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Novi unveils designs for 'downtown'

By JAN JEFFRES
 staff writer

Novi's industrial relocation program was put on the fast track by an enthusiastic Novi City Council and Planning Commission at a joint meeting on Nov. 21.

This was the first public unveiling of what has been dubbed "The Grand Plan" — the transferring of industrial and other businesses "incompatible" to the city's 157-acre downtown and the I-96 corridor to a proposed industrial park encompassing the northern half of Section 18 in the western corner of the city.

Wixom, Twelve Mile and Napier roads are the boundaries of the 320-acre site.

"It's part of what all of you have been working on — to make Grand River a grand corridor of business, of industry, of commerce, or residential, not something that just happened," said Community Development Director James Wahl.

To pave the way for the relocation program, the planning commission set a public hearing for Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center on two master plan zoning changes necessary to the project.

In addition, the city council approved a \$35,000 site engineering study to be financed by the private sector. Meijer Inc., which plans to build a store on 35 acres at the southwest corner of Grand River Avenue and Wixom Road, will pay \$3,000 for the study.

The remaining costs will be underwritten by the city, which will ultimately be reimbursed by the

creation of a special assessment district at the site.

The return of the city's money has been secured by the placing in escrow of land owned by Campbell Machines Company of Swannanoa, N.C., majority holders of the property included in the industrial park site. If the park is not built, the city gains a 10-acre parcel at the site.

The city also plans to schedule special meetings in December with residents living near the proposed industrial park to fill them in on the program.

In "The Grand Plan" businesses would be encouraged to move through tax abatements and tax-free land trading. Five companies have sent the city letters indicating their interest in relocating to the industrial park, but about 20 other businesses have been contacted. Thompson-Brown Realtors of Farmington Hills has acted as a go-between for the city and the companies.

"There are all kinds of public and private partnerships. Some are more intimate than others," Wahl said.

The removal of firms such as Stricker Paint Products, the Eco Tool Company and Fendt Transit Mix to the industrial park would free premium land for commercial development in the Town Center

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Residents chide city council for lack of communications about industrial park proposal/10A



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Reading buddies

Cloe Clark, a second grader at Novi Woods Elementary School, listens attentively as fourth grader Quinn DeLoughary reads her a book. Both students are participating in a buddy reading pro-

gram offered at Novi Woods through media center specialist Janice Wagner. For more details see story on Page 14A.

Vandals act like real turkeys

By PHILIP JEROME
 managing editor

Police are hoping to apprehend the individuals who shot out the windows of at least 16 different vehicles in nine different Novi subdivisions on Thanksgiving Eve, Wednesday, Nov. 22.

"We're going to catch them, but we're going to need some help from our citizens," said Crime Prevention Officer Robert Gatt of the Novi Police Department.

The Thanksgiving Eve outbreak of vandalism occurred in the southern half of the city. Each of the damaged vehicles had been parked on the roadway, and the windows appeared to have been shot out with a BB or pellet gun.

Damaged vehicles were reported in the Whispering Meadows, Turtle Creek, Village Oaks, Meadowbrook Glens, Village Oaks, Willowbrook, Connemara and Yorkshire Place subdivisions in addition to the Country Place and Applegate condominiums.

Damage was estimated in excess of \$3,200.

Gatt expressed confidence that police will apprehend the individuals responsible for the Thanksgiving Eve vandalism, but he stressed that community involvement will be important in solving the case.

"This type of crime tends to be difficult to solve because the only motive is to destroy other people's personal property," said Gatt.

"They are malicious individuals," he continued. "It's easier to understand the motives of someone who steals something than someone who just wants to destroy something that belongs to somebody else."

Gatt said there is little people can

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Four long guns stolen from residence on East LeBost. See police beat/4A

No change for Novi ZIP codes

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB
 staff writer

Rumors that ZIP codes will be changed in the area south of Nine Mile and west of Novi Road are not true, according to postal officials.

"No changes to the ZIP code are under way or planned in that area," said Susan Gillespie, manager of communications for the U.S. Postal Service, Detroit Division.

"We changed the ZIP code of an area near there about a year ago, but our understanding is that the Northville Post Office is delivering mail to cluster boxes in the area south of Nine Mile," she said.

Last year, the U.S. Post Office negotiated to change the ZIP code from Northville's 48167 number to Novi's 48050 number for people living in Novi Township.

Novi Postmaster James Asher said he received a couple of calls recently concerning rumors of a

proposed ZIP code change, but added that he knows of no impending changes.

Asher said he would be informed of any pending changes to ZIP code areas before they were made.

Residents living south of Nine Mile currently have the Northville 48167 ZIP code.

Asher said ZIP codes are generally change to bring the ZIP code boundaries in line with city boundaries. "It's usually done for the efficiency of the postal service."

Gillespie said the post office always tries to give residents as much notice as possible before a change is made. "When we do change a ZIP Code, we give people a year to make it (the change) known to correspondents, etc."

She added that postal officials continue to look at keeping service levels high and working efficiently and cost effectively.

Providence's plans postponed

By JAN JEFFRES
 staff writer

Providence Hospital's application to the state health department for a certificate of need for a 200-bed hospital in Novi has been pushed back from Nov. 29 to Jan. 31.

The hospital is "exploring other options" but is still planning to go ahead with the proposed Providence-West, Carol Jonson, community relations manager for the Southfield-based hospital, said Monday.

Jonson said rumors that the hospital was withdrawing its certificate of need application altogether were untrue. At present, she said no decision has been made on when the hospital would ask the health department to reactivate the

application. "I don't know the target date," Jonson said.

However, Robert S. Hicks, Chief of the Michigan Department of Health's Facilities Construction Division, said Providence asked the department to postpone its decision until the end of January. The hospital also has the option to seek a further delay on the application.

Hicks said it's not unusual for a hospital to make a request of this nature, sometimes using the time to review the market.

"It happens all the time," Hicks said. "I've been putting off 30 decisions during the past day or so."

"It allows them to sit down and evaluate their plans. It may mean they are evaluating the results of the hearing."

He said that hospital officials requested that the department stop reviewing the application at present, but the review process will probably begin again in three weeks.

The proposed 200-bed hospital — along with a walk-in care center and a convalescent and rest home — would be built on the southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River on the site of the Westbrooke Golf Course.

On Nov. 21, the state certificate of needs appeals board squashed six of seven appeals for hospitals planned throughout Oakland County, including a request to build a 150-bed addition to Huron Valley Hospital in Commerce Township. Only Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital — which plans to build a hospital in Clarkston —

met with approval from the board.

A second application for the Huron Valley expansion, submitted this fall, is still under review. Among the proposals denied by the appeals board were a William Beaumont Hospital for West Bloomfield, a Sinai Hospital and Henry Ford Hospital also to be located in that city, and a Mount Carmel and St. Joseph Mercy joint-hospital project in Farmington Hills.

To win the certificate, which is necessary to begin building, Providence must convince the state that the proposed hospital is geographically accessible and meets an unmet need for hospital beds in the area. The certificate can not be issued for a hospital in a region which is already "overbedded."

Christmas Trees



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MDOT chooses 'connector' road

The Haggerty Road "connector" — a multi-lane boulevard which will cut through Summit Hill Subdivision — was the solution to traffic congestion recommended Nov. 21 by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

The five-mile road — Alternative 4A in a series of proposed road designs — is scheduled to be built west of Haggerty Road from I-96 north to Pontiac Trail.

Six to eight homes on Summit Drive are slated to be removed in 1992 to clear a path for the roadway. Residents in the neighborhood have signed a series of petitions denouncing the connector, which they say will devastate the rural environment of their subdivision and

Schmid: 'They're asking the City of Novi to solve the whole traffic problem for the whole area'

depreciate the value of their homes. Arthur Valenti, who will lose his home if the road is built, said this week that the neighborhood plans to continue its battle against the connector, also known as M-9. He called MDOT the "masters of deception" for maintaining that the widening of Haggerty Road was not a feasible alternative.

"If necessary, we will go to court. We've got the EPA (federal Environmental Protection Agency) on our side. We've got all the wildlife people on our side," he said.

"We're getting more people up against it now."

Summit Hill resident Bob Schmid — a former Novi mayor — also denounced the plan, calling instead

for a widening of Haggerty Road to five lanes. He contended that the new road would spur new development and even more traffic in the region. Schmid said it is uncertain at present whether or not his home will be sacrificed to the project.

"They're asking the City of Novi to solve the whole traffic problem for the whole area," Schmid said.

"Once the road goes through, the developers are going to go to ask for a rezoning to commercial, retail and office to the east of the highway."

Schmid blasted City Councilwoman Martha Hoyer, who serves on the Haggerty Corridor Planning Committee.

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St. Nick coming to Novi

Local youngsters will have an opportunity to have breakfast with Santa Claus again this year thanks to the Novi Jaycees.

The Jaycees will hold their popular "Breakfast with Santa" program at the Novi Civic Center on Saturday, Dec. 16.

Santa is scheduled to arrive promptly at 9 a.m., and breakfast will be served from 9-11 a.m., according to Jaycees Project Chairperson Judi Condon.

Tickets are priced at \$2.50 per person. The breakfast menu includes pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, and tea or juice.

Reservations are not required. Condon said youngsters will have an opportunity to talk to Santa throughout the hours of the breakfast. Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras in order to take pictures of their children conversing with the jolly old gentleman from the North Pole.

Proceeds from the event will be donated to the DARE program sponsored by the Novi Police Department.



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The hotline is sponsored by Project ABLE, which has assisted more than 2,000 older adults gain employment.

Apple snacks

Let's face it, there weren't any pizza parlors when the pilgrims and indians danced a little after-dinner snack on the original Thanksgiving Day.

First-grader Robert Keutian tried some early

American snacking by biting down on a big chunk of apple during a Thanksgiving Day project at Orchard Hills Elementary School last week.

'Bad actor' says he'll sue city

By JAN JEFFRES
staff writer

City Manager Edward Kriewall's describing as "bad actors" the Novi businesses spotlighted for an industrial relocation program may have set the scene for a lawsuit against the city.

Roger Fendt, owner of Fendt Transit Mix, Inc., said Monday he plans to take Novi to court because of Kriewall's statements during a joint meeting of the Novi City Council and Planning Commission on Nov. 22.

Kriewall several times referred to the relocation candidates as "bad actors." "The city plan would move industries out of the town center district at the four corners of Novi Road and Grand River Avenue, paving the way for office and commercial development."

Fendt Transit Mix is located in the Town Center on Flint Street, a street running south from Grand River to connect with Novi Road. The company has been in Novi since 1953.

"I guess my feeling about the whole thing in general is that the city council and planning commission have got to change their attitude towards the businesses of the community," Fendt said Monday.

"Some of the companies that they call bad actors are the pioneers of the community. I think that when they speak of us, they should speak of us with respect."

Fendt said he has received a written apology from Kriewall, but that hasn't effected his decision to take legal action.

Kriewall, at a National League of Cities convention in Atlanta this week, was unavailable for comment.

During the meeting, Mayor Matthew Quinn suggested an alternative terminology.

"I think the term 'older, concerned businesses' is a better word," he said.

At that time, Fendt told the city officials he came to the meeting with an open mind but had become a "a little bit offended."

"I have been to many council meetings and have been substantially brow-beaten over the years about our industry and its effect on the community," Fendt said.

"If you continue with this attitude, you're going to lose me, guys. I'm serious."

Fendt is one of five business owners to send a letter of intent to the city expressing a definite interest in the relocation plan. He notified the city he has an option to purchase a 4.5-acre site in the industrial park proposed for Section 18 in the city's west end.

He requested as part of his terms for the move assistance in the engineering and site plan development process, as well as the tax abatement proposed by the city.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Making a list

Yep, it's that time of year again. And Santa Claus is making numerous personal appearances in Novi and across the world as he gets ready for the holiday season. That's Bethany Wilson, 6,

telling Santa what she would like for Christmas during one of Saint Nick's regular visits to Twelve Oaks Mall last week.

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Four guns taken from residence

Four long guns were stolen from a residence on East LeBost in the Willowbrook subdivision during a break-in that occurred sometime between Sept. 15 and Nov. 12.

The complainant told police the guns had been stored in a spare bedroom on Sept. 15 and were discovered missing by her husband on Sunday, Nov. 12.

The woman said the screen from a bedroom window was found lying on the ground at one point during the time the guns were stolen, but she thought nothing of it and simply replaced the screen without checking to see if there had been a break-in.

Stolen were a Remington rifle, a Remington 12-gauge shotgun, a Marlin lever-action rifle and a Winchester 12-gauge shotgun.

Police Beat

The complainant told police he was asleep in the living room when he heard the sound of breaking glass in his roommate's bedroom. The roommate was out of town when the incident occurred.

The man said he ran into the bedroom where he observed that the window had been broken. He could not see anyone else in the room or outside the apartment, however.

Investigating officers noted that the screen on the window had been cut in a very precise manner, indicating the responsible party was attempting to gain access to the residence. Entry was not made, however, and nothing was found to be missing.

The complainant told police several people were aware his roommate was to be out of town at the time the incident occurred.

PLUMBING EQUIPMENT valued at \$850 was stolen from a construction site on Bashian Drive in the Applegate Condominiums over the Nov. 18-20 weekend.

The complainant told police that unknown individuals stole eight boxes of PVC piping and fittings from an unoccupied unit and two 100-foot pieces of PVC piping from a foundation site just north of the unoccupied unit.

A NEW SUBDIVISION was the site of a larceny and some malicious destruction of property during the night of Nov. 17-18.

The construction superintendent at the Royal Crown Estates subdivision reported that unknown individuals stole a portable heater and kicked two holes in the unfinished wall of a house under construction. Royal Crown Estates is located on the west side of Taft Road between Nine and Ten Mile.

ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT valued at \$2,400 was stolen from the River Oaks West construction site on Novi Road during the night of Nov. 15-17.

An electrician told police he installed the lamps near the tennis courts on Thursday, Nov. 16, but was unable to raise them into their settings and had to leave them on the ground overnight.

A GIRLS BICYCLE was stolen from outside a residence on Fliedermouse in the Old Dutch Farms Mobile Home Park on Saturday, Nov. 18.

The girls' 10-speed bicycle was valued at \$120.

A GRAND NEW 1990 Chevrolet Lumina was stolen from the Marty Feldman Chevrolet dealership earlier this month.

The general sales manager told police the vehicle was last seen parked in front of the dealership on Nov. 14 and was discovered missing on Nov. 20.

UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS attempted to break into a residence on Walden Court at approximately 6:15 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 15.

The vehicle was valued at \$15,000.

A TELEVISION SET and a radar detector were stolen from a Dodge carport parked outside the owner's residence on West Lake Drive during the night of Nov. 20-21.

The complainant said unknown individuals smashed out the rear window of the camper. After gaining entry they proceeded to remove a nine-inch television set and a Bell radar detector valued at \$175.

THE THIEVES who broke into a storage shed at the site of the Novi Tree Farm at 46000 1/4 Mile on Sunday, Nov. 12, between midnight and 7 a.m.

The storage shed was empty, however, and the responsible parties apparently left the scene without causing any further damage.

A DELIVERY BOX for the Detroit News was reported stolen from the Chateau Estates Mobile Home Park during the night of Nov. 17-18.

The complainant said the delivery box was valued at \$400 and contained an estimated \$40 in coins at the time it was stolen.

AN EMPLOYEE at Guardian Photo lost \$30 in cash and his paycheck when his jacket was stolen during the midnight shift on Nov. 17-18.

The man, a Warren resident, said he left the jacket in the employees locker room upon reporting for work at 11:55 p.m. on Nov. 17. The jacket was gone when the man left work the next day at 12:30 a.m.

TWO DOORS FROM a 1974 Ford pickup truck were stolen sometime over the Nov. 17-20 weekend.

The vehicle, which is in the process of being restored, was parked in a fenced-in storage yard at Copeland Paving at 25500 Meadowbrook Road.

A RADAR DETECTOR was stolen from a 1988 Oldsmobile parked outside the owner's residence on Edgewater in the Crosswinds West Condominiums on Sunday, Nov. 19.

THIEVES BROKE into a 1983 Subaru parked outside the owner's residence on Solomon in the Highline Club Apartments during the night of Nov. 18-19.

The responsible party smashed the driver's side window, then removed a Bell Magic Eye with a mirror on it. Stolen property was valued at \$250.

VANDALS DID an undetermined amount of damage to a 1986 Chrysler LeBaron while it was parked in the driveway of the owner's residence on Cherry Hill in the Meadowbrook Gardens subdivision.

The complainant said unknown individuals carved two deep "X" marks on the trunk lid of the vehicle while it was parked outside from Nov. 18 to Nov. 20. Additional scratch marks were found on the right side of the vehicle.

CHILDREN OF all ages are welcome. Highlights include a holiday address from Nov. 19 by Matthew Quinn, a community sing-along of holiday carols, a tree-lighting ceremony, a visit from Santa and light refreshments.

Everyone attending the event is asked to bring a canned or boxed food item to contribute to the Novi Jaycees Needy Family Christmas Program.

Light up the holidays: Novi celebrates its seventh annual "Light Up the Holidays" tree-lighting ceremony on Monday, Dec. 4, at 7 p.m., in cooperation with the Novi Jaycees.

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It's almost Chilly Willy time: And it's never too early to wish for snow. Novi will present its annual Chilly Willy Festival on Saturday, Jan. 13, beginning at 10 a.m. at Ella Mae Power Park and the Novi Civic Center.

Planned festivities include a snow ball tournament, a snow sculpture contest, a youth coloring contest, broomball, a chili cook-off, a Score-O contest, and Old Man Winter contest, a bridge tournament, a euchre tournament and a lip sync contest.

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Fannon has been designated to serve as commission chairperson. He is president of Employer Quality Mobile Sales Inc. He will continue to represent mobile home manufacturers for a term expiring May 9, 1992.

Novi Briefs

Free money samples: We'd be remiss in our responsibility if we didn't tell you that somebody will be handing out free money in Novi next week.

As a new twist to the traditional promotion of giving away free samples, Michigan National Bank will be giving away free samples of money to celebrate the opening of its newest branch in Novi.

Used sports equipment: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual "Used Sports and Recreation Equipment Sale" at the Novi Civic Center this Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Anyone interested in selling used sports equipment should bring it to the Civic Center on Wednesday, Nov. 29, Thursday, Nov. 30, or Friday, Dec. 1, from 8-8 p.m.

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Novi High hosts regional concert

BY BRUCE WEINTRAUB
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Fourteen Novi High School students will be participating in a Regional Honors Choir Concert at Furst Auditorium this Saturday, Dec. 2, at 4 p.m.

There is no admission charge for the one-hour performance, and the public is invited to attend.

Each of our students were selected," she said.

The fourteen Novi High students selected to the Region Honors Choir include Jex, Jennifer Asher, Bridget Barnes, Jessica Fritz, Erica Trudell, Michele Dibner, Stephanie Amello, Angelica Alvarez, Rick Koefer, Matt Butler, Angie Peavey, Brian Campbell, Eric Haenke and Erin Florke.

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Fourteen members of the Novi High School have been named to the Regional Honors Choir which will perform a concert at Furst Auditorium this Saturday at 4 p.m. Named to the honors choir were (front row, left to right) Jennifer Asher, Bridget Barnes, Jessica Fritz, Erica Trudell, Michele Dibner, Stephanie Amello and Angelica Alvarez. Also named (back row) were Rick Koefer, Andy Jex, Matt Butler and Angie Peavey. Not pictured are Brian Campbell, Eric Haenke and Erin Florke.

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State considers railroad safety

By TIM RICHARD
Staff writer

LANSING — The chairman of a state House subcommittee investigating "death trains" called Tuesday for better state and local preparation for derailments.

Ciamaritano: 'Individuals have a legal right to know what is going on and how to react to an accident that involves toxic materials'

Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton, stopped short of advocating a 25 mph speed limit for trains carrying toxic chemicals from Midland through western Oakland and Wayne counties.

"It's the opposite of Sen. (Richard) Fessler's position and mine," said Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Highland. "They believe federal law pre-empts state law in this area."

"I hope Fessler moves his bill in the Senate," Bullard said in an interview. Fessler, R-Commerce, chairs the Senate Transportation Committee and advocates a state speed limit. "It's a valid issue. Discussing it might prompt the railroad to slow down, perhaps to 30."

Bullard, though not a member of Kosteva's special committee, attended hearings the panel held near train derailment sites. He was generally pleased at Kosteva's approaches for state action.

Kosteva, at a news conference attended by other House Democratic leaders, called for:

- Stiffer penalties for railroads which fail to comply with safety laws
- More emergency personnel. He put no dollar amount on hiring or training of state personnel. (Bullard said that would be handled in the ongoing budget process.)
- Funds for emergency planning and training.
- Notification to communities of which materials are being transported on nearby highways and rails.

Rep. Curtis Hertel, D-Detroit, who chairs the full House Transportation Committee, blasted the opposition party. "I see this as another classic catastrophe of the Reagan-Bush era of deregulation," Hertel said.

of improved tanker car design."

Rep. Nick Ciaramitaro, D-Roseville, said there was inadequate notification to communities. "When we drafted the Michigan 'Right to Know' Law, we were determined that rail and truck officials would tell people what was being manufactured and transported through their back yards," said Ciaramitaro, who worked on drafting the law.

"Individuals have a legal right to know what is going on and how to react to an accident that involves toxic materials," Ciaramitaro said.

Kosteva chaired a subcommittee of the House Transportation Committee. It held hearings in Freeport and Wayne in August and September.

CSX Railroad runs from the Dow Chemical plant in Midland through Saginaw and south through Highland, Milford, Novi, Northville, Plymouth and Canton to Wayne.

The most serious derailment, last July 22 in Freeport, saw 14 cars wrecked, 3,000 people evacuated and 40 people injured.

An April 25 wreck near Pettibone Lake in Highland Township resulted in no injuries but required the evacuation of 50 people within a half-mile of the tracks. The CSX tracks run along several lakes and streams in western Oakland County.

In 1977 Novi saw three derailments in two weeks, with 3,000 evacuated during one. Early in 1978 Northville Township had a derailment of 12 cars at Five Mile and Northville Road.

Late last July, a Grand Trunk Western Railroad freight train with toxic chemicals derailed near the southwestern Michigan village of Cassopolis.

Bullard said legislators not only can pass laws but work with their communities to persuade railroads to modify procedures. "We've had two meetings with Dow Chemical," he said. "Dow has been more sympathetic with the views of citizens (than CSX)."



Novi News/CHRIS BOND

And the rush is on

Thanksgiving has come and gone. And that means it's the heat of the holiday shopping season. Shoppers flooded into Twelve Oaks Mall (above) and Novi's other shopping centers last Friday —

traditionally the busiest shopping day of the year. Local merchants report that the holiday shopping season started several weeks earlier than usual this year.

Repairs close road

Construction of a water main will force the closing of portions of South Lake Drive between Novi and Thirteen Mile and West Road.

Ed Jacobs of JCK & Associates, Novi's consulting engineers, said construction will begin next week and will last until next spring. "No through traffic will be allowed on South Lake Drive until the spring," said Jacobs. He said local traffic will be maintained, although entry to residences may have to be from the east or west depending on the construction location.

Jacobs said JCK notified residents living in and around South Lake Drive about the impending construction. He said the roadway will be maintained and kept in a passable condition, but added asphalt will not be replaced until the spring of 1990. Jacobs said possible detours around the construction include the north side of Walled Lake Drive and around Twelve Mile.

Ski togs donated to needy

Novi residents can donate used ski clothing and equipment to a good cause at the new Bavarian Village Ski Shop in the Novi Town Center.

Bavarian Village participates in the Subaru Deduct-A-Ski non-profit program which distributes donated items to disabled skiers, disadvantaged kids and retarded adults. A tax receipt is supplied by Bavarian Village for the value of the donation. "Most people don't know there is a program of this nature," said David Sicheneder, manager of the Bavarian Village store in Novi.

Subaru Deduct-A-Ski, now in its sixth season, distributes to over 200 non-profit groups locally and nationwide. The equipment is donated to such groups as Special Olympics, Boys and Girls Clubs of America and the National Handicapped Sports and Recreation Association.

Shoppers can bring their alpine and cross-country equipment into the store and fill out a donation receipt. Bavarian Village will handle all the details. The Bavarian Village Ski Shop is located in the Novi Town Center. Call Sicheneder at 347-3223 for more information.

People

CYNTHIA TILTON of Novi has been named to the Dean's List for the spring term at Northwood Institute. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Tilton of Novi. To achieve Dean's List recognition students must earn a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

JULIANE BORG of Loganberry Ridge in Novi has graduated from Western Michigan University with a B.M. degree in Music Performance. She is a Novi High School graduate.

VYKAS TUTEJA of Novi has been placed on the Dean's List at GMI Engineering & Management Institute in Flint in recognition of outstanding academic performance during the past semester. A sophomore, Tuteja was presented a certificate of academic achievement in qualifying for the Dean's List, which requires that students attain a grade point average of 3.0 or higher for the semester with no grade average below 2.0.

BETH McCROHAN of Ridge Road East in Novi has earned a Master of Science in Administration degree from Central Michigan University. She majored in General Administration.

Two Novi residents — DONNA CARCONE and STEPHANIE RYAN — have earned degrees from Central Michigan University. Carcone, who resides on Kings Pointe, received a Bachelor of Science degree, majoring in Sociology/Criminal Science. Ryan, who resides on West Ten Mile, received a Bachelor of Applied Arts degree, majoring in Journalism.

Three Novi residents received degrees from Oakland University during Sept. 17 commencement exercises.

MARLENE FLORENCE ATKIN of Heatherbrae earned a MA in Teaching. Reading. LINDA JOAN CHASSE of Oakwood Drive earned a BS in Physical Therapy and JAMIS MARIE CLARK of Robin Court received an Education Specialists degree in School Administration.

VICKI ABBOTT of Novi has been awarded a scholarship to the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College. She is one of 12 area students to be awarded scholarships for the 1989 fall semester at the Orchard Ridge campus.

