four more on Monday, Nov. 20.

Six aspirants had filed for the post by the flexible Oct. 31 deadline and two more have recently applied. The opening was created by the resignation of Enrico Digrolamo in September. Future applicants should notify City Clerk Geraldine Stipp prior to the next round of interviews.

Joining would be planners who submitted resumes by Oct. 31 — J.

Eric Schaeffer, John Goodman, Timothy Gilberg, Cheryl Miller, Edward Phelps, Jr. and Suzanne Anglin — are Shirley Akey and Herbert Abugow. Akey is employed at Arcad in Livonia and Abugow is retired.

Phelps and Anglin were unable to attend the first round of interviews and requested the Nov. 20 date. Interviews that day will begin at 7 p.m.

The successful candidate for the nine-member commission will be nominated by Mayor Matthew Quinn and then approved by the city council.

Committee looks to fill vacancies

Residents interested in addressing community needs are needed to serve on the Novi Community Education Advisory Council.

Terms on the 10-member council are three years. The council meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Novi Educational Services Building on Taft Road.

For more information or to apply for the position call Community Education Director Clara Porter at 348-1800.

The purposes of the Community Education Advisory Council are:

- To assess and identify interests, resources and problems within the community.
- To set objectives and priorities and establish programs to meet the needs and desires that have been identified.
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Kathy Crawford (left) hands out mail from senior citizens to first graders at Orchard Hills Elementary School

Bridging generations

Students, seniors become pen pals

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB
staff writer

Kathy Crawford, special coordinator with Novi Parks and Recreation, and Darlene Grabowski, a first grade teacher at Orchard Hills Elementary School, have undertaken quite a project. They're hoping to bridge the age gap between their two groups — and have everyone involved benefit in the process.

"Darlene is in my theater group and we talked last summer about doing some intergenerational things," Crawford said. "I talked with her again and we decided to start the 'Pen Pal Express.'"

The pen pal idea is as simple as it sounds — the seniors swap letters with first graders at Orchard Hills. Students in the classes taught by Grabowski and Ann Prine are participating.

Students from both classes received their first installment of responses from the seniors on Monday. And they were very excited.

"I feel good about writing to seniors because they aren't so well-respected any more," said first grader Andrew Cox, 6. "What I like about seniors is they show us what it was like before."

An aspiring engineer, Cox said he'd like his senior pen pal to let him know "what mechanics were like long ago. My grandpa has different ways of doing things that may be easier and better."

"The most fun part is that I know I'm being nice to seniors," he said.

Meanwhile, first grader Erika Bowman said she liked the letter she received from her pen pal, but added "she spelled my name wrong."

Bowman said she is really excited about the writing program. "I like writing my pen pal because I get to learn how to write and I get to meet someone new at the same time."

Grabowski said she conceived of the program as a way to give writing a meaning for her students. "This program gives writing a purpose for the children," she said. "It makes writing come alive for them and will show them the importance of learning how to write."

Prine said the students will also obtain many other lessons through the writing program — in addition to learning how to write.

"Kids need mentors and this program will be a good source for them," she said.

Crawford, who will be delivering the letters between seniors and students, said the seniors are somewhat apprehensive about writing the children.

"The seniors are a little nervous writing the students because they're worried the kids will think their (the seniors') letters aren't important," she said.

"But, I think this program will be a benefit to both sides," Crawford said. "The seniors are looking forward to getting the letters in the mail and meeting with the kids."

She noted the students and seniors will meet each other in person sometime next April or May.

"I've seen this type of program in South Lyon, and both the students and the seniors have looked forward to communicating," Crawford added.

First grader Jessica Hockett, who had just finished reading the letter sent by her senior citizen, had a huge grin on her face.

"My senior citizen said that she's glad I think about her and I'm glad she thinks about me," she said.

"I can't wait to meet her."

The letter Jessica received was signed "Grandma."

Is millage dead?

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Monday night, the city council conducted a post-mortem of Proposal One.

"The committee needs to be commended, but I don't think they went long enough and hard enough," Mayor Pro Tem Edward Leininger said. "The issue wasn't marketed as well as it possibly could have been."

Leininger wondered if the millage election was truly representative, as approximately 200 voters who cast ballots for the state proposal did not vote at all for the parks issue.

Newly re-elected Councilwoman Nancy Covert said that while she was campaigning at a series of candidate's nights, she did not get a lot of feedback on the proposal.

"It seemed to be a low-key type question," Covert said. "Quite frankly, I was surprised it was defeated to the degree it was defeated."

Covert said people told her after the fact that they voted against the proposal because it was not specifically earmarked for park lands acquisition.

Freshman Council Member Tim Pope questioned the need to pay \$10,000 for a special election to get a lower voter turnout.

"We should not encourage an election for a lower turnout, we should encourage as many voters as possible," Pope said. "The residents have spoken, they don't want higher taxes."

Councilwoman Martha Hoyer suggested a survey of 200 people who voted Nov. 7 to learn their disposition on another millage question.

"I don't care if they do it by throwing darts at the voter list," Hoyer said. "I don't think we really have a feel of what's out there."

Mayor Matthew Quinn said that a millage dedicated to land acquisition might be the route to take.

"Those are three key words — purchase, develop and maintain," Quinn said. "It's not going into the salary of

the director of parks and recreation."

Councilman Joseph Toth accused the parks and recreation commission of putting the "cart before the horse" in creating the committee to draft a ballot proposal before the city council was approached.

But the vote approving the committee was unanimous.

"People have been telling us for years to buy park land," Councilman Hugh Crawford said. "Maybe they didn't quite understand or were a little leery as to where the funds might go."

"I believe the people of this city would probably go for it if they knew exactly where it was going."

Novi already has a grant of \$167,000 from the state Department of Natural Resources, to be used towards the estimated \$1 million purchase price of the tree farm. This grant is good through 1990 and an extension could be applied for, said Parks and Recreation Director Dan Davis last week.

The city began discussing acquisition of the land with the Dallas-based tree garden owners 10 years ago, but does not have an option to purchase on the property, Davis said. It is unlikely that the land would be donated to the city. Although developers have approached the owners, they have indicated that they remain interested in selling to the city, he added.

