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## Ice storm zaps power

By SHEILA PHILLIPS  
 staff writer

A short circuit in a transformer near Ten Mile and Meadowbrook Road left many Novi residents without power after last Saturday's ice storm, putting a damper on many pre-holiday festivities.

Over 20,000 Oakland County residents were without power during the storm, according to Detroit Edison officials.

Although Edison officials said they could not pin-point how many of those 20,000 people reside in Novi, the city certainly had its share.

In fact, the Novi fire department received 10 distress calls within a few hours of the ice storm and several more during the aftermath.

"Needless to say, it was a busy night for us," said Fire Chief Arthur Lenaghan. "We even had a number of calls come in on Sunday morning."

Most of the power problems in the Novi area resulted from the overloaded transformer, Lenaghan said.

Sparks were reported from the transformer at 6:21 p.m. and the fire department was called to the scene.

The machine short circuited within the hour, eliminating any possible fire hazard. However, it left a portion of the city without power and Detroit Edison was called to the scene, Lenaghan said.

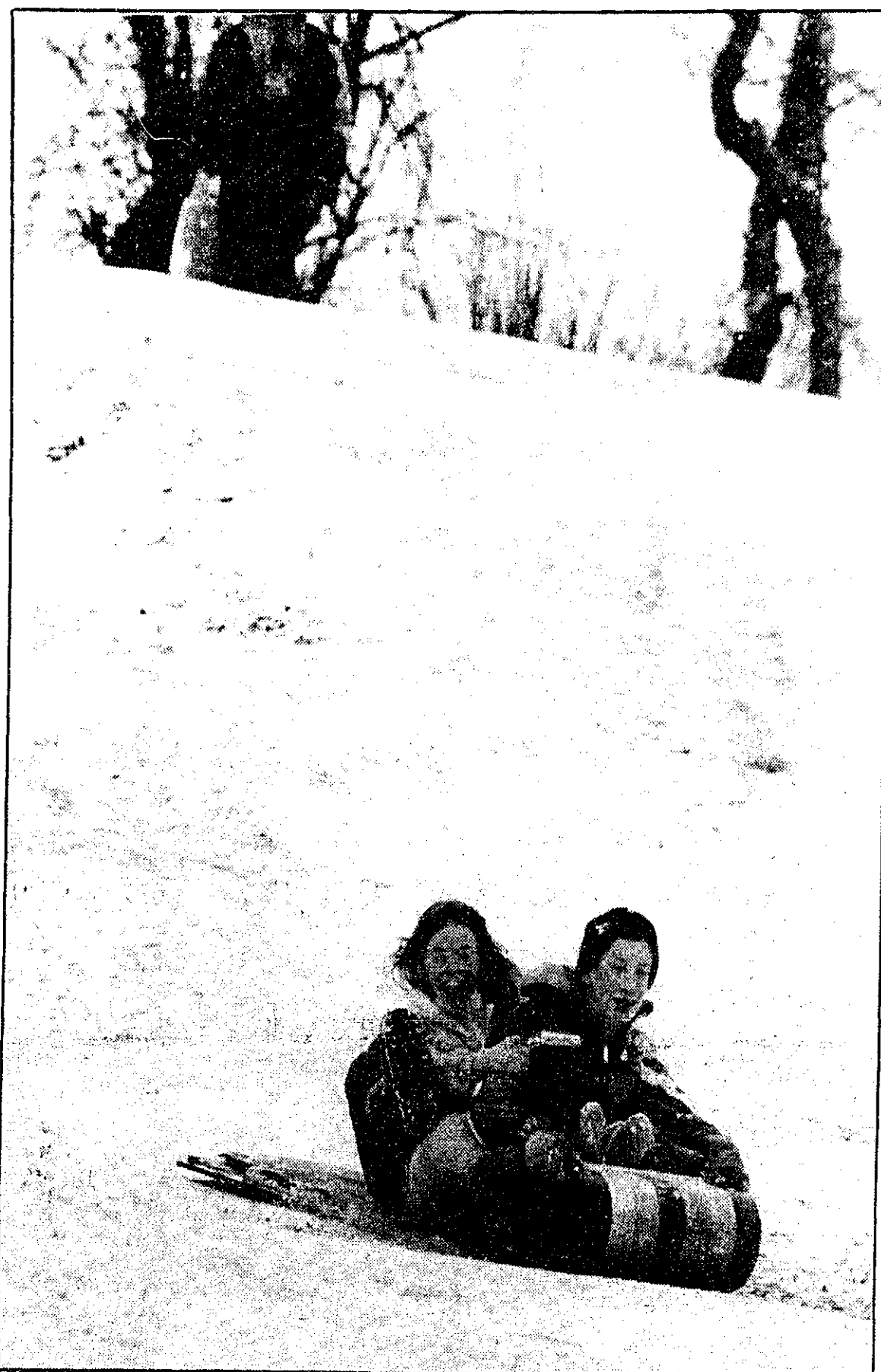
The cause of the short circuit has not yet been determined, according to the chief.

Three power lines were also downed by the storm exacerbating the city's blackout problem. They included:

- Wires on Twelve Mile just west of Haggerty Road;
- Lines at Pontiac Trail and West Road; and
- Wires along Meadowbrook Road, southwest of Ten Mile.

Lenaghan said the fire department also received several calls from residents on respirators, who needed transportation from power-loss areas.

However, he added that the number of calls the department received was fairly typical for a major storm.



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## On the slopes

What's the busiest time of the year for hitting the sledding hills? It's the days between Christmas and New Year's when youngsters are out of school and can test their new sleds and tobog-

gans without having to worry about home work. That's Jenny and Tom Woods of Novi checking out the toboggan run in Hines Park in Northville in the picture above.

## Mandatory recycling eyed in Novi

By SHEILA PHILLIPS  
 staff writer

Taking out the garbage has always been a chore, but it could become even more laborious with the advent of mandatory recycling, which is targeted to occur in Novi in early 1992.

So don't be surprised when junior asks for a raise in his allowance because it could mean taking a few more bags to the curb.

However, the Regional Recovery Authority of Southwestern Oakland County is doing all it can to make recycling as palatable as possible.

"We are trying to make our recycling system as simple as we can for our users," said Lenora Jadun, Novi's director of public services and the city's representative to the authority — a seven-community solid waste consortium.

"At this point, we haven't decided whether or not to allow co-mingling of garbage, which would mean placing all recyclables in the same container," she said.

The other alternative would be to require that all glass, aluminum and paper products be placed in

three separate containers, she explained.

Jadun added that the details of the mandatory recycling plan, which include selecting a location for a material recovery facility (MRF), should be hammered out over the next couple of months.

Nevertheless, whichever method is adopted will mean a little extra work on garbage day.

Jadun said mandatory recycling is necessary to ensure a healthy environment for the future. "Recycling is supposed to be a good thing; it is not like we are talking about building a landfill," she said.

In fact, the consortium hopes to recycle 35 percent of all waste generated within its borders, thereby reducing the amount of refuse going into area landfills.

Jadun added that, "It is also something that is necessary to ensure the flow of recyclables into our (the consortium's) facility," explaining that the \$28 million MRF will need a certain amount of business to stay out of the red.

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## Jerome named executive editor

Philip Jerome, 45, who has served as managing editor of The Novi News since 1977, has been named executive editor of Sliger/Livingston Publications.

The appointment was announced by Rich Periberg, vice president/general manager of the chain which includes The Novi News, Northville Record, South Lyon Herald, Milford Times, Brighton Argus and Livingston County Press plus several shopping guides.

An area resident for the past 35 years, Jerome graduated from Northville High School in 1961. He will be based at Sliger/Livingston headquarters in Howell.

In announcing the appointment, Periberg emphasized Jerome's commitment to journalistic excellence and community journalism.

"I am pleased and excited to be able to appoint someone with Phil's experience to the position of executive editor of Sliger/Livingston Publications," said Periberg.

"I know he shares the firm belief in the concepts of community journalism which have made our newspapers important citizens in the communities we serve."

Jerome brings almost 19 years of experience in community journalism to his new position. He began his career in 1971 as a reporter for The Brighton Argus.

He then returned to Northville where he worked three years as a



PHILIP JEROME

reporter with The Novi News/Northville Record before becoming editor of The South Lyon Herald in 1974.

Jerome became editor of The Novi/Walled Lake News in 1977 and held that position until 1984 when he was named managing editor of The Novi News/Northville Record.

During the past decade, newspapers edited by Jerome have won more than 70 state and national awards for journalistic excellence.

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## Construction landfill proposed

A construction waste landfill has been proposed by the Wixom-based Holloway Construction Company for the northwest corner of Eight Mile and Napier Road in Novi.

The 187-acre site has already received approval by Oakland County's solid waste planning committee, placing it on the proposed solid waste (641) plan.

Before pushing the panic button, however, it is important to note that a "construction" waste landfill differs significantly from a "solid" waste landfill.

"Unlike a solid waste landfill, all the materials going into this landfill will be inert," said Dick Zanotti a spokesperson for the Holloway Company. "It will have no detrimental effect on the environment."

He explained that only construc-

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tion waste, which consists of concrete and tree-stumps, generated by Holloway will be placed in the landfill.

Because there is no environmental risk associated with the landfill, Holloway does not anticipate strong community opposition, Zanotti said.

"We (Holloway) don't foresee

any problems gaining approval," he added. "In fact, the city has been very receptive to the idea."

Zanotti said the site is well-suited for a landfill of this type because of its unique characteristics.

The site is currently being used for sand and gravel excavation. When the mining operation has been completed in approximately a

year, the company plans to convert the site to a landfill.

Zanotti said the site is one giant hole and an inert landfill seems to be a logical use because there are no wetland or woodland areas.

The site also has a natural clay liner, which acts as a barrier, as well as a low lying aquifer, according to Zanotti.

The Holloway site also escapes another problem which typically plagues landfills — increased traffic flow.

"The landfill will not increase traffic because it will only be used by our company," Zanotti said.

The excavating operation already generates a handful of trucks each week; the landfill operation will draw a comparable number, he said.

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## Meijer's may move to Novi in 1991

By SHEILA PHILLIPS  
 staff writer

Don't look for construction of a 195,000 square-foot Meijer's store near the Twelve Mile/Wixom Road intersection to begin this year.

Jennifer White, a spokesperson for Meijer's, acknowledged that a Novi store is in the works but said that it won't pop-up overnight.

"The Novi store is not listed on our construction plan for 1990," she

said. "We are currently studying the site, but we have not worked out the details."

James Wahl, community development director for the City of Novi, also disputed claims that the entire Grand Plan project is on the "fast track."

"Some of the public comments have been misleading and cliched," he said. "One hundred to 90 days of public comment period is not the fast track."

Nevertheless, Meijer's representatives were scheduled to meet with the city's planning department yesterday (Wednesday, Jan. 3) to discuss preliminary site plans for the proposed Meijer's store. The planning commission is tentatively scheduled to review those site plans at its Jan. 17 meeting, according to Wahl.

Before gaining site plan approval, however, Meijer's must first obtain the proper zoning. The

site is currently zoned for industrial use; a business (B-3) zoning is needed.

In fact, the entire Grand Plan concept, which calls for the relocation of 22 industrial businesses from the city's Town Center area at Grand River and Novi Road to the proposed industrial park along Twelve Mile, hinges on the rezoning of the property.

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## Rouge River leftovers

One exercise bike, one washing machine, two storm doors, two box springs, three televisions, three picnic tables and four cars — everything but a partridge and a pear tree were hauled from the Rouge River in June during Rouge Rescue '89.

Novi was among the 20 cities to receive a certificate of appreciation in November for its role in the clean-up, which drew on the effort of 2,700 volunteers.

Plans are already under way for the 1990 clean-up scheduled for June 2. The program is sponsored by Friends of the Rouge.

A total of 2,000 trash bags of debris were hauled away from the river during the 1989 campaign. Other items removed included mattresses, a bowling ball, a shed, shopping carts, railroad ties, hubcaps, tractor tires, car parts, rain gutters and a wading pool.

## Cold zaps gas bills

Homeowners who heat with natural gas will receive bigger Consumers Power bills this month because of December's record cold.

A household will have used 20-30 percent more gas last month than in December of 1988, said Edgar Doss, the utility's metro region general manager.

Refunds and lower rates will keep bills lower than they might have been, Doss added.

The Jackson-based company said it had a record December, delivering 54 billion cubic feet (BCF) of gas.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

## O'er the fields

Thousands of area residents took advantage of the facilities at Maybury State Park during the holiday break. An unidentified man tries his hand at cross-country skiing in the picture

above. Cross-country ski lessons will be offered at Maybury later this month. See Rec Briefs on Page 5D for more information.

## Novi rebuffs rates for street lights

The City of Novi is contesting Detroit Edison's application to the state Public Service Commission seeking an upfront payment for new street lights.

Detroit Edison contends that the revenue required to install new lights exceeds the revenue generated by them, leaving the company with an annual loss of \$1.8 million on new light installation. This then would lead to ongoing increases in street-lighting rates, increasing the financial burden on other customers, according to the company's application.

To offset its installation costs, Detroit Edison is seeking upfront contributions per street light installed. Previously, lights were provided with no upfront charge. The costs to the community were amortized over an established time frame.

Novi counters that this extra cost will discourage the installation of street lights in developing cities.

Detroit Edison filed its application with the Public Service Commission, the Lansing-based state agency that approves utility rate hikes, on Oct. 9. Novi's motion to intervene was granted Dec. 11. Judge Lana Shafer is expected to rule on the motion this month, said Assistant City Attorney Dennis Watson.

"It is the city's position that it really discourages new street lighting construction," Watson said. "The upfront contribution is such that if a citizen wanted a light in front of his house, or if a group of citizens wanted to band together for a light, or if a subdivision wanted street lights, this would be very difficult."

"We really would like to see street lights go in for public safety reasons."

At present, three options exist for funding street lighting. One calls for Detroit Edison to own, maintain and operate a community's entire street-lighting system, which is the case in Novi.

Another option allows for Detroit

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Edison to provide the energy and maintenance, but the community owns the lighting system.

A third option is when the energy only is supplied by the company.

The upfront contribution per street light installed is proposed at \$206 per year for an overhead wood pole street light and \$335 per year for an underground-wired steel pole street light, raising the cost of each to \$680 and \$1,200 respectively.

To finance this, Novi says it would have to seek bonds to establish special assessment districts.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

## Road service

Let's face it, snowmobiles can break down just like cars and trucks do. Richard Tait found himself in need of a little road service when he was snowmobiling along Eleven Mile last week. And he got all

the help he needed from James Jackson and Ray Cabadas who came along with a tow rope at just the right time to give Tait some much needed assistance.

## Hotel managers eye room tax bill

By JAN JEFFRES  
staff writer

Novi hoteliers are less than thrilled about a proposed increase in state hotel room taxes which might ultimately, within Oakland County, be used to support the Pontiac Silver Dome.