JULIE ZAZULA of Novi has been named to the Kalamazoo College Dean's List for the last academic quarter. Students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a scale of 4.0 to be named to the Dean's List. Zazula, a sophomore at Kalamazoo, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Zazula of Upland Hill in Novi.

Residents denounce M-9 plan

The long-awaited decision, announced by MDOT officials during a special session at Commerce Township hall, drew immediate criticism from citizens opposed to urban sprawl and potential environmental damage.

"We oppose it and we will continue to oppose it," said Lorna McEwen, co-president of Concerned Citizens for West Bloomfield. "This will not solve the problem. It will create more traffic congestion because of the new development it will spawn."

The next step for the project, estimated to cost \$75 million, will be to prepare a final environmental impact statement that will be submitted for approval to the Federal Highway Administration. MDOT spokesman Hank Lotoszinski said MDOT hopes to receive federal approval by next October, at which time initial bids could be taken. Lotoszinski said the five-mile boulevard could be completed in late 1994 or early 1995.

Lotoszinski said the Haggerty Road connector would provide new access to the freeway system that includes the interchanges of I-96, I-696, I-75 and Eight Mile. He also said it would ease traffic congestion on roads, such as Haggerty, that have become swamped by motorists due to new residential and commercial development in Oakland County.

Access to the new highway will be at Twelve Mile, Thirteen Mile, Fourteen Mile, Fifteen Mile and Pontiac Trail.

A proposal had been made to extend the new boulevard north from Pontiac Trail to M-50. But MDOT officials have stressed that decisions about extending the boulevard will be reached independently and only after additional studies are completed in coming years.

McEwen said some citizens and government officials appear to believe that "it is a foregone conclusion" that the boulevard eventually would be extended. "We're against that too," McEwen said.

Thanksgiving vandals attack 16 cars

"As time permits, we will stop any suspicious cars and search for some kind of BB or pellet gun," said Galt. The crime prevention officer asked citizens who see anything suspicious to call the Novi Police Department at 911 immediately. Residents are asked to collect as much information as possible, including the color and make of the suspicious vehicle as well as the vehicle's location and apartment direction.

Although there are no suspects at the present time, Galt said he would suspect the perpetrators were teenagers living in the area. "Based on my experience, I would not be surprised if alcohol were involved," he added. Galt said it would also be helpful if parents ask their teenage children if they have overheard anything about the vandalism in school. "Typically, the people who do this type of thing like to brag about it," Galt said. Any information should be called in to the Novi Police Department at 348-7100. "When we catch them, we will prosecute," said Galt. "It's a shame that the people of Novi have to put up with this type of malicious individuals."

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Future shock? Novi in 30 years

By JAN JEFFRES
staff writer

Picture Novi 20 to 30 years from now — built to full capacity, with over 75,000 citizens, over 28,000 residences, over 41 million square feet of non-residential development, a full market value of over \$4 billion and a tax base of over \$2 billion. And a potential annual deficit of \$4,585,520.

Schlagheck: 'A community made of exclusively single-family zoning probably would not be able to afford itself.'

feels is very important because some land-use decisions are not particularly economically sound," said Schlagheck. "A community made of exclusively single-family zoning probably would not be able to afford itself."

The city's current population is about 31,640 — but the potential is more than double is there. According to the model, Novi "built-out" would be a community of primarily three- to four-bedroom single family houses in the \$160,000 to \$220,000 range.

From this maximum development, the city would take in \$20,554,936 per year in taxes, based on the current operating millage of 8.8131. The model does not include school millage. With the inclusion of state revenue sharing monies and other sources such as grants and fines, the city's built-out operating budget could be \$29,638,000.

Republican hopes to unseat Faxon

State Senator Jack Faxon, D-Farmington Hills, may face some determined competition next year. Michael Bouchard, president of the Beverly Hills Village Council, is expected to announce soon that he will seek the Republican nomination to unseat Faxon in the 15th district next fall.

will pit Honigan against current state senator Richard Fessler. "I'm not saying anything from that race," Bouchard said. "That's going to be a full house and an expensive race too."

To run there, Bouchard would need to move into the 15th District, covering the Southfield, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Berkley or Novi areas, at least 30 days before the primary election. To mount a serious campaign he would have to move to the district even sooner.

Dolan. "He has a passion for politics. He wants to do so much more. He's anxious to serve in this area." Faxon noted that Bouchard couldn't even win a Republican primary for a House seat.

Obituaries

JAMES A. KEANE
James A. Keane of Farmington Hills died Nov. 18 at Munson Hospital in Traverse City following an illness of many months.

Loewe of Wisom were held Nov. 25 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home in Farmington with the Rev. Thomas Burbridge of Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church officiating.

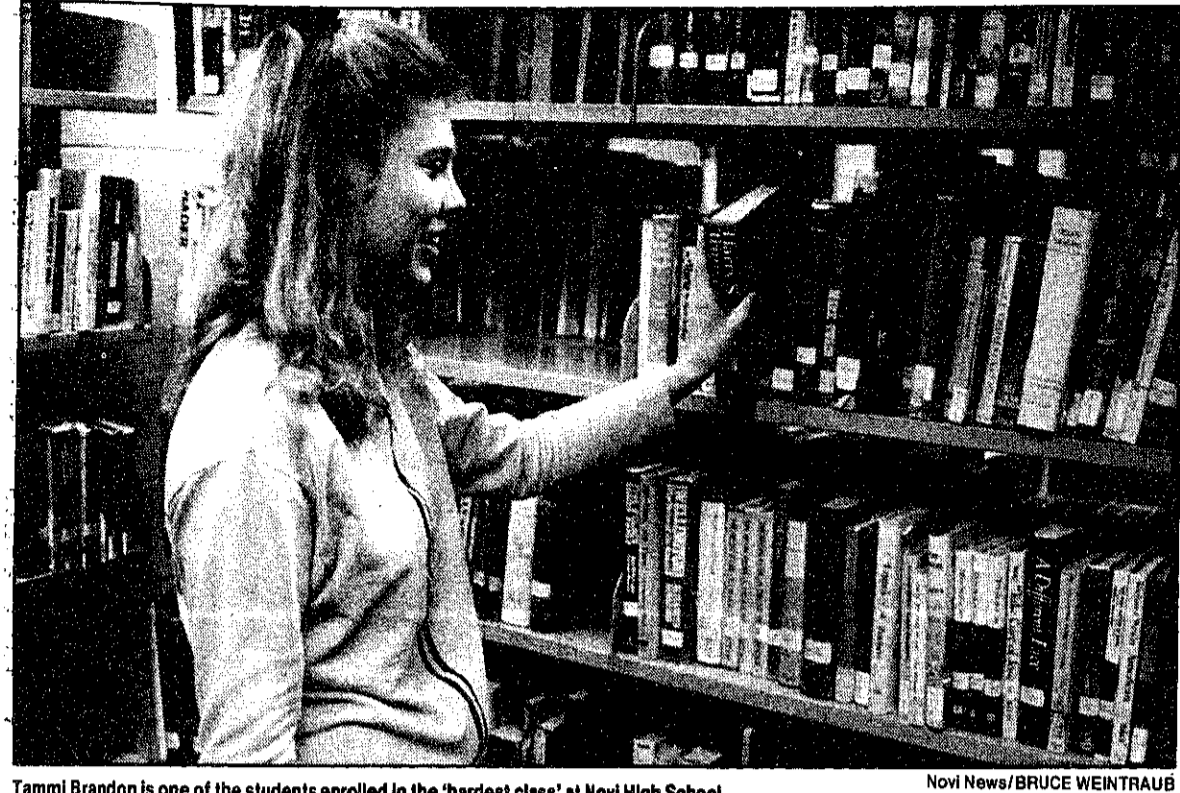
Reunions

Northville High School '70: Graduates of the Northville High School Class of 1970 will celebrate their 20-year reunion on May 18, 1990 at the Sheraton Oaks in Novi.

Northville High School '75: Plans are under way for a 15-year reunion for classmates of Northville High School's Class of '75. The reunion will be held Saturday, Aug. 11, 1990, at the Sheraton Oaks in Novi.

Northville High School '55: Northville High School Class of '55 will celebrate its 35th class reunion in 1990.

Waterford Kettering '65: Waterford Kettering High School Class of 1965 will hold its silver (25th) reunion July 6, 7 and 8, 1990.



Tammi Brandon is one of the students enrolled in the 'hardest class' at Novi High School. Novi News/BRUCE WEINTRAUB

Hardest class? Research class demands commitment

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB
staff writer

In the Novi High School media center each weekday from 7:30 to 8:20 a.m., four students are participating in what is known by some as the "school's hardest class."

Carol Sutton Funk, currently living in Columbus, Ohio, is willing to plan the reunion but is seeking assistance. Classmates who have names, addresses or phone numbers of fellow class members are asked to send information to Peggy Hammond Meyer at 4257 East Joy Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48105.

given topic and we encourage them to look at it in total." Tinsley said students are required to read books and articles pertaining to their topic and perform a number of tasks along the way.

Senior Phil Byers said his parents made him sign up for the course "because they think it will help me in college."

High School English teacher Jim Tinsley, who also teaches the research paper course, said the class is designed to give students a chance to look at a particular subject in depth.

reading" while researching her topic on the "Legalization of Marijuana."

Senior Phil Byers said his parents made him sign up for the course "because they think it will help me in college."

"The class demands a commitment from students. And if students who take the class don't make the commitment, then they will not be successful," he said.

He added the research paper course is especially helpful for students who plan to select a career in law or a writing-related field.

Senior Phil Byers said his parents made him sign up for the course "because they think it will help me in college."

"The school offers the class because it's important," he said. "We're enhancing the writing of these students. I'm glad we run this class even though the number of students enrolled is low, because of the need and not necessarily the demand."

Civic group aids local needy, poor

With the holiday season upon us, the service group Civic Concern is organizing to assure that area needy don't go hungry this winter, and aren't left out in the cold.

The group is holding its annual "Food Drive" to raise money and find food for the needy. According to Marlene Kunz, Civic Concern secretary, letters have been sent to most area businesses, schools, churches, organizations and city and township halls.

The biggest contributors are typically the Northville Goodwills and Rotarians who take to the streets to see money for Civic Concern.

The Novi Jaycees earned an armful of awards at the Michigan Jaycees' fall convention in Battle Creek recently.

Chairman Ron Blumer and the Candidates Night project were honored as the best Government Incentive project of the quarter by the Michigan Jaycees.

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City criticized for low-key debut of 'Grand Plan'

By JAN JEFFRES
staff writer

Several members of Citizens for Responsible Development — including city councilman Tim Pope — criticized the city for not widely publicizing in advance a Nov. 21 joint city council/planning commission meeting on a proposed industrial park in Section 18.

City officials have called the plan to relocate industry from the town center district and the Grand River corridor one of the most important undertakings in the history of Novi.

"There's no question that the plan they have put together is a very well-thought out plan. They had representatives there (at the meeting) of businesses who'd like to relocate, there were planning professionals, the city council and the planning commission. There's just one ingredient missing — the most important part — the people," Pope said afterwards.

Pope, who is an officer of Citizens for Responsible

Development (CRD), said he tipped off the organization about the meeting's purpose.

State law requires agendas for city council regular and special meetings to be posted 24 hours in advance, but Novi usually posts them 48 hours ahead of time, said Agnes Durbin, a clerk in the city clerk's office. The standard practice is to place three to four agendas on a kiosk on the lower level of the Novi Civic Center. Durbin said that sometimes all of the copies are removed by visitors to the Civic Center.

The city will be publicizing a Dec. 20 public hearing before the planning commission on zoning changes necessary to the project, said City Manager Edward Kriewall. Special meetings with residents who live near the proposed industrial park will also be scheduled.

"We believe this whole issue is going to be aired very thoroughly in the next 60 days. We didn't treat it any differently than any other meeting," Kriewall said. "It is the unveiling of a new proposal or project and it wasn't treated any differently than anything else."

"It was in my opinion proper to handle it as we did." The city staff discussed the plan with The Novi News ahead of the meeting to meet the deadline for the paper's Nov. 22 edition.

Jerry Harris, a treasurer with CRD, contends that the city has a "public relations problem" in not getting the word out in advance on the first public disclosure of a plan of this magnitude.

At the meeting, Harris said he thought the proposal was excellent but he questioned the "fast-track" speed of the process.

"To give the citizens less than 30 days to prepare for and understand and to trust, I think we failed. You have to do whatever you need to do to bring the citizen in," Harris told the council and planning commission. "You have once again made a decision which is an affront to the citizens."

Harris said he was not speaking as a representative of the citizens' group, which has not yet formulated a policy on the relocation plan. He questioned the

meeting's timing, which coincided with Thanksgiving week and the Dec. 30 date of the public hearing, just five days before Christmas.

"I appreciate the need that there are sensitive negotiations going on, but the city's been working on it for some months," Harris said. "They're missing the boat if they try to jam it through without the public involved. I'd hate to think that everybody got a fair hearing except the public."

Ron Blumer, another CRD member, said he thought the public had been "closed out."

"I feel a lot of citizens in this city have been misled in the past about zoning decisions," Blumer said.

Pope said he was confident that the people will have enough input into the process in the future.

According to Harris, CRD has made more Novi residents aware of local government.

"They want the city to tell them what's going on and why they're doing what they're doing," he said.



Ward Kuhlman of KMH Equipment Company is considering a move to the industrial park

Plan to relocate industries draws praise from officials

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district at the intersection of Grand River and Novi Road.

The city council created the special Town Center zoning in 1984 to encourage a mix of retail, commercial, office and residential development at Novi's pivotal crossroad. The city also hopes to clear 100 acres of land between I-96 and Grand River from Taft to Beck roads to make way for office and research developments.

Building at the industrial park site could begin in late 1990 and some of the facilities could be occupied by mid-1991, City Manager Edward Kriewall said.

"Novi used to be the construction industry headquarters of southeast Michigan," Kriewall said. "Anything is a higher use than what is there today. We do not present a very pretty picture from the expressway and haven't for years."

The city may gain a "dramatic increase in tax base," said Mayor Matthew Quinn.

The plan met with rave reviews from a number of city council and planning commission members.

Planning Commissioner Ernest Aruffo called it "the most dynamic program the city has seen since its beginning."

Councilwoman Nancy Covert termed it "a holistic plan to improve the center of town."

"A terrific program," said planning commissioner Kathleen McAllen.

"The document is outstanding," commented Councilwoman Martha Hoyer.

"The accolades are overwhelming," said Planning Commissioner Timothy Gilberg.

"I wrote down a series of pros and cons and I had so many pros I had

trouble in writing them down," Aruffo said.

Integral to the program are changes in zoning ordinances. The planning commission public hearing in December will focus on the revisions of two zoning districts — planned development (PD-4) and office service (OS-2). The PD-4 zoning will permit light industrial, high-tech research-type developments within an office district. The amendment to office service would change the current three-story office height maximum to five-stories for buildings fronting on the freeway. At present, there are no provisions for high-tech light industry in Novi.

"We have uses that are of this high-tech nature looking at the Novi market and finding either the zoning is different or areas that would be proper but uses within this district would not make them want to make an investment in the area," said Blair Bowman, manager of Novi Commercial Industrial for Thompson-Brown Realty.

The program calls for an estimated \$18,000 per acre special assessment district to allow water and sewer lines to be extended to Napier Road. The site will also need roads and storm drainage facilities. The engineering study approved by the council will determine the feasibility of the special assessments.

"It gives us a chance to clean out the center of town. It will allow us to keep the industry in town that would eventually be forced out by other developments," said Planning Commissioner Edward Kramer. "I think the soft spot in the program is the commercial and the risk that we could end up with heavy commercial at Wixom and Grand River."

According to traffic consultant Roll Killian, the park's location near the I-96/Wixom Road interchange will move the bulk of truck traffic out of the town center.

"I think it's in everybody's benefit to move very quickly," Quinn said. "We've all got a lot of work to do from here on out. Hopefully, we'll be able to accomplish this great grand plan but, as we all know, nothing is guaranteed."

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Mail early Tips to avoid holiday rush

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB
staff writer

Postal officials in Novi recommend early mailing for people planning to send holiday cards to friends and relatives.

"We expect Dec. 18 and 19 to be our biggest volume mail days," said Novi Postmaster James Asher. "We'll process close to 100,000 pieces of mail each of those mornings and between 155,000 and 145,000 total pieces of mail each day."

Asher said the Novi Post Office normally processes approximately 65,000 pieces of mail in the morning and 105,000 pieces of mail each day.

"We always stress to mail (holiday cards) early," he added. "If you're mailing a holiday card with the U.S. and it's first class, then you should mail it no later than Dec. 18 or 19."

Northville Postmaster Wally Cates agreed. He said people who don't get their cards into the post office before Dec. 21 can "forget about getting them delivered where it's supposed to go by Christmas."

Asher said the regional post office processing center in Royal Oak will cancel 3.3 million letters this year and will process 5.3 million letters on Dec. 18 and 19 alone.

represents an increase of about seven percent over last year.

"The processing figures are increasing mainly because of the growth in the community," Asher said. "We're also experiencing an increase of three to five percent in revenue and incoming mail."

Cates noted that the Northville office processed 1.2 million pieces of mail during the three weeks preceding Christmas last year and said he expects that number to increase this year by 5 percent to roughly 1.35 million pieces of mail.

Cates said the Northville Post Office will process roughly 1 million pieces of mail during a normal three-week period.

"The increase in the amount of mail processed in Northville is caused by a seven percent increase in new families and an overall increase in the amount of mail per se," he said.

Asher said the holiday mailing season begins the day after Thanksgiving and runs all the way to Christmas.

For those people who do get a late start mailing their holiday items, Asher said the post office does offer "Express Mail" service.

"For Express Mail," we deliver 365 days a year, which includes Christmas and New Year's Day," he said, adding the service costs \$8.75 per eight ounces of mail.

Both Asher and Cates said people should mail parcels one week earlier than they would a normal letter.

"Mailing a package in priority mail holds the same standard as a first class letter," Asher said.

Despite the increase in mail volume during the holiday season, both postmasters said they expect no problems in handling the letter rush.

"We hired more people recently because of growth in the area," Cates said, "so we expect the holiday season to be fairly smooth."

"The heavy postal stamp sales period begins the day after Thanksgiving and Dec. 5 is the biggest sale day," he said. "We'll sell about \$15,000 worth of stamps on Dec. 5, and the figures for Dec. 12 and 13 won't be far behind."

Asher agreed with Cates and said the holiday mailing season "isn't as hectic as most people think. Because of our vacation schedule, nobody is gone during December. But, because of the volume it does get pretty stressful in the morning."

County holds winter week

Every year, countless Michigan residents suffer both life and property losses due to winter storms. Recognizing the problems posed by a Michigan winter and the need to inform the public of how to avoid these problems, Oakland County Executive Daniel T. Murphy has declared Nov. 26 to Dec. 2 as "Winter Awareness Week."

"We hope that this education and information program will help minimize both personal and property losses caused by winter storms," Murphy said.

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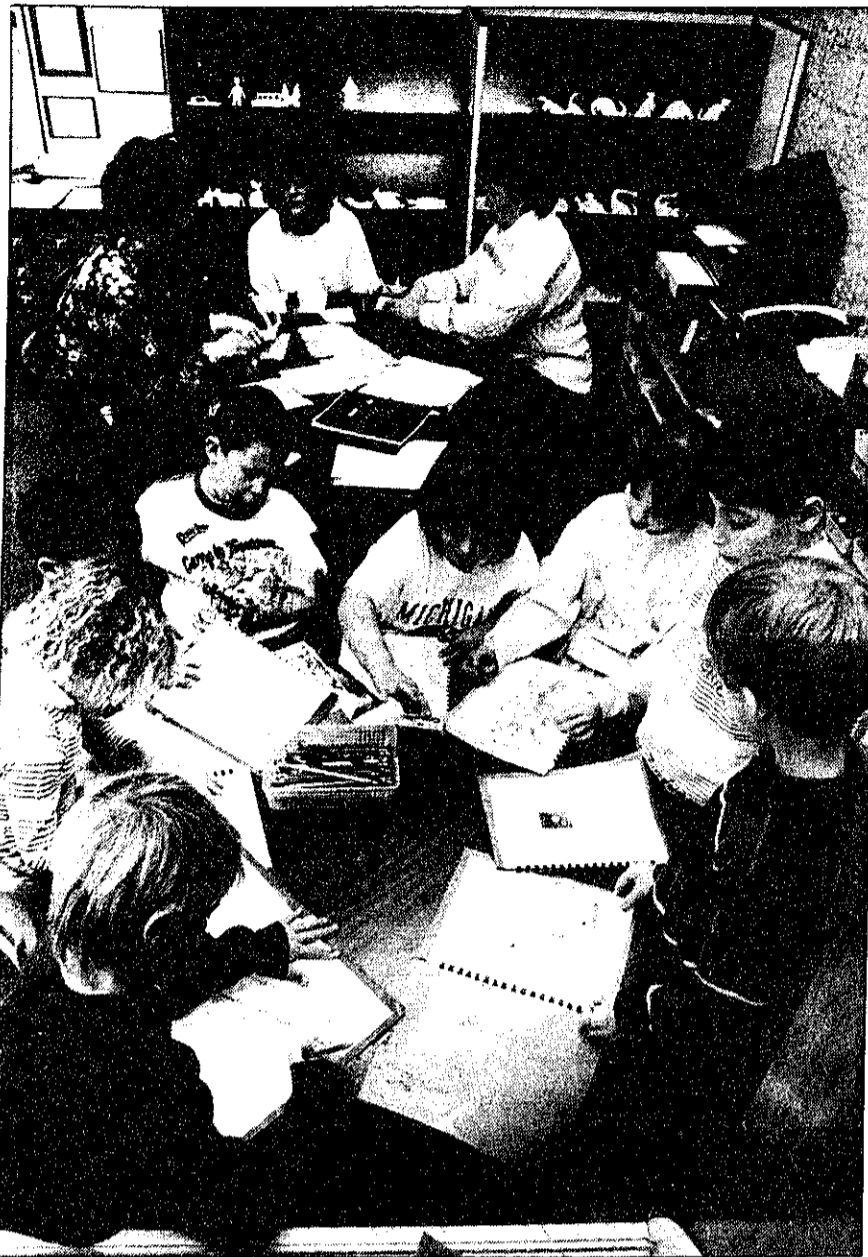
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Novi Woods students are in the 'book publishing' business.

Buddy system Programs benefit students

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB staff writer

Janice Wagner, media center specialist at Novi Woods Elementary, said she is hoping two new programs will promote a greater amount of reading and writing by students.

And, so far, the results are encouraging. "This is my first year in the media center," Wagner said, adding she decided to set up the publishing center and buddy reading programs after seeing each work at different schools.

"I'm trying to have children feel good about writing," Wagner said of the publishing center.

The writing program, which is being supported by the Novi Woods PTO, involves students (K-4) writing a story in class and bringing it to the media center upon completion.

Parent volunteer Maureen Gohde said the volunteers then type up the stories and send back completed versions to the students.

Students then design a cover for the story and draw pictures to accompany the words.

"The kids are proud of the book and they actually get to edit their work and see how it's put together," Gohde said. The entire process takes about three weeks, she said.

She added her two children, who both attend Novi Woods, are really excited about participating in the publishing program.

"Some kids come here (to the media center) during recess to do their pictures," Gohde said. "Besides learning how to publish books, these students are improving their writing skills."

Second Grader Scott Minko said he was really excited to see his story, entitled "The Princess Who Was

Stolen," go through the publishing process.

"I might want to write more, but I don't want to be a writer when I grow up," Minko said. "I want to be a baseball player."

In lieu of an athletic career, Wagner said Scott and other Novi Woods' students will benefit from a new buddy reading program.

"We match children from older grades with younger one and give them time to read to each other," Wagner said. "This is just another way for the children to enjoy reading."

She noted that in the future, students will hopefully read the books that they have written to their "reading buddy."

"Parents have said they are excited about this program," Wagner said. "They have told me their child can't wait to read their buddy a story or listen to him or her tell one."

Keep informed about storms

Ignorance can be your worst enemy during a Michigan winter. Your best defense against winter storms is keeping informed about weather conditions, according to Oakland County Emergency Medical Services/Emergency Management personnel.

"A few hours warning can be the difference between being caught in a storm or being safe at home," said Gail Novak, manager of the Oakland County EMS/Emergency Management. "We urge all Oakland County residents to stay informed about weather conditions in their area."

There are several ways for Oakland County residents to keep up with changing weather developments. The first, and easiest, according to Novak, is to listen to local

television and radio forecasts. Also, a tone alerting receiver system is available by purchase through EMS for businesses and residences.

The receiver system is activated when the National Weather Service issues a severe weather alert. The Oakland County EMS/Emergency Management's 24-hour personnel then broadcast detailed weather information over the receivers.

The second step to keep informed is to familiarize yourself with terms used by the weather service.

Terms commonly used in winter weather forecasts include: □ Winter Storm Watch - Severe winter weather conditions may affect your area

□ Blizzard - A heavy accumulation of snow accompanied by winds of more than 35 miles per hour

FYI

Genealogical society: Novi residents are invited to attend the next meeting of the Northville Genealogical Society at the Mill Race Village in Northville on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Kim Harrison, president of the Michigan Genealogical Council, who will discuss the role and goals of his organization. Anyone interested in genealogy is invited to attend. For more information call 946-1857 or 349-3030.

Saving on auto insurance: A new free booklet produced by AAA Michigan shows why one driver could pay 20 percent more for automobile insurance than a neighbor with the same driving record and model car.

"The ABCs of Auto Insurance" uses plain English to describe auto insurance coverage and spells out options consumers can use to cut their annual premiums. The color booklet reviews cost-saving options for coverages such as Collision and Comprehensive which together account for 57 percent of the typical AAA Michigan auto insurance premium.

The 16-page booklet is available to the public by writing: "The ABCs of Auto Insurance," Public Relations Department, AAA Michigan, One Auto Club Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126.

I-96 construction completed: The 6.7 mile project doubling the capacity of the I-96 (Walter Reuther) Freeway in Farmington Hills and Southfield is fully open to traffic. The project provides eight traffic lanes from I-275 at Novi east to US-24 (Telegraph Road) in Southfield.