"We've always had a good relationship with the property owner and still do. He would like to see it become a park," Davis said.

"We're losing opportunities to purchase properties. The window of opportunity will be closing on us."

"It's my opinion, along with (city budget director) Les Gibson and Ed Kriewall, that there's not enough in the general fund to acquire property and capital outlay, nor do we envision that to be the case in future budgets," he added.

'Good friend' dies

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In response to an article written in The Novi News about Banta, Donner contacted the Holy Family Church in Novi and offered the homeless man a place to live — rent-free — until he got back on his feet.

"There's no use having an empty room when someone like John really needed a place to stay," Donner said at the time he took Banta into his home.

"I don't care how rich a community is, there will always be some poor people some place and I'm glad to help people," he had added.

Vedro said she wasn't at all surprised when she found out that Donner had decided to provide Banta with a place to live.

"Banta in John was something Don felt good about doing," she said. "He really cared about people."

Carol Ann Donnelly, Christian Services Director at Novi's Holy Family Church, said her impression of Donner was that "he had open arms and was willing to open his heart and home to someone less fortunate than himself."

Born in Detroit in 1922 to John F. and Matilda (Nelson), Donner was preceded in death by his wife (Shariene) in September of 1988.

He is survived by two children: Joseph and Kim. Also surviving is a brother, William.

Funeral services will be held at the Holy Family Church in Novi this Saturday, Nov. 18, at 11 a.m. with Father John Budde officiating.

Visitation will be held from 3-9 p.m. tomorrow (Friday, Nov. 17) at the O'Brien Chapel of the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home, 4155 Grand River. A rosary service will be held at O'Brien Chapel tomorrow at 7 p.m.

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Novi girl gets last laugh in contest

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB
staff writer

Quickly now, what time is it after dinner?
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Get it? Sarah Holmboe, a third grader at Novi Woods Elementary School, does.

She should. She wrote it. Holmboe's name and riddle were included in a joke book published recently by Troll Book Co. entitled "Great Riddles and Giggles."

"I thought up the riddle when I was really young," said Holmboe, 8. "I thought about it when we (she and her family) were eating dinner and it was eight o'clock once."

For being a contest winner, Holmboe received a free copy of the book, which includes contest winners from across the nation. She also received a certificate commemorating her accomplishment from the Novi Board of Education.

Holmboe submitted the riddle last year as part of an assignment by Orchard Hills second grade teacher Michael Carter. She attended Orchard Hills before moving this year to Novi Woods.

Carter said all of his students last

year submitted a riddle as part of a creative writing assignment.

"This (jokes) is part of the process of a writing orientation," he said. "We (teachers) try to get children to write early and this is one of the many outlets we can use."

Carter reported that Holmboe is a very creative and responsible student, who became much more verbal after completing the joke writing assignment.

"This assignment has definitely helped her develop in a number of different ways," he said.

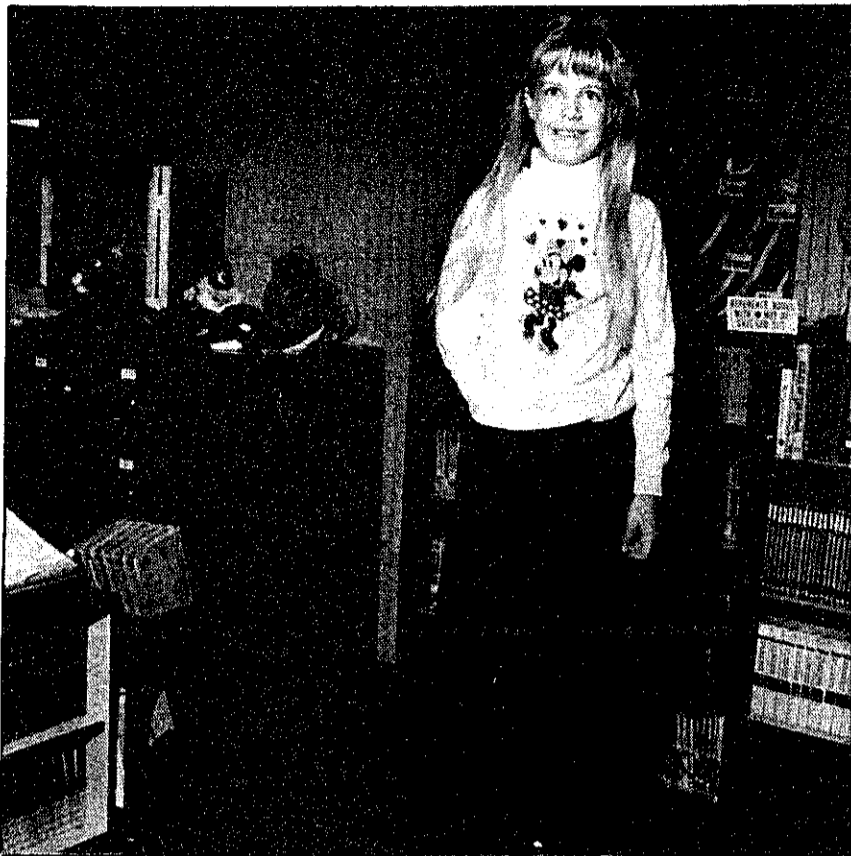
Diane Garbooshian, Holmboe's current teacher at Novi Woods, said the third grader is a "delightful young lady" and "a very conscientious student."

Although she said she has no aspirations for becoming a comedienne, Holmboe said she thinks she is funny and would like to use her talents to become a teacher.

"I think I got the talent for telling jokes from my parents," she said, adding that she entered the contest "because I like having a chance of winning."

An avid reader, she said she especially enjoys reading joke and riddle books.

"I just really like to laugh," Holmboe said.



Sarah Holmboe's riddle has been published in joke book

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By CHARLENE BALOSKY

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The Big Boy at Eight Mile and Haggerty Road was one of the restaurants which served as host to 35 managers of Big Boy restaurants in Japan.

Wail Bramieh, manager of the Eight Mile/Haggerty Road restaurant, said the group was here to "get familiar with the Elias Brothers chain."