House Bill 5006, an amendment to the State Convention Facility Development Act, would increase hotel and motel room taxes and use the revenues to support stadiums of more than 75,000 seats or convention centers of more than 350,000 square feet.

The money would be used for facilities within the same county as the hotels that are being built. The bill was introduced by State Rep. Charlie Harrison, Jr., D-Pontiac, in July and remains in the house committee on taxation.

The cities of Oak Park and Birmingham have sent copies of resolutions opposing the room tax increase to the City of Novi. Troy has also opposed the legislation. Novi has not passed any resolutions on House Bill 5006.

The proposed room tax would double the current 1.5 percent tax now assessed on hotels with 81 to 160 rooms, raising the room tax to three percent. For hotels with over 160 rooms, the tax would add a one percent increase, raising the room tax from five percent to six percent.

Hotel room taxes, which support Cobo Hall and the Greater Detroit Convention Bureau, are in addition to the state sales tax of four percent.

"Any additional tax for the Silver Dome or The Palace is unrealistic in my opinion," said Dean King,

general manager of the 214-room Sheraton Oaks. "I certainly would be in opposition to any additional taxes. The guests pay 10 percent. I just feel any other tax act is something we don't need. The market is competitive right now. We don't need to make it more expensive for hotel rooms."

"All the hotels would be paying the tax, but the hotels that are being built in Auburn Hills would reap the benefit."

King said that competition in Novi is already tough because the hotel market is overbuilt. He predicts that demand will not catch up with supply for another two to three years. For the past five years, Novi has received less spillover business from Detroit conventions due to new hotels downtown.

Conrad Wangman, general manager of the 236-room Novi Hilton, agrees that the local hotel market is already competitive and does not need additional taxes.

"My tax rate over here is close to 10 percent. I'm going to be at the point where when do we say stop?," Wangman said. "I would get so little business during the year connected to the Silver Dome. The people using our rooms would be penalized."

The management of the Wyndham Garden Hotel did not wish to comment on the proposed legislation at this time.

Joseph Mullen, legislative agent for the Oakland County Board of Commissioners, predicts that the bill will die in committee.

"It hasn't gone anywhere and I don't think it will. I don't think the things going to see the light of day in Lansing," Mullen said.

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# Burglars break into Novi home

Burglars broke into a house on White Plains Drive in the Yorkshire subdivision and stolen more than \$500 worth of personal property during the night of Dec. 29-31.

## Police Beat

The owner told police that unknown individuals broke into the residence sometime between 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 20, and 12:30 p.m. the following day. The responsible parties gained entry through a sliding glass door leading into the kitchen at the rear of the residence. Investigating officers noted, however, that the perpetrators had removed the storms from several other windows on the rear and sides of the house before gaining entry through the kitchen door.

Once inside, the burglars rummaged throughout the house, searching through closets and pulling the drawers out of dressers.

Stolen from the living room were a Toshiba videocassette recorder valued at \$300, a Panasonic cordless telephone valued at \$200 and an answering machine. Some \$25 in cash was stolen from a dresser in the master bedroom.

Officers also noted that a large console television had been moved from the living room into the foyer and was left at that location.

**KITCHEN APPLIANCES** were stolen from apartments under construction on Lakeview Court in The Springs Apartments in northern Novi. The theft occurred sometime between Sunday, Dec. 24, and Tuesday, Dec. 26.

The construction superintendent reported that unknown individuals broke into two apartments, taking a refrigerator and a stove from one apartment and a stove from the other apartment. Nothing else appeared to have been stolen.

Stolen were two Whirlpool stove/range combinations valued at \$450 apiece and a Whirlpool refrigerator valued at \$395.

**VANDALS SMASHED** a floodlight outside a residence on Galway Drive during the night of Dec. 26-27. The complainant said unknown in-

dividuals smashed the light which illuminated the sidewalk in front of his home.

**THIEVES STOLE** an estimated \$355 worth of electronic equipment from a 1980 Volvo owned by a man from Camden, Maine, while he was visiting his parents in Novi for the holidays.

The man told police that unknown individuals broke into the Volvo while it was parked in the street in front of his parent's residence on Roscommon in the Country Place Condominiums during the night of Dec. 27-28.

The responsible parties entered the car through an unlocked door and proceeded to use some type of pry bar to remove a Realistic cassette player from the dashboard. They also removed eight stereo cassette tapes from an unlocked glove compartment.

Total value of stolen property was placed at \$355. Damage to the vehicle was estimated at an additional \$150.

**A VISITOR FROM** Nazareth, Pennsylvania, was victimized by vandals while he was staying at the Sheraton Oaks Hotel during the night of Dec. 27-28.

The man told police that unknown individuals broke the windshield of his 1990 Oldsmobile Cutlass while it was parked outside the hotel between 10 p.m. on Dec. 26 and 7 a.m. the next day.

Investigating officers said it looked as if the windshield may have been smashed with a baseball bat. The vehicle had been leased from National Car Rental at Detroit Metropolitan Airport.

**A RADAR DETECTOR** was stolen from a Nissan 300ZX while it was parked outside the owner's residence

on Sagebrush in the Saddlecreek Apartments during the night of Dec. 21-22.

The owner said unknown individuals gained entry by smashing the driver's side window, then reached inside and removed the radar detector from the front seat.

The Cobra Traphooter radar detector was valued at \$250, while damage to the car was estimated at an additional \$225.

**ANOTHER RADAR DETECTOR** was stolen from a 1989 Chevrolet parked in front of another residence on Sagebrush in the Saddlecreek Apartments on Wednesday, Dec. 27.

The complainant said unknown individuals smashed a window, then reached inside and stole the radar detector.

**THE TAILGATE** of a 1985 Ford pickup truck was reported stolen by a resident on Simmons Drive in the Simmons Orchard subdivision during the night of Sunday, Dec. 21.

Investigating officers found tracks in the snow which led them to believe that the responsible parties had parked their own vehicle on Surfside, then walked across a yard to the truck parked on Simmons Drive.

**UNKNOWN INDIVIDUALS** stole a radar detector from a 1981 Datsun in the snow which led them to believe that the responsible parties had parked in the Highline Club Apartments during the night of Dec. 27-28.

The theft was reported by a Farmington Hills man who said he parked the Datsun on the street in front of his mother's apartment while he was spending the night.

The thieves gained entry by smashing out the driver's side window, then reached inside and pulled the Cobra radar detector from the

sun visor. Stolen property was valued at \$150.

**A GARAGE DOOR OPENER** was stolen from a 1988 Pontiac GrandAm while it was parked outside the owner's residence on Pleasant Run in the Novi Ridge Apartments during the night of Dec. 21-22.

The owner said unknown individuals broke the driver's side window during the night and removed the garage door opener. Police said the perpetrators apparently through the garage door opener was a radar detector.

Stolen property was valued at \$30, but damage to the vehicle was estimated at \$150.

**ONE FLASHLIGHT** was stolen from a 1988 Plymouth Sundance while it was parked outside the owner's residence on Fountain Park in the Fountain Park Apartments on Dec. 21.

The complainant said someone broke into the vehicle and removed the flashlight from the glove compartments. Nothing else appeared to have been stolen or damaged.

**A GREEN BEER** bottle was the object used by vandals to smash out a window in a 1986 Ford van while it was parked outside Call Construction Company on 22661 Heslip Drive on Saturday, Dec. 23.

The complainant said unknown individuals threw the bottle through the glass in a sliding door on the side of the van. In addition, the responsible parties apparently kicked the door, leaving a large dent.

**VANDALS SMASHED** the window of a 1981 Mercury station wagon parked in front of the owner's residence on Buckminster in the Cedar Spring Estates subdivision. The MDP (malicious destruction of property) occurred sometime between Dec. 9 and Dec. 13.

The owner reported that the rear window of the station wagon had been shattered by a large projectile. Damage was estimated in excess of \$200.

# Novi Briefs

**Rotaract bottle drive:** The newly-formed Novi Rotaract Club will be holding a can and bottle drive this Saturday, Jan. 6, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Members of the club will collect cans and bottles from homeowners throughout Novi. Residents are asked to place any bottles or cans in a bag outside their doors or at their mailboxes. People who will not be home on Saturday can arrange to have cans and bottles picked up earlier by calling 476-5727.

Proceeds will be used to help feed the homeless along the Cass Corridor in Detroit. The Rotaract Club was formed last year by Novi Rotary.

**15,000 points of light:** Novi Town Center's parent company Trammell Crow went all out for the holiday season.

The company ordered four sets of large animated Victorian carollers from the renowned Bronner's of Frankenthum to deck out several center entrances. Marketing consultant Linda Anderson says they're the only outdoor animated figures at a shopping center in the U.S.

The shopping center was also wrapped in 15,000 Christmas lights. Anderson reported that the figures will be left up well into the New Year to add a festive Victorian touch to the Town Center.

**Losing those ugly pounds:** A program about behavior modification and weight control will be held at the Novi Public Library tonight (Thursday, Jan. 4) at 7 p.m.

Beverly Cameron, R.D., clinical and outpatient dietitian from Providence Hospital, will discuss behavior modification techniques for controlling food and avoiding deprivation, depression and defeat.

The program is offered free of charge; call the library at 349-0720 to register.

**A little knight music:** Anne and Rob Burns, performing as A Reasonable Facsimile, will present a program titled "A Little Knight Music" at the Novi Civic Center this Sunday, Jan. 7, at 3 p.m. The program is sponsored by the Novi Arts Council and the Parks and Recreation Department.

The program is the January offering in the First Sunday Children's Series. Tickets for this performance are priced at \$3 for adults, \$2 for children and \$7 for families.

Tickets are available at the Novi Parks and Recreation Department office or at the door. For more information call 347-0400.

**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, an Old Woman Winter contest, a bridge tournament, a euchre tournament and a lip sync contest.

For more information call 347-0400.

**Get out your Daytimers:** A master calendar of Novi events is being compiled by the city. Organizations, schools, churches and clubs may contact Cindy Stewart, the city's public information director at 347-0494 to get their events included in the listings.

In addition, to avoid scheduling conflicts among the city's growing roster of clubs, events organizers are advised to check the Novi master calendar first before making their plans.

The list will be available from Stewart's office at the Novi Civic Center.

**New notepaper available:** Members of the Novi Historical Society are selling notepaper to all interested residents. Each package contains 12 notes and envelopes at a cost of \$3 each.

The notepaper may be purchased at the Novi Public Library, the Novi City Manager's office in the Novi Civic Center or at the Novi Methodist Church.

**Novi Rotaract Club:** Novi Rotary has established a new organization called Novi Rotaract. The group consists of men and women from 18-28 years old who are interested in community and international service projects as well as having fun and fellowship.

For more information call May Sanghvi (349-5011), Keith Tappan (344-2500), Victor Cassis (349-1438), Bob Maynes (349-2188), Gerry Stipp (349-4300), Phil Manning (988-1010) or Bob Stiles (349-5170).

# Cash registers rang out year with high sales

By JAN JEFFRES staff writer

Even widespread reports of gargantuan traffic jams didn't keep consumers away from Novi, as the holiday shopping season began to wind-down last week.

People were in a serious buying mood, and local retailers are predicting that 1989's peak retailing season will surpass 1988 by double-digit percentages. The holiday season begins to taper off each week after the New Year. By the end of February, spring will begin - for retailers.

As late as Dec. 29, some shoppers reported it took about 15 minutes to leave the mall parking lot during rush hour traffic.

At Trammell Crow Company's Novi Town Center, marketing consultant Linda Anderson said store traffic was up 50 percent over 1988.

"A lot of our merchants our reporting sales increases of 30 to 70 percent this year," Anderson said.

The outdoor shopping center did not experience traffic lock-up as did Twelve Oaks Mall and West Oaks Shopping Center, Anderson added, because of new road improvements such as a traffic light at Grand River and Town Center Drive and an additional turn lane at Novi Road and Crescent Boulevard. The Town Center also has the advantage of five entrances.

"I think shoppers are becoming more selective and smart. They shop earlier and there were much less returns this year," she said. "We were real pleased with how our holiday season went."

Cash registers were ringing at Novi Town Center stores like Borders Book Store, which experienced its biggest sales in a single day on Dec. 23, according to spokesperson Nancy Levy.

Bucking the apparent trend was Children's Palace. Assistant Manager Janet Blair said the store's sales were down about two percent from last year, although trendy toys like Batman action figures by Toy Biz, Ghostbusters by Kenner, Tyco's battery-operated Goplie Daisy doll, Ninja Turtles by Playmate and anything Nintendo sailed out of the shop.

"Twelve Oaks Mall General Manager Philip Morosco said that the 1989 holiday shopping season was a nine percent increase over 1987 but he expects even better things this year - at least a two percentage point increase. The busiest day at Twelve Oaks was Saturday, Dec. 16, two days after the grand opening of Interstate 696. The week before Christmas, the mall was open until 11 p.m.

"The biggest surprise on everybody's part was the impact that 696 had. It was a good problem to have but it's certainly unexpected," he said.

Twelve Oaks also lured a few shoppers from Flint, Toledo and Canada. "We have a mix of stores not duplicated anywhere else in southeastern Michigan," Morosco said.

On Saturday, Dec. 16, Twelve Oaks Mall was closed for about 45 minutes, beginning at 4:30 p.m., due to a major traffic jam which also led to the closing of several roads and the Novi Road exit on westbound Interstate 696. A smaller but significant traffic gridlock on Friday, Dec. 22, also led to the closing of the Novi and Beck Road freeway exits and portions of eastbound and westbound Twelve Mile Road.

In October, the Twelve Oaks Traffic Committee studied the possibility of renting a "rubber tire trolley" to service the shopping district during the holiday season, but none of the vehicles were available for lease, according to a planning department report.

Morosco says there has also been some discussion of inviting a private company in to run a year-round intercity bus service, which would stop at Novi's three malls and other locations, such as senior citizen's complexes.

Twelve Oaks' marketing strategy this year included advertising on easy-listening stations such as WNIC and WOMC during drive time, aiming for the female half of two-income Oakland County families. The center had four big billboards, including one in Birmingham and one at the Detroit Southfield border.

The shut-down of Twelve Oaks during the Dec. 16 traffic jam was felt in at least one mall store. The traffic problems were broadcast on radio and television that day.

"Personally, I think it hurt our business. I'm sorry they did it. We were going great guns and then all of a sudden there was nobody in the mall," said Susan Lobsinger, manager of the Liz Claiborne Inc. store.

"Had the traffic been handled in a more efficient manner and if they had been prepared... to allow it to happen twice is ridiculous. After the first problem, they should have done something to alleviate the problem. That's like death to a mall."

This was the first holiday shopping season for the Novi Liz Claiborne store, the company's first retail outlet, and Lobsinger said that clothing groups were selling the minute they were put out on the floor. The company has since opened shops in three East Coast locations and Chicago, and plans to open nine more in 1990.