Officials with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) cautioned that eastbound drivers can expect some congestion where the four lanes of traffic narrow to two at the east end of the project. That restriction will be removed with the opening of a new connecting eight-mile section of the freeway to the east. That is expected before the end of the year.

Radon kits available: The City of Novi is continuing to offer radon testing kits for purchase at a price of \$13.

Novi residents can contact Assistant City Manager Craig Klavner at 947-0445 for more information.

Well water checks: Residents who use wells in the City of Novi may have their water checked free of charge by the Oakland County Health Department. Information and bottles for the check are available through the City of Novi and can be picked up at city hall.

Recycling waste oil: Looking for a place to drop off your waste oil? There is one location in Novi and another in Northville that will accept used oil, according to the East Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC). EMEAC is encouraging do-it-yourself oil changers to return their used motor oil for recycling instead of dumping it on the ground or into streams or sewers. In Novi, used oil can be taken to Sovel's Service Center at 41425 West Ten Mile.

Oakland County dog shelter: All impounded unvaccinated dogs at the Oakland County Animal Center will be released only after they have received rabies vaccinations by the contracting veterinarian. Vaccinations will be given Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If a dog owner wants to claim his animal after 1 p.m., arrangements can be made for vaccinations the day before.

Public hours for the Animal Care Center are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday; and 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday.

For more information call Carl Anderson, Manager of Oakland County Animal Control, at 858-0863.

Reapportionment battle begins

By TIM RICHARD staff writer

Chambers of commerce and state Republicans are raising money for a 1990 battle over congressional and legislative reapportionment. They fully expect organized labor will be active on the Democratic side.

"Reapportionment gives us in the business community the best chance to see change in Congress, the state Legislature and county boards," said Robert LaBrant, vice president, general counsel and lobbyist for the Michigan State Chamber of Commerce.

Metro-suburban areas could lose two congressional seats, gain a state Senate seat and probably a state House seat, he said. The party that wins control of the State Capitol in 1990 will write the reapportionment laws.

With 98 percent of U.S. representatives routinely reelected, LaBrant told a western Oakland County audience, the makeup of Congress can be changed only after a 10-year U.S. census.

"Reapportionment is the most important political decision to be made in a decade," he told a luncheon audience of chamber leaders in Novi.

Michigan will lose two of its 18 U.S. House seats by 1992, it is widely

expected. "For us in the business community, politics will not get any cheaper. Swing districts will be very expensive," he said.

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chamber gave \$10,000 and local chambers a total of \$12,000.

Added Ballard: "Attorneys aren't cheap. It costs money to fight a battle like that."

Big winners in Congress after the census will be California, 44 seats; Texas, 34; Florida, at least 3; Arizona and Georgia, 1-2 each.

Big losers will be New York, 3; Pennsylvania, 2-3; Michigan, Ohio and Illinois, 2 each.

Congressional reapportionment will be done by act of the Michigan Legislature. Currently the state House is 61-49 Democratic, the state Senate is 20-18 Republican, and the governor who signs bills is a Democrat - a possible deadlock unless the 1990 elections change things.

"In 1992, for the first time since 1968, Republicans may have a shot at control of the state House," said LaBrant, adding that Democrats

have their shot, too.

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County officials to continue battle?

PONTIAC - Oakland officials are hoping some quiet, behind-the-scenes negotiations will end what appears to be a fiery turf war between County Executive Dan Murphy and Sheriff John Nichols - or at least get it out of the newspapers.

"I understand there was a meeting yesterday afternoon," said Roy Rowland, R-Rochester, chairman of the board of commissioners. "They might be able to work something out."

Rowland and other commissioners are reluctant to comment about the dispute, other than to confirm it exists.

Aside from concern about alienating either of the strong-willed Republicans, commissioners believe Murphy and Nichols are experienced and savvy enough to resolve their own problems.

At present, the dispute centers around a decision by Nichols to defrock members of the Oakland County Public Safety Division, a separate security force that answers to the executive.

The force performs a number of quasi-police functions, including enforcing traffic warrants, arresting disorderly people and checking county facilities at night, or "rattling door knobs," as some put it.

Security officers also provide a police presence in county parks and carry out diverse assignments like accompanying money couriers.

Other than to expand his department or secretly

coveted the executive's office.

Last month Nichols took deputy status away from the 60-member force. The move triggered some harsh words from the executive. But Nichols said he pulled arrest powers from public safety officers because of what he considered to be sloppy investigative procedures.

At a Republican caucus prior to Thursday's board of commissioners meeting, Nichols explained his move - and jabbed at Murphy.

In a fiery 20-minute talk, Nichols likened the public safety unit to a "Prisoner's guard," serving not the public, but its master. "Murphy, I have been accused by the County Executive of dishonesty in my dealings with him," Nichols said. "I submit the dishonesty lies in passing off the County Safety Division on the people of Oakland County as a bonafide, operational, service-oriented police unit."

The executive proposes \$2.3 million (in the 1990-91 budget) for a sham police force that disregards proven police procedures of accountability, Nichols said, "while duly-constituted public officers (like the sheriff's) must come 'hat-in-hand' for funding programs like the child-abuse unit, more narcotics officers and court officers."

Neither Murphy nor any of his representatives addressed the GOP caucus. During an interview Wednesday, however, Murphy suggested Nichols either wanted to expand his department or secretly coveted the executive's office.

"It's his discretion to yank deputy powers," Murphy said. "After all, he granted them in the first place."

That was in 1986, after Nichols was first elected. "If he wants to be executive," said Murphy, mindful that Nichols ran for mayor of Detroit in 1975, "he should run for office."

Nichols' complaints about improper or sloppy investigative work is simply an excuse for doing something he wanted to do anyway, Murphy said. "He's got an ego problem," Murphy said. "He never confers with me about problems or how to get things done."

Remembered that Nichols' predecessor, Johannes F. Spreen, also terminated deputy powers for public safety officers, Murphy responded with a sigh of exasperation: "But Spreen was a Democrat."

Commissioners expect some compromise to be worked out between Murphy and Nichols to restore deputy powers to safety officers so they effectively provide the security that everyone agrees is needed.

One possibility, commissioners speculate privately, is Nichols taking over the security function - and re-deputizing officers - but assigning some to Murphy on a contractual basis.

Some commissioners see the dispute as an opportunity to some long-needed changes, such as combining the dispatch functions of the sheriff's department and the public safety unit.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission for the City of Novi will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, December 20, 1989 at 7:30 P.M. in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI to consider MAP AMENDMENT NO. 18-482, A PROPOSED CITY-WIDE REZONING OF PROPERTY LOCATED IN THE NORTHERN 1/2 OF SECTION 18, THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 18 (NOMINAL C/L. OF WISOM RD.) THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID EAST LINE TO THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 18; THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE OF SECTION 18; THENCE CONTINUING WESTERLY ALONG SAID EAST-WEST 1/4 LINE TO THE WEST 1/4 CORNER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SECTION 18 (NOMINAL C/L. OF NAPIER RD.) TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

ORDINANCE NO. 18-482 ZONING MAP AMENDMENT NO. 482

To rezone a part of the N 1/2 of Section 18, T.1N., R.8E., City of Novi, Oakland County, Michigan, being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the NW corner of Section 18, thence Easterly along the north line of Section 18 (nominal C/L. 12 M. Rd.) to the NW corner of said section; thence continuing Easterly along said north line to the NE corner of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 18, being the NE corner of parcel 22-18-200-001, also being N89°18'23"W 1311.19' feet from the NE corner of Section 18; thence Southerly along the easterly line of said parcel and its southerly extension, to its intersection with a line 1500 feet southerly of and parallel to the north line of Section 18; thence Easterly along a line 1500 feet southerly of and parallel to the north line of said section to its intersection with the east line of Section 18 (nominal C/L. of Wisom Rd.); thence Southerly along said east line to the east 1/4 corner of Section 18; thence Westerly along the east-west 1/4 line of said section to the center of Section 18; thence continuing Westerly along said east-west 1/4 line to the west 1/4 corner of said section; thence Northerly along the west line of Section 18 (nominal C/L. of Napier Rd.) to the point of beginning.

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FROM: R-1 ONE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO: I-2 GENERAL INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT

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All interested persons are invited to attend. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing and any written comments may be sent to the Dept. of Community Development, 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd., Novi, MI 48050 until 5:00 P.M. Wednesday, December 20, 1989.

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Police officials study new ways of alcohol testing

Infrared system reviewed

By LISA FELICELLI
staff writer

Although law enforcement officials say the Breathalyzer test that Michigan State Police (MSP) perform on people suspected of being intoxicated is effective, a more advanced method of determining intoxication levels is in the planning stages.

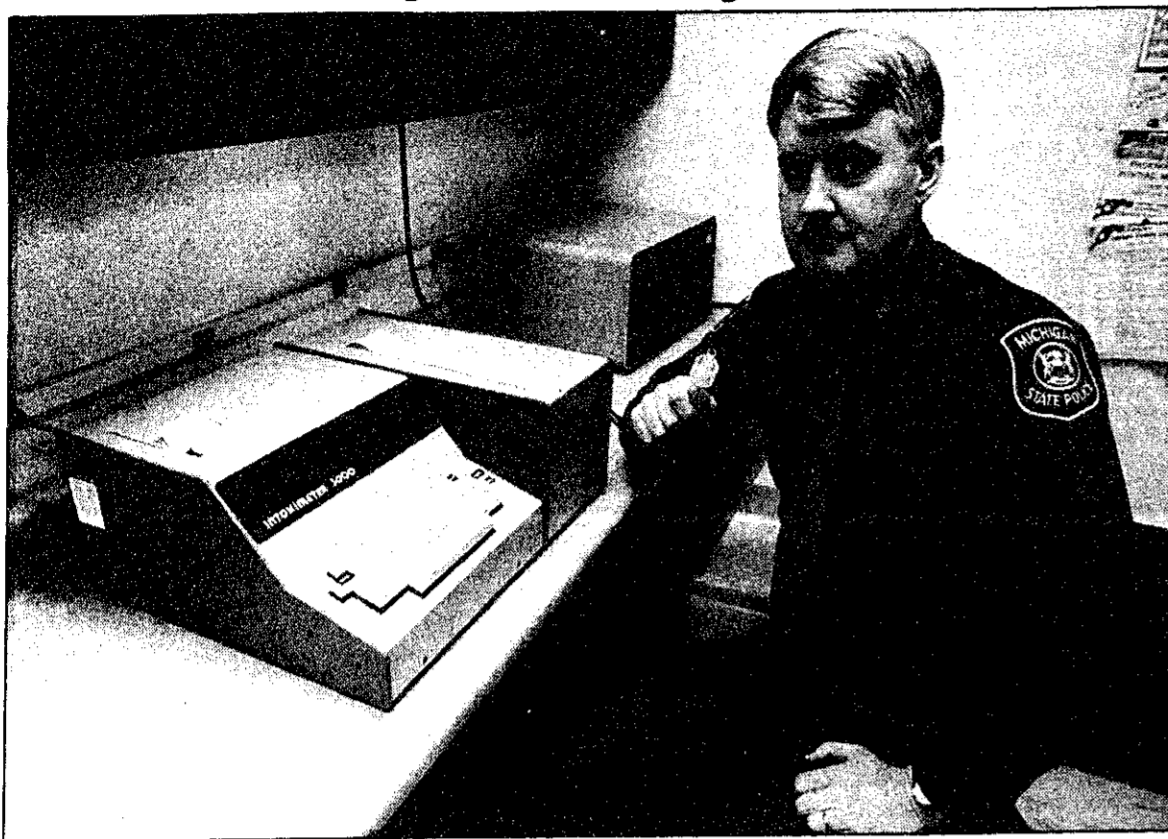
The computer-compatible, infrared Intoximeter 3000 has been tested by the MSP but hasn't yet been used in Michigan on actual subjects, according to Sgt. David Ford of the Northville MSP Post.

"While the new infrared system is becoming more common in many states, the State of Michigan has yet to approve it," Ford said.

Ford explained that the new equipment will be thoroughly tested by Kalamazoo County as well as city, county and state police branches during a pilot program. The branches are enthusiastic about working with the Intoximeter 3000 system.

"The Breathalyzer we work with now has been in use since 1954," Ford said. "It is accurate, but the Intoximeter offers updated advantages."

For example, the current Breathalyzer demands approximately four days of training, 20 to 30 minutes to perform the test and costs \$12 per test. The Intoximeter system only requires two days of training,



Michigan State Police Sgt. David Ford demonstrates the new Intoximeter machine

five minutes to perform the test and costs \$2 per test.

"Besides being computer-compatible and automatic, which the current Breathalyzer is not, the In-

toximeter also detects substances interfering with ethanol alcohol," Ford added. "The Breathalyzer we have now only identifies the alcohol."

Ford illustrated the significance of

painting for three or four days straight to get as high as that system registered," Ford said.

Originally, infrared energy absorption, first studied in 1963, was used for drug analysis. However, with the discovery of electro-chemical oxidation, alcohol detection was implemented into the system.

"Basically, after an observation period, two main parts of the system are considered," Ford explained. "The first is for reference. It's simply clean air and acts as a control. Then there is the sample side."

"To begin the testing process, Ford said the person suspected of being intoxicated is first observed for 15 minutes. This allows sufficient time for alcohol molecules to evaporate from items such as false teeth and food particles in the mouth.

"If this time were not allowed, the system's reading of that intoxication level would be enhanced," Ford said. "We're only after the amount of alcohol intake affecting deep lung air."

Deep lung air is what the device registers as being very close to the individual's blood vessels, he added.

The police operator then powers up the Intoximeter's wave-length system. After the individual blows into the chamber (or tube), alcohol molecules are absorbed as an energy source into the infrared wavelength. Meanwhile, the energy is being reflected through a mirror within the chamber.

"The sample side counts the molecules and sends out computerized results, as well as records those results on tape," Ford said. "We look at the reference side for the difference."

Ford added that the Intoximeter system cannot be tampered with because it is computerized.

toluene fumes. The Intoximeter 3000 registered a large amount of ethanol alcohol, but a very small amount of toluene. "He would have had to have been

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The Oakland County Animal Shelter urges people to adopt their next pet from the shelter.

"Not all the strays or 'give-ups' are 'mutts'; many are purebreds as well," said Carl Anderson, manager of the Oakland County Animal Control Shelter. "Many are Labs, Retrievers, Huskys, Shepherds and all sorts of small breeds."

You can get a purebred dog at the shelter for under \$50

with necessary shots. "By adopting a pet from the shelter both the pet and owner can win. The dog will get a happy home and the owner will reap the love and affection of his 'best friend,'" Anderson said.

The shelter urges pet owners to get their animal spayed or neutered. This will safeguard against their pet wandering.

The shelter is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

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Experts forecast economic growth in Michigan

By TIM RICHARD
staff writer

ANN ARBOR — A ninth straight year of non-inflationary economic growth is in store for Americans, according to three University of Michigan forecasters with proven crystal balls.

Michigan's share will be spurred by two more years of growth in business and professional services—including data processing, legal, engineering and architectural services, rather than low-paid "McJobs."

"The state will see a decline of 0.8 percent in the number of manufac-

turing jobs in the next two years, but that loss will be offset by overall growth rates of 2.0 and 2.3 percent in those two years, economists said.

Michigan's unemployment rate will drop from the current 8 percent to 7.8 percent, said researchers Joan P. Cracy and George P. Fulton.

"Over the past four years, the service industry has accounted for approximately one out of every two jobs created in the state. And by 1991, according to our current forecast, it will have more jobs than the entire manufacturing sector," Cracy told a U-M conference last week.

The economic forecasters had no breakdown as to which areas in the

state will benefit most from the growth in business services. That will come in a special Michigan economic forecast next spring. But in the past, business services growth has occurred in the northwest metropolitan suburbs and Ann Arbor.

The surprising news is that a nation accustomed to three-year boom-bust cycles is in its seventh straight year of growth with two more years due.

"A number of factors" account for the steady growth, said Saul D. Hymans, director of U-M's Research Seminar in Quantitative Economics. First, no international shocks like

the OPEC oil cartel's 1973 price explosions have occurred since 1983, Hymans told a news conference.

Second, the Federal Reserve board hasn't made any mistakes in tightening the money supply as it did in the 1920s and after World War II. (Other speakers gave Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan grades of A-plus and A for fine-tuning the economy after the October 1987 stock market tumble.)

Third, "the private economy can miscalculate—too much production, inventory pileup. That's something we're less vulnerable to now."

"There is better inventory control. The auto industry hasn't quite learn-

ed it yet, but the rest of the economy has."

Economists have blamed several recessions of the past generation on the "buy now" psychology. Overbuying fueled more price increases, overstocking of inventories and the inevitable "bust."

Several forecasters said that psychology seems to have been broken. "Complaints about high prices are at their lowest point since the early 1960s," said Richard T. Curtin, director of U-M's survey of consumers at the Survey Research Center. "The 1970s rationale—'buy now because prices will go up in the future'—

never came back." Curtin said the index of consumer confidence has remained steadily near the 83.9 average compared to below 70 in the last recession year.

"They see economic growth as slowing, but they don't see bad times," Curtin said.

Hymans predicted "upbeat" national economic growth rates of 2.7 and 3 percent for 1990 and '91. He saw auto sales dipping a bit to 9.7 and 9.9 million, a mid-1990 growth in exports as the value of the dollar weakens, and more than 1.5 million housing starts a year.

Snake guide offered

Few of us can relate to the fast-paced life of the adventuresome archaeologist Indiana Jones. But most of us share his revulsion for snakes.

Individual reactions to the sight of a snake range from a minor shudder to full-blown panic. The poor snake often pays a steep price for instigating this reaction.

Because of unrelenting persecution—even harmless snakes, combined with habitat destruction, some of Michigan's 17 native snake species are considered endangered or threatened.

Snakes in general, however, are not rare, and encounters with snakes are common throughout the state, from vacant lots in Detroit to hayfields in the Thumb to Beaver Island and the Keweenaw Peninsula. In fact, anyone who spends time outdoors from spring through fall may encounter snakes.

To help people identify snakes and learn to at least tolerate if not appreciate them and their role in the natural scheme of things, the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service recently published Michigan Snakes, a one-of-a-kind guide to the snakes found in Michigan.

This handy, 5 1/2-by-8 1/2-inch book has full color photos of each species, range maps to show where they might be found, and information on snake behavior, biology, habitat and reproduction. It also contains an easy-to-use identification key.

Michigan Snakes is available from county Cooperative Extension Service offices, the MSU Bulletin Office (10-B Agriculture Hall, East Lansing, MI 48824) and selected nature centers and museums around the state. The retail price is \$6.95.

The authors of Michigan Snakes are J. Alan Holman, James H. Harding, Marvin M. Hensley and Glenn R. Dudderar.

Used oil collected locally

A valuable opportunity to recycle used motor oil is available to residents of Oakland County. A network of used oil collection stations has been established to accept used motor oil from do-it-yourself oil changers.

With support from the Cooperative Extension Service of Oakland County, the East Michigan Environmental Action Council (EMEAC) and a team of volunteers have engaged the cooperation of local businesses to establish the used motor oil collection network. A list of these collection stations at municipal centers, gas stations, car dealerships and automobile service centers, is available from EMEAC. The station owners have agreed to accept and store the used oil until it goes to a refinery for re-refining and re-use.

In Novi, used motor oil can be taken to Cal's Car Care (Sunoco) at 202 West Main Street.

Participation is simple. Do-it-yourself oil changers drain oil from their automobiles into containers which can be sealed, such as milk containers, jerry cans or oil cans. Collection stations provide instructions for pouring the oil into containers or underground tanks.

Recycling used motor oil is important to preserving water quality and conserving a valuable natural resource. In Michigan, an estimated 11 million gallons per year of used motor oil are dumped down ground and into landfills — by people who change their own oil. Used motor oil contains toxic substances such as lead, produced during engine use and from additive packages. Dumping used oil releases oil and its contaminants into ground and surface waters where it can contaminate drinking water supplies and kill aquatic life.

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Pilgrims and indians

Several hundred years ago the Pilgrims and Indians enjoyed a big meal without fighting and now everybody celebrates Thanksgiving. An equally momentous event occurred last week when first

graders got together for a big meal without fighting. The tranquil Thanksgiving celebration pictured above occurred at Orchard Hills Elementary School.

Stores set for holiday card rush

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB
staff writer

From traditional to humorous, the holiday greeting card season has begun in full force, according to local store employees.

"People start buying cards the day after Thanksgiving," said Gayle Reynolds, an employee at Sandie's Hallmark Shoppe in Northville, "and it continues until the day after Christmas, when everyone comes in to buy cards at half-price."

Reynolds said the traditional and over-sized funny cards appear to be the most popular with holiday shoppers this year. Cards range in price from 50 cents to \$6.

Reynolds said people are buying gifts which have an old-fashioned flavor.

"The Dickens' Villages are very popular," she said of the \$35 old-fashioned building replicas. "Christmas ornaments and the Precious Moment figurines in particular are also popular."

Reynolds said working during the winter holiday season is very difficult, "but it's fun to wait on the customers."

Because of large amount of business generated during the winter holiday season, she said, "we have to condense our regular cards to make room for the Christmas cards. It's worth it, but it's very hard work."

manager of Gala Hallmark in the Twelve Oaks Mall, said customers start buying holiday cards at her store in the first week of November.

"By the third week of November we get real busy and it lasts all the way through until Christmas Day," DeMilner said. She said sentimental cards seem to be the most popular at her store this year.

"This is our biggest selling point of the season," she said. "We generally do about 25 to 30 percent of our total business for the year during this time."

In addition to cards, DeMilner said customers appear to be buying a lot of polka-dot and old-fashioned Santas this holiday season.

gifts seem to be popular items this year, Lori Benedict, assistant manager of Scribbles and Giggles in Twelve Oaks, said novelty items are extremely popular among teenagers.

"The dancing flowers are especially popular this year," she said. The item consists of a plastic-type potted flower that moves to the beat of music.

The dancing flower, which runs on batteries, costs \$25.

"We started selling Christmas cards before Halloween, and business really picked up after Halloween," Benedict said.

Health Notes

Flu shots for seniors: Flu shot clinics for senior citizens will be conducted throughout the month of November at the University of Michigan M-Care Health Center in Northville. All persons over the age of 62 are eligible to receive the injections at a reduced fee of \$3 during the clinics. Appointments for flu shots are required. Seniors should call the health center at 344-1777 to determine when the clinics are scheduled. The Northville M-Care clinic is located at 630 Griswold in Northville.

Cholesterol class: Eater's Choice, a class developed to help lower your cholesterol, will be offered at St. Mary Hospital in Livonia. The class will be led by a registered dietitian who instructs participants on caloric intake, cholesterol levels in common foods and how to ultimately lower their cholesterol. Eater's Choice will be offered Mondays and Thursdays from 7-8:30 p.m. through Dec. 14. The cost is \$65 per person or \$80 per couple. To register call 464-4800 (extension 2469) by Monday, Nov. 20.

Parkinson's Disease: A support group for individuals suffering from Parkinson's Disease in the Novi/Northville area meets the first Wednesday of each month from 7 p.m. at the Holy Family Church in Novi. The church is located on Meadowbrook Road between Ten Mile and Grand River. In addition to people afflicted with the disease, the group includes friends and relatives of those suffering from Parkinson's. For more information call Frank Raabe at 348-3631.

Narcotics Anonymous: Narcotics Anonymous, a non-profit fellowship or society of men and women for whom drugs has become a major problem, meets at Botsford Hospital's Family Service Center in Farmington Hills every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. It is a group of recovering addicts who meet regularly to help each other stay clean. For more information call 537-1110.

Women for Sobriety: An organization of women for women, the purpose of Women for Sobriety, Inc., is to help all women recover from problem drinking through the discovery of self, gained by sharing experiences, hopes and encouragement with other women in similar circumstances. The group meets every Wednesday afternoon at 1 p.m. at Botsford Hospital's Family Services Center. The group is not affiliated with Alcoholics Anonymous, but is a "New Life" program. Membership requires a desire to stop drinking and a sincere desire for a new life. For more information call 537-1110.

Maternity fitness program: The Motherwell Maternity Fitness Program at the University of Michigan Medical Center offers classes every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at the M-Care Health Center in Northville. The medically-approved exercise classes, designed specifically for pregnant women, are taught by certified instructors and provide many benefits. A package of information is available by calling 938-5186.

HUGS for families: Huron Valley Hospital's Perinatal Loss Team is offering a HUGS group for families who have experienced the death of a baby. HUGS is a mutual support group for grieving parents which meets at Huron Valley Hospital the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. For more information call 360-3470.

Pre-natal, post-partum exercise: Debra Hoppe leads pre-natal, post-partum exercise classes at the Providence/Novi Center every Saturday from 10-11 a.m. The center is located on Ten Mile near Haggerty Road. Classes are ongoing and participants can enroll at any time by calling 227-7284. Hoppe is a member of the International Dance/Exercise Association and certified through the IDEA Foundation.

Signor survives bike accident

By DARRRELL CLEM
staff writer

It was March, 1983, when Bill Signor took his trail bike for a spin through a wooded area in Wixom.

It was one of the first warm days of spring, and the world seemed full of promise.

But as Signor rode his bike up a steep embankment, he didn't see another biker coming in his direction from the opposite side of the hill.

Seconds later, the bikers collided head-on, and their mangled bodies lay in shock until a 12-year-old boy, who happened to be wandering in the woods, went for help. Both men survived.

Signor, who lives in Novi on Garfield Road, suffered a broken leg and internal injuries. But, worst of all, the accident severed the nerves of his right arm, leaving it paralyzed.

Six years later, Signor's emotional scars have healed. But the lingering physical pain rarely lets him sleep for more than two hours at a time.

"Nothing totally kills the pain," Signor said. "You just learn to live with it as best you can."

Signor and his mother, Jean, recently talked about the accident while sitting in their home on Garfield north of Eight Mile.