The Novi restaurant was chosen to be part of the managers' visit because "it is one of the newest and largest with the wrap-around greenhouse," said Pat Buck, Elias Brothers' area supervisor. "They (the Japanese managers) are going to see a cross section of our restaurants. They'll be seeing where we are now."

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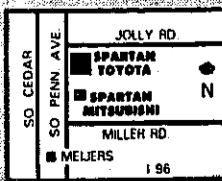
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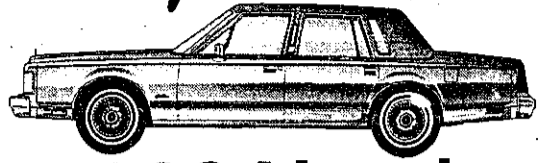


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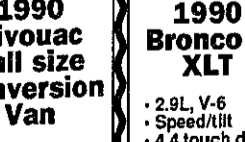
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Newsletter lists mortgage rates

Area man's service covers 81 lenders

If necessity is the mother of invention, then dissatisfaction may be the mother of entrepreneurship.

In 1983, Steve Conaway was a real estate agent for ERA First Federal Realty in Livonia, finding himself making dead-end phone calls to mortgage lenders, trying to get mortgage rate information for his clients.

Today he publishes that same information for lenders, real estate agents, CPAs and the public in the form of the Weekly Mortgage Reporter for his company, Residential Mortgage Consultants.

"It behooves anyone who's shopping to compare rates carefully."

— Steve Conaway mortgage expert

"I had identified an area that was a fairly big problem, at least for me," Conaway said from his home office in Northville's Highland Lakes subdivision. "There were a lot of programs out there that could help people get into a home but few knew about them. And I felt a responsibility as an agent to help my clients find a mortgage."

"I spent many hours on the phone getting ahold of people who didn't know what I was talking about and weren't very well versed in mortgages even though they worked for a mortgage company. It was costing me a lot of time. I knew if I could help my client, it was going to make a more solid transaction, which was to everyone's benefit."

With a partner, he started a service listing the mortgage rates of 30-35 lenders while continuing his real estate sales. When his partner took another job offer, Conaway left real estate as an agent to concentrate on running the business by himself.

He now covers 81 of 100 lenders in the tri-county area, listing mortgage rates, points and a weekly average trend. In addition to selling the service to professionals in the mortgage and real estate fields, he also sells a six- and 13-week subscription to the public. Lenders are charged to list their mortgage rates, which are updated each Monday.

Reasons behind Conaway's frustration in tracking down mortgage rates as a real estate agent

helped him carve a niche for his business.

"Six of seven years ago, you really didn't have to shop for a mortgage — everybody's rate was the same. Now there's at least 100 lenders and there's a wide variance of as much as a 1-percent spread among lenders from week to week."

Conaway also blames the advent of points for muddying the mortgage waters. A point is 1 percent of the mortgage amount that is due at closing. For the sake of simplicity, Conaway lumps charges such as origination and discount fees into the points category for his listing.

"Two points is the normal rate. Anytime it's more, you're paying for a buydown (reduction in interest rate), which is maybe something you want."

Conaway's rule of thumb is: On a 30-year fixed rate mortgage, it takes six points to buy down 1 full percent. On a 15-year fixed rate, it takes four points to come down a full percentage.

But he cautions that the complexity of points and other fees is something that potential buyers take seriously.

"It behooves anyone who's shopping to compare rates carefully. They can save anywhere from a few hundred dollars at closing in points to thousands of dollars over the life of the mortgage."

Fixed-rate mortgages get the nod from Conaway over adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs).

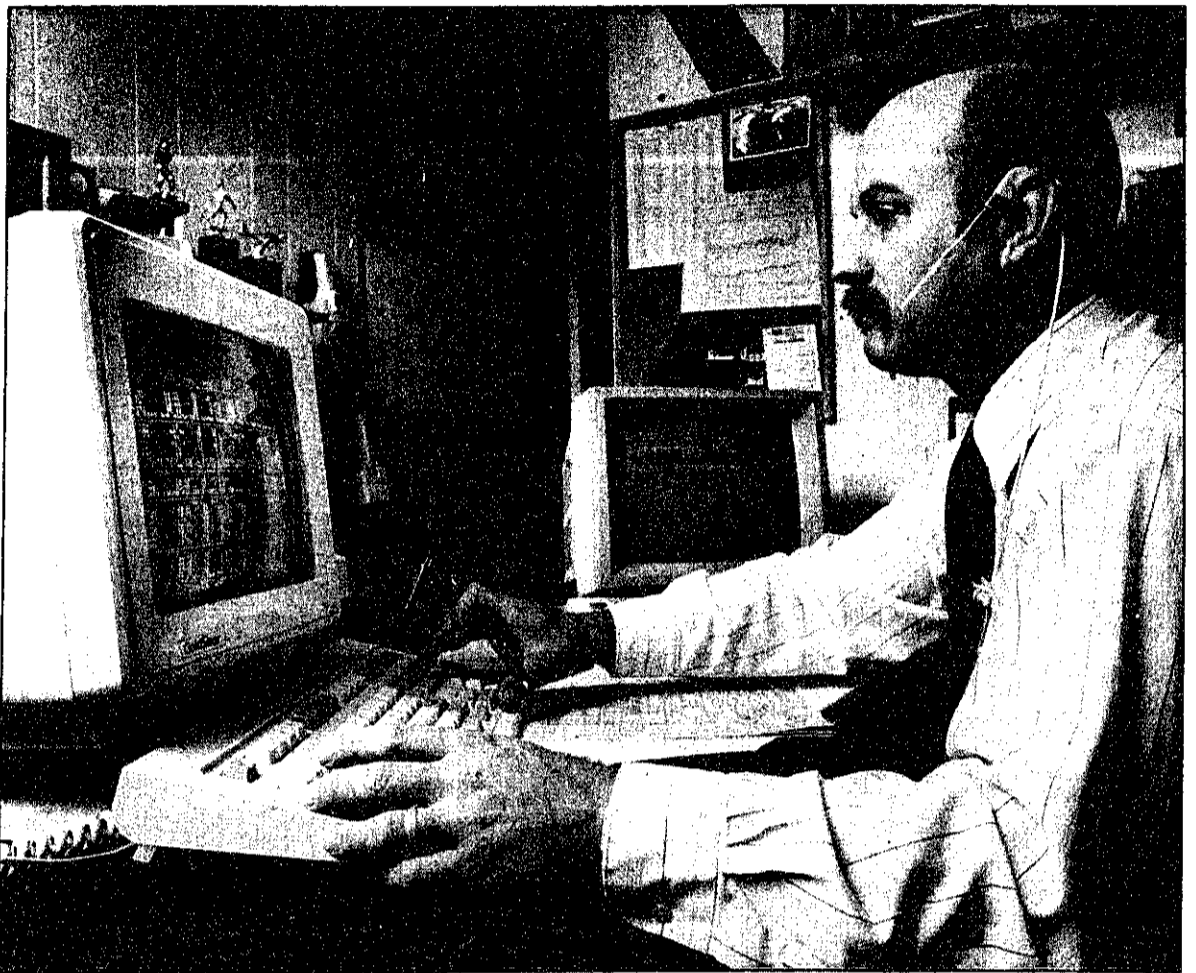
"If you were to talk to a bank, they'd say the adjustable rate is very popular. But I'm in disagreement with ARMs. There are a couple of instances when it's a good program. One is if you're going to be in the house two years or less. Then even in the worse-case scenario, it would average out to less than today's interest rate for a fixed-rate mortgage."