Joanne Kazmierczak rings up a sale at Borders Books in the Novi Town Center last Friday

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# Air Force chorale to perform in Novi

The United States Air Force Academy Cadet Chorale will visit Novi High School's Fuerst Auditorium on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 8 p.m. for a special concert.

No tickets are required and the public is invited to attend. Billed as the "Best Free Concert in America," the chorale's visit is sponsored by the United States Air Force Academy Parents' Club.

The chorale is a voluntary organization that has represented and served the Academy since its premiere performance with the Denver Symphony in October 1965. It is recognized for its musical achievements and for its enrichment of

the life of the participating cadets. Whether performing for former President Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Stewart in Washington, D.C., or singing at high schools around the country, every concert is unique.

Cadets who indicate an interest in the program are auditioned to determine musical ability and other special talents. Those who are accepted start musical training in a special section of the chorale and become as active in the program as time, talent and interest allow. Featuring a repertoire with a range of style and content as wide and varied as the origins of the 110 young people who

comprise it, the Cadet Chorale performs primarily secular music. The Chorale has sung in nearly every state in the nation. Television appearances have included the Barbara Mandrell Show, the Today Show, the Ed Sullivan Show, Kennedy Center Honors, Bob Hope and Carol Channing Specials, several Miss USA pageants and Super Bowl VI. The most nationally televised performance was the Fourth of July celebration for the dedication of the Statue of Liberty in New York City.

The group is under the direction of Joseph Galema, director of Cadet Chapel Music Activities.

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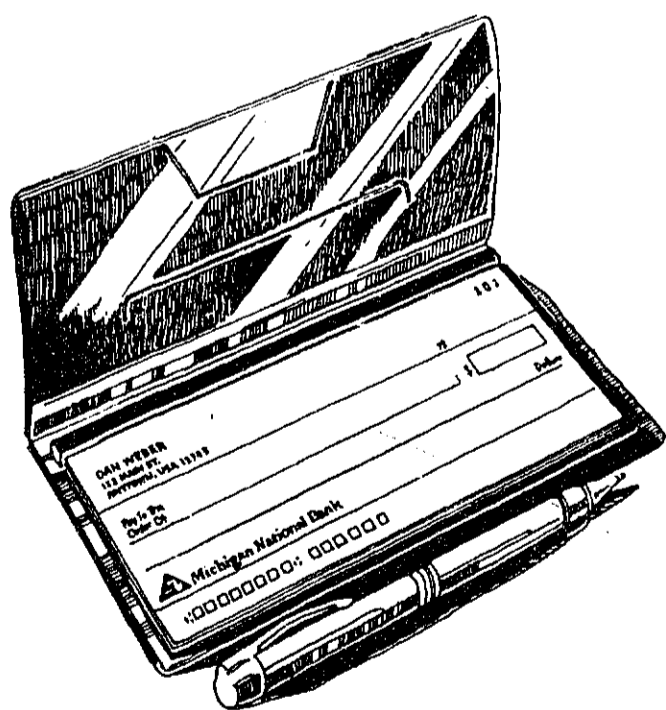
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Members of the Novi Friendship Club and the Novi High School QUEST chapter do a snake dance during a party at the Civic Center

## Novi Friendship Club promotes companionship



Jennifer Fox (left) and Angela Rimbald dance at the Friendship Club party

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

By BRENDA DOOLEY  
staff writer

Friends... it would be a colorless world without them. Everyone seeks friendship for different reasons. No matter what the reason, there's no greater feeling than knowing there's someone who will always understand. For members of a newly-formed local group, friendship is gaining special meaning. These members belong to the Novi Friendship Club, established to provide mild to moderately mentally impaired youths with social interaction.

"Three mothers came to us and expressed the need," recalled Kathy Crawford, a founder of the Friendship Club. "One of the toughest things for kids who go to school out-of-district is that they don't have a place to socialize."

"We decided to start a program for minimally impaired kids to bring them together," she added.

With the help of Cindy Stewart, Novi's public information director, and Carla Scruggs, recreation coordinator, the idea for the Friendship Club became a reality.

Now the group, numbering about 20 members from Novi and surrounding areas, meets for two hours on the fourth Thursday of each month. Recently the club gathered for a Christmas dance at the Novi Civic Center. It was the first activity that parents of the members were invited to attend.

Novi's Debbie Fox, one of the parents who urged Crawford to establish the group, offered high praise for the Friendship Club.

"Our kids go to school in Hazel Park," she said. "In Troy there's a huge group for impaired kids and there's also one in Royal Oak. I thought there was a need for something locally so I talked to Kathy (Crawford) and Carla (Scruggs)." Fox added. "It (the Friendship Club) gives kids a place to go."

"It's worked out great," echoed Pat Hohl of Farmington, another parent who formulated the idea for the group. "My son looks forward to this. He loves it."

Ginny Mowbray of Novi agreed. She was the third parent to express interest in organizing the group.

"This kind of program can have a tremendous trickle-down effect," Crawford added. "It gives families a

respite — for most parents caring for an impaired child is a 24-hour job. It can be tremendously hard work."

Members are encouraged to form friendships among themselves. They also have recently been introduced to youths in the Novi Middle School Quest Junior Interact Club.

Claudia Wiseman, sponsor of the Quest Club, is encouraging her students to become involved in the Friendship Club. Focus of the Quest Club is to provide students with community service activities.

"This gives middle school kids interaction with handicapped kids so they can understand them better," Wiseman said. "They're enjoying it a lot."

Paul Muraco is one of the Quest Club members who visits with members of the Friendship Club.

"It's nice to get to know everyone," Muraco said. "As for the members themselves, the Friendship Club has provided them with a greatly-needed boost."

"I like the club," said member Kris Fox. "I get to meet a lot of new people."

Friendship Club Member Josh Hohl agreed. Meanwhile, member Anna Romanow of Novi said the club has given her a chance to make new friends.

"We don't have kids like this talk to us very often," she said, referring to the Quest Club members. "It's nice. I really like it."

"The Friendship Club to me is really important. It let's me meet other people. I don't get to see my friends too often but with the club I do," Romanow added.

Current Novi Friendship Club members include Kris Fox of Novi, Nick Hass of Novi, Kevin Brown of Southfield, Larin Anders of Farmington, Josh Hohl of Farmington Hills, Anna Romanow of Novi, Amy Wilson of Farmington Hills, Cathy Pacheco of Northville, Heather Wojcik of Northville, Kirsten Griggs of Farmington Hills, Peggy Lin of Bloomfield Hills, Pam Mowbray of Novi, Heather Glysson of Farmington, Kristen Karcher of Farmington Hills, Kevin Shink of Farmington, Duanna Savello of Farmington Hills, Kevin Vandenberg of Farmington Hills, Mary Grim of Novi and Gina Boiko of Southfield.

Cost for joining the group is \$5, which includes a Friendship Club badge and membership card. A minimal activity fee also is requested for each event.

For more information about the group call Novi Parks and Recreation at 347-0400.

## FYI

**Public hearing slated:** The Novi Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, Jan. 17, to consider a rezoning request from the Tri-Mount Development Company. The hearing will be held in the Novi Civic Center at 7:30 p.m.

Tri-Mount has petitioned the commission to rezone a large parcel of land in the northeast portion of Section 21 from its existing RA (residential agricultural) zoning classification to an R-1 (one-family residential) district.

Section 21 extends from Ten to Eleven Mile between Taft and Beck roads. The property slated for rezoning is located west of Novi Community School District property and north of the Simmons Orchard subdivision.

All interested persons are invited to attend the hearing. Verbal comments will be heard at the hearing. Written comments may be sent to the Department of Community Development, 45175 West Ten Mile, Novi, MI 48050 until 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 17.

**Upcoming vacancies:** The City of Novi is now accepting applications to fill upcoming vacancies on several boards and committees.

Specifically, the city is accepting applications from individuals who would like to serve on the Construction Board of Appeals, Election Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Library Board of Appeals, Library Board, Board of Review, Cable Access Committee, Housing and Community Development Committee, National Resources Design Plan Implementation Committee and the Economic Development Corporation.

A booklet containing an application form and information about the boards and commissions may be obtained in the city clerk's office in the Novi Civic Center during regular working hours.

Deadline for applications is Jan. 31, but the council will accept applications up to the date of the interview session. For more information call the city clerk's office at 347-0400.

**Video coupon books:** The Novi Choir Boosters and Novi High School Choir members are selling coupon books which entitle the purchaser to free movie rentals at Novi Video.

The books are priced at \$10 apiece, and each book contains 24 coupons. Each coupon is good for one free movie rental when another movie is rented. The coupons are good until May 31, 1990.

Coupon books can be obtained by calling the high school at 344-8300 or by contacting any member of the high school choir.

**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.

**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 Klaver at 347-0445 for more information.

**Calling Social Security:** The Social Security Administration has instilled a toll-free number of area residents who would otherwise have to make a long distance call.

The number is 1-800-234-5772 (1-800-2345-SSA). Calls will be accepted 24 hours per day. Calls made Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. will be answered by a live operator. People who call outside those numbers may leave a message which will be answered the next business day or at a convenient time chosen by the caller.

## Lawmakers debate gun control

By TIM RICHARD  
staff writer

LANSING — If you want to see a fight, find a room where lawmakers are discussing gun control bills.

If you want to see another fight, watch them discuss bills that gun interests favor.

Dozen such bills are sitting in Michigan legislative committees, many hopelessly mired, others having a fighting chance.

Even Rep. Willis Bullard, R-Highland, ran into opposition with his House Bill 500, aimed at correcting the effect of a court decision. His bill would treat inoperable pistols the same as operable ones when a judge sentences someone convicted of a felony.

"There was a Court of Appeals case where someone was let off because the gun wasn't working," said Bullard.

His bill is opposed by Michigan United Conservation Clubs, MUCC's legal consultant, Prof. David G. Cotler of the Cooley Law School in Lansing, said the case reversed nearly 20 years of case law. The old case law said an inoperable handgun which

could easily be made operable requires a pistol permit.

The bill is stuck in the House Judiciary Committee, where chair Perry Bullard (no kin), D-Ann Arbor, calls it "a Republican load of — it loads prisons without doing anything about the cause — loaded, real guns."

Replied Willis Bullard: "That's what he says about all criminal legislation."

House Democrats hope to pick up GOP votes with four bills to ban automatic weapons — those which fire continuously as long as a person holds the trigger.

"I'm a gun owner and ardent supporter of the 2nd Amendment," said sponsor James Kosteva, D-Canton. "It's easier to defend (gun ownership) when we've removed access to weapons with no sporting purpose whatever. Why wait until another Stockton, Calif., incident?"

The bills went to the House Tourism, Fisheries and Wildlife Committee, chaired by Jerry Bartnik, D-Temperance. A member of the National Rifle Association, Bartnik endorses the bills.

"A few years ago, you would never see my name associated with this

kind of bill," said Bartnik. He changed his mind because of "the fatal link between these kinds of weapons and the spread of drugs throughout our state."

The bills would:

- Require a criminal history check and mental health background declaration of persons purchasing firearms.

- Ban shotguns known as "street sweepers" which Kosteva said can fire 20 rounds in a few seconds. "They are a kill-and-maim type weapon."

- Ban "conversion kits," used to convert a semiautomatic to automatic firing. "A semiautomatic gun requires a separate trigger movement for each shot."

- Repeat a law allowing individuals to buy and possess automatic weapons.

Some lawmakers like the sound of a pistol training bill, HB 4163, which would require training before one could purchase a pistol. But they find problems with setting up classes.

"The sheriff's association didn't want to do it," said Perry Bullard, who co-sponsored it and handled it in the judiciary committee. "We

couldn't get a floor vote. They sent it back to committee."

Willis Bullard added that lawmakers "on a lot of issues are not concerned about the bill itself but where it might lead." He said it would have to be "meaningful training" by a "responsible group."

"There's still a lot of argument over the effectiveness of driver training," Bullard said.

Two bills favored by gun owners and MUCC have made it through one chamber of the Legislature.

In 1988 the Senate passed a bill by Chris Dingell, D-Trenton, to prohibit local units of government from enacting gun ordinances more restrictive than state and federal laws. It died in Perry Bullard's House Judiciary Committee.

The House gave 77-15 approval to the MUCC-backed shooting range protection bill, HB 5056 which protects shooting ranges from noise abatement lawsuits where the range was in operation prior to residential development — a common suburban phenomenon. The Senate Judiciary Committee has reported it to the Senate floor, and passage seems likely.

## Novi may gain construction landfill

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"If the people living around the site are aware of the sand and gravel operation, then they won't even know that the landfill is there," he said.

Holloway has not made any height projections at this point, and Zanotti would not rule out the possibility of the landfill rising above ground level.

Unlike a solid waste landfill, there

will be no danger of contamination or gas leakage, according to Zanotti.

The next step for the construction company will be a hydro-geological study of the area, as outlined by the Department of Natural Resources.

"From that point, the DNR has 120 days to decide whether to issue a permit. A public hearing will also be scheduled as part of the DNR's review process in order to garner public opinion."

"The preliminary data, we feel that the results will be good," Zanotti said. "However, if it doesn't work out, then there won't be a landfill."

## Mandatory recycling plans studied

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Jadun said the consortium hopes to minimize the inconvenience of recycling by looking for trash-haulers equipped with multiple-container trucks that can collect both recyclable and non-recyclable waste.

If that is not possible, she said the city will have two trucks — one for recyclables and one for non-recyclables — pick up waste simultaneously.

"We are hoping to schedule the

pickup of recyclables and non-recyclables on the same day so that residents won't have more than one garbage day," Jadun said.

She added, however, that mandatory recycling, which will be implemented county-wide as outlined in Oakland County's proposed solid waste (641) plan, will not go into effect until the consortium's MRF is operational in early 1992.

Two of the top four ranked MRF sites are in Novi. The number one ranked site is located in the city's

proposed industrial park on Grand River and Wixom Road. The city also contains the third ranked site, which is located off Haggery Road, just north of Grand River.

The second and fourth ranked sites are located in Southfield and Wixom respectively.

However, the current ranking is subject to change based on a cost analysis to be completed by the consortium within the next few weeks, according to Jadun.

The Oakland County plan also calls for several composting operations and the baring of yard waste from county landfills.

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# Two Novi sites put on state's contamination list

By JAN JEFFRES  
staff writer

Two new locations bring up to five the number of sites in Novi placed on an environmental contamination priority list issued by the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Recently added to the 2,687 site list for Michigan in fiscal year 1991 were Leemon Oil at 8630 Grand River and a now-defunct Buron gas station at Thirteen Mile and Novi Road. The former gas station is owned by Victor Muscat. The 1991 list has 64 new sites.

In addition, the Rouge River is in 17th place on a higher priority contamination list.

The list — prepared by the DNR's environmental response field staff — included both locations because underground storage tanks were removed from the properties, leaving contaminated soil behind, said DNR Environmental Quality Analyst Cheryl Wallace. About five to six gasoline storage tanks were removed from the Muscat property in Feb.