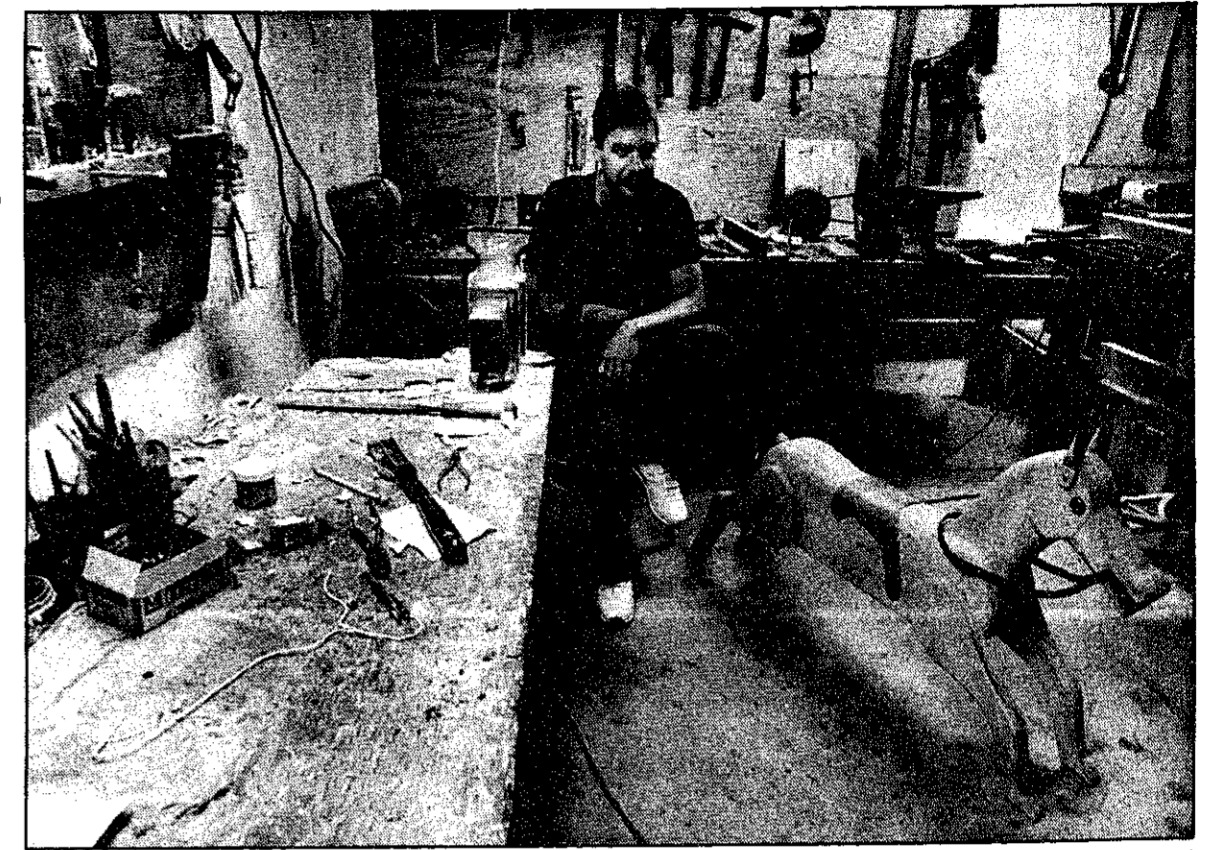
Although he still suffers pain, Signor knows that he's lucky to be alive. For nine days after the accident, he was near death.

"The doctors didn't expect him to live," said his mother. "He was in intensive care just hanging onto dead or alive."

After spending about six months in the hospital, Signor was confined to a wheelchair for another half-year. The accident cost him a \$38,000-a-year job as a meat cutter for a grocery chain.

Now, Signor attends Oakland Community College, where he is studying computer programming, and he has learned to use his left hand to carry on his longtime hobby of carving

Signor: 'Nothing totally kills the pain... You just learn to live with it as best you can... It gives me a lot of pleasure to make nice things like that... It's one of the few things I can still do one-handed.'



Bill Signor sits in the woodworking workshop of his home on Garfield Road

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wooden horses, shelves, grandfather clocks, tables and other items.

He has a shop set up in the basement. Vice clamps are used to hold the wood steady while he works.

The treasured hobby was passed on from his late grandfather, longtime Northville resident and industrial arts teacher Bud Zwickey. The hobby helped Signor earn several awards at Thurston High School in Redford.

"It gives me a lot of pleasure to make nice things like that," Signor said, pointing to a wooden horse that he plans to sell for \$150. "It's one of the few things I can still do one-handed."

Signor said it took him more than

three years to return to his craft.

"It took him three years to mentally feel like a person again," his mother said.

Since his accident, Signor has earned an associate's degree in liberal arts from Oakland Community College and is now studying for an associate's degree in computer science. He hopes to eventually earn a bachelor's degree in business, although he's seeking work and plans to complete school on a part-time basis.

Although Signor said he misses such activities as golfing and riding

trail bikes and snowmobiles, he has learned to use his left hand for bowling and water skiing.

"I can ski, but I can't switch hands," he said.

Signor also has continued to repair cars, including a 1994 Model-T Ford that his late father, Carl Signor II, bought for \$10 as a youngster.

Signor also has taken up a new hobby — reading. His favorite books are western novels.

"He never looked at a book before he had the accident," his mother said. "Reading has opened up a whole new world for him. It has

helped him in school."

Signor said doctors have indicated they could try a complicated back surgery technique in attempts to restore the use of his arm.

But his mother said there is the risk that he could be totally paralyzed — a risk that Signor has decided not to take.

Jean Signor said her son would be willing to have his arm surgically removed if it could be replaced by some type of useful artificial arm.

But she said doctors have said they cannot attach such a device to Signor's damaged nerves.

Still, Signor remains optimistic about the future. He hopes to find a job soon. And his five-year goal is to have some type of business career that would allow him to earn a salary similar to what he earned prior to the accident.

"I just think he's made a remarkable recovery," his mother said, adding that her son probably would have died if his body hadn't been discovered soon after the accident.

"I'm just glad that little boy was walking in that area that day," she said. "I think it was a miracle."

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Travel tips offered

The more you know about and prepare for winter storms, the better your chances are for survival in emergency situations.

This is especially true for those who must travel by car during an ice or snow storm.

Oakland County EMS/Emergency Management provides suggestions to help travelers avoid falling victim to inclement weather.

"With more deaths resulting from winter storms during the past three decades than from tornadoes, hurricanes and floods combined, we want to ensure the safety of travelers in this area," said Gail Novak, manager of Oakland County EMS/Emergency Management.

Novak suggests if you must travel, take someone else along or let someone know the route you intend to travel.

She also says to make sure your car is properly serviced, equipped with chains or snow tires and has a full tank of gas. The car should also be equipped with:

- a container of sand,
- a shovel,
- a windshield scraper,
- flares,
- booster cables,
- tow line or rope,
- a flashlight,
- a warm blanket,
- heavy gloves and mittens,
- overshoes, and
- extra woolen socks and a wool hat.

Novak advises stranded drivers to stay calm and rationally plan their course of action.

Once everyone is settled in the car Novak offers these helpful tips:

- Keep a portable radio handy for weather information and other emergency advice.
- Stay in vehicle where rescuers will find you.
- Put on flares, raise hood of your car or hang a cloth off the aerial or out of the car window.
- Do not waste gas by running your heat. Exercise to maintain body heat by clapping your hands together and lifting your legs up and down. But do not overdo it. Exercise warms you, but it can also cause body heat loss.
- At night turn the dome light on so work crews may spot you.
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Marilyn Troshak is the new recreation coordinator for the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

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Spreading fun New recreation head plans activities

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB
staff writer

Seven months after deciding to devote her full attention, Novi's newest recreation coordinator — Marilyn Troshak — is at it again, trying to spread enjoyment to people.

"It's hard to work full-time while having small children," said Troshak. She is the mother of two boys — Kevin, 2½, and Timothy, 11 months.

"Fortunately she added, 'they love being at the babysitter's.'"

"Besides, they need outside interaction," she continued. "It's hard on me, but I know it will benefit them in the long run."

Now that she has the opportunity to work again, Troshak said she has decided to get back into the recreation field "because I enjoy making contacts and working with people."

"I like presenting programs for other people's enjoyment," she said. "I also like spending time organizing events and then seeing the final results."

Prior to becoming a full-time mother, Troshak said she spent nearly five years in the parks and recreation department in Kentwood.

Troshak: 'I like presenting programs for other people's enjoyment. . . I also like spending time organizing events and then seeing the final results.'

She and her family moved to Howell recently, after her husband gained employment in Howell's parks and recreation department.

A 1979 graduate of Central Michigan University, Troshak said she applied for the Novi position even though she had only passed through the community.

And even though she has only worked in Novi a little more than a week, Troshak said she has been very impressed with the new people and surroundings.

"I came to the civic center last year and thought what it would be like to work in a place like this," she said. "Now, my dream has been realized."

Troshak said the one aspect she does not like about her job are "the long hours and the late meetings. But I really like this community and seeing the end result makes it all worth it."

Her duties as Novi Recreation Coordinator include coordinating ballroom dance lessons and horseback riding classes. Troshak said she will also be helping to organize some special events such as the city's annual Chilly Willy festival in January.

"I will be a relief to get an experienced person because she brings ideas that have worked in other communities," Scroggs said. "Marilyn has seen programs that have worked in western Michigan that could fit in here."

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Local hotel market is full, report says

It is doubtful southeastern Michigan will see more hotel development in the near future.

That's the word from BDO Seidman, the Detroit-based accounting firm, which annually compiles a metropolitan Detroit hotel market summary. The report is BDO Seidman's fifth annual summary.

Five years of continued hotel growth has almost saturated the market, according to Wanda L. Spencer, senior manager at BDO Seidman. Low demand, stricter zoning and a resistance on the part of banks to finance further projects will slow hotel development.

The number of hotel rooms in metropolitan Detroit will increase from almost 23,000 rooms in 1988 to almost 26,000 in 1989, Spencer said. In 1990, approximately 2,800 more hotel rooms will be added to the market.

Market absorption has not kept pace with the supply, Spencer said. In 1988, hotel rooms in metropolitan Detroit were occupied 63.2 percent of the time; by the end of 1989, the occupancy rate is expected to drop to 60.3 percent.

Hotel development will begin to taper off as the demand declines, but not enough to offset lower occupancy rates in 1990, which she expects will fall to 58.3 percent, Spencer said.

Metropolitan Detroit may see development of super economy hotels, like the Quality Inn corporation's Sleep Inn and perhaps even a few extended trip hotels, Spencer said, but the full-service hotel market is saturated.

"Average daily room rates, which peaked in 1986 (at \$61.59), are expected to begin recovering by year-end 1989 to approximately \$58," Spencer said. In 1989, the average daily rate in metropolitan Detroit was \$57.50 because of a boom in budget and mid-priced hotel developments and a highly competitive market.

Fewer room additions in 1989 and a healthy economy will enable hotels to increase rates slightly and still stay competitive, Spencer continued, but an oversupply of rooms will keep room prices low.

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Despite the area's booming office market, BDO Seidman stressed the Holiday Inn, Signature Inn, Fairfield Inn and Courtyard by Marriott openings.

The market is expected to see an increase of about 31 percent in room supply in 1989 in this area. It will supply of hotel rooms — including the Marriott and Marriott Courtyard in Livonia, the Hampton Inn and Super 8 hotel in Canton, the Wyndham Garden Hotel in Novi and the Signature Inn in Plymouth — exceeds demand.

With plans to open a 160-room Hotel Baronne in Novi, the 240-room Embassy Suites and 240-room Compiere hotels in Livonia, room supply will increase, resulting in an estimated 1990 occupancy rate of about 55 percent, BDO Seidman expects rates to rebound \$1 to \$2 in 1990.

According to the report, average daily hotel rates declined slightly from \$52.86 per night in 1988 to \$52.76 per night in 1989, because of increased supply. BDO Seidman expects average daily rates to increase only nominally in 1990 to approximately \$53 per night for the same reason.

In the 1-696/Lodge corridor market, which includes Southfield and east Farmington Hills, hotel occupancy dropped from 54.8 percent in 1988 to 52.1 percent in 1989. Marginal demand increases were surpassed by room supply increases, the report states.

In 1990, BDO Seidman expects occupancy rates to increase 53.4 percent, the first increase in five years because of slowing hotel room development and the completion of 11,696.

An oversupplied market in 1989 resulted in average daily hotel rates falling from \$64.20 per night in 1988 to \$63.56 per night. BDO Seidman expects the average daily rate to rebound slightly in 1990 — to about \$65 — because of slowing growth.

The Troy/Madison Heights market, which had an occupancy of 69.2 percent in 1988, declined to 64.6 percent in 1989. The report attributes the decline to an 8 percent room supply increase and a 3 percent room demand increase. The 133-room Fairfield Inn was the Troy/Madison Heights market's only addition in 1988.

The planned February 1990 opening of Marriott's 350-room hotel in Troy will result in a 12 percent growth in room supply and a 1.8 percent occupancy drop to 64.8 percent, the report says.

Average daily hotel rates slipped from \$61.91 per night in 1988 to \$61.33 per night in 1989 after the opening of the mid-market Fairfield Inn. BDO Seidman expects average daily rates to climb to \$67 per night in 1990 with Marriott's entrance in the market.

In the north Woodward, Rochester Hills, Auburn Hills market, occupancy rates fell from 55.3 percent in 1988 to 59.7 percent in 1989. The report attributes the decline to a 54 percent room supply increase following the Holiday Inn, Signature Inn, Fairfield Inn and Courtyard by Marriott openings.

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Medical center gives hope to head injury victims

By PAT COVERY
special writer

Thirteen years ago, Tom Turner was in an automobile accident that changed his life forever.

Ten years ago, Owen Hawkes was thrown from his bicycle when it was hit by a car.

The families and friends of Tom and Owen both heard the same devastating diagnosis after their accidents: closed head injury.

Closed head injury. A terrifying diagnosis that can be a sentence to a lifetime of physical disability, impaired learning and personality changes. A once vital human being, usually in the prime of his life, can no longer function to his full abilities. And in many cases, can no longer work to support himself and his family.

Just what is a head injury? According to literature put out by the Michigan Head Injury Alliance in Brighton, "Head injury is a traumatic insult to the brain resulting in temporary or permanent cognitive, physical, and behavioral/emotional changes."

Automobile accidents account for the great majority of head injuries, but sports injuries, falls and some medical conditions can also be a factor. Most victims are male in the 18-35 age group.

But according to the staff at Willowbrook Rehabilitative Services in Hartland, closed head injuries do not have to mean the end of a productive life. There can be life, living and employment after a traumatic injury such as this.

Willowbrook has both day treatment and residential programs for closed head injury victims. According to Willowbrook's administrator, Sandy Malec, Willowbrook provides the traumatically brain injured with services necessary to attain their greatest potential and to allow them to become employed and independent.

Malec envisioned a place where clients could spend a full day in a friendly, social setting, receiving a full range of services while interacting with others experiencing the same daily struggles and victories.

The average stay for a Willowbrook client is six to 12 months, but it is not predetermined. The goal is to have the person employed at the end of their stay.

Employment placement is one of the roles of Barry Platt, a Novi resident and a development coordinator for Willowbrook. For the last year, he described the severe damage a head injury does to the victim as

"severing the wires in your head."

"The brain is your motor—it runs everything," he explained. Compounding the anguish, the victim is aware of his disabilities and is often frustrated at his inability to do what were once routine things.

But his awareness also brings a resolute determination to succeed, and a desire for real employment and success. And Platt, a determined and enthusiastic man, works hand-in-hand with both the client and the potential employer to see that success becomes a reality.

Tom Turner is a Willowbrook success story. Injured in an auto accident 13 years ago, Tom, a mechanic, had almost given up hope that he would ever be employed in a mean-

ingful job again.

In a letter to Willowbrook, Darren Turner, Tom's wife, described how she had to go out to work as a cashier to supplement his disability income.

"My husband had to stay home with our three children," she said. "He was so depressed and on edge, at times I would really worry."

When the Turners heard of Willowbrook, they gave it a try. Within 1½ months, Platt helped Tom get a job at TSI Goodyear in Brighton as a heavy truck and bus mechanic.

This was Willowbrook's second placement at TSI. Dan O'Connell, who also received head injuries from an automobile accident, was already working there doing general maintenance.

During a recent visit to TSI, manager Bill Riddle had high praise for both Turner and O'Connell, but admitted that at first he was unsure.

"I have to admit I did have some doubts, but they were resolved very quickly," he said. "Tom is one of those kinds of guys who works hard, stays late and even comes in Sunday if necessary."

"Danny is real conscientious and very concerned with what he's doing. Right now, he is in charge of the tire room. Both men, according to Riddle, have a "great attitude record."

Tom, a big, burly man, came out from under a school bus he was working on to talk with a visitor. "I'm doing all right," he said. "I had received services from other agencies and hospitals before going to Willowbrook. Was Willowbrook different?"

"They got me a job," he said.

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Sandy Malec and Barry Platt of Willowbrook observe the work of placement Terry Bates and Perry Drug supervisor Tammy Moses.

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Platt: 'Head injured people have more resilience than people give them credit.'

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As We See It

'Grand Plan' takes proactive approach

A major planning initiative was unveiled by the city planning department to rave reviews from members of the Novi City Council and Planning Commission last week.

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"The Grand Plan" is a significant planning initiative that could very well pay major benefits to the city, school district and business community. Kriewall describes the plan as a "win-win" situation for everyone involved.

At the crux of the plan is the desire of city officials to get certain businesses to move out of certain areas of the city. The city would like to get a lot of existing industrial uses to move from their current locations so that those locations can be used for other purposes.

The two major targeted areas are the Town Center Area (the property in all four quadrants of the Grand River/Novi Road intersection) and the West Grand River Corridor (the long narrow stretch of land between I-96 and Grand River from approximately Taft Road to Beck Road).

Frankly, both target areas contain uses which inhibit further development. Development in the southwest quadrant of the Grand River/Novi Road intersection is inhibited by the presence of a cement plant and a mobile home dealerships — two uses rarely found in downtown areas. Likewise, development in the West Grand River Corridor is inhibited by the existence of businesses which require unsightly outside storage.

City officials are convinced that both target areas will re-develop with uses which are more attractive and

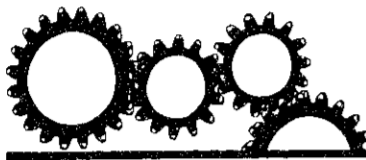
More public notice

Pertinent questions were asked following the city's first public presentation of what City Manager Edward Kriewall has termed one of the most important developments in Novi's history. "The Grand Plan" to clear industrial concerns out of the Town Center district and an area along I-96 was the sole topic of a joint city council and planning commission meeting on Nov. 21.

The city didn't quite unveil one of its most ambitious projects in a dark closet. The same procedure was followed for this as for any other, run-of-the-mill city council meeting — an agenda was posted on a kiosk in a corner of the Novi Civic Center, as is legally required. But there was no additional fanfare, no pre-meeting publicity. No hoopla. And almost no members of the general public in attendance. An expeditious meeting, with little time-consuming input from the citizenry.

However, City Councilman Tim Pope tipped off a few of the city's more actively involved residents, including members of Citizens for Responsible Development (CRD) who were there in an unofficial capacity.

CRD treasurer Jerry Harris



Development

provide significantly more tax base after existing uses are relocated. There could be professional official buildings instead of cement plants in the Town Center, for example. Or there could be research/office development instead of heavy equipment storage along the Grand River Corridor.

The "Grand Plan" put forth by city officials appears to answer the question about what can be done to relocate businesses which may be inhibiting development in key areas. It does that by establishing an industrial park and encourages existing business owners to move into it through various inducements which may include some forms of tax abatement.

The plan stands to benefit many displaced business owners, many of whom are prohibited from expanding what have become non-conforming uses in their current locations.

The plan also stands to benefit the city, school district and taxpayers with its quite realistic promise of additional tax base. Wahl estimates that new tax revenues will be significantly higher than any costs associated with tax abatements.

There's no question that the "Grand Plan" is one of the most important planning initiatives in the history of Novi. Still there are potential environmental and planning questions which will have to be explored carefully by both the council and planning commission. Those issues, which include proposed amendments to existing ordinances, must be given a full hearing.

In the meantime, however, city officials are to be commended for their innovative, proactive approach for resolving some of the biggest problems facing the future of Novi.

questioned the timing of the meeting — two days before Thanksgiving — and the scheduling of a public hearing on zoning changes vital to the project just four days before Christmas Eve. These are weeks when even the most dedicated citizens may find it tough to make time for civic concerns in their lives. Word has it that some of the real estate deals involved in the project must be clinched quickly.

Which is understandable. But business interests must not outweigh the interests of the residents of this town, who will be living with the industrial park and the new, improved downtown. Advance publicity was in order in this case.

City officials have promised to schedule meetings with the residents in the west end of Novi, where the industrial park will be built. They have promised that there will be ample advance notification.

But by now, the city won't have to invite the public by broadcasting from the rooftop of the Novi Civic Center. Their suspicions raised by the initial appearance of secrecy, the resident watchdogs will be on the alert.

Sugar-coated ninja turtles

'Tis the season to be shopping, or so the advertisers say.

Is it just me, or are the marketing firms of this country getting a little too cozy with old Saint Nick? The season seems to be celebrated more on the shelves of stores than in the churches or synagogues these days.

But I must admit, my spirit was deeply moved when I saw Christmas Crunch cereal at my local grocery store. It made me want to run out and decorate the parking lot. Then I wondered what made it a holiday treat. What, do the little crunchies taste like holly or poinsettias, or are they dyed a festive red and green?

Nintendo video games are a big holiday hit again this year, as are Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. The turtles are also the stars of a popular Saturday morning cartoon, and Nintendo offers a cereal of its own, though not, as far as I know, in holiday colors or flavors.

Which leads me to the suggestion of a merger between the two. Hey, if the Detroit dailies can do it, why not Nintendo and Ninja Turtles? I can see it now — the video company can offer new games like Turtle Attack, or Mario Brothers Meet Ninja Turtles.

And children can chew on Sugar-Coated Turtle Puffs while watching their favorite cartoons. Better yet, how about a Nintendo Ninja Turtle Christmas Special?

Remember when the holidays used to be celebrated more at home than on television? I don't. But I've heard rumo... Nowadays, movies like "Scrooged" accurately skewer the media response to Christmas by suggesting action-adventure Christmas specials like "The Night the Reindeer Died," in which a parka-clad Lee Majors rescues Santa's Workshop from evil terrorists. Still,

programming doesn't seem too far from the truth.

Forum

By Chris Boyd



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For those few moments, the purchase of gifts is forgotten while a much greater gift is remembered.

Of course, the next morning children all over the country will be gathered in front of their television sets, playing with their new turtle figurines or video games while their parents shake their heads and smile.

Old times, old friends

The first people I spotted were Al and Peggy Jones. Then I saw Susie. And Carol. Then Bill and Clare Williams, of course. And Tucker, Janice and Donna, the Williams kids. Tucker from California; Donna up from Florida.

And there were hosts of others. The Langtrys. The Ogilvies. The Cowies. George and Gladys Weiss, my old Sunday school teacher up from Arkansas with the Joneses. And so many others I won't even try to list them all.

The occasion was a special get-together for Bill and Clare Williams on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Appropriately, it was held in Fellowship Hall at the Northville Presbyterian Church... appropriately because the Williamses and all their friends have spent so much of their time there.

Pillars of the church. Pillars of the community.

You may be surprised to learn that this is a heavy column for me to write. But these people — Mr. and Mrs. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Jones, all of them — were my parents' friends... the adults of my childhood... the people who held my world together during cold wars and missile crises.

You had people like that in your life. Try to imagine them all together again. Just like old times.

Except that it isn't like old times. It can't be. Some of the people who should have been there have passed away. My parents would fall into that category. All of the people who were there are getting older, myself included. And some of them are in poor health.

To me it was a big evening. A great evening. Hopefully, you will be able to relate... your names will be different, of course, but the phenomenon is the same. The passing of time. One generation giving way to another... and another after that.

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History behind the Novi Library

In 1964, a new addition doubled the space within the building, giving the library some 1,300 more square feet in which to house the ever-increasing number of books.

The library became a member of the Wayne County Library Federation, later called Wayne-Oakland Library Federation (WOLF) in 1968. By joining WOLF, Novi was able to share in the ordering, processing and inter-library loan of books with over 60 public libraries throughout the two-county area.

In 1972, plans began for the long over-crowded Novi Public Library to build a new facility of 10 Mile near Taft Road.

Located on seven acres of land purchased from the Novi School District, the library would reside on former Fierst family property, in sight of the old farmhouse and barn still inhabited by sisters Iva and Ruby Fierst. Groundbreaking for the new building took place in 1975, with the official opening a year later. The new library, with 13,000 square feet of space, was 10 times larger than the old bank building.

The staff of the library also increased tremendously in size. From three part-time assistants in 1960, the library included 10 staff members by 1980, and that figure was more than doubled in less than 10 years.

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By Dr. Philip McCarty

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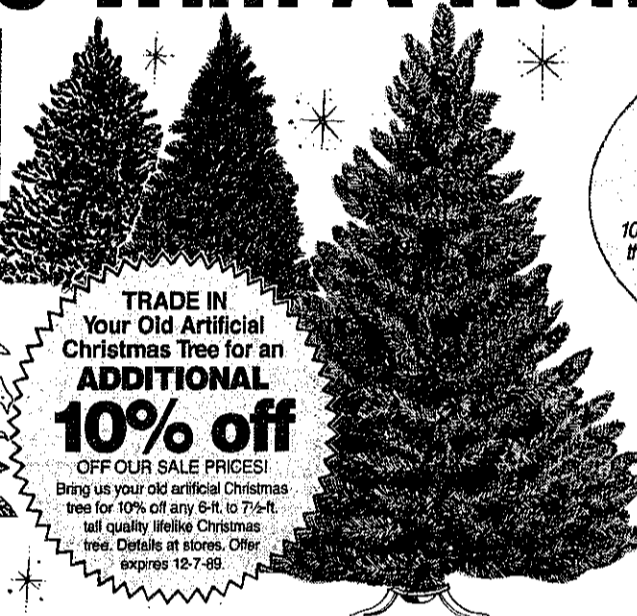
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Green Oak firm offers new twist on redwood signs

By PHYLLIS STILLMAN

Woodgraphics Inc. in Green Oak Township offers personal redwood signs with a twist — one-of-a-kind, customized signs for campers, boats, cottages and recreational vehicles at non-custom prices.