"The second is for young couples or others who can't qualify at fixed rates. But in general, fixed rates are a better program because ARMs can go up as much as 6 percent."

Although Conaway has been tracking the mortgage scene for six years, he has been unable to devise a formula for predicting the rise and fall of rates.

"I would say it's totally unpredictable. You can't even take it from month to month. There's no rhyme or reason because there are so many factors involved. It can be anything from (Federal Reserve chairman Alan) Greenspan's speeches saying he's going to tight credit, to the rate of Treasury Bills to the bond market. Inflation is also a key factor. If the CPI (Consumer Price Index) goes up, it sends mortgage rates up."

"But it's very hard to predict, and I stay as far away from it as I can."



Surrounded by computer terminals and wearing a telephone headset, Steve Conaway plugs into latest mortgage rates

Home mortgage options vary

By LISA FELICELLI

Selecting a mortgage from product options available today is like having to choose from a Baskin Robbins ice cream menu, a mortgage banker told real estate brokers recently at a Blue Heron Pointe business seminar in Northville Township.

Susan W. Powner, a loan administrator at the National Bank of Detroit (NBD), outlined various types of mortgage loans available to home buyers through NBD:

- 5 / 1 ARM is a fixed rate mortgage for the first five years that rolls into a one-year ARM.
- 2 / 6 Convertible ARM has an option to convert to a fixed rate after the 13th payment date.
- Fixed rate bi-weekly payment mortgage provides substantial in-

terest savings and fast equity build-up; this allows a 30-year mortgage to be paid off in less than 21 years.

□ Jumbo loans are available up to \$500,000 without charging a premium rate or any additional points.

□ Bridge loans assist in the closing of a new purchase while the closing on an existing home is pending.

□ Equity loans provide customers with access to the cash they have in their home (available in fixed-rate installment loans or a variable-rate line of credit).

□ Construction loans are designed for customers who want to build a custom home with a builder and require construction draws.

□ Lot loans are available for customers who wish to purchase a lot now and build later.

□ FHA appeals to the first time homeowner because of its minimum

down payments.

"We recognize that the market in which we operate constantly changes and our success depends upon understanding the market place and consumer needs," Powner said.

She explained that NBD must be flexible in order to contend with factors beyond their control, such as weakening automobile production, personal consumption expenditure declines and unemployment.

"If the forecast of slowing growth proves to be correct, the next step in Federal Reserve Policy is likely to be a move toward ease in order to help keep economic growth from slowing too much," Powner said.

She added that the Mortgage Bankers Association forecast expects several modest easing actions by the Federal Reserve in the latter half of 1989.

This would lower the federal funds rate to approximately 8 1/4 percent by the year's end, Powner added.

"The anticipated decline in mortgage rates should cushion the decline in housing activity currently underway and lead to a modest upturn in home sales before the end of this year and into 1990," she said.

However, if inflation slows more later this year than is expected, a larger decline in market interest rates and the cost of mortgage credit could occur.

"In addition, the Federal Reserve's monetary policy decisions are likely to be influenced by the absence of significant progress in negotiations between Congress and the Administration to reduce the federal budget deficit," Powner noted.

Around the House: Designs for Living



Interior spaces intriguing

By James McAlexander

The Eupora uses traditional Tudor styling on a very untraditional floor plan. Diagonal room orientation creates a number of intriguing interiors and exterior spaces.

The kitchen, for instance, has five sides and two entryways. The living room and dining room are distinctly separated by the wall angles, without a physical barrier being needed between them. Protruding corners of

the dining room and smaller bedrooms create space for a common exterior deck, accessible from both rooms.