**Wallace: 'It's the property owner's responsibility to perform the cleanup. We have information that says there's a contamination problem but if it's been cleaned up, they haven't submitted that information to us.'**

1989 and about seven tanks for gasoline, diesel fuel and other petroleum products were removed from Leemon Oil this summer, Wallace said.

"It's the property owner's responsibility to perform the cleanup," she said. "We have information that says there's a contamination problem but if it's been cleaned up, they haven't submitted that information to us."

Wallace said if property owners failed to clean up sites, the state would ultimately take over the task

and then provide the funding or seek repayment and a possible penalty through the court system. No timetable has been set for a cleanup, she added.

Statewide, 893 sites on the priority list were the result of leaks from underground storage tanks. The priority list is mandated by the Michigan Environmental Response Act 307 of 1982 and is used by the state Legislature as a guideline for funding cleanup programs. Not all sites on the list will be recommended for funding.

More critical are Group One sites, which are scored for contamination on a zero to 100 scale and then ranked for priority cleanup. The worst identified contaminated site in the state are the Plainfield Township wells in Kent County, which scored 1,010.

On the Group One list, the Rouge River, which runs through Wayne and Oakland counties, was given a score of 888, tying for that spot with an underground storage tank contaminating water and soil with lead and other pollutants in Osceola County.

The river is listed as contaminated from multiple sources with heavy metals, pesticides and volatile organic materials, impacting on surface water and sediment, as well as animal life.

Group Two sites are ranked from one to 15, with 15 being high. Both the Muscat property and Leemon Oil site were given scores of seven.

Other sites identified earlier in 1989 were the former By-Rite Oil Company, Anderson Municipal landfill and the old Munn landfill.

Scoring eight in Group Two was the By-Rite Oil Company, now Delta Fuels. It is located off Grand River between Haggerty and Meadowbrook roads in Novi. Petroleum products have penetrated the soil and groundwater from an above ground tank. The site is in line for more evaluation and partial cleanup with private money.

Also scoring eight in Group Two is the Anderson Municipal landfill, north of Eight Mile and west of Garfield Road. Contaminants include domestic, commercial and heavy manufacturing pollutants. The site has been rejected as a candidate for federal "Superfund" cleanup money and has also been found not contaminated enough for state cleanup funds.

The former Munn Landfill site, over which the Meadowbrook Glens Subdivision is built, scored a seven in Group Two. The location north of Ten Mile between Novi and Meadowbrook roads is contaminated with domestic and commercial waste but is not ranked high enough to receive state cleanup funds. Methane gas, a byproduct of decomposing garbage, has been identified at the site. To report underground tank releases call 1-800-MICHUST. For information on how to apply for money under Michigan's Underground Storage Tank Technical Assistance Fund, call 1-800-AMUSTFA.

## Safety tips for snowbound travelers

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 ice storm ignorance.

"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,
    - low 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 flashers, 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.
  - Keep fresh air in your car, freezing wet snow and wind-driven snow can completely seal the passenger compartment.
- For more information about winter survival call Gail Novak at 858-5300.

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The foundation's principal office is located at 41115 Jo Drive, Novi, Michigan 48050.

The principal principal of the foundation is JOHN VINCENTI. The telephone number of the principal office is 478-3303.

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**CITY OF NOVI NOTICE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council is accepting applications to fill upcoming vacancies on the Construction Board of Appeals, Election Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Library Board of Appeals, Library Board, Board of Review, Cable Access Committee, Housing and Community Development Committee, Natural Resources Design Plan Implementation Committee and the Economic Development Corporation Board of Directors.

A booklet containing an application and information about the various Boards and Commissions is available from the office of the City Clerk. The deadline for receiving applications is January 31st, however, the Council will accept applications up to the date of the Interview Session. Please contact the City Clerk if you are unable to meet the January 31st deadline.

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# Chilly Willy festivities to wile away winter blahs

Just in time to battle the winter blahs... Novi Parks and Recreation Department will present the third annual Chilly Willy Winter Festival on Sunday, Jan. 13, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center and Power Park.

Individual, family and team activities will take place throughout the day. Outdoor events begin with a double-elimination sno-ball tournament beginning at 8:30 a.m. at the Power Park softball fields.

Winter recreation continues throughout the day with a snow sculpture contest, hayrides, team tug-o-war, sledging, ice skating, cross-country skiing, score-o-contests and broomball.

Indoor activities will feature billiards, ping pong, chess, checkers, cartoons, coloring contests, storytelling and a performance by the Novi Civic Center Youth Chorus. Residents are encouraged to enter the festival's first lip sync contest. Those who suffer from stage fright, however, may choose to simply observe the performances.

To chase away the hunger, area restaurants will provide the fixings for the third annual Chili Cook-Off/Tasting Contest. Festival-goers will have a chance to warm their tummies by sampling the chili.

Bathing beauties, watch out. Local men and women — young and old — are invited to display their winter spirit by competing in festive "Old Man/Old Woman," "Miss Junior Snowflake," "Little Mr. Snowflake" and "Little Ms. Icicle" contests.

All day activities featured during the Chilly Willy Festival include old-fashioned ice skating, sledging and cross-country skiing at Power Park, weather permitting. Participants are asked to bring their own equipment. Other ongoing outdoor events include a bonfire and concessions.

Those who prefer the comfort of indoor climates will have a chance to view cartoons featuring Chilly Willy in the Novi Civic Center. Indoor games include billiards, ping pong, chess and checkers, all played in the Novi Civic Center Game Room.

Following is a schedule of festival contests and activities:

8:30 a.m. Sno-ball tournaments begin at Power Park. Registration is required.

10 a.m. Snow Sculpture Contest at Power Park, weather permitting. Winners will be announced at noon in the Novi Civic Center Atrium. Registration is required.

10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Youth and Adult Coloring Contests in the Novi Civic Center Multi-Purpose Room. Winners will be announced at 1 p.m. in the same room.

10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Chili Cook-Off/Tasting Contest at the Novi Civic Center. This event is open to the public. Chili winners will be announced at noon in the Novi Civic Center Atrium. Registration is required.

11 a.m. Little Mr. Snowflake Contest begins on the Novi Civic Center stage. The contest is open to children 4 to 7 years old.

11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Hayrides from the Novi Civic Center. Rides will be offered every 30 minutes.

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Storytelling sessions inside the Novi Civic Center.

11:30 a.m. Ms. Junior Snowflake Contest begins on the Novi Civic Center stage. The contest is open to youth 8 to 12 years old.

11 a.m./11:30 a.m./noon Broomball youth games at Power Park. Registration is required.

12:30 p.m./1 p.m./1:30 p.m. Broomball adult games at Power Park.

11:45 a.m. Score-O-Contest at Power Park.

12:15 p.m. Super Score-O-Contest at Power Park.

12:15 p.m. Members of the Novi Youth Chorus perform on the Novi Civic Center stage.

12:30 p.m. Team Tug-O-War competition begins in the grassy area near the south entrance of the Novi Civic Center. Registration is required.

12:45 p.m. Little Ms. Icicle Contest begins on the Novi Civic Center stage for children 4 to 7 years old.

1 p.m. Old Man/Old Woman Contest begins on the Novi Civic Center stage. This contest is open to all ages.

1 to 2 p.m. Lip Sync Contest in the Novi Civic Center Multi-Purpose Room and on the stage. Age categories include 12 and under, 13-18, 19 and older and solo or group (two or more performers).

Registration forms and information flyers are available by calling 347-0400.

## Novi Meijer's mullied

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This collective rezoning was discussed at the planning commission's Dec. 20 meeting and tabled because of community opposition.

The city hopes to gain the rezoning and have part of the Grand Plan infrastructure in place before the end of the year, but the Meijer's phase of the project probably won't be completed before 1991, Wahl said.

If proper zoning cannot be garnered, however, the Meijer's aspiration, according to White.

"We (Meijer's) are very interested in having a store in Novi, but the question of zoning must be addressed," she said.

White added that Meijer's does not own the land at this point and will not pursue acquisition until the proper zoning is in place.

Some Novi residents have expressed opposition to the proposed Meijer's store, citing potential traffic problems and the fact the area already is serviced by a Meijer's store at Eight Mile and Haggerty Road in Northville.

White said that a Novi location would serve a different market.

"We feel that the Novi location would serve our customers better," White said. "There may be some overlap of customers with the Northville store, but it will also increase our customer base."

White denied rumors that Meijer's has plans to phase out its Northville location.

In fact, she said the Northville store is being expanded from 179,000 to 215,000 square feet because of increased volume. The expansion should be completed next month, according to White.

## Jerome takes new job

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The list includes seven general excellence awards from the Michigan Press Association, two consecutive "Excellence in Journalism" awards from the University of Michigan Press Club and second place honors in general excellence from the National Newspaper Association in 1988.

Jerome said he was excited about the promotion and eager to accept the challenge. "It's an honor to follow in the footsteps of such individuals as Bill Slinger, Jack Hoffman and Rolly Peterson," he said.

"The newspaper industry is changing rapidly at this point in time, just as the communities we serve are changing rapidly," he added. "We will meet those challenges and help our communities meet those challenges by maintaining and reinforcing our commitment to the basic values on which our society is based."

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# 1990s local news to recap 1980s

By TIM RICHARD  
Staff Writer

Oakland County's top stories of the 1980s will be the top stories of the 1990s. That's because the county of 1.1 million is caught up in massive changes involving masses of people and neighborhoods.

**THE D WORD** The '80s opened with double-digit unemployment, but investors in high-tech industry and offices located Oakland in a hurry. A high-tech belt today stretches from Auburn Hills to Novi, then south along I-75 in Wayne County, and west on M-14 to Ann Arbor. Here is where much of the "re-industrialization" of Michigan went on. Two-thirds of all new offices in the state were in Oakland.

Late in the decade, neighborhood groups in a dozen towns began blowing the whistle against development — the D word. . . Even County Executive Dan Murphy, who promoted much of the growth, spoke out against urban sprawl.

That kind of talk is likely to get louder because of 2 TRAFFIC. Many formerly bedroom suburbs found themselves with overlanded streets. Old villages with downtowns saw no benefit from industrial parks, stadiums and mega-malls. Countywide, there is a strong perception that two-lane roads can't handle rush-hour traffic.

The state gave counties only one method of raising local road improvement money, but Oakland voters in 1988 rejected a vehicle

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registration fee by a 4-1 margin. The '90s provided no solution. The issue of the '80s will be how to manage — not even to plan for — the growth that already has occurred. So look for political activity on . . .

3. COUNTY HOME RULE. But not from John Grubba, the Milford resident who is managing director of the Oakland County Road Commission. OCRC got some county general fund money in the '80s but wants much more.

Executive Murphy is cycling a home rule charter under which the OCRC could be absorbed by general government, and public works could be consolidated. Murphy won't budget general fund money for roads until he has the OCRC by his side where it goes. Will the OCRC be willing to pay the political price for more road money?

4. I-696. For 30 years the stalled suburban freeway was crossed by arguments. As the 1980s dawned, the Carter administration approved a

route. As they ended, the eight-mile freeway was opened. The Southeast Michigan Council of Governments predicted 90 fewer car crashes a year and reduced traffic on mile roads. Realtors predicted stronger housing sales in western Oakland County as Macomb County became accessible.

The Reuther freeway, as it's subtitled, also will offer older "south end" cities a chance for redevelopment.

5. SOLID WASTE. A \$1 billion county plan for cooperative handling of stadiumful of trash began to come to fruition in 1988, with the letting of a contract for the first incinerator. And 1989 ended with a bitter fight over the location of a special landfill to handle incinerator ash.

Late in the '80s, the environmental movement of the 1970s was revived, and Oakland leaders vowed to do more recycling, less burning and burying. Every step will generate long debate during millions of people-

hours of committee meeting in the next 10 years.

6. COUNTY BUILDINGS. A prisoners' suit forced Oakland to build a new 488-bed jail that was designed to satisfy every federal judge's order ever issued.

Meanwhile, Oakland's economy and concentration of lawyers have made its courts among the busiest in the state, far out of proportion to the population. A new court tower, a computer center and a law library are on the drawing boards in Pontiac. Oakland's court tower will be the first in Michigan since the State Supreme Court allowed news cameras and tapes in courtrooms.

Within a couple of elections, Oakland will see its circuit court bench grow by four judges (from 14) and its probate bench grow by two (to six). Political competition and advertising are likely to be heavy. If district judges and other politicians decide to move up, look for judicial musical chairs. And don't forget . . .

7. PARTISAN POLITICS. An era ended in 1988 when L. Brooks Patterson, the tough-on-crime prosecutor, retired. But the other five countywide officeholders all are in their mid-60s, so the rest of the county slate is likely to start turning over beginning in 1992.

In the 1980s, Republicans gained a stronghold on the county slate and the county board, in part because they controlled redistricting, in part because the computerized GOP machinery and volunteers were so efficient. Democrats have 45 percent or more of the vote — but can a weakening union movement help them with their proportion of the offices?

## Health Notes

**Expectant parent classes:** A series of six Expectant Parent classes will be offered at the Oakland County Health Department's Southfield office beginning Tuesday, Jan. 9. The Southfield offices are located at 2725 Greenfield Road.

Classes will be taught by public health nurses for six consecutive Tuesdays from 7-9:30 p.m. Topics will include maternal physical changes, good nutrition, growth and development of the fetus and baby, labor and delivery, infant care and parenting.

There's no charge for attending the classes, but pre-registration is requested due to limited enrollment. The Health Division recommends that expectant mothers enroll as early in their pregnancies as possible. To register call 424-7042 by Jan. 5.

**Adult diabetes classes:** A series of six diabetes classes will be offered at the Oakland County Health Division's Southfield office beginning Thursday, Jan. 18. The Southfield offices are located at 2725 Greenfield Road.

The classes, which are for adult diabetics and members of their families, are taught every Thursday from 7-9:30 p.m. by a public health nurse and a registered dietitian. Topics will include the nature of the disease, dietary management, medications and suggestions for coping with everyday problems.

The classes are free; registrations will be accepted until Tuesday, Jan. 16. Classes will be cancelled if less than eight people register. To register call 424-7042.

**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 7-9 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 348-2631.

**Narcotics Anonymous:** Narcotics Anonymous, a non-profit fellowship of 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.

## Control your yard

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To be part of this program call Michigan State University, Cooperative Extension Service of Oakland County at 858-0887. There is a fee of \$90 which covers classes and training packets. Deadline to register is Jan. 10.