Started about six months ago by partners Steve Congleton, Rick Myers and Al Steward, Woodgraphics provides "hand-crafted wooden signs individually done. There's no production-line work," Myers explained.

Each sign is different because of a sandblasting process which exposes the grain of the wood and creates a textured background for the sign. "The letters are covered with rubber, then we sandblast around the rubber," said Myers.

Since each piece of redwood is naturally different in color and texture, and each piece sandblasts differently, each completed sign is unique.

"Every one is like a snowflake — no two are alike. They might have the same colors, but the grain is always different," said Congleton.

Two different types of signs are offered: name or address signs and initial plaques, with one line of lettering; and personal signs which feature three lines of lettering.

Prices quoted are for signs where the text appears on only one side of the sign. All signs are also available two-sided, at a 50 percent additional charge.

Initial plaques are seven inches by 10 inches, have one initial and cost \$15. Name signs are six inches by 18 inches and cost \$30. Address signs are eight inches wide and can be either vertically or horizontally aligned.

The price is \$45 for addresses of up to three digits and \$52.50 for four or more digits. "We have competed with the individual plastic-cut letters that look like wood. Basically (our signs) are the same price, with the full number assembled and tailor fit. It can be two-sided and hanging from a post if they want one like that, and they (plastic lettered signs) can't offer that at that price to (the customer)," said Steward.

Personal signs come in three sizes: 12 inches by 16 inches priced at \$49.50; 12 inches by 24 inches at \$75; and 18 inches by 30 inches at \$150. Each sign has a logo — a symbol or picture that personalizes the sign for the customer.

Woodgraphics has over 60 different logos available within three groupings: animals, including dogs, horses and deer; sports, such as fishing, baseball and football; and



Steve Congleton, owner of Woodgraphics Inc., shows off some of his work

Photo by JANET L. COX

miscellaneous, with logos for both the University of Michigan and Michigan State, along with other choices ranging from flowers to cannons.

Woodgraphics has been able to keep prices down by offering a limited set of sizes, colors and logos for their signs. "In the past (we) made commercial signs, and found there was a great need for the personal signs, so by limiting the colors and the logos and that kind of stuff, we could streamline the price down for manufacturing purposes — make them a little cheaper for the public

that way," explained Congleton.

Still, Woodgraphics is able to offer quite a few options. Along with the 60 logos, there are five different lettering styles available for the text, six color choices — including natural — for the background, and 15 colors offered for the raised letters, numbers and logos.

Each line of text can be a different color, as can the logo, so a multi-colored sign can be created. But if these choices are not broad enough to give the customer what he or she wants, custom signs are still available at a higher cost.

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This sign features a raised map of the state painted green. The customer's name and the city in which he or she lives is painted white, and the location of the city is marked with a white star on the Michigan map. This sign would be especially appropriate for RV or cottage owners, and sells for \$45.

Woodgraphics has been advertis-

ing on cable television stations around Michigan, including stations in the local area. You can call for a brochure at 437-6566 or 1-800-243-WOOD.

Local customers can also stop by the office at 10179 Colonial Industrial Drive (near the corner of Ten Mile and Rushton Road) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays to look at sample signs and place orders.

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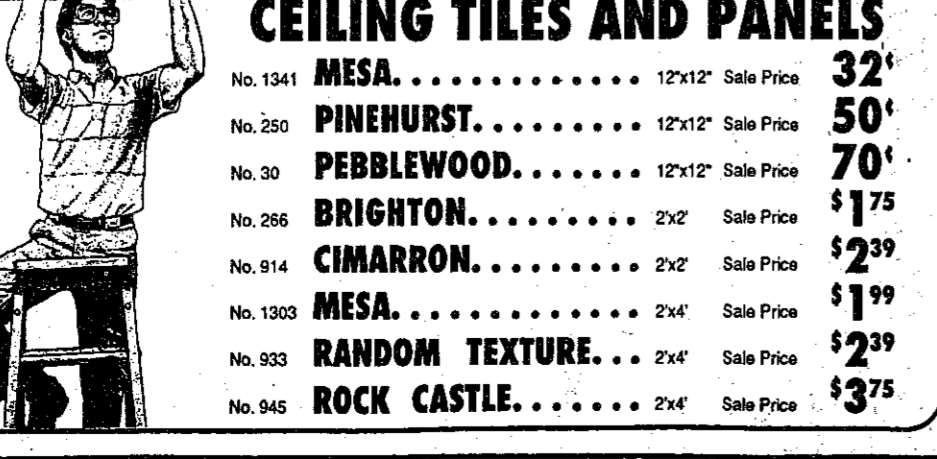
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Your company's pension plan may be the key to a comfortable retirement. But do you know how the plan works?

Take out that employee-pension brochure tucked away in the corner of your desk or filing cabinet and take another look at the details.

What kind of coverage does your company offer? How much do you and your company contribute to your retirement account each year? Is the contribution based solely on the company's annual profits?

To help you get some sense of your retirement benefits, the Michigan Association of CPAs offers the following description of three of the most common types of retirement plans.

DEFINED-BENEFIT PLANS: Under a defined-benefit pension plan, your company establishes a single retirement account for all employees and is obligated to pay each and every participant a specified sum every year after retirement - regardless of how well or how poorly the investments in the account perform.

The amount of the individual's accrued benefits is usually determined by such factors as age, years of service and total wages earned.

As a participant in this type of plan, you can generally expect your retirement benefit to equal a certain percentage of your final salary times the number of years that you worked at the firm.

DEFINED-CONTRIBUTION PLANS: With a defined-contribution plan, your employer puts a specific amount of money in a separate account in your name. Generally, the contribution rate is based on your salary, your employer's profits or both.

In contrast to a defined-benefit plan, the amount of benefits you will ultimately receive is not predetermined. Instead, the pension you receive when you retire depends entirely on how much was set aside on your behalf and how well that money was invested by the company.

As a result, if the trustee's choice of investments hits pay dirt, your pension funds could soar. But if the investments hit rock bottom, so could your retirement savings.

One example of a defined-contribution plan is a money-purchase account. Here, your employer's contributions are based on a definite formula, irrespective of company profits. Usually, the employer's annual contribution is a fixed percentage of your overall compensation. For example, the plan may stipulate that your employer must make an annual contribution to 10 percent of your annual compensation.

Another type of defined-contribution plan is the profit-sharing account. In this arrangement, your company agrees to make a contribution to your retirement fund based on your salary as well as its quarterly or annual profits.

Understandably, if your company has no profit in a given year, it will usually not make a contribution on your behalf.

As with all other pension plans, contributions are invested and accumulate tax-deferred for eventual distribution to participants or their beneficiaries. Depending on the terms of the individual plan, distribution will be made at either retirement or upon the occurrence of some specific event - such as a disability, death or termination of employment.

DEFERRED-COMPENSATION PLANS: A third type of retirement plan is known as a deferred-compensation account. In simple terms, these types of accounts set aside a portion of our salary for the express purpose of building retirement funds. Whatever amount you contribute reduces the amount of income on which you are taxed.

The easiest way to explain deferred-compensation plans is by describing one of their more well-known options, the 401(k). With a 401(k) you establish a salary-reduction agreement with your employer. In most cases, you can elect to contribute 1 percent to 15 percent of your annual salary. Each dollar subtracted from your paycheck is deposited in a special account. In most cases, your company will agree to match some or all of your contributions.

For instance, let's say you make \$30,000 a year and elect to deposit 8 percent of your salary in a 401(k) plan. Your company agrees to match 50 percent of your contributions. As a result, your retirement account receives \$2,400 of your own money plus another \$1,200 in company contributions - for a grand total of \$3,600. And that doesn't include interest, earnings or tax savings.

The 401(k) picture is not all rosy, however. As with most retirement plans, you cannot touch the accumulated funds without penalty unless you retire, become disabled or reach age 59½, as well as regular income tax on whatever amount you withdraw.

CHECK YOUR VESTING SCHEDULE: Make sure you find out exactly how your company's vesting schedule works. Keep in mind that all companies must now adopt either a five-year "cliff" vesting schedule or a seven-year "graded" vesting schedule for their retirement plans. With the cliff plan, employees become 100 percent vested at the end of five years. With the graduated plan, employees become vested over a period of seven years.

If you are just shy of meeting the vesting requirements of a company you plan to leave, you may consider whether it pays to postpone the job change just long enough to qualify for your benefits. In any case, make sure you review any current or prospective employer's benefit policies with great care.

AAA suggests hints for reducing auto insurance

A new free booklet produced by AAA Michigan shows why one driver could pay 20 percent more for automobile insurance than a neighbor with the same driving record and model car.

"The ABCs of Auto Insurance" uses plain English to describe auto insurance coverage and spells out options consumers can use to cut their annual premiums, according to Michael Wild, AAA Michigan assistant vice president for Corporate Relations.

The color booklet reviews cost-saving options for coverages such as Collision and Comprehensive which together account for 57 percent of the typical AAA Michigan auto insurance premium.

It also explains the medical, work loss and property protection coverages required under Michigan's No-Fault Law. Rating factors, claim expenses and what to consider before selecting an insurance company also are examined.

The 16-page booklet is available to the public by writing: "The ABCs of Auto Insurance," Public Relations Department, AAA Michigan, One Auto Club Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126.

Preparing your home to put on the market

If mortgage interest rates hold near present levels, members of Metro MLS, the state's largest multiple listing service, looks for higher than normal homebuying activity through the remainder of the year.

"Homeowners who may want to take advantage of favorable conditions by placing their homes on the market should act now to put them in the best operating condition," says Eric J. Hunt, Metro MLS president.

"Winter weather provides a severe test for any home in this locale and buyers will be looking for those offering the best performance under the worst circumstances."

He advises would-be sellers to make a thorough check of their home's heating equipment. Have it cleaned and replace any parts that detract from peak operating efficiency or cause excessive noise.

"Buyers will be particularly interested in the age of the furnace and your average monthly fuel bills," Hunt said. "A new furnace with a high fuel efficiency rating has become a selling plus, but if your older model is working well leave it in place and consider this a factor in negotiating your selling price."

He also noted that the cool days of autumn offer a good time to check for drafts around windows and doors. These are clear signs that heat can leak out and make fuel bills higher than necessary. A few minutes with a caulking gun can eliminate most such problems. Inexpensive winterizing kits are readily available in most hardware stores for a more thorough job.

"Late-in-the-year buyers also will likely want to know about how well the home is insulated," Hunt states. "If snow is melted off your roof, but not your neighbor's, it could be a sign of poor insulation allowing heat to escape. In many cases, homeowners can add insulation without too much difficulty to counter this."

Any documentation on original or subsequent insulation and with high resistance to outside heat and cold can be helpful in placing the home at best advantage for buyers.

It's also a good idea to take a close look at your roof if it's been on for five years or more, he said. "Alternative freezing and thawing can cause special problems for any loose shingles, and a buyer could discover a new leak at the same time you do."

While exterior painting is seldom recommended in this area at this time of year, Hunt said it's still possible to scrub down any painted or sid surfaces and repair any that show signs of neglect.

"Winters buyers may not appear too interested in lawn or garden areas, but late fall attention is usually well worthwhile," Hunt said. "Take time to give shrubs and bushes a final trim as they move into their dormant stage and edge the lawn if it is beginning to overgrow walks or driveways."

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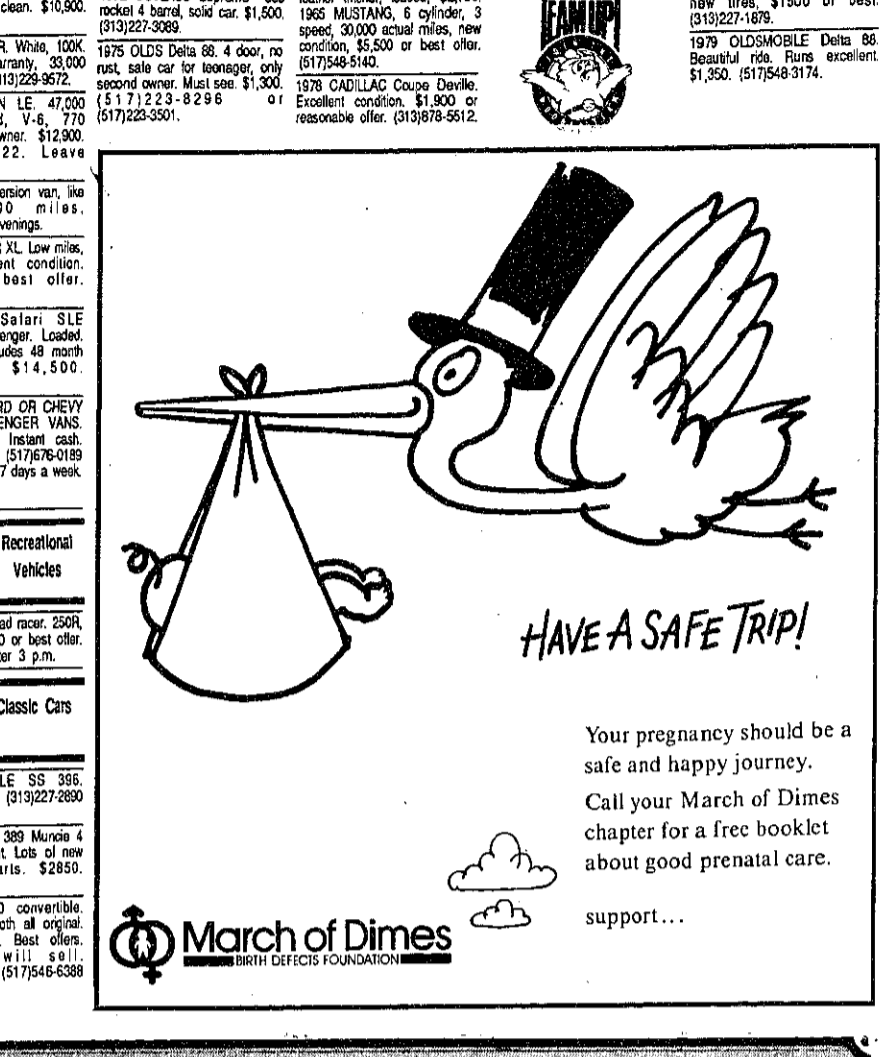
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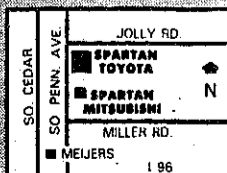
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Creative Living

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Janet L. Cox/Herald

Enjoying an afternoon dip in the hot tub are Pat, Ray, Margee and Dave Isaacson of Highland Township

The weather may be winter, but water's dandy

By Thomas M. Varcie

Imagine going outdoors in a bathing suit on a cold winter day and nesting comfortably in a pool of water.

It may sound ridiculous but actually it is one of the fastest growing crazes. They don't step into an ice-cold pool, however. They soak in a hot tub.

One area resident and hot tub owner looking for daily relaxation is Pat Isaacson of Highland Township.

"It helps relieve muscle pain and tension. It has definite benefits, especially for stress reduction," Isaacson said. "It's definitely therapeutic for the muscles."

Although her hot tub is merely a few feet from the back door of her house, she explained it is perfect for winter use.

"The winter is one of the best times to use it. You go out there and it's freezing, but then you go in the hot water and it's wonderful," Isaacson said.

"It's great because of the contrast in temperature. It's also best to use it at night, just before bed. It soothes the muscles in the body."

Hot tub owners were once perceived as families of the upper and upper-middle classes. Today that isn't the case. Social status no longer is a reason for purchasing the units, according to Phil Breininger, salesperson at Fireplace and Spa, a retailer of portable home health spas, in Southfield.

"The people getting these spas now are looking for entertainment and relaxation. Occasionally there are people that buy them strictly for

entertainment," Breininger said.

"More doctors are prescribing spas for people with health problems because they are great for muscle relaxation and tension fighting."

Typical health spa purchasers, Breininger explained, are blue-collar workers, middle and upper-middle class people. Most of them are between 30 and 40 years old and look for relaxation.

The popular health spas purchased typically cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000, according to Breininger. However, they can be purchased for as little as \$1,500 or as much as \$6,000. Financing plans are available at most spa dealers.

Although some spas fit in the home, many today are placed outside, Breininger said.

"They are self-contained portable

units and generally seat four to eight people. The pump system is in the cabinet that surrounds the shell, which protects it from freezing in the winter," Breininger said.

Prospective health spa buyers are encouraged to investigate longevity of the unit because it is an investment rather than a purchase, Breininger believes.

"When people come in here to buy a spa, they are buying it for an investment. They should look for something with support in the shell and something that will last 20 years," he explained. "It's always better to pay the higher price for the tub because in this case, the higher the price the better the tub."

The big name spa manufacturers include Cal Spas — which are carried at Fireplace and Spa — Hot Springs,

Sun Dance, Polynesian and Coleman. Breininger suggested purchasing some of those name brands for long-lasting comfort.

Another important aspect for health spa hunters is service of the dealer.

"The service is always important to the customer. You want someone who will take care of you and help you if there are ever future problems. Hopefully they will have the spa for a long time and the service should always be available to them."

Personal maintenance is also essential in longevity of the unit. Maintenance of it can take as little as five minutes per day. Care kits are available as well as instructions on their maintenance, Breininger explained.

Those interested in purchasing a spa are advised to follow some im-

portant instructions.

"First, I recommend they lay a concrete slab — four to six inches in depth — and put a deck or patio over top of that (if the spa is for outside use). The spas sit easily on the patios or deck. In fact, nine out of 10 spas I sell are for outdoors," he noted. "After that, they can make the purchase."

The market for spas is expected to continue to grow, Breininger predicted. At least in the past few years, more people are making purchases — no matter their social status.

"This business will definitely continue to grow. Most of our business is referral and that has to say something about popularity of spas nowadays. It's definitely a big market and it will continue to get bigger."

Around the House: Designs for Living



This home spells economy

By James McAlexander

The Oakley is designed for economy in both space and construction costs.

Growing families on a limited budget can get a full three-bedroom, two-bath home at a reasonable price.

As income property, the Oakley also can be built as a duplex, with the second mirror-image unit attaching garage-to-garage.

The master bedroom offers small luxuries: a roomy closet and private bath. The sink is separate from the

shower and toilet in a small dressing room alcove next to the closet.

The two smaller bedrooms across from the master suite share a full bath with tub and shower.

Counter space on four sides of the kitchen make for an efficient work area. Meals can be served directly into the informal dining room across an eating bar. An outside door provides access to the back patio for parties and barbecues.

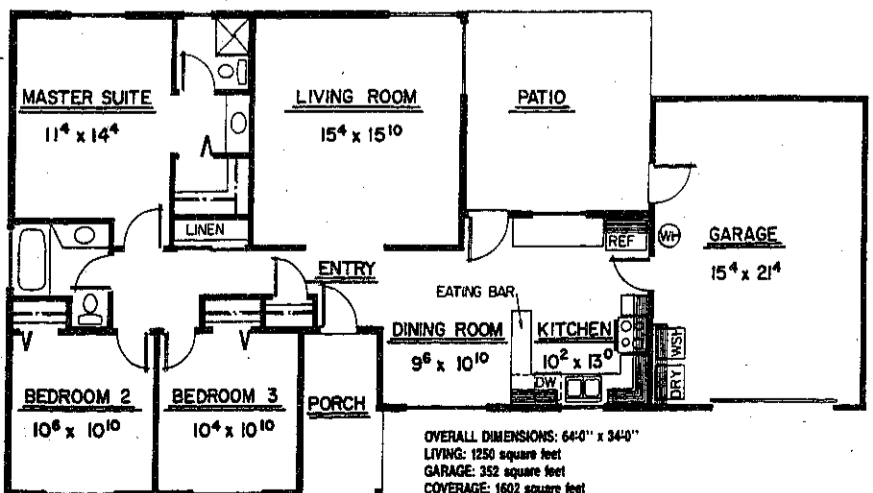
It's only a few steps from car to counter when bringing in groceries—the garage door is right next to the

kitchen.

Recreation, television, reading entertaining—all these functions combine in the living room, the Oakley's largest space. It has been left unadorned, but there is room for an entertainment center, a wood stove and hearth and perhaps an additional door to the outside patio.

For a study plan of the Oakley (207-17), 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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FLOOR PLAN

PLAN NO. 207-14

**Around the House:
Entertaining**

Just the right antidote to warm a body

By Barbara Floria

Choose your poison—freezing rain, sleet, snow, a "blue Norther" wind, falling temperatures, wet boots and soggy mittens.

Now, choose your antidote—steaming cardamom tea, grown-up hot chocolate with schnapps and cream de menthe, mulled apple cider, hot curried tomato juice or rich cafe Venereuse with cognac, cream and freshly ground nutmeg.

Things are getting better already, aren't they?

Yes, 'tis the season to cozy up to a fire with feet and legs wrapped in a blanket and your hand wrapped around a hot mug filled with something delicious.

Whether you like the convenience of the exotic coffees and teas presently on the market or relish the challenge of concocting more complex concoctions, with or without spirits, your time has come.

Many cold-weather imbibers simply switch to hot coffee drinks with spirited liquor additions when the winds howl, while others turn to mulled wines and ciders or hot buttered rum. Almost any liquor or liqueur can be added to coffee, and when you're bored with the obvious choices of Grand Marnier and amaretto, try combining brandy or rum with fruit-based liqueurs.

When you're adding spirits to hot chocolate, keep them in the mint, orange or cocoa families for better flavor harmony.

Several of our recipes are from "Good Spirits: Alcohol-Free Drinks for All Occasions" by Marie Simmons and Barbara Lagowski (New American Library, \$8.95).

The more adventuresome welcome new ideas. Hot fruit juices with spices make a warming and nutritious first course or can serve as an introduction to a casual buffet. Many seasonings, such as cloves, nutmeg, allspice and cinnamon, marry well with ciders, cranberry, pineapple or apricot juices.

Place sugar in bottom of mug and add boiling water. Add butter and rum, stir top with dash of preferred spice.

Hot Apple Spiced Tea
2 quarts unfiltered or filtered apple juice
4 orange-spice herbal tea bags
1 cinnamon stick
2 strips orange zest

Yields 8 servings.
Combine apple juice, tea bags and cinnamon stick in saucepan and heat slowly over medium-low heat until simmering. Let steep 5 minutes and then remove tea bags. Add orange zest, cover and simmer 5 minutes and serve.

Hot Curried Tomato Juice
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon curry powder
1 quart tomato juice
1/2 cup plain yogurt
Ground cumin

Yields 4 servings.
Heat butter in saucepan over medium heat until melted. Stir in curry powder and saute 30 seconds. Add tomato juice and heat to simmering. Ladle into 4 mugs and top with a dollop of yogurt and sprinkle of cumin.

Indian Spiced Tea
4 cups cold water
4 cardamom pods, crushed
4 teaspoons Darjeeling tea

Yields 4 servings.
Combine water and cardamom in saucepan and heat slowly until boiling. Add tea leaves to warmed teapot and pour cardamom water over leaves. Let steep 3 to 5 minutes. Strain tea before serving. Tea is best when mixed with sugar and hot milk to taste.

Hot and Spicy Orange Cider
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup water
6 cloves
Cinnamon sticks (1 per person)
1 quart orange juice (fresh if possible)
1/4 quart apple cider

Yields 10 servings.
Combine sugar, water and spices



Warm off the chill winds with hot tea, wine, coffee, cider or a chocolate drink

Mulled Cider Wassail Bowl
1 gallon freshly pressed cider
8 cinnamon sticks
1 tablespoon whole allspice
1 tablespoon whole cloves
1 orange, sliced horizontally
1 lemon, sliced horizontally
1 gallon good-quality dry white jug wine
2 cups light rum

Yields 20 servings.
Combine cider, spices and sliced fruit in large stockpot. Bring to simmer over low heat and allow mixture to mull 1 hour. Ten minutes before serving, stir in wine and rum. Let mixture reheat to just below simmering. Serve warm.

Mulled Beaujolais
8 unpeeled medium oranges, coarsely chopped
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon grated nutmeg
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
1 tablespoon whole cloves
6 cups water
2 bottles Beaujolais Nouveau
5 small apples studded with whole Cinnamon sticks (1 person)

Yields 8 to 10 servings.
Combine first 5 ingredients with water in saucepan and bring to simmer. Cover pan and let simmer 30 minutes. Remove from heat and cool. Strain liquid through double layer of cheesecloth.

Golden Glow
4 cups unsweetened pineapple juice
1 (12-ounce) can apricot nectar
1 quart apple cider
1 cup orange juice
2 cinnamon sticks
1 teaspoon cloves

Yields 10 servings.
Combine all ingredients in large pot and simmer over medium-low heat 10 minutes. Remove spices and serve.

Hot Chocolate
6 ounces dark, semisweet chocolate
1/2 cup water (or coffee if you want mocha flavor)
2 cups rich milk (as opposed to skim or low-fat)
1 cup cream, whipped

Yields 4 servings.
Chop up chocolate if not using chips. Add water or coffee. Melt in microwave or over low heat until nearly boiling. Serve in mugs with dollop of whipped cream and peppermint stick.

Grow-Up Hot Chocolate
1 ounce peppermint schnapps
1 ounce creme de menthe
1 ounce creme de cacao
2 cups hot chocolate
Whipped cream (optional)

Yields 2 servings.
Combine liqueurs and divide between 2 mugs. Add hot chocolate and top with whipped cream, if desired.

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**Around the House
Collecting**

Pickles make mark at world fair

By Linda Rosenkrantz

When visitors left the 1939-40 New York World's Fair in Flushing Meadows, they took with them memories of the Trylon and Perisphere, of Democracy, the General Motors Futurama, Borden's Dairy World of Tomorrow, the polka-dotted Wonder Bread building and other fascinating, futuristic exhibits.