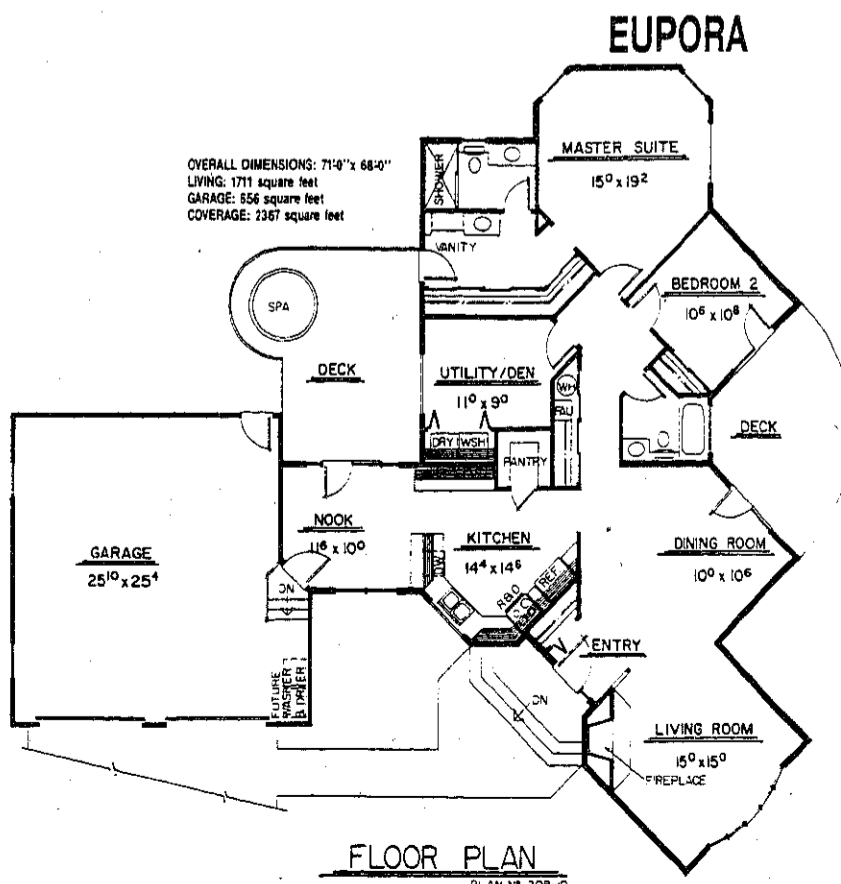
Opposite this small deck, between the garage and bedroom wing, is a large deck with built-in spa.

One of the most used spaces in the Eupora will be the humble breakfast nook. Besides an eating bar for casual meals served across the kitchen bar, the breakfast nook is also the main access to the spa deck. In addition, the breakfast nook is the

entry to the garage. The three-room complex includes a bedroom, vanity and separate bathroom with sink and shower.

Although the Eupora is drawn here as a two-bedroom home, the utility/den is a de facto third bedroom.

For a study plan of the Eupora (208-10), send \$5 to Landmark Designs, P.O. Box 2307 CN, Eugene, OR 97402. (Be sure to specify plan name and number when ordering.)



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Holiday book list

Recommended titles may help ease gift-giving anxiety

Oh, no! It's gift-giving season again. What to do? Grandma already has every ceramic collectible and bottle of perfume ever created. Grandpa has enough golf shirts and cardigans to open his own clothing shop. Mom says she doesn't want a single thing this year ("You should save your money, dear.") And dad merely grunts when asked what he wants for the holidays.

To make it more confusing, brother Bob says he'll settle for nothing less than a flashy red Mercedes, while sister Sue has her eye on a pair of diamond earrings. Too bad the pocketbook won't allow such extravagance.

Aunt Marge yearns for a poodle-shaped canister filled with pink bubblebath ("I know they still make them, but I can't remember where") and Uncle Len wishes for an authentic Daniel Boone coon-skin cap.

It's enough to make a sane person dream of peaceful summer afternoons. Better yet, why not book a flight to a foreign country where Christmas doesn't exist?

Don't panic. Head to the bookstore.

Books are practically fool-proof gifts. They're appropriate for people of all ages and cover an incredible range of topics. Relatives of every personality may find delight reading about their favorite subjects during the dead of winter.

Okay, so you've decided to head to the bookstore. But the decisions don't end there. It's wise to take along a list of possible titles to make the visit less stressful:

Staff members at Borders Book Shop in Novi recommend the following titles — just to name a few — for holiday gift giving this season.



Our reading mascot settles down for the holiday reading season

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Children's Books

"The Diane Goode Book of American Folk Tales and Songs," collected by Ann Durell, illustrated by Diane Goode. This collection of stories and songs includes "Clementine" and lesser-known tales like "The Coyote and the Bear." Published by Dutton, \$14.95 list price.

"Nellie: A Cat on Her Own," by Natalie Babbitt, author of the classic "Tuck Everlasting." The story of a Nellie, a cat marionette who loves to dance. She meets Tom, a real cat, who takes her to a moonlight hilltop gathering. Published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux. List price \$11.95.

"The Bells of Christmas," by Virginia Hamilton, illustrated by Lambert Davis. A portrait of a turn-of-the-century Christmas in Springfield, Ohio. The story and color illustrations bring to life the traditions of the past. Published by Harourt Brace Jovanovich. List price \$16.95.

"Carl Goes Shopping," by Alex-

andra Day. A sequel to "Good Dog, Carl," this is the story of an ever-patient dog that watches the baby while Mom is shopping. Published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux. List price \$9.95.

"Color Dance," by Ann Jonas. Young dancers trail billowing colored scarves across the pages of this book to teach children how to make new colors. Published by Greenwillow. List price \$13.95.

Art

"Georgia O'Keeffe in the West," edited by Nicholas Callaway and Doris Bry. Contains colorful reproductions of Georgia O'Keeffe's most memorable oil paintings of the American Southwest. Published by Knopf. List price \$100.

"The Lines of My Hand" by Robert Frank. A collection of more than 300 photographs, often avant garde and innovative, form an intellectual biography of photographer Robert Frank.

Books are practically fool-proof gifts. They're appropriate for people of all ages and cover an incredible range of topics. Relatives of every personality may find delight reading about their favorite subjects during the dead of winter.

Published by Pantheon. List price \$49.50.

"America's Great Comic-Strip Artists," by Richard Marshall. The story of the evolution of the art of the comic-strip, including information on its most notable artists. Color illustrations complement the text. Published by Abbeville. List price \$55.

"Art in Latin America," edited by Dawn Ades. A continuous history of Latin American art from

the 1820s to present, including the Mexican muralists and the Latin American surrealists. Published by Yale University Press. List price \$50.

"Botticelli: Life and Work," by Ronald Lightbown. A new book of 250 color plates of the artist's complete works. Published by Abbeville. List price \$85.

Music

"Mozart: The Golden Years," by

Robbins Landon. An intimate portrait of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. Explores the darker side of the composer's life, the source of his most brilliant operas and symphonies. Published by Schirmer Books. List price \$29.95.