## CITY OF NOVI 1990 REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

**CITY COUNCIL:**  
Regular Meetings will be held as follows:  
January 8th and 22nd  
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April 2nd and 16th  
May 7th and 14th  
June 4th and 18th  
July 2nd and 16th  
August 6th and 20th  
September 10th and 24th  
October 1st and 15th  
November 5th and 19th  
December 10th and 17th  
Council Meetings are held at 8:00 p.m. Proving Eastern Time in the Novi Civic Center, 45175 West Ton Mile Road.  
**PLANNING COMMISSION** — 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each Month at 7:30 p.m., in the Civic Center.  
**BOARD OF APPEALS** — 1st Tuesday of each Month at 7:30 p.m., in the Civic Center.  
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** — 2nd Thursday of each Month at 7:30 a.m., in the Civic Center (if needed).  
**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION** — 2nd Thursday of each Month at 7:30 p.m., in the Civic Center.  
**HISTORICAL COMMISSION** — 2nd Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m., in the Civic Center.  
**LIBRARY BOARD** — 2nd Monday of each Month at 7:30 p.m., in the Public Library, 45245 W. Ton Mile Road.  
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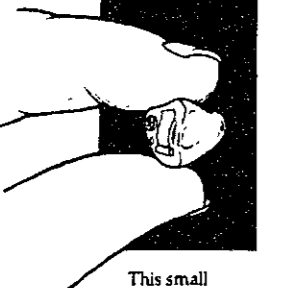
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## As We See It

### Here's our agenda for the city in 1990

It got off to a rocky start, but 1989 ended up being a pretty good year for the City of Novi.

The city celebrated its 20th birthday in 1989. And Vice president Dan Quayle visited the city to participate in Police Memorial Day ceremonies.

Matthew Quinn was unopposed in his bid for a second term as mayor. Nancy Covert and Hugh Crawford were re-elected to the city council, and Tim Pope became the newest council member, taking over for Ron Watson who did not seek re-election after 12 years on the council.

But 1989 was also the year of potentially more momentous events... events which will have a profound effect on the future.

It was the year in which Providence Hospital officials returned with a proposal to construct a hospital at Grand River and Beck Road. It was the year in which the final link of the Walter Reuther Freeway was opened, bringing the eastern and western suburbs closer together and providing new problems as well as new opportunities. And it was the year in which city officials unveiled their so-called "Grand Plan," an innovative planning initiative designed to "clean up" the city's high profile Town Center and West Grand River Corridor areas and make them more conducive to upscale development.

What, then, is in store for 1989? What are the opportunities that lie ahead? What are the pitfalls that lie ahead? What areas require special attention from the city council? With an eye on the future, we would propose the following agenda for the city's action during 1990.

**1. TRAFFIC CONGESTION:** The challenge of moving traffic efficiently remains a major problem for the city... a problem that can logically be expected to become more serious as the opening of the Reuther brings more traffic into Novi.

The opening of the Reuther is a mixed blessing. On the one hand, it insures that Novi will remain a highly desirable location during the 1990s, bolstering property values, employment opportunity and tax base. On the other hand, it will create pressures on the road system.

As part of the traffic problem, the city should again investigate the viability of the so-called Haggerty Road connector as a solution to congestion on Haggerty Road. There is still no evidence that the proposed multi-lane, grade-level road leading northward will be a solution to north-south traffic problems. The suspicion here is that city officials have grabbed at the first thing labeled a solution to the problem and have grabbed little more than additional costs and pavement instead.

**2. THE GRAND PLAN:** City Manager Edward Kriewall has called the "Grand Plan" one of the most



## Government

significant events in city history. He may be right.

The innovative plan takes a proactive approach to resolving one of the city's biggest problems — removing often-unsightly industrial uses from property which could be developed with uses which are more aesthetic and will generate significantly more tax revenues for the city and the schools.

The city council should take care to usher through the basic tenets of the "Grand Plan," thereby encouraging the relocation of existing industrial uses to more appropriate settings and clearing the way for development that will be more attractive in addition to creating jobs and providing tax base.

**3. PARKLAND ACQUISITION:** One of the disappointments of 1989 was the defeat of a half-million increase for the Parks and Recreation Department.

The millage defeat may have had something to do with the fact it was on the same ballot with two school funding proposals on the state level. Whatever the reason, the defeat was disappointing because a portion of the funds were tentatively scheduled to be used for parkland acquisition, including the Novi Tree Farm at 12 1/2 Mile.

We would encourage the city council to place another funding proposal on the ballot and give Novi residents an opportunity to decide whether they will approve funds specifically designated for the acquisition or parklands. Novi is growing fast. If residents want more city parks, it is prudent to act as quickly as possible.

**4. THE BUDGET:** It's no accident that the city has a large tax base — it was planned that way more than 15 years ago when city officials saw an opportunity to separate intense commercial zoning north of Grand River and 1-96 while promoting single-family residential areas south of Grand River.

Tax base remains an important asset... to the city, the school district and the residents. But it also creates temptations in terms of luxuries which are nice but not essential.

As the council enters into budget deliberations, members should continue to challenge expenditures and demand justification for additions to the budget. Spirited budget deliberations will be beneficial to all residents of Novi.

## It's still a good idea

School and city officials do not like to be reminded that several events in 1989 cast aspersions on their integrity.

The city received criticism after the mayor, planning commission chairman and city manager were flown to Chicago by a would-be developer (Mike Ilitch) to look at restaurants similar to one under consideration for development in Novi.

The school district came under fire after it was learned that all seven board members and two administrators and their spouses had flown to a national convention in Florida and then gone on a Caribbean cruise.

In the wake of those revelations,

The News called for both the city council and the school board to adopt codes of ethics and/or disclosure requirements for trips and acceptance of gifts.

Alas, neither the council nor the school board adopted such legislation.

We continue to believe that codes of conduct and disclosure requirements are good ideas. We continue to think that adoption of such legislation is to the benefit of everyone involved — residents, elected officials and public employees.

Do we think that either body will follow through with the suggestion in 1990? Nope. And that's too bad.

## Friendship and mud pies

My best friend and I were inseparable.

We were practically joined at the hip. We rode our pink banana-seat bikes together, dressed up in our moms' fanciest clothes, exchanged paper dolls, climbed knarled trees and made gossy mud pies. Every day was an adventure. During the summer we'd sleep in her parents' pop-up camper, eat popcorn and M&Ms — we saved the red ones till last — and see who could stay awake longest.



Brenda Dooley

Of course, there would be the occasional fight. We'd retreat to our houses, where I'd slam the door and scream "I hate her! I'm never speaking to her again!" Mom would just smile — I used to wonder why she never offered sympathy and advice.

Fifteen minutes later, my best friend would be calling my name outside the door, asking if I would come out to play. Of course I never turned her away. (I must admit, sometimes I was the one who begged forgiveness.) Disagreement forgotten, we'd run outside into the sunshine, climb into her custom-built olive green treehouse and plot evil, yet harmless, tricks to play on our creepy younger brothers.

Instinctively, I knew she'd always be there if I needed her. And I was glad to return the favor. Even when my family moved from the neighborhood we kept in touch. The visits weren't as frequent, but it didn't matter. And over the years I learned what a valuable asset a friend can be.

Some kids aren't so fortunate. They head off to school where they make acquaintances. But the friendships end when the school day concludes. There's never enough time to foster a lasting, quarrel-and-make-up relationship. Because when they get home they're isolated from other children. The kids I'm referring to

are mentally impaired. This lack of socialization troubled a group of local parents, who brought their concerns to Kathy Crawford, special recreation coordinator at the Novi Civic Center. Crawford listened to their ideas and pursued them, with the help of Cindy Stewart, Novi's public information officer, and Carla Scroggs, recreation coordinator for the Novi Parks and Recreation Department.

Months later, the Novi Friendship Club was born. Established to serve mild to moderately mentally handicapped youths 14 years and older, the group offers special events for its members on the fourth Thursday of each month. Recently the club hosted a Christmas dance for members and their parents.

During the event, groups of kids sat at round tables set up at the Novi Civic Center after loading their plates for a buffet dinner. They talked and laughed and greeted everyone who entered the room. They discussed things that had happened to them since their last meeting. And sometimes they didn't talk at all — they didn't have to say anything. Because they're friends and they're beginning to understand each other.

Members of the Novi Middle School Quest Club also are forming relationships with Friendship Club members, giving both groups insight into a different way of life.

When the music started, one by one the kids trickled onto the dance floor. Their shyness slowly faded — it doesn't matter if you don't always know the dance steps if you're among friends — and they started to move to the music.

Their smiles spread like wildfire. They were having a great time with great friends.

My childhood friend and I recently spent an afternoon together, even though we had lost touch for about five years. We remembered the things we had done as kids. And we talked about our futures. The only thing missing was the mud pies.

## Forum

By Chris Boyd



Barbara Louie

once before.



Picketing

## Ballooning up for the holidays

The good-looking blonde sitting on the bar stool motioned seductively in my direction.

Okay, okay, okay. That's not entirely true. Most of it's true. There was a good-looking blonde. She was sitting on a bar stool. And she did motion in my direction. I made up the part about "seductively" to make the story more interesting.

Actually, it was just Mary — one of the waitresses at the Starting Gate. And I had a pretty good idea why she was beckoning in my direction.

"You're getting kinda fat," she said when I arrived, pointing at my stomach. "In fact, I didn't even recognize you when you first came in."

I thanked her profusely for noticing and went on my way. But the sad, sad truth of the matter is that she was



Phil Jerome

right. I am fat. Never in my life have I weighed more than I do right now. The holidays had something to do with it — I've never met an hors d'oeuvre I didn't like.

But the big factor is that I quit smoking about four months ago and the weight has been rising steadily ever since. The only good part is that I have company. Gary Kelber in the advertising department quit about the same time I did, and we are able to compare notes.

"It's hard finding pants that fit," he said the other day. "I can relate," I replied.

"The ones that still fit are getting harder to button," he said. "I can relate," I replied.

"You're not having trouble bending over to tie your shoes, are you?" I asked. And when he said he had not yet reached that stage, I got even more depressed.

"Watch out for that stage," I cautioned. "The only thing worse is having pretty blondes tell you how fat you're getting."

## Trading access for contributions



Phil Power

Before this season of peace and joy is gone, take a moment to shed a tear for poor Don Riegle, Michigan's senior U.S. senator.

Riegle is in a heap of trouble for having taken big campaign contributions from corrupt savings and loan operators and then setting up meetings with the federal regulators who were trying to shut them down.

Riegle has asked the Senate Ethics Committee to investigate all this and determine whether he did anything wrong. In the meantime, there have been calls for him to step down as chair of the Senate Banking Committee.

This is no laughing matter for Michigan. Riegle has a lot of clout in the Senate, clout that can be used to help us folks at home. After all, bringing home the bacon is a time-honored job for our representatives in Washington, because the operative definition of government is "a large body of money surrounded by people who want some of it."

Call me softhearted if you will, but I don't think Don Riegle has done anything more corrupt than any other U.S. senator or representative.

He's taking a bad rap when his only sin was to have got caught in the limelight when the enormously expensive (\$160 billion over 10 years, or \$650 for every man, woman and child in the country) S&L bailout demanded

that somebody get the blame.

My reasons for feeling this way have to do more with the corrupt way the political system works today than with either Riegle's ethics or lack of them.

Reduced to essentials, here's how politics functions in America today:

Sally Jones, an ambitious and bright person, runs for the state legislature or the U.S. Congress. Once elected, she discovers it's a tough job, but fun, and with a lot of perks and ego satisfaction attached.

She decides to run for reelection, because a career in politics seems nicer and more exciting than any other.

As Sally works up a budget for her reelection campaign, she discovers it will cost a lot of money. Because most political campaigns are events in which the contestants battle it out in the media, advertising is key. And expensive. Very expensive. Sally finds it more expensive than her salary plus her savings.

So how does she raise money? She goes a fund-raiser. Asks lobbyists for contributions. Asks businessmen who need a favor. Asks labor leaders who want a vote. Asks representatives of the countless special interest groups which infest the political system.

Sally is smart and a hard worker. She raises the money for her campaign and is reelected. Congratulations, Sally.

Next day, Sam Smith the businessman calls. Because Sam has been a big contributor, Sally answers the call herself. He asks her to set up a meeting with the

bureaucrats who are hassling his company about, say, pollution. She obliges because it's only fair to provide service to a constituent.

Because Sally sits on the committee that passes on the bureaucrats' budget and they don't want to offend her, they attend the meeting. They listen and try to make nice to businessman Sam.

No law is violated. Businessman Sam gets access to Sally because he has contributed to her campaign. Sally arranges a meeting with bureaucrats because she feels obliged to assist people who have helped her. The bureaucrats attend the meeting because they are afraid to make Sally sore.

Then some reporter gets hold of the story. Sally, businessman Sam and the bureaucrats are all in the soup.

Believe me, this is how the political system works.

Everybody — Sen. Don Riegle included — does it.

It isn't fair. It isn't ethical. It doesn't produce good government. It produces scoundrels when somebody gets caught in the limelight.

But that's the way it's going to be as long as career politicians are forced to trade access for campaign contributions.

The solution? Simple: Let government finance election campaigns for nominated candidates.

That way, campaigns can be based on the candidates' records and ideas — not on their ability to sell their souls.

## Dealing with the 'Panic of 1893'



Barbara Louie

once before.

The Great Depression of the 1930s was devastating — to the country and to the world. People were out of work, homes were lost, businesses failed. But for people over the age of 40, it was even worse, as many of them had been through this

wide-spread as the Depression, the Panic of 1893 was strongly felt throughout the nation — except in the Village of Northville.

There were a number of reasons for the Panic of 1893, but no one single source. Most historians believe the major cause of the panic was due to the extravagance of Congress and the corrupt politics of the day. Others point to the issuance of too many treasury notes in circulation.

Still others felt that the scarcity of money was due to "foolish scares." People withdrew their money from the banks to hoard in their homes, thus fueling the panic.

Despite the throes of the country, however, Northville was miraculously unaffected by it all, and, indeed, actually prospered during that time. For most of the United States, the effects of the panic were disastrous.

From state to state, money market rates varied widely. The Northville Record stated that money was so scarce "that in Chicago, one can get a \$1,000 New York draft for \$385." Though the difference was only \$15, that — as a week's wage for some — was an unheard-of discount.

Thousands of people lost their jobs. In Detroit, according to one source, "it was estimated that 25,000 workers were unemployed, in a city whose population was less than 250,000." This 10 percent unemployment figure was incredible, especially when one considers that at the height of the Depression during the 1930s the unemployment rate was only slightly twice this figure.

But in Northville, everything continued as usual. While businesses and industries dropped dramatically throughout the state, Northville was experiencing "A Booming Year."

In fact, the Northville Record boasted that the spring of 1893 was seen to be "one of the most prosperous periods Northville has seen for some years past." Buildings were on the rise, and many of the historic homes still in existence were built at this time.

Frank R. Beal, a prominent carpenter of many homes standing today along Dunlap Street, built a number of houses throughout Northville during the spring and summer of 1893.

In fact, the assessed value of the village that spring was well over \$700,000, a considerable increase from the year before.

Life seemed to be rosy in little Northville — and, though no one could explain it, local residents knew and appreciated the fact.

In other parts of the state, people were desperate. The winter of 1893-94 was perhaps the hardest, with many men and women still out of work and businesses closing because of the lack of money in the economy.