But they left with tangible reminders, as well—and more likely than not, they had on their lapels one of the millions of Bakelite pickle pins that were given away at the Heinz Pavilion and remain today perhaps the quintessential World's Fair collectible. (In case you're wondering, it's worth about \$35 on the current market.)

This was not the first fair to be deluged with Heinz pickles, however. They made their mark much earlier at the 1893 Chicago World's Fair, where Henry J. Heinz had a booth in the out-of-the-way food section.

In order to lure people to this Sbernia-like area, he had his staff scatter small brass tokens all over the fairgrounds. On the tokens was stamped a notice stating that the finder was entitled to a valuable free souvenir at the Heinz exhibit.

Before long, crowds were thronging to the food section to claim their bright green plaster pickle pins. In fact, the play was so successful that Heinz's grateful neighboring exhibitors threw a testimonial dinner in his behalf.

Heinz had, from a very early age, been the consummate promoter. At 12, he was selling his parents' surplus produce, at 16 he was employing several women to help him, and at 25



he began to bottle horseradish grown on his property, selling it for the first time in clear glass, so that housewives could see what they were getting.

But it wasn't until 1876 when he went into business with the brother (F.) and cousin (J.) Heinz Co. was launched, its first bottling being ketchup. Before long, pickles and other condiments were added to the inventory, which eventually grew to

over 3,000 products (not just the 57 varieties, which Heinz himself felt was the perfect marketing number). There were several firsts in the brilliant Heinz merchandising career: The first canned food to be nationally advertised; was canned soup and Heinz is credited with making canned food a part of American culture.

And the first electric sign to appear on Broadway was a giant (59 foot) Heinz sign above the Flatiron Building in 1900, featuring an enormous pickle outlined by green bulbs and the name Heinz across it in white. Under the pickle, huge electrically lit letters spelled out the names of Heinz's 57 varieties.

The sign—six stories high and ablaze with 1,200 lights—became acknowledged across the country as a successful demonstration of what electricity could do for advertising and was instrumental in spurring other manufacturers to utilize the medium.

"Remembering the Future: The New York World's Fair from 1939 to 1964," Rizzoli, New York, 208 pages, \$25.

Speaking of World's Fairs, and interesting book called "Remembering the Future: The New York World's Fair from 1939 to 1964" has recently been published, concentrating primarily on the 1964 Fair and coinciding with the first major retrospective exhibition ever organized on the subject held at the Queens Museum from Sept. 16 through Dec. 31.)

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Right landscaping can increase value

The right landscaping can do more than just make your lawn look lovely—it can save you money on your heating and cooling bills and increase your property value.

The sun is one of the most important environmental factors that affects your home's heating and cooling requirements. By planting trees to block the summer sun and take advantage of winter sun, you can actually save from 10 to 40 percent on your utility bills.

Deciduous (leaf bearing) trees and vines provide shade in the summer and allow winter sun to warm the home after their leaves have dropped in the fall. Most landscape architects recommend shading the east and west of your house to block summer sun.

When planting deciduous trees, keep in mind that it may take from three to five years or more before they are tall enough to be of any utility savings benefit.

It is also important to estimate the size of the mature trees branches and roots. Large, heavy branches may damage your roof or interfere with the gutters and drainage system. The root system may damage sidewalks, driveways or your foundation if planted too close to the house.

Ground covers such as grass, plants, creeping vines or mulch also offer cooling effects. Paved areas reflect the sun's heat. Maximizing your planted areas will help to minimize your utility costs.

Allowing winter sun into your home is one way to help heat your

home. You can cut heating costs from 10 to 30 percent by planting a windbreak. Windbreaks are usually evergreens that deflect winds upward over your roof. The strongest winter winds generally come from the south.

If you don't have enough room for a row of trees, a fence covered with evergreen vines also will work. Be sure to plant your windbreak far enough away from the house so that it doesn't block the winter sun out.

When planting on the east or west, a good distance is about 50 feet from the house. Choose plants that are visually dense, have stiff branches, and don't self-prune and are fast growing. Plant them close together for effectiveness.

Now that you've invested in your landscaping, how has that affected your property value? Research conducted by the U.S. Forest Service showed that trees can contribute an average of 7 percent to the value of a half-acre lot and as much as 27 percent of the appraised value of a residential property.

The study showed that one to 29 trees added value, but 30 or more could reduce the property's value. The value is decreased because excess trees block out needed sunlight and they can be liabilities in severe ice or wind storms.

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WHITE LAKE. Highland and Milford area. Very clean room with house privileges. Utilities included. \$75 per week or \$300 per month. Call after 6 p.m., (313)887-4367.

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ADULT Foster Care for elderly woman. Clean, good meals, excellent care. No smokers. Call Pat (517)546-7642.

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BRIGHTON. Available, December 1, bedroom, 1 bath, entry level, good access for elderly or handicapped. \$475 per month. (313)227-3631.

Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, available for immediate occupancy, beautiful grounds, walk to local shopping and schools. From \$455. For appointments call South Lyon Apartments (313)437-5007.

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SOUTH LYON ZERO SECURITY DEPOSIT

Spacious 1 and 2 bedroom apartments, available for immediate occupancy, beautiful grounds, walk to local shopping and schools. From \$455. For appointments call South Lyon Apartments (313)437-5007.

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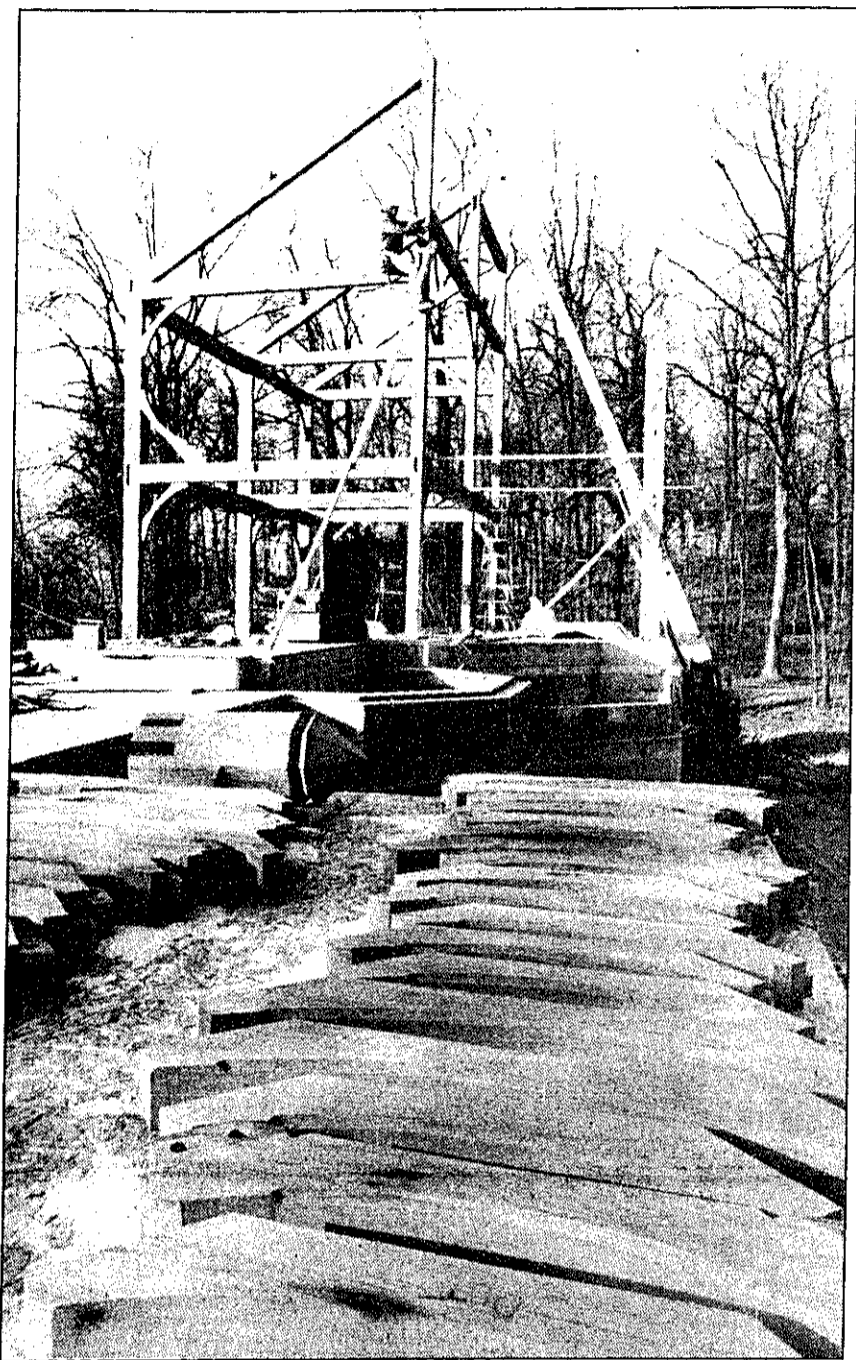
NORTHVILLE. In the historical district, custom built brick townhouse featuring 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining, study, fireplace in the master bedroom and living room, finished basement. Pella windows, all kitchen appliances. Very deluxe. \$1,40

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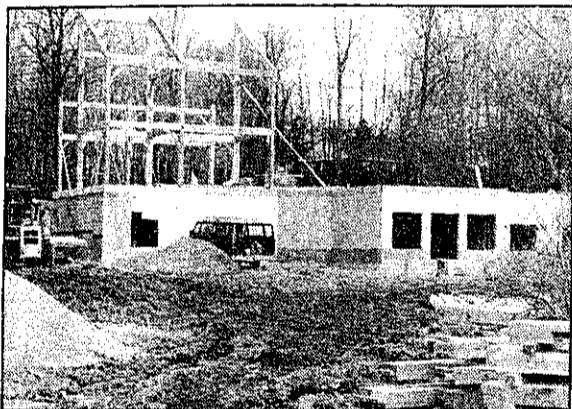
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Builders, above, construct the timber framework for the first floor of the home. At right, an overview of the construction site on Main Street in Northville offers a glimpse of the house dimensions.



Timber framing

Unique hand-hewn home offers design options for local couple

Story by Stephen Kellman Photos by Chris Boyd

On a hillside in Northville, a strange structure is beginning to take shape. The simple frame of thick, oaken posts and beams provides a stark contrast to the skeleton of two-by-fours in typical homes. The structure harks back to an earlier time, when buildings were built without the aid of cranes and fork-lifts — when sheer strength and brute force were the main tools of the building trade.

The building — a timber frame house — will eventually be the home of John and Debi Gould, and their family of four. "I've always appreciated hand-hewn, post-and-beam construction," Gould said. "With the versatility of the design, you're unlimited with what you can do."

This versatility stems from the fact that timber frame homes do not need the many structural walls of a conventional home. The massive oaken timbers — some more than a foot wide — allow long interior spans without a wall, and such design features as beamed ceilings, massive rafters and huge cathedral spaces.

The Goulds are taking advantage of all the space their 6,400-square-foot home will allow, with the addition of four fireplaces, hardwood and marble floors, a viewing loft and plenty of windows to take advantage of the view. Their home, surrounded by oaks on the side of a gentle slope, overlooks a small pond and much of Northville Township beyond.

Gould's interest in timber frame homes stems from his parents' former summer home in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. The hand-hewn house, built in the 1700s, was framed in chestnut, a popular wood in short supply since a blight decimated the tree's North American population.

The Gould's new home on



Construction workers install a beam

The Goulds are taking advantage of all the space their 6,200-square-foot home will allow, with the addition of four fireplaces, hardwood and marble floors, a viewing loft and plenty of windows to take advantage of the view.

Main Street is being built by Riverbend Timber Framers of Blissfield. Riverbend homes are typically priced between \$75 and \$95 a square foot, which would make the Goulds' home worth between \$480,000 and \$608,000.

The 10-year-old company is one of the few in the country that specializes in

this historic building technique.

In timber framing, massive posts, crossbeams and diagonal braces are used rather than hundreds of two-by-fours, to give a building structural support. The timbers are connected to each other by "mortise and tenon"

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Random Sample

Q:

Would you be afraid to drive across the Mackinac Bridge?



Seven said: "Yes"
Three said: "No"
"I'm afraid of heights."
"We drive across it every year."
"I wouldn't want to go across it in a storm - that's for sure."

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

Volunteers

Mills gives time to library

By DOROTHY NASH
special writer

"You've had a lot of enjoyment out of the library," a friend told Geraldine Mills several years ago. "It's time you gave something back."

The friend was a member of the Friends of the Northville Public Library and it didn't take much to convince Mills to join. In a short time, she took a short term as board president. That got her really involved.

For example, this September for the fifth year, she was chairperson of the annual seven-course benefit dinner which Genitti's "Hole-in-the-Wall" restaurant donates.

That means getting a popular literary person to speak, securing a date convenient for the person and

Genitti's, arranging for publicity, having tickets printed, getting members to greet people at the door, putting "thank-you" cards for coming to the dinner on each table and handling the sale of tickets which go to the first 100 who sign up at the library.

"It's a lot of correspondence and telephoning," Mills said, and "it's fun."

She also helped organize the evening of chamber music at the library on Nov. 6, in celebration of the library's centennial.

Two days before that, there was a library book sale. For that, she helped consolidate the books, box up those that didn't sell and worked as cashier.

Mills is also on the committee to index the Northville Record. "I have my time assigned," she said, "for one morning a week for an hour and a half."

But about that friend who talked her into joining the Friends of the Northville Public Library, she said "She was right."

How about you? There are no membership meetings to attend, but there are plenty of opportunities to work on projects that will aid the library.



Record/CHRIS BOYD

Geraldine Mills helps organize library fund-raisers

Novi Library plans events during holiday season

By JEANNE CLARKE
special writer

Novi Library celebrates the holiday season by presenting a special program today (Thursday, Nov. 30) from 7 to 9 p.m.

The program is "Holiday Decorating" by Linda Wilk of Leeward in the Novi Town Center. She will teach participants how to make bows, how to decorate a broom and wreath and more. Registration is required. Call 349-0720 to register.

In addition, Jane Brown and Susie Homerson, children's librarians, are planning classes and activities during the holiday season. On Saturday, Dec. 2, the library presents "Holiday Crafts" at 11 a.m. for children ages 4 and up and for children ages 6 and over. Cost is \$1 for materials. No registration is required.

On Saturday, Dec. 9, the library hosts "Listening Day" at 11 a.m., featuring festive songs and stories. The 35-minute program is for children ages 4 to 8 and no registration is required. Youngsters also are invited to a movie program on Tuesday, Dec. 19, entitled "How the Animals Discovered Christmas" and "Snowman." The movies also will be shown on Dec. 20 at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. No registration is required. The programs run for 25-35 minutes and parents are asked to remain in the library during the movie.

Novi librarians remind residents that children may apply for their own library cards when they are old enough to attend school.

Holiday hours for the library are Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The library will be closed Dec. 23 and Dec. 30.

Current displays at the library include one on origami by Rick Kowal, 11. There is also a display of all the Christmas cards available from various societies such as the Arthritis Foundation, American Cancer Society, National Society for Animal Protection, American Heart Association and others.

The library also conducts an ongoing used book sale, sponsored by the Novi Friends of the Library. Prices are 10 cents for paperback and 25 cents for hardcovers.

GIRL SCOUTS: Local Girl Scouts will be "Caroling for Cans" this Sunday, Dec. 3, from 6-7 p.m. in several areas of the city, including Kings Pointe, Emerald Forest, Yorkshire Drive, Park Ridge and others.

Scouts will then take the cans to the Novi Civic Center where the cans will be loaded into vans and delivered to the Novi Emergency Food Program. When the Girl Scouts return to the Civic Center at 7 p.m., they will have refreshments and sing carols.

Upcoming plans made at a recent leaders meeting, chaired by Carol Eilring, was the "Thinking Day" program planned by Barb Michael. This year's program features an international theme. The date for

Novi Highlights

Thinking Day will be announced after the first of the year. Michaels will be assisted by leaders from Orchard Hills Elementary School.

Encampment for all troops is June 8-10 with a committee of several leaders, including Mary Crawford, Linda Burton, Kathy Langham, Cheryl Price, Judy Bailey, Connie Lake-Noble and Jan Gibbons. Council delegates for the coming year will be Mary Kay Marks and Barb Michaels.

Katie Waymouth has been named neighborhood program consultant. Leaders who have not yet completed basic training are advised of a session on Dec. 2 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Livonia. All leaders must complete the training. For more information call Carol Eilring.

Parents are encouraged to contact Mrs. Valerie Flannery for information on how to get applications for awards honoring their daughters for work in the Girl Scout Council or community.

Currently there are 28 troops in the Novi area with 60 leaders and 236 regular Girl Scouts. The next leader's meeting will be Jan. 16 at Village Oaks Elementary School.

Girl Scouts in Junior Troop 3042, led by Kathy Langham, earned their "Looking Your Best" badges by participating in a hairstyling party and fashion show. They also earned badges for a service project of babysitting siblings of Cub Scouts in Pack 239; 50 parents could attend the meeting.

ATHLETIC BOOSTERS: All parents interested in the Novi High School athletic program are encouraged to attend the next Athletic Boosters meeting at Novi High School (Room 107) on Wednesday, Dec. 6 at 7 p.m.

The club continues to make plans to help the athletic program by purchasing equipment such as electronic baseball/softball score boards, a cam corder and tapes for use during all boys and girls sports for the other items. Proceeds from the group's fund-raisers, including concession stands at all home games, help purchase the equipment.

The winter sports season is about to start. Anyone interested in helping out with indoor concession stands should call Kathy Kasten at 349-9712. The Booster Club would like to thank Phyllis Waggoner for donating the hotdog buns for all home football games. The group also thanks Jim and Gayle Snider for donating coffee, hot chocolate, mustard, ketchup and relish again this year.

At the concession stand, the group not only sells refreshments such as hotdogs, but also sells items such as earrings, pins and other jewelry.

For more information about the club stop by the concession stands. Family pass books are still available

skating at Bonaventure.

The PROs, a group of mature adults, recently attended a potluck at the home of Sue and Bud Cross. The group participates in several church projects, including mailing the monthly newsletter, compiling the annual report and the new church development booklets, assisting with bake sales and other projects.

The church congregation continues to grow. New member orientation classes begin Thursday, Nov. 30. The church is already starting Christmas plans, with three services on Christmas Eve, including a Youth Sing at 6 p.m., special music at 8 p.m. and the adult choir at 10 p.m.

NOVI CUB SCOUTS: Novi Cub Scout Pack 239 is led by Cubmaster David Kohl and assistant cubmasters Bruce Dayton and Tom Preston. Other adult leaders include Diane Anselm, committee chairperson; Nina Preston, treasurer; and 13 den leaders.

It is the largest pack in the Novi area, with 13 dens, including three tiger dens, coordinated by Tom Preston. There are 85 cubs in the den.

Cub Scouts kicked off the year with school night in September. The McLallen family hosted an October Den meeting at their home on Cambridge, complete with hayrides, a bonfire and other activities.

The theme for the November meeting was "Parade of the Presidents" with a presidential quiz by cubmaster Kohl. The evening also included a parade of all presidents and a band. A skit was presented by Den 1 with a flag ceremony by Den 14.

Other awards in the evening included a "Thank You" by Mr. and Mrs. McLallen, who received the "stamp of approval." All the parents who have been attending the pack meeting also received "seals of approval."

The pack's popcorn sale, directed by Keith Smith, has ended. Proceeds will help defray costs of the annual spring Father and Son Campout weekend, as well as other activities. The pack's service project for his month included "Scouting for Food" the last two Saturdays. The project was directed by Diane Anselm.

NOVI OPTIMISTS: One of Novi's newest and fast-growing clubs hosted its installation dinner recently with Brian MacKenzie as president.

Members meet Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. at Victor's. Those interested in learning more about the group are encouraged to attend the meetings, which consist of a short business meeting, breakfast and special presentations.

Recent programs included "Here Comes the Bust" by Dave Vincent. The program was endorsed by the Novi Board of Education. Another special guest was Kathy Crawford, who visited during Youth Appreciation Week (Nov. 13-17). She introduced 12 students who were recognized for their achievements of handicap-

ped young people in the community. She also presented the plans for the "Friendship Club," which meets regularly at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department. Other special presentations have been given by Connie Mallett, who discussed the role of the Novi Chamber of Commerce in the community, and by Cindy Stewart, Novi's public information director.

Upcoming presentations will be given by Karen Bartholomew of Novi Youth Assistance, who will offer an overview of her work with youths in the community. The Optimists are selling entertainment books for \$55. The Optimists are looking forward to May 1990, when they will honor the top 10 percent of the graduating classes of local high schools.

PIN POINTERS: High bowlers last week included Minnie Legal of the Eager Beavers (210 in 528 series), Shirley Downing of Lookin' Good (191 in 515 series), Barb DeLore of the B&L's (150), Jean Pierson of Lookin' Good (179), Barb Pierson of Century

21 West (178) and Mary Scott of the Bowling Bags (177).

Standings are as follows:

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| Never A Doubt | 27 1/2 | 12 1/2 |
| Eager Beavers | 27 | 18 |
| B and L | 26 | 18 |
| M and M | 23 | 21 1/2 |
| Adventurers | 23 | 21 1/2 |
| H I Lows | 22 1/2 | 21 1/2 |
| Lookin' Good | 22 | 22 |
| Century 21 W | 19 | 25 |
| Bowling Bags | 18 | 26 |
| By A Hair | 13 | 32 |

The bowlers did not meet on Thanksgiving. Plans have been made for a Christmas party on Thursday, Dec. 14, at 2:30 p.m. at Ken Kevin's on Grand River near Inkster Road. For more information call Rosemary Banish.

Novi Highlights is written by Jeanne Clarke. Groups and organizations wishing to have their events included in Highlights may contact her at 634-0173. Individuals with news about births, birthdays, anniversaries and other events for the "Personals" section may call her at the same number.

Notices accepted

Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcements are welcomed by The Novi News. Forms for all these events are available at the News office at 104 W. Main Street in downtown Northville. Photographs are returned if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is included. Otherwise they are kept at the newspaper office for a month after publication.

The News office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

For information regarding rates for church listings call The Northville Record of Novi News 349-1700

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| ST. KENNETH CATHOLIC CHURCH 1483 Haggerty, South of Five Mile Road Weekend liturgy 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist: 11:30 a.m., 8 p.m. Church: 422-2388 | NEW LIFE CHRISTIAN CENTER 5786 Grand River, New Hudson (1 1/2 miles west of Inkster Rd.) Worship Services: Sunday 10 a.m., Wednesday Evening 7:00 p.m. No reservation: 427-1030-4000 |
| OPEN DOOR CHRISTIAN CHURCH 145 N. Center, Northville Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Tuesday 7:00 p.m. 14 Children's Ministry & Nursery, Bible School Open Door Christian Academy (4-5) Mark Lewis, Pastor 349-2121 | FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 200 E. Main St., Northville Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Chalice Available 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. St. Lawrence Church School Rev. James Russell, Minister of Nurture & Singing Rev. Nancy Keenan, Minister of Youth 349-2121 |
| FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENS 2120 Woodland, 349-7000 9:30 a.m. & 10 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., Sat. 9 p.m. Bible Study Wed. 7 p.m. Hollis Lewis, Pastor 349-2121 | SPIRIT OF CHRIST EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH OF NOVI (L.C.A.C.) 42702 W. 10 Mile (at Haggerty) Sunday 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday Church School 9:30 a.m. Pastor Thomas A. Schaefer 349-2121 |
| WALLED LAKE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH 302 Walnut St., 326-3444 Wed. 6:30 AM, Sat. 8:30 AM Sunday School 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Nursery Available At Services | OUR LADY OF VICTORY CATHOLIC CHURCH 770 Royal, Northville WEEKEND LITURGY 9:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 12:00 p.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Religious Education 3:30-5:00 p.m. 349-2121 |
| ST. JOHN LUTHERAN FARMINGTON 32220 Farmington, 349-1700 3 Mile W. of Farmington Road Worship Service 9:30 a.m. (Sunday only) Pastor C. Fox Voice 4-7890/3211 | FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH 3525 Highland Rd. at 1 Mile 3 Mile W. of Farmington Road Service every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Also, First and Third Sunday at 7:00 a.m. St. Lawrence Church School Rel. Com. - Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Song Services - Last Sunday of month - 7:00 p.m. |

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| UNITED ASSEMBLY OF GOD 4602 North Oakland Road Farmington, MI 48137 481-4666 Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m. Worship Services 11:30 a.m. Pastor: G. J. Jones, Pastor - 349-0505 | HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH 12 Mile East of Haggerty Farmington MI Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Education Hour 9:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Class 9:30 a.m. Saturday Evening 8:00 p.m. V.M. Membership, Pastor Phone: 349-1170 |
| FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST 1100 W. Ann Arbor Trail Farmington, Michigan Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday Meeting, 8:00 p.m. | FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 1 Mile East of Novi New Hudson, Michigan Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Pastor: Rev. E. Neil Ferguson |
| FAIRLAKE ASSEMBLY WEST 4130 West of Oak 48130 Northville, Michigan Sunday Worship, 11 a.m. & 8:00 p.m. Rev. Paul Katherine West Christian School 349-2121 | MEADOWBROOK CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH 21355 Meadowbrook Rd. N. End of 5 Mile 48130 Northville, Michigan Sunday School 10 a.m. Church School 10 a.m. Minister: Rev. E. Neil Ferguson Pastor: Rev. E. Neil Ferguson |
| NOVI UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 4157 N. Van Meter, Meadowbrook 349-2121 Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. Worship Services, 10:30 a.m. Nursery Care Available Choir & Bible Study, Pastor 349-3477 | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, NOVI 45325 Meadowbrook Home of Novi Christian School (9-12) Sun. School: 9:30 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m. & 8:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting, Wed., 7:30 p.m. Richard Burgess, Pastor John E. Seigrist, Asst. 349-3477 |
| ORCHARD HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH 25450 Novi Rd. (between 9-10 Mile) Bible Study for All Ages 9:45 a.m. Worship Services at 11 a.m., 8 p.m. Wed., Mid-Week Prayer Serv., 7 p.m. 349-2121 Katherine Stevens, Pastor | FAITH COMMUNITY UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 4400 W. 10 Mile, Novi, Novi 48066 172 Mile West of Inkster Rd. Worship & Church School, 9:30 a.m. Church J. Henderson, Pastor John L. Warner, Pastor Associate |
| CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS EPISCOPAL 10 Mile between Tori & Back, Novi Phone: 349-1113 7:45 Holy Eucharist 11:00 Holy Eucharist The Rev. Leslie J. Harding 11:00 a.m., Sunday School | FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF NORTHVILLE 217 N. Wang 348-1000 Rev. Stephen Stearns, Pastor Sunday Worship 11 a.m. & 8:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Services 7:30 p.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m., Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. |
| WARD EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH at 17000 Farmington Road Novi, MI 48154 Sunday Morning and Sunday School 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Wednesday School & Christian Education 7:00 p.m. Sunday Worship Broadcast 9:30 a.m. W4922 FM | CATHEDRAL OF HOPE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD Meeting of Novi Woods Community on Tori Blvd. 191 1 Mile Sunday 9:30 a.m. Nursery Provided at all Services Grady & Jensen, Pastor 349-2000 |
| SHEPHERD KING CHAPEL (L.C.M.S.) NOVI MEADOWS SCHOOL On Tori Rd. Near 11 Mile Road Sunday Worship & School 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Mark Schaefer, Pastor Ray McPherson, Deacon | WORSHIP THIS SUNDAY |



JONELLEN HECKLER



Dr. C. Everett Knop

Cancer: Do You Know The Facts?
As the Surgeon General of the United States, I know the facts about cancer. If you are over 50, as I am, you should know THE FACTS too.