"Rolling Stone: The Photographs." A large gift book filled with reproductions of the best photos of "Rolling Stone" magazine, by photographers such as Annie Leibovitz, Richard Avedon, Bruce Weber and others. Published by Simon and Schuster. List price \$50.

"Miles: The Autobiography," by Miles Davis with Quincy Troupe. The autobiography of one of the greatest jazz artists. Davis tells his story honestly and passionately, confronting the dark side of his business as well as the bright side. Published by Simon and Schuster. List price \$22.95.

Sports

"Drive: The Story of My Life," by Larry Bird with Bob Ryan. Bird's account of the events that shaped him and the people who influenced him. Published by Doubleday. List price \$18.95.

"The DiMaggio Albums," with an introduction and commentaries by Joe DiMaggio. A set of books chronicling the centerfielder for the New York Yankees' career. Published by Putnam. List price \$85.

"Baseball: The Illustrated History of America's Game," by Donald Honig. This book includes more than 1,150 photographs depicting baseball's story with precision, freshness and heart. Published by Crown. List price \$45.

"Bad Boys!" by Isiah Thomas. A revealing journal of the Pistons' '88-'89 championship season by Thomas. The perfect souvenir of the first Detroit Pistons NBA championship. Published by Masters Press. List price \$19.95.

Cooking

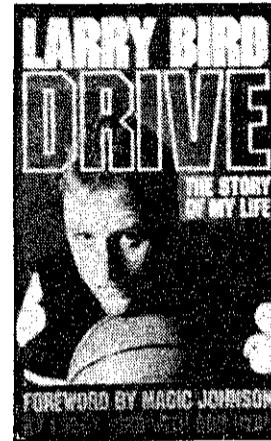
"The Way to Cook," by Julia Child. More than 800 recipes span the spectrum of cooking from chocolate almond cake to bread doughs and fresh vegetable assortments. Many of the recipes are taken from Child's television show and video cassettes. Published by Knopf. List price \$50.

"Cooking with Herbs," by Emelie Tolley and Chris Mead. A sequel to the best-selling cookbook "Herbs." The authors have traveled around the world to gather new ways to rejuvenate traditional meals with herbs. Photographs complement the text. Published by Crown. List price \$40.

"Vintage: The Story of Wine," by Hugh Johnson. A companion volume to Johnson's public television series, this book offers the definitive history of wine and its role in mankind's cultural history. Published by Simon and Schuster. List price \$39.95.

History and Current Affairs

"Lincoln: Speeches and



Writings," by Abraham Lincoln, edited by Don F. Fehrenbacher. Two volumes that follow the rise of Lincoln from a young lawyer to president. This Library of America series is firmly bound and printed on acid-free paper. Published by Library of America (Viking). List price, two volumes at \$35 each or a boxed set at \$70.

"Prospects of England: Two Thousand Years Seen Through Twelve English Towns," by Adam Nicolson, illustrated by Peter Morter. The history of England told through the stories of the development of 12 English towns. Illustrations follow every step of the way. Published by Weidenfeld and Nicolson. List price \$27.50.

Biography

"The Sound of Wings: The Biography of Amelia Earhart," by Mary S. Lovell. The story of a complex and fascinating woman, offering a close look at the history of a remarkable aviator. Published by St. Martin's Press. List price \$22.95.

"Chuck Amuck: The Life and Times of an Animated Cartoonist," by Chuck Jones. A fast-paced, wacky story of a comic genius who has created Bugs Bunny, Daffy Duck, the Road Runner and Pepe Le Pew. Published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux. List price \$24.95.

"Billy the Kid: A Short and Violent Life," by Robert M. Utley. An account of a legendary outlaw that explores Billy's rise to fame during the Lincoln Country War, his capture and escape and his eventual death. Published by University of Nebraska Press. List price \$22.95.

Nature

"Ravens in Winter," by Bernd Heinrich. An engaging detective story by a naturalist who observed Maine birds for four winters. An engrossing look into the world of nature. Published by Simon and Schuster. List price \$19.95.

"Margaret Mee: In Search of Flowers of the Amazon Forests,"

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

Volunteers

O'Brien assists youths

By DOROTHY NASH
special writer

Why does John P. O'Brien of the O'Brien Chapel on Grand River, volunteer time in Novi Youth Assistance and also on the Advisory Board of Youth Assistance for Oakland County?

Because he is a trained social worker who used to have direct contact with neglected children — an experience he couldn't forget when he changed careers.

So four years ago he joined Novi Youth Assistance, the organization whose purpose is to provide growth experiences for families and youth which will help deter wrong-going life styles.

As vice-president of the organization and coordinator of public relations, O'Brien knows

what is being done in the organization, and he arranges the necessary publicity through newspaper, cable TV, direct mail, and posters.

The public needs to know about the on-going and seasonal programs like family education, winter and summer camp experience, summer-time Teen Center recreation, and Plus, which is an opportunity for children who need role-model adults in their lives.

And the public needs to know that all of this costs money, which is raised in many ways, but chiefly through an annual bowlathon.

What is the Oakland County Advisory Board to which O'Brien also belongs? It's a group of persons representing 26 local Youth Assistance programs, and it meets several times a year at the court house to discuss and evaluate what they're doing.

"What I miss most is seeing kids," O'Brien said regarding his work volunteering, versus his previous work in social work.

But he does get an occasional opportunity when he goes on a field trip for summertime Teen Center.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

John P. O'Brien enjoys helping troubled kids



Travel expert Arthur Frommer addresses a crowd at Northville Town Hall

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Trends in travel

Frommer discusses vacation hotspots

By BRENDA DOOLEY
staff writer

Days of mindless travel are long gone.

Instead of lounging on beaches sipping mai tais, modern travelers are seeking trips that are intellectually stimulating, according to travel expert Arthur Frommer.

"People are looking to travel to enhance their lives — not to serve as a mindless recreational interlude," Frommer told an audience attending the Northville Town Hall lecture series on Thursday, Nov. 9.

Frommer supports the trend toward educational vacations. He suggests that people ask themselves if a trip is really worth it before embarking on an expensive pre-arranged, tour-guided vacation.