Relief in Detroit did not come until the spring of 1894 when Mayor Hazen Pingree hit upon a revolutionary idea. He appealed to land owners of vacant lots to lend out the use of their property for vegetable gardens.

The plan was an immediate success, and Pingree was dubbed "Potato Patch Pingree" by his many admirers. The inspiration was copied by cities around the country, thereby providing instant employment and food for the needy. Detroit's potato patches continued for two years, until the effects of the panic were finally over.

It took a long time for the country to clamber back to its feet after the panic. The consequences were felt for years to come. But the Panic of 1893 had, mysteriously, left Northville untouched. It had somehow passed it by, and life was able to go on as it always had in the little town.

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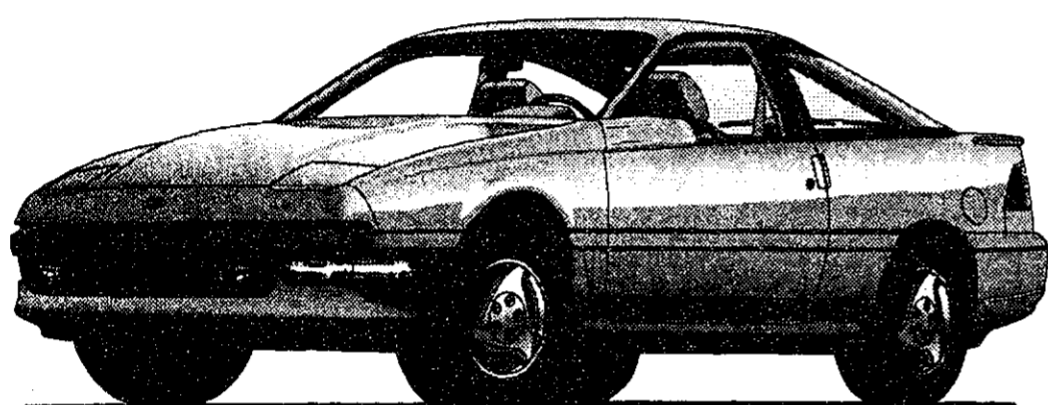
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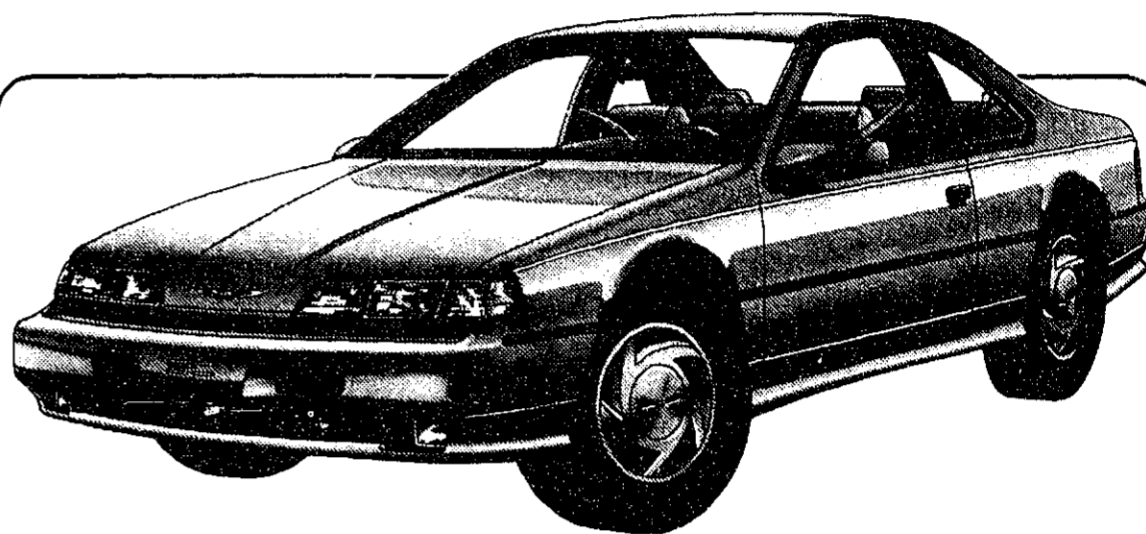


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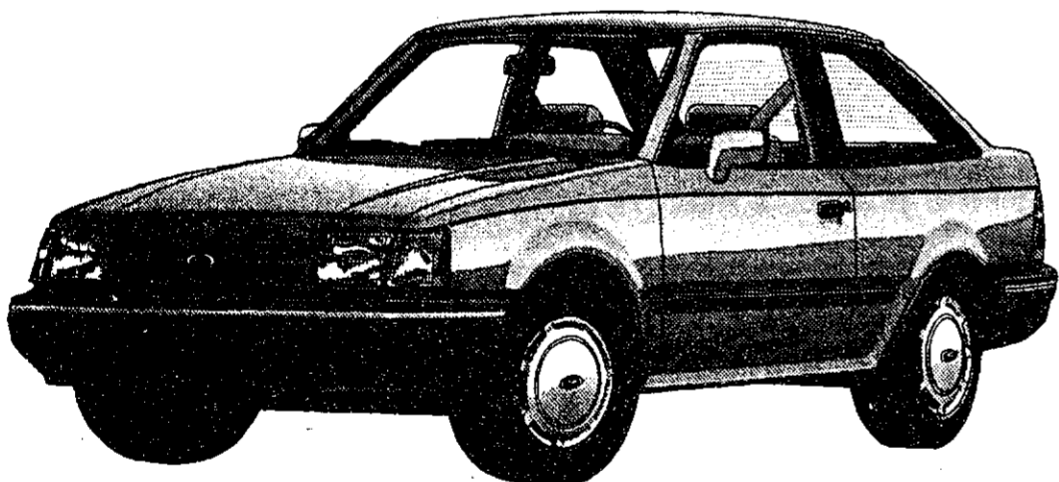
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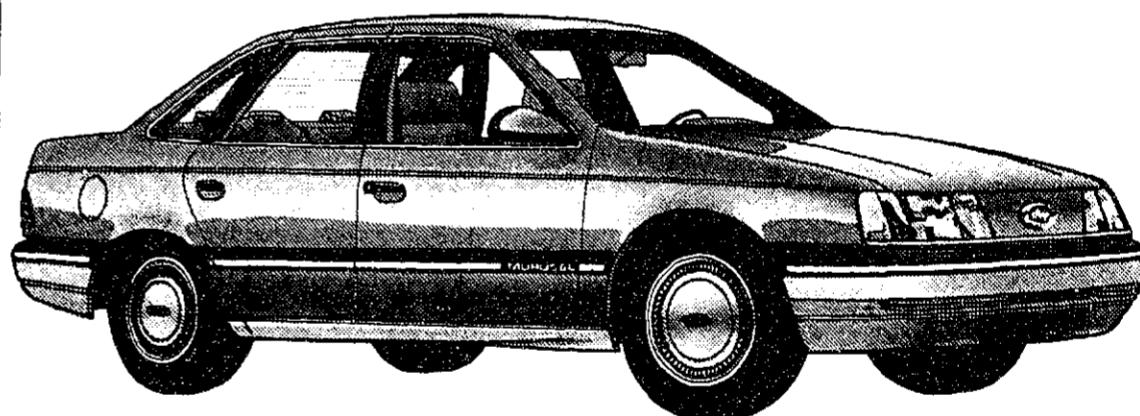
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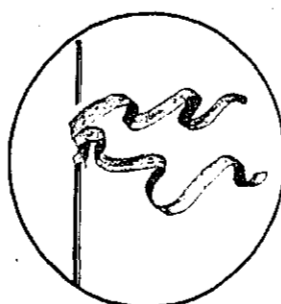
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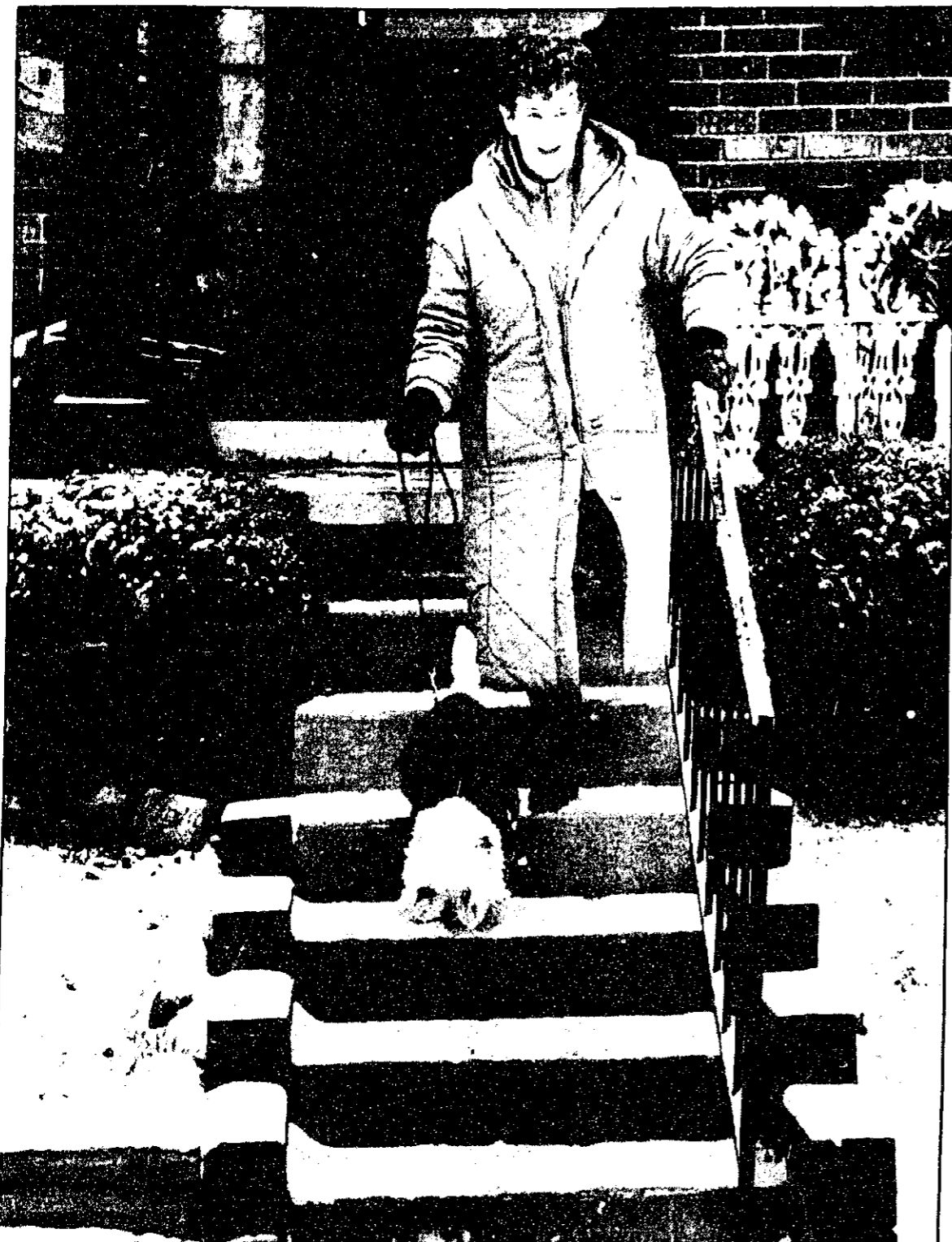
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Critter Sitter Owner Dorothy Johnson takes Fergus, a 'Westie,' for a quick walk

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## Critter Sitters

### Novi woman offers service for pets

By CATHERINE E. BILEK

Pet owners often face the dilemma of what to do with their pets while they're away from home.

Whether it be during a vacation or the workday, the pet is often lonely while its master is away. A mid-day walk can relieve both the anxieties of the master and the pet's biological needs.

Some pet owners opt to limit themselves to jobs close to home to eliminate the problem. But now that career limitation is not necessary. Dorothy Johnson of Novi provides a service that is ideal for pets and their owners.

Johnson's service, Critter Sitters, will come into your home, feed and walk your pet, and even take in your mail to give your home a lived-in look while you are away. On occasion, Johnson forwards mail to clients who are out of town for extended periods.

Critter Sitters is bonded. Johnson urges prospective clients to check her references with the Better Business Bureau and her other customers. Her satisfied customers are her best reference. Veterinarians and pet shop owners also refer customers to Critter Sitters.

Marilyn Iskra is one satisfied customer who uses Critter Sitters every day. She is a former Dearborn resident who works at Ford Motor Company. Before moving to Northville approximately 18 months ago, she would run home on her lunch hour to care for her shelti (toy col-

lie), mixed German shepherd and two cats.

"I didn't want to move until I found Dorothy's service," Iskra says. "She's just wonderful with animals. I wouldn't know what to do without her."

Johnson discovered Critter Sitters when she used the service for her own pet. Being both a pet lover and a satisfied customer herself, she took over the service in August 1988 when the previous owners retired. One full-time and one part-time Critter Sitters assist Johnson.

"People who love their pets do not like to put them in kennels," Johnson says. "They get diseases, and it is often traumatic for pets, especially cats."

She says cats hear dogs barking at a kennel and are frightened. "Some cats don't even know what a dog is."

The service is not limited to dog walking. Critter Sitters also care for hamsters, birds and rabbits, but not for exotic animals.

"It's a wonderful service. I was excited about it when I bought it and I still am," Johnson says.

Critter Sitters' service is often used by bachelors who need to have their pets cared for during the day. The service may be used on a regular basis or periodically. Many pet owners who usually come home during the day to care for their pets use the service of Critter Sitters when they have a luncheon engagement. Others use the service when attending weddings on the other side of

town and cannot come home to let their dogs out.

Before accepting a new client, Johnson says she always visits the pet first to be sure that she, or her assistants, are compatible with the animal. She also keeps a Polaroid picture of the pet on file. Over 200 customers use the service periodically throughout the year.

"In" and "out" times are recorded on a work sheet. A synopsis of what occurred during the pet owner's absence is completed on the last visit. Johnson requests that she be notified when the owner returns from vacation to make sure the pet is cared for in case of an unforeseen delay.

"I think pet people are really wonderful," Johnson says. "I meet wonderful pets. They are very appreciative, especially dogs. They almost talk with you."

The visits with the pet last from 30 to 45 minutes. The rate per visit is \$8 to \$9 depending on the geographic location. Service is available in Novi, Northville, Plymouth, Canton, Walled Lake, Wixom, Farmington Hills, Farmington, Redford, Livonia, Westland, Garden City and part of West Bloomfield, north to Fourteen Mile.

Johnson says she will probably be a "Critter Sitter" forever.

"To have a job I really enjoy is healthy for me," she says. "It's not glamorous, but the good outweighs the bad."