For a FREE publication, "CANCER FACTS FOR PEOPLE OVER 50," call the Cancer Information Service. Entrants may submit from one to five previously unpublished, original poems of 50 lines or less. There is an entrance fee of 50 cents per poem.

Poems must be typed on 8 1/2-by-11-inch paper. Name, address and daytime telephone number should not be placed on the poems, but on a separate 3-by-5-inch index card. Entries should be mailed to: "Poet Hunt," Liberal Arts Building, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI 48152. Entries will not be returned. The deadline for submitting material is Jan. 31, 1990. Prizes include \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place. There will also be three honorable mentions. All six finalists will be invited to read their poetry at the college on Monday, April 9, 1990, at 7 p.m. All winning entries will be reprinted in "The MacGuffin."

Fulton will be at Schoolcraft College to read poetry and announce the winners' names on March 12, 1990, at 8 p.m. For more information contact Art Lindenberg, English Department, Schoolcraft College, 462-4400 (extension 5292).

Heckler's first two novels, "Safekeeping" (Putnam, 1983) and "A Fragile Peace" (Putnam, 1986) were also Literary Guild selections and reprinted by Fawcett and Pocket Books. "Safekeeping" is the story of the wife and child of an American prisoner of war, was the first book-length work of fiction about the Vietnam conflict to be written by a woman. "A Fragile Peace" depicts six months of the life of a family beset by alcoholism.

Heckler's poems and short stories have appeared in "The Ladies' Home Journal." Two of her cond. place spots in the Journal's reader survey for their most popular fiction pieces during a five-year period.

Heckler's fiction has been reprinted in Australia, Canada, Great Britain, India, the Netherlands, Norway and Sweden. She is also a lyricist and sales of her songs, written with composer Leonis McGlothlin, number more than 200,000 copies in sheet music form. She holds a bachelor's degree in English literature from the University of Pittsburgh and lives in Florida.

The public is invited to attend Heckler's presentation.

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Heckler to speak about writing

Author Jonellen Heckler will visit the Novi Public Library on Tuesday, Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the writing profession.

For over a decade, Heckler has chronicled American family life in her published poetry, short stories and novels. Her third book, "White Lies," was published by G.P. Putnam's Sons in October and is a November selection of The Literary Guild.

Schoolcraft conducts poetry contest

LIVONIA — Distinguished poet Alice Fulton will judge the seventh annual "Poet Hunt," a competition sponsored by Schoolcraft College and "The MacGuffin" literary magazine.

The competition is open to all Michigan residents. Entrants may submit from one to five previously unpublished, original poems of 50 lines or less. There is an entrance fee of 50 cents per poem.

Poems must be typed on 8 1/2-by-11-inch paper. Name, address and daytime telephone number should not be placed on the poems, but on a separate 3-by-5-inch index card. Entries should be mailed to: "Poet Hunt," Liberal Arts Building, Schoolcraft College, 18600 Haggerty Road, Livonia, MI 48152. Entries will not be returned. The deadline for submitting material is Jan. 31, 1990. Prizes include \$100 for first place, \$50 for second place and \$25 for third place. There will also be three honorable mentions. All six finalists will be invited to read their poetry at the college on Monday, April 9, 1990, at 7 p.m. All winning entries will be reprinted in "The MacGuffin."

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Snowmaking equipment provides Michigan ski areas with ample snow

State offers skiing opportunities

By BRUCE WEINTRAUB
staff writer

Sparked by an early influx of cold weather, skiers across the state are now able to schuss on many local downhill slopes covered with artificial snow.

However, cross-country skiers will have to wait for the natural white stuff before strapping the boots to their skis.

"Thanks to technology, there now is skiing somewhere in Michigan from Thanksgiving through Easter," said AAA Michigan Touring Manager Brian Potter. "This is true even when snowfall is 16 inches below normal, as it was in southeast Michigan last winter."

Despite last winter's light snowfall, Michigan's downhill lift ticket sales rose almost three percent statewide over last season, mainly because of an increase in snowmaking equipment, reports AAA of Michigan.

AAA also reports that 38 of the 46 ski areas listed by them have snowmaking equipment, with many Michigan lodges enhancing snowmaking capability by using an additive called Snowmax.

"We wish for real snow because it gets skiers excited for the winter season," said Bill Byberg, general manager of Alpine Valley in White Lake Township. "But we don't rely on real snow for the ski surface. And besides, the manmade snow is basically the same as natural snow."

Byberg said the Snowmax crystals are injected into the snowmaking water system, which allows for the snow shot out of the snow gun to freeze more quickly.

"The Snowmax allows us to produce more snow at warmer temperatures than we normally could," he said.

Byberg said the snow machines at Alpine Valley have been producing snow since Nov. 16. The slopes now have between a six-inch and 20-inch based groomed surface.

"We've got excellent skiing already this year," he said. "We received colder weather than we usually do this time of year and it's helped."

Byberg said ski lift tickets for weekdays (Sunday evening through Thursday) between 10 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. cost \$13, while evening weekday lift tickets cost \$14.

Weekend lift tickets (Friday through Sunday morning) cost \$18 for either the day or evening sessions. Ski rental is also available at Alpine Valley.

Other downhill ski resorts in the area include Pine Knob in Clarkston, Mt. Brighton in Brighton and Mt. Holly in Holly.

Meanwhile, the cross-country ski trails at Maybury State Park in Northville are just waiting to be dusted with white stuff from Mother Nature.

"We usually like to have a four-inch base for skiing," said park assistant manager Leland VerBerkmoes. "The last two years, we have not had any skiing until Christmas."

"Basically, all we're waiting for is some snow," he said. "As soon as it snows we'll open for business."

Under excellent skiing conditions, VerBerkmoes said over 1,000 cars filled with skiing enthusiasts will pack the parking lot.

"This is a popular place to ski because the ski trails go through the woods, so people aren't as affected by the wind," he said.

VerBerkmoes said Maybury park encompasses 945 acres of land and offers nearly 17 kilometers of ski area.

He noted that most of the ski trails are made up of bike trails and some additional foot trails.

"We had a total of only seven ski days last year," he said. "But, if conditions are good, then we've got a new rolling device made to pack the snow."

VerBerkmoes said a \$22 Maybury parking permit costs \$2 and an annual permit costs \$10. He added the prices of the permits will increase to \$3 and \$15 respectively after Jan. 1, 1990.

In addition, VerBerkmoes said skiers can rent equipment for \$4.25 per hour, with the rental price decreasing each hour.

Other cross-country ski trails located in the area include Heritage Park in Farmington Hills, Independence Oaks and Indian Springs Metro Park in Clarkston, Kensington Metro Park and Proud Lake Recreation Area in Milford, and Oak Point Golf Course in Brighton.

In addition to skiing, a relatively new winter sport in Michigan is "snowboarding," which combines aspects of both skateboarding and skiing.

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Defense never rests with this All-Area unit

In the courts around the Sliger-Livingston East area, the defense never rests.

Our 1989 All-Area girls' basketball squad, featured here in a different kind of court — 2nd District Court in Waller Lake — provided the area with a style quite different from all-star teams of the past.

The explosive, 20-point-plus performers from previous years are nowhere to be found. Instead, well-rounded players with as much defensive tenacity as offensive ability are the rule.

The five members of our first team are very versatile. Whether rebounding, scoring, providing defensive pressure or offering leadership, these girls accomplished the job effectively, but with little fanfare.

Judge Brian McKenzie may reside on the bench in Waller Lake, but you wouldn't find these girls on any benches during basketball season this fall.

Here's a closer look at the first team:

KATE HOLSTEIN, Northville, Forward: The Mustangs' major scoring force, Holstein led the area in scoring (13.2 points per game) and rebounding (9.2 per game). Northville Coach Ed Kritch calls the 5-foot-9 forward "the best junior we've ever had." Holstein was among the area leaders in almost every category, including field goal percentage (.345 percent), free throw percentage (.548), steals (46), blocks (18) and three-point shooting (7%).

"Kate was our main scoring threat and teams really tilted their defenses toward her," Kritch said. "She is an effective scorer from the inside with her back to the basket, but she can also drive and hit the outside shot. She is a very, very good basketball player and I think she can develop into a scoring machine."

Holstein had a season-high 25 points in a lopsided win over Farmington Harrison and scored in double figures in all but five games.

"She's in tremendous physical condition," Kritch said. "She played the point on our press and led us in steals. I think she has tremendous potential."

ADRIENNE MISKOVICH, Novi, Forward: Nothing could stop this forward — not a double-double defense, or triangle-and-two

defenses, or even a broken finger. Midway through the '89 campaign, Miskovich suffered the injury, missed just one game and was back as the Wildcat's leading scorer (10 points a game) and rebounder (8.2 per game).

"We're really going to miss Adrienne," Novi Coach Chris Drogosch said. "She let us in every category except assists and field goal percentage. She did a very good job leading a young team, and the broken finger only kept her out of one game. She is a very gutsy player."

This 5-foot-10 senior was also among the area leaders in field goal percentage (.380), steals (46), free throw percentage (.540) and assists (2.0 per game).

"She has a lot of intensity and a great desire to play," Drogosch said. "She's a fine athlete, she jumps very well and she played an average of 32-minutes a game for us."

KARI HEINONEN, Milford, Guard: Offense improvement brought this junior out of Lori Montane's shadow, where she had been the previous two years.

Heinonen did not post Montane-like numbers and probably never will, but she was an adequate replacement at the head of Milford's attack.

"Kari's a good little guard," Redskins coach Don Palmer said. "She really blossomed this year. She really hit the jumper and also got to the hole. People in our league respected her a lot."

The 5-foot-5 Heinonen averaged 9.1 points, 3.3 rebounds and 2.9 assists per game. She also converted 53 of 82 free throws for .634 percent.

"Kari will have a lot more pressure on her next year," Palmer continued. "For one, people know about her now... plus she'll be our only returning starter. She'll have to carry the load while the younger players adjust."

JUSTINA HOLMAN, South Lyon, Forward: Although this 5-foot-8 senior possessed a complete game, she is best known for her defensive skills — which frustrate opponents every time she steps on the floor.

"Justina, without a doubt, is the best defensive player I've ever seen," South Lyon coach Ron Shanks said. "She has tremendous instincts. I



The Sliger-Livingston East All-Area basketball selectees — (from left to right) Kari Heinonen, Kate Holstein, Adrienne Miskovich and Carol Pietila — were the stars of the court this fall. The team, shown here before 2nd District Court Judge Brian McKenzie, also included South Lyon's Justina Holman.

could sense that the first time I saw her play. Even when she didn't know anything about the game, she had a knack for anticipating what the other players were going to do."

Holman finished the season with 75 steals, 38 blocked shots and an 82.2 rebound-percentage average. Offensively, she averaged 11.8 points per outing to go along with 1.4 assists.

The All-Kentington Valley Conference (KVC) performer also connected on 412 percent of her field

goal attempts and 481 percent of her free throws.

"Justina had a good year," Shanks added. "She was able to do more things, like play on the perimeter and shoot free throws. Her free throw percentage slipped at the end of the year, but it was still much better than a year ago."

CAROL PIETILA, South Lyon, Guard: This 5-foot-8 senior bounced back from a disappointing junior

year to lead her team in steals with 87 — also an area-best — and assists with 67.

"Carol's a great athlete, but basketball came a little harder for her," Lions coach Ron Shanks said. "She had led the freshman and junior varsity teams in scoring prior to her junior year, but things just didn't work out last season. She really struggled and had a tough time understanding the game."

"This year, though, was another

story. She put it all together. She played outstanding defense and did some tremendous things with the ball. She's probably the best one-on-one player I've ever had on the perimeter."

Pietila, a standout on the soccer field as well, was South Lyon's second-leading scorer at 9.5 points per game. She also grabbed 3.3 rebounds per outing and converted 388 percent of her field goal attempts.

Jaycees to host Santa breakfast

Novi Jaycees sponsors its annual "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, Dec. 16, at the Novi Civic Center.

Santa will arrive at 9 a.m. Breakfast will be served from 9 to 11 a.m. Tickets are \$2.50 each.

Menu items include pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee, tea or juice. Santa will be available to talk with children through the breakfast hours. Reservations are not required.

Parents are encouraged to bring their cameras. Proceeds from the event will be donated to the Novi Police Department's DARE program.

Nutcracker: Holiday magic comes to Novi on Sunday, Dec. 10, with a special live performance of the classic ballet "The Nutcracker." The story of a girl named Clara and a special Christmas toy, "The Nutcracker" is a two-act ballet with music by Tchaikovsky. This presentation features a production by a cast of 45 from the Geiger Classic Ballet Academy of West Bloomfield and the Michigan Classic Ballet.

"The Nutcracker" will be presented in Novi High School's Puustari Auditorium at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$7.50 children under 14 and seniors. Tickets are available at the Novi Parks and Recreation office or at the door on the day of the performance.

Choralaires: Novi Choralaires presents two upcoming Christmas concerts. The group will host a holiday concert this Saturday, Dec. 2, at 7:30 p.m. at Faith Community

In Town

United Presbyterian Church in Novi. Another concert will be performed this Sunday, Dec. 3, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Northville.

Both concerts are sponsored by the Novi Jaycees to benefit the Jaycees' Needy Family Christmas Fund. Tickets are available at the Novi Parks and Recreation office.

Cinderella: Northville's Marquis Theater presents "Cinderella" Dec. 2, 9, 10, 16, 17 and 30. Showtimes are Saturdays at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. and Sundays at 1 and 4 p.m.

The show will also run Wednesday, Dec. 27; Thursday, Dec. 28; and Friday, Dec. 29 at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$5 adults, \$7 children. Reserved seating is available for groups of 20 or more. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the Marquis Theater box office, 135 East Main Street in Northville.

For more information call 349-8110.

Film series: Novi Arts and Culture Committee welcomes the fall season by hosting a family film series saluting the dog.

The series features films shown on the second Friday of every month through May 11, 1990. All

films will be shown in the 136-seat council chambers at the Novi Civic Center.

Following is a schedule of films: "Dighy, the World's Biggest Dog" on Dec. 8; "The Courage of Kevin" on Jan. 12; "Big Red" on Feb. 9; "Pluto" cartoons on March 9; "Where the Red Fern Grows" on April 13; and "The Incredible Journey" on May 11.

Series tickets for all eight shows are \$10 adults, \$5 children. Individual tickets are \$1.50 at the door for adults, 75 cents for children.

Art series: Northville Arts Commission presents a lecture series "Your Favorite Artists." featuring art historian Michael Farrell. He will share insights on various famous artists, accompanied by slide shows.

The series began Oct. 26 with a presentation on Van Gogh and concludes April 12, 1990, with a presentation on Andrew Wyeth.

All lectures begin at 7:30 p.m. at Northville City Hall. Following is a list of scheduled presentations: Gauguin on Dec. 7; Raphael on Jan. 18; Bosch on Feb. 8; John Singer Sargent on March 8; and Andrew Wyeth on April 12.

Farrell is professor of art history at the University of Windsor, adjunct curator at the Detroit Institute of Arts and instructor at the Art House of Detroit. Series tickets are available for all six lectures for \$30. Individual tickets are \$6 each and available at the door on the evening of the lecture.

Tickets are available in downtown Northville at Grandma Betty's, Edwards Caterer.

Holiday begins at Meadow Brook

Meadow Brook Hall presents "Christmas Memories," a nostalgic holiday event through Dec. 10.

Rooms of Meadowbrook Hall at Oakland University in Rochester will be festively decorated in holiday splendor and open for the public to tour. This is the 19th year of the Christmas Walk through the auto baron's mansion. Meadow Brook Hall is the former home of Alfred G. and Matilda Dodge Wilson, who founded Oakland University.

Florists and exhibitors contributed countless hours to create lavish displays, while hundreds of volunteers donated their time to make the event a success.

The Knole Cottage, a six-room mini-mansion, also will be open for

Nearby

tours. Nestled in the woods nearby, the cottage is dressed for the holidays with Santa in residence.

Gifts and momentos will be available for purchase at little "shops" tucked into rooms along the walk. Plants are available to greenhouse visitors, and the Carriage House will serve food and beverages.

The Christmas Walk will be open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Dec. 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, 3, 9 and 10. The greenhouse closes at 5 p.m. all days.

General adult admission is \$6 weekdays, \$8 Saturday and Sunday; seniors 65 and over — \$5 all days; children under 13 — \$4 all days; groups of 20 or more with advance reservations — \$5. Knole Cottage tours are \$1. Greenhouse tours are 50 cents all ages, all days.

For reservations or more information call Meadow Brook Hall at 370-3140.

Big Bird: "Big Bird's Sesame Street Story" comes to Cobo Arena Jan. 24 through Feb. 4.

The 90-minute musical features familiar songs, lively dance numbers, audience participation and special appearances by debuting Muppet stars, Elmo, Hoots, the Owl, Betty Lou and Barkley the Dog.

Tickets are \$10.50 reserved seating and \$6 general admission and can be purchased at Joe Louis Arena box office and all Ticketmaster outlets. To charge tickets by phone call 645-6666.

For more information call 567-6000.

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1989 Sliger-Livingston East All Area Girls Basketball

| First Team | | | | |
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| Name | Grade | Position | Ht. | School |
| Justina Holman | 12 | Forward | 5-9 | South Lyon |
| Kate Holstein | 11 | Forward | 5-9 | Northville |
| Adrienne Miskovich | 12 | Forward | 5-10 | Novi |
| Kari Heinonen | 11 | Guard | 5-5 | Milford |
| Carol Pietila | 12 | Guard | 5-6 | South Lyon |

| Second Team | | | | |
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| Name | Grade | Position | Ht. | School |
| Maria MacInnis | 11 | Forward | 5-8 | Northville |
| Jennifer Rucker | 12 | Center | 5-9 | Milford |
| Jenny Shanks | 11 | Guard | 5-7 | South Lyon |
| Pam Whitman | 12 | Forward | 5-9 | Lakeland |
| Brooke Hayden | 12 | Guard | 5-5 | Milford |

Player of the Year: Justina Holman, South Lyon
Coach of the Year: Ed Kritch, Northville
Honorable Mention: Novi - Jenny Forward, Tara Humphrey; Northville - Karen Punt; Sue LaPrad; Lakeland - Amy Anderson, Stephanie Brown; Milford - Becky Pingston; South Lyon - Nikki Bailey, Lynn Scheloske.

Northville's Kritch is 'Coach of Year'

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

Ed Kritch and hoops are synonymous in Northville. On and off since the early '70s, Kritch has been a key figure in Mustang basketball — first as a player, then as a coach.

He's been at the helm of the Northville girls' basketball program for six seasons; just completed a fifth-straight winning season and has been named the Sliger-Livingston East Coach of the Year for 1989.

From 1972 to 1974, Kritch was a varsity player under Walt Keepke,

Second team sports versatility

With the leading scorer averaging only 8.5 points an outing, the Sliger-Livingston East All-Area second team isn't the most explosive we've ever featured.

But basketball is more than just scoring, and these five players were competent at every skill. They were capable scorers, but much more here's a player-by-player profile of the team:

MARIA MACINNIS, Northville, Forward: The area's top three-point shooter, MacInnis was a key figure in the Mustang line-up. The 5-foot-8 MacInnis was Northville's second-leading scorer (6.1 points per game) and rebounder (4.0 per game).

"Maria is a solid player," said Mustang Coach Ed Kritch. "Without her, we wouldn't have been 11-10. She is a very unselfish player and played a lot of minutes for us. Her presence on the floor and her knowledge of the game made our other players better."

With nine three-point buckets, MacInnis was the most dangerous long-range shooter around and she led her team in blocked shots (17). This junior also shot 29 percent up in the field and 56 percent from the free throw line.

"Her numbers may not be all that great but she was very important to our team," Kritch said. "Her outside shooting really opened things up in the middle, especially for Kate Holstein."

BROOKE HAYDEN, Milford, Guard: One of the quickest players in the area, Hayden was instrumental in Milford's sometimes-complicated defensive strategy.

"Brooke could do some things on defense," Redskins coach Don Palmer said. "We used her in the box-and-one a handful of times and she usually did a nice job on the player she was guarding. She handled some tough assignments."

Offensively, Hayden scored 7.6 points per game and handed out an area-best 3.3 assists.



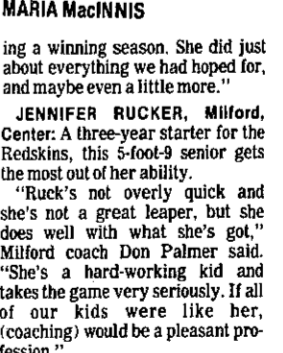
MARIA MACINNIS



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PAM WHITMAN



BROOKE HAYDEN

when and how to control the tempo," said Ron Shanks, her father and head coach of the Lions.

"Her decisions kept getting better and better. She began to make the right pass at the right time and she also learned when and when not to do things. That's the toughest part about handling the ball and running an offense," he added.

Shanks, a two-year starter, is recognized for her sound defense as well. She helped the Lions force more than 20 turnovers per game and surrender only 37.7 points per game.

PAM WHITMAN, Lakeland, Forward: Whitman — a 5-foot-8 senior — overcame a bout with mononucleosis to lead Lakeland in scoring, rebounding, assists and

field goal percentage.

"Pam was very valuable to our team," said Coach Sherry Bell, noting that the Eagles were 6-9 with Whitman and 0-6 without her.

"She was our offensive leader, but her main strength was defense. She played the top of our (3-2) zone and really bothered other teams' guards with her size and quickness. She also covered the low post when the ball went to the side. There aren't very many kids with the athletic ability to do that."

Whitman averaged 7.2 points, 6.1 rebounds and 1.9 assists per game, while converting 31.5 percent of her field goal attempts and 320 percent of her free throws. She is a volleyball and track standout as well.

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Sophomore Ellen Surowiec will be the 'Cats top returnee in '90

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Swimmers survive rocky start

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

It was a season that started with many obstacles to hurdle — many problems to solve, but the Novi girls' swim program survived the early distractions and went on to complete a respectable 4-5-1 campaign.

Just two weeks before the start of the season, the Wildcats were without a head coach and without a home pool. Former coach Rick Anderson had stepped down in the summer and his replacement — Novi boys' coach Larry Teahan — was named just prior to the opener.

"To make the situation even more difficult, the Novi pool was being renovated and was unavailable for use. The 'Cats did get in some practice time at the Northville High School pool, but the team still lost a lot of valuable training time."

"I think losing a lot of practice yardage early in the season hurt us," Teahan said. "It was a circumstantial thing with the pool renovation. There were some things we had to overcome, but things worked out. We had a pretty good season all-in-all."

Depth was another problem for Teahan and his squad. With swimmers like All-Stater Gwen Rowlands, young and talented Ellen Surowiec, versatile Shelly Wasko and consistent Julie Sommers, Novi had the front line strength to take a lot of individual victories. But often, the se-

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cond, third and fourth-place finishes were hard to come by.

"Some of the younger kids really started to come through later on in the season and that helped," Teahan pointed out. "Another thing that made a difference was that we had divers for the first time in two years."

"But there is no doubt that our strength was girls like Gwen Rowlands and Ellen Surowiec coming away with victories. I thought heading in that it would be tough for us to reach the 500 level this season, but we almost made it."

Rowlands wrapped up a tremendous prep career by placing third in the 100-yard freestyle and fifth in the 200 freestyle at the MISAA State Meet. She also garnered numerous school and pool records and an Oakland County title.

"When you lose somebody to graduation that is Gwen's calibre, it's a very big loss," Teahan said.

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Rec Briefs

Used sports equipment: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department will hold its annual "Used Sports and Recreation Equipment Sale" at the Novi Civic Center this Saturday, Dec. 2, from 10 a.m. to noon.

Anyone interested in selling used sports equipment should bring it to the Civic Center on Thursday, Nov. 30, or Friday, Dec. 1, from 6-8 p.m.

The seller sets the price of the item. Novi Parks and Recreation Department retains 15 percent of the price of all items sold. All equipment must be in reasonably good condition. The Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to refuse any unusable articles.

Suggested items include fishing equipment, golf clubs, bicycles, ice skates, roller skates, bowling balls, skis, baseball equipment and hockey equipment. For more information call 347-0400.