"Travel should be a learning experience," Frommer said. "Sightseeing is as dumb as it implies

"I travel somewhere every week of my life. Most of the time I travel relaxed and unpretentious — without (a change of) clothing or reservations — and I find those to be the most rewarding and enjoyable trips."

Such travels included riding atop an elephant on his way to Bangkok, where Frommer and his wife spent the night with a primitive southeast Asian hill tribe. And visiting the village of Spa in southern Belgium to try one of the European "water cure" treatments. His adventures

are as fascinating as his entry into the world of travel.

Drafted into the army during the Korean War, Frommer was sent to Europe, where he wrote the "GI's Guide to Traveling in Europe" in his spare time. The book was an immediate success but when Frommer returned to the U.S., he pursued a career as an attorney in New York. However, he said the idea of traveling for a living always stayed at the back of his mind.

For pleasure, Frommer revised the GI's Guide for civilian use. The book was titled "Europe on \$5 a Day (now Europe on \$30 a Day)." It hit the best-seller list and Frommer decided to devote his career to travel.

In 1988, Frommer's "The New World of Travel" was first published, his attempt to create a new form of travel. The 1990 edition of the book is expected in the bookstores in January.

"A standard malaise exists today toward travel," Frommer said. "I wrote it ('The New World of Travel') when I saw travelers wasting their days. Travel, to me, is immersing ourselves in a country."

Because he has traveled so extensively, Frommer can tell travelers where to go if they're looking for a particular type of trip. More importantly, he can offer cost-cutting travel tips.

The best buys in educational trips are summer study programs at Ox-

ford and Cambridge, which run from mid-June to mid-September. Open to travelers of all ages, the programs have no admission or entrance restrictions. A three-week stay, which includes classes, food and lodging in the university dormitories, costs about \$900.

Trends toward learning vacations are also spreading to cruises, Frommer said.

"There was a time when to take a cruise was an elitist activity," he added. "Until the TV sitcom 'The Love Boat' came along and changed the image."

Expedition cruises occur on smaller ships that can dock in bays and natural environments and often the cruise sites are more important than the ship itself. The ships are staffed by historians and naturalists, who offer lectures on areas of interest. These cruises cost no more than regular cruises while providing travelers with the chance to learn something.

If tourists find that learning is too serious for a vacation, Frommer recommends a "people" trip, when travelers stay in an environment for an extended time and observe the wonders of a different culture.

"Extended-stay vacations are growing fastest in popularity," Frommer said.

During the off-season at various points of interest, travel agencies can negotiate apartment rates that are less expensive than hotel rates. An

extended-stay travel package, for example, may include a 30-day trip to the Mediterranean coast of Spain for \$660 per person, including round-trip air fare from Chicago or New York and lodging at a fully-equipped studio apartment with a kitchen.

"Last year, 40,000 Americans chose the extended-stay vacation in Spain," Frommer remarked.

Another popular travel alternative is a home-stay vacation, when tourists are invited to live in the home of a family that doesn't operate the house for profit. Stays are usually short-term (two to three nights) and are free of obligation. Participating families take part in the service as a way to contribute to world peace, Frommer said.

The U.S. Servas Committee, based in New York, arranges free stays in homes throughout the country. Most of the home-stays also include meals and offer travelers a chance to meet foreigners in their own environment.

A parallel program offering lengthier stays is provided by Experiments in International Living, based in Vermont. Three-week vacations — to numerous destinations — can be arranged for as little as \$400 and include meals and lodging.

Other travel trends include health vacations, mental health excursions, personal growth trips, visits to summer camps and political vacations.

"To me, travel is the greatest form of education today," Frommer said.

Erwin to compete in apple pageant

Novi High School student Jennifer Erwin will participate in the Michigan State Apple Queen Pageant on Dec. 5 in Grand Rapids.

The pageant, held in conjunction with the annual convention of the Michigan State Horticultural Society, will be held in the Ambassador Ballroom East of the Amway Grand Plaza beginning at 8 p.m.

Also competing for the title of the Michigan State Apple Queen are Sarah Hackert of Ludington; Melissa Dawn Babcock of Davison; December Anne Saucedo of Mears; Patricia Ann Simko of Berrien Center; Michelle Leah Frens of Stevensville; Krista Elaine Bury of Bangor; Linda Gavin of Coopersville; Cami Rae Reister of Conklin; and Jeanne Thome of Comstock Park.

The pageant is conducted by the Auxiliary of the Society and is sponsored by the Michigan Apple Committee. The Michigan Apple Queen represents the apple industry throughout the year with personal



JENNIFER ERWIN

appearances.

Jennifer Erwin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Doug Erwin of Northville.

Library welcomes special speaker

In celebration of National Children's Book Week, the Novi Library will host "Journey Tales," a special program featuring Pamela Vander Ploeg today (Thursday, Nov. 16), at 7 p.m.

Vander Ploeg will take the audience around the world in her "Journey Tales" adventure. The one-hour listening session will combine dramatic storytelling with audience participation and songs, accompanied by delicate tones of the hammered dulcimer.

The program is designed to introduce listeners to the diverse world of folk and fairy tales and will not only entertain but will enrich the listener's appreciation of other

cultural traditions.

Vander Ploeg is presently a librarian, children's specialist, with the Kent County Library in Grand Rapids. She has been an active storyteller since 1978. She has recorded many of her stories on the Great Lakes record label and in 1985 won the Parent's Choice Recording Award for her presentation of "Rainbow Cat." She is also the editor of the "Great Lakes Storyteller's Gazette."

The program at the Novi Library is free and is designed for children ages 5 and up. No registration is necessary, although seating will be limited.

For more information call the library at 349-0720.

Book titles offered

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edited by Tony Morrison. Mee traveled the Amazon for 35 years, studying the environment and creating paintings that fill the pages of his book. Published by Nonesuch Expeditions Ltd. List price \$45.

Business and Computer
"Leading: The Art of Becoming an Executive," by Philip B. Crosby, a 14-year vice president of International Telephone and Telegraph. The book maps the hard-won lessons learned in his transition from manager to executive. Published by McGraw Hill. List price \$19.95.