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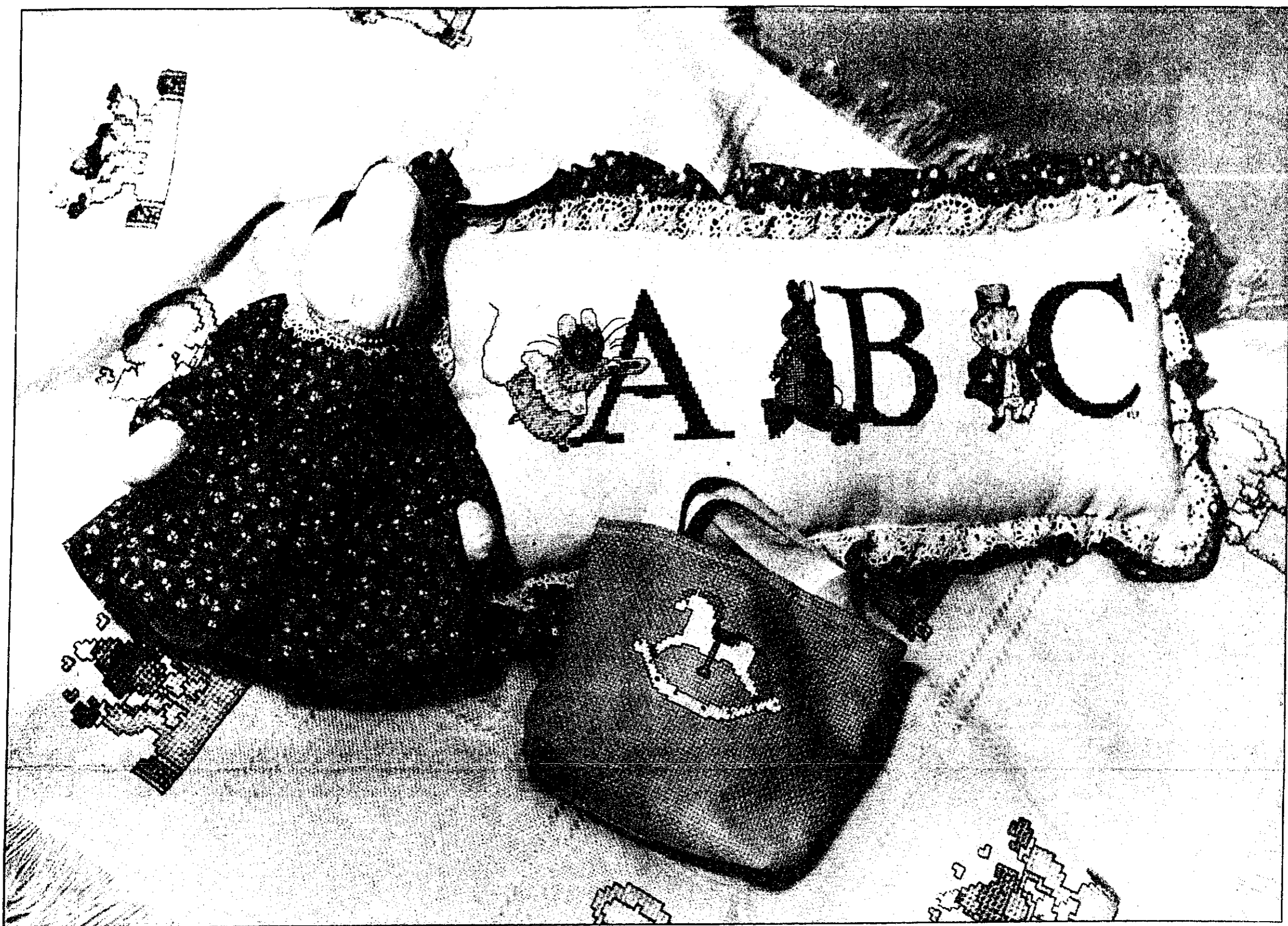
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## Cross-stitching



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Handmade cross-stitching items, like these from the Stitching Bee, make fine baby shower gifts

## If you can count and draw an 'X,' you can do it

By Cristina Ferrier

A stroll through the back room of The Stitching Bee, a Milford store that specializes in sewing crafts, can strike even the most casual viewer with awe.

In this room, there are hundreds of pictures. Some are samplers and simple, country designs. Others look like three-dimensional photos or oil paintings.

But every one of those pictures has been done with a needle and thread, with one of the easiest crafts around: cross-stitching.

Becky Halloran, owner of the store, said that cross-stitching is "for those who are afraid to sew, knit, et cetera. Even if you can't sew on a button, you can cross-stitch."

To cross-stitch, all you need to be able to do is count and make two stitches, crossing each other to form an X.

The craft goes back to the 18th century, when people used to stitch designs on old potato sacks. "It's really an old art that has come back," Halloran said.

To make the designs, you follow a pattern that is printed on a graph. The patterns are available in books or with cross-stitching kits available in many stores. The entire design only uses one type of stitch, so it's much easier than embroidery, crewelwork, or many other stitching crafts.

Anything can be cross-stitched. Besides making a picture suitable for framing, the craft can be used to decorate towels, sweatshirts, jewelry and more. "It's not a junk craft," Halloran said. The possibilities are endless. Cross-stitch projects are even hand-washable.

Halloran suggests that beginners start with a small project, such as a refrigerator magnet or a Christmas ornament. "Start with something easy," she said. "You have to work up to the big projects."

Large pictures take "hundreds of hours," Halloran said, adding that a beginner is likely to give up on a long

project. But as far as level of difficulty, "cross-stitching is not hard or easy. It's time consuming."

At The Stitching Bee, customers look through the back room for a model of what they want to do. Halloran recommends books rather than kits. "You pay more for the kit and it's not worth it," she said.

In a book, there are many different patterns, as opposed to the kits, which offer only one. While a kit includes the floss and material for the project, she added, you have no

choice of colors or types.

Halloran recommends DMC brand floss and a cloth called Aida, which comes in different thread counts. The higher the thread count, the finer and more detailed the project becomes. "Then there's linen, which is what they used in the 18th century," she added. "But that's a little bit harder."

The craft can be addicting. Once you get into a cross-stitching project, it's hard to put it down. "I've learned

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Becky Halloran (left) and Shirley Wendyker of the Stitching Bee work on a quilt-blanket







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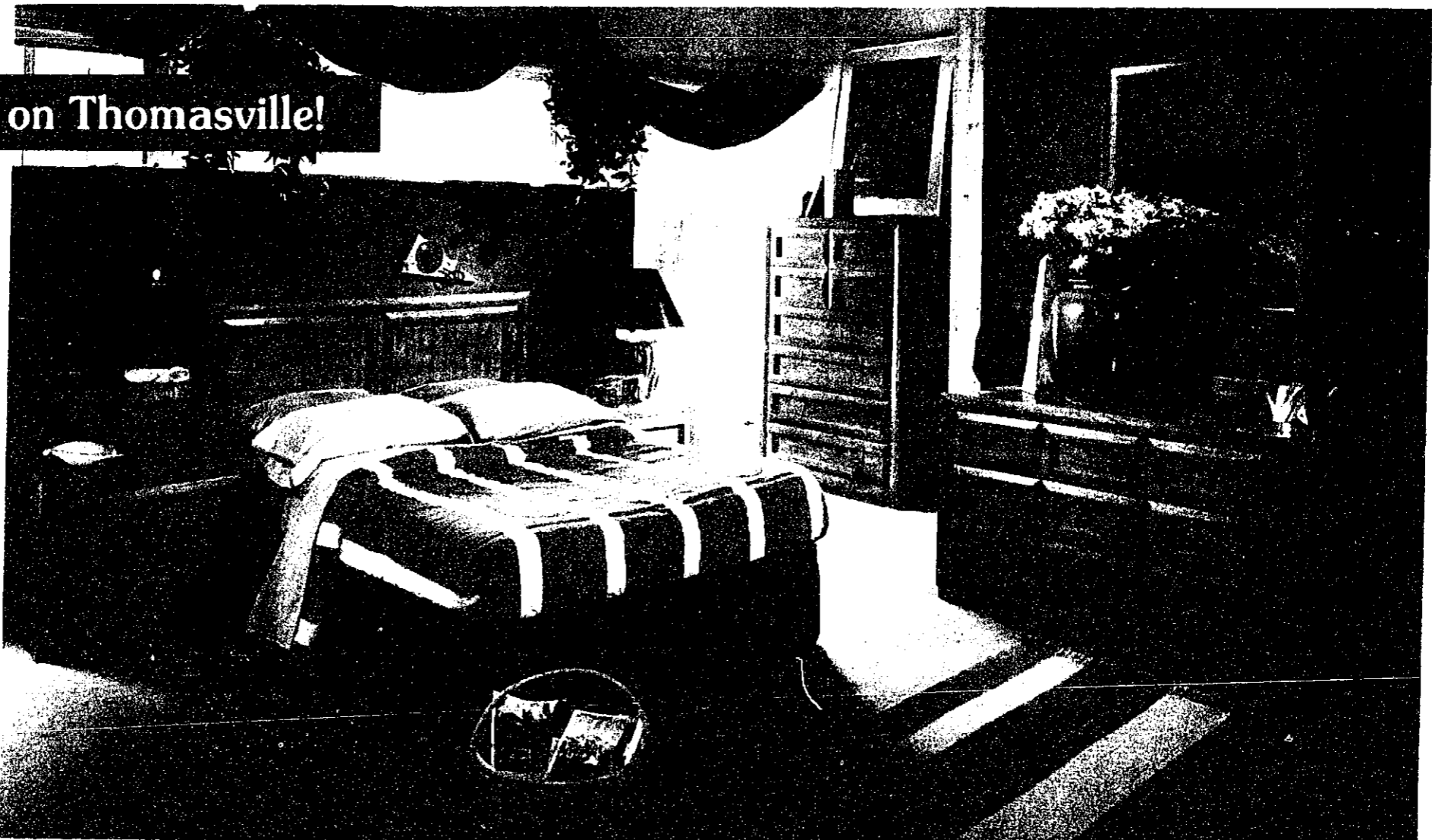
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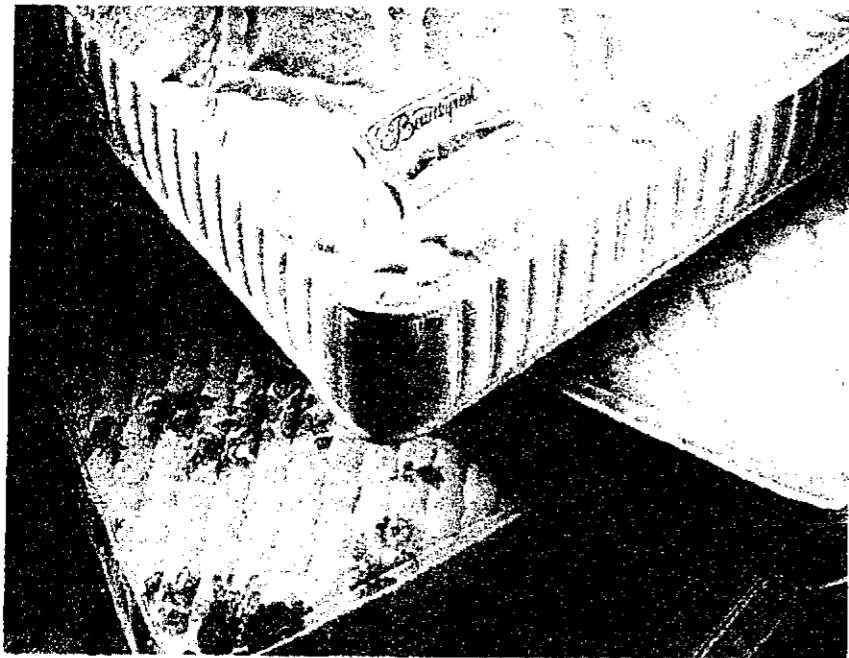


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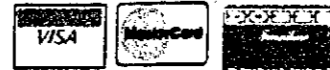
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# Living

**SPEAKER SET:**  
Noted sports announcer to visit local church/3D

**WINTER WORKSHOP:**  
Single Place hosts divorce recovery sessions/3D

**NOVI LIBRARY:**  
Library group plans activities during 1990/2D

**ENGAGEMENT:**  
Local couple plans upcoming wedding ceremony/2D

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Waitress April Shelton rushes to deliver a meal to a hungry diner

Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

## Restaurant rating

### Diners asked to name favorite eateries

**Y**ou be the judge. Do you have a secret local eatery you're dying to tell others about? Now's your chance.

We're asking our readers to help us spotlight their favorite dining spots in the Northville/Novi area by participating in our First Annual Northville Record and Novi News Restaurant Poll.

We're also asking you to keep it local. Only restaurants in the Northville/Novi area are eligible in the contest.

Tell us where you go to enjoy a leisurely breakfast when you don't feel like cracking eggs and squeezing oranges. Let us know which eatery you think serves the juiciest, most tantalizing burgers and steaks.

And where do you head when you're craving a sinful, irresistible dessert? Which local eatery serves the most mouthwatering pizza you've ever tasted? What's your choice for a quick lunch? We want to know.

So put down your forks — just for a mo-

ment — and pick up a pen to let others know what your favorite local restaurant is best at serving. It may involve a little gastronomical research, but hey, somebody's gotta do it, right? (It'll give you the perfect excuse to cheat on that dreaded New Year's diet).

Categories in our poll include best overall restaurant, best service, best breakfast restaurant, best sandwiches, best desserts, best atmosphere, best pizza, best burgers, best seafood, best ethnic food, best fast food, best soups and best steak. There's also room for comments about the restaurants, in case you care to elaborate.

At right you'll find a restaurant poll entry form. Following are a few rules to keep in mind:

- 1. Only restaurants in the Northville/Novi area are eligible to be mentioned on your ballot. Each ballot must include your name, address and phone number. Ballots without this information will not be included in the poll.

- 2. Only ballots clipped from the

newspaper will be accepted. Photocopied ballots will not be considered. These restrictions will help us avoid ballot-box stuffing.

- Upon completing the entry form, mail it by Feb. 1 to: Northville Record/Novi News, 104 W. Main St., Northville, MI 48167, Attention: Restaurant Poll.

- If you prefer, restaurant poll entry forms also may be dropped off at the newspaper office.

When all the ballots are in, we'll compile the results of the poll and publish them in the Feb. 22 edition of the Northville Record and the Novi News.

In case you misplace this edition of the newspaper, entry forms also will be published in subsequent issues.

One ballot will be selected at random and the winner will receive dinner for four at one of the Northville/Novi restaurants included in the poll. If you have any questions about the poll, don't hesitate to call us at 349-1700.

We're waiting to hear from you. Let the eating begin.