AAU basketball tryouts: Tryouts for five AAU girls basketball teams based in Novi will be held the next four weekends in December. Teams will be offered for the 11-under age group through to 18-under.

The coaches include Novi varsity mentor Chris Drogosch, Walled Lake Western's Bill St. John and Livonia Ladywood's Toni Gasarovich. For more information call 623-1664.

Cross-country ski instruction: Cranbrook Schools are offering indoor and outdoor cross-country ski clinics.

The indoor class will be held Wednesday, Dec. 6, at 7:30 p.m. on the Cranbrook Campus at Gordon Hall. The class will include a slide presentation and discussion of appropriate equipment and wearing apparel.

There will be four separate two-week outdoor sessions in January. All clinics meet in the lobby of Cranbrook's School's Performing Art Center at 550 Lone Pine Road. The fee is \$30. For more information call 465-3635.

Novi Trackers: Membership in the Novi Trackers Running Club is open to all interested individuals regardless of age, sex or skill level.

Prospective members are invited to join the Trackers for either or both of their twice-weekly runs. The group meets Wednesdays at Novi High School at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at O'Steenhan's on Seven Mile in Northville at 8 a.m.

More information about membership in the Trackers is available by calling the Novi Parks and Recreation Department at 347-0400 or Larry Molloy at 474-8277.

Parks & Rec needs help: The Novi Parks and Recreation Department is currently seeking referees for soccer and volleyball in addition to program supervisors for adult volleyball, youth basketball and adult 3-on-3 basketball.

Carla Scruggs said the department is seeking certified soccer referees and adult volleyball referees for the 1989 fall season.

Anyone interested in any of the positions cited above should call Carla Scruggs at 347-0400.

Boating education course: The United States Coast Guard is conducting a public education course to educate the boating public and create safety awareness when operating a boat.

There will be a fee for the textbook and all classes will be conducted by qualified Auxiliary instructors. For more information call 533-0579.

Motorcars on display: Historic racing vehicles and exhibits honoring the Motorsports Hall of Fame inductees are on display daily at the Novi Civic Center Atrium. Admission is free.

Currently featured are Barney Oldfield's first and last cars — the '99' and the 'Golden Submarine' — as well as the 1965 'Novi Special' Indy Car driven by Bobby Unser.

Bronze plaques and other displays honoring the first eight Hall of Fame inductees are also on display. The charter class includes Cannon Ball Baker, Jimmy Doolittle, A.J. Foyt, Don Garlits, Phil Hill, Bill Muncy, Barney Oldfield and Richard Petty.

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other time during the season.

"Everybody went out and swam very well at Brighton," Teahan said. "It was our best performance."

Novi also won its final two dual meets of the year — against Chelsea and Dearborn Heights Crestwood — and cut a full seven seconds off their previous best time in the 400 freestyle relay at the state meet.

"We showed improvement all year, and that was nice to see," Teahan said. "We were a senior dominated team, for the most part, and they knew what needed to be done. Our goal now is to continue to get more youngsters to come out and get involved in the program. That's the only way we can try to solve our depth problems."

Teahan singled out assistant coach Maggie Sigler, volunteer coach Adrienne Cargo and manager Adam Cox for their help during a sometimes trying season.

"Without them, I don't think we could have made it through the season," he said.

Other 12th graders who contributed this season include Shana Cox, Kristin Shaw, Andrea Johnson and Kristen Sarlund.

The biggest team highlight of the season came at the Brighton Invitational — the last regular season event of the year. The Wildcats didn't win the prestigious meet, but they did perform better as a unit than at any

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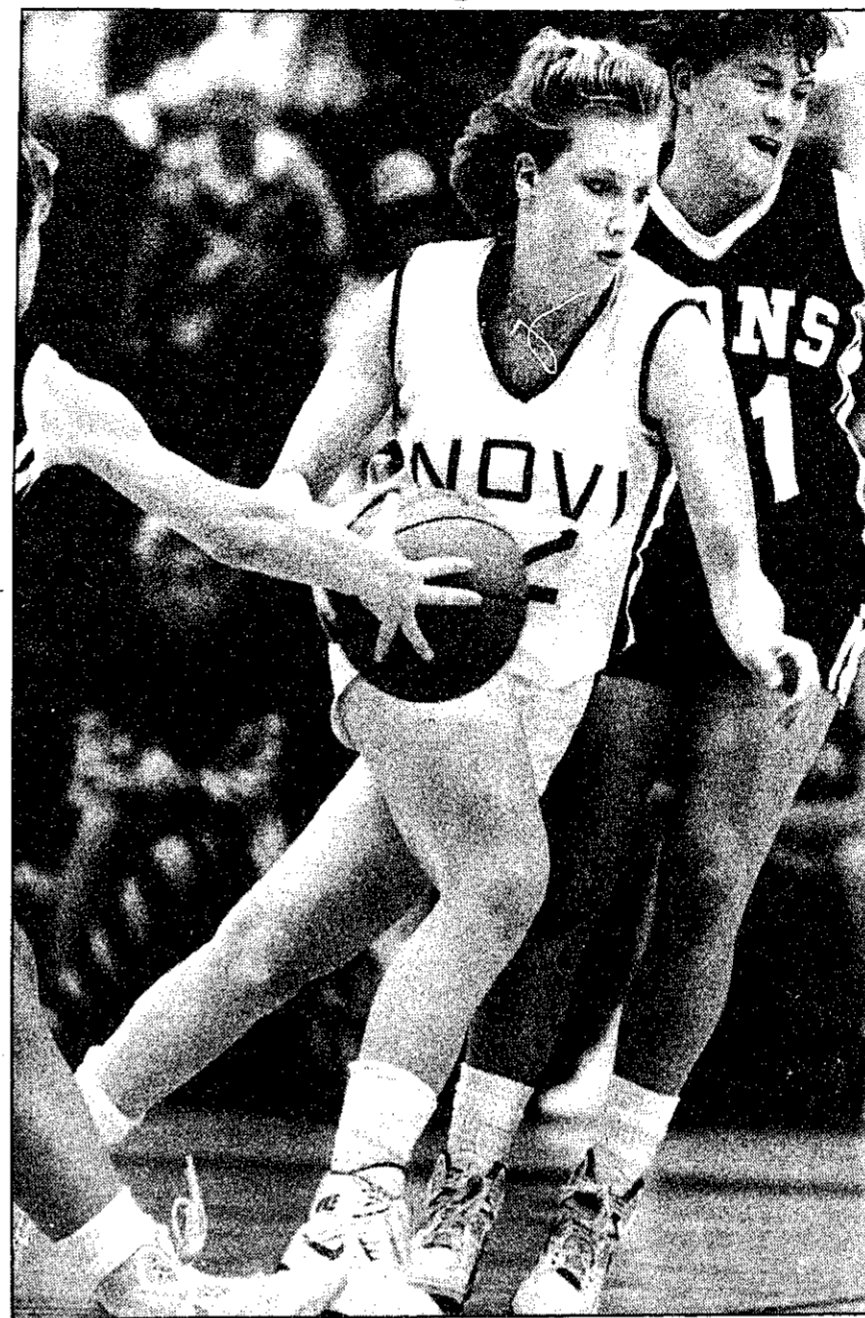
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Ladycat cagers make strides despite record



Senior forward Adrienne Miskovich was Novi's only All-KVC pick

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

Novi basketball Coach Chris Drogosch is the first to admit that a 5-15 campaign is not his idea of a highly successful season.

But the first-year Wildcat coach took over a program in shambles and restored some excitement and continuity — which was his initial goal right from the start.

The Ladycat five lost 10 more games than it won in 1988, but the team was very competitive all season — which is no small feat when you consider that there was only one senior on the entire roster and only two returning players with any kind of varsity experience.

"I think we've built a base this season," Drogosch said. "I see an excitement in the kids' eyes that was missing when I came here. Improving the girls' mental attitudes was our main goal and I think we've made great strides in that area."

Last summer, Drogosch had to twist some arms to get his players to participate in his summer basketball program. But now, after the first season, he has at least six players anxious to play AAU ball starting in early December and a winter recreational league after that.

"I'm trying to get some continuity in the program," Drogosch said. "I think we can get a good year or two out of the group we have now, but we want more for the future — we want to be competitive all the time."

Novi had a 3-9 record in Kensington Valley Conference play, good for a fifth place tie. After a quick start, the 'Cats faded a bit and dropped eight of their last nine conference games, but it was a big improvement from last season's 6-12 record.

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"We lost 15 games, but the largest margin was 19 points, so we were very competitive," Drogosch said. "I can tell the kids are excited about the future and I've stressed to them that we can write our script for next season starting now. We need to continue to work hard in the off season because we are shooting for a winning season next year."

The lone senior, forward Adrienne Miskovich, led Novi in scoring (10 points per game) and rebounds (8.3). She played the last half of the season with a broken finger, but continued to be the team leader. She may be the only graduation loss, but it will be a costly one.

"We're really going to miss Adrienne," Drogosch said. "She led us in every category except assists and field goal percentage. She did a very good job leading a young team and the broken finger only kept her out of one game. She is a very gutsy player."

Drogosch hopes to fill that void, and he has plenty of experienced players who are expected to return. With six of the team's top seven players all expected back, experience shouldn't be the major problem it was in '89.

"The players who are coming back won't be good just because of their experience, but it sure helps,"

Drogosch said. "There are skills we need to work very hard on — especially offensive skills. The bottom line is that we were not a good shooting team and that's an area we will have to improve."

The top returning scorer will be 5-foot-8 forward/guard Jenny Formwald, who scored 6.5 points a game and added five rebounds a contest. Drogosch describes her as a team player with a tremendous attitude, who played steady this fall.

Other returning starters include Tara Humphrey (Jr.), Joanna Pasucci (Sr.) and Heather Humphrey (So.). Tara Humphrey was third on the team in scoring (5.2) and second in rebounding (6.1). Pasucci is the team's top outside shooter and runs the offense. Heather Humphrey led the team in steals and has the tools to be an offensive threat.

The top two players off the bench — center Tammil Snider and forward Mary Yankowski — were only sophomores and both showed great improvement during the season. Snider led the team in field goal shooting and blocked shots, while Yankowski was named the team's "Most Improved Player."

"I knew heading in that it wasn't feasible to turn things totally around in one season," Drogosch said. "We knew that the program has to crawl and walk before it can run. We made strides and we hope that everything positive is a part of the building process."

Miskovich named All-KVC

For the first time since the "Lisa McCarthy Years," the Novi girls' basketball program can boast a first-team All-Kensington Valley Conference selection.

Despite Novi's 3-9 mark in conference action this fall, the KVC coaches thought enough of the Wildcat program — and senior forward Adrienne Miskovich — to vote her in as one of the top seven players in the seven-team league.

No Novi players were named to the second team, but junior forward-guard Jenny Formwald was an honorable mention pick.

"We didn't do too bad," said Wildcat Coach Chris Drogosch. "I'm very glad Adrienne made the first team — she really deserved it. But I was also hoping to get Tara (Humphrey) and Joanna (Pasucci) some recognition."

Miskovich, the only senior on the Novi squad, led the team in scoring (10 points per game) and rebounds (8.3). She was the KVC's fifth leading scorer and sixth leading rebounder in addition to ranking among the league's top 10 performers in areas like assists and free throw percentage.

"Adrienne is in the company of some very good players," Drogosch said. "She was very respected in the conference. Many teams put a box-and-one defense on her and that shows how much they respect her ability — how much they keyed on her."

Howell and South Lyon dominated the league in 1988, so it only makes sense that the Highlanders and Lions are well represented on the first team. Howell juniors Molly Heikinen and Mary Mussell were named

to the 1989 All-KVC team along with South Lyon seniors Justina Holman and Carol Pietila.

The other members of the first team are Karl Heinenon (Jr.) of Milford and Lesley Beebe (Sr.) of Brighton.

The second team features Heather Allen (Sr.) and Kathy Anguish (Jr.) of Brighton, Janell Shoemaker (Sr.) of Howell, Jennifer Rucker (Sr.) of Milford, Jennifer Branks (Jr.) of South Lyon and Brenda Klotz (Jr.) of Brighton.

In addition to Formwald, the honorable mention selections are Nikki Bailey (So.) and Lynn Scholke (Jr.) of South Lyon, Gina Gabriele (Jr.) and Amy Duggan (Sr.) of Brighton, Pam Whiteman (Sr.) and Amy Anderson (Sr.) of Lakeland and Stephanie Huetter (Sr.) of Howell.

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Wildcat harriers earning respect

By NEIL GEOGHEGAN
staff writer

Does the Novi boys' cross-country squad have the respect it deserves? Despite placing fourth in the brutal seven-team Kensington Valley Conference (KVC) this season, the Wildcats were probably one of the top 15 Class A teams in the state.

That was evidently on the minds of the KVC coaches when they named Novi Coach Bob Smith the "Conference Coach of the Year."

"It was quite an honor and a surprise," Smith said. "The coaches were recognizing the fact that our program is here to stay. We have the foundation and we've developed from very humble beginnings."

The Cats had a very ordinary looking 3.3 dual meet record in '89, but two of the defeats came against Lakeland and Milford — two of the premier programs in the state. The only other loss came against Brighton, when Novi was without an injured Brian Molloy — who went on to earn All-State honors.

"In many regards, it was probably our best season ever," Smith said. "It was a very satisfying season because we worked hard towards our season-ending goal — to peak when it really counts at the KVC Meet and at the Regional Meet — and we did just that."

The big disappointment came at the regional, however, when the Cats failed to qualify for the MHSAA State Meet. And, according to Smith, the culprit was the way the regionals are set up.

"That was very frustrating," commented the Novi coach. "To know you're a top-15 team and not get into the State Meet because of the format is very hard to take. We were fourth in our conference, but we beat teams like Ann Arbor Huron during the season and they made it and placed 10th as a team at the state meet. We were just an unfortunate victim of circumstance."

Smith got an early look at his team's strength at the Schoolcraft Invitational when Molloy and Rob Her-

man placed second and 11th respectively in a very deep and talented field. With the graduation of standouts like Rob Rasmussen and Bret Van Dyke a year earlier, Smith didn't really know what kind of a team he had.

A week later, the Wildcats placed first at the Walled Lake Western Invitational. As a matter of fact, Novi never finished lower than sixth at a multi-team invite, and that includes the 41-team Oakland County Meet.

"We could have won a lot of conferences around, but we like the KVC because it is so strong," Smith said. "We'll take our lumps in the KVC in order to get ready for the season-ending invitationals. The tough competition makes us tougher."

"We could have padded our schedule and gone 10-0, but we didn't want to be burdened with a bunch of meaningless meets. We knew we were good and everybody we competed against knew it too — that's all that matters."

Molloy just might be the top sophomore runner in the state, so his presence the next two seasons should keep Novi in the thick of any battle. He placed third in the KVC Meet, but came back to place seventh in the individual race at the state meet.

"What a gem," Smith said. "I've ever had. He's like having an ace up your sleeve all the time."

With the graduation of Rob Neil (number three runner in '89) and Kris Gannon (number four or five), Smith knows his squad may be a bit thinner at the top of the lineup in 1990. But Herman will return for his senior year and other experienced runners like Brian Murphy, Ken Fenechel, Joe Whitney and John Crawford are also expected back.

"Herman is chomping at the bit because he just missed going to the state meet this season," Smith said. "In any other year, he'd have been our top dog."

"We may be thinner at the top of our line-up next year, so we'll have to build around Molloy and Herman."



Brian Molloy (right) and Rob Herman (right) gave Novi a potent 1-2 punch in '89. Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Ahrens grabs honors

There were a lot of disappointments during the 1989 football campaign for both Novi and Northville.

The Wildcats — a pre-season top-10 Class A team — gave up 14 unanswered points in the fourth quarter to Fenlon in the second week of the season and lost the game 14-7. Novi then dropped a 10-7 decision to Northville in the last week of the year, which knocked the Wildcats out of the MHSAA Playoffs.

But despite these setbacks, both Novi and Northville boasted some talented players who are now receiving their fair share of post-season honors and awards.

The two most recognized players are linemen Bob Ahrens (Novi) and Rob Spradlin (Northville). Together, these two weigh more than 500 pounds and average about 5-foot-11 inches tall. They were the biggest and strongest players in the area and among the top interior linemen in the state.

The 6-foot-5, 265-pound Spradlin was a second-team All-State pick by the United Press International. He joined fellow Western Lakes players like Ryan Jackson (Plymouth Salem), Tom Luxton (Westland John Glenn), Trent Naumehoff (Livonia Churchill) and Eric Stover (John Glenn), who were singled out for 'Special Mention' byUPI.

Spradlin was also a first-team All-Metro West selection by The Detroit News as a defensive lineman, and an honorable mention pick on The Detroit Free Press' All-Suburban squad. He also garnered second team All-Metro honors and was an honorable mention All-State pick by the Detroit dailies.

Ahrens (6-foot-4, 251-pounds) was a first team All-Metro North lineman and a second team All-Suburban defensive tackle. Fellow Kensington Valley Conference players like Bob Laura of Lakeland (All-State) and Dave Osborn of South Lyon (All-Metro West) were also honored.

Ahrens — like Spradlin — was also a second team All-Metro selection and honorable mention on the All-State list. Novi's Mike Yankowski (6-foot-1, 203-pounds) was an All-Metro North second team selection and honorable mention on the All-Suburban list, the All Metro squad and the All-State team. Other Novi players earning a variety of honorable mention recognition include runners Craig Berry and Jason Wildschalka.

All five local players were given All-Area and All-Conference recognition as well.

Mustang honored as 'Coach of Year'

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His first Mustang team went 17-3 and, by the following season, he was the head coach.

The Northville girls basketball program was coming off a 1-19 campaign and had never experienced a winning season. Under Kritch, the Mustangs almost broke the string in '84 with a 9-11 mark. The following year, Northville upset state-ranked Plymouth Canton and went on to post an 11-9 record to finish in the black for the first time in history.

Since then, the Mustangs have finished no worse than 11-9 in the regular season. "The thing I feel the best about is that our opponents look at us as a team that is capable of beating them," Kritch said. "It wasn't always like that."

"We are now competitive each and every year and we've worked hard to get the respect of our peers." In six years, Kritch has built a 67-53 regular season record (72-59 overall), including a district title. His '88 squad was a school-record 14-6, but lost to powerful Plymouth Salem in the district finals.

Most experts agree, however, that Kritch's most impressive coaching performance came this fall when he guided a young, inexperienced Mustang squad — with no starter over 5-foot-9 — to yet another winning record.

Graduation losses were very heavy heading into the '89 campaign. Three of those players — Debbie Stevens, Karen Baltri and Heather Sixt combined to average more than 40 points per game a year ago. As it turned out, just three returnees with any versatility to speak of were back, and only one was a full-time starter.

"It was a very big challenge because we graduated our entire offense," Kritch recalled. "We thought heading in that if things fell into place, we could figure out a way to be competitive."

After the first four games, the Mustangs were 2-2 and struggling, particularly on offense. In a bold move, Kritch decided to insert 5-foot-1 guard Karen Cavanaugh into the backcourt, along with 5-foot-1 Sue LaPrad, which turned Northville into a scrappy, tenacious defensive-oriented team. Many observers thought the small line-up would only exacerbate the team's offensive woes, but that didn't happen. What it did do was bolster the defense.

"We settled on being a very aggressive, defensive-style team," Kritch said. "It was a complete re-just from last season when we had some big-time scorers and could beat teams just by outscoring them. This year's team was just the opposite."

Kritch made another daring move midway through the season when he brought sophomore Kara McNeil up from the junior varsity ranks. By the time of the season, McNeil was

inserted into the starting line-up. Her presence helped the team win five of the last nine regular-season games. "We had never brought up a player from the J.V. in mid-season before," Kritch said. "It was good for the team from a personnel standpoint, but sometimes a move like that wears on a team's character because a young player suddenly moves up and then leapfrogs into the starting line-up. But it didn't happen — the girls hung in there and stuck with the program."

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As it turned out, the Mustangs led the area in defense, allowing an average of only 37.4 points per outing.

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Smoking: a physical addiction

By PHILIP JEROME
managing editor



It's well-known that smoking is a psychological habit. What receives considerably less attention is that smoking is also a physiological addiction. . . and anyone planning to quit smoking should recognize that there will be certain chemical changes in the body which must be overcome along with the emotional addiction.

"Nicotine is a narcotic, and — when a person quits — it takes awhile for the nicotine to withdraw from the system," said Caroline Smith, a Registered Nurse associated with the Health Development Network of Boston General Hospital.

Smith noted that some researchers have explained the urge to smoke in terms of a cycle triggered by various chemical reactions in the body. Within one to seven seconds after lighting a cigarette, there is decreased pressure in the chest and veins, leading to an increase in blood flow and oxygen to the heart. The result of a relaxed feeling.

Within seven seconds to 15 minutes of inhaling, the nicotine enters the liver which releases sugar into the blood stream, resulting in a physical uplift for the smoker.

The high sugar content in the blood leads the pancreas to release insulin which lowers the blood sugar level. The smoker may experience irritability, hunger, fatigue and a desire to smoke another cigarette. Within 15 to 20 minutes after lighting up, the nicotine stimulates the nervous system which subsequently releases adrenaline. The result is that the smoker experiences increased heart rate, respiration and a tense feeling. Those feelings often lead the smoker to light up another cigarette, starting the entire cycle in motion once again.

It may receive less attention, but smoking is also a physiological addiction.

Because of the correlation between the psychological and physiological aspects of smoking, some stop-smoking programs incorporate dietary guidelines as part of the "treatment."

"Smokeless," the name of a stop-smoking program developed by the American Institute for Preventive

Medicine, offers eating management suggestions as a means of reducing the urge to smoke. Those suggestions include the following:

1. Drink up to eight glasses of liquids per day including water, club soda, herbal teas and homemade lemonade (without sugar). This acts as an appetite suppressant in addition

to being a substitute for smoking. 2. Eat three meals per day to maintain blood sugar levels, thus reducing the urge to smoke. 3. Drink fruit juices or eat a piece of fruit between meals to maintain even blood sugar levels and prevent fatigue.

4. Eat protein — lean meats, fish, poultry and low-fat cheese to provide low-fat sources of calories and energy. 5. Eat plenty of vegetables, fruits and salads — foods that are filling, vitamin-rich, low in calories and can be eaten in larger quantities to stave off feelings of hunger.

6. Eat foods high in calcium such as low-fat milk and cheese several times a day or take a calcium supplement. Calcium is thought to have a soothing effect on the nervous system, but it is flushed from the body along with the nicotine when you stop smoking and needs to be replaced.

The "Smokeless" program also recommends that people trying to stop smoking should avoid eating foods that contain sugar. Eliminating sugar from the diet prevents the blood sugar fluctuations that lead to an increased desire to smoke.

Smith said people trying to break the cigarette habit should also avoid caffeine. "Caffeine is a stimulant," she said. "It stimulates the release of insulin and starts the whole vicious cycle in motion again."

The good news, according to Smith, is that the physiological symptoms should have just about disappeared within a couple of months after the person has kicked the nicotine habit.

The bad news is that the psychological urges may remain. But the person trying to quit smoking can help himself out and reduce those urges by understanding how certain foods may encourage the desire for a cigarette.

Northville pool now open to public

The Northville High School Pool will be open to the public from Dec. 4 to Dec. 20. There will be open swimming on Mondays and Wednesdays from 7:45 to 8:30 p.m. with an adult lap swim following.

Fee is \$1 per person, payable to the guard on duty. Locker rooms and showers are available.

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.

The class is open to all interested persons regardless of their age and current activity level. For more information call the Twelve Oaks Mall Management Office at 348-9438.

Walk at the mall: People who enjoy walking are invited to use the climate-controlled corridors at Twelve Oaks Mall. Walkers are welcome Monday through Saturday at 8 a.m. and Sunday at 11 a.m.

All walkers must register at the Twelve Oaks security office.

The lower level track is five-tenths of a mile, while the upper level track is eight-tenths of a mile. A complete trip around the mall is one and one-third miles.

Fitness notes

Novi Trackers: Membership in the Novi Trackers Running Club is open to all interested individuals regardless of age, sex or skill level.

Prospective members are invited to join the Trackers for either of their twice-weekly runs. The group meets Wednesdays at Novi High School at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at O'Sheehan's on Seven Mile in Northville at 8 a.m.

More information about membership in the Trackers is available by calling the Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400 or Larry Molloy at 474-8277.

Speakers bureau: Catherine McAuley Health Center is offering health care professionals to speak to clubs, community groups and schools interested in learning more about health care and other medical issues through McAuley's Speakers' Bureau.

Speakers are available on the following topics: "Eating Economically and Nutritionally," "Superwoman Syndrome," "AIDS," "Stress," "Heart Disease: Treatment and Prevention," "Alzheimer's" and "Characteristics of Chemical Dependency."

Speakers are available to groups of 15 to 200 and will adjust their presentations to the needs of and time requirements of organizations. For more information call Community Relations at 572-4033.

Breast/skin clinics: A breast and skin clinic will be held at St. Mary Hospital at Five Mile and Levan Road in Livonia on Dec. 6 from 3:10 to 5:10 p.m.

The clinic includes breast examination by a staff physician, a risk/history evaluation for breast and skin tumors, and breast self-examination instruction. The fee for the clinic is \$10.

Pre-natal exercise: Debra Hoppe leads pre-natal/postpartum exercise classes at the Providence Hospital/Novi Center every Saturday at 10 a.m.

Hoppe is a member of IDEA (the Association for Fitness Professionals) and certified through the IDEA Foundation.

Classes are on-going and participants may enroll at any time by calling 227-7284. A physician consent form is necessary to participate.

Free screenings: Botsford Hospital's Health Development Network offers free blood pressure and vision screening the second Monday of every month from 1-4 p.m. The screenings take place in the main lobby of Botsford General Hospital at 2850 Grand River in Farmington Hills.

For more information call 471-8090.

Diets for the deaf: Weight Watchers is introducing a new class meeting exclusively for the deaf and hearing impaired on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Weight Watchers Bloomfield Towne Square Center on Telegraph Road.

The class leader is Carol Frankel. An interpreter for the deaf and hearing impaired is also present.

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