"Visualization: The Second Computer Revolution," by Richard Friedhoff and William Benzon. With

more than 200 illustrations, this book explains how computers are used to draw and paint, to design buildings, to develop mathematical theories and to study the cosmos. Published by Abrams. List price \$49.50.

Literature
"The Storytellers," by Mario Vargas Llosa, one of the greatest contemporary South American writers. This novel tracks the destiny of a Peruvian Jew. Published by Farrar, Straus and Giroux. List price \$17.95.

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Scoreboard

Eagle five loses finale to Captains

With its offense nowhere to be found, the Lakeland girls' basketball team closed out the regular season with a 55-18 loss at Waterford Kettering last Friday night.

Football

Table listing football statistics for various teams including All-KVC Team, First Team, and individual player stats.



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Basketball

FINAL KVC STANDINGS

Table showing final KVC standings for various teams like Lakeland, Hartland, and others.

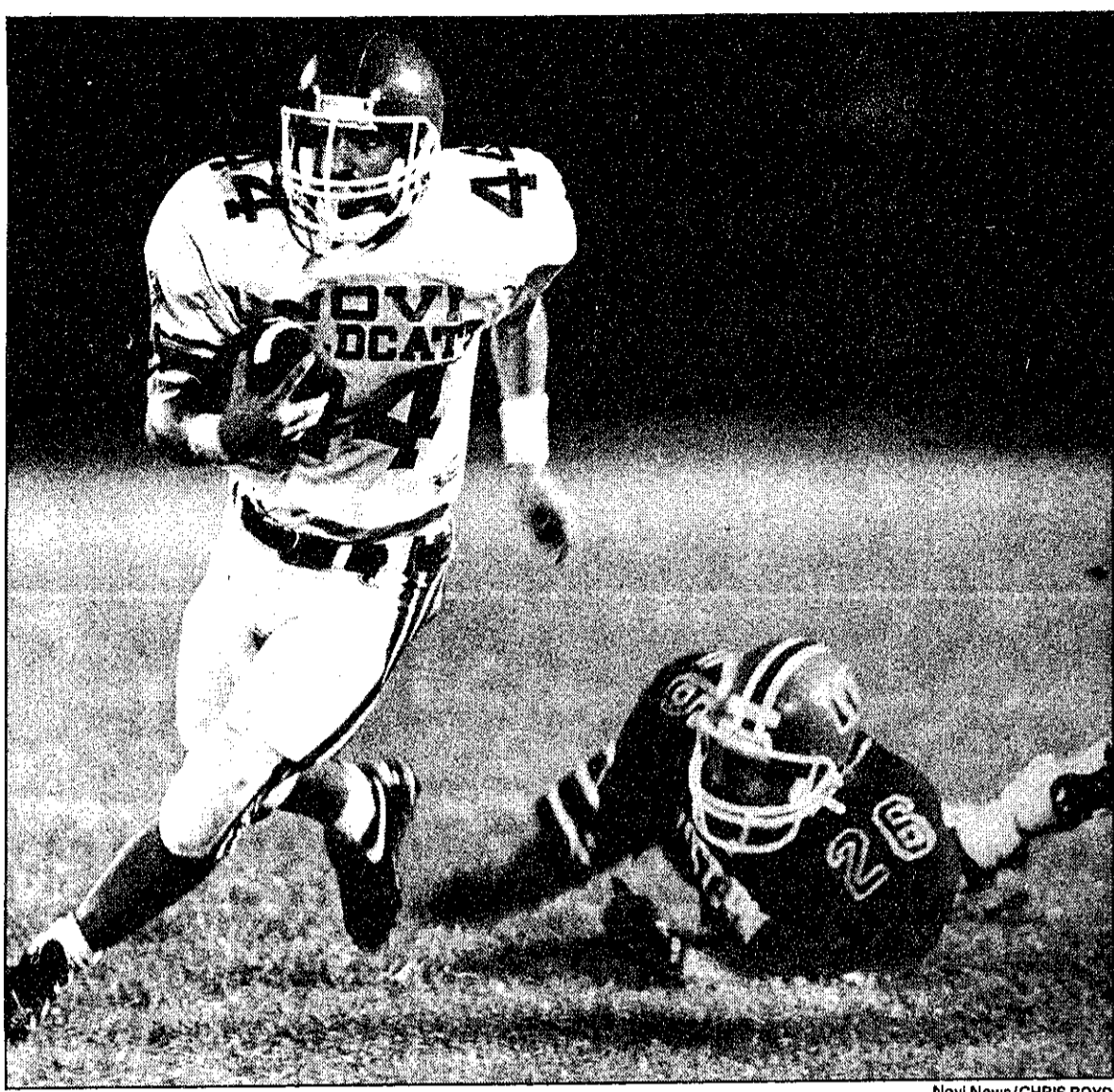
KVC LEADERS

Table listing KVC leaders for various categories such as scoring, rebounding, and assists.

Large table of statistics for various sports including basketball, football, and other team sports.

Wildcat gridders recall highlights

The Wildcats did, however, register some big wins including a 20-0 shutout against Brighton, which went on to win eight games and make the class A playoffs.



Running back Craig Berry shakes loose for some yardage against Walled Lake Western in the season opener

MHSAA showcases sites for state championships

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) state finals in baseball, softball and gymnastics will be showcased in two of the state's newest athletic facilities for 1990 and 1991 in action taken by the Association's Executive Committee.

Roberts: 'It was our intent to keep these championships together, and now we will be able to package those finals utilizing one of the premier facilities in the state in a community that has made a strong effort to promote interscholastic athletics.'

Over 10,000 fans and 32 teams will take part in the baseball/softball finals, with the economic impact on the Battle Creek area expected to exceed over \$500,000.

The purpose of the Update series is to keep school administrators from around the state at all levels informed about the activities of the MHSAA and issues affecting interscholastic athletics in the coming year.

NYBL announces officers for 1990

There is more to the Novi Youth Baseball League (NYBL) than meets the eye. The board of directors is the driving force behind Novi Youth Baseball. The 14-member board is made up of dedicated members of the community.

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