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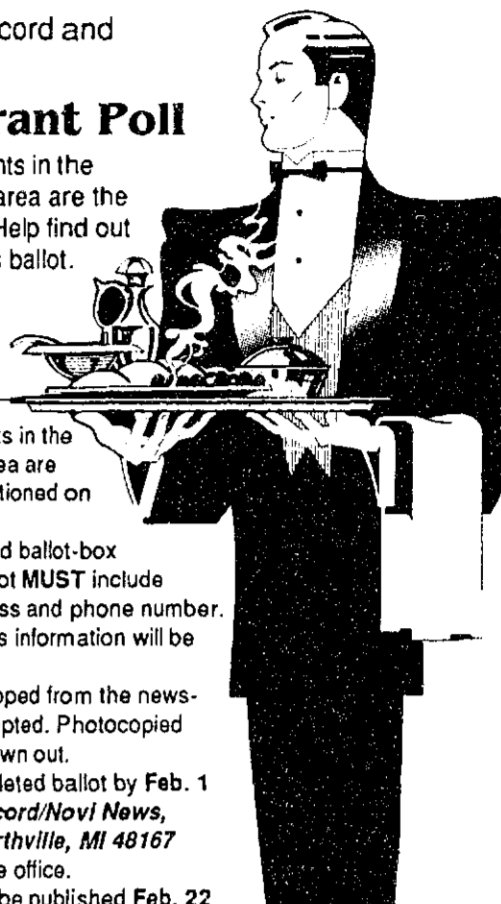
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### Restaurant Poll

Which restaurants in the Northville/Novi area are the most popular? Help find out by filling out this ballot.

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6. One ballot will be selected at random, and the winner will receive dinner for four at the Northville/Novi restaurant. (Sliger-Livingston employees and their families are not eligible for the free dinner.)



#### The Categories

Best Overall Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_

Best Inexpensive Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_

Best Service \_\_\_\_\_

Best Breakfast Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_

Best Sandwiches \_\_\_\_\_

Best Desserts \_\_\_\_\_

Best Atmosphere \_\_\_\_\_

Best Pizza \_\_\_\_\_

Best Burgers \_\_\_\_\_

Best Seafood \_\_\_\_\_

Best Ethnic Food \_\_\_\_\_

Best Fast Food \_\_\_\_\_

Best Soups \_\_\_\_\_

Best Steak \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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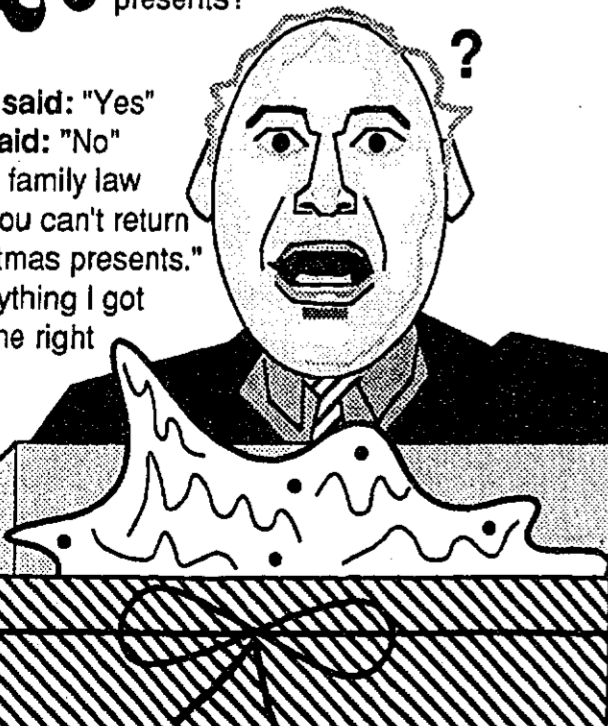
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#### Random Sample

**Q:** Did you return any Christmas presents?

Four said: "Yes"  
Six said: "No"  
"It's a family law that you can't return Christmas presents."  
"Everything I got was the right size."



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

#### Volunteers

### Volunteer gives time

By DOROTHY NASH  
special writer

Did you know that you can live in one community and be enthusiastically active in the civic affairs of some place miles away? Impossible? Crazy? No. Dianne Fenrich is a volunteer case in point.

She keeps house in Canton Township — four children ages from 24 to 15 — and she works in Twelve Oaks Mall as manager of a women's specialty shop. And it's this business connection that makes her eligible to volunteer in Novi affairs.

For about five years Fenrich has been involving herself more and more.

She is a member of Rotary Club, attending its regular meetings and helping raise money for its causes by selling raffle tickets for classic cars on display at the Civic Center.

She is a booster of the Michigan 50's Festival. This year she will have the job of coordinating all of the restaurants.

And in 1989 she was president of the Novi Chamber of Commerce.

"I'm only the second female to be president," Fenrich said.

The one-term job meant that she was "the key person who makes sure everything runs well." She'd phone in to the offices on Novi Road once a week "to find out whether there were problems" and what the agenda was going to be like for the semi-monthly dinner meetings of the 12-member board.

Before Fenrich was president, she was vice-president, and that put her in charge of speakers for the monthly luncheon meetings of the general Chamber of Commerce, which about 100 persons attend.

As president she, of course, presided over both meetings.

Why does Dianne Fenrich give up so much of her time for the Novi business community? Her answer is that "It's fun. It's a sense of fulfillment," and she added, "I've met a lot of nice people."



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Volunteer Dianne Fenrich





# Does the best team always win?



Neil Geoghegan

What many people can't comprehend is why a comment like that — after an obviously close game between two evenly-balanced teams — is really flawed thinking. In addition, some would say it's nothing more than an example of being a poor winner. A 56-0 game is a prime example of superiority, but if the two teams met again, the outcome could be different.

Take, for example, the Pittsburgh Steelers, who were embarrassed by the Cleveland Browns earlier this season by a score somewhere in the area of 56-0. The Steelers were actually outscored 92-10 in their first two games of the season, but came back to beat the Browns a couple months

later and are now in the playoffs. Which is the best team, Pittsburgh or Cleveland?

That's why I get a little disturbed when people try to read too much into a single game. After Novi clobbered Northville 55-41 in boys' basketball action last month, the overwhelming sentiment was that the Wildcats can now cruise to the KVC title while the Mustangs struggle toward another losing season. I don't buy it.

I do know that on Dec. 19, Novi played better than Northville did. Does that mean the best team won? Maybe, but I have a feeling if these two teams hooked up again, it would be much closer. Mustang Coach Omar Harrison is the first to admit that his team had its worst outing of the season. His starting guards combined to score one point and his team shot just 31 percent from the floor.

Wildcat mentor Bob Shoemaker saw his team blister the nets in the first half (.760 shooting percentage) but then struggle in the second. After building what looked like an insurmountable 21-point lead, the 'Cats scored just four points in the third quarter. Novi sure wasn't the best team during that eight-minute span.

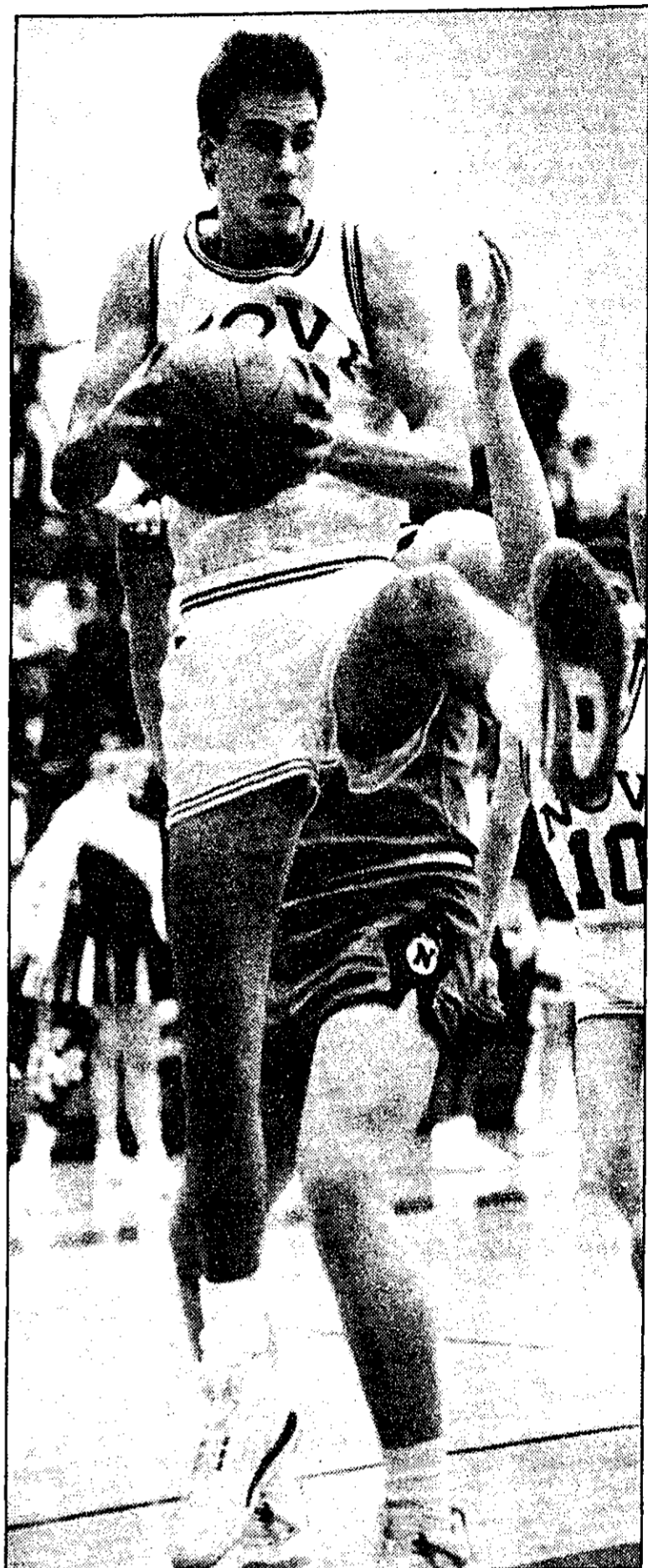
The big margin proved too much for the cold-shooting Mustangs to overcome. A con-

fusioned Harrison was left mumbling questions. Could this be the same team that wiped out a solid Brighton squad by 20 points four days earlier? "I can't figure out what happened tonight," he said.

"Northville barely gets past South Lyon, Brighton clobbers South Lyon and then Northville clobbers Brighton," Shoemaker said. "It just shows that you can't predict games that way. There are many variables like where the game is being played and which team is playing well that are factors. Against Northville, we had a lot going for us — we were home and we had a hot first half."

Despite what appeared as a lopsided win for Novi, the two teams are actually very comparable in areas like size and talent. The 'Cats have a star in forward Mark Fisher, who is averaging nearly 25 points an outing, but the Mustangs have a more balanced attack with solid players like Scott Meredith, Joe Kaley and Mike Lang — who are combining to average nearly 40 points a game.

When the game ended and Shoemaker made his way to the locker room, he was grateful for the win but wasn't making any comments about the best team winning. That kind of talk will invariably come back to haunt you — unless you retire first.



Novi News/CHRIS BOYD

Novi forward Mark Fisher rips down a rebound against the Mustangs

## Scoreboard

### Basketball

Moyer (South Lyon).....14.2	Armstrong (Milford).....3.0	Shindorf (Lakeland).....500	South Lyon.....59.2
Butler (Lakeland).....11.5	Osborn (South Lyon).....3.8	Armstrong (Milford).....496	Hartland.....45.6
<b>Rebounding</b>	Trabey (Howell).....3.0	Hardy (Howell).....488	<b>Team Defense</b>
Bolling (Lakeland).....12.3	<b>3-Point Field Goals</b>	Hutchins (Lakeland).....488	Milford.....44.5
Hartman (Brighton).....10.4	Hutchins (Lakeland).....26	<b>Free Throw Percentage</b>	Hartland.....49.0
Trabey (Howell).....8.7	Hardy (Howell).....11	(Attempts minimum)	Novi.....49.1
Seymore (Milford).....8.4	Moyer (South Lyon).....11	Pepko (Howell).....900	Howell.....58.7
Basa (Howell).....8.0	(Lakeland).....10	Spangler (Hartland).....817	Lakeland.....59.2
Novi.....1.0	Warford (South Lyon).....5	Weldon (Novi).....875	Brighton.....65.2
Howell.....0.1	Kotahl (Milford).....4	Smith (Lakeland).....857	South Lyon.....69.4
Hartland.....0.2	Warford (South Lyon).....5	Lang (Novi).....800	<b>Volleyball</b>
South Lyon.....0.2	Armstrong (Milford).....4	Bolling (Lakeland).....789	<b>KVC STANDINGS</b>
	Fisher (Novi).....3	Osborn (South Lyon).....778	Lakeland.....2-0
	Soindorf (Lakeland).....3	Zinkiewicz (Hartland).....773	Brighton.....1-0
		Armstrong (Milford).....765	Howell.....1-0
		Fisher (Novi).....758	Milford.....1-1
			Novi.....1-1
			Hartland.....0-2
			South Lyon.....0-2
<b>KVC LEADERS</b>	<b>Assists</b>	<b>Field Goal Percentage</b>	
Scoring	Mayberry (Brighton).....6.8	(15 attempts minimum)	
Hutchins (Lakeland).....26.5	Hutchins (Lakeland).....5.8	Petru (Milford).....625	
Armstrong (Milford).....25.3	Lafresse (Brighton).....4.6	Bolling (Lakeland).....604	
R. Hartman (Brighton).....25.2	Petru (Milford).....4.6	Kotahl (Milford).....516	
Fisher (Novi).....24.8	Jacobs (Novi).....4.4	Basa (Howell).....500	
Bolling (Lakeland).....20.8	McCurdy (Milford).....3.4	Long (Novi).....500	
Hardy (Howell).....18.7	Moyer (South Lyon).....3.4	Seymore (Milford).....500	
Basa (Howell).....15.7	Bolling (Lakeland).....3.3		
Warford (South Lyon).....15.6	Hardy (Howell).....3.3		

## State parks to charge higher fees

LANSING — State park visitors will have to pay slightly higher fees next year, according to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The Natural Resources Commission (NRC) recently approved camping and motor vehicle fee increases that take effect Jan. 1, 1990.

"The additional revenue from these increases will be put back into the state park system," said DNR Director David Hales, "and will help

restore some of the services that were cut in the early 1980s because of budget constraints."

The money received as a result of the increases will also pay greater utility costs and assist in hiring seasonal employees to maintain the park system.

Recent action by the legislature raised the annual Motor Vehicle Permit from \$10 to \$15 and authorized the NRC to raise the daily fee to \$3 for

residents, \$4 for non-residents at Warren Dunes State Park and \$15 daily for commercial motor coaches or vans with a capacity of more than 12 passengers. The last increase was in 1981.

State park campers and day-users will see changes in the Rent-A-Tent Program, where fees will increase from \$12 a night to \$15; large cabin rentals (20 or more capacity), which will increase from \$32 to \$35; and

small cabins (19 or fewer capacity), which will increase from \$24 to \$25.

Also increased by \$1 are fees at the following: \$5 per night at rustic campsites; \$7 per night at semi-modern campsites; \$9 per night at modern campsites; and \$10 per night at modern campsites.